

THE TORONTO SEMIOTIC CIRCLE

The Toronto Semiotic Circle has been meeting regularly, October through April, since November 1974. The initiator and moving spirit has been Professor Paul Bouissac of the University of Toronto, assisted by Professors Lubomir Dolezel, Tom Mc Feat, Baron Brainerd, David Savan, Roland Lehuenen, and Suzanne Whelan, among others. The purpose of the Circle is to encourage semiotic research, and the communication and discussion of research and ideas in semiotics, both theoretical and empirical.

Some examples of the subjects of research reported on by members and visitors are: the semiotics of the theatre, of narrative, of romanesque ornamentation, of musical syntax, right and left sided signals and their neurological basis, information in small group cultures, and a semiotic critique of Levi-Strauss. Peirce has been the subject of several meetings, and Francois Péraldi, Don Roberts, Thomas A. Goudge, and David Savan have presented papers on various aspects of Peirce's semiotics. The Circle has also held a colloquium on animal communication at which papers were read by T.A. Sebeok, F. Burton, A. Bubenik, G. Voss, and J.B. Falls.

In 1976-77 the Circle issued two pre-publications (monographs in mimeographed form circulated prior to formal publication): 1. A detailed account and analysis of Peirce's late theory of signs, by David Savan; 2. The Semiotics of Theories, by Myrna Gupnik. In 1977-78 four pre-publications will be issued. Members of the Circle (fee: C\$ 10 per annum, C\$ 5 for students) receive the pre-publications free. Others may obtain copies, at C\$ 1 per Copy, by writing to: Professor Roland Lehuenen, Secretary, Toronto Semiotic Circle, Victoria College, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Officers for 1977-78 are: President, David Savan; Vice-President and Secretary, Roland Lehuenen; Treasurer, Suzanne Whelan.

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