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## Assess The Philosophibilities

Oh, yes, the Philosophy Society is late in action this year due to too much time spent in intense theoretical contemplation concerning really nothing very important or even relevant at all. In conclusion, we have found that sometimes one must simply put down one's neurotic brain and act.

The FIRST PHILOSOPHY SOCIETY MEETING will be held on Monday, October 5, between 1:00 and 3:00 pm in the Philosophy/Political Studies Lounge (Main 401). Food and drink will be provided. At this meeting a (tentative) list of both regular and annual events, as well as other possibilities and benefits of being a member of the philosophy society will be distributed, as well as those of being part of a (any) society in general.

Various annual society activities will include a Dionysian Halloween "Monster Mash" Costume party, a "De-contemplation" Christmas party, "The-sun-made-me-do-it" Absurd Summer Barbecue, as well as various "Philosophisilly" and Fourth-floor Main Pub-Crawls. The first activity however, is coming up very quickly and cannot wait for the October 5th meeting.

Between October 15th and 16th, interested students will have the opportunity to attend the annual Atlantic Region Philosophy Association (ARPA) meeting, held this year at Dalhousie University in Halifax. ARPA conferences are generally set in a relaxed atmosphere and are a good opportunity to learn about other schools and meet others with similar interests. The topic for this year will be "Emotion, Reason, and Philosophy", with Ronald de Sousa as this year's keynote speaker.

Ronald de Sousa is a professor of philosophy at the University of Toronto whose research interests include the role of emotions in axiology and rationality, evolution and rationality, and the Philosophy of Biology. As

such, de Sousa is interested in such important and stimulating topics as the Philosophy of Love and Sexuality, and also the Philosophy of Humor, to name only a few.

Anyone interested in learning more about the ARPA annual conference this year in Halifax, or in attending, please visit the website at [www.stfx.ca/arpa/](http://www.stfx.ca/arpa/) and click on '2004: Dalhousie'. This website includes both a calendar of lectures and events, as well as a list of available abstracts of these presentations. Concerning interest in attending the event, transportation and lodging assistance may be possible if notice is given in advance.

For anyone interested in becoming involved in the Philosophy Society, or for more information concerning society matters or the coming ARPA conference, please contact [bdeighan@upei.ca](mailto:bdeighan@upei.ca).

## Learning to the BEAT of a Different Drum

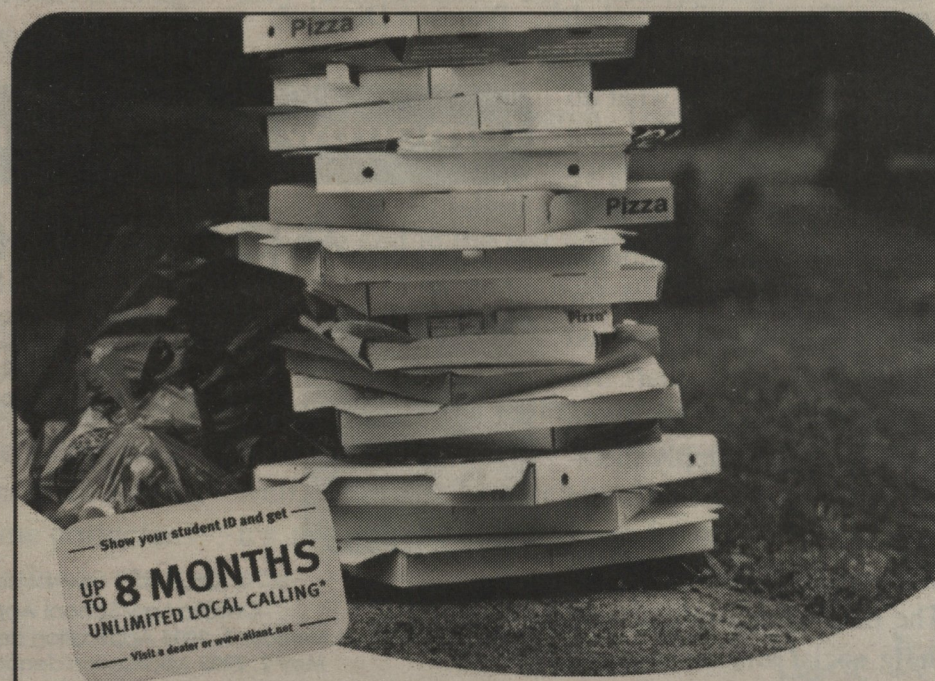


This Fall marks the beginning of a post-graduate level program based on a new mode of education. In the Business, Education, & Applied Technology, or BEAT, program, a small inter-institutional, interdisciplinary group of students are already engaged in projects to build powerful web applications for practical use. In the process they are linking, learning, having fun, and creating. And they're earning academic credits. Though it may not be for everyone, the approach has proven very successful at many leading schools and it's an opportunity for motivated students that reflects our new era.

### *A New Approach for a New Era*

This period of unprecedented innovation has introduced profound changes in our modes of communication. At reduced costs it is offering interesting new options for networking and collaboration in circles of any size, distributed anywhere. These changes are reconfiguring our social institutions and our traditional notions of education and community. It is even changing the way we define and use knowledge.

It is becoming quite clear that opportunity in this new "Networking Age", in learning, as in launching a new business or in developing a community, depends not on our ability to memorize or seek out and define knowledge but on our skill in harnessing its potential and directing it toward endeavors that are highly valued



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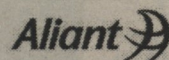


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