Exchange program established with Taiwan’s NCCU

"An Agreement of Friendship and Co-operation" has been signed by the presidents of Indiana University and National Chung Cheng University in Taiwan. Coupled with this is an implementation plan for 1995–96 that involves the exchange of faculty members, one from each of the two institutions. Exchanges may be in any branch of learning, but with preferential consideration given in philosophy and any field related to the cognitive sciences. NCCU also welcomes exchanges in fields related to Chinese or Taiwanese studies. Travel support is supplied by the home institution and food and lodging by the host institution. The length of each exchange visit will typically be one month.

This is the first year of what we hope will be many years of exchanges. There is also a provision for graduate student exchanges of one semester, but due to technical difficulties there is no funding support for students for 1995–96.

The agreement was initiated by Yu-Houng Houng, director of the Philosophy Institute at NCCU, and by Michael Dunn, chair of the philosophy department at IUB. Professor Houng obtained a double PhD in philosophy and cognitive science from Indiana University in 1991, and his dissertation director was Professor Dunn. Dunn is the Oscar Ewing Professor of Philosophy and is also a professor of computer science.

The Indiana University selection committee consisted of Dunn, serving as chair, and Robert Port, acting director of the Cognitive Science Program, and George Wilson, director of the East Asian Studies Center.

The first person from IU to be selected for the exchange is Professor of Philosophy Paul Eisenberg, who proposes to study the similarities and differences between Nietzsche's thought and certain aspects of traditional Chinese philosophy. Eisenberg, a noted Nietzsche scholar, will also lecture on that well-known western philosopher at NCCU. He hopes to go to Taiwan during the month of November.

Three IU philosophy faculty — Mike Dunn, Alice ter Meulen, and Tim van Gelder — have already visited NCCU for shorter periods of time, in a context outside of the exchange.

Weekend festivities enhance recruitment

What is hoped be the beginning of a new tradition started this year in the philosophy department. A special "red carpet" weekend was held in March for all potential incoming graduate students. Approximately 20 students who had been admitted for study beginning in fall 1995 were invited; 14 actually came.

Most of them came in on Thursday and were housed in Eigenmann Hall. But the festivities really began on Friday (continued on page 2)
New faculty: McCarty, Franks join IU

The Department of Philosophy, is pleased to announce the appointment of two new faculty members: David McCarty and Paul Franks.

David McCarty earned a PhD from Oxford and master's degrees from the University of Minnesota and Iowa State. He currently holds a visiting faculty position and will become an associate professor beginning this fall. A good deal of McCarty's research in logic and the foundations of mathematics centers around intuitionism, its metamathematics and its history. Intuitionism is a research program for mathematics, founded by the Dutch mathematician Brouwer in the 1920s, that treats mathematical entities as mind-dependent. McCarty is also interested in the history of analytical philosophy and in 19th- and 20th-century German philosophy.

Paul Franks has degrees from Oxford and Harvard and will be an assistant professor of philosophy and an adjunct member of the faculty of the Jewish Studies Program. He has been a Lady Davis Research Fellow at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and a Whiting Fellow. He is currently a junior fellow of the Michigan Society of Fellows at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He will finish there next year and join our department in fall 1996. Franks' research interests include Kant, German Idealism, contemporary continental philosophy, and Jewish philosophy.

California, here we come!

Five recent graduates have positions in the Golden State beginning next fall. H. Peter Steves will be teaching at California State University at Fresno. Isabel Luengo will be teaching at Miramar College in Oceanside. Gillian Parker is at Sonoma State, while Eric Hammer has a postdoc at CSLI at Stanford. David Chalmers is at the University of California at Santa Cruz.

An exception to this westward migration is Martin Schonfeld, who will be teaching at the University of South Florida in Tampa.

Weekend festivities (continued from page 1)

morning with coffee and doughnuts in the departmental lounge. A formal welcome by Director of Graduate Studies Karen Hanson and Chair Mike Dunn followed, as did introduction of all the faculty. After a break for pizza, the prospective students were free to go to individual faculty offices or to talk with current graduate students.

The day concluded with two guest lectures, which the students could attend, followed by a dinner at a downtown restaurant and a reception at the Dunn's home.

On Saturday, the visitors were given a tour of the campus and a tour of the main library. Then they came back to the department for lunch and a short colloquium presented by the current graduate students. There was also a graduate student party hosted by Craig DeLancey Saturday night.

The prospective students were quite impressed. Many thanked us for giving them such “royal treatment.” They particularly appreciated getting to meet the faculty and learn about their research interests before having to make a decision on where to attend graduate school. Faculty seemed to enjoy meeting the prospective students as well.

Naturally, not everyone who visited will be here next fall, but we will have the largest first-year class ever.

All in all, the recruitment weekend was a big success, and we hope to be able to do it every year.

Anil Gupta named Rudy Professor

Anil Gupta has been appointed Rudy Professor of Philosophy, a Distinguished Rank Professorship. He works in the areas of philosophical logic, philosophy of language, and metaphysics. He is perhaps best known for his “revision theory of truth.”

James H. Rudy was a 1932 graduate of Indiana University with a BA in English. Although a farmer, James Rudy also had ambitions as a writer, and his diaries and journals are housed in the IU Archives. The Rudy Professorships were established in 1976 with the initial assets of his estate. More monies were contributed upon the sale of his farm in Kentucky in 1981. The Rudy Professorships are among the earliest endowed professorships at IU. At any given time, there are about six holders of Rudy Professorships.

The philosophy department is fortunate in now having four faculty who hold Distinguished Rank Professorships. Besides Gupta with the Rudy, these are: Jon Barwise (College of Arts and Sciences Professorship), Michael Dunn (Oscar R. Ewing Professor of Philosophy), and Michael Friedman (Ruth N. Halls Chair of Arts and Humanities). Of these, only the Ewing is endowed to the department.

Congratulations, Anil!

Faculty news

The department's faculty has been up to its collective ever-busy pace again this year.

Jon Barwise authored a new book Hyperproof (with John Etchemendy and "the Hyperproof team"), published by CSLI Publications. It is both a textbook and an application of the work they are doing on visual inference and comes with a copy of the computer program. Barwise is also the first director of the IU Logic Program, which now awards a graduate certificate and minor.

Peg Brand has announced the publication of a book she co-edited with Carolyn Korsmeyer: Feminism and Tradition in Aesthetics (Penn State Press, 1995).

Michael Dunn gave keynote addresses at three international conferences this year: the Workshop on Negation, as part of the meeting of the German Society for Analytical Philosophy, in Leipzig in October; the International Symposium on Multiple-Valued Logic, in Bloomington in May; and the Workshop on Partial, Epistemic, and Dynamic (continued on page 3)
Congratulations, graduate, undergraduate award winners!

The Department of Philosophy has a long tradition of recognizing its outstanding students, both undergraduate and graduates. Honored at this year’s awards ceremony were Karla Crobak, for undergraduate academic excellence; Robert Kovatch, winner of this year’s Dona Roberts Biddle Memorial Scholarship; David Finkelstein, who won the undergraduate Oscar R. Ewing Essay Contest; and William Kelson who was given a special service award for starting an undergraduate philosophy club.

Graduate students honored were Gregg Rosenberg, for academic excellence; David Pook and Jim Hardy, co-winners of the Ewing Essay Contest; and Jeff Fry, who was chosen as the outstanding associate instructor.

It was also announced at the ceremony that several students had won fellowships. Adam Kovach got a summer fellowship from the Cognitive Science Program, while Gregg Rosenberg got one from the College of Arts and Sciences. Jeff DiLeo won a Dissertation Year Fellowship from the IU Graduate School, while Craig DeLancey was awarded the department’s Nelson Dissertation Year Fellowship.

Bernard Rollin highlights year of intriguing lecturers

Students and faculty were treated to a number of diverse and stimulating guest lectures this year. Bernard E. Rollin from Colorado State University gave this year’s Julia Jean Nelson Lecture on Animal Rights. The title of the talk was “Animal Use and the New Social Ethic for Animals.” Rollin is a professor of philosophy, professor of physiology and biophysics, and director of bioethical planning at Colorado State University. He taught the first course ever done anywhere on veterinary medical ethics and was a pioneer in reframing animal use in surgery teaching and laboratory exercises in veterinary college. He is known for his work in convincing ranchers, farmers, and rodeo people that animals have rights and has been written up for this work in Beef Today.

Another annual lecture series began this year on the topic of “Equality and Diversity.” The inaugural speaker in this series was M. Lynne Tirrell of the University of Massachusetts, Boston, who combined her specialties of ethics and the philosophy of language to speak on “Difference, Derogation Speech, and the Possibility of Equality.”

“Grossmannia” was held in October as a tribute to retiring faculty member Reinhardt Grossmann. Herbert Hochberg, of the University of Texas, and David Armstrong, of the University of Sydney, led a roundtable discussion of Grossmann’s philosophy. The event was organized by Nino Cocchiarella and “The Analytic Philosophy Project” (a group of graduate students).

Other speakers during the year were Ruth Millikan, Daniel Conway, Rene van Woudenberg, and Christopher Hill.

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Logic, in Montreal in June.

Paul Eisenberg has completed his two-year terms as president of the Bloomington Faculty Council and co-secretary of the University Faculty Council. By invitation, he participated in symposia on recent work in philosophy at meetings of both the American Philosophical Association and the Indiana Philosophical Association.

Milton Fisk had a Fulbright to teach in Mexico in spring 1994, and he taught a short course in Cuba this past June. Fisk is active in the health care reform movement in Indiana and in the nation. Combining theory with practice, he is busy on a book on the political morality of health care reform. He was also elected to the Executive Committee of the Central Division of the APA and served on a Fulbright Senior Fellowship selection panel.

Michael Friedman has been elected president of the Philosophy of Science Association. He presented a paper at an invited symposium at the Eastern Division meeting of the APA, gave an invited address at the International Kant Congress in Memphis, and was the first annual Scybert Lecturer at the University of Pennsylvania.

Anil Gupta, in addition to receiving the Rudy Professorship (see page 2), has an NEH Fellowship for University Teachers for 1995–96. He also has a new wife — Mukta Jain — whom he married in February in their native India.

Karen Hanson served as an APA delegate to the American Council of Learned Societies. (continued on page 4)
Alumni news

Andre Chapuis, PhD'93, was among the four winners of the Wolfgang-Stegmuller Prize, awarded in Leipzig, Germany, in September 1994. The award was for Chapuis’s dissertation, “Circularity, Truth, and the Liar Paradox,” which analyzes contemporary theories of truth, directed by Anil Gupta and Jon Barwise. Chapuis is teaching philosophy at the University of Freiburg in Switzerland. He intends to visit the department next fall.

In 1994, Temple University Press published Abandoned to Their Fate: Social Policy and Practice Toward Severely Retarded People in America, 1820–1920, by Philip M. Ferguson, BA’71. Ferguson is an assistant professor and research associate in the School of Education at the University of Oregon, Eugene.

Timothy P. Maloney, BA’76, is director of natural heritage for the Hoosier Environmental Council. Maloney helped create the council in 1983 and has been a staff member since 1989. He lives in Nashville, Ind.

David G. Mick, BA’74, MHA’80, PhD’87, recently joined the marketing department faculty at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Before coming to Wisconsin, he was an assistant professor of marketing at the University of Florida, Gainesville. He lives in Fitchburg, Wis.

Raymundo Morado, PhD’94, is working as a teacher and researcher at the Institute for Philosophical Research at the National University of Mexico. He is working on two books dealing with his work on nonmonotonic logics, and he’s given guest talks at several universities.

Francesco Orilila, PhD’96, is teaching philosophy at the University of Cagliari (Italy). He was married in 1994 and now has a son named Ruggero. Orilila has published several papers in the areas of philosophy of language and philosophy of mind. He, too, plans to visit Bloomington next fall.

Adriano Palma, PhD’89, ever the globetrotter, has finished two years as a faculty member at Bosphorus University in Istanbul and is now at National Cheng Cheng University in Taiwan, where his chair is Yu-Houng Hwang, PhD’91.

Jeremy Hobart Smith, BA’76, MA’79, PhD’85, is a professor of English at Otterbein College, Westerville, Ohio.

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Paul Allen Weir, BA’67, writes that he is a “homeless waif, by choice, not by circumstance, transient sculptor, and art director.” Weir has a post office box in Rittman, Ohio.

Clifford E. Williams, PhD’72, is chair of the philosophy department at Trinity International University, Deerfield, Ill. Among his published books is the recent anthology Around the Jungle Fire: A Collection of Original Hobo Poetry.

the chapter on Medieval Philosophy for the Oxford Illustrated History of Western Philosophy (ed. A. Kenny) and published Fire Texts in the Medieval Problem of Universals with Hackett Publishing.

Alice ter Meulen’s new book, Representing Time in Natural Language: The Dynamic Interpretation of Tense and Aspect, has just been published by Bradford Books (M.I.T. Press). She also gave talks at Stanford, Yale, and M.I.T.

Tim van Gelder is still spending at least half his time in Australia under the provisions of his grant, and he is now working at the University of Melbourne. His Mind as Motion (joint with Bob Part) will appear in late summer, also with Bradford Books.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: Long-time philosophy department office manager Nancy Spencer wed her college sweetheart, Bud Moss, on July 8 in Beck Chapel. Her co-workers surprised the happy couple with a congratulatory football autographed by Coach Bill Mallory!

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