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This year *Paroles Gelées* is especially pleased to present an interview with Jean Baudrillard, by Professor Robert M. Maniquis of the Department of English and Comparative Literature. Mr. Baudrillard has been a Visiting Professor at the University of California at Santa Barbara in 1985, and has also been a frequent guest at UCLA's Department of French. Mr. Baudrillard is well-known as a critic of *la société de consommation*. He is the author of a number of works of sociological theory and cultural criticism, and is noted for his critique of Foucault's work in *L'Echange symbolique et la mort* (1976) and *Oublier Foucault* (1977). His most recent publication is *La Gauche divine* (1985). In addition, Mr. Baudrillard is a member of the editorial board of *Traverses*.

Our current volume also contains several other articles on a variety of topics. The article by Dr. Campbell-Sposito (UCLA) was extracted from her dissertaion on Raymond Queneau and given as a lecture in the Department of French last November. In it she discusses narrative transgression in Queneau's novels. Jane Rush (UCLA) examines the role of *geste et parole* in Diderot's work, while Susan Delaney, also of UCLA, rethinks Barbara Johnson's analysis of Baudelaire's two *Chevelures*. H. F. Lippincott (Auburn University) looks at the intertextuality of Hérédia's trio of sonnets devoted to Antony and Cleopatra.

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