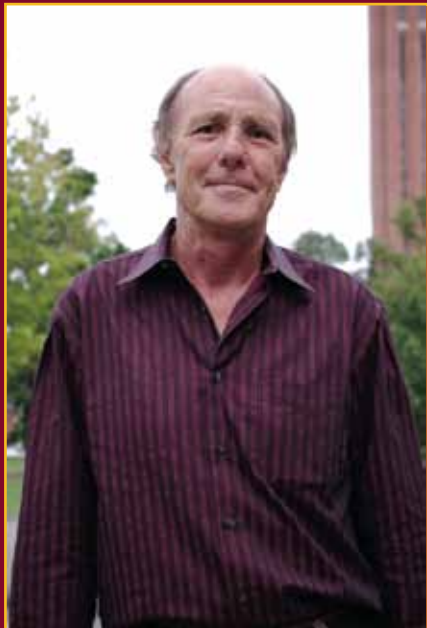


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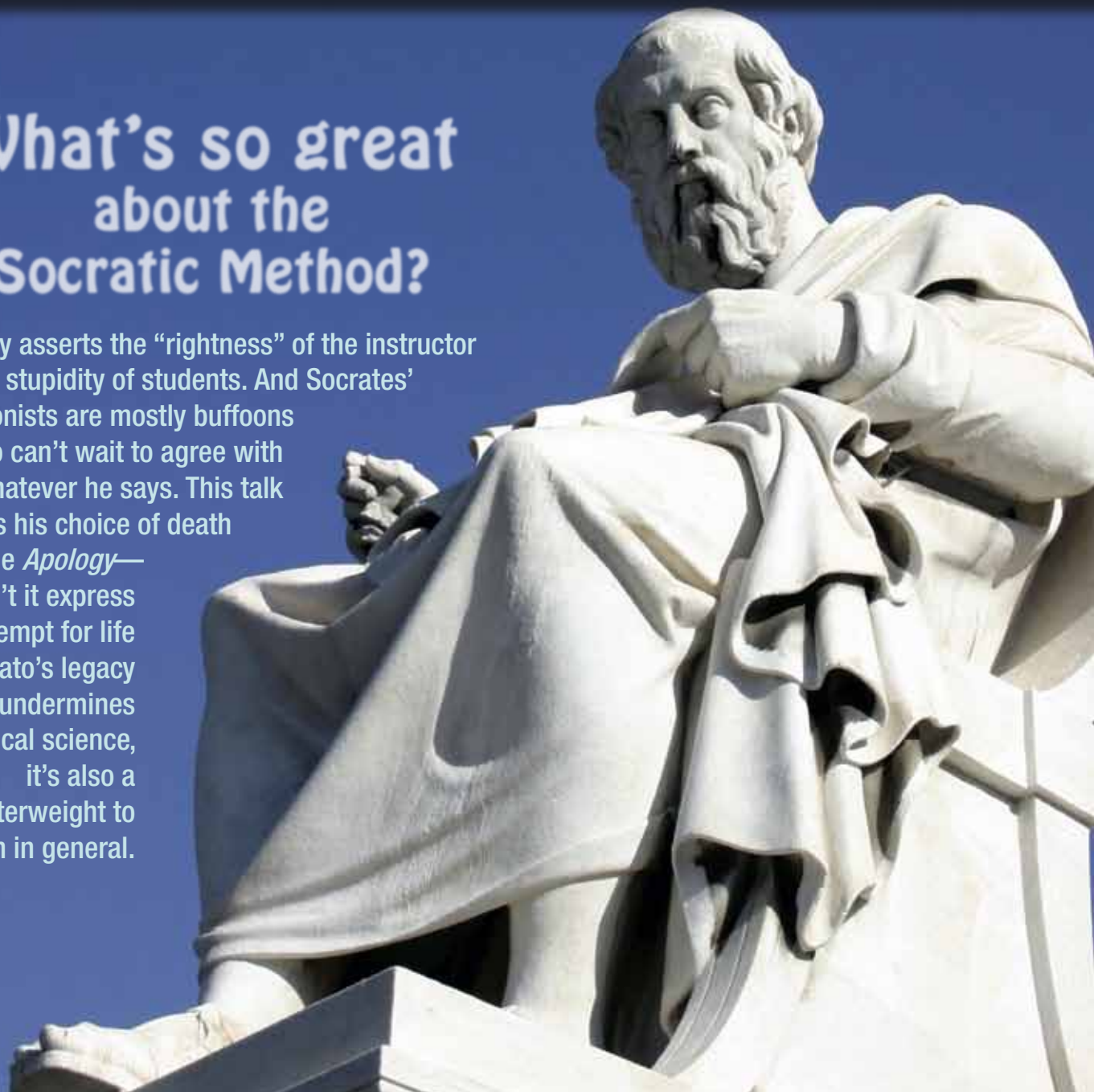
The Great Lie of Ideals: From Plato to General Education

Wednesday, September 14, 6:30 pm

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What's so great about the Socratic Method?

It only asserts the "rightness" of the instructor and the stupidity of students. And Socrates' antagonists are mostly buffoons who can't wait to agree with whatever he says. This talk questions his choice of death in the *Apology*—doesn't it express contempt for life itself? Plato's legacy not only undermines empirical science, it's also a counterweight to education in general.



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