Editor's Column

This issue of the *Jefferson Journal of Psychiatry* impressively reflects current trends in the American Psychiatric Association. Past President Herb Pardes took as his theme "The Research Alliance: Road to Clinical Excellence." Current President Elissa Benedek has adopted the theme "Our Children, Our Future" for the 1991 annual meeting. Adjusting to the responsibilities of chief editorship (under the watchful eye of my predecessor, Dr. Trefzger), I am impressed by the evolution of the Journal and the manuscripts submitted for review.

Drs. Desai and Sieg have provided two extensive reviews on neuropsychiatric disorders, reminding us that psychiatrists in this Decade of the Brain must address central nervous system disorders as well as their epiphenomena. To this end, Dr. Burgess has investigated cognitive deficits in borderline patients, bringing us closer to a contemporary understanding of what has traditionally been considered a purely intrapsychic and/or interpersonal disorder.

While the future of psychiatry may rest on research excellence, children represent the future of society and humanity. Drs. Clawson and Koshes describe a model program for serving indigent women and their children who may experience psychological distress. Dr. Mayugba-Sugai discusses the devastating effects of sexual abuse on a young boy. Dr. Hooks explores the potentially traumatic consequences of adoption—for both parent and child. These articles point out the striking lack of resources and attention devoted to delivering adequate and appropriate mental health interventions to children.

The *Jefferson Journal of Psychiatry* is proud to provide a forum for the thoughts and opinions of residents and fellows who are aware of the important issues facing psychiatry in the 90's and wish to meet these challenges head-on. As incoming chief editor I am honored to be involved in the evolution of the Journal and hope that it continues to address the academic and affective needs of its readership.

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