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JEFFERSON Welcomes Gnu President Mooberg

Mobird Bares All

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Vows No More Tuna

by Swimming Bear

The board of directors of the Jefferson Medical College announced that President Bluemle is being replaced as leader of this institution. The reasons given for this move were that first, Dr. Blumle was constantly late for work since he could never figure out which elevator to take to get to the sixth floor of the Library, second, he looks like Warren Lang, and third, he failed part I of the boards. Dr. Blumle is reportedly relieved at the news because nobody at Jefferson could spell his name and because he has had an offer which he considers to represent a step up in the Medical World. Dr. Beumle has been offered the Daniel Flood Professorship of Medical Finance at Hahnemann Medical College.

In announcing their choice for President of Richard S. Moberg, B.S., the board of directors indicated that a major reason for their choice was Mr. Moberg's deep understanding of the plight of medical students.

Mr. Moberg's further qualifications include a vast knowledge of the forefront of computer technology. This was felt to be important, the directors said, because it has always been the final objective of the Jefferson Medical College to eliminate the human error factor in medical education and in patient treatment. The hope of the board of directors, in line with Jefferson's computerized testing program, is to institute a computerized teaching program. The eventual goal is to replace all humans



Moburgh Wears Tie

Photo By Rob Lehman

in the University with a giant teaching and patient-care computer complex. Mr. Moberg has indicated that he believes that it will then be possible to replace at least the male student population by mobile minicomputers. When it was pointed out that the female students would certainly protest on the grounds that this policy is sexist and that under the ERA female students have an equal right to be eliminated, Mr. Moberg said, "Well, just between you and me and the computer, there are some functions that male students just couldn't perform as well. Heh, heh, heh." This reporter declined to pursue that line of questioning.

Mr. Moberg has reportedly written a computer program to replace each of the faculty members except Dr. Shaedler and Dr.

Aponte.

The program for Dr. Shaedler is complicated by the First and Second Laws of Robotics. The first Law states "You shall not cause harm to a human being," and the Second Law states "You shall not by your inactivity allow harm to come to any human being." An accurate program for Dr. Shaedler would have to include an abuse circuit which would directly violate both of these laws.

Mr. Moberg's Aponte program has failed so far because he has been unable to find a mini-computer willing to wear a toupe.

Despite these difficulties, however, Mr. Moberg is quite confident that the curriculum can be completely dehumanized by 1980, and that Jefferson trained Mini-computer Medics will be doing better than ever on the Boards.

by R.S. Moberg, B.S., B.S., B.S.

Faculty Promotions Committee: All faculty appointments will be renewable on a yearly basis. Bad lecturers will go before the committee and their position reviewed. The Committee will consist of students with one faculty representative. The faculty representative, however, will be blindfolded and have his ears plugged at the meetings.

Exams—Internally & Externally: In addition to academic exams, students must pass physical exams to pass the year. This is a plan to eliminate as many of the nerds in the class as possible.

Dial-a-lecture: Classes will be optional and faculty members will write the notes for the note service. This bypasses the senseless step of recording what they say and then typing it up. If students are still confused we will have a series of dial-a-lectures on the subjects studied that week.

University future: We plan to buy up 6 square blocks near South Street for a University Golf Course. Golf is an essential skill

for most physicians and it is overlooked at most medical schools. Besides, Harvard Med doesn't have one.

To cut costs we are buying a chicken farm in Bucks County. It will be multi-functional. First, it will supply the hospital cafeteria with the seven tons of chicken it uses every day. Second, all research done at the university will, from here on, be done on chickens instead of rats, cats, and dogs. Third, the eggs will be used to teach embryology. At that stage of life who can tell the difference between chickens, humans, pigs, or whatever? And fourth, we will be able to add another department to our College of Allied Health Sciences...chicken technology.

But at the same time we are cutting costs I plan to reward those who have worked hard for the University. For example, the floors in Jeff Hall are so well polished that starting next week, the floor buffers will be required to work one hour per week. This reduces their present working time by one half.

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Tuition...

Into Orbit

by George Greasy

At a news conference today, Dr. Lewis Bumble announced that tuition for the 1978-79 academic year at Jefferson will rise to 23,874.16. Citing increased costs, back taxes, and decreased alumni support, Dr. Bumble said light-heartedly "Well, gee, it could have been worse. At least we don't charge daily admission to lectures yet." (sic)

The abrupt fall in Alumni support seems to have stemmed from the recently held Sophomore Parent's Day. Citing the cheap and poor quality of the lunch served, one parent told this reporter "If they think they can serve me canned peas and half a spoonful of cold tuna casserole and expect continued support, they're cracked."

When asked to comment upon the proposed increase, faculty member Herr Doktor Augie ('Doggie') Epple said, "Vell, I don't sink it zo bad un idea, Ja? Zis vay, zey haf to verk on ze side und perhaps zey vill learn to appreciate how easy ist ze neurohypophysis un ZNS lectures I give."

Dr. Bumble spoke at some length about the tax dispute the city has been having with the school "Well, my bluff failed" he explained. "Of course Jefferson owes the city back taxes. We tried to pretend we were just operating a hospital here and were therefore exempt from city property taxes. But when those darned reporters from the *Ariel* (Greasy and Fishingtenger) found out that we were operating a gambling casino/burlesque house in Martin, not to mention the bookie joint and Rent-a-Hit-Man service in the basement of Jeff Hall, well, that blew the whole operation." Dr. Bumble went on to say that the figure owed by Jefferson is not the \$1 million reported by the *Inquirer*, but closer to \$3 million including several large payments still owed to Congressman Dan Flood. Dr. Bumble is holding Greasy and Fishingburger (or whatever his name is) responsible for the "breach of confidence." They have been notified by the cashier's office that next year's tuition for them will be \$65,000 each.

Mideast War Over

(Swimming Bear News Service)

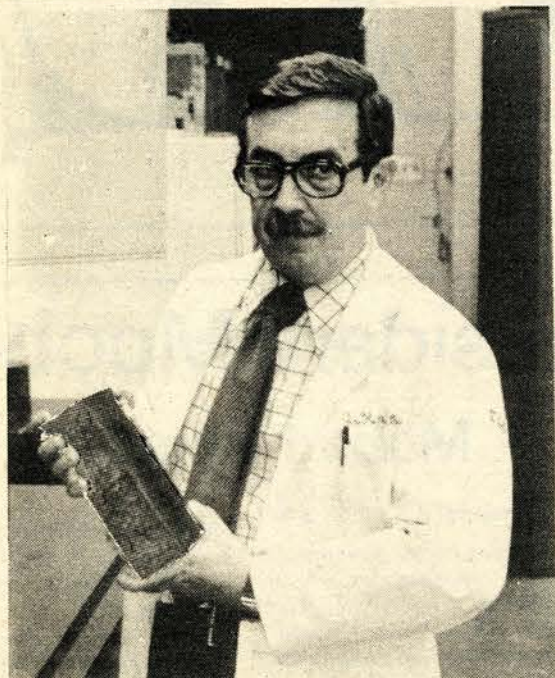
US Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, in a special news conference held today, announced that the conflict in the Mideast is over "at last and forever." When asked how this miracle had been achieved, Mr. Vance said "Well, we armed both sides for Armageddon, you know. We sold (secretly, of course) Hydrogen bombs and cruise missiles to both sides. They both decided that they were losing and that anything was preferable. So, Blooie." When

pressed as to the significance of the word "Blooie" Mr. Vance acknowledged that in fact the Mideast no longer exists, and this is why the war is over. Mr. Vance admitted that it was a mistake to sell Hydrogen bombs to both sides, saying "It was a terrible mistake to sell them H-bombs. Now the whole place is poisoned for years, and we can't get that oil. We should have sold them Neutron bombs instead. That way, we could have moved right into the original buildings and everything."

President Carter expressed regret at the disaster, but indicated that he was sure that most of the victims were in Heaven, where they are certainly happier. Mr. Carter is reportedly sending California Governor Jerry Brown over to personally inspect the area, sans radiation suit.

South American banana republic dictators expressed regret that this will almost certainly cause an increase in the retail cost of nuclear weapons.

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Microbiologist Smith weighs alternatives in brick controversy.

A Brick Grows in Barringer

An unidentified, confidential source has revealed that a strike by the Union of Bricklayers is imminent, in protest of the use of non-union bricks in the construction of the Barringer Residence Hall at 10th and Walnut Streets by Thomas Jefferson University. Sentiment in the Union has been rising against TJU because of the university's unprecedented refusal to use Union bricks in order (according to private sources) to use a new, unique brick developed by dedicated researchers here at TJU.

When confronted with this information, high-level officials at the university claimed that there was no truth to these reports. It was suggested, though, that there was a slight possibility that, in the interest of reducing university costs, perhaps a small fraction of the bricks had been developed in the microbiology research labs on the third floor of the Jefferson Alumni Hall building.

It seems that for the past few years Dr. Russell Schaedler and his associates have been experimenting with producing a suitable medium for the growth of an extremely fastidious organism. This bacterium was found to require a special environment radically different from all conventional culture media. Finally, in the fall of 1976, after many

fruitless attempts, Microbiology grad students combined TSA agar, vitamin-supplemented water, clay, granite, and an aggregating agent to produce a medium suitable for growth of their pet organism. The organism tends to produce a white exudate when growing in this medium that is curiously similar to the whitish pigment seen on the bricks of the Barringer Residence Hall.

When asked to comment on the rumor that the fastidious bacterium was in fact a highly virulent, air-borne pathogen, Dr. Schaedler vigorously denied "such rubbish," (a direct quote). Upon reflection, however, the eminent department head **did** say that culturing such an organism, despite the potential dangers, would be of great long-term benefit to the world. "Even if it were not of crucial importance to the world," he added, "it would be of great service to the Microbiology Department."

Further developments on this controversy between TJU officials and the Union workers will be closely followed. The whole issue lends credence to the speculation by the CDC in Atlanta that TJU's Microbiology Department is attempting to isolate and grow the etiological agent for Legionnaire's Disease, working on the theory that the organism grows best in Philadelphia air.

On March 3, 1978, the Curriculum Committee held a special meeting to discuss changes in the curriculum in order to insure Jefferson's re-accreditation from the upcoming investigation scheduled for September 1978. Several topics were discussed, and the following major alterations were decided upon.

Concern had been expressed regarding certain deficiencies in third year students' command of clinically relevant material presented during the first two years. Some changes have already been made in the ATP, M&S, and ICM courses during Freshman and Sophomore years. In an effort to rectify further this deficiency, scheduling will be altered, allotting course time proportional to content of clinically useful information given. Hence, the second year curriculum has been adjusted. Pathology will be lengthened from the first ten to the first seventeen weeks. ICM will remain as is, but Pharmacology will be given alone as a seven week block, so that the actual lecture time remains the same as that during 1977-78. Microbiology will be given during the week of Feb. 26-March 2. Very little discussion followed the proposal; it will become effective for the class of 1981.

The controversial issue of mandatory attendance was revived despite the recent example in Microbiology. Opponents of required attendance cited that average attendance at Micro lectures was up almost 150 percent during 1977-78 over the 76-77 figures, yet this increase was paralleled by a drop in exam performance by 8 per cent. Undaunted, the proponents countered with the well-known fact that, during the period 1912-1915, attendance was almost 100 per cent at all lectures, and students succeeded in mastering well over the required 70 per cent of the medical knowledge of the time, becoming particularly proficient in the areas of electrocardiology and anti-microbial techniques of the era. With such strong evidence a proposal to institute mandatory attendance passed unanimously, after provisions for implementation and enforcement had been decided upon.

It was generally accepted that a roll list, with accompanying photos and fingerprints, would be given to each lecturer. Roll will be called at the beginning of each lecture, lab session, and pre-lab conference. Dr. Krehl, chairman

of Community Medicine, pointed out that this may be inadequate at *maintaining* attendance during lectures. He has observed the perfection of the "peel-off escape" method, formerly used by U.S. Air Force fighter planes during WW II, by the Sophomore class at Medicine and Society lectures. The class of 1980 during Wednesday 2:00 presentations would escape in small numbers each time the lecturer turned to write on the black board, successfully emptying the lecture hall before the fourth estimate of the cost of National Health Insurance had been transcribed in chalk. The point was well noted by the Curriculum Committee, and a decision to repeat roll call at the end of each presentation was made.

Dr. Olshin stated his feeling that the decision, as it stood, would greatly reduce the time available for lecture presentation during each class period. After further discussion, it was decided that two instructors would speak simultaneously, each giving half of the scheduled information. To assure student comprehension, a one-week crash course in simultaneous dissociated ambidextrous note taking will be available to the class of 1981 during July. Future admission requirements will include such ability as a prerequisite to filing AMCAS forms with Jefferson. Dr. Moskowitz, noted neuro-anatomist, pointed out how midline section of the corpus callosum might facilitate the split learning process. However, this latter proposal, requiring surgery for all students, was deemed economically unfeasible and defeated by a one vote margin with two abstentions.

Enforcement procedures for failure to comply with the attendance ruling will occur through the existing channels of disciplinary action as proposed by Chairman of the Committee, Dr. Saukkonen. Penalties will be one year academic probation for the first offense, two-week suspension of note-service notes plus two years academic probation for second offense; a third such incident will result in expulsion from the university and a fine equivalent to the balance of the student's four-year tuition plus \$140/month payable until the former student's scheduled date of graduation as subsidy to University Housing, as requested by Mr. Kinter. Dr. Mandle's suggestion of corporal punishment, at various degrees depending upon the offense, was

tabled pending the success or failure of the accepted methods.

The final major alteration in medical school curriculum is based on the 1977 change in requirements for ICM and M&S. During November of last year, it was announced that competency in one section of these courses could not justify a passing grade with deficiencies in other sections outstanding, due to the diverse nature of the material presented. This principle has been extended to include segments of each basic science course. Sample applications of the new requirement were given in Gross Anatomy. Since each body part—each nerve, muscle, vessel, and supporting structure—could be the source of a potential disease in a patient, knowledge of one structure should not justify a passing course grade in light of an inability to identify any other structure. Hence, each structure must now be identified with a 70.2 per cent accuracy. When members of the Class of 1981 pointed out that each question would have to be asked four times to permit a student to pass the course while missing a question, faculty members, after a short caucus, responded that the student's request to have questions repeated four times was an absurd idea. The ruling passed.

This concluded the decisions on major curriculum changes made in preparation for Jefferson's re-evaluation. Two minor proposals were defeated. First, a dissection-to-music course, given by Dr. J.R. Shea to the music of Swan Lake, was denied due to the lack of an adequate stereo system in the gross labs. Second, a proposal to require each lecture to begin with a salute to the flag followed by two choruses of "God Bless America," as made by Dr. Warren Lang, Dept. of Pathology, could not be enacted; such behavior by an educational institution was prohibited by a Supreme Court ruling several years ago. Finally, following chemical analysis of the material in question Dr. W. Vogel, Dept. of Pharmacology, will NOT have to answer to the Special Committee on Student Corruption concerning the pills he distributed to the sophomore class during his lecture on "Hallucinogens;" the strange behavior exhibited by the sophomores following finals for the second block could not be attributed to the tablets. Other causes will be sought out.

The 7:00 meeting concluded at 7:25, at which time the beer and potato chips arrived.

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Rizzo Takes TJU...

Recent communications with City Hall's Office of the Mayor revealed the future of Jefferson. The unexpected and unprecedented decision by the Region VI District Court transferred the Jefferson lease and all associated long-term bonds to the city of Philadelphia in lieu of unpaid back taxes demanded by the mayor.

Rizzo has expressed delight with the acquisition and plans to make a few changes concerning the prestigious center-city university:

1) The new hospital building will be completed on schedule. Rizzo was concerned and promises to see it safely transferred into federal hands. (see related article).

2) Orlovitz leases to medical students will terminate as of midnight June 1, 1978. The building will house the new police training academy, with provisions made for police horses behind Barringer. Rizzo reportedly has his eye on the 20th floor for surveillance purposes.

3) Mayor Rizzo has welcomed the city's other political parties (Republican, Consumer Advocate, Communist, and Socialist) to use Barringer Residence Hall as a base of their operations. Insiders view this move as potentially upsetting to the nearby police horses, as they are all registered Democrats.

4) The very visible "fishbowl" of the library will be reserved for M.O.V.E. advocates and other political prisoners. Some see the more isolated Stein Research Facility with its barred windows as more appropriate.

5) Immense Jefferson Hall poses a problem to the city. It's presently on the site for a future parking lot and dog pound. City Hall has proposed a 5-year plan for temporary conversion, and ultimately elimination, of this unnecessary structure.

Phase 1: Stouffer's will be replaced with a more ethnic-oriented food service, perhaps Tambellini's Pizza or Luigi's Bar and Grill. Charges will be lodged against the management of Stouffer's for its role in promoting federally-mandated equal opportunity employment. All future Jef-

erson Hall employees must be of Italian, Irish or Greek heritage.

The outraged NAACP has demanded that the displaced black help be re-hired by the Rizzo plan. The mayor stated in a recent news release that managerial positions within the Barringer-based Republican, Communist, Socialist, and Consumer Advocate parties are available. The mayor added that these individuals are probably over-qualified for the new positions.

Phase 2: The Pathology and Anatomy departments will be combined to become the new city morgue. Dr. Aponte will be asked to stay on as Chief Coroner of Philadelphia. Dr. Wolfgang Vogel has been asked to leave the Pharmacology Dept. by the mayor. Evidently, the popular Jefferson professor's views on drug use and experiments with rats have angered City Hall. His lab will be vacated and will be dedicated as the "Ratzo Rizzo Memorial Morgue" in honor of all the "sacrificed rodents". Also, Dr. Triolo will be asked to head the

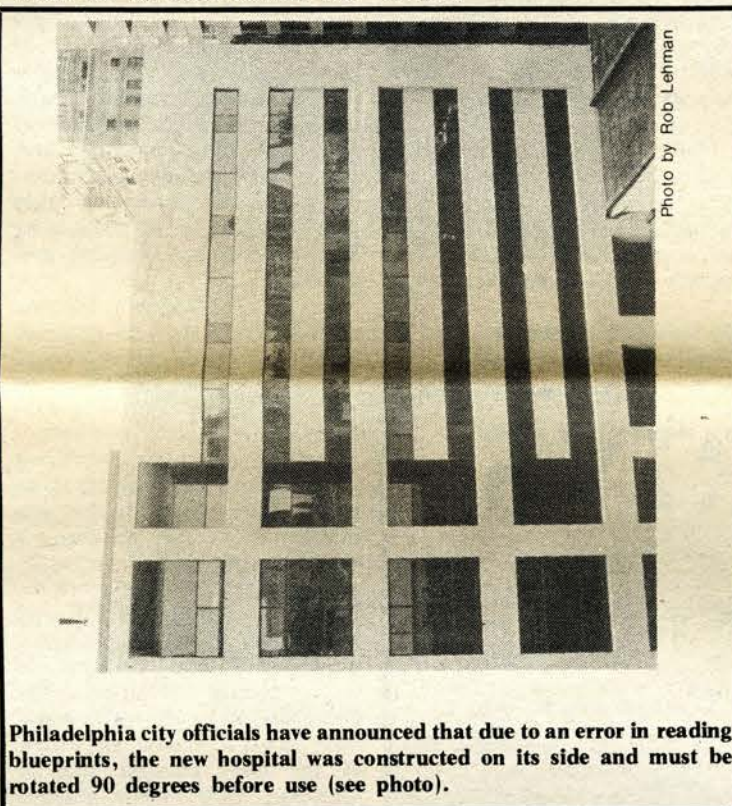
South Phila. Drug Rehabilitation Center, as he speaks the language.

Rizzo would like the use of the space occupied within Jefferson Hall formerly allotted to the Physiology, Biochemistry, Histology, and Neuroanatomy Departments. Parking lots are planned here. The College of Allied Health Sciences seems safe for now, but the old hospital building will most likely be re-named for Rizzo's favorite (and deceased) dog.

The pool in Jeff hall will become the scene of "water-striding" demonstrations by Rizzo and lemming studies by the other political parties in the city.

Phase 3: Parking lot and dog pound plans will be initiated, including the movement of the Samuel Gross statue in the plaza to permit "much-needed inner-city parking".

In one final question to His Honor the mayor, the fate of the STAMP Dept. was raised. Rizzo groaned and asked, "What's that, another weirdo group like MOVE?"



Philadelphia city officials have announced that due to an error in reading blueprints, the new hospital was constructed on its side and must be rotated 90 degrees before use (see photo).



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...Gives Hosp to Feds

by Neeraj Kanwal

The Department of Health, Education, and Welfare (HEW) announced the takeover of Thomas Jefferson University Hospital. Joseph Califano, Secretary of HEW, said that it was expropriated from Thomas Jefferson University in an agreement with Mayor Frank Rizzo of Philadelphia (see related article).

Califano said Jeff was nationalized to study rising costs, start innovative projects, scrutinize the use of Laetrile, and to place the government directly in the health care system.

The Secretary went on to say that Jeff was ideal because of its new facility, large number of beds, faculty and "because the price was right."

The *Ariel* learned just what that price was from a highly informed source in Rizzo's office. Since Rizzo and his political machinery were instrumental in the huge Carter vote in Philadelphia which

carried the Commonwealth's electoral votes for Carter, the President promised "a substantial favor." The source went on to say their hand had been forced when Rizzo announced that he wouldn't run for a third term as mayor and wanted to do something nationally.

As will be announced in a Presidential statement soon there will be a new cabinet post, Secretary for Urban Affairs, with Frank Rizzo at the helm in lieu of a two year lame duck term. The new department will include portions of HEW, Housing and Urban Development and the National Parks Department.

There was no comment from either the mayor's office or the White House.

Briefly, the goals of the federal takeover are:

- 1) To use Jeff as a free hospital to estimate the cost of National Health Insurance packages
- 2) To use Jefferson's large

cancer population in a detailed study of Laetrile

3) To gauge how effectively doctors can function in a controlled hospital

4) To measure the cost of new medical equipment including computerization of medical care

5) To use Jeff's Center City location as a center for community oriented projects.

Califano said he was very **HAPPY** that it was Jefferson Hospital and not Hahnemann (though he could have expropriated Hahnemann because of the peculiar circumstances of Hahnemann's federal anti-poverty grants). He went on to say the government would show its presence in late **APRIL**. He cautioned all members of Jefferson not to be **FOOLS** and do something drastic like ruin the facilities. Califano finished by saying "The **DAY** has come for federal intervention in health care delivery."

Thank you Steve Geraci, Gail Greenspan, and George Risi for your help in writing this issue.



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Letter to the Editor

To the Editor of *Ariel*:

Medical school is a business. It employs educators to work with students. To me, an educator should do more than a textbook. He or she should command a subject, such that an organized, concise, understandable lecture informs and motivates in ways reading a text cannot.

The Educator

One who laboriously recites raw information, which is readily accessible from outside reading, and who is unable or unwilling to arouse student attention and interest is not educating. An educator does not just face an audience and read prepared remarks.

It is worthwhile to note that few educators are ever trained to educate. It seems teaching is a skill acquired by trial and error. It is also interesting to note that there is little apparent quality control of education at graduate levels. This, certainly, does not imply that all such teaching at Jefferson is bad. But it does offer poor teaching an access to graduate education.

The note service and lecture attendance are "hot" topics at Jefferson. Student opinion is overwhelming. The note service is helpful. Faculty opinion is mixed? The note service is too frequently abused. Both should agree that the notes are no substitute for an informative, well prepared, stimulating lecture. Those packets clarified my own scribble time and again. I vote for corrected notes.

Class attendance would certainly improve if all faculty were also entertainers. This is not the case and is not expected to be the case. If those students attending lectures consistently perform below the class average, they should be counseled and required to attend.

The Student

Most students, in an educational sense, are immature. They have years of experience before them which will most likely change their philosophy of education. Yet right now many feel qualified enough to determine how they are best educated.

During the fall of freshman year, the prevailing attitude seemed to be one of respect for medical education. Most worked hard, class attendance was high, and the note service was very popular.

During sophomore year, student attitude seemed completely changed. Everyone was now an expert in medical education, based on one year as a medical student. Many talked as though convinced that the Jefferson Medical College interpretation of what should be learned and how it should be learned was incorrect.

Traditions developed by previous classes have a strong effect on the attitude of present classes. Specifically, I feel it is traditional to complain about the amount of work and to complain that Jefferson tests too much. Nothing is more simple than to gripe. Everyone can do it and do it well. Criticism is healthy, especially when

open and constructive. But mumbled jokes and satirical insults, which are a guise to reinforce the teller's ego, are merely degrading to the whole class.

As a graduate student, I do not envy the amount of course work which medical students must complete in two years. I respect anyone who can compete at this rate. It is unfortunate that the basic sciences are presented under such conditions. Everyone wishes for a better system—one which eliminates the recall method from learning and substitutes good old reasoning, thinking, and a little time for academic curiosity, and still takes only two years.

What Do We Do Now?

Defining a problem is a first step. I feel there are faculty who were not, this past year, educators. I feel there are students who make important decisions for themselves, yet are not mature enough to make such decisions.

I have unfairly mentioned problems while ignoring the strengths of a Jefferson education. Where is my solution? I confess to have no answers. I offer only the simple suggestion that student and faculty be open minded and willing, when wrong, to recognize and admit error. A good, hard look in the mirror cannot hurt anyone. Respect and honesty are important catalysts for the healthy growth of an educational process.

Richard B. Thomson, Jr.
Department of Microbiology

The material on pages 1, 2, 3, and 8 is intended as humor. Nothing else is implied. Happy April Fool's Day.

Match Leaves Seniors at Altar

by Nicholas Tepe

The National Intern and Resident Match Program took place on March 15, revealing new preferences for specialties among Senior Medical Students and causing some concern from the University. A particularly high number of Seniors were initially unmatched. Most of these were competing for placement in Primary Care residencies (Internal Medicine, Family Practice, Pediatrics). As Dr. Mackowiak, Associate Dean, puts it, "the party's over in Primary Care."

Two hundred thirty Senior students took part in the National Program that matches students to their residencies. The process involves students ranking hospitals' specialty programs in order of preference and, conversely, hospitals ranking students in order. At that point a computer takes over matching or approximating both student and hospital preferences.

Of the 230 students applying from Jefferson some 19 were not initially placed at the opening of envelopes on March 15. These 19 represent 8% of the class. Traditionally Jefferson has had only 4-5% of the senior class unmatched while the National average is about 6.7%. This sudden jump in unmatched percentage is cause for concern by the faculty.

Most of the trouble lay in the Primary Care specialties. Of the 19 unmatched, 10 were applying for positions in Internal Medicine and 6 in Family Medicine. The University policy of stressing primary care is successful, since 40% of the class pursued Internal Medicine, 15% Family Practice and 7% Pediatrics. However, competition for these positions has

heightened substantially in the past few years, so that it would seem that student interest is outstripping the availability of residencies in these areas.

Dr. Mackowiak has several possible causes for the sudden increase in mismatching this year. First, there is greater competition in Primary Care. Second, Jefferson traditionally has urged its students to "shoot" for the best hospitals they could. Third, there really is an insufficient number of places in Primary Care in this country. Fourth, there were a high number of geographic restrictions asked for by the students. Finally several students had made verbal agreements with Hospitals which fell through and left these students without a match.

Nevertheless, all seniors ended up with residencies, and most of those unmatched were able to get very good hospitals such as Baylor in Family Medicine. The class as a whole once again did very well, as is historically true at Jefferson. 45% got their first choice, 18% their second choice, 11% their third, 9% their fourth, and 7% their fifth with only 10% getting less. Many students obtained positions at excellent centers such as John Hopkins, Georgetown, Strong Memorial, N.Y.U., Hospital of the U. of Penn, U. of Cal., Baylor, Mt. Sinai, Tulane, U. of Va., Duke, Yale, etc.

In short, the increase in interest in Primary Care has definitely led to an increase in competition for those residencies. The students must become less selective and list more hospitals in the match; for instance, the Dept. of Internal Medicine suggests listing at least 12. The expected future increase in Primary Care positions should ease the current crunch.

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'Fury,' 'Woman': Opposites Attract

by Patrick Sokas

The protagonist of *An Unmarried Woman* is not, strictly speaking, that. She is about to become unmarried, her husband having left her for another woman; thereby hangs the tale.

An Unmarried Woman is a small, complicated movie with many tears, much screaming, and quite a bit of insight. Making a movie about emotions is a difficult task at best. When the emotions involved are loneliness, depression, and anxiety the difficulty is compounded. Paul Mazursky pulls it off.

It occurs to me that the plot of *An Unmarried Women* is much the same as that of *The Goodbye Girl*: Woman with young daughter is dumped, Woman undergoes emotional crisis, Woman finds new love. This film merely places more emphasis on the first two parts of that plot summary; *Goodbye Girl* concentrated on the last.

The danger in this sort of film is that we will be asked to feel too much the heroine's depression, and the result will be yet another maudlin tearjerker. Here, though, our displaced housewife is young, beautiful, and clever. We do not pity her so much as we empathize; not "there but for" but "there with the grace of God go I."

Jill Clayburgh gives a fine, genuine performance as the Woman in question. After her husband leaves she is as much victimizer as victimized. Men that get in her way are cursed at, stomped on, and thrown away. As often as not, our sympathies are with them. Especially in the case of Charles Grodin, who plays a slimy one night stand who seems like a character out of *Looking for Mr. Goodbar*. Michael Murphy is the nice guy-jerk of a departing husband; Alan Bates, the new, likeable lover. Good performances by all.

In contrast to *An Unmarried Woman*, which is small and human, *The Fury* is big, expensive, and entirely inhuman. Some movies are about the struggle between Good and Evil. *The Fury* is about the struggle between Evil and The Poorly Understood, with Good out of the running. And The Poorly Understood doesn't even stand much of a chance.

All this notwithstanding, *The Fury* is a carefully made, finely paced, efficient horror movie. Director Brian DePalma [*Carrie*, *Obsession*] may be a little weird, but he knows his business. The film contains as much humor as horror, and there's never a dull moment. But horror movies have to become more horrible with each passing year in order to have the desired effect, and *The Fury* spills more blood on the screen than the Red Cross collects in a good year. It gets a bit silly, and more than a bit sickening.

Amy Irving and Andrew Stevens are young folks gifted with the powers of telepathy and telekinesis. Unfortunately, the use of these powers tends to make passersby exsanguinate, so they're not going to replace Western Union.

But a Top Secret government agency (John Cassavetes is the chief nasty here) wants to make use of this, presumably to make Reds the world over a bit redder. They kidnap and brainwash young Andrew, unleashing his psychic powers and a mean streak in his temperament. The boy's dad, Kirk Douglas, tracks him down, despatching the government men right and left in the process.

In the gruesome climax, everyone gets a final whirl, generally

through the ceiling. I trust I do not tell to much when I say that most of the principal characters bite the dust, save the durable Ms. Irving, who also survived *Carrie*.

Douglas growls and snarls his way through the film; Stevens and Irving are nondescript. The one character that seems human is that of Carrie Snodgrass, a lovely and fragile actress who plays Douglas' lady friend. As for Cassavetes, his performance is, well, explosive.

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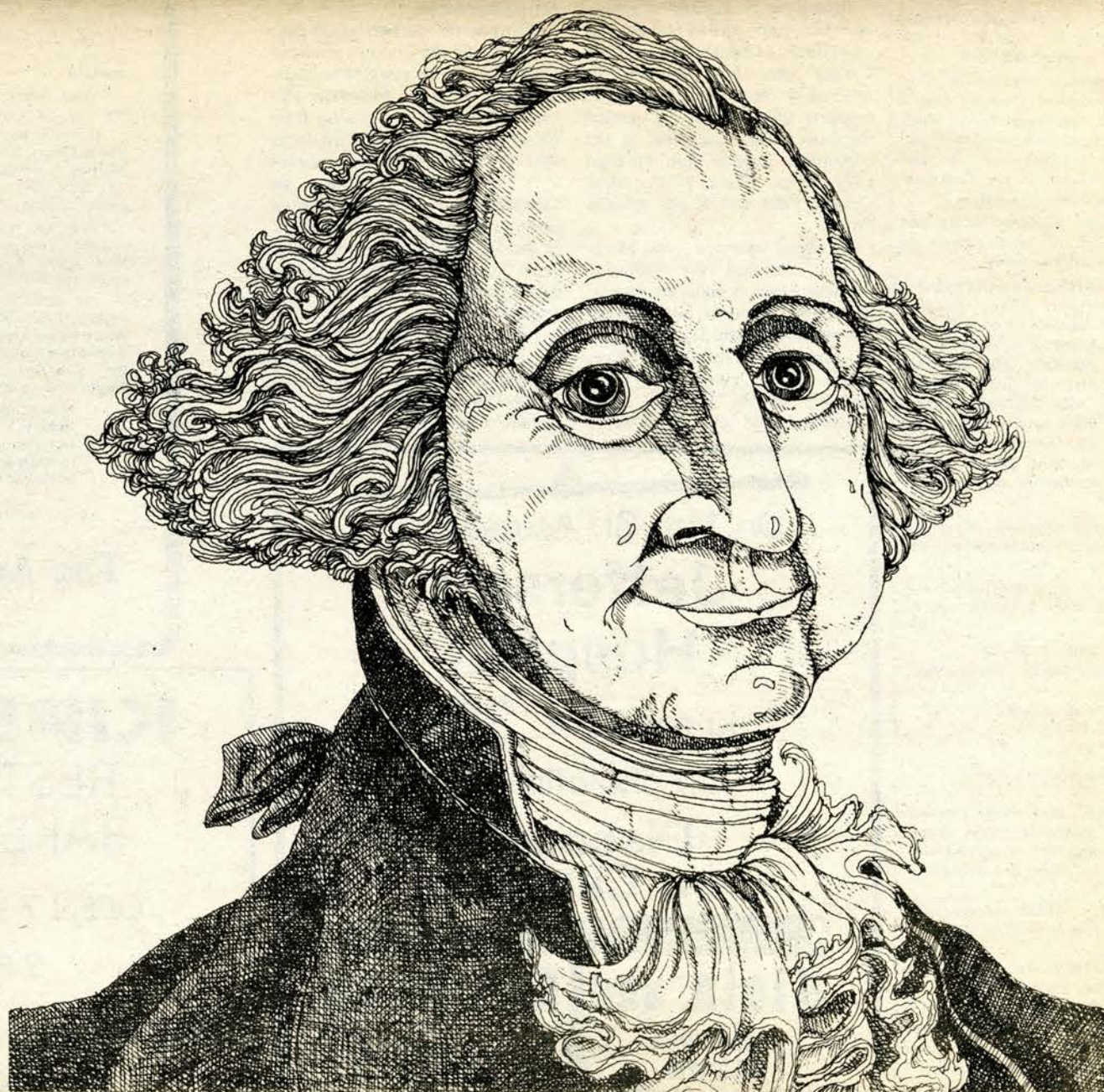
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FROM UNDER MY BLANKET: Executive Editor Jamie Lockard finally get his picture in the *Ariel*

Committee Proposes General Elections

by Jim Spigel

The charter of the J.M.C. Student Council presently provides that nominees for the offices of President, Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer, be selected from within the Student Council's membership and then voted on solely by that membership. Although these offices are designed primarily to function within the Student Council organization, situations arise in which the officers must act as representatives of the student body as a whole.

Prompted by a group of sophomore delegates, the ad hoc election committee chaired by Marty Carney (See last month's article—Ed) has been asked to evaluate the feasibility of general elections. Other members of the committee include Ron Springel ('78), Ken Certa ('79), Mike Grimes ('80) and Roger Allcroft ('81).

An *Ariel* interview with Marty Carney revealed the following tentative election plan. During the September, October, and November meetings of the Student Council, nominations for all the offices would be accepted from any member of the College. Thus nominees need not be selected

from the Student Council. Nominees for the offices of President and V.P. must be members of the 3rd or 4th year classes while those nominated for Secretary and Treasurer must come from 1st, 2nd or 3rd year classes. Following the acceptance, candidates would be free to publish position papers.

In the event that there are several nominees for each office, the existing council will narrow the field to no more than 4 candidates per office. This will be done at the November meeting by a majority voting procedure.

The general election would take place during the first two weeks in December. In an attempt to maximize the returns, freshmen and sophomores will vote during their respective final exams which occur that month. Juniors and Seniors will be mailed ballots on December 1 to their local address to be returned by 5 pm. the night of the December council meeting. Each ballot will include the candidates position papers and a self-addressed stamped envelope.

It is the hope of those promoting the general elections format that a popular vote will serve to make the Student Council officers more responsive to their constituency.

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Members of the Jefferson team are co-captains Maureen Dietzler and Barbara McGrenra, Kathy Alcoy, Dianne Olesiewicz, Jeanne Humphreville, Linda Blicklinger, Marianne Maxwell, Sue Bergdoll, Pat Aleski, Meg Eigenbrot, Diane Foley, Sandy Smith, Helen Stair and Michelle Langley. Team managers are Deb Jones and Maryann Mallee. The Jefferson coach is Hersh Kaubin.

Members of the championship Jefferson cheerleading team are Linda Kuser, Kathy Waters, Sharon Smith, Susan O'Donnell, Terri Schwarz and Linda Robinson.

Read This Blurb!

Students, employees, faculty, hospital volunteers and their families will get a preview tour of the New Jefferson Hospital on Saturday, June 3. The preview kicks off a week-long celebration prior to the June 9 dedication of the new teaching facility on Chestnut Street.

On June 3 the facility will be open from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. for tours and refreshments.

There will also be drawings throughout the day for prizes donated by Chestnut Street merchants. Winners must show their Jefferson ID cards to claim their prizes.



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Kuhn Kicks Off COPE: "Aging Unites Us All"

by Jim Sechler

In Solis-Cohen Auditorium on Tuesday, March 21, 1978, the Family Physicians Society, in conjunction with A.M.S.A., presented Maggie Kuhn. She is the Convenor of the Grey Panthers, a nation-wide conference of 10,000 aging and young people dedicated to the fight against agism. This program kicked off the COPE project, a team oriented outreach program to the aging, composed of Jefferson Medical and Nursing students.

To Ms. Kuhn aging is the process which unites us all, not only to our fellow human beings, but to other animals and "the rocks and mountains, all of which age." In light of modern technology's destruction of whole blocks of the creative order, "the process of health and healing has to take into account the whole environment."

From Ms. Kuhn's point of view the present analysis of aging, which she referred to as "the myth of old age," is all wrong. This myth is composed of six fallacies, the first of which is that aging is a disease. This "pathological" aspect has been promulgated to the greatest extent by the medical profession. Although many ailments are disabling, many old people have overcome them.

The second of these fallacies is that old age is "mindless," implying that senility is inevitable. Even though there is a decrease in the total number of brain cells with aging, Ms. Kuhn maintains that

there is more than adequate compensation. She feels that "what will bail out many of the floundering small liberal arts colleges is the return of the old to the classroom."

The third fallacy of the myth is that old age is "sexless," a misconception which Ms. Kuhn denies emphatically. "There can be the capacity to love and be loved and to express affections," she said, "right up to rigor mortis." She also raised the question about "the possibility of some lesbian relationship...for women, a new kind of sisterhood in later years after they have lost their spouses" and outlived their families. She feels that "some kind of living arrangement whereby women can support each other in an affirming way is infinitely preferred to isolation."

The fourth fallacy about old age is that it is "useless and that the skills and experiences of the last 50-60 years are obsolescent."

The fifth fallacy is that old age is powerless, and indeed for Ms. Kuhn "institutionalization has made us powerless in many ways." Also, old people locked in their own homes in fear are isolated.

The sixth fallacy is that all old people look alike. This same thing has been said about blacks and Orientals. To Ms. Kuhn it is "a very demeaning and demoralizing view."

Ms. Kuhn went on to present a bit of demography. Currently for every 100 men aged 65, there are 138.2 sixty-five year old women.

For every 100 seventy-five year old men, there are 148 women aged 75. This is true even though men outnumber women at birth. Projections of great increases in population serve to magnify the problem even more, and by the year 2020 ("the year of perfect vision") the old will outnumber the young.

Geriatric medicine and gerontology are true challenges, from Ms. Kuhn's perspective, because disease presentation in the aged is often different from the presentation of the same disease is in the young. Ms. Kuhn has served on a panel which presented a 20 page report to The President's Commission on Aging. This commission will report to the Congress and the President in April. At that time the concept of Holistic Health Care, which re-examines mental health and puts it in the context of physical health and environmental health, will be presented. A new medical school curriculum will be recommended wherein geriatric medicine will be a required component.

Ms. Kuhn went on to say that if a new curriculum is undertaken by the medical schools, there will be a substantial government grant of \$100,000 for each school for each 3 years of the new curriculum. She expresses a personal wish that Jefferson will be "bold and daring" in implementing the new curriculum. "If you don't do that, you've really been short-changed," she said.

She also has great faith in the team approach. "In our old age we



Maggie Kuhn, Grey Panther

Photo by Rob Lehman

are going to present you with the analysis and the stuff to help you, but," she said, "you must see us from the perspective of the team."

In closing her formal presentation, Ms. Kuhn mentioned the 3 things she liked about getting old: 1) You can speak your mind if you've done your homework, 2) You outlive your opposition, 3) When you are plugged in you can reach out to build this new community with a vision for the future.

After her speech, Ms. Kuhn made a few comments in response to questions raised from the floor:

She sees Health Maintenance Organizations as possible models for the delivery of holistic medicine. She sees today's medical students as a new breed with a new egalitarian outlook. Improper institutionalization, she feels, has done much to cause the recent rises in cost for health care for the aged.

When the program was over, Ms. Kuhn and participants in the COPE project retired to the Music Lounge in Jefferson Alumni Hall for a reception in her honor, thus completing her visit to Jefferson.

"Sorry, Grandma... You Can't Come"

by Martin Trichtinger

Members of the JMC Senior class expressed shock and dismay at the announcement on March 15, by Registrar Arthur Owens that the number of tickets provided for each senior at graduation would be reduced from six to five.

When asked to comment on his announcement Mr. Owens denied making such an absolute statement. Instead, he claims, his remarks indicated that the possibility existed for a reduction in the number of tickets. The figures which were provided for the *Ariel* by Mr. Owens office indicated that providing the 371 graduating students with 5 tickets each leaves only 330 tickets remaining. Thus the seating is approx. 40 tickets short of being able to give each graduate a sixth ticket.

The reasons cited by Mr. Owens for the lack of space stem in part to a slight increase in the size of the graduating classes of the medical school and the College of Allied Health. A big factor, though, is the addition of Cytotechs to the graduation exercise.

This decrease in the number of tickets hit many with an emotional dilemma. Norm Rosenbloom, a medical student, said, "graduating from med. school is something my grandparents have lived to see, but with only 5 tickets, they won't be able to come and will probably be heartbroken. My father was upset to hear this."

With problems like these confronting the students the issue was raised to either move graduation to

another site or to separate the College of Allied Health from the Medical College, thus allowing all the students to have more tickets. J. Bruce Kneeland, another med. student, expressed this view concerning the graduation exercises: "I think graduation should be moved to another location. Nurses don't have to graduate with Med students and Medical students don't have to graduate with Cytotechs."

When asked about the possibility of moving the location, Dr. Bluemle stated in a telephone conversation that, "theoretically it's a possibility, but it is something that

the University would have to look into at least 3 or 4 years in advance." On the issue of separating the graduates, Dr. Bluemle continued, "I would be opposed to that as it represents a symbolic departure from something that I find good here at Jefferson, a sense of unity between the colleges."

The words of one nursing student, Phyllis Gross, summed up the student attitude. "Who cares? Graduation would be better if they were separated, since they would be more personalized. Presently the medical school graduates are overshadowing the Baccalaureate nurses."



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Jeff Holds First Annual Medical Olympiad

by Shahab Minassian

The world of medical sport basked in its finest hour as the 1978 Jefferson Olympics ended its grueling schedule of competition on a fever-pitch. This year's contestants set an unprecedented pace, smashing records in nearly every category. Word has it that the tremendous success of this world famous attraction has prompted University officials to change plans for the new building at 10th and Chestnut Streets. "We are abandoning plans for a hospital at that site in favor of using it for the future Olympic Village," one source revealed. "The Scott Library was adequate but to attract top medical athletes a superior facility is needed." Jefferson certainly has quite a crop of winners in its own backyard, as the results of the Final events proved:

Heavyweight Nurse Toss: Jeff resident Bud Chiari won on the final throw. The veteran heaved second-year student Polly Thelia an astounding twenty one feet nine inches, shattering the previous mark

by seven inches. Chiari admitted that the training period was difficult but "it beat taking cold showers."

Two Handed Microscope Carry: This ancient sport is thought to have its beginnings from the "pyramid runners" of Egyptian legend. Two fully loaded microscope cases are carried from the Alumni Hall lobby to the fifth floor while running up the "down" escalators. This year's gold medalist was freshman medical student Bruce Ella. "One of the reasons I came here was because Jefferson's histology lab was so far up, but the main reason is the escalator situation. They're almost always turned off. What a fantastic training device."

Pub and Party Putdown Competition: In an event requiring not only physical but great mental ability as well, a brilliant world-class field of entries battled to the wire. The gold medal



recipient was again a Jefferson entry--medical technician Candida Babinski. Ms. Babinski captured the coveted disc by turning down an amazing twenty-three propositions during a five minute period in the final heat. "Candy" attributed her

success to "conditioning, conditioning, conditioning" and a steady diet of raw hamburger.

Robbins Relay: The fabled Italian duo of Mac U. Papuli and Fiorello Fanconi, each coming off hernia operations, ran off with the glamour event. Lugging the famous Pathology text they completed the storied trek to each Jefferson hospital affiliate, with Papuli handing off the book at Latrobe Hospital just before collapsing. Dr. Gonzalo E. Aponte, who usually presents the gold medal personally each year, refused to do so due to the disclosure that Fanconi failed to read the chapter on Infectious Diseases during the race.

Lecture Listening Marathon: Once again this event was dominated by the University of Pennsylvania. Second year med student T.H. Roat held out for a miraculous five-day

vigil. After breaking the world record, however, he immediately halted due to hallucinations. Roat felt he had an edge because he was a Muhlenberg undergrad and added that the event was especially difficult since the Physiology department supplied the lecturers.

Trillions for Health


by Doug Jenkins

President Carter today signed into law the National Health Insurance Bill. This law provides for unlimited free medical care for everybody in the United States. It is estimated that this program will cost \$2,200 billion, or about \$10,000 per person per year. The bill was rammed through Congress last week after it was discovered that almost 6% of the population of the United States doesn't bother to buy health insurance.

This Program is designed to streamline medical care by the construction of a new Medical Services Administration, which will hire approximately 10 million presently unemployed bureaucrats to oversee the work of the 350 thousand physicians in the United States. These 10 million public watchdogs, (at a total cost of \$300 billion per year) will hopefully prevent physician overcharges which may cost the public a total of as much as \$3 million per year.

At a news conference, the President expressed the belief that the new health care system would be "as humane as the IRS, as efficient as AMTRAK, as fast as the Post Office, and as friendly as the US Army."

In response to critics who claim that since the cost of the program is twice the GNP, the country will be bankrupted, Senator Kennedy said "we don't care whether or not the program works. We just want it to sound good."



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