# NEWSLETTER

December 9, 1991

Greetings from the Leibniz Society of North America and best wishes for a happy holiday season. Here is the Newsletter for 1991.

#### A.P.A. MEETING ADDRESSES:

## Eileen O'Neill to Address the Society at the New York A.P.A. Meetings:

On December 28, 1991, Professor Eileen A.
O'Neill of City University of New York -Queens College and the Graduate School and
University Center -- will deliver a paper entitled,
"Influxus Physicus," (note that the title announced in the A.P.A. Proceedings has been
changed) at the Leibniz Society session of the
Eastern Division Meetings of the A.P.A. The
talk will begin at 7:30 P.M. and will be held in
Salon B/C. The Society's President, Robert
Sleigh, will chair the session. As usual there
will be a business meeting immediately following the talk and discussion, also in Salon B/C,
including nominations and -- almost certainly -elections. (See below.)

# Daniel Fouke to Address the Society at the Louisville A.P.A. Meetings:

At a Leibniz Society Session associated with the Central Division Meetings, April 23-26, 1992, Professor Daniel Fouke of the University of Dayton will read the paper, "Divine Causation and the Eucharist in the Early and Middle Leibniz." Professor Gregory Brown of the

University of Houston will be the commentator. Please see the program for further details

## Robert Sleigh to Address the Society at the Portland A.P.A. Meetings:

At the A.P.A. Pacific Division meetings, in Portland from March 25-28, 1992, Professor Robert Sleigh of the University of Massachusetts will present a paper entitled, "New Texts Relevant to the *Theodicy*." This Leibniz Society Session will be chaired by Professor Jan Cover of Purdue University. Please see the program for exact details.

#### LEIBNIZ SOCIETY ESSAY COMPETITION RESULTS:

There is no winner this year. Few essays were submitted. Although some were promising, the judgment was that a winner should not be declared. Please help to get the word out about the competition, particularly to younger scholars. Our winners over the years are a strong group, and it is hoped that the award can be of assistance to members of the Society.

#### NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS:

At the 1991 Business Meeting (see above) of the Leibniz Society of North America nominations and elections are scheduled for the positions of Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Board Member (two slots). There is a nominating committee, but

other nominations can be made. Please keep in mind that nominations require assurance that the individual nominated agrees to serve if elected -- a statement to this effect by the nominee at the meeting would obviously suffice. Elections take place immediately following the nomination process except in the case of positions for which there is more than one nominee: in this case a mail ballot ensues early in the next year.

#### AN E-MAIL DIRECTORY FOR LEIBNIZ SOCIETY MEMBERS?

An attempt will be made to compile and distribute a directory of Leibniz Society members with E-mail addresses. If you are interested in being included, please get the relevant information to Mark Kulstad at the address below or at PHIL@icsa.ricevm1.rice.edu. Conceivably this medium could assist greatly in facilitating contact among those working in the Leibniz vineyard. (Please note: the Editor is not well-versed in the art, and the software that enables our Department to receive messages at the address above has recently been balky. If E-mail fails, please consider U.S. mail.)

#### TENTH ANNUAL ESSAY COMPETITION

In an effort to encourage the study of the philosophy of Leibniz in North America and to give recognition to deserving scholars, the Leibniz Society of North America is continuing its annual Essay Competition. Submitted essays should be on some aspect of the philosophy of Leibniz; they should be from twelve to twenty-five pages in length (double-spaced), and should be submitted by June 1, 1992, as determined by postmark. The winning essay (or essays) will be presented before the Society at the 1992-93 A.P.A. Meetings. To facilitate anonymous judging, the author's name should

be given only on a separate title page or cover sheet and should not appear in the body or footnotes of the paper. Judges reserve the right not to name a winner in the event that none of the submissions is deemed to be of sufficient quality or suitability for the award. Suitability for oral presentation may play a role in the judging. Full scholarly apparatus is preferred but not required; sufficiently developed works-in-progress will, therefore, have a chance in the competition and may be submitted. Previous winners are encouraged to re-enter, but others will be preferred in the case of a determination of approximately equal merit among the best submitted essays. Essays in French or German may be submitted as well as those in English, but all applicants should keep in mind the expectation of presentation and should not submit an essay unless they will be able to read their paper at the designated A.P.A. Meeting. Please send the submissions to the Editor of the Leibniz Society Newsletter, at the address below.

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