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## JEFFERSON Welcomes New President Bluemle

Bluemle Inaugurated  
Vows "Venture in Quality"

by Steven Gamburg

"One of our highest institutional priorities in the year ahead must be the continuing quest for new knowledge and better ways to preserve and maintain health care," stated Dr. Lewis W. Bluemle Jr., in his inaugural address on September 7th. The inauguration of Jefferson's new president was held concomitantly with the 154th opening exercises at the Walnut Street Theatre.

Bluemle feels the best way to achieve this goal of "excellence in research, medical education and practice" is with exceptionally talented faculty members who respect the interdependence of both science and the practice of medicine.

Bluemle came to Philadelphia after successive presidential positions at New York's Upstate Medical Center and the University of Oregon's Health Sciences Center. He received his B.A. and M.D. degrees at Johns Hopkins University and served at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania as an intern, resident, Fellow, and faculty member. His many awards include membership in Phi Beta Kappa and Selection as a Markle Scholar in Academic Medicine.

In a warmly received speech delivered before an audience of alumni, faculty, students and friends, Bluemle praised Jefferson's new Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Frederic L. Ballard, as a man of "good judgement and vision."

Bluemle also acknowledged the fine work of former president and Chairman of the Board, William Bodine, in making Jefferson "a truly superior institution."

Bluemle stated that he looked forward to a "period of more active collaboration in areas of mutual interest," with regional institutions of higher learning.

He praised the recent expansion of Jefferson's programs, including the College of Allied Health Services' new dental hygiene program. Other new programs in the planning stages are physical therapy, occupational therapy, and advanced placement studies in radiologic technology, and nursing.

However, he cautioned against too rapid an expansion into such medical disciplines as dentistry, pharmacy and veterinary medicine by quoting Thomas Jefferson, "Let us pursue a venture in quality."

Vice President for Planning, George Norwood, was chosen by Bluemle to "coordinate a comprehensive determination of the future of Thomas Jefferson University."

Bluemle ended his remarks by stressing "an equally important educational goal," that of reinforcing "an attitude of caring among health care professionals."



Lewis W. Bluemle, Jr., M.D.

Photo by Rob Lehman

### Boards Nail Students

by Richard J. Perry

"Concern but not panic" was the official reaction of the administration of the Medical College to the results of the Class of '79's performance on Part I of the National Boards Examination taken last June. Twelve students, representing somewhat more than five percent of the class, failed in their first attempt to pass the examination, which is required by the Medical College for promotion. This rate of failure is more than double that of the Class of '78.

Besides being required for advancement in the Medical College, passing grades on the Boards are accepted by many states as partial grounds for licensing the M.D. to practice. In addition, says Associate Dean Robert C. Mackowiak, the Boards are an "opportunity for the student to consolidate what he knows" and serve as "an external audit of the educational process." And for Jefferson, high performance on the National Boards has traditionally been cherished and regarded as a

measure of the Medical College's academic excellence. Despite the fact that June's results have caused concern, Dr. Mackowiak does point out that Jefferson's performance is still substantially better than the national average (approximately 11% failures) and is the best among the medical schools in Philadelphia.

What is the reason for this year's somewhat disappointing results? Several members of the administration, including President Bluemle believe that the results reflect nothing more than statistical variability.

However, Dr. Gonzale Aponte, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Pathology has his own theory. He maintains that the cause for the decline, particularly in the results of the Pathology section of the test, which this year fell to third in the Basic Sciences behind Microbiology and Anatomy, is "largely due to the borderline students" or those students whose performance in the basic sciences (at Jefferson) hovered precariously close to the failing level.

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## Clinical Teaching Facility To Open

by Gall Greenspan

The construction of TJU's new hospital, occupying the block between Chestnut and Sansom and 10th and 11th Streets is nearly 3 months ahead of schedule. The projected date of completion is now June 1, 1978. It will be in full use by September of next year. The hospital will have 371 patient rooms, 338 of which will be single bedrooms. In addition, the Foerderer Pavilion (185 beds) will continue to be used, making a total of 556 beds in the new building.

The projected cost for construction is \$94,556,000, funded mainly through a municipal bond made possible by The Hospitals Authority

of Philadelphia.

The new hospital is usually referred to as the Clinical Teaching Facility because it will be highly oriented towards student education. Every nursing station will include a small unit to be used for individualized student instruction. For example, on the 3rd floor of the hospital, there will be six 90-square foot teaching rooms located behind the nurses' stations. Each teaching room is equipped with a closed-circuit television and a computer terminal outlet which will be used when patient records become completely computerized.

There will be four teaching rooms on the 5th floor and six teaching

rooms on both the 7th and 9th floors. The 3rd, 5th, 7th, and 9th floors are in-patient floors. On each in-patient floor there will also be one large House Staff and Student Study Room. Several Student Labs, each 40 square feet large, are also planned for the in-patient floors. In addition to these special facilities there will be many classrooms and conference rooms scattered throughout the building.

On the 9th floor, an Audio-Visual lab will be built. It will contain a closed-circuit television system, which will have outlets in all the classrooms, a complete tape room, and a facility for viewing films, including a special means of projecting the picture of an

### Blumle opens up in Ariel Interview

ARIEL: Our most immediate question, since we face registration next week with a \$1,000 increase in tuition, is what do you foresee in Jefferson's financial future?

DR. BLUEMLE: Nobody can really foresee what's going to happen when the State Legislature reconvenes in September. If worse comes to worst, and for some political reason they fail to pass new taxes, then we have the question of how we are going to deal with a shortfall of \$5.5 million this year. When I asked the Senior Officers how we would deal with that situation, their most immediate answer was to raise tuition.

ARIEL: Is Jefferson about as vulnerable to the state government budget crisis as other Pennsylvania schools?

DR. BLUEMLE: We are a state-aided institution as opposed to a State-supported institution like Temple University. Temple was, I believe, the last University to come under the State umbrella. Their support is heavy. Ours is light, relatively speaking. Our total University budget this year is \$109 million, of which \$5.5 million comes from the State government.

ARIEL: I am surprised that it is that small.

DR. BLUEMLE: It is small when you look at it in comparative terms, but if you subtract the Hospital budget which is a break-even operation, the potential impact on Jefferson Medical College could be tremendous both percentage-wise and in absolute terms. I have recently talked this over with Dr. Marvin Wachman, President of Temple. Should the additional budget appropriation fail, I'm not sure they would have any alternative but to close. We don't have that kind of crunch situation to face. But it would have a very definite and deleterious effect. There is just no way that you can eat \$5.5 million and keep your programs going at the present level.

ARIEL: Do you see any possible change in our relationship with the State?

DR. BLUEMLE: I see nothing in the cards, either our cards or the State's cards, that would bring us closer to State control in the future. And I don't see any inclination on our part to becoming a State school.

ARIEL: What about the federal government?

DR. BLUEMLE: Well, they are already encroaching on our prerogatives with regard to the new health manpower act of 1976 which requires us to take transfer students--Americans who are now at foreign medical schools. Some of the more affluent institutions have opted out of the whole thing: Johns Hopkins, Harvard, Yale. We are not able to do just cannot do that and, as far as I know, no other school in the State can.

ARIEL: How many students do you think that program--the so-called "Guadalajara clause"--will involve?

DR. BLUEMLE: We really don't know, partly because the guidelines are still being written. It is really a confused situation. The best guess which comes out of Doctor Conly's office is possibly up to 25. However, it depends upon how many other institutions are prepared to give up their capitation support. If many bite the bullet and join Harvard, Hopkins, and Yale, then we may have to take proportionately more.

ARIEL: How does the State's position on the budget affect our admission policy toward Pennsylvania residents?

DR. BLUEMLE: The first thought which comes to my mind here, and it is a tentative one because I haven't been here long enough to get a really good fix on this situation, is that if there were a sharp reduction in State support we might feel somewhat less constrained to accept 70 per cent Pennsylvania State residents. That

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ongoing surgical operation. Outlets for these films will be at several locations throughout the hospital, thus increasing student involvement in the hospital.

Certain areas have been designated for use by the College of Allied Health Sciences. At least two rooms on the 3rd floor and rooms at various other locations will definitely be set aside for the Allied Health school.

In addition to these specific accommodations in the physical planning of the hospital, many other features are designed to facilitate student learning. The fact that most bedrooms will be private patient

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thought might be supported among our faculty. Looking at it in reverse, although I have not yet heard this, there might be some interest on the part of State government to increase this requirement as the ongoing price for continued support. I think we would resist that. The *quid pro quo* is pretty well established in terms of the dollar amount of support that we receive and the percentage of students that we accept from the State. There would have to be an awfully strong argument to increase the percentage of acceptances without upping the support. Now that's logic talking. What happens in the political circles may be another thing.

**ARIEL:** It sounds like whatever is going to happen that tuition rises are still in the immediate future. Are we going to get more involved in the kind of decisions that effect the tuition increases? Are we going to be included in the discussions of finances in general?

**DR. BLUEMLE:** Well, again, I can speak best on the basis of my own experience in involving students directly through their own representatives. It's my understanding that at Jefferson tuition issues are discussed pretty much within the province of a given school, rather than generically for the whole University. The initial judgments are made primarily by the dean regarding the fiscal health of his college, that is, what's required to make up the difference between visible resources and the cost of the operation. If you want to participate, if you want to least influence the timing, I think you should discuss this with the dean.

**ARIEL:** One think that classes have done over the years is to perpetuate a note service and these notes really serve to some extent as our textbooks. Class attendance does vary. Do you mind the fact that the note service is used and used so readily?

**DR. BLUEMLE:** I do think it's important to attend classes but the note service may serve a good purpose if you get the right information. You must be careful not to get cirrhosis of the script. It is important not to get one set of notes that has not been updated from year to year.

**ARIEL:** What do you think of allowing students some opportunity to do research?

**DR. BLUEMLE:**

I think this can be a very enriching experience. I will not feel alarmed or disappointed if every student does not do this, however, because I do not feel that it is necessary to log a certain number of laboratory in order to become a good physician.

**ARIEL:** What are you planning to do in general about the research effort at Jefferson?

**DR. BLUEMLE:** Jefferson has always, at least in recent history, maintained a rather moderate balance between its research and other academic pursuits. The fact that we have a bumper-sized student body becomes a practical consideration of how many faculty hours can be invested in the research mission. As a private institution with finite resources, we would have to identify the dollars to beef up the faculty effort in research since we are not in a good position to direct the

faculty to spend more time on research when they are up to their eyeballs in students. If we take that course, it would be at the price of reduced quality in education. What we have got to do on every faculty appointment is to make sure that we have the best person we can find not only with the ability to teach but also with the energy to pursue research.

**ARIEL:** Considering our current budget crisis, can you justify growth of the University into other fields particularly in the allied health sciences?

**DR. BLUEMLE:** Our College of Allied Health Sciences will continue to grow. Its cost-effectiveness during the early stages of that growth will not be as favorable as later on when a certain level of maturity is reached. But we will give these developing programs the leeway they need and I will support this growth. With regard to the broader issue of the growth of the entire University, whatever we do is going to have to pass at least four tests: Is it health related? Are its graduates needed? Will it make the best use of our resources? Will it be of quality? There will be orderly growth but I have no burning desire to see this medical university fleshed out in terms of having all of the traditional component parts. I am much more interested in the quality of what we do.

*Dr. Bleumle was interviewed on August 31, 1977 by Nicholas Tepe, Richard Perry and Dave Gastfriend*



Picnic on the plaza. Freshman medical student Diane Gillam feasts on free food at hospital centennial celebration.

Photo by Steve Gamberg

## JMC SC faces packed agenda

by Martin Trichtinger

On Tuesday, Sept. 20, 1977, President Ronald Springel called the first meeting of the JMC Student Council for the 1977-78 academic year. Other members on this year's executive board include Vice-President John O'Brien, Treasurer Dale Tucker, and Secretary Cathy Zuurbier.

The JMC Student Council, which meets on the third Wednesday of every month in Room 139 of Jefferson Alumni Hall, has made a major change in its financial operation this year. Due to the separate listing of a Student Activity Fee, the control of the Council's finance is removed from the administration and given to the council itself. Thus, the council is given more power and discretion, which according to some members, will enable the Council to better serve Jefferson medical students. After an active summer centered around Bruce Goldberg's Committee on Student Liability, which has established coverage for students while on rotations at non-affiliated hospitals, the Student Council entertained discussion on other pressing issues.

According to President Springel, one of the most important tasks facing Council is that of changing the approval of the Honor Code. Presently there is not a class enrolled at the medical school which has approved the code (the freshman class has not yet voted on the measure). The Dean has determined that the code must be approved by 75% of the participating class in order to have the code take effect. The alternatives to be discussed include reducing the approval percent to a mere majority, or making the acceptance of the code a mandatory provision for matriculation at the medical college. At present

there are no plans to discuss the revision of the code's content or wording in order to increase student support.

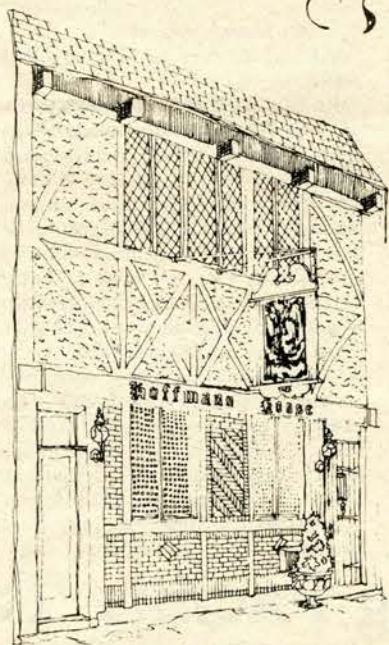
The main function of the Tuesday meeting was to make a list of topics to be discussed in the upcoming year. High on the priority list were problems of Student Housing and Curriculum. The council's concern with Housing is three-fold: first, to examine rent increases by the Housing office, secondly to look into better ways of responding to tenant complaints, and finally, whether or not the Housing Office should be asked to find roommates for those students who may request them.

With regard to Curriculum, many issues were outlined which will be examined by Susan Packer's Special Committee. These issues are: 1) Eliminating the requirement to pass the National Boards Part I for promotion to Junior year. 2) Allowing those students who did fail the 1st part of the Boards to take rotations away from Jefferson. 3) Changing grading to a Pass-Fail system. 4) Reorganizing the Senior Tracts. 5) Correcting the deficiencies in the Structure and Function block of the 1st year, and 6) Adjusting the calendar of the Junior year.

The final area of discussion will be to re-establish what Springel calls the "Jefferson Family". He plans to implement this concept first by "the Council giving full support to such organizations like the *Ariel* which could be the center of the Jefferson spirit," and secondly by the holding of special "town meetings" where students will be able to directly question administration on policies made by the university.

The Council will continue to discuss these issues on October 19, after Freshman officers are elected.

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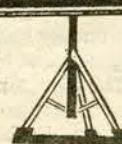
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## Around the world in 300 words

by Jim Splegel

**BRITAIN:** British economic and political stability gained a brief but perhaps illusory respite from the inflationary erosion with which it has recently been beset. The powerful Trade Union Congress voted by a 3-to-2 margin to limit the future wage increase demands of its individual unions to one per year. Unfortunately, the T.U.C. lacks the power to enforce this agreement and, in fact, leaders of the militant National Union of Mine Workers have hinted that they are prepared to flout the ruling. A midwinter strike is still a definite possibility.

**CHINA:** On the first anniversary of Mao Tse Tung's death, Chinese leaders issued a discreet warning against exaggerated respect for the late Chairman. They stated that Mao's thoughts should be used as a general guide to the solution of Chinese problems, and should not be followed slavishly. These statements

are widely interpreted as an attempt to pave the way for policies more moderate than Mao's, and as an effort to repress the type of personality cult which followed the death of Lenin in the Soviet Union.

**ISRAEL:** Israel's position on Mideast Peace negotiations (highlighted by plans to maintain military installations on the West Bank of the Jordan) has been strongly protested by President Carter. In addition, the U.S. State Department released a policy statement to the effect that "the Palestinians must be represented at any peace conference." Observers see little room for compromise on any side.

**SOUTH AFRICA:** Protests initiated last summer by young black students in Soweto, the "African" township outside of Johannesburg, threatened to flare up again recently. The students were successful last year in having AfriKaans (the language of the White ruling class) dropped as the

language of instruction. Spurred on by the memory of this victory the students demanded that the entire white dominated Bantu educational system be scrapped. The issue has been clouded by the death of Steven Biko, President of the National People's convention and leader of the black consciousness movement in South Africa. Biko died in prison following a hunger strike he began after being incarcerated for "security" reasons. A Soweto community leader told foreign newsmen in Johannesburg that he was "afraid the government can win in the short term. It is very powerful. The students can be suppressed, but the legacy of bitterness will be incalculable."

**TERTIARY SYPHILIS IN THE WORLD:** **UGANDA:** A Soviet physician recently removed a growth from dictator Idi Amin's neck. The growth was reported not Amin's head.

## GSO on the go for this year

by William J. Adams, Jr.

This September marks the second year of operation by the Jefferson Graduate Student Organization. Formed because of an "identity crisis" felt by the graduate students, the GSO last year provided a forum for social and scientific interaction between the students in various departments. Through parties, seminars, and a spaghetti dinner, the GSO pursued its objectives: to create an awareness of other graduate students, here and in other schools

and to create an intellectual environment encouraging exchange between students and faculty members in all the basic science departments at Jefferson.

Plans for this year include an orientation program for incoming graduate students, followed by a wine and cheese party for all the graduate students; a seminar series given by graduate students, with occasional outside speakers, and a modest social schedule of parties and dinners, which may also include students from

other Philadelphia schools. In addition, the Graduate Student Organization expects to continue its involvement in the University intramural sports program, fielding teams in football, soccer, volleyball, and basketball.

The Graduate Student Organization formally began this year's activities in its first meeting held on September 14. The meeting, largely organizational, was the first of the monthly business meetings to be held by the GSO. The meetings are open to all graduate students.

This promises to be an exciting and crucial year for the GSO. For the student who wants to get involved, the Jefferson Graduate Student Organization is the open door.

## Plummeting scores explained

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Dr. Aponte cited two additional factors that he believes may have contributed to the drop in Boards performance: lack of sufficient time to cover more material, and certain gaps in the coverage of the same topics in the basic sciences by different departments. Expounding on the latter problem, Dr. Aponte cited the Pathology of Infectious Disease, taught by both Microbiology and Pathology departments, as an area of difficulty for Jefferson students in the National boards Part I. While he maintains that this area is primarily the responsibility of the Microbiology Department, Dr. Aponte is hopeful that increased cooperation between the two departments—perhaps in the form of co-departmental seminars—will remedy the problem in the future.

Upstairs, in the Microbiology Department, Dr. Russel W. Schaedler, Professor and Chairman, shared many of the same sentiments. Expressing only mild concern over the outcome of June's National Boards, Dr. Schaedler also mentioned the growing tendency of many departments in recent years, to "bend over backwards" to pass the "borderline" student as an important factor in the disappointing Boards results. He

contends that by doing so, departments in the basic sciences are doing a disservice to the student concerned as well as to the College and the general public which entrusts to the school high standards of quality. Like Dr. Aponte, Dr. Schaedler would like to see this trend come to an end.

When asked about the possibility of any gaps in teaching certain topics, Dr. Schaedler said that such omissions, if they do occur, generally result from difficulties in interdepartmental cooperation, which he described as "poor at best". Effective cooperation between departments is really "only good on paper", said Dr. Schaedler, because what is necessary for such success is people who can work in close association in complete harmony. However, Dr. Schaedler added that he would be willing to participate in any co-departmental efforts aimed at rectifying such situations. When asked to comment on Dr. Aponte's statement about a deficit in the Pathology of Infectious Disease, the Chairman of Microbiology said that he is unaware of such a problem and holds that the topic is covered by the Department of Pathology.

## Medicaid Melee

U.S. Senator Frank E. Moss, chairman of the Subcommittee on Long-Term Care of the Senate Committee on Aging, estimated that 10% (\$1.7 billion) of all Medicaid funds are lost to fraud.

The senator's committee interviewed 50 physicians selected on the basis of their known association with laboratories offering kickbacks to "Medicaid mills." The physicians were typified as being "primarily foreign medical graduates working for Medicaid mills," who "were not the recipients of the kickbacks." The illegal rebates allegedly went to the businessmen who own the Medicaid mills. The committee alleged that 20% of all Medicaid money paid to clinical laboratories is fraudulently obtained by these labs.

Senator Moss attributed the fraud and abuse in Medicaid to the "bifurcated nature of the Medicaid program," where the states are legally responsible for containing abuse but expect the federal government to perform that function. As an example of state incompetence in administration, it is noted that New York City stores all Medicaid files older than three months in cardboard boxes in a warehouse. The city reportedly is successful in locating 50% of the requested invoices.

The senator concludes that "Medicaid is not working." He supported fraud and abuse control legislation, and the creation of a new division of Health and Welfare fraud within the Department of Justice.

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by George Risi

### Bed Cut Urged

A committee sponsored by the National Academy of Sciences Institute of Medicine recently completed a study on economy and utilization in the distribution of hospital beds. The members recommended a reduction in the present ratio of 4.4 per 1000 persons to 4.0 by 1981, with enough flexibility to account for regional differences in age distribution and needs for hospitalization. They also recommended a shift from retrospective cost reimbursement to a prospective rate setting system, claiming that the present system encourages waste because physicians and patients are less aware of the cost of treatment at the time it is delivered.

### Fetal Alcohol Syndrome

The problem of congenital defects caused by excessive consumption of alcohol by pregnant women is a serious and growing problem, according to Dr. Ernest Noble of the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse

and Alcoholism. Concern is becoming so great that the institute is considering putting a warning on all alcoholic substances. Even such a bold step would not have much impact, however, for Dr. Noble points out that this is only another ramification of the serious alcohol abuse problem facing the country.

### V A Roles Evaluated

A three year study by the National Academy of Sciences has concluded that the multi billion V A health care program is obsolete and costly. N.A.S. recommends that the V A program be phased into the country's general health care system. A redistribution of resources was also recommended, for too few beds were devoted to long term care needs.

Max Cleland, V A administrator, replied that improvements certainly need to be made, but that he is opposed to complete elimination of the program. He added that treatment of alcoholism will be a major priority in fiscal 1979, for it is the principal problem in the V A system and afflicts an estimated three million veterans.

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# ARIEL RETURNS

The spirit and goals that brought about this renaissance issue of *Ariel* echo the spirit and goals that gave birth to the *Ariel* in March, 1969. Since that time Jefferson has grown impressively from a medical college to a university. *Ariel*, now a university newspaper, reflects that growth, but its purpose, as expressed in the first issue, remains the same:

"Out of the spirit of this development (from medical college to university) has come the reality of student participation and student awareness. The foundation of *Ariel* is, according to its charter, to foster the accomplishment of this reality. Already a plethora of lecture programs and student society meetings demand a means of disseminating this information to those interested. As new and old education theories affect the students, these students must be able to react critically to these programs. And a means of communicating the concern for student participation in the areas of administrative policy and admissions must be created.

"Membership to the staff is open to all students: medical, graduate, nursing, health sciences, interns, and residents. The Editorial Board, although at present consisting only of medical students, will be expanded to include representatives of all the schools at the college. Editorial policy and management are the responsibility of this board. Financial and editorial independence has been achieved...

"The success of this student newspaper depends not only upon its staff but also upon the interactions of all students, faculty, and administration. We expect that the Letters-to-the-Editors section will be an important aspect of this paper; for many others have indicated articulate interest in establishing means of communication with the administration.

"As the college moves toward a university, we expect that this paper will ultimately be operated by undergraduates as in most universities. But the complexity of the school and the interactions between the students and administration, even at this date, demand a beginning. At this time an underground newspaper would not serve the realities we have outlined; therefore, we have sought and received the support of the Student Council, the Executive Faculty of the Medical College, and the Dean of the School of Allied Health Sciences. No one group can claim that it represents all of the student body, but this newspaper is open to the ideas of all responsible spokesmen. So we begin..."

Perhaps only because we're journalists, but perhaps because it's the truth, we feel that the major problem confronting this university is silence. TJU still behaves like a medical college, three nursing schools, a graduate school, a school of medical technology, and some others sharing a group of buildings—the university evokes the old metaphor of one hand not knowing what the other is doing. Students express dissatisfaction with the administration's laconism. Even within the individual schools lack of communication is a major hindrance to quality education. The Pathology and Microbiology departments, as revealed in the article on the national boards, pose a striking example.

We realize that *Ariel* cannot solve all the problems at TJU, but with your support we can try. By at least fostering communication among the different schools and departments, we can help draw Jefferson's diffuse elements into one university. So we begin...

## Follow The Yellow Brick Road

by Laird Jackson, M.D.

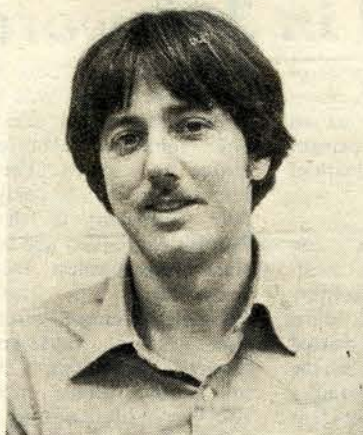
Originally these remarks were made in direct reference to the medical school curriculum, the so-called 'basic science curriculum'. Intended at first as a comment on those years and as an explanation and apology for the behavior of its faculty; they may also obviously be applied to the succeeding two years of the curriculum. I am flattered by the invitation of the editors of *Ariel* (maybe it should be called Phoenix as it arises quietly from .....?) to re-present these thoughts.

### Curriculum Changes

As all but the first year class at Jefferson knows, the first two years of this medical school curriculum are largely spent in acquiring knowledge in the basic 'scientific' aspects of medicine and how those sciences are applied to the practice of medicine. Classically this occupied all of the time in the first two medical school years while the last two years were spent in applying this acquired knowledge to clinical situations and in learning clinical skills under appropriate supervision. With time there have been changes made in this

approach and, by and large, the changes have been good. Partly as a result of those changes. I, a clinician, am involved in teaching in the curriculum of the freshman year. Unfortunately, as I am not a member of the basic science faculty, I am not well enough informed to comment specifically on the content of that curriculum and its relationship to the development of the medical students skills. My knowledge of the basic sciences and what is taught to freshman and sophomore medical students still depends too heavily on the memory of my own experiences as a student too many years ago in another medical school.

On the other hand this may give me a peculiar advantage in that I am not intimately involved in the curriculum at least for the entire two years, and can therefore take a little more of a student's view of things. It seems to me that the incoming student is very much delivered into a new world, with strange faces, new disciplines and new approaches to a simulate in fairly short order. He or she has certain preconceptions and certainly has expectations about the course of a



Ron Springel Photo by Rob Lehman

What a relief to see the *Ariel* back in action again! Two years without it have clearly demonstrated how much we do need it. So much happens at Jefferson that goes unreported, unrecognized, that we lost any sense of community that might otherwise be instilled. Congratulations to David Gastfriend, et. al., for getting the ball rolling again, and giving a voice back to the student body so that we may report, complain, praise, and speculate on matters of import to us all.

While there are many of us here who think "change" is a forbidden word at Jefferson, many things have happened during the past two years (some remarkable). We have a new president, an innovative and straight-shooting Psychiatry Chairman, a tuition hike, a third and fourth year calendar that is slightly less inhumane than the previous ones, and a widening schism between the Departments of Anatomy and Physiology that threatens to reduce the "integrated" Structure and Function course into a disorganized and disparate lecture series.

We have seen the Honor Code rejected by three straight classes and must question continuing the practice of presenting the Code to incoming Freshman. We have seen Jefferson's admissions policies questioned in a court of law.

All of these things have occurred, and without the *Ariel*, how are we to know about them? The entire Jefferson family must support the *Ariel* and use it as the forum it once was to say our piece or state what's on our minds.

Ronald D. Springel  
Student Council President  
Jefferson Medical College

## Bluemle stresses need for Ariel

I am pleased that *Ariel*, after three years of hibernation, is being revived under the editorial leadership of James Lockard. This student publication is important for several reasons. First, as a communication device it can keep us all informed about matters of student interest. We need to know directly from students what's on their minds, since they constitute an essential element of the Jefferson family and they are after all our primary reason for being.

Secondly, *Ariel* can be a cohesive force among our student body, giving it a more substantial identity on campus. We are fortunate at Jefferson in having an outstanding program of extracurricular activities under the aegis of the Commons Board. To this spectrum of social and recreational activities *Ariel* can add an opportunity to develop student opinion on various issues of concern ranging from humanism in health care to the financing of professional education.

I hope from time to time to convey my own thoughts on these and other matters in subsequent issues of *Ariel*. But on the occasion of this welcome revitalizing edition, I will simply express my sincere congratulations to the editorial staff for taking this important initiative. I wish them and *Ariel* well.

Lewis W. Bluemle, Jr., M.D.

## Dear Freshmen:

By this time, you have been barraged from all sides with advice, predictions and horror stories concerning the freshman year in medical school. Upperclassmen, parents, and faculty may have offered helpful hints on everything from what books to buy and how to study, to how much exercise you need and what to do in your free time. All of this is great, but only if viewed in the proper perspective.

You have worked hard to get here in the first place. So you probably already have study habits, etc., that are needed to carry you through. The point is you must temper everything you hear with a knowledge of yourself, your abilities, interests and desires. To make it through medical

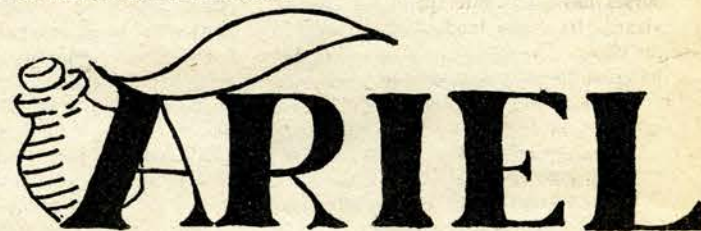
school (or any other pursuit that requires dedication and foresight) it is not necessary to become the embodiment of an idealized prototype or to imitate anyone. It is necessary to incorporate the newfound rigors into your own personality with your own unique strengths and outlets. This is especially true in medicine since the wide range of specialties attracts all types of people.

So despite all the advice you may be sick of hearing, take one more fragment: remember that if you have made it this far you probably have what it takes to make it all the way.

George Risi

Class of 1980

All students are invited to contribute their talents to *Ariel*. Writers, artists, photographers, and just plain hard workers are welcome and needed. There will be a meeting to plan November's issue at noon on October 14 in one of the mezzanine meeting rooms. Please address all inquiries and letters to the editor to Box 27, Jefferson Alumni Hall.



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That road however, like the original yellow brick road, is beset with danger, traps and obstacles. Its beginning, like Dorothy's, starts with a meeting with Jefferson's equivalent of the Munchkins (referred to here as orientation week) which includes (of course) an audience with the good witch of the North whose person will remain disguised for today. As with Dorothy, our students are warned by the witch that this Oz is not a real and civilized place, on the contrary it has never been civilized and therefore still has both witches and wizards in abundance and they are collectively (and euphemistically) referred to as Professors. I must confess I am one of them. The students are further counselled to adhere closely to the path of the Yellow Brick Road for the remainder of their stay in Oz and to forego all side trips, no matter how enticing they might seem. Only in this way will the Emerald City be reached and the great Oz himself be visited. Some obtuse allusions are made to the various difficulties which lie along the path and the students are then largely let loose to make their way as best they can.

#### Dangers along the Road

Some of the most onerous (to the student) of these obstacles are met in the curriculum of the first two years. Eager to get to the heart of things and deal with 'real' people, the student is frequently impatient with the basic science faculty, particularly when they seem 'irrelevant' - a feature which sometimes is closely correlated with early or late hours of the day or with Friday or any day preceding a holiday. However, one of the most important curricular changes in recent years has been the attempt to make things in the basic science years more 'relevant'. Classic courses such as biochemistry and physiology have been integrated into what is supposed to be a more 'relevant' approach called Cell and Tissue Biology. Anatomy and Histology are cleverly disguised as Structure and Function. Still, certain powerful and wise wizards retain their autonomy and identity with the preservation of such disciplines as Pathology and Microbiology. In short the student is exposed to all of the marvelous advances of the scientist and of technology that the 20th century and particularly the last decade have brought to us. This is a bewildering amount of new knowledge to acquire and difficult to keep in perspective. Therefore each of these courses has hours interspersed where wizards from the land of the North (the clinical faculty) are invited across the great desert to deliver some words of wisdom on their experiences in the application of this newly acquired scientific knowledge. In addition there are specific courses involving an introduction to the clinical side of medicine with numerous clinical wizards involved and a course about the approach to the patient (I think it's from the east because that direction is safe now that the witch is dead). Finally there is even an attempt to prepare the students for re-entry into the real world by trying to relate the land of Oz to the outside world - that course is called Medicine and Society and is presided over by the jolly good witch of the south.

#### Wizards Fool Themselves

Unfortunately it is all too easy for us wizards in this land of Oz to become fooled by our own wizard and to parade it too visibly before the student. I am certain that I am guilty of harping too long on the number of chromosomes of a retarded child, on the position of an obscure gene in the



### Star spangled songfest

"May I please go to the bathroom?" ask a few at Folk Festival

Photo by Steve Gamburg

by Steven Gamburg

"I'd rather have a bottle in front of me than a frontal lobotomy." Thus stated Lew London as he dedicated a song to a friend of his who felt he had to drink to keep sane.

It was one of many good tunes that filled the three hot days and cool nights of this year's Philadelphia Folk Festival held on spacious grounds in Schwenksville, Pa. in late August.

For 16 years the crowds, estimated this year at over 6,000, have flocked to the Festival, which featured three late afternoon and evening concerts. In addition, there were four stages set up for morning and early afternoon concerts where you could catch your favorite performer playing before a smaller, enthusiastic audience.

There were few "big names" at this year's Festival. Perhaps the biggest was Don McLean. If you're down on his music because you've heard "American Pie" countless times on the radio, then you haven't given the man a fair chance. He gave a rousing performance, sparking the crowd with strong guitar and mellifluous voice.

Tom Paxton, well-known in the 60's, is just as powerful today with poignant songs and catchy tunes. "Born on the 4th of July" tells the tale of a Vietnam veteran who comes home with shattered spirit and body. Paxton relates in another song how to beat troubled times of inflation with "You Can Eat Dog Food."

But some of the best times this year came from people you've probably never heard of. Stephen Wade told a story that captivated the listeners for its full 20 minutes. Jim Post told one that had the audience "hootin' and hollerin'." Lew London, the one with the drunken friend, typified the excellence of musical talent with his skillful mandolin picking.

And how about names like "The Star Spangled Washboard Band" or "Green Grass Cloggers?" You have to have been there to appreciate how these groups captured the crowd. People danced in the aisles, some danced in their seats, but everybody was moving. Other stellar performances were delivered by David Amram, Saul Brody, Michael Cooney and Tom Rush.

As if the music weren't enough there were daytime workshops where juggling and square dancing were taught.

To top it off, there was a huge craft exhibition demonstrating the arts of glass blowing, weaving, pottery and wood carving.

The Philadelphia Folk Festival epitomizes what "Folk" is all about. It's music, crafts, dancing and good times. But most of all it's people. Good, friendly people. The strangers you meet on Friday will be friends that part on Sunday. Part, that is, until next year when this three day utopia returns.

It happens every August. You should plan to be a part of it.

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human gene map and on the importance of sophisticated tests to determine that mysterious condition called the carrier state. I probably dwell at great length on the value of studies of the fluid in which the unborn child swims and how these can predict the status of the forthcoming newborn with regard to a condition previously described only in two Tibetan brothers. It is when we do things like this that the student may begin to realize that we are not wizards at all; that our wizardry cannot solve all clinical problems; that the technology of medicine whether assimilated by the student or not is insufficient to meet the challenge each physician must face. At that point the screen behind which we hide has been removed and we, as was the wizard of Oz, are revealed for what we all are sometimes - humbugs. Again I plead guilty because I do know in my sober moments that wizardry will never be enough to make a physician. But to

the next challenge, I like Oz plead innocent. When Dorothy realized that he couldn't deliver all his promises, she said to the great and powerful Oz, "Oh," she said, "I think you are a very bad man." "Oh no, my dear," replied the wizard, "I'm really a good man, but I'm a very bad wizard I must admit." I believe that the wizards in this land of Oz are good men and even though they cannot teach the students wisdom, courage and compassion, they can help them to realize that (like Dorothy's companions) these are qualities which they have and will develop through experience and practice - practice in the art and science of medicine. It is the fervent hope of myself and all of my fellow wizards here that when our students finally say goodbye to the Yellow Brick Road although admittedly we have not made them into very good wizards, perhaps in some small way we have helped them on the road to becoming good physicians.

from my corner

# Rebirth of a notion

by Jamie Lockard

History: *Ariel*, born March, 1969. Patient showed all signs of normal, healthy growth and development until late childhood, when she began to show signs of confusion and stupor, rapidly followed by idiopathic coma with onset in May, 1975. Patient remained unresponsive for two years, then began faintly hinting at return to consciousness. Recovery proceeded at an encouraging rate, and now the patient is ready to be discharged and resume her useful role in society. Prognosis: Excellent. All coma-induced lesions should prove to be reversible.

That's not quite how it happened, but it's close. *Ariel* might never have been resuscitated if it hadn't been for two medical students, Dave Gastfriend (1980) and Brian Ott (1979). I don't know which one first thought of reviving the *Ariel*, but they both worked hard to see the revival become reality. Unfortunately their work was confined to foundation-laying: Dave is 1977-78 chapter president of the American Medical Student Association, a job which demands 25-hour days, and Brian is now a junior, the year in which it seems all activity divested of a white coat must cease. Encouraged by Dave and Brian's enthusiasm, John O'Brien, vice-president of the medical college student council, organized an Ad Hoc Committee for the *Ariel*. The committee; Dave, Brian, Pat Sokas, Neeraj Kanwal, and I; determined the current organization and objectives of *Ariel*. The last of spring's several committee meetings was open to all university students; those present elected this year's editorial staff after considering many qualified applicants.

The etiology of the name "*Ariel*" is a conundrum. The puzzle occupied my thoughts all summer, but it is no closer to being solved than it was in spring. My first thought was of the sprite Ariel in Shakespeare's *The Tempest*, but reading the play twice gave no hint at a reason to name a newspaper after her. My next thought was of H.M.S. *Ariel*, the ship captured by John Paul Jones after he uttered all the "not yet begun" nonsense. Could it be that the original editors had the foresight to name their paper after a sinking ship? A couple of thoughts I didn't have, but *Encyclopedia Britannica* did, were of Ariel the fallen angel in Milton's *Paradise Lost* and Ariel the Hebrew word meaning lion or altar of God. Something tells me we're still no closer to the answer. There's always the possibility of our name's homonym, implying a collector of information. A contest for the best etymology of "*Ariel*" in 25 words or less has been suggested, and maybe it's not such a bad idea. Let somebody else worry about the problem for a change. Thanks to Mr. Lentz, Scott Library archivist, and Dr. Shea, anatomist extraordinaire, for their help in my research.

A few words about how we're publishing the *Ariel* are in order. To facilitate our paradoxical task of providing information in a monthly publication, we're loosely organizing each issue around a central theme, which will fall under one of our four major editorial departments: University News, World News (non-university news), Opinions, and Features. The editor of that particular department will be that month's "issue editor." We hope the themes will rotate among the departments evenly. It would be nice.

Our first issue's obvious theme is the radical changes wrought in the university over the summer, but (surprise!) the issue editor is not the university news editor. Our staff's unstated priority this month was just to get a paper out after so long a hiatus, so the issue editor is Mike Grimes, whose excellent journalistic background and strength of character made the initial operation as smooth as could be expected. Mike will spend the rest of the year reporting university news. Special thanks also to Nick Tepe, who transcribed the interview with Dr. Bluemle. Rich Perry, Dave Gastfriend, and Nick fired the questions.

Further introductions are in order, too:

University News—Rich Perry is tough. His work last year with the Student Council Liability Committee in securing away-from-Jefferson electives for med students proved how good he is at investigative reporting. Add to this his thoroughness and his literary expertise, and the yield is the cogent, credible bite that *Ariel* needs in order to be more than just a fact sheet.

World News—Doug Hiller deplores the narrow *Weltanschauung* of the typical TJU student. Anyone who's ever talked with him knows how well-versed he is in current events, both medical and otherwise. He ought to be a good teacher. Doug describes himself as a paradigm of pragmatism. Using big words will get him nowhere.

Opinions—Betsy McGuire works coolly and efficiently. The efficiency is good for us; the coolheadedness is good for her, since as opinions editor she'll often find herself on the firing line—from both sides. Good luck, Betsy. As usual, if you fail in your mission, we will disavow all knowledge of your activities. This tape will self-destruct in 5 seconds...

Features—Pat Sokas prides himself in being a cultured man. He was a star reviewer for Penn State's *Daily Collegian*, and his addenda to note service publications could form a features section in themselves. All who saw last year's freshman show know that Pat's ferocious wit is sure to rear its stupid-looking head in the *Ariel*, too.

Sports Desk—Shahab Minassian is interested in sports of all kinds and has strong fraternity connections. His best qualifications, though, are the writing talent he displayed on the Phi Alpha Sigma "Derblin" and his persistence. Still, I get the feeling that he applied for the sports desk job figuring that if everybody saw his name in print often enough, we might learn how to spell it.

Managing Editor—Ed Jasper is the *Ariel*'s hassles and headaches man. He's the one responsible for turning a sheaf of manuscripts into 8 pages of fine newsprint every month. With Ed at the helm his high school newspaper won awards for the best format in Philadelphia. Move over, *Inquirer*, here comes *Ariel*.

Photography—To say that Rob Lehman's credentials are impressive would be an understatement. As photo editor for Penn's *Daily Pennsylvanian* he had to cope with more problems than the *Ariel* could ever pose. Besides, doing things right is Rob's specialty. Now if he can only get board certified in it...

Business Manager—Neeraj Kanwal is going to make or break us. I've been told that one of the reasons for *Ariel*'s hibernation was financial trouble. Neeraj has been working harder than any of the rest of us, and it's paying off. So far he hasn't purchased a single bottle of red ink.

Executive Editor—Well, somebody has to be a figurehead.

We're all aware that *Ariel* Volume 8, Number 1, isn't the greatest achievement in publishing history, but the fact that it exists is a pretty big achievement in itself. With more experience, some feedback, and additional contributors (hint, hint) *Ariel* should mellow with age. See you next month. Hopefully we can say that every month for a long time.



## Nurses B.S.

## Boozin' Blues Make News

by Ivy Drip

A friend of ours who is enrolled in TJU's CAHS Baccalaureate Nursing Program wrote us the other day to catch us up on her summer and to tell us what was new around TJU this fall. She writes:

Things seem to be rolling right along on our rapidly expanding campus occupying three blocks of Center City. Classes have been in session for several weeks, the social butterflies are back on the fourth floor of the library, the first TGIF is coming up soon, we have a new president of the University, the third year medical students are complaining about getting up before the sun rises, and the fraternities are doing their best to impress new students. Yet one of the more interesting things I have stumbled across on campus this fall is the presence of the "Tappa Kegga Beer Not-So Secret Nursing Society," also known as "TKB", founded in the spring of 1977 as a joke by several members of the BSN junior class. I talked with one of the founders, a former Marine, who told me: "Actually, to us, the joke wasn't so very funny at the time. We were in the process of finishing our junior year of nursing, and though we had been told we would soon see the 'light at the end of the tunnel', we were convinced that someone had ripped off the light bulb."

The story seems to go that several members of the class felt a strong need to find an outlet for all their energies through something other than books. They felt that the demands of school left little time for them to relax, offer some emotional support to friends, or just to find out what else was going on in the world. The result? The formation of TKB, with their motto, "Nurse a Beer, P.R.N." The purpose? To promote goodwill, emotional support, not to mention a good time, among classmates, teachers, and whoever, in a relaxing atmosphere with a beer or two...

TKB is still in its early stages of development. As one member of the society, who wishes to remain anonymous, but recently frosted her hair, put it, "We aren't walking a straight line with our eyes closed, yet...but every meeting it gets closer!" Despite the hiatus of the summer, the TKB members have returned to campus, determined more than ever, to make this society work, to increase membership, and to gain recognition by the IFC, not to mention the CIA, FBI, IRS, and FOP. Already, several board meetings have been held with an overwhelming number of pitchers consumed in the name of mental health. Every member of TKB is a member of the board, and their "rush" is year round. Anyone is welcome to attend. Meetings are held ad lib., P.R.N. - almost anywhere from TGIF's, to Pub Nights, to Doc Watson's, to Locust Bar, to 1015 Spruce.

Although TKB is not limiting its goodwill and support to just nurses, they do have a "soft spot" in their hearts for all nursing students. They realize that becoming a nurse is no easy task, requiring much time, energy, dedication, and grey matter. As another member of the society, whose name sounds like a well-known Philadelphia sandwich, said, "It is our belief that if one works hard, one should play just as hard in order to counteract the deleterious effects of

working so hard in the first place. Our membership may not represent the top half of the class, but boy, do we have personality!"

In closing, I just want to add that I believe this "Tappa Kegga Beer Not-So Secret Nursing Society" is an excellent idea, and I expect that they will go places on their "goodwill tour" besides the local bus and social functions. They are a subtle crew, they know what they want, they know what they need. They are open, friendly, and eager and able to talk about serious subjects as well as laugh at themselves and situations they find themselves in. I would recommend keeping an eye on this group; they could be the hottest thing since the TJU coke glasses.

ADDENDUM: Speaking of TJU coke glasses--an experiment being conducted by various members of the second year medical class has shown that TJU coke glasses have a higher level of lead in their decals than the MacDonalds glasses sold this summer. Students Cates and Moberg have put many hours into eating the glasses, which they claim are actually quite tasty. We have yet to see any significant changes in their actions, but they are hoping that through this experiment they will become immortalized at TJU by being asked to pose for slides for Dr. Apontes' Pathology Course. **Coming next issue: The Best and The Worst of TJU.**

## Hospital Geared For Teaching

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rooms means that one can achieve a more direct relationship with the patient, which should make it easier for students to develop the necessary skills of the bedside manner. Having only one patient per room is hoped to eliminate many potentially embarrassing situations for both patient and those involved in patient care.

Another beneficial feature of the hospital is that patients will be grouped according to their diagnostic characteristics: one floor devoted entirely to patients with cardiopulmonary disorders, another for gynecology and obstetrics and so on. The logistics of this arrangement makes it much easier for both students and house staff. Each floor will have at least one Intensive Care Unit while the 5th floor (cardiopulmonary) will have four ICU's.

Another innovation planned is the location of the offices where patient records are kept. In the new hospital, this room will be located *behind* the nurses' stations, instead of *in* them as they are now. This should eliminate much confusion when one needs to obtain a patient's records.

One extremely welcome feature will be the establishment of more sleeping quarters for staff and students who are on-call. There will even be new women's on-call quarters. These sleeping accommodations are tentatively planned to be in a converted and renovated floor of the Thompson Building.

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21 Fri.	11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Endless Summer Luncheon, West Wing.
23 Sun.	8 p.m. Cushion Concert, Twin Pear piano and percussion quartet, Cafeteria.
25 Tues.	9-12 midnight. Beef and Brew, Judi Green, Cafeteria.
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## Film Clips

## 'Realm' Insensible

by Patrick Sokas

*American Film*, the magazine of The American Film Institute, took a survey of subscribers asking them to name the five best films of all time. They plan to use this information for a television special sometime this fall.

Of course this sort of thing is silly, but I bring it up for a purpose. A movie review is not much good unless you know the viewpoint of the critic. Maybe if I tell you what I said, on the spur of the moment, were the best American films of all time, it will give you a clue as to what I think about movies in general. Maybe not.

*Citizen Kane*. Probably the first serious American film that can be taken seriously. Enough to justify Orson Welles' existence.

*2001: A Space Odyssey*. Can a movie be one of the best of all time just because it looks good? That depends on how good it looks. Dismissing for now the satire and the melodrama (which should not be dismissed lightly) *2001* deserves a place here on the basis of its astonishing special effects. We've seen them since in everything from Tums commercials to *Star Wars*. Almost enough to justify *Barry Lyndon*.

*Cabaret*. Probably my most eccentric choice. But it's hard to think of another musical with such a gripping plot and even interesting subplots. Usually drama suffers when

music is added, but here they reinforce one another. Not enough to justify the Nazi party, but at least we got a couple good movies out of them (see below).

*The Wizard of Oz*. I hadn't intended to make this a mother-daughter act, but it couldn't be helped. One tends to take *The Wizard of Oz* for granted, like popcorn and silverware. All three are marvellous inventions, and we should stop now and again and appreciate them. It would be enough to justify me, if I could think of any way to connect myself with it.

*Casablanca*. Bogart and Bergman falling in love and fighting fascism. The best movie to have come out of World War II, or any other war, for that matter. For bringing "As Time Goes By" to our attention, *Casablanca* deserves another round of thanks. There's no justification for not having seen *Casablanca*; it's been on TV more times than *I Love Lucy*.

By now I have buried this month's main review in the middle of the column. This was not entirely accidental.

Many thousands of words have been written about Nagisa Oshima's *In the Realm of the Senses*. I thought that it would be easy to add a few hundred of my own.

Well, it's easy to write around *Realm of the Senses*, but it's difficult to find much to say about it.

It's easy to review the reviews. To wail against decadence and ad-lepated New York critics. To call the movie "Last Tango in Tokyo."

It's tempting to list the sexual and sadomasochistic inventory. To describe what was inserted into which orifice when. Such a recitation would doubtless seem more interesting in the telling than it did in the viewing. *In the Realm of the Senses* is pornography for the pretentious, S and M for snobs. This scarcely seems a great leap forward.

Ah yes, the plot. A man and his mistress copulate constantly, frequently in public. She becomes totally dependent upon him. He is not quite so devoted to her, and returns from time to time to his wife. She is annoyed. He allows as how that he's heard that strangulation and sex go well together. She obliges him several times, eventually causing his death. She emasculates him posthumously, apparently intent upon saving his genitalia as a souvenir. Or good luck charm.

All this could easily be ignored if the movie were not, as the advertisements point out, "The sensation of Cannes, London, Berlin, Chicago and Filmex." I hope they find something better to talk about soon.

## T.J.U. Nurse Hoopsters Go For Two

by Shahab Minassian  
with Maureen Dietzler

## Nurse Notes:

A sidelight to last season was the first-place finish by Jeff in the cheerleading competition. They are sponsored by Karen Williams... Carolyn Rehnert is the teamsponsor; her job includes transportation arrangements. Practices are held Mondays, 5:00-7:30 pm, and Thursdays, 7:30-9:00 pm at Memorial Hall-Fairmount Park...The Spectrum welcomes the nurses before the 76ers-Atlanta game December 14th; ticket info to follow...The team Awards Dinner is to be held at the end of the season...Spectators are welcome to ride with the team when they bus to their games.

"Good shot!" These words are not coming from an instructor who has just watched a student nurse give an injection. Rather, it is the voice of Hersh "Ace" Kaubin, the coach of TJU's Women's Basketball team (Diploma). This is his seventh year of coaching nursing students and the team record shows how stimulating his coaching has been. Last year the nurses dominated the courts and finished undefeated in league play. A high point during the season was a contest at the Spectrum before a 76er game an event which is scheduled again for the coming season.

Kaubin was asked about his coaching philosophy and attributed his success to an aggressive game plan. With plenty of fast breaks, he intends to keep the ball in the opposing end to minimize his opponents' scoring chances. On this season's outlook, the coach commented, "Although we lost four starting players we hope again to do well." He won't have to worry about a player shortage, however, as a total of twenty-three hopefuls arrived for the first practice, all of whom will be allowed to remain on the team. Kaubin will have ample time to choose his starters, since the league opener is not scheduled until November.

AMSA Fall Workshop  
to be held at Jeff

Dave Gastfriend, President of Jefferson's AMSA chapter, announced last week that Jefferson has been selected as the site for AMSA's Regional Fall Workshop. The annual meeting, involving AMSA members from medical schools throughout the Northeastern United States will be held from October 14-16. The workshop will feature programs on humanistic medicine, health legislation, medicine and the elderly, rape victims and other topics.

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## Jeff Rugby bruises... but loses to Villanova

In the bone-crushing league that is called the Eastern Pennsylvania Rugby Union, the final tally after a match is not one solely of points. The amount of bumps and jolts given and received is also accounted for. It was this category that Jefferson's squad clearly won on September 17, though the record book will show that Villanova Law took the match by a 10-8 score.

The Jefferson scrum (linemen) physically manhandled the Wildcat, dominating play most of the game. Despite the beating at the hands of Jeff, the barristers capitalized on two breakaways, converting each into tries (equivalents of football touchdowns and worth four points each) to gain the edge. The Jeffmen were led by captain Walt Prozialeck, who from his "lock" position managed to unlock the Nova defense for two tries. The pride of the pharmacology

graduate program singled out scrum half Gary Thwates and winger Chip Abrahamson '80 as having played excellently during the afternoon.

Although the loss was disheartening, the season opener was not a total disaster. In true Jefferson style, Prozialeck commented, "We lost a tough game...but we won the party." Of this enthusiasm, the EPRU would be proud.

The Rugby Union is a league of fifty teams in the Delaware Valley area of which Jefferson is one. The Black and Blue schedules games with the lower-power teams in the Union due to the class of opponents in the higher echelon, which consists of teams with ex-pro football players dotting their rosters. There are ten grad and ten med students on the team, which has joined with Hahnemann to avoid folding. Practices are held at the 9th and

Bainbridge playground, and league games are played at Belmont Plateau in Fairmount Park on Saturdays.

Clark Hankey, a 5'10", 185 lbs. outside center was top scorer last year, and is reportedly the quickest on the team...Other standouts from last year: George Trachte, an all purpose man; Bill Laskin '79, a fullback...Most promising newcomer: Hahnemann's "Big Ed", 6'6", 200 lbs. who should enforce for the Jeffmen this year...The team's equivalent of the Academy Awards--the "Turkey Awards"--should be a raucous season-ending affair...Mike Murphy '80 sacrificed ten stitches below the eye from an illegal Wildcat "head kick" but gamely showed up for class Monday morning.

Free rides to games are always available and the team welcomes all spectators. Contact Walt Prozialeck at 923-6748.

### Shahab on Sports

#### Intramurals: past and preview

A hard-fought, year-long battle for the inter-fraternity sports championship ended with AKK the victor. The 11th Streeters took first place by winning the basketball "A" category and locking up second place in football. The subsequent 12 point bulge was enough to edge Phi Alpha Sigma, which used a second place finish in both basketball categories and first place in swimming to reach second in the final tally.

The independents' championship ended in a tie, with the Senior All-Stars and Simian Smokers each earning seven points by winning volleyball and football, respectively. River Drive's second place in volleyball earned them a close second.

Looking ahead, the fraternity war should be a barn-burner again with AKK, Phi Alpha Sigma and Phi Chi the likely top three, especially in basketball and football. Volleyball

and swimming will be the categories to watch for should this happen, with the frat victor in these sports winding up with the title. Often overlooked but potentially of great point value are the minor, less glamorous sports: Table tennis, handball, squash, paddleball, billiards and, yes, foosball--the sport of kings. Placing individuals in the top three in most of these categories would bring the title that much closer to the frat. However, due to lack of talent in these areas or possibly oversight, entries were few. A preview here, then, is impossible.

During the sports season, the *Ariel* will attempt to bring its readers a summary of game results. Particular attention will be paid to the most interesting matchups in the intramural league. Along with these will be feature stories from time to time on individuals and teams.

#### INTRAMURAL STANDINGS 1976-77

##### Fraternities

1. AKK	17 pts.
2. Phi Alpha Sigma	13 pts.
3. Phil Chi	6 pts.

##### Independents

1. Senior All-Stars	7 pts.
2. Simian Smokers	7 pts.
3. River Drive	5 pts.

#### Jeff captures second in intercity basketball

Jefferson's entry in the Intercity Hospital Basketball League carried the second best record in the six team league, but also boasted four of the top thirteen scorers in the league. In the fifth slot was Bob Glick '79, who scored 119 pts. Wayne Stander was eighth with 94 pts., Jeff Metz (player-coach), tenth with 66 pts., and Jim ("Satan") Spigel '80, thirteenth with 54 pts. A highlight during the season was a great defensive showing against Graduate Hospital, which Jeff held to a season-low 26 pts.

The Intercity League is made up of local hospitals whose teams consist of students, staff and employees. Games are played during the summer. This year's winner, Temple Hospital, won the regular season also with a near-perfect 9-1 record.

#### INTERCITY BASKETBALL LEAGUE '77

##### Final Standings

	Wins	Losses
1. Temple	11	1
2. JEFFERSON	8	4
3. Metropolitan	7	5
4. Wills Eye	7	5
5. Einstein Northern	2	8
6. Graduate	1	9

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