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## COMMENTS

There is something about the atmosphere of the meetings of the New Mexico-West Texas Philosophical Society that makes them especially enjoyable. I had noticed it for some time without giving much thought to the matter. Then at the close of the 1973 conference an instructor in the Texas Tech Philosophy Department, who is now back in his native Germany, remarked enthusiastically several times that he had never enjoyed any philosophical meeting as much as he had that one. He attributed his own pleasure to the air of friendliness and relaxation which accompanied the presentation and discussion of excellent papers.

I agree with that much of his analysis, but I think that something needs to be added. Relaxation—in a good sense—pervades many of the papers themselves: the authors are not afraid to explore, to express themselves freely. Their minds are not in the strait-jackets of the various “schools” of philosophy. Occasionally one of our writers expresses the basic philosophical wonder that began this business in the first place. And if this journal is to serve any purpose it seems to me that this is it: to allow free utterance to any worthwhile philosophic creativity that perchance may be lurking about in these dry places.

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