

Dear Peucinians,

I hope you all had joyous and restful Thanksgiving breaks. With the end of the semester fast approaching, we will be hosting our final disputation of this semester tonight to consider:

**RESOLVED: HELL IS OTHER PEOPLE.**

**Affirmative: Ajax the Great '16**

**Negative: Meno '16**

For those of you who attended our first Forum this past Thursday, you will know that how people relate to one another and how we find meaning in those relationships is very much on the Society's mind. Indeed, as a society that regards friendship as integral to our mission, we must at some point look philosophically at how we interact with our fellow humans and to what end we do so. The classical political philosophers believed no less than that man found his ultimate fulfillment in society. Aristotle argued that man was both a naturally zoon politikon, a political animal, and a coupling animal.

However, with the rise of the modern political philosophers, we began to question whether man actually found his naturally place within society, or whether society was actually good for us. Is there a way in which we are better off alone? Are we corrupted by other people? Can we find truer fulfillment in solitude? Are we naturally coupling animals or is that just a lie we tell ourselves to justify our coexistence with other humans?

Please join us tonight at 7:29 in the faculty room of Massachusetts Hall. Bread, cheese, and wine will be on hand.

Sincerely,

Allan Bloom