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How to Clear the Boards

by George Coar

In a recent interview with the associate professor of the Jefferson School of Medicine, Mr. Jon Veloso stated that the procedure involves taking the final grade in Cell and Tissue, the final grade in Structure and Function, the grade in Spring Path, and the raw score in the Fall Path final, and by appropriately weighing each of these factors, a predicted figure is derived. When these figures are compared with the past performances on the Boards of students with similar academic profiles, a projection of the board score is made.

For the students with a projected board score which may be considered failure or borderline passing (approximately 420) have been asked to participate in a Self-Assessment Project, which consists of questions simulating those asked by the boards but constructed by the Jefferson faculty, from the various disciplines. These tests are taken on a computer. The answers are explained after the student gives his response.

What about students who are not projected to fail? Dr. Conella, Associate Dean, explains that “any student who at Jefferson has maintained grades of 75 or better in each discipline, not just an average of 75, who has no personal problems and spends an adequate amount of studying time, should not have problems passing the National Boards.” What is another studying requirement? Dean Conella feels that about ten days should be appropriate considering that up to this point the student is studying on a daily basis, accumulation of learning material, not just cramming for an exam. Dr. Conella stresses that students who score in the 68-75 range in their studies at Jefferson should have some apprehensions about taking the boards, as there is a distinct possibility that they could fail. Dr. Conella also stresses concern over students who seem to have a downward trend in their academic record. For example, a student receives an 80 in Biochem followed by a 76 in Structure & Function, and then proceeds to score 75 in spring Path and only has a raw score of 49 on the Fall Path final (mean of 60) is a discouraging sign.

An encouraging sign is a student who shows an improving performance, for example, 69 in Biochem, 74 in Structure & Function, 73 in Spring Path and a raw score of 65 in Fall Path. This student is apparently working through his academic difficulties. Do students not projected to be in danger of failing actually fail the boards? A good question. Dr. Conella claims these students usually have a problem other than academic ones as the reason. Examples are illness, family problems, or relationship problems.

Why such a high number of failures last year? One reason is that the academic records of last year’s class were lower than previous years. Curves were greater, and there was grade inflation. A second reason is that the curved, and not raw, scores were used as the pathology component in making projections. Dr. Conella also explained that 28 of the 32 students who sat for the boards passed, often increasing their scores by over 100 points.

If a student has apprehensions, what can he do? Students who are concerned about the National Boards are welcomed at the Office of Medical Education, which is located on the main floor of the College Building. Dr. Carter Zelenski is willing to help any student with questions he or she might have. He plans to conduct a two-session workshop in early March designed to acquaint students with procedures for taking the National Boards. Those interested should contact him at extension 8007. Also, the National Boards publishes an information booklet which gives the student some ideas of what to study.

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Four Week Blocks BLOCKED

The Faculty Curriculum Committee debated the four week vs. six week senior block issue for more than two hours at its January 26 meeting, before it voted down a motion on the floor that would have created 4 week blocks in the senior year. Because of the closeness of the vote, the FCC immediately passed a motion directing Dr. Conella to contact the departmental heads of all the clinical and basic sciences to ascertain their positions on this proposal and other possible compromise proposals. At the FCC meeting in February, Dr. Conella’s new data will be presented, after which the 4 week vs. 6 week senior block issue will be debated and voted on for the last time this academic year.

The motion that was defeated would have divided the senior year into nine four week blocks (presently there are six week blocks). The proposal permitted each of the five senior track programs (Family Medicine, Surgery, Growth and Development, Internal Medicine, Neurosciences, and Human Behavior) to require students to take three consecutive 4 week blocks within their major. This would permit the programs to maintain the 12 weeks of time presently spent in their clerkships. The motion suggested that the required basic science block (presently six weeks) be divided into three 4 week blocks.

On Thursday morning, Dr. Aponte was seen walking a cart with metal desk on it down Sixth Street near Walnut and then proceeded to a gravel of a place nearby where he was witnessed by a group of students. Dr. Aponte discharged himself and went home. When
Superman Soars
But Pumpkin Rots

by Richard Telovitch

When Superman first began to interpret his world through an artistic medium, he necessarily spawned a symbiotic relationship with those who judged his work. The role of the critic as public evaluator has been casually dismissed at best, and severely maligned in less pacific times. In 1771, Alexander Pope wrote his searing Essay on Criticism which captured the respect of his colleagues and the enduring respect of certain critics with lines like: "Some have at first for wits their poets passed/turned critics next...proved plain fools at last.

Even today many artists are themselves involved in writing criticism and vice versa. Book reviews are regularly written by struggling or successful novelists. The same is true to a lesser degree for other artistic and motion pictures.

By their economic magnitude and widespread appeal, movies seem to receive the most attention. When a few people in the industry mingle with critics, the involvement often smacks of self-interest. Witness Time magazine's three page hoonara on Close Encounters, the third kind last year. While superlatives flourished, the readers were kept at a distance concerning Time's investment in the film and percentage of the profits. Recently, the makers of "Superman" offered a bit to Rex Reed. His four-star rating now graces every advertisement for the picture from coast to coast.

The influence of a critic cannot be underestimated. In his heyday as New York Times theater critic, Elia Kazan could virtually close a show overnight with a negative review. According to Rolling Stone music editor Dave Marsh, "We speak, turntables shut off, and the rock world listens. And everyone reads reviews." This film critic's critic, Pauline Kael of the New Yorker, it must be remembered, that professional critics are extensively educated, thoroughly knowledgeable spokesmen who possess a solid data base from which to draw their inference and conclusions. Others can only be regarded as highly opinionated amateurs, embodying enough ego to succeed in publishing their viewpoints.

Which leads me unqualifyingly but without hesitation into a review of "Superman," the movie. Like last year's "Star Wars," this is ample tribute to the advancement of Hollywood technology. The plot appears to be lifted from several of the comic books, and the characterizations follow suit. The special effects, however, are uniquely stunning, especially the opening scene on Krypton, Superman's home.

Marlon Brando and Gene Hackman provide their spoken roles to impress a wide audience, and unknown Christopher Reeves delivers a performance far exceeding public expectations. The soundtrack soars with Superman themes throughout, and the result is two and one-half hours of sheer comic book fun coupled with visual and acoustic delight.

You can count on more of these splashy extravaganzas in the future. The sequel was filmed along with the original: good for a million dollar combined prestige. A word of caution to the guys: if the price of admission is $4.00, your date will undoubtedly be gadgeted to give Superman, and you most likely will be asked to fly her home.

Next up is "Halloween," a perverse low-budget picture that concentrates on scaring you silly in the hope that you won't recognize its inconsistencies. The story involves a six year old boy who fatally knifes his sister on Halloween. A psychiatrist who has been locked up for fifteen years, he escapes on the day before Halloween and returns to his hometown with more than trick or treating on his mind. Donald Sutherland is the psychiatrist who rambles through the film claiming he has seen his recent patient, lacking behind the boy's eyes in quiet anticipation of this night.

There are some frightening moments but the movie is hardly suspenseful. This credit should be given to a superbly suspenseful soundtrack which sustains the tension during much of a film that lacks substance and credibility. There is a few horrific scene where the killer disposes of the boyfriend downstairs, does a white sheet and returns to the bedroom. The pretty young thing in bed, thinking him to be her boyfriend, begins the noisy exhibition of her son that really gets the killer's pumpkin glowing. Alas, her burlesque career is considerably shortened.

The ending is only slightly less bizarre and conveniently leaves open the possibility of a sequel to fill our October nights with screams of fright.

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ETHANOLICS

by Mark Rubin

Maintaining an objective view while writing about the success of a movie is not easy, so please bear with me.

February marks the four month anniversary of the newly resurrected Jefferson Ethical Society. Despite the overwhelming response to date, the society can look forward to another four months of existence in the future. Each of the three meetings held since November has been attended by over one hundred students and faculty. It is with great pride that the society boasts of over 80 dues paying members.

Why has the society done so well and achieved such lofty goals? It may well be due to the famous "home-grown talent" which has addressed the meetings, i.e. Dr. Brent, Vogel, and last but not least, Bluemle. Others attribute the success to the stimulating ethical issues presented, and the occasionally heated debates that they invoke. I prefer to think of these reasons as contributory factors, with the major reason for success being the ethical sound ethical coverage I've given the society. Whatever the reason, the society has fared very well.

For those of you who have managed to maintain our ignorance of the society's existence, I'll give you a brief precis. The Ethical Society is a group of students and faculty who get together once a month to discuss an ethical problem. It is a necessary part of the university curriculum and the students are encouraged to attend.

The society's goal is to discuss an ethical issue, and the possibility of group discussion by a famed speaker followed by discussions and are encouraged to drink heavily so they will be more inclined to reveal their true feelings. Under the guidance of the society's ethical problem, it is one that many of us will have to face in the future.

The society tries to give everyone the opportunity to get as much out of a meeting as they want. So whether you come to have free drinks, socialize with friends and colleagues, or discuss ethics, the Jefferson Ethical Society welcomes you with open arms. We hope to see you February 16 when Dr. Luid Jackson will be the featured speaker.

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WANTED:

LITERATI

by Richard Telovitch

AEROS, the Jefferson literary magazine, is extending its deadline to March 1, with a projected issue for the first week of May. All forms of original creative works are eligible for publication. Submissions for that issue should be submitted by March 1. All Jefferson affiliated writers are encouraged to contribute to the magazine. AEROS's response has been fairly good with the notable exception of the freshman and junior college. Surely the Case of 82 must house some literatis capable of grading the pages of AEROS. It would be disheartening not to have the class represented because of apathy as opposed to lack of talent.

If there are any questions or material to be submitted, please contact Andrea Jordan (Box 843) or Richard Telovitch (Box 845).

Fat For Fuel

Two University of Illinois researchers reported that Americans are overweight by 2.3 billion pounds. They calculated that if all men and women and 60 million men to lose weight. If these were at the relatively small amount of 0.3 billion gallons of gasoline would be the total energy saving keeping this weight off could supply was four major U.S. cities with electricity.
WHAT'S HAPPENING

by George Cost

... Tests at Chicago Medical School have shown D-
phenylalanine (DPA) to be an effective pain killer by in-
hibiting one of the enzymes responsible for destroying
the opiate-like enkephalins. Patients suffering from dis-
order of the muscule in inflammation, crippling arth-
ritis, and low-back pain re-
ported a dramatic decrease in pain less than two weeks after un-
dergoing procedures such as surgery, acupuncture, or use
of strong analgesics. Tests showed freedom from pain for up to 30 days after ter-
nating DPA treatment.

A Louisiana Federal Appeals Court has over-
turned a ruling of the Occupa-
tional Safety and Health Administra-
tion (OSHA) limiting occupational ex-
posure to benzene to one part per million over an eight-hour work day and
forbidding skin contact with benzene containing more than 0.5% benzene by volume. The court's reason-
ing was that the OSHA failed to determine the cost/bene-
fit relationship of its ruling.

"In the winner's corner with complex carbohydrates" by Candace Arthur and
Paul Cifermo indicates that eating complex carbo-
hydrates found in vegetables, beans, and foods such as pasta, rice, and bread instead of
excess fat and sugar can aid in prevent-
and be used in treating

America has invented sev-
eral new devices for aiding the handicapped. For
the hand of hearing, there is a transistor radio that amplifies
radio, television, and movies, in addition to a
special blinking toy which encourages deaf youngsters
to communicate. For the blind, a beeping baseball and other
such sporting equipment have been a product of their
research. But the most amazing product could be a "call-phone" for
an immobilized person which is
programmed with fre-
quently dialed numbers. A
specific two-second sound by the
receiver causes it to stop at
a chosen number.

... A 23 pound Pocket Bi-
cycle has been patented by
two Newton, Mass.; inven-
tors. This three-speed collapsible touring bike has
no hinge, but is instead, like a suspension bridge, de-
signed with struts and cables that form a diamond around
a collapsible seat post and the main frame tube.

Over 100 people have filled a $5 billion class ac-
tion suit on behalf of all con-
sumers against Firestone Tire andRubber Company. These
plaintiffs claim that Firestone knowingly failed to correct
defects including tread separation and chunking, steel-belt separation or shift-
ing, sides of "blades," head
distortion, and out-of-round conditions.

... Telephone Pioneers of

CAHS News

by Roslyn Taylor

The College of Allied Health Sciences Student
Advisory Committee, the
college's government
mechanism for all Programs
within the College, has
resumed its regular schedule
of meetings for the 1979-80
academic year.

At the January 24 meeting
of the SAC, the Reverend
Leon Sullivan was named as the
probable keynote speaker
on Wednesday April 16. Col-
lege of Allied Health
Sciences student
Taylor was again discussed
and Roslyn Taylor (Baccala-
ureate Nursing) is now act-
ing as liaison with the
SAC staff. Dean Abrams
reported on the subject of snow days for
the College and said that
the decision to cancel classes
due to snow in inclement weather will be made ac-
cording to the policy of each
department, since the Col-
lege as a whole cannot have its own snow number.

... Andy Aker (Cyrotechnol-
ogy), the new chairman of the
College Social Sub-com-
mittee, reported plans for the
College of Allied Health
Sciences second Annual Winter Social to be held Friday
February 16. This will be a
free semi-formal occasion
with buffet dinner and D.J. for the
College students, guest and
teachers. The Student Hand-
book Sub-committee sub-
mitted a detailed table of
content for the proposed
handbook, to be approved
during the spring.

... A detailed tabulation of
prices for the proposed
handbook, to be approved
by the Alumni Relations Sub-committee.

... Other issues discussed
were College of Allied Health
Sciences participation in
intramural sports and the
possibility of offering tro-
phies; SAC participation in
the interviewing process for
a new Director of Student
Affairs and Services, and in-
crease in tuition next year for
which no definite figures are
yet available; SAC continuing
representation on the
Commons Board, and ticket
allocation for commencement.

The next SAC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday,
February 19 at 12 noon, in
M-25 Jefferson Alumni Hall. All
are invited to attend.

More On
The Boards

(Continued from page 1)
who work hard and have been successful at Jefferson should just continue to work
hard and they should have no
problems. Those students whose academic profiles are lower need to be concerned
and 'can possibly benefit from counseling concerning
their effort for the boards.
Research or Teaching? Students vs. Test Tubes

by Steve Levine

Why are so many medical schools "teaching" across the country part-time teachers and full-time researchers? Why is the young basic science professor encouraged to "forget teaching for a while and establish himself (as) a researcher? Why is the chairman who is interested in medical research encouraged to "forget teaching for a while and establish himself (as) a chairman who is interested in medical getting a certain residency increase by taking an elective course? Why is the young basic science professor encouraged to "forget teaching for a while and establish himself (as) a researcher" and to propose that the level of these elective courses be used as primary guides in the determination of the professional growth of the Jefferson faculty.

I realize that a researcher who is bringing in a large grant, provides both an "overhead percentage" to the school and a portion of his own salary through that grant; I also understand that the great importance of medical research and the necessity, is a waste of tuition dollars to provide both an educational benefit and a research "can bring to the field of medicine, his research and the prestige and acclaim that "good research" can bring to the researcher, his school, and the department. Being as these factors make as much contribution to the educational end as the research, I certainly am not advocating the abolishment of research in medical schools.

I propose a compromise instead, a compromise whereby we may attempt to combine the motivating and dynamic lecturer with the scholarly and diligent researcher.

To achieve these ends, I submit the following four proposals to the department heads and administrators here at Jefferson:

1. All, when hiring a new faculty member, attempts should be made to attract people who are interested in and capable of teaching as well as performing research. This is of particular importance to the department head. Being as his influence will be instrumental in the hiring of faculty members, a chairman who is interested in medical education will find it more difficult to find other faculty members with similar ideas.

2. Secondly, when choosing various faculty members to teach, one must be careful to choose a faculty member whose teaching style is well developed and whose desire to teach is high. While one or two hours of poor instruction is an often unavoidable fact of life in the instruction, it is still less than perfect education from a less than competent professor can be disastrous to the instructor and the student.

3. Thirdly, I propose (1) that student reviews and opinions of the lecturer be used as primary guides in the determination of the strengths and weaknesses of a particular instructor in the lecturer hall; while students may be unable to judge the quality of the content of lectures without further study, they are certainly the best judges of whether a lecturer is getting his points across.

Finally, to encourage teachers to be actively improving their teaching skills, why not propose that the effectiveness of these abilities be given increased consideration in the determination of faculty promotions. With such an economic driving force at their backs, poor lecturers might begin to work harder when preparing their presentations; they might try to dis- cover and correct their weak points; they might find some motivation to teach better when facing some relatively new or revised material and boring and confusing material.

What would be the results of the implementation of such suggestions? First and foremost, the quality of educational material received here at Jefferson would increase dramatically, without a substantial decrease in the quality or quantity of medical knowledge that the students would be taught. Every lecturer, the lecture, and the material presented, (thus making it easier for him to learn) but also, the professor might begin to enjoy his teaching duties, at least in part, since the students would be able to judge the quality of their teaching and the department heads would be contributing to the overall professional growth of the Jefferson faculty.

By Risus Sardonius

(AKA John Radomski)

Ariel, February 5, 1979
Four Week Blocks

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If only two departments were adamant in their opposition, who would be the winners in this week's poll? The answer is that the clinical departments who would have lived with the change were not willing to fight for it. Preferring the status quo, they voted against it.

Is there any hope? Yes, one final vote on this issue is scheduled for late February. The motion has a chance of winning if the clinical departments can be convinced to fight for the students.

No one on the Faculty Curriculum Committee has argued against Allen's plan to take two basic science blocks in their senior year. Few have contended that it would be harmful for students, but the. . .

February 5, 1979

AMS'Ambles On

Last fall found AMSA very active organization among Jefferson. Three seminars were developed for students, and one regional workshop in New York City head the list of activities. Student members and non-members alike current on issues of interest to medical students.

The Survival Seminar last September featured a panel of speakers with a wide variety of experiences at Jefferson. Married students, women medical students, and non-student Program students were among those given the opportunity to discuss the psychology of stress. Dr. Rupp discussed the physiology of stress, Dr. Muzik spooked on the use of hypnosis in the prevention of ulcers in burn patients. It is believed that burn patients frequently develop ulcers due to the stress inherent in their convalescence. Dr. Amar spoke on biofeedback and autogenic relaxation. Dr. Beren- tini discussed Yoga and meditation.

In November there was a Business Seminar featuring the Mutual Association for Professional Services and Price Waterhouse Inc., an accounting firm. The representatives of these organizations encouraged students to discuss their status quo. They mentioned the benefits of flexibility and responsibility in their academic careers.

Commons Calendar

Feb. 5, Mon. 6PM Diplomat Nursing Basketball, (Roxborough), Memorial Hall, Fairmont Park

Feb. 7, Wed. 1 PM University Hour "Joe and Penny Aromen - Folk Songs and Humor" Thomas Eakin Lounge (Social Lounge), Jeff Hall

Feb. 9, Fri. 9PM-12AM T.G. Party cafeteria. Guest passes and I.D.'s required. Pick up guest passes from receptionist, Jeff Hall no later than 4:00 PM Friday.

Feb. 14, Wed. 1PM University House, "James Shear - Vice President of Temple University." Author of "Jogging" will discuss "Running for your Life" Room 139 Jeff Hall.

Feb. 15, Thurs. 7PM Diploma Nursing Basketball (Lankenau) Episcopat Academy

Feb. 18, Sun. 3PM Cushion concert, PCPA Jazz Elsayne, cafeteria center, Jeff Hall, $1.00 commons members and students and $2.00 guests.

Feb. 21, Wed. 1PM University House, Dr. Eugene Garfield, Director of the Institute for Scientific Information, Solis Cohen.

Feb. 23, Fri. 7PM and 9PM. Comedy film "Never Give Sucker an Even Break" Solis Cohen, Jeff Hall.

Feb. 26, Mon. 6PM Diploma Nursing Basketball, (Boy Maw), Memorial Hall, Fairmont Park

Feb. 27, Tues. 113AM-2PM, Mardi Grass luncheon, Jeff Hall, Cafeteria

Feb. 28, Wed. 1PM University House, Dr. Leon Peri and Dr. Benjamin Kendall, Jeff faculty will discuss "Living and Scuba Diving," RM 139, Jeff Hall.

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RELATIONSHIPS

by Robert L. Brent

There are certain ingredients that are essential for optimum interpersonal relationships. Although it may seem apparent that students can more readily learn from someone that they respect and like, you may wonder how important it is for the teacher to respect and like the student. In the 1950's Carl Rogers published a "most cited" paper in the medical literature which stated that psychotherapy was doomed to failure, if the therapist disliked his patient. In other words, an optimal environment for successful therapy, is for the therapist to have significant affection and compassion for his patient. One may wonder whether this relationship is important in other non-intimate interactions. Most one-to-one educational interactions are more successful if there is warmth and affection - the more the better, the investigator and the graduate student. Learning and teaching can improve in the absence of warmth and affection, but the program is more painful and less rewarding.

When I first came to Jefferson, I realized that faculty members would embarrass students during educational interactions in the belief, by some faculty members that students would remember these educational experiences. I think they remember the pain, but not the facts or concepts.

In the Department of Pediatrics we emphasize that ridicule is an inappropriate educational technique. In fact we approach each new teacher interested in Pediatrics with the hope for a positive interaction and a successful educational relationship. Most faculty members in clinical departments were once medical students, and they understand natural empathy and identification with them. Furthermore, since most faculty members are physicians the clinical faculty tends to respect the medical profession, although they may be quite critical of certain aspects of medicine.

When a faculty member becomes "extremely critical" of certain aspects of medicine or medical education it may interfere with his ability to be an effective teacher. It is important for students to perceive prejudices among the faculty because it will allow the students to identify and isolate the scholarly interaction from the personal interaction.

What are some of the prejudices of faculty members that may prevent them from having affection and respect for certain medical students and in rare instances, all medically?

There is an occasional faculty member who may not believe in the increasing number of women in medicine. Among the premedical sciences some students may rarely encounter a teacher who has a basic animosity toward physicians, and he feels they earn too much money or he has other negative stereotyped images. Even in the clinical years, negative experiences may occur such as the surgical faculty member who thinks less of a student because he is interested in psychiatry.

When a faculty member has subconscious prejudicial feelings toward a student, the educational interaction may not be optimal. Therefore, it is essential to recognize and deal with such prejudices. I feel I must tell the students that such prejudices are common. Carl Rogers said that a negative emotional relationship between psychotherapist and patient dooms the psychotherapeutic relationship - it need not doom the student-faculty relationship, since although the student is independent, he is not as vulnerable as a patient with psychiatric symptoms. A student must learn from all types of professionals.

As students leave the preclinical years they assume new responsibilities. Interpersonal relationships with basic science faculty are minimally related to the learning of the basic sciences and the assimilation of the facts presented in "Introduction to Clinical Medicine". During the last two years of medical school there is a gradual transition of the students' relationship with professional colleagues and teachers. Some students thrive in this new environment and others become the recipient of ridicule that they never had before. Besides continuing to learn medical facts, history taking, physical examination, technical procedures and writing differential diagnoses, the future physician must become a student of interpersonal relationships. Students will begin to recognize whether they have an affection for all people or whether they are having difficulties with nurses, social workers and even some patients.

A student has the opportunity and responsibility to analyze his own interpersonal interactions and the interpersonal interactions of all other professionals - doctor-patient, doctor-nurse, doctor-resident, doctor-technician, nurse-nurse and many others. Does a student ever ask himself, "How will I deal with patients", or "With all the professionals at a hospital"? A perceptive student should analyze all interpersonal difficulties that are observed during the process of patient care. Working effectively with other health professionals is an essential ingredient in the delivery of quality health care. If one ignores the responsibility of learning about one's self, the student is missing the opportunity to participate in one of the most important maturing processes of clinical education.

I would suggest that any student that has concerns about his or her ability to deal with patients or health professionals, ought to speak with his student advisor or a clinical faculty member of his choice. There is no more maturing educational process than active, conscious, participation in the interpersonal interactions involved in becoming a health care professional. This is best accomplished by critically analyzing one's own interaction, but students can begin by critically observing the various interpersonal relationships in the health care field.

As a student of medicine you have the responsibility of continuing your scholarship for the rest of your life. Because interpersonal relationships are so important in clinical medicine you have a second and more important responsibility and that is to be a critical observer of interpersonal relationships, including your own. Utilize your time in medical school to work on this facet of your clinical competence, because this will be the only time when you can do this without the full burden of clinical responsibility.

AMSAs Keeps On Ambling

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Political and Social Perception of Illness and What Can Be Done. There were sixty participants from local medical schools and from as far away as New Mexico. The program examined the way hospitals do and don't respond to community needs. This was done on the local level with the help of State Representative David P. Richardson and on an international level with Dr. Walter Lear, who discussed the nature of health care in a capitalist society.

In February there will be a Public Health Seminar for people on National Health Service Corps Scholarships. The program will be explained by people from the Public Health Service, and students and graduates of the program. The options available to the graduate will be given special attention.

Also, on February 6, David Reed will be giving a slide show on his recent trip to Red China. A recent graduate of Jefferson, Dr. Reed is a former national treasurer of AMSA and North American representative to the International Federation of Students Medical Associations. The program will take place at the Medical College of Pennsylvania at 7:30 PM. Immediately after the presentation, there will be a meeting to organize a local AMSA coop for books and medical supplies.

The culmination of this year's AMSA activity will take place in Denver, Colorado on March 21-25. Every local AMSA chapter will be sending delegates to the convention. There will be displays by manufacturers, health concerns, health systems, pharmaceutical companies, and medical equipment companies. There will also be seminars on health-related topical topics and a meeting of the House of Delegates. This body consists of two representatives from every medical school. It sets internal policy, discusses social issues, and passes resolutions.

In addition to special events, AMSA constantly provides valuable ongoing services to its members. From medical equipment insurance to informative publications, AMSA remains a chief guardian of the medical student's interests.

Nurses B-ball

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Episcopal Academy is the site for Thursday's matches. A free bus leaves for all games from 11th and Walnut.

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LORDS OF THE BOARDS

by Vincent Viscomi

Washington's recent victory over Penn comes Jefferson's most popular intramural sport- basketball. The defeat of this record 29 teams entered the race for the "A" and "B" league championships.

While the "A" league features competition between seniors, sophomores, and juniors, the "B" league offers the part-time basketball player plenty of excitement and an intense athletic atmosphere. The teams to watch for this season are Kim Carpenter's PHI ALPHA SIGMA squad, BACKROW II, but true and Function George Rohrbock's AKT team, and the Senior All-Stars captained by Steve Cherry.

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Sick, Julius Guarino and this reporter. The laughter generated by this scene has kept the reporter smiling for the last three weeks. When asked about the 10th street flashed "It was fun, but please don't tell anyone about this,"

Third, Emily Woford, our former Editor-in-Chief flew to New York last week in order to get a first hand interview with Dr. Shea. Un¬
fortunately, when Dr. Shea flew back to the U.S. before Christmas and is recu-
perating after a broken leg, for us, however, we only gave Emily a one-way ticket.

Fourth, the Sophmore class last week and told the assembled students that they were not in danger of flunk-

National Boards. Part 1 is an introduction to the situation. In the first two articles Dr. Mackowiak also

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by wear on a book of normal values: He Was There! (of course I don't have any idea why he didn't get home until 13:30 that night or who the blonde and brunette were that he left with.)

students who were interviewed at Jefferson last month will not be attending Jefferson next year. Apparently, during the after-

room tours these 15 potential students were paraded through Solis-Cohen audi-

Imagine the scene - 32 (I counted them) students scattered around the bull lecture hall as though afraid to be recognized by their neigh-

Now - enter these 15 students. What do they see? 31 bleak and bleary eyed Sophmore students crazing their necks to gawk at these three-piece suited hopefuls.
The bull didn't turn around, but kept on writing down the words which were emanating from the darkness where it was presumed Dr. Shea was. Of the 15 students, one was heard over to say: "7,000 dollars a year; they have go to be kidding!"

Lastly, this reporter is not going to flunk Micro. Dr. Mandell promises this in exchange for getting his name mentioned in the paper. Like we said at the beginning of this article - no news is good news.

CALL FOR STORIES: If you know of anything which did not happen exactly as men-
cen tally, then you are just the person we need to write for the A.R.I.E.L. We'll mold raw talent into seasoned re-
porters overnight or any other change you might be more convenient. If you are interested - or just attractive - drop us a line. We's

"The Jefferson Campus"
Hooper Bring It Down

The team includes a 1st
year resident in orthopedics,
Fred Dalzell, a senior, Bob
Glick, four juniors, Tom Ga-
biak, Bill Patzak, Jim
Spiegel, and Paul Kearney,
four sophomores, Mike
Rommer, Warren
Ventriglia, and Jon Adams,
and 3 freshmen, Steve Pear-
son, Dave Tenn, and Rob
Pathoff. Paul Stander, a
junior, is coach.

Last year's squad made it
to the playoffs, this year's
group ought to do the same.
So far the team has one earn-
ed victory over Temple Law,
one point loss to Hahn-
emann, and a win by forfeit
over Temple Med. The team
is especially strong at out-
side shooting and defense.
The defense especially tries
to flush out in a visible way
the school colors of black
and blue, and frequently
even members of visiting
teams end up wearing our
colors before a game is
thoroughly played. For this
there is little appreciation.

The games start at 7:00
P.M. every Friday, the
schedule follows the school
Saturdays.

NURSES
LAY IT UP

by Jon Adams

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NURSES
LAY IT UP

by Joyce Freidel

Jefferson's student nurses
are on the road to another
winning season. Their
success formula is the return
of the starting five, led by
senior co-captains Kathy
Alcyo, Maureen Dietzies
and Jeannie Humphreyville
plus seniors, Sue Bergland
and male co-captain, Matt
Dietz. The team is under
the direction of veteran
coach Hierch Kabin.

Jefferson is currently rated
two in the league with a
record of 6-1. The only loss
suffered has been against
Lankenau, Jeff hopes to
enhance its ranking with a
victory over Lankenau on
February 15th. The team is
anticipating a good turnout
of spectators from the entire
university for the match with
Lankenau.

There are two games in
the official season which
began in November and ends
in March. In addition to the
starting team members there
is Sue Albrecht, Irene Foley,
Michelle Langley, Kathy
McAndrew, Diane
Aleskewica, Sandy Smith,
Helene Stair and Diane
Wolvin.

Fans are welcome to all
games. Monday games are
held at Memorial Hall and
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by Eli Saleebey

Now you can have your
squad and eat it too. The
Commons Committee has
recently approved a plan
whereby anyone affiliated
with Thomas Jefferson Uni-
versity as either a student,
faculty member or em-
ployee, may play squash at
Squashboxon, a squash club
franchise, on Massachusetts
Square. The agreement
allows Jeff people free
time from 8:00-11:15 A.M.,
1:30-4:15 P.M. and 9:30-
11:00 P.M. on Monday
through Thursday, Friday
times are similar except even-
ing play is from 7:30-
9:30 P.M. Weekend court
time is from 4:00-6:00 P.M.
Those interested in playing
must obtain a Jeff Squash
Club I.D. card from Brenda
Peterson, in the Commons
Office. Cards are available
for $10 for Commons mem-
bers (which includes all stu-
dents) and $20 for non-
Commons members. This
card along with a Jeff I.D.
must be shown at Squash-
boxon. Reservations are
required and may be made
to the court manager or in
advance for evening times.

Many thanks to John Smith
II, Wendi Zaharko and Eli
Saleebey for their efforts in
the negotiations between
Commons and Squashboxon.

As for eating squash, walk
down to the Italian market
and select.

ZUCCHINI

by Mark Repka

Despite many rumors that
it would never happen, the
1979 version of intramural
floor hockey has begun. Not
wanting a repeat of the chaos
of last year, the six team
captains met with league
organizer, Mark Repka, to
work out new rules and regu-
lations. It is hoped that with
better organization and con-
control an entire season can
be completed without mul-
tiple reschedulings and
more importantly without any
serious injuries. Quicker
whistles, strict enforcement
of the high sticking rule and
fewer chances for make up
games should go a long way
towards accomplishing these
goals.

In early action this season,
strong goaltending by After-
noon Delight's Bob Bartos
and Backrow's Rich Heckert
keyed their teams to 2-0
starts. Both are independent
 Accomplished teams composed of players
with prior floor hockey
experience. Phi Alpha opened
their season with a surprising
victory over AKK and are
currently in a second place
tie with Phi Chi at 1-1. Fresh-
man Steve Pearson, could be
an important figure for Phi
Alph. As for AKK, a pre-
season favorite with return-
ing regulators, Mike Kon-
hauer, Dave Fishman, Steve
Myrick and others, things
have not been going so well.
An 0-2 start here can be attri-
buted to an inability to put
the puck in the net. Scoring
problems have also plagued
Nu Sigma Nu, who have
been shut out in each of their
first two games. Nu Sig is
solid on defense with Vince
Viscomi and Mitch Rivitz,
but to be really competitive
they will have to come up
with a scorer. Phi Chi has
been a real mystery team this
year. Without having played
a game they are still in
second place. Maybe one of
these days Roy "Gump"
Maynard will get to prove
that he can indeed play goal.
Overall there is amazing
balance in the league this
year. This should make for a
very interesting and com-
petitive race for playoff
spots.