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## FUTURE SHOCK For Medical Funding

by John Smith, JMC '81

The following short and long term forecasts concerning medicine and medical education were made at the spring meeting of the Northeast Group on Student Affairs of the Association of American Medical Colleges. The prevailing attitude in Washington is that physicians are overpaid, rich and in oversupply (based on the recent Graduate Medical Education National Advisory Committee report.) Hence, there is no perceived need to subsidize the education of physicians. It is predicted that in the next five years we will see a) an elimination of all Federal capitation to medical schools, b) drastic reductions in financial aid to medical students, c) restriction of grants to only those schools which fulfill national priorities (e.g. high numbers of primary care physicians), and d) possibly grants to schools to encourage reductions in medical school class size. Many authorities fear that a significant number of medical schools, especially the newer ones, may close down under these financial pressures.

Long range forecasts for the next 25-50 years see the development of medicine from a "Mom and Pop" operation to a full fledged medical industry. In the past 100 years, medicine enjoyed tremendous growth. In the last 50 years Americans

enjoyed a great increase in their disposable income, an increasing portion of which went to upgrade their health care. The government subsidized health care to the poor and the elderly with the Medicaid and Medicare programs. American industry contributed to the growth of the "medical industry" by doubling the health care benefits provided to their employees every 5 years since 1950.

The trend in the future will be to shift to a free market orientation in the medical industry. Subsidies will be given to the consumers instead of the providers, perhaps in the form of "health stamps". This means the poor and elderly will be able to choose among more options and that medicine will be in more direct competition with chiropractors, optometrists, and fringe groups.

Because of the predicted continued growth in the U.S. economy and an increased share of income being spent on health care, demand for health care will be high. American industry, which will provide increases in their health care benefits, will become a more knowledgeable consumer. Third party payers will become increasingly sophisticated also, putting pressure on the medical industry to eliminate waste and inefficiency, increase the cost/benefit ratio, increase productivity, and improve

accounting of fees. In other words, there will be a shift from individuals and small groups as the providers of health care to medical corporations as the providers.

This corporate structure of medicine will create a demand for physicians in highly placed management positions. The third party payers and American industry will "shop around" among the corporate health care providers and the local hospitals to obtain the best quality care for the least

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## Peusner & Cohn Receive Lindback Award



The Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching was presented to: Kenna D. Peusner, B.S., Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Anatomy, for Basic Sciences; Herbert E. Cohn, B.S., M.D., Professor of Surgery, for Clinical Sciences.

## "Arsenic" Laced with Talent

by David Polin, JMC '84

Last month, some Jefferson students displayed their dramatic talent in the Commons production of "Arsenic and Old Lace." It was a great success.

The play, directed by Tim Heilmann (JMC '83), starred Deedee Crilly (JMC '82) and Marie Mullen (Dental Hygiene '82) as Abby and Martha Brewster, two elderly sisters, who live together in a Brooklyn house.

The action of the play takes place in the living room of the Brewster home during the early 1940's. The ladies have three nephews: Mortimer (Alex Macones - JMC '84), Jonathan (Steve Weiss - JMC '83) and Teddy (Ken Sunnergren - JMC '83).

Mortimer, a theatre critic, visits his Aunts' home to rendezvous with his fiancée, Elaine Harper (Carrie Hufnal - JMC '84).

Teddy, who lives with his aunts, thinks that he is Teddy Roosevelt. Periodically, he yells "Charge!" and runs up the staircase believing it to be San Juan Hill.

Thus when Mortimer discovers a body in the window box, he assumes that Teddy has become dangerous.

When he breaks the news to his aunts, they tell him that the body is theirs. He is to forget he saw it.

In the hilarious sequence that follows: Mortimer gets his aunts to explain what has happened.

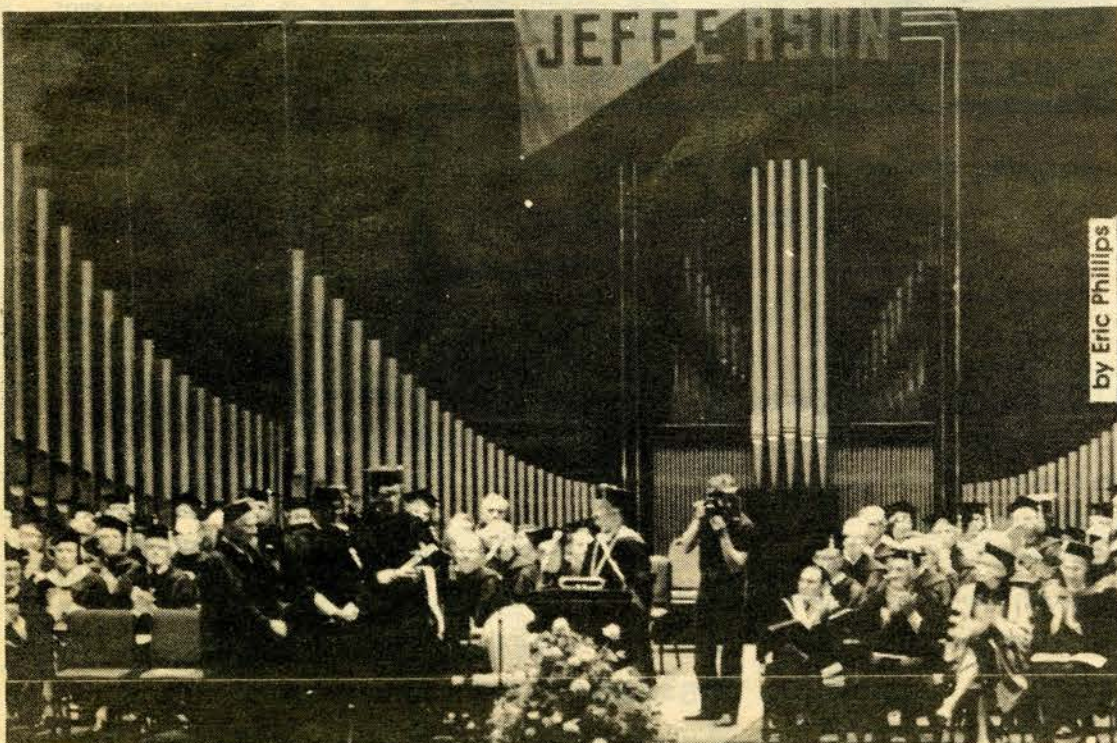
The ladies explain that they have advertised a room for rent. When an old man inquired about the room, the aunts would ask him if he was all alone in the world. If he was, they would offer him some elderberry wine.

The wine, which contained arsenic, strychnine and just a pinch of cyanide, worked quickly. The ladies would tell Teddy about the "new yellow fever victim." He would then take the body downstairs to bury it in the "Panama Canal." Mr. Hoskins, in the window box, was their twelfth such acquaintance.

Soon, the conflict is compounded when Jonathan, who is criminally insane, arrives with his sidekick, Dr. Herman Einstein (Ralph Marino - JMC '82). After Teddy has removed Mr. Hoskins from the window box, they resupply the box with their own murder victims.

Not only must Mortimer deal with the consequences of his family's deeds, he must also

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JUNE 5: COMMENCEMENT

ARIEL wishes the Class of 1981 Good Luck in Your Careers



# Students Find Follies Refreshing

by David Polin, JMC '84

"Anatomy lab, I nearly choked up and died,  
My eyes started tearing from formaldehyde.  
The head of the cadaver just rolled on to the floor;  
The legs got off the table and walked right out the door."

— Ron Leopold

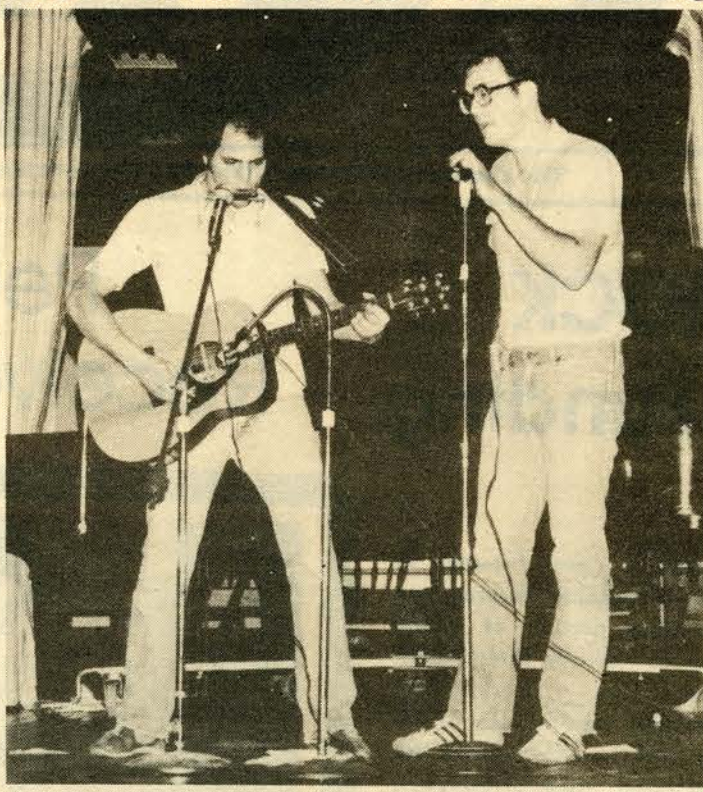
This was one of many first year experiences that students shared at the May 28th "Freshman Follies."

Directed by Ron Leopold and produced by Jean Lien, the Follies satirized the people and

things that touched our lives during our freshman year.

The opening skit centered around an orientation speech.

The scene featured Kevin Hardy, dressed in a combination of military and medical garb,



by Lois Leach

giving instructions to his first year cadets. The speech was rephrased from one given by the general in "Patton."

Next was a song entitled "It's Still A and P to Me," sung to the tune of Billy Joel's "It's Still Rock and Roll to Me." The lyrics were written by John Rhee and sung by Brock Bakewell, Barb Bartman, Rich Beers, Herb Cohen, Frank Colangelo and Evan Liu.

The Great Carnack visited us, in the form of Michael Schoen. Carnack demonstrated some of his famous inverted one-liners.

Two songs, including one entitled "Pancreatic Punk," were written and performed by Ron Leopold. They also featured Herb Cohen, Kevin Hardy, and Larry Herbert as back-up singers.

Mike Henrickson's excellent impression of Dr. Shea was featured in a sketch entitled "Exercise with Shea." The class included some vigorous thumb adduction exercises.

Brad Reynolds and Joel Silver demonstrated proliferation of highlighting to the point of spray paint usage in one of their two skits.

In a song entitled "Jefferson Jailhouse Blues," Reynolds, with Silver's accompaniment, delighted the crowd with his blues vocals. The two later switched to a country theme with



"Mamas Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up To be Doctors."

The news was presented by Colangelo, Bakewell and Leopold. It featured a "Point-Counterpoint" segment in which insults were exchanged between Pam Helleman and Larry Pastor.

Some members of Phi Alpha Sigma fraternity presented a sketch entitled "Beer Hunter." The participants played Russian Roulette by opening beer cans (one of which had been shaken) next to their heads. Each round represented a subject studied during the freshman year.

In a segment entitled "Wild Kingdom," Larry Pastor and Eric Phillips presented slides of their safari through the streets of Philadelphia. The slides featured Bob Meikle, as a bag person, demonstrating the "Meikle diverticulum."

An operetta entitled "The Perils of Pamela," was presented by Hardy and Henrickson. The operetta featured Pam Helleman as herself.

Other participants in the follies included Jay Duker, Terry Edwards, John Pedrotty and Marijo Zelinka. The MC's were Michelle Christie and Jean Lien. Jack Michalski played the piano accompaniment for all the songs, and Carmella Tellone ran the slides.

Congratulations to everyone involved. It was a very enjoyable evening of entertainment.

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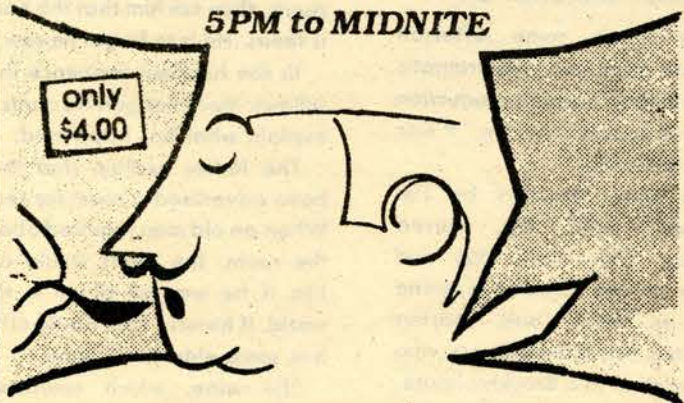
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**AN OPINION**

**"NUKE 'EM TIL THEY GLOW"**

by Larry Pastor, JMC '84

Generally cynical of world affairs, I am not inclined to be a political writer. So I'm not sure what finally assaulted my conscience enough to compel me to write about such matters. Perhaps it was Mr. Reagan's request for a Presidential yacht, inspiring nightmarish visions of the hard-working rank and file queueing up along the Potomac to catch a glimpse of the president reclining in luxury, as he drifts downstream. Or perhaps it was the administration's nay vote in the World Health Organization's recent resolution to discourage the sale of baby bottle formulas in third world nations (ironic, considering Mr. Reagan's pro-family campaign platform). But more likely, it was a statement in the Sunday Inquirer that most irked me. In his address to the graduating class of '81 at West Point Military Academy, Mr. Reagan cited the current agreement in congress regarding increased military spending, saying, "The argument, if there is any, will be over which weapons (to purchase), not whether we should forsake weapons for treaties and agreements."

Perhaps I am either naive or excessively idealistic, but it seems to me that treaties and agreements between nations would be far more effective and economical deterrents to war than if every nation were to spend its tax revenues by arming itself to the proverbial teeth. One shudders to carry such pseudo-logic to its apocalyptic conclusion.

The justification of a government lies in its ability to provide support for the basic needs of its people. Through proposed cuts in funding for education, social security, food stamps, the arts, urban redevelopment programs (UDAG and EDA), and other social programs, Mr. Reagan has failed to meet the basic needs of the young, the old, the poor, the minorities. With the cooperation of a largely herd-like congress, the admini-

stration is carrying out a program of perverted priorities; more money for war, less for peace; more for the rich, less for the poor and middle-income.

The young need a fair chance for higher education, the elderly deserve a comfortable retirement after a lifetime of toil, the hungry need food and programs for self-help, all so very much more than the oceans need another Trident submarine, or the Earth another MX missile. If the technology and money that go into planning a new tank or warship were to go toward providing a system of mass transit, an efficient solar energy conversion device, or a way to prevent disease, the lives of every person in this country would be enhanced. We could all be living in great prosperity, but the tanks and missiles do not heat our homes, take us efficiently to work, cure us of disease, clothe the poor, or feed the hungry.

I never suspected that "truly needy" could be synonymous with "armed forces"! In shifting government spending away from meeting the basic needs of the American people and toward machines of destruction, Mr. Reagan only succeeds in making this country ever more similar to the country he pathologically fears and hates: the Soviet Union.

As far as bigger and better nuclear missiles go, an entire

planet ought not be held hostage to the small-penis phobia of its leaders!

For now, our nation will recover from the damage inflicted by politicians who think in narrow and anachronistic ways. But eventually, we must be sophisticated enough to select political leaders capable of ushering in a more enlightened and convivial future.

**AMWA REVITALIZED**

by Diedre Collins, JMC '84

The revitalized TJU chapter of the American Medical Women's Association sponsored an experiential workshop in "Basic Trust and Intimacy" last month in Barringer Lounge.

The workshop was led by Judie Strauss, a PhD. candidate and instructor in psychology at Temple University. Students who attended participated in relaxation exercises, role playing, and one-on-one interviewing geared to improve communication skills and understanding. Ms. Strauss will be coming to Jefferson next fall to work with burn and cancer patients, using hypnotherapy in their treatment.

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events and being on the committee this past year, I'd like to thank Saul for all the work that he's put in. He's created a committee which will (if enough people participate) remain active in generating fresh, new ideas that continue to make Commons events exciting and interesting.

**AMWA SPONSORS A CHAMPAGNE TOAST**

AMWA invites all members of the Class of 1984 to share in the celebration of our last day as Freshmen.

Champagne will be served in Barringer Lounge, June 18th, at Noon.

BRING YOUR GLASS!

Jefferson's AMWA chapter, the '61 Society, was reorganized in early spring by an executive board from the Class of 1984. The society is geared to benefit women medical students at TJU — to act as a support group and a voice for the concerns of women in the University.

Programs sponsored this year have included a welcome dinner for the class of '84, a talk by Cynthia Cook, M.D. on unnecessary surgery, and a seminar given by junior women on choosing rotations in the junior year. A champagne party is being planned for June 18th to celebrate completion of the 1980-81 academic year at TJU.

Bring your champagne glass! Several activities are being planned for next year. In the fall AMWA will sponsor a program celebrating the twentieth anniversary of the admission of women to the medical school. The event will provide a welcome for the class of 1985, a chance to meet with some of the first women graduates, and talks given by several women well known in their fields.

If you have any ideas for this or any other programs, or if you want to learn more about AMWA, contact Claudia Berman, Chris Ellis, Laurie Markowitz, or Deirdre Collins. All are welcome to join!

**Future Shock**

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cost. Medical school teaching hospitals will be forced into this competition and might well lose out because of the added costs of education, tertiary care, charity care, and research. It is predicted that the teaching hospitals will have to use better accounting practices, itemizing the proportion of the fee going to their added costs.

In summary, funding from the government for medical education will drastically decrease. Income from the medical practice plan that most medical schools have will probably not be able to make

up the difference. This is because the academic centers will be in competition with corporate health care providers and will most likely lose out because of their added costs.

Where will the money come from for medical education if not from the government or the academic practice plan? The answer, shocking to most educators, is that it very well may come from the corporate health care providers (large HMO's or Independent Practice Associations, the Prudentials, the Kaiser Permanentes)! Until this new source of funding is secured, medical education will undergo a transition period marked by diminishing funds and frugality.

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## Student Involvement In Decision-Making

### Black & Blue Ball Date Questioned

April 13, 1981

Dear Editors,

As a faculty member of Jefferson Medical College, I would like to discuss with you a matter which has plagued many of your fellow students and faculty members herein. Although at first it may seem insignificant, it truly is not. The issue about which I am speaking is the timing for the Annual Black and Blue Ball.

Many of us have been staunch supporters of this event, both financially and in our presence there, for many years. This year, however, an unrecognized conflict has arisen which apparently the planners took no cognizance of. The Annual Black and Blue Ball is scheduled for the evening of Saturday, April 25, 1981 at the Bellevue Stratford. This normally auspicious event is set this year for a date which coincides with the seventh day of Passover on the Jewish calendar, during which time specific strict dietary laws are observed and solemn rituals are obeyed. For the large number of Jewish students and faculty observant of this occasion, it would be sacrilegious to attend the Ball. It seems to me that the planners of the event cannot possibly ignore this now just as they have been aware of it in the past; can they afford to make such an "oversight?"

The President for the occasion, Eli Saleeby, made a speech on the behalf of the Ball at the March 26, 1981 meeting of the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association, looking for even stronger support from the alumni this year. Mr. Saleeby looked quite astonished when several Jefferson alumni/faculty members spoke up about the date conflict with Passover and that such matters should be considered before a date is set; apparently he too had not concerned himself with this problem.

I certainly hope that such incidents will not arise in the future and that sensitivity and foresight will be employed once again in the formulation of our plans at Jefferson.

Name Not Supplied

Over the course of this academic year, the students of the Jefferson community have followed the fate of Dr. Kenna Peusner with great interest. Dr. Peusner, an Assistant Professor of Anatomy was denied renewal of her contract and will no longer be a member of the Thomas Jefferson University faculty after this academic year. She has accepted a position at George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

What lessons are to be learned from the events of these past months? The dismissal of Dr. Peusner and her efforts to appeal her contract non-renewal have served to educate the community about the process by which decisions are made at the University. As in all political processes, diverse interests compete against one another to arrive at a common decision. Unhappily, the events of this past year have shown that the students — and, hence, their interests — play a very limited role in the decision-making process. This is essentially due to students having few recognized means by which their interests can be expressed. At several points during the year, it was made apparent that the current channels of student input are inadequate, either because students have limited access to the decision-making process or because student opinion is so readily ignored. This is the principal observation to be made from the year's events.

The dismissal of Dr. Peusner can be viewed as an isolated incident. More accurately, however, it can be viewed as one example of the insensitivity to students' concerns in the present decision-making apparatus. Dr. Peusner is gone, but the beat goes on. Therefore, the question is: Have the events of the past year disturbed enough people sufficiently to motivate efforts for change?

During this year, ARIEL has endeavored to inform the student body about the issue of Dr. Peusner's dismissal and to inform the entire community about the student perspective on the matter. Now, the time has come to discuss student response to the events of the past months. It is our intention to present some ideas as to how students can respond and it is our hope that these ideas will generate open dialogue both within the student body and between the students, faculty, and administration. It is our belief that the present adversary relationship between the students and the faculty and administration can and should be changed. This is why we are presenting our ideas in the public forum of the student newspaper for we maintain that they key to our ideas is frank and constructive discussion between all parties.

#### To The Student Body

It was frustrating to observe how little impact the students had upon the course of events surrounding the dismissal of a teacher whom students regard highly. It is disappointing to come to a school in order to train for a career in health care — a career which requires the ability to deal wisely with the most vital and personal issues of peoples' lives — and find ourselves placed in a completely subordinate role. How is one to acquire the capability to act wisely if one is not given the opportunities to develop this skill over time, through practice, by becoming a responsible member of one's community?

What options are realistically available to us? Clearly, we must direct our attentions to the Student Council for this is our portal into the political arena of the University. Too often, students responded to the events surrounding Dr. Peusner's contract non-renewal by shrugging their shoulders and muttering, "It's all politics." To be honest, we must admit that this reply indicates an unrealistic perception of the decision-making process, for it fails to acknowledge the plurality of viewpoints considered in reaching such a complex decision as this. The fact is that in a real world, a world comprising diverse interests, decision-making is necessarily a political process. Therefore, we must enter the political arena in order to ensure that student input becomes an integral part of the University decision-making process. The initial steps toward bringing about such changes involve strengthening the current institutions of the Student Council.

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1. Student Council Curriculum Committee (SCCC) — The primary business of the students is to study and learn the material necessary to perform the work for which we are training. This is our principal task and responsibility both to ourselves and to the people whom we will one day treat. Without this, we have no reason to be here; without this, Thomas Jefferson University has no reason to exist.

Students have legitimate concerns about the curriculum. While it is strong in some areas it is deficient in others. By virtue of its collection of student opinion concerning academic courses, the SCCC represents the student voice in matters pertaining to these courses. (One of Dr. Peusner's chief complaints is that the Anatomy Department chairman's evaluations of the faculty do not include references to SCCC questionnaires, i.e., student input). Strengthening the SCCC will serve to strengthen the scope of student influence on the curriculum. We therefore propose the following:

a. Accessibility of SCCC data - Making SCCC data accessible to the students should serve to stimulate interest in the curriculum within the student body. Greater student interest (e.g., higher rate of return of SCCC questionnaires) will help strengthen the SCCC. Furthermore, open discussion of the curriculum between all parties is paramount and such discussion requires accurate information. Without knowledge of the survey results informed discussion is not possible - only griping by all sides results.

b. Greater contact between SCCC and Faculty - Currently, the SCCC is dependent upon the department chairman for distribution of its information within the department. This state of affairs needs to be changed. The SCCC should take the initiative to forward each teacher's evaluation directly to that faculty member. Furthermore, the SCCC should communicate its desire to work with the faculty by trying to meet individually with faculty members to discuss constructively and confidentially matters of mutual concern.

c. SCCC input into course content - Following the compilation of data from SCCC questionnaires for each course, the members of the committee could meet with the course coordinator and other interested faculty members. Topics for discussion could include the order of material presented, the time devoted to various aspects of the course, the coordination of lab material and small group meetings with lecture material, and utilization of clinical faculty, i.e., all facets of the course which affect the efficacy of the learning experience. This should be an open exchange of viewpoints from all parties with the common goal of greater knowledge and perspective on the subject matter of the course. Such a proposal is quite ambitious as it requires the formation of a partnership between students and faculty and, thus, the recognition of students as equals who are working with the faculty toward the ultimate goal of competent and compassionate practitioners. This would be a new position for students at TJU but the faculty must try such a partnership if it is committed to educating us, and hence giving us responsibility for our education and not merely to producing National Board passers.

2. Pathology Chairman Candidate Meeting - The procedure established for students to meet with candidates for the Pathology Chairmanship (as described in the Student council minutes of the April 29 meeting) offers an excellent mechanism for students to bring their concerns to the attention of a candidate and to evaluate a candidate's responsiveness to those concerns. Equally important, it provides the students an opportunity to show how we handle ourselves in dealing with university decision-making matters. It is our task to demonstrate to the faculty and administration a responsible and constructive approach on our part to matters of importance to the university.

Inertia is a phenomenon of mass and human behavior. Both will do exactly as they had been doing in the past unless a force is applied. This phenomenon applies to students as well as faculty and administration. We students are experiencing the loss of a respected faculty member, tuition approaching \$10,000, and an institutional posture which neither acknowledges nor encourages our status as responsible members of the university community. Surely, these are clear forces to push us to action. Students are becoming more interested in the various channels for student influence including Student Council and the formation of the Pathology Chairman Candidate Meeting. This is the kind of activity which must be pursued to move the faculty and administration. Such change will not occur readily. It will require a sustained effort to push the faculty and administration from positions which have

## LETTERS

Dear Editors,

I would like to publically express my appreciation for the efficiency and cooperation which was evident in the Jefferson Community when planning the recent Physicians for Social Responsibility Program concerning the "Denial of Death and Mega-Death" and "The Winnability" of a limited Nuclear War."

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motivating evening.

All those in the Jefferson Community who are interested in Physicians for Social Responsibility are encouraged to contact Chris Ellis at 545-1891 or drop a line to Box 252, Jefferson Alumni Hall, 1020 Locust St.

Thanks again to all who made the event a success.

Sincerely,

Martin Getzow, JMC '83

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## STUDENT COUNCIL ACTIVE

by Mary Kay Martini, JMC '84

The student council has many new projects initiated for the spring of 1981 and the academic year of 1981-82.

John Smith, senior representative of the faculty curriculum committee, reported on the financial aid outlook in the future. Due to President Reagan's budget cuts there is the possibility that PHEAA loans will become last resort loans and the Heal loans will be the loans of the future at 17 1/2 percent interest. Also President Reagan has proposed that no new applicants be accepted into the National Health Service Corps. All of these proposals will create larger student debts and more restrictive financial aid packages to pay for tuition and living expenses.

The council organized a letter writing campaign where class members composed personal letters describing their situation and addressed them to a congressman. The Council representatives xeroxed these letters and sent them to various House and Senate members in a show of unification against the proposed budget cuts.

Also at the April meeting, a Student Council Admissions Committee was initiated and incorporated within the Council structure. The co-chairpersons of

the committee are first year students Paul Eberts and Deidre Collins. The committee will arrange tours given to possible incoming freshmen following their interviews. They will also act on any suggestions that could improve the applicants view of Jefferson.

The freshmen representatives recently spent several nights interviewing freshmen applying to the various faculty committees. The selection process was very difficult since there were many applicants and they were all very capable. Initially all those interested in the committees were interviewed by the freshmen representatives. From these interviews, two to five finalists were chosen and interviewed the following week by two freshmen representatives and the upperclass faculty committee representatives.

The following freshmen were chosen for the committees: Admissions — Kirk Dabney, Curriculum, Andy Glick, Student Affairs - Ron Leopold, Alumni - Tony Furnary, Animal Resources - Lois Leach.

The Class of 1983 held elections for student representatives. They are: Debbie Boyer, Barb Davies, Paul Davis, Rich Freeman and Diane Roscoe. The alternate is Paul Mansfield.



Jeffersonians display their talent in a scene from the play.

## Arsenic and Old Lace

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anticipate his own fate.

"Insanity runs in my family, in fact it gallups!" he exclaims. He tells Elaine he must not marry her.

By the end of the play, the conflicts are resolved. The police arrest Jonathan. Teddy and his aunts are institutionalized. The police don't believe the four Brewsters when they talk about the bodies buried in the basement. Finally, Mortimer discovers that he was adopted, so he can now marry Elaine.

Other characters in the play included Peter Bergethan (JMC

'83) as the Reverend Doctor Harper, Ted Daly (JMC '83), Hank Rappaport (JMC '83) and Herb Cohen (JMC '84) as Officers Brophy, Klein and O'Hara. Carl Shanholtz (JMC '83) played Mr. Gibbs and Paul Davis (JMC '83) was Lieutenant Rooney. Mr. Witherspoon was played by Dean Sloan (JMC '83).

The production staff provided the actors with an excellent environment in which to perform.

Costumes were done by Stage Manager Lois Leach (JMC '84). Lighting and Set Design were handled by Jeff Thatcher (JMC

'83). Kim Hickman and Joyce Long took care of props.

The make-up was done by Deedee Crilly, Marie Mullen, Eric Singel (JMC '82) and Lois Leach. The set was constructed by Jeff Thatcher, Ralph Marino (JMC '82, Dean Sloan (JMC '83), Sam Markind (JMC '83) and Tom Cacciola (JMC '83).

"Arsenic and Old Lace" was very professionally done. The players were believable in their parts. The play moved smoothly, at a good pace, and never ceased to be entertaining.

Congratulations to the entire cast on a job well done.

## STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

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acquired de facto doctrinal status. If we do not take advantage of the momentum gained from Dr. Peusner's case to work to make responsible changes then we have only ourselves to blame.

### To The Faculty, Administration, and All Other Friends of Jefferson

The paramount function of a university is to foster an environment which is conducive to learning and growing. While this is especially necessary for students it is also very relevant for faculty and administrators. Research and teaching are truly learning experiences (in addition to being ways to pay the grocery bills) as is contact with inquisitive students. Furthermore, the human dimension of a university - contact with people of diverse interests, talents, and goals - provides excellent opportunities for personal growth. The full potential of a university is realized when all parties cooperate with each other and the members of the community respect one another as individuals who are here to learn and grow but who also possess valuable insight and perspective worth seeking out. This is the promise of an exceptional university.

Properly, education is a cooperative effort of students and teachers and not an adversary effort which is the posture which both sides assume too readily. Such an adversary relationship is detrimental to the educational process. Therefore, it is in the best interests of TJU to promote cooperation between students, faculty, and administration.

For our part, we, as student, must demonstrate both desire and responsibility in order to expand the scope of student interaction with the faculty and administration. We need not be timid about expressing our views nor about indicating where we feel increased student input is appropriate. These are our rights. However, we must express ourselves reasonably and criticize constructively for responsibility marches hand-in-hand with privilege. Our goal is to demonstrate that students share the concern of making TJU an institution of the highest possible quality and wish to work constructively in this process via open dialogue.

How will the Faculty, Administration, Alumni, Board of Trustees, et alia react to student efforts to assume a greater role in university decision-making? Will you ignore us or throttle our attempts? Or will you accept our challenge and, in turn, challenge us to become responsible members of the Jefferson community? There are many areas of this university where constructive growth is possible. The time to begin is now.

Samuel Markind, JMC '83  
Peter Waldron, JMC '83

## Commons Corner

by Jean Lien, JMC '84

The x-rated fiasco of February ... the suitcase squabble of March...

This year will be remembered by the Commons Governing Board as the year the Commons Activities Committee (CAC) was organized and chaired by sophomore Saul Helfing (from California!). The CAC, with subcommittees on TG's, films, recreation, and contemporary and special events, made a great impact on the programming done by the Commons Office. The committee, comprised mostly of students, came up with innovative ideas and dared to challenge the conservatism of the administration at Jefferson.

The attempt to show the x-rated film, Natural Lamporn's *Frat House*, was unsuccessful, the "withdrawal" of the film on the day it was supposed to be shown exposed the problem of the lack of communication between the Senior Officers and the Commons Board. The film was not shown because it was considered a "departure from past practice" and was felt to be inappropriate. Dr. Harry Smith, chairman of the Commons Board, quickly arranged meetings with the CAC and Mr. Taylor, who acted as a liaison for the Senior Officers. This action established much better communication between the Commons Board and the administration. Hopefully, the new, improved relationship will prevent any problems from arising next year when the CAC

again attempts to show an x-rated film (this time, the mild, classic *Emmanuelle*, which was shown a few years ago at Jefferson as part of a foreign films series.)

The feature films series were a great success this year, with *Life of Brian*, *Breaking Away*, and *Blazing Saddles* drawing the largest crowds. Sophomores George Chen and Bill Kendrick obtained a quality package despite a limited budget and a late start this year. A major factor in the success of the films was their excellent job in publicity (e.g. their colorful blackboard signs in the Solis-Cohen and Mezzanine Auditoriums).

Next year, films will be run by Frank Colangelo and John Rhee, with a larger budget, they have obtained even better movies, such as *Tess*, *Superman*, *Animal House*, *Stir Crazy*, *Kramer vs. Kramer* and *All That Jazz*. Special features will include *It Came from Outer Space* (a 3-D movie — naturally, everyone will get free 3-D glasses), and *Altered States* (the author of the book will be speaking at Jefferson during the same week).

Besides the films, the TG's planned by the CAC were also very successful this year. The TG's, with bands obtained by Don (Ziggy) Zeller, were a lot of fun and especially interesting towards the end of the year since they were theme-oriented. The Christmas Semi-Formal TG, the Greaser Night with the Phi Alpha Alumni Greaser Band, and the

people and were enjoyed tremendously by almost everyone who went.

There was also a bit of a controversy over the Freeport Fling, TG in March, which was originally planned as a "suitcase" TG. A compromise was reached among the CAC, the Commons Board and the Senior Officers, and although no-one brought suitcases to the TG and no-one drove away in a limousine to the airport immediately after the party, two lucky women flew to the Bahamas a week after the TG. Hopefully, the suitcase TG planned for next January (in the middle of winter, of course!) will be a real suitcase TG. Other TG's in the planning for next year include Woodstock, Monte Carlo, Oldies - 50's, MASH, Square Dance, and Mardi Gras themes.

The CAC, with Saul Helfing doing the majority of the work, planned many of the activities this year, and has already made a tentative schedule for most of the activities for next year. The emphasis has been on the planning of TG's and films but much input from students, faculty, and employees is needed to make these events, as well as recreational, cultural, and special events a success next year. Anyone with ideas or comments, or anyone who would like to be on the committee next year should go to the Commons Office (M-63, JAH) or call them at 928-7743.

As someone who has greatly enjoyed attending the Commons

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## AMSA LOOKS AHEAD

by Randy Simak, JMC '84

The Jefferson Medical College Chapter of the American Medical Student Association (AMSA) is currently very busy with the turn over of the officer positions to the class of '84 and the formulation of new plans for the coming year.

Rich Greco, this year's president, has recently announced the new slate of officers. They include Grace Goracci, President; Ruth Smith, Treasurer; John Daitch, Membership Coordinator; Randy Slimak, Secretary; and Claudia Berman, Program Coordinator. In addition, Debbie Carter, this year's membership coordinator, has graciously volunteered to remain on the board as National Health Service Coordinator and advisor to assist the transition. To complete the officer board, next fall will see the addition of several freshman members.

The new officers bring with them experience which will be a great resource for the upcoming year.

President Goracci has served this past year as an active freshman member of the board. She has also been selected as one of two medical student representatives for the Delegation of the Pennsylvania Medical Society to attend the American Medical Association Convention held in Chicago June 6-11 and the interim meeting in December.

Treasurer Smith has been an active freshman representative as well — in fact she played a key role in getting citywide medical school cooperation for this year's diagnostic instrument sale.

The new board has begun an ambitious program for the 1982 academic year in an attempt to satisfy the aspirations of AMSA: to recognize and meet the needs of society and medical students. In order to fulfill this goal the new

board has chosen "AMSA — filling the gap between student and physician" as the theme upon which to orient their endeavors. They firmly believe there are many important aspects of a complete medical education not taught in the formal curriculum and that AMSA must provide the means to enrich student development, that is to "fill the gap."

AMSA will do this by offering a number of services, community activities, and educational events, both local and national. They hope through the participation of the student body in these activities that the students can develop skills and insights in order to become active members in society and to prepare them to assume roles as capable physicians and conscientious citizens.

The most recent activity to see the participation of AMSA was the co-sponsoring with the Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR) of the lectures by Jack Geiger, MD on "The Winnability of a Limited Nuclear War" and "Denial of Death and Megadeath" by Michael Simpson, MD on June 4. Both physicians attempted to assess the growing contention among the superpower nations that a nuclear war could be fought with a satisfactory outcome. Such an attitude is exceedingly disturbing in our present era when the nuclear arsenals have the capability of total global destruction. These speakers provided the Jefferson community with a point of view worthy of significant consideration. AMSA was grateful to have the opportunity to support this important event.

For September, plans are being completed to continue a wide range of services sponsored

by AMSA in the past. A used book sale, labcoat sale, and a dissecting kit sale will be conducted. Also available to AMSA members will be instrument insurance to cover loss, theft, etc. of valuable diagnostic instruments, books, and microscopes. These services will be available to all AMSA members regardless of class. The September general meeting will consist of another episode of the excellent "Survival Seminar" to provide information on how to cope with the sometimes oppressive and dehumanizing medical school experience. Additionally there will be the organization of students to staff the weekly hypertension screening clinic at a south Philadelphia Community Center.

In the following months of October and November there are several exciting events on the agenda. AMSA anticipates the production of a "Sports Medicine Workshop" with the presentation by the Philadelphia Phillies team physician. There will also be films shown on several sports subjects of interest. In November, as a result of this year's obvious success, there will be a "Night of the Professionals" cocktail party to bring faculty and students together for an enjoyable evening.

Scheduled tentatively for late November is the premier event of the fall, an audiovisual happening explaining the many national AMSA activities and projects. One prominent guest speaker to expect may be Jenny Jennison from UCLA-Davis (Class of '81), who has recently assumed the National Presidency of AMSA for the next academic year. Dr. Jennison has an illustrious background having served as National trustee-at-large for AMSA. She has also been the AMSA representative at the

Student Business Section of the AMA, been a coordinator and participant at various workshops, and held numerous other posts while pursuing her medical degree. She will provide an interesting and informative look at what AMSA is all about and where its future lies.

Of course this is just a sample of the local chapter's plans for next year. Many more activities

are being considered. In the larger scope of things are AMSA's national activities. These range from workshops, conferences, and conventions to providing summer preceptorships at community hospitals. These opportunities are available to all AMSA members and include financial support from the local chapter for transportation and housing.

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# Sports News

## IM'S

by Allan Cummings, JMC '82

Several intramural leagues have recently ended, providing exciting conclusions for a big participation sport at Jeff, namely volleyball. In the Coed Volleyball League, MRH-2, a team made up of Martin Residence students, beat Lab Retrievers for the title. MRH-2 had advanced to the finals by beating the Not-Ready for Med School Volleyball Players. Lab Retrievers made it by beating No Nukem, the hospital administration team.

In the Intramural League, the story was the same, as MRH-2 beat Nu Sigma Nu in the finals for their second straight volleyball crown. Nu Sig had beaten Phi Alph's "A" team in the semis, and MRH-2 had handled Phi Alph "B". In winning both volleyball titles, MRH-2 did not lose a match, going 16-0 overall. Goracci's Gorillas finished fifth, and both AKK teams went

winless.

At present we are in the middle of the Softball League, the final major IM sport being played this year. With three weekends to play, the Ruggers, made up of Jeff Rugby players, are on top at 2-0. Afternoon Delite, soon to graduate, are second at 5-1. There's a three way tie for third between AKK's two teams and Nu Sigma Nu, all at 3-1. Phi Alph came back from a 0-3 start to sit at 4-3, One More Last Chance, with mostly seniors, is 3-2. Yellow Fever and MRH-2 are 1-3. Junior Birdmen and Score Gods round out the standings at 0-5. The finish to this season should be a close one, and the last weekend will be the determinant.

Already the sports calendar for the next year has been formulated, with an eye towards better student awareness and participation. I hope all sports will be well stocked with Jeff students looking for an enjoyable recreational experience. The following is an approximate listing of each sport slot for next year. Individual sports will follow.

Sport	Dates
IM Football	Sept. 1 to Dec. 1
IM Indoor Soccer	Oct. 1 to Dec. 1
IM Hockey	Dec. 1 to Mar. 1
IM Volleyball	Dec. 1 to Mar. 1
"A" Basketball	Mar. 1 to June 1
"B" Basketball	Mar. 1 to June 1
IM Softball	Apr. 1 to June 15

Each league will be preceded by a two week sign-up period, an organizational meeting, a referee clinic, if applicable, and

a forfeit bond, which is refundable if the team completes the season.

## FRISBEE'S THE ULTIMATE

by Deepak Kapoor, JMC '84

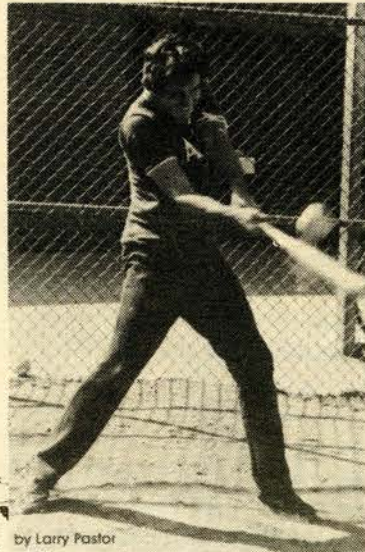
If you have walked past Stein Building in the recent past, you may have seen several people running like crazy after a frisbee. Perhaps you have wondered exactly what they were doing, and maybe you have thought of joining in, but were worried that you had never played the game before, didn't know how to throw a frisbee well or didn't have the time.

Well, the game that the people were playing is called ultimate frisbee. You don't have to be good to play, or even have a great deal of time. In fact, anyone can play the game, as long as they are willing to have a

good time.

The game itself is really simple. The frisbee must be moved from one end of the field to the other via passing, you cannot run with it. If you can get the frisbee across the opponents goal line, it counts as a point. However, if the frisbee touches the ground or goes out of bounds it is a turnover, and the other team takes possession. That is all there is to it.

There is another advantage to playing ultimate at Jefferson. We now have our very own intercollegiate (yes that's right, intercollegiate) frisbee team. While we do not now represent a threat to the current world champions, nor in fact have we won any games, but we always put up a fight, and everyone plays and has a good time. If you have ever wanted to play on a varsity squad, and have no talent at all, this is your big chance. All you have to have is a willingness to run, and a desire to have a good time.



by Larry Pastor

George Heffner hits one for the house

## Ruggers Exposed

by Anthony "Flash" Quickshoes

The Philadelphia Medical Rugby Club closed out its spring season in May with a record somewhere around .489. At press time the details of this mediocre feat had not yet come over the sports wires due to the fast breaking results of the National Wife Toss Championships from Intercourse, PA. The details of the following "Up Close and Punishable" story were provided by a source close to the team who we shall refer to as Mary C. (Not her real name).

The scrum was led by team captain Johnny Rutherford-Wilson (JMC '82, USAC '78). "Fingers", as he is known to his teammates, was responsible for several key tries this past season. After a 24-0 loss to PCOM, "Fingers" was voted MVP by the Osteopath ruggers. John was a smash at the rugby picnic this year as he demonstrated how he keeps in shape for his off season sport — the demolition derby.

Spiritual leader, and sometime eight-man Robert McNamara (JMC '82) led the team through an undefeated season of parties. Mac, whose partying talents will be lost next year to nuptial duties, repeatedly amazed his opponents who could neither compete this quick wit nor contend with his beer breath. When asked where her husband would be spending the afternoons after future rugby games. Mac's up and coming wife Mary replied, "Wit me!"

Bobby also plays a mean game of rugby.

And speaking of rugby parties, prop Dave "The Mound" Hill (JMC '84) honed his partying talents this season and was an instrumental factor in several winning efforts. He became so successful that he began moonlighting at Phi Alph, AKK, and Nu Sig. Hill added speed and agility to the black and blue scrum. At the Saint Joe's tournament Dave was voted most likely to excrete.

Veteran prop, hooker, and second row Anthony "Flash" Quickshoes (JMC '84) was the stalwart of the scrum this spring. He scored every Saturday, either in the game or at the party, and has been asked to sign on with the semi-pro Barbarians of London. However, sources close to Dean Mackowiak report that Quickshoes turned down the offer in order to pursue the Neurosciences retake in August. Autographs by written request only please.

Former scrummer Dave "Mr. Clean" Lynch (JMC '84) was traded early in the season to the Phi Alph softball team in return for two unnamed draft choices and a keg of beer. The trade reportedly gave Lynch more time to devote to his modeling job with Izod Lacoste.

Second row Christopher "Cassanova" Daniel (JMC '84) was injured early in the season by a steal horsey and was unable to play. Asked about his injury Chris eagerly replied. Unabridged copies of his response may be purchased from Rand-McNally for \$18.95 hardback or \$2.95 paperback.

Meanwhile sometime scrummers Bernie "Mad Dog" Deitz (JMC '84) and John "Smiley" Kelly (JMC '84) alternated playing rugby with taking Stanley

Kaplin's Neurosciences course. Hahnemann scrummers Dave "The Bear" Parnelli, Crazy John Freud, Chris Chinopskey, Dean "Off Sides" Patton and John "Bones" Goodall completed the forward lineup.

The lineup in the Black and Blue backfield this spring was so random that Dr. Hyman Menduke M.A., Ph.D. declared it statistically insignificant. While we are on the subject of Dr. Duke's magic we should mention team president and scrumhalf Andy "Doughboy" Curtin (JMC '83). Andy had his best defensive season this spring. His secret? He spent all winter practicing tackles on Chestnut Street bag ladies. "It really helped me. And besides, I snagged enough shoes to last me through my residency."

This reporters source, Mary C., swore she knew nothing about inside center Richard "The Stud" Tobin (JMC '84), so I asked Rich myself: "Well I'm a great rugby player. And you can't rag on me because I'm perfect." Richard is often seen roaming the streets of Philadelphia with outside center George "Akat the Ape" Leshora (JMC '84). The highlight of George's season came when he was hit in the head and suddenly realized that he was enrolled in medical school. This lapse disappeared within twenty-four hours.



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