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LUCARELLA WINS PSYCH PRIZE

by Larry H. Pastor, JMC '84

The First Annual Behavioral Science Award was presented on September 23 by Adrian Copeland, MD, to Vanessa Lucarella, JMC '83. Presented during the first psychopathology lecture of the semester, Miss Lucarella accepted a certificate and a check for \$100, to the applause of the sophomore class.

Of over two hundred essays submitted as a required project for the Medicine & Society course, "Causative Models of Child Abuse: Applications to the Treatment of Abusing Families" was judged, after three rounds of evaluation, and final judging by a non-psychiatric physician, to be most outstanding.

Although a monetary prize accompanied the award, money apparently was not the major incentive for Miss Lucarella, a 1979 graduate of Princeton University, who remarked, "I happen to be interested in the topic, and I just love to write."

According to Dr. Copeland, Co-Director of Undergraduate Education in the Department of Psychiatry, the paper was "Superbly done: well written, well researched, and with an excellent bibliography." Copeland went on to explain that the Award was established in order to "stimulate the student intellectually and move away from the rote, multiple choice learning process."

"We want to get students enthusiastic," he continued, "and show them there's more to learning than just type K questions."

Although upon accepting the check before the sophomore class Miss Lucarella quipped, "Le Bec Fin tonight," she confides that the money will probably go for more practical needs. When queried as to her career interests, Miss Lucarella mentioned psychiatric practice as one of her options.

It is reported that the administration did not include the presentation of the Behavioral Science Award at Opening Exercises because of the length of the Exercises.

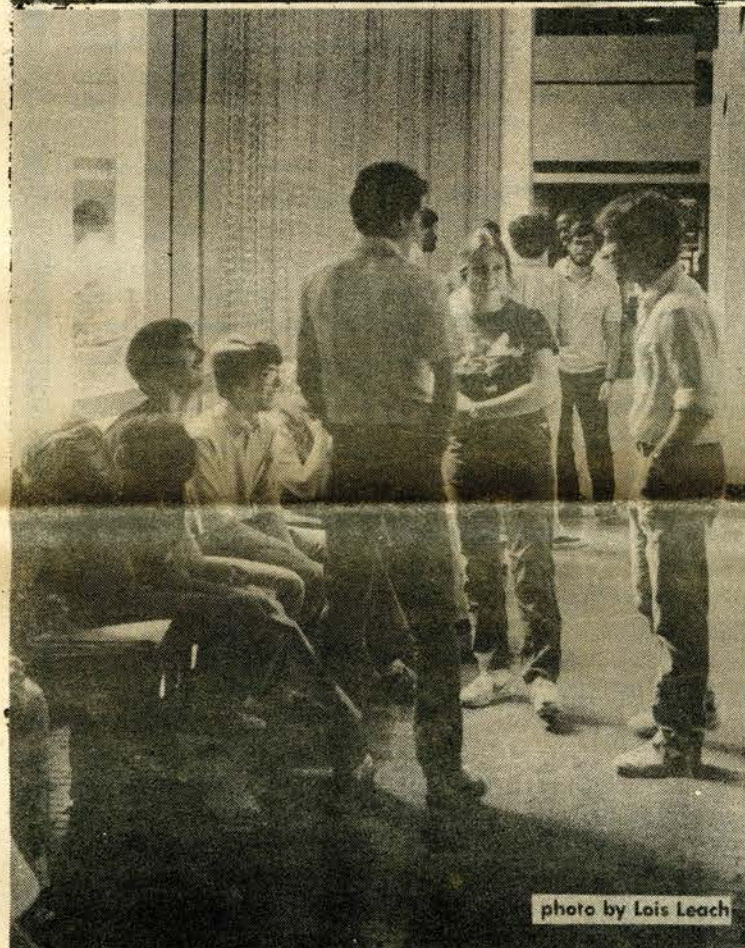
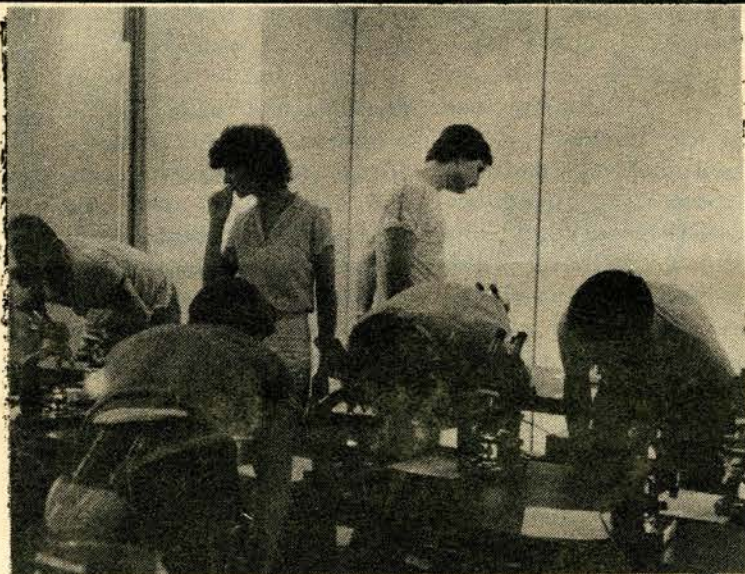


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Welcome to the Class of '85, Good Luck in Biochem

STUDENT INTERVIEWS

by Deirdre Collins JMC '84

This summer, while you were soaking up the rays, pottering in a lab, or sweating it out in some clinic somewhere, a small band of Student Council Members were working on a project that could make a big difference to you. We have started a student interview program for applicants to JMC.

If you ever go to your mailbox in Jeff Hall, or if you ever read those little pieces of paper people are always handing out around here, you probably know a little about this program. Each applicant is paired with a student who gives him a brief tour of Jeff Hall and an informal interview. Applicants hear a short orientation talk, and are given a

more extensive tour as a group. All this happens on Wednesdays from 12:00 to 1:00. Interviewers don't miss classes and, there are snacks available for those of you who can't make it through the afternoon without lunch.

We have several objectives. First, try to remember back to the days when you applied to medical school. You probably traipsed around after some tour guide, wondering about the others in your group, half wilting in confusion and anxiety. We hope that with the personal attention this program affords, applicants will feel more relaxed, free to ask questions, more able to get a feel for the school. We want them to see Jeff. as a place

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

"A very bad class"

by Mark Fabi, JMC '85

Are first impressions important? In the long run, probably not, but then as John Maynard Keynes once remarked, "In the long run, we are all dead." So much for putting things in perspective.

Since first impressions, important or not, are the only impressions the class of '83 has or will have when this goes to press, this reporter undertook to research the subject by approaching his fellow freshman and asking, "What are your first impressions of Jefferson?" The response was overwhelming; an overwhelming number of blank expressions and noncommittal shrugs.

This lack of responsiveness is perhaps attributable to the fact that many first-year students are still coming to grips with the enormity actually being in medical school, for many the realization of a long-held goal. The record for goal-longevity probably belongs to Philadelphia native Bob Ball, who told this reporter that he was born at Jefferson, and has been trying to get back in ever since. In general, the emotional response seems to be comprised of roughly equal proportions of elation and awe, with a detectable undercurrent of terror. This tends to inhibit one's grasp of subtleties; one first-year student who declined to be identified, said that what impressed her most about Jefferson was the presence of escalators in Alumni Hall.

The impressions of orientation were, on the whole, favorable, although many felt that it dragged on at times. Barry Wein, of Wilmington, when asked for his impressions, said, "Do you mean the times that I was awake, or the times I was asleep?" Mr. Ball, mentioned earlier, opined that orientation could probably have been condensed into one

that cares about people individually, and as a place that respects the judgement of its students enough to let them have real input to the admissions process. At the same time, interviewers will be screening applicants for personal qualities - ability to communicate, maturity, social adjustment, etc. Interviewers' evaluations are paired with faculty interviewers' assessment, and hopefully a balanced picture of the applicant is presented.

day. And one freshman, who requested anonymity, suggested that it be boiled down into one sentence, although he neglected to mention what that sentence might be.

As for classes, the range of impressions ran the entire gamut from "boring" (expressed by several freshman) to "boring, boring, boring," (in the opinion of Dave Altman of Philadelphia).

Since most members of the faculty take a dim view of the conducting of interviews during lectures, and the students themselves react irritably to being awakened, I had no choice but to attend as many social events as possible, in order to gather material for this article. This strategy was not always successful; responses gathered at the T.G. party consisted almost entirely of "Huh?" and "Whadidja say?"

Social life itself was a subject of much comment. Mark Hummel, of Wilmington, said that his first impression of Jefferson was "beer", and added, "I later realized that there was also beer." Mr. Hummel's concern (if that's what it was) was shared by Henry Yavorek of Dickson City, Pennsylvania, who was interviewed at the Phi Chi wine and cheese party. Mr. Yavorek finds Jefferson "exhilarating", but is concerned by the amount of alcohol consumption. Mr. Yavorek was also in attendance at the Phi Delta Epsilon Pub Night, two nights later, where he made his presence known to this reporter by spilling beer on him.

It seems only fair to balance this collection of the class of '85's impressions of Jefferson with at least one impression made on Jefferson by the class of '85; Dr. Rosa, of the Department of Histology, said his instincts tell him that "this is going to be a very bad class."

Since this is the first year for this program, results are looked on as experimental, and although all evaluations are read, no official significance is attached to them as yet. A committee has been formed to determine how student interviews will fit into the admissions process, and to standardize the evaluations. The Student Council Admissions Committee has been formed to deal with the practical

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AMSA NEWS

by Randy Slimak, JMC '84

As the new school year begins in earnest, the Jefferson Medical College Chapter of the American Medical Student Association (AMSA) Governing Committee has been working feverishly to plan a schedule of events that will satisfy the needs and interests of its varied membership. The Committee is composed of the following students from JMC classes '83-'85: Grace Goracci, Co-President; Debbie Carter, Co-President and NHSC Coordinator; Ruth Smith, Treasurer, Randy Slimak, Secretary and Insurance Coordinator; Jonathan Daitch, Membership Coordinator; and Claudia Berman, Program Coordinator. In addition, Dr. James Robinson, Associate Dean and Director of Student Affairs has agreed to serve as Faculty Advisor. To complete the governing committee, several positions for freshman (JMC '85) representatives will soon be filled.

The committee is orienting its endeavors according to the theme "AMSA - filling the gap between student and physician." These are many aspects of medical student life which cannot be addressed in the formal curriculum and AMSA attempts to

enrich student life at JMC through a number of services and educational events - in other words to "fill the gap." It is hoped that through participation in AMSA, students can develop needed skills and insights in order to be capable physicians and conscientious citizens.

AMSA has already conducted several activities. To date there has been a used book sale, a white coat sale and Survival Seminar. All have been very successful even though there has been a few hectic moments. The Committee would like to thank all participants for their assistance and patronage.

A number of important events have been scheduled for the upcoming months. On October 20 at 8 PM in Solis-Cohen auditorium there will be a Sports Medicine Workshop featuring Dr. Phillip J. Marone, the Philadelphia Phillies team physician. Dr. Marone will have an enlightening talk on the medical care of athletes and in particular the Phillies. Anyone interested in sports and medicine should be sure to attend.

The following weekend, October 22-25, will witness the unfolding of an extremely important event for JMC and the AMSA chapter. The AMSA Fall

Workshop, to be attended by representatives from schools in regions I-III (including medical schools from Maine to Maryland) will be held here at JMC. It is expected that 200 students may attend. The major topic for the workshop is "A team approach to health care - myth or reality" which will be addressed by Mike Steinberg, MD and Rita Sellar, RN. They will discuss the interactions of allopathic and osteopathic medicine, nursing care and social work in the health care delivery system. In addition there will be presentations by the various task forces on topics such as midwifery, interpersonal skills, medical history and physical exam in spanish, how physicians and others can improve occupational health, abortion rights and legislative affairs, homosexuality, and the Gray Panthers' views on medicine and aging. Truly there is something for everyone.

The workshop is open to all for a fee of \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members, meals included (free and \$5 without meals). Interested individuals can sign up for the Fall Workshop at the Sports Medicine meeting on October 20. This is extremely important event, for it gives JMC a chance to make itself better known to student leaders at a large number of medical schools. In addition JMC students have an opportunity to learn a great deal about interesting topics. The AMSA officers anticipate support from the student body, faculty and administration. A great deal of work remains, however. Many of the students planning to attend will need housing and in

addition workers are desperately needed to help conduct the workshop. Anyone interested in working, offering housing to our guests, or additional information on the workshop, please contact Jonathan Daitch at 732-8818.

On November 16 from 5-7 PM there will be the annual "Night of the Professions Cocktails Party" at which all members of the Jefferson family can enjoy themselves and become better acquainted. Medical students, College of Allied Health students, and both Clinical and Basic Science faculty members are invited. Live classical music will be provided and dress will be semiformal. Invitations will soon be in the mail with a reply requested. The cocktail party had very good attendance and was well received last year - a terrific time was had by all. Plan to attend this year. More information is available from Grace Goracci at 546-6059.

Finally, on November 6-8 there is a meeting of the Pennsylvania Medical Society House of Delegates. The Jefferson Chapter of AMSA will be sending a delegate and an alternate delegate. This is an excellent opportunity to see how organized medicine actually works. If anyone is interested in going or would like more information, contact Grace Goracci.

Looking forward to seeing you all at these events.

OPENING EXERCISES

by Theodore Ramos JMC '85

Opening Exercises were held on Wednesday, September 9, at 8:00 p.m. in McClellan Hall. In a full hall, the attending freshman students received first glimpse of their future professors during the Jefferson Processional. Then followed the invocation by The Reverend Frederick M. Brooks, Church of the Saviour, which gave a moment of a quiet moment of reflection. Of course it seemed to leave a few students wondering what they were doing at the exercises.

The convocation was given by Frederick L. Ballard, Chairman, Board of Trustees. Dr. Ballard was substituting for Jefferson University President Dr. Lewis Bluemle who was in Scotland. Dr. Ballard's convocational speech was centered on the changing attitude of American society toward medicine. A change from an ultimate concern for health care to a new look at the cost effectiveness of that healthcare. To conclude the convocation Dr. Ballard expressed the feeling that self-examination would not necessarily be easy but would, in the long run, produce many positive effects.

The Address was given by Mary D. Naylor, Associate Professor and Chairman, Department of Baccalaureate Nursing, College of Allied Health Sciences and was directed to "The Challenge of Professionalism." At the beginning of her address she said that her friends had asked her to be brief. Considering the difficulty of her topic, Mary Naylor was considerate and relatively brief. At one point she analogized the medical professions as a tribe, set apart by our commitment to the community and the hierarchy which governs and provides today's health care. While out of the context of her address the analogy may seem obscure the comparison crystallized many of the previously stated points.

With the conclusion of Mary D. Naylor's address the exercises began winding down in short order. Awards were presented

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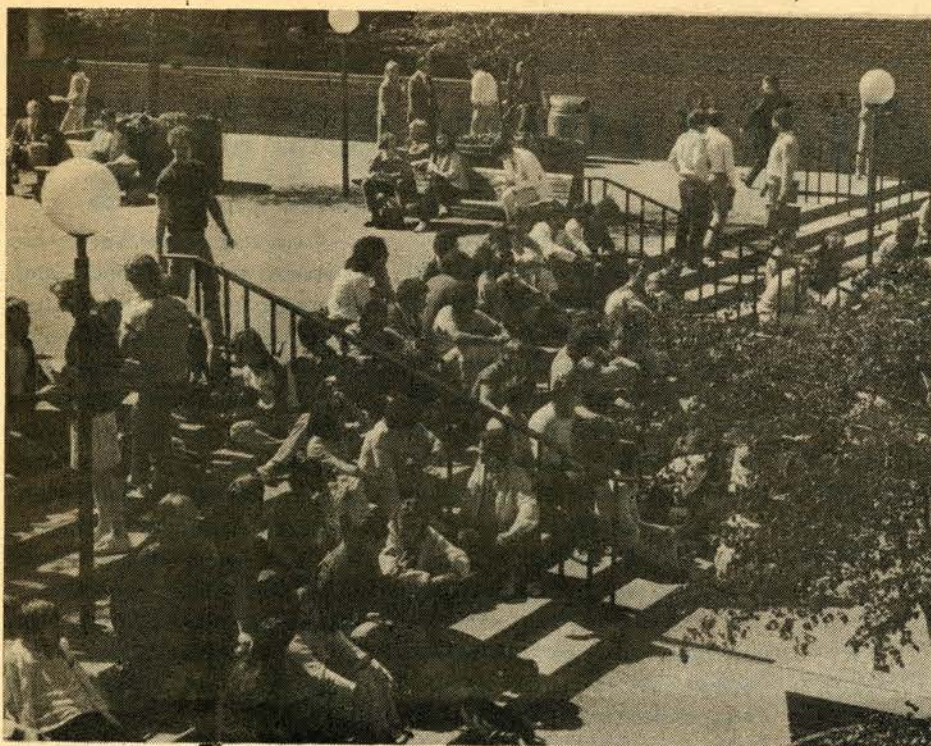


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Scott Plaza Rocks to the tunes of THE TOONS, on Yom Kippur.

AN OPINION

A WORD ABOUT THE STUDENT CODE OF HONOR

by Tom Orndorf JMC '85

The Student Code of Honor was approved by the Board of Trustees in 1976, but has never been in formal operation here at Jefferson. The reason is that never has at least 75% of a given class entering Jefferson subscribed to the precepts of the Honor Code by signing the Pledge of Honor. Apparently, lack of understanding and various misconceptions about the Honor Code have existed which must be clarified for any future class of Jefferson to adopt the code.

Superficially, a class that accepts the provisions of the Honor Code would subscribe to both a certain acceptable behavior and its enforcement. Each individual vows not to cheat or plagiarize and to report any cheating that he witnesses or is guilty of himself to a committee composed of his classmates. The committee would decide whether the evidence is sufficient, have a trial, determine guilt or innocence, and recommend a sanction which would be issued to the Judicial Board for final action. Appeals may also follow. Details of the entire system are found on pages 43-50 in the Student Handbook.

However, students find difficulty with the reporting of cheating. Students don't like to get their friends or classmates in trouble. Fraternity members would be especially reluctant to report a brother for an Honor Code violation, and may rather try to protect or cover up for him. (Once during my college years, I was investigating a vandalism incident where one person destroyed a dormitory bathroom. Everyone on the floor knew who did it, but chose to pay \$150 each to protect him rather than to turn him in for prosecution).

But at the very least, adoption of the Honor Code should help

prevent trouble. Students who may consider aiding a friend during an examination before, may feel that it is not worth the risk to help anymore, and instead encourage better study habits in the potential cheat. Students who may have considered cheating before may lose the temptation to cheat because of the social anxiety that would result from being caught. A greater stigma would be placed on cheating which one would want to avoid.

Yet the most important reason why students should adopt the Honor Code is found in a simple clause in the introduction of the Honor Code, found in the student Handbook. By adopting the Honor Code, a class is "affirming a commitment to the maintenance of the highest ethical behavior in our personal conduct, and believing that an individual's ethical responsibility includes a concern for the behavior of other members of his community . . ." Adoption of the Honor Code would be a strong beginning to the development of the integrity and character that we must possess as future physicians. A class would have a visible sign representing that they have shown a trust and concern for others that they will be able to give to their patients someday.

The class of 1985 has not yet been offered the opportunity to adopt the provisions of the Honor Code, but will be given the chance soon. I encourage each member of the class to learn about the code, but not to get hung up on the details of its operation — its purpose is far more important. The class of 1985 has a chance to leave its mark in Jefferson's history and to set a precedent for future classes to follow. Adoption of the Honor Code will make our diplomas more meaningful to us and to others.

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With these words the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW) concluded their first congress in March of 1981. Co-Presidents of the IPPNW are Bernard Lown of Harvard University and Evgeny Chazov, the Deputy Minister of Health in U.S.S.R. Dr. Lown informs us that, as health professionals, when a patient ignores our counsel we are obligated to point out the harmful medical consequences of his doing so. In a like manner, we are obligated to point out the harmful medical consequences of nuclear weapons and the nuclear arms race.

As a response to nuclear war becoming "thinkable" and even "winnable" in the minds of some politicians and military men, there has been much discussion in the medical world of the consequences of nuclear war (recent articles have appeared in *Lancet*, *American Journal of Public Health*, *New England Journal of Medicine*). The detonation of even a single nuclear warhead would result in a medical catastrophe of unprecedented proportions. Hundreds of thousands of people would be killed or severely injured, suffering skull fractures and crushing injuries to the chest and abdomen due to blast effects, & massive lacerations due to objects transformed into high velocity projectiles by hurricane-dwarfing winds. Although there would be tens of thousands of third degree burns, there are only about 1,500 intensive care burn beds in all of the United States. Those who looked upward at the time of the flash of light would be instantly blinded. The lenses of their eyes would melt and run down their cheeks, as happened in Hiroshima. Many would also be deafened by the sonic effects of the blast. Thousands more would succumb to radiation sickness.

Here in Philadelphia, as in all major cities, most hospitals and physicians' offices are located in downtown areas, close to the likely epicenter of a nuclear blast, killing off medical personnel and destroying hospitals in higher proportion than other facilities (Thomas Jefferson University is so close to one of the probable ground-

zeros, City Hall, that people on campus at the time would be vaporized by the fireball. As in Hiroshima, all that might remain of those of us would be our silhouettes, burned as permanent shadows into sidewalks or walls that remained). The few remaining doctors would be working out of their black bags, attempting to minister to the thousands of casualties without benefit of hospital facilities — no hospital beds, no operating rooms, no labs, no plasma, no X-ray.

There are no feasible ways of evacuating major cities. The concept of Civil Defense against nuclear war is a dangerous social placebo. Furthermore, we live in a highly complex civilization which is, therefore, highly vulnerable: in a nuclear blast, communications, electricity, water and food delivery systems, transportation, manufacture, maintenance, and sewage disposal systems would all be destroyed. Over a half a million corpses would lie in what would be left of the streets, and the vectors of disease (insects and viruses, which are relatively insensitive to radiation) would proliferate. As a consequence, those who survived the initial attack and the lack of adequate medical care would likely die of a combination of pestilence, famine, and despair. In the words of Nikita Krushchev, "The survivors would envy the dead." A nuclear war would be the final epidemic, for which the only possible cure is prevention.

We believe that further investment in such systems is contrary to the best interests of the American people. The disastrous effects of the arms race are not merely residing in some distant, hypothetical, apocalyptic future, but are being felt here and now, by the poor, the elderly, the working man. As physicians, we cannot ignore the fact that tax dollars spent on mechanisms of global destruction are in direct competition with tax dollars spent on global progress. Please consider this equation: the entire cost of eliminating smallpox from the world is equal to the cost of six hours of the nuclear arms race.

The frightening power of the bomb, and our casual denial of the reality of it, leads one to

Key To Coping At Jeff

by Jewette Nance
Humphrey, Baccalaureate
Nursing '82

Welcome To Jefferson

While you're here learning the important things you'll need to know to be a good health provider, you'll also receive so much more in terms of learning about human nature, how people feel and think, and the cultural and sociological backgrounds of the people you work with and the patients you care for. As you learn about your patient's needs, you'll learn so much more about yourself — and that's something that will last you a lifetime.

The Golden Rule: Organize

The first lesson to learn upon arriving at Jefferson is organization. If you haven't been in school for awhile or if you have a family and a lot to do, try to get some help before it gets too tough. If you have a husband/wife, significant other, or children, sit down and talk about finances, babysitting, study time, division of responsibilities, time alone and time together. Plan ahead for problems that may arise — but

wonder anxiously, much like Jules Henry in *Culture Against Man*: "Is it possible? Is it possible that, in the late twentieth century, the outcome of the liberation of the mind by science is merely its imprisonment by fear? Imagine a moving mass of sheep, discoursing on science and calmly appraising the stars, while bleatlessly falling into an abyss they do not see."

But now we do see, and we do feel. And we must convert our feelings into thoughts, and our thoughts into deeds. Perhaps the only thing more powerful than the bomb is the power of the human mind, the power of people to change the course of history. If we don't prevent a nuclear war, there will be no other issues.

On November 14, a symposium entitled "Medical Consequences of Nuclear War and Nuclear Weapons" will be held in Philadelphia. The Symposium has been publicly endorsed by (among others) Paul J. Fink, M.D., Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry at Jefferson, and William F. Kellow, Dean and Vice President of Jefferson Medical College. It is being sponsored by five Philadelphia medical schools, including Jefferson. Television, radio, and newspaper reporters will be there. Will you?

For information about the November 14 Symposium, call (215) 387-4135.

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remember, even the best of plans can be shot to hell because each semester, each week, each day there are changes, changes, changes. Changes in textbooks, changes in lecture schedules, and changes in lecture rooms. So, don't feel bad if you're not always 100% organized; many of your classmates are just as confused as you are (not to mention the faculty!).

No Man/Woman Is An Island

There are many other students who will have feelings and responsibilities similar to yours. Take a look around the room — they are easily distinguishable by the dark circles around their eyes, the smell of baby formula on their jeans, and the crazy look of panic when the professor mentions a new \$30.00 book you must buy.

So say hello and be ready to cry on one another's shoulders. Don't wait until the end of the quarter to ask for help. You are not the only student who may feel overwhelmed and inadequate. Get together with other students like yourself. You'll be surprised at how just talking about your problems with others can help relieve the pressure and help you learn new ways of dealing with things.

The Bionic Student

The bionic man and woman are television characters who are able to run faster, jump higher and are stronger than most humans. A lot of people believe that since they are in college they have to be bionic. How else can they study for hours, exercise, clean, cook and spend time with their families and remain sane. They either live on four hours of sleep and get everything done or sleep eight hours, study and ignore everything else (house, spouse, etc.).

How do you balance your life at this point? What does it mean to be a "C" student for the first time in your life because you can't study six hours a day like the other students? It often leads to feelings of frustration, anger and inadequacy. You begin to wonder "what's wrong with me, why can't I do it all, everyone else is getting A's" (so you think).

Many times women especially feel overwhelmed and pressured by impossibly high expectations. The multiple roles of student, parent, wage earner, and significant other make it very difficult to

excel at them all.

Always remember that you are a unique and special individual, no matter what your grades turn out to be. In a competitive setting like Jefferson, it's often forgotten that the ultimate achievement is being the best health care provider you can be — not what grades you get. To be the best health care provider you have to be not only academically superior but one who understands and can meet the health care needs of patients — physically, emotionally, and socially.

We all bring to Jefferson life experiences that make us unique. These experiences are important in helping you and others understand the different kinds of people you'll encounter in the health care setting and in providing the best care for everyone. We all have so much to contribute, even if we're not always "A" students, a raving beauty, or able to fit into designer jeans. Because of your maturity and background, you have an insight and understanding of people that no textbook can give. So have faith in yourself and enjoy your

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AMSA'S ROLE DISCUSSED

Editor's Note:

The following exchange of letters was posted in Jeff Hall regarding the activities of AMSA. Ariel welcomes letters on areas of interest to the TJU community.

An Open Letter To The Officers of AMSA

October 3, 1981

I must admit that I was delighted to read the resignation letter of Dr. B.J. Crossno in the September issue of *The New Physician*. He has ably stated many of the doubts that I have felt about continuing my AMSA affiliation.

I have joined AMSA with the understanding that our goals were (1) working to improve training in both medical school and residency, (2) organizing to perform community service as medical students, (3) mutual support, and (4) cooperative buying. It seems that I was wrong. At this point, the organization is more of a platform for the vocal political left than anything else. I am very near resigning from the organization. Insofar as the four previously mentioned goals are pursued and met, I feel that the organization serves a unique and necessary purpose. However, if the organization feels compelled to become entangled in political issues that are not related to our education, I feel that the organization betrays its membership and serves to do little that is not done by other groups.

Nobody had the courage to come forward when the organization was soliciting membership to say that the leanings — and vocal leanings, at that — are anti-defense, anti-nuclear energy, anti-capitalism, and, generally, anti-conservative. I feel that many people have joined this organization for

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multiple roles, your family and new friends. Enjoy the experience of expanding the potential that was always there. Because there's nobody else like you!

Where To Turn For Help

It's very important to keep a positive outlook. Remember that it's going to be difficult, but that with organization, support, and self-confidence you'll be able to succeed. Many students become isolated and don't know where to turn for help until their problem becomes very serious. Try to ask for help from fellow students, faculty, and administration. You'd be surprised how understanding and responsive the faculty can be. If you have an advisor who you can't relate to, find a faculty member that you can relate to and talk out your problem. Always try as many avenues as you can.

many of the same reasons as I only to find that their membership money is being spent on projects and speakers that they do not support. I utterly infuriated with the "AMSA presents PSR" talk last year. Who voted that the money be spent that way? I have reason to doubt that even if speakers could be arranged to present such topics as "The Health Hazards of NOT Going Nuclear" or the reasoning behind the desired defense measures, AMSA would not sponsor them. I found the report of the topics presented by the keynote speakers at the last AMSA convention to be offensive. Does the organization speak for its membership? I am angered by the spirit of antagonism toward anything that comes from the current administration in Washington. Why not foster the attitude of cooperating with necessary cuts in health care spending to eliminate the frequent systematic abuse of current programs, while emphasizing from the provider's standpoint which programs are most helpful, or which changes most fruitful? While I am personally pro-abortion, I suspect that the official stand on this issue has alienated another group of people. I fault the organization for propounding positions rather than being a forum for discussion, and for putting little or inefficient effort into the goals which it serves uniquely.

I feel that I must have assurance that inequities in speaker presentation and program direction will be corrected in order to continue my membership in good conscience. I cannot work as a reserve officer in the Army and as an outspoken proponent of nuclear energy outside of the organization, only to have the presence of my name on membership rolls lend tacit approval to AMSA's political stances, and my money support membership activities from which I would wish to divorce myself. If the organization does not want to concentrate its efforts on the goals that I joined to support, then I feel that there is no reason to continue my membership. Perhaps my resignation would serve as a meaningful protest to the diversion from what I feel should be the goals of the organization. If it should be necessary that I resign, I expect that my dues be returned to me, prorated for the year of membership.

I have written this as an open letter rather than having it be a private protest to the officers of AMSA because I suspect that there are other people of essentially the same opinion, or similar doubts, at this school. I feel that it is essential that the concerns that I have expressed be discussed by the AMSA membership. I invite a reply to this letter either publicly or privately.

Sincerely,
Terry Lynn Edwards
Second Lieutenant,
MSC, USAR

Another Viewpoint

Dear AMSA Officers,

Enclosed please find my check for AMSA membership. I have found AMSA's magazine and local events to be interesting, informative, and enlightening.

Here at Jefferson I am receiving good instruction in the basics of clinical medicine, but there is little time in the curriculum for discussion of larger issues that have a direct and powerful influence in the health of large numbers of people. By breaking the silence on these topics and taking issue with recent governmental decisions, AMSA has helped to remind me that as a physician my primary concern must be for the welfare of my patients, a concern which supercedes government, business, or military allegiances.

After all, what other voices do we have, to question the medical consequences of major decisions? Indeed, political decisions which affect health care are medical matters, and government is not always a sacred cow (sometimes only a Rogue Elephant).

I found Dr. Jack Geiger's "Call to Medical Activism" (*The New Physician*, May 1981) a timely (or, considering the current sentiments in Washington, perhaps "untimely") challenge to me as a professional to provide optimal health care, and as a person, to ponder my moral responsibilities to other people.

I especially enjoyed "AMSA presents PSR" here at Jefferson in June, with Dr. Geiger's informative presentation of the medical consequences of nuclear arms and the nuclear arms race, the spurious doctrine of "limited" nuclear war, and the role of the health professional ("What can be said of a society that shelters its missiles like gems, but exposes its children to malnutrition?"). Dr. Michael Simpson's eloquent and harrowing dismantling of my psychological denial of the danger of the arms race, in his talk "Denial of Death and Mass Death", was also well taken by me. However, there are two sides to every issue, and I think that to be fair you ought to present the other side — May I suggest a program entitled: "Mass Death: Pros and Cons"?

Keep up the good work!

Yours for a Peaceful and
Healthy Planet,

Larry H. Pastor,
Civilian

AMSA RESPONSE

October 6, 1981

The Officers of AMSA are aware that some controversy has arisen over our co-sponsoring with PSR, the lectures "The Winnability of a Limited Nuclear War" by Jack Geiger, M.D. and "The Denial of Death and Megadeath" by Michael Simpson, M.D. last June. Dr. Geiger had recently addressed the AMSA National Convention and Dr. Simpson is from nearby Temple University. The major themes of their discussion were the danger inherent in considering the possibility of conducting a limited nuclear war and the carnage, physical and psychological, visited upon Philadelphia should a one megaton nuclear device be detonated. By unanimous vote, we felt that their limited topic was important for the TJU Community to hear and the attendance of nearly 100 students and faculty members indicated the interest in the subject. We have no apologies to make concerning our decision.

We regret, however, that any member should seek to take such drastic action as resigning from membership. For AMSA to be a viable and dynamic organization, input from our membership must be philosophically diverse. Thus, we request that any of our members who feel strongly on this issue, please speak personally with any of us and let your feelings be known. In the near future we will have a fuller reply and perhaps a proposal to discuss these issues in a public forum.

Sincerely,

Grace Goracci
Ruth Smith
Randy Slimak
Jon Daitch
Debbie Carter
Claudia Berman

Monday afternoon Randy and I discussed my letter and the problem that I had concerning my membership in AMSA. I would like to give an account of that conversation, clarify the concerns expressed in the first letter, and relate my reasons for deciding to remain with the organization.

The most outstanding facet of our conversation was the expressions of urgent concern that people holding opinions that differed from the more popular viewpoint not resign, for this would weaken and further imbalance the viewpoint of AMSA.

I explained my concern about what seems to be the current emphasis on politics in the local

and national organizations. I believe that many of the people who feel strongly about diametrically opposed viewpoints share the same basic concerns. Adamantly pro-defense and anti-defense people are concerned about the prevention of nuclear war, and both feel so strongly because they are convinced of the importance of the realization of this goal to the preservation of much that they hold precious. Pro-nuclear and anti-nuclear people are concerned about the health and safety of the public. Pro-abortion and anti-abortion people are concerned about the sanctity and quality of human life. I feel that AMSA has never been apolitical. A copy of the Preamble, Purposes, and Principles was lent to me. The opinions that I find most noxious are couched among measures that deal with the quality of life and the environment. AMSA interprets them as measures for insuring public health and safety, and, as such, feels that they are within its province. I sympathize with this, but feel that the adoption of these principles is the result of both misinformation and the belief that the issues can be meaningfully settled in a large convention process. I have been told that they are not permanent or immovable, but that action can be taken to remove or change them.

I explained the reasons for my particular upset about the PSR program last year. The officers had decided to invite Dr. Geiger to speak here because they felt he was a good speaker, and because they felt that a position that differed from that taken by the current administration should be publicized. I saw the event as a further incidence of what I feel is the overpublication of a particular viewpoint, in light of media censorship in relation in certain issues, as well as the tenor of the national organization and the leanings of other university organizations. Furthermore, I am familiar with presentations that have been made by other members of this group in which the motives and mentality of the military, of which I am obviously proud to be a part, have been seriously misrepresented. The possibility of having a pro-defense speaker on a debate in the springtime was discussed.

It was in this respect that I had been most unfair to the officers of the local group. I had not thought that the idea of presenting the opposing viewpoints would be countenanced, particularly in light of the mood of the national organization. I was emphatically wrong about this. I sensed a sincere desire to do justice to both sides of the issues coming from the officers. I know, from the comments that I received about my first letter, that I am not alone in my concerns. The emphasis on certain issues has turned some people away from the organization altogether, or pushed others into taking

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minimal part in the activities of the organization. I would suggest that these people approach the officers with their concerns.

The current preoccupation of the officers with various service activities, such as the book and coat sale, was related to me. We discussed other program ideas for the year. Of particular interest to me among these is the possibility of a sickle-cell screening project.

Because the attitudes of the organization are not as inflexible as I had supposed, and because the organization is trying to do things locally that I support, I feel it important to retain my AMSA membership.

Sincerely,
Terry Lynn Edwards

An Even More Open Letter To The Officers of AMSA

It was a real pleasure to read the letter of protest by Lieutenant Edwards. I too experience distaste bordering on frank dyspepsia even thinking of the nasty beliefs and actions of AMSA officers and their anti-conservative lackeys.

What an incredible coup for these villainous perpetrators of anti-American, anti-military, yea even anti-AMA thought. Obviously they knew that under the stress of those Jefferson task masters; Augie Doggy, Augie Daddy and our favorite Uncle, students interested in joining AMSA would have no time or inclination to preview even one issue organ of that radical news rag, "The New Physician". This

official organ of AMWA (sorry, my mind got sidetracked, read AMSA) only too clearly spells out the evil mechanics behind the organization's apparent lily white exterior.

Although a large number of medical students have indeed benefitted greatly from AMSA's cooperative buying efforts, Summer preceptorship programs, representation for medical education funding, etc., it is obvious that these are only decoys for the priciple goal of this association. This goal being to raise hell about alot of problems of which most of us would rather remain blissfully ignorant. I mean, after trying to understand the effect of Wohlfart-Kugelberg-Welander disease on calcium metabolism, do any of us need any more complications? (I apologize if anyone from the Moral Majority was offended by the naughty word in the first gentleman's name.) And what about AMSA's anti-nuclear power stand? It is just a small step before they will be anti-nuclear family. In fact reading Martin Weisburg's column in the New Physician might suggest to some what this step has already been taken!

Finally, in closing, I would like to point out that as we are all aware, the military keeps remarkably complete records on

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the thoughts and actions of every medical student enrolled in their scholarship program. It is tragic to think that the unintentional membership of any of these students in AMSA will have disastrous effects upon their future military careers. Reliable sources in the Pentagon have suggested that these unfortunates, upon beginning full time duty, will hold a level of rank somewhere between dishonorable discharge and buck private. Rather than getting that surgical residency in Hawaii, they will be lucky to practice needle point in Thule, Greenland!

I am sorry that my name cannot be followed by impressive titles, as I think this would give further credibility to this letter. However given that I have acquired the titles geek, nurd, wimp, etc., I hope this humble effort will further give support to the cause of eradicating the fearsome seeds of AMSAism from this enlightened, upstanding institution.

Thank You
Bob "BS" Schmouder

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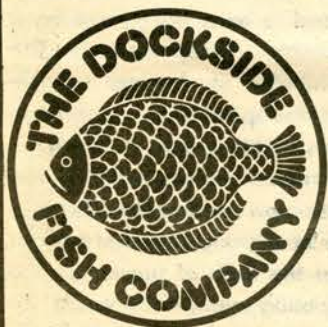
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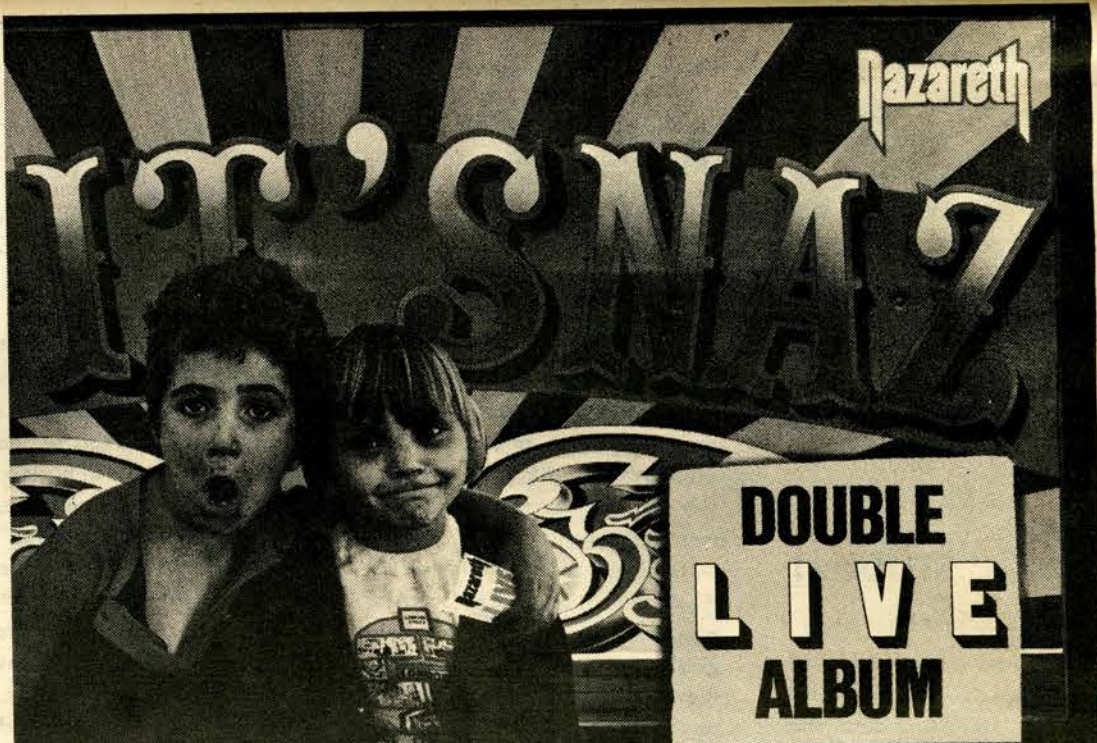
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OPENING AWARDS

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Vice President, Jefferson Medical College, who gave the medical awards and prizes. Lawrence Abrams, Dean, College of Allied Health Sciences presented The College of Allied Health Sciences Alumni Special Achievement Award.

Awards and Prizes

The Obstetrics and Gynecology Prize was awarded to David Bruce Panasuk, while John Chester Lystash and Christopher Mario Pezzi received Honorable Mention.

Mary Frances Boyle received the Melvin I. Katzman Pathology Prize while Honorable Mention went to Howard Seymore Silverman.

The William W. Bodine, Jr. Award went to Robert Marc Gorsen.

Susan Joan Trubilla won the class of 1947 Scholarship Award.

The Lange Medical Publications Prize was given to two of last year's first year, second year, and third year students. First year students were Susan Joan Trubilla and John Spurlock. The second year students were Mary Frances Boyle and Howard Seymore Silverman. Lastly, John Chester Lystash and Craig Harvey Sherman won the third year award.

The College of Allied Health Sciences Alumni Special Achievement Award was received by Wanda Eleanor Wesolowski, R.T., B.A., FASRT.

After the awards presentation the Benediction prayer was said and things closed with the recessional. For many, if not all, the best was yet to come, the reception. Held in front of the library, the reception gave everyone a chance to stretch their legs and converse.

Opening Exercises lasted less than a hour from processional to recessional. In that short while it provided a sense of meaning to a week of adjustment to more schooling.

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Eberts '84, Lizanne Piercy '83, Lynda Schneider '83, Len Zon '83, and John Lawlis '82.

Why does any of this make a difference to you? We hope we'll be able to get the best people to come to Jefferson - this means an improved reputation and a higher quality of students for you to mix with. The program also provides for broad-based student input to the admissions process, and we feel this is a very positive step towards involving us in the administration.

We need juniors and seniors to participate in the program. We understand that clinical rotations are time demanding and sometimes unpredictable, but if there is ever a time when you would be available for

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interviewing, please contact us - Deirdre Collins (Box 99) and Paul Eberts (Box 195).

We thank everyone who has shown interest in this program. So far everything has been running very well, and response from applicants and faculty has been positive. We need your continued support to make it work!



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Sports News

PENTULTIMATE FRISBEE

Record Untarnished By Victory

by Deepak Kapoor JMC '84

Jefferson Ultimate opened its fall season on September 20 against Swarthmore College. New team co-captains Todd Hoover and Deepak Kapoor were optimistic about the teams chances, and hopes were buoyed by the largest turnout ever for a Jefferson Ultimate game. Hopes for a victory were quickly dashed when Swarthmore jumped to an early 11-1 lead in the opening game. Never daunted, the Jefferson "disc doctors" challenged Swarthmore again, and were again crushed, this time by a score of 11-6. However, Jefferson pulled out ahead in the third game. (designed to be the rubber match) 7-4, only to lose 11-7.

The game was marred by numerous injuries. Most seriously hurt was Craig Thornhill, one of the team's standouts, who will be out for at least six weeks with an ankle injury. Also hurt were Jeff

Greenawald and last year's captain Jeff Keenan.

This year's opener was supposed to have been against Hahnemann on the 13th, and Jefferson Ultimate was out in full force, ready to crush the archival medical college. However, news of impending doom apparently reached the Hahnemann team, as only one of the teams 11 members showed

up. Jefferson was quick to challenge him to an 18 on 1 game, but the invitation was declined. Said captain Hoover, "What a bunch of wimpies."

Practices are held every Tuesday and Thursday at 4 p.m. New players are welcome, and feeling is that the team's 0-23 streak is about to end soon. The team travels to Pottstown for a tournament, and then to Hershey. This may be the season.

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.

SCRUM UPDATE

by Tony Furnary, JMC '84

The Philadelphia Medical Rugby Club opened its fall season this year with by defeating St. Josephs College 18 - 4. The team was to have opened its season against the controversial Springboks of South Africa in early September. However, the game was canceled for political reasons by the Springboks themselves. According to Springbok president, Y.T. Bigot (pronounced Bee-jo), "The game would have been a good one, but Philadelphia would have blown us away at the party — and some of our players just couldn't handle that kind of a defeat."

So the PMRC Scrum Surgeons have moved on to their regular fall home schedule. All games will be played in Fairmount Park at 1:00 p.m. sharp (or thereabout). To get there get off the Schuylkill at Montgomery Drive exit, turn left and look for the field to your

right in front of the refreshment stand. You may find the PMRC players signing autographs at the refreshment stand before, during and after the game. The schedule is as follows:

- Sept. 19 - St. Josephs College
- Sept. 26 - Temple Med.
- Oct. 3 - Swarthmore/ McNamara's Wedding
- Oct. 10 - Radnor
- Oct. 17 - PCOM (Bring Scrubs to sell)
- Oct. 24 - EPRU Tournament at Lehigh
- Oct. 31 - Philadelphia B's/ Rancocus
- Nov. 7 - Wharton
- Nov. 14 - Villanova Law
- Nov. 21 - Haverford College

The team has had a fantastic turnout from the freshman class and is looking forward to an excellent year. So come on out on Saturdays and have a ball, a party, with PMRC.

PMRC is now 4-0 and looking forward to their next win.

Commons Corner

October 1981

Oct. 2, Cafeteria, 8 p.m.

Oct. 2,3,4; Solis Cohen Aud., 8 p.m.

Oct. 6, Cafeteria, 9 p.m.

Oct. 13, Cafeteria, 9 p.m.

Oct. 16, Cafeteria, 9 p.m.

Oct. 16, 17, 18; Solis Cohen Aud., 8 p.m.

Oct. 20, deadline for sign-ups start date, Oct. 26 sign up at Issue Counter

Oct. 30, Cafeteria, 9 p.m.

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Nov. 3, deadline for sign-ups start date, Nov. 9 sign up at Issue Counter

Nov. 3, Cafeteria, 9 p.m.

Nov. 3, deadline for sign-ups, start date, Nov. 15 sign up at Issue Counter

Nov. 13, Cafeteria, 9 p.m.

Nov. 13, 14, 15; Solis Cohen Aud., 8 p.m.

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