

EDITORIAL

It is fitting that the tenth anniversary of this journal should coincide with the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the birth of Jeremy Bentham. Events to mark *Bentham 250* are mentioned below. The journal itself will play its part with the publication of an article on Bentham by its founding editor, Professor Fred Rosen. This article will appear in the next number, with responses by several leading scholars.

The completion of ten years of *Utilitas* will be marked in 10.3 with the publication of a symposium on the ethics of Sir David Ross, including an article by Professor David Wiggins.

In the mean time, I hope readers will enjoy and learn from the wide-ranging collection of papers in this special edition of *Utilitas* on J. S. Mill. I remember reading once that the average number of readers of any philosophical article is six. *Utilitas* articles, I believe, score well above the average, to judge by the number of comments on papers I am asked to forward to authors. In this connection, I have decided to include available E-mail addresses of authors, to encourage direct communication between author and critic.

For those interested in statistics: Of submissions to the journal in 1997, 34% were from North America, 29% from the UK, 13% from the rest of Europe, 11% from Australasia, and 13% from elsewhere.

Readers of *Utilitas* will have been saddened to hear of the death of Richard Brandt at the end of last year, at the age of 89. As well as being one of the most important moral philosophers of the century, Brandt was highly supportive of this journal. A tribute to him by Brad Hooker will appear in the next number.

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Announcement: Bentham 250

A series of events to celebrate the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the birth of Jeremy Bentham is being held under the auspices of the Bentham Committee and University College London. Lectures have already been given by Dr Philip Schofield, Professor William Twining, Dr Jonathan Harris, Judge Richard Posner, and Professor James Burns. Bentham's birthday party was held on 15 February 1998. On 21 May, Dr Tim Willocks will speak at 7 p.m. in the Darwin Lecture Theatre. A summer concert of music related to Bentham will be held at the Bloomsbury Theatre on 14 July. From 1 October, an Art and Manuscript Exhibition will be held in the Strang Print Room and Flaxman Gallery, UCL. For details of Bentham 250 events contact the Head of Events by telephone on 0171-391-1620 or by E-mail: events@ucl.ac.uk.