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# Philosophers to hold annual meeting on campus

By CAROL THOMAS  
Campus Reporter

About 40 philosophers from universities all over the country are scheduled to meet at Texas A&M University next week.

They will attend the seventh annual meeting of The Society for Advancement of American Philosophy Feb. 29-March 1 at Rudder Tower.

Dr. Larry Hickman, assistant professor of philosophy and humanities at Texas A&M, said philosophers from Hunter College, the University of Maine, Penn State and other universities are scheduled as speakers for the conference.

The speakers we have chosen through submission of a philosophical essay to the executive council of the society, Hickman said. If the executive council decided to use the essay the philosopher was invited to

attend the conference and discuss his essay.

Topics of discussion scheduled for the meeting include metaphysics, logic, legal and social philosophy, and others.

Hickman says students majoring in philosophy and those who are not are encouraged to attend any of the sessions free of charge, excluding the meals and cocktail hour.

Hickman said the philosophy department is looking forward to the conference.

"We're very fortunate to have it here," he said. "It's the first time we've had a philosophical conference of this magnitude in this part of the country." Hickman said the organization usually meets in the northeastern part of the country.

The Society for Advancement of American Philosophy was founded seven years ago, Hickman said, and

Dr. John McDermott, professor and head of philosophy and humanities at Texas A&M, is president of the organization and was instrumental in its founding.

"The Society for Advancement of American Philosophy is a group primarily interested in the classical period of American philosophy," he said.

The classical period, which began just after the Civil War and ended in the 1950s, was one in which philosophers were concerned with problems relating to real human experiences. Some philosophers of this period were Charles Peirce, John Royce, C.I. Lewis, George H. Mead, William James and John Dewey, Hickman said.

"These American philosophers were interested in practicalities," Hickman said. This contrasted with the European philosophy, which

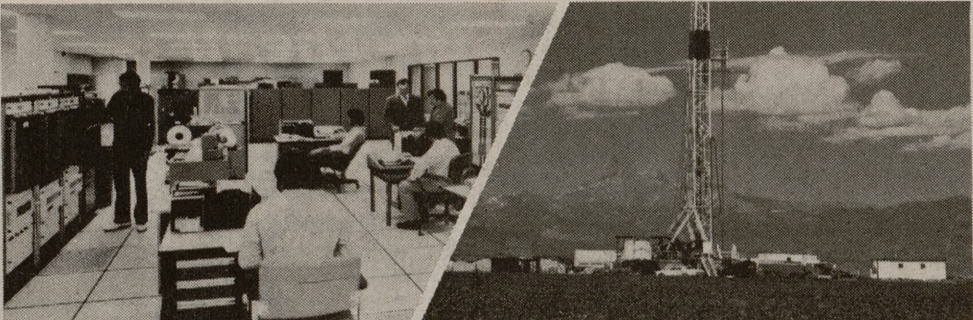
dealt with working out logical solutions to problems, but related them to human experience.

Hickman said the philosophy of the classical period had occurred other than being philosophical. For instance, Peirce was a psychologist, Mead, a sociologist, and Ja-psychologist. "These men were concerned with the diversity of man life," he said. "After the classical period ended in the 1950s, Americans took on more of the European philosophy, and that was for about thirty years."

But Hickman said American philosophy is changing now.

"There are several major trends in American philosophy," he said. "One is the return to the classical period philosophy and eastern philosophies — from India, Japan, China — as some of them."

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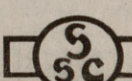
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## TV on ice ABC Olympics take Nielsen gold

United Press International  
NEW YORK — The swoosh and slam of the Winter Olympics helped ABC win the Nielsen ratings slalom for the past week and gave the network winning ratings for five of the first six nights the games were on the

air. The one night victory eluded ABC was Friday, when "The Dukes of Hazzard" and "Dallas" overtook the Olympics.

ABC meantime has visions of confrontation dancing in its head, with

the possibility of an eyeball-to-eyeball, or puck-to-puck, face-off between the American and Russian hockey teams over the weekend.

The network estimates about 36 million Americans have been watching an average Olympic minute, and a total of 180 million have watched some part of the Olympic coverage.

The Nielsen statistics indicate the heaviest viewing takes place in the earlier evening hours, with the 10-11 p.m. (Eastern time) crowd drifting away from the games.

That's one problem with covering a complex series of sporting events such as the Olympics. In trying to present part of every event, ABC can miss live action such as goals during a hockey game.

Of the six nights of games: Saturday wound up in the top 10 of the Niensens; Friday, Wednesday and Sunday were in the top 20; Thurs-

day's games played 21st, an opening night Olympics program ranked 27th.

Olympic highlights still include the audience's first look at Linda Fratianne, the 19-year-old California woman who is the world figure skating champion.

Heiden will race for a fourth Olympic gold medal in the 1,500-meter event.

Friday will feature the world championship match, as the men's slalom and the Saturday will include a live broadcast of the big 90-meter ski jump.

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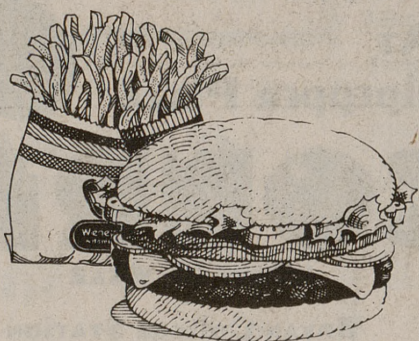


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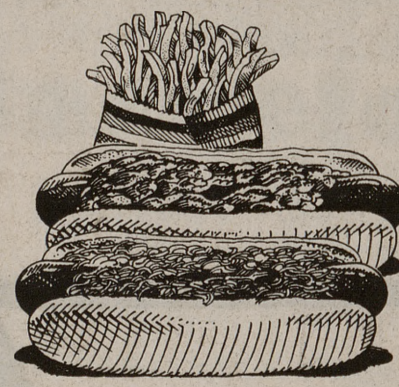
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