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TJC NEWSLETTER



Compiled from the Dean's Office
Thomas Jefferson College, Grand
Valley State College, 5/24/78

ON TEACHER CERTIFICATION

Edith Harrison, Assistant Dean

Last Fall, I took over the responsibility for advising TJC students who were either interested in or committed to teacher certification. At the time, I didn't realize how complicated this process was nor how many students were involved in becoming our future teachers. As Fall term progressed, however, I spent an inordinate amount of time trying to clarify certification both for myself and the students! This resulted in the publication of the T.J.C. Student Guide to Teacher Certification which I wrote for TJC students mainly. Copies are available in the TJC office. Simultaneously, I met with more and more TJC students, whose super questions pushed my knowledge further and further. Believe it or not, there are 72 students who are in or seriously thinking about the prospect of teaching.

One of the phenomena that has most interested me is that some of these students are alumni. After leaving TJC for one to several years, they are returning to obtain teachable majors and receive certification. Not only is it fun to see returning graduates, but also it is exciting to participate in their plans for teaching. For most of them, it takes two to three quarters to complete the necessary requirements for TJC and the Education Studies Institute, that coordinates all certification at GVSC.

Should any of you be considering the choice of teacher's certification, I would really look forward to meeting with you and discussing what you have done already together with planning what lies ahead.

TJC



MAILBAG

James Spach writes from Heidelberg, West Germany.....

"Well, sold out my share of the alternative buses (Grey Rabbit) and, on the money made ... moved to Europe - spent a short while doing touristy things - visiting friends in Paris and London .. swiss alps, southern italy (snowstorm in napoli .. people discontent and sullen) loved Genoa and left Rome quickly - police armed with machine guns on every corner of firenz (Florence) ice floes on the arno. I came to Germany - my original purpose had been to study deutsche - and settled in Heidelberg - along a river as misty and fecund as oregon - in a coldwater flat - on the edge of an enormous forest I am making application to the university for an intensive course in german."..

James - on your worries about TJC folding up...I don't think it will happen. There are enough people left who are concerned with keeping TJC ALIVE!

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Following is another interesting letter from Bill Stage,- i.e., most of it.

"Greetings from St. Louis! I sure seem to get around. It seems like only last week I was in Olympia (beautiful home of 3 years) and only yesterday that I was driving Ambulance in G.R. Now I'm a VD Epidemiologist for the St. Louis Health Dept.!

About my job: I work out of a lg. Public Health Clinic. We see about 120 people each day who, for one reason or another, have reason to believe they are afflicted with VD. Only those w/ pos. tests do we interview. The interview consists of an educational session on their particular disease plus a sort of pep talk designed to motivate the patients to provide us w/ names of their sex partners during a certain critical period. My main job is to get people in for treatment. Even though its tough at times I still like it better than driving Ambulance (there are certain ethical reservations involved there). Many of those afflicted live in the ghetto which is large and ugly and an education in itself. I seek them out by phone or in person. Some want to come in for RX, some don't. The challenge of this job is persuading someone to come in for RX when they are certain they're in the best of health. The reward is when the tests come back showing that that person was infected and you brought them to treatment in spite of their nat'l reluctance.

I hope by this time TJC is no longer a House Divided. I think fondly of my days and the folks I met there.

I read David Mar's letter in #28 and agree that the spirit of TJC is ubiquitous and shall never flag or expire. An Example: I went to a poetry reading at the "Gnu Deli" in Olympia last Nov. to listen and to read and 3 of those 5 including myself were from a small college in the cornfields of Western Michigan. Amazing.

Someone gave me a quote today. I'm going to pass it on to you....
"Experience is the name everyone gives to their mistakes."

Any Hello's would be appreciated, Hail and Farewell

Um. Stage
4124 West Pine #2
St. Louis, MO. 63108

P.S. Will someone please inform Mark Miller that there is a serious problem w/ marauding dog bands in Heritage Hill Dist.?

P.S.S. Good Night.

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Received a letter, announcements and press release on Basil King's April show from Martha King. Martha writes that the April show featured paintings by former TJC'ers Yvonne Allie, Patrick Brennan, Debrah Gordon and Mickey MacKenzie as well as another exhibit by BASIL KING "WINTER TREES - 1978". As many of us remember, Basil King was a member of the TJC faculty, who taught art, between 1972 and 1974. According to Martha, "the 50 Hudson Avenues studio is in great shape... If anyone plans to be in New York and wants to be part of this, call or write to Basil King at 326-A 4th St. Brooklyn, New York 11215." You can get information about fees, etc.



Martha continues by saying their children are now young women. Some of you may remember them - Mallory and Hetty. Also Martha has a book of poems coming out this fall and will let me know as soon as the book is out.

If you want to read the material from Martha and Basil just come in and ask me for it.

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The following information on David Baker, a TJC graduate, was forwarded to me by Dr. Robert Chamberlain of the CAS English Department:

David Baker has just graduated from the University of California at Berkely Graduate School of Architecture and has joined the firm of E.I.S. Design. The

firm has been in business 11 years and has designed such things as the Malls in Flint, Michigan and designed convention centers in Milwaukee and Kalamazoo. Of further interest is the fact that they designed the housing section of a new city in Saudi Arabia.

David along with two other students, were awarded prize money of \$12,000.00 for finishing second in a competition held by the State of California. As a result of this they were chosen to design a \$9,000,000 building in San Jose, California. David and the other two students who I believe are CAS Graduates, Baute & Cutri, have been asked to serve as Directors (of which there are seven in all) of the E.L.S. firm.

Thank you, Bob Chamberlain, for conveying this information. We, too, are especially proud of David's achievement.

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David Gotlib sent me the following announcement/ invitation of his marriage to Leah Shapiro in Israel.

You do remember, that in the last NEWSLETTER Dave invited all his TJC friends to the wedding.

The invitation is so unique I thought you might all like to see it.

קול שושן
קול דוד
קול שמחה
קול דוד

בעל-פה
נעלה את ירושלים על ראש שחחתי.
צור ימאצ כצרי' יפודם וכחולות ירושלים

משפחות שפירא וגוטליב
מתכבדים להמאניכם להשתתף במשחת כללוא כנין

דוד עביל לאה
חתופה חתקים אייה כיוק סליש, ייא ניסן תשל"ח (1978-4-18) כסעה 6-00 כזרי,
ב.סולחן דודי, ער זינו ירושלים, נא להביא כסוי ראש.

Families Shapiro & Gotlib

Are pleased to invite you to join us for the wedding of our children

Ray and David

wedding will take place on Tuesday 11 Nisan, 5738 (18.4.1978), at 6:00 pm, at "Shulchan David", Mt. Zion Jerusalem.

Cam's Page

From DIRECTIONS TO ONE SELF: "Surrender is the road to mastery."

I am cicada, multiple-born, learning to dwell in the heart. My old selves are empty skins. Their forms vary; the process is one. I was in the Front Range, walking Long Meadow Trail twice each day -- ten miles. I spent my time alone. In a book by Alan Watts, I read of "being without thought". The possibility of walking without describing what I saw astounded me. ("There's a log with lichens; that sure is an old pine!"). After two hundred and ten miles of practice, one day I covered a hundred feet without thought. This spurred me. A week more and an inner bomb went off. I saw (and shed) a self. It was involuntary.

Two years later, early September. Sleet. Altitude: 11,500 feet. A meadow called "High Upper Paradise". I was completing a third summer of field work on meadow ecology. For two and a half years--in all moods-- I had been learning meadows, pouring over data on meadows, collecting data in meadows, walking meadows, thinking, eating and sleeping meadows. That was surrender. Then, crouching to measure a water table, boom! In the next hour, I involuntarily poured the essence of a PhD. onto the backs of data forms. And that's called mastery.

HELLO/GOODBYE

Two years ago, I met Swami Muktananda Paramahansa in Oakland. Since then I have practised Siddha Yoga (meditation and chanting) every day. His gift makes joy. Now I know what I'm about, and what I was driving and intuiting to prior to 1976.

At TJC I did what I taught: Follow your interests. Trust life. Eventually you will discover what makes you whole.

TJC, you did for me what you do for others: gave room and opportunity.

For nine years I watched this bonfire college send sparks in the night. Wherever they landed, they were fires of their own. Now it's my turn to leave. I resign in June to live in India at Shree Gurudev Ashram north of Bombay.

Namasté,



A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cam". The signature is fluid and elegant, with long, sweeping lines.

A PERSONAL HISTORY OF THOMAS JEFFERSON COLLEGE - PART IV

TOP-OF-MY-HEAD RECOLLECTIONS

This series of articles has attempted to give an historical perspective to TJC describing how it started, how it grew and developed, and setting forth significant incidents and happenings of general interest. This article is supposed to bring us to the present, and, perhaps, assess the entire "TJC experiment".

This is very difficult. Things are happening too fast. One needs the passage of time to put events into meaningful perspective. I might, however, deal to some extent with the most significant historical development since 1974: declining student enrollment.

There are two basic theories as to the cause of declining enrollment:

Theory A-- internal factors predominate. This theory suggests that one or more factors within TJC itself have kept students away. They have been identified by various individuals as: lack of strong administrative leadership in a time of change, failure of the faculty to divest itself of unproductive members, internal tensions and strong feelings between one or more of the following groups: TJC Dean, faculty, students, Personnel Committee.

Theory B -- external factors predominate. This theory suggests the declining enrollment was inevitable, that it simply reflects a nation-wide situation in higher education, especially in liberal arts colleges and more especially in experimental liberal arts colleges.

Of course, life and events are always far more complex than our tidy schemes and categories invented for the purposes of analysis, so there should likely be Theories C, D, E, ... But let's explore them for what they're worth. I think both have some bearing on the situation.

Theory A indicates an effect upon the attitudes and activities of people within the TJC community. And that is important, for we've been cognizant of the fact that one of the biggest factors in TJC's early growth was the efforts of TJC students themselves. The number of people who come to TJC because of someone already here likely



exceeds the numbers brought by any other single admissions effort or recruitment strategem. And today, it seems, our students are not going "into the highways and by-ways and compelling them to come in" as in years past. But I don't believe this answers to the whole situation adequately. There are such things as national trends and attitudes that can't help but be reflected in college-age youth and specifically in potential TJC applicants, and in TJC students themselves. Not only is the college-age population shrinking, but there is increased questioning and criticism of the value of a college education, especially of a liberal education. Thomas Jefferson College has never stressed career orientation, professional preparation, or vocational skills, so it seems reasonable to deduce that in a time when these are increasingly stressed at all educational levels by the society at large, an institution like TJC, with its many offerings in the fine arts, its emphasis on exploratory, experiential, and diversified studies, and its lack of emphasis on career orientation, would be bound to suffer declining enrollment, very quickly mirroring the nation-wide trends. Further, the factors contributing to TJC's early growth have changed or completely disappeared. The late 60's and early 70's were times of demonstrations, of agitation and unrest (the anti-war movement, of course), active participation in political, civil, social issues, of SDS, Hippies; the Free-Speech Movement, and the People's Park. The GVSC campus, including TJC, was relatively calm and experienced little agitation during that era, but the influences abroad in the land that "radicalized" so many regarding the Vietnam War and civil rights certainly influenced many to attend a "radical" college as an expression of their feelings regarding the society in general. That era passed rather suddenly. Activism became unpopular very quickly. The "deadness" that enshrouded Harvard Yard in Fall 1972 in contrast with the activism of the previous spring was stressed in the popular media. When it was no longer fashionable to demonstrate, support causes, participate in social issues or appear in any way "radical," a college that grew quickly as an expression to some extent, of an era of radicalism, was bound to decline quickly. Let's face it -- we're in a time of emphasis on professional/career preparation. College is viewed increasingly as a place to go to learn how to "make a living". The active units at GVSC are the professional schools. TJC students have left to get into professional preparation. In this year's freshman class at Harvard University, pre-med and pre-law students make up 80% of the total!

I join with others in higher education in lamenting the tremendous emphasis in our society on vocational-professional-career orientation, the equating of education with learning how to "earn a living". I think we all lose, this way, in the long run, for we are putting greater emphasis on highly trained professionals rather than well-educated individuals. I'd like to think there is plenty of room and plenty of need for both -- that our society is rich enough and diverse enough to provide college educations for both and, subsequently, meaningful and rewarding positions for both.

Whatever the future may bring in regard to higher education in general and to TJC specifically, I look back with warm feelings on the history and accomplishments of TJC. My years here have been the peak of my career, with no aspirations to "move on to something better". For I cannot conceive of something "better". My teaching career began in Union-Endicott High School in Endicott, N.Y., where I taught math for four years. It didn't take long to realize the great diversity that exists among students in their abilities, their motivations, and in their attitude. There were those who needed patient, continual explanation and guidance and hard work by the teacher. But there were always a few creative and motivated persons -- not necessarily the "smartest" in terms of test scores, etc. -- concerning whom I felt the teacher should do the best to "stay out of their way". They would

lay hold of the opportunities available, would grow and prosper and succeed -- and they shouldn't be interfered with! These are the kinds of people for whom TJC was created, as I see it. And they are the ones who have made it work! They have come, refusing to be "plugged into a program". They have learned and have grown-- it is our luck that they were here and not someplace else, for they would "have learned and have grown" anyplace. I hardly feel we can take credit for "producing" them, as they have "produced" themselves -- we have been fortunate enough to play "catalytic" or "facilitative" roles in their lives. They may or may not have been career-oriented while here. Though, in my view, TJC as an institution has not been and should not be career-oriented, it has given and should continue to give students the freedom and right to be individually career-oriented or not as they please. But the kinds of students I'm talking about here have been notably successful in creating their own personal careers with as much variety and diversity as they expressed when here.

Where do we go from here? To me, part of the answer to this question is implicit in the previous paragraph. I think our greatest success in TJC has been in providing a wealth of opportunity for creative and self-motivated students who lay hold of the things available to them to design and fabricate the personal programs meaningful to themselves. Of secondary importance, though certainly still important, is the extent to which our curricular emphasis should be in expressive arts, social-behaviorial sciences, etc. These things will always need attention and planning, but it is the freedom the student has in constructing a personal, meaningful program that must be clung to and cherished here at TJC. One of our alumni put this to me most pointedly and forcibly recently in discussing the present status of TJC and current events within it. I can't quote her directly, but clearly remember the substance of our discussion. It went something like this: The most important benefits TJC represents and makes available are not in its formal aspects, in specific courses offered by specific faculty members for certain credits. The most important benefits have to do with something intensely personal; they center on individual growth and self-realization. The process of defining one's own goals and then undertaking a personally-designed strategy to realize them causes something very beautiful to happen. It is the realization of the ability to do something for oneself -- to undertake and accomplish successfully tasks in which one has great personal stake and that have much bearing upon one's whole life. It is not based upon competition, it is not a matter of meeting anyone else's expectations. It is a matter of personally attaining a personally identified goal or goals. And this realization carries over and generalizes beyond the TJC experience. It becomes the inspiration and motivation to undertake many and varied tasks, to gain many and varied goals, even in the highly-structured setting one may get into in "the world of work" or continued formal education. It may involve big things or little things. It may mean getting an A in a university extension course. It may mean finding a good place to live. It may have to do with getting into graduate school. It may have to do with a job upon which a vocational career may hinge. But it won't be based upon competition with others or any such external motivating factors. It will be based upon the personal challenge of attaining a personally defined goal. It will be the expression of a settled attitude and feeling that says, "I can do it," "I can succeed in those matters that are important to me."

--Dan Andersen

MARY'S CORNER



Graduation is coming up real fast and that always brings back some wonderful memories of students who have come and gone, friends, who I have touched bases with in one way or another. A wave of nostalgia engulfs me as I remember and think back

David Dawson and Nancy Munsen are married and have a baby girl, *Elizabeth Ann*, born on March 21.

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Bess Loeppert stopped by and left her address for people to contact her:

930 Minor, Kalamazoo, MI. 49008

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Gina Schuchman called for assistance in getting into the University of Minnesota graduate school in social work. She told me that her brother, *David and Betty Ryan* are now married and have a boy, *Noah David Ryan Schuchman*, who will be one year old next month. *David* completed graduate school at Arizona State University and is presently working as a school social worker for the Dakota County School District.

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Jim Bellini wrote *Cameron Wilson* and here is an excerpt from his letter...

"Projects abound here these days, related to the long-term plan for a hundred family Taoist village. Right now we are all working in Colorado Springs, demolishing a government building-- the materials (wood, nails, light fixtures, everything salvageable) will be used to build a meditation hall and other buildings on the farm. There are plans to plant two acres of garden on the farm -- that work will begin in earnest a bit later in the spring,....."

Jim is at Stillpoint with *Gia Fu Fang*.

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Mitchell Kahn stopped in to visit at TJC ... He is presently living in Tennessee.

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Greg Jones stated that his brother *Mark Jones* is doing an internship at St. Lucia Island in the Caribbean. He is doing elementary teaching there.

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Laurel Grossman writes from Balboa Peninsula, Newport Beach, California - such an enticing address. She says don't believe the words "sunny California". "All it ever does is rain. When the rain clears, Los Angeles extends its smoggy fingers over the sky." She is doing an independent study (with Edie) for her graduating term of study. *Laurel* calls it an "Environmental Study," the medium are pen and photography. The subject "the epitomy of the American dream come true."

MORE from Laurel

Laurel said she has wanted to write for some time; misses receiving the NEWSLETTER, and says "Hello" to everybody. She especially wants John Warren to know that she would have done her botany work but couldn't find anything green, the smog and cement choked it all. Chuck, Laurel and the dogs are leaving mid-June "in search of things green and live and without dollar signs painted all over it." She promises she'll be visiting us then and ends with "much love."

Laurel, Marty Koosed's address is:

3445 Superior Park
#14
Cleveland Hts., Ohio

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Cameron O'Brien stopped in and we discussed our mutual friend, whom we both love and admire, Rangaramanujam Ayyangar. Many of you will remember that Mr. Ayyangar was invited here from Bombay India about three years ago, to teach South Indian or carnatic music. Cameron believes as do most of us who got to know Mr. Ayyangar, that he was a very learned and wise man, who, although a septuagenarian, seemed to draw from an amazing and endless source of energy to teach South Indian music, South Indian culture, etc. His dream was to make TJC the center of carnatic music in the United States. His dedication knew no bounds! Mr. Ayyangar wrote me and others of his intense all-consuming desire to teach South Indian music again at TJC.

Beth Buckingham says "Hi" to everybody and expects to be in Michigan in June. She sends special hello's from Laurie, Debbie, Mark and Shelley, all presently on field studies in Washington, D.C.

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Spread the Word, say Cindy and Theresa...

TJC PEOPLE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN SHARING INFORMATION ON TJC WITH PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS INFORMALLY DURING THE SUMMER CAN LEAVE THEIR NAMES & NUMBERS IN THE STUDENT RESOURCE CENTER W/ THERESA OR IN THE OFFICE W/ CINDY. IF YOU'LL BE ON THE ROAD OR IN YOUR HOME-TOWN, YOU CAN DISTRIBUTE SOME MATERIALS. PACKETS WILL BE PUT TOGETHER TO MEET THIS NEED.

TJC PEOPLE W/ IDEAS OR SKILLS FOR RECRUITMENT NEXT FALL ARE URGED TO LEAVE THEIR NAMES & NUMBERS IN THE STUDENT RESOURCE CENTER W/ THERESA OR IN THE OFFICE W/ CINDY.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Guillermo Fierens, renowned the world over for his mastery of the classical guitar, is giving a solo recital on June 1st which is sponsored by the Performing Arts Center. Guillermo has taught classical guitar at Jefferson for several years in addition to performing for audiences in Europe, the United States (Michigan in particular). Guillermo is easily one of the most popular artists ever invited to GVSC. He has a tremendous following at TJC and GVSC generally.

The proceeds of this recital, according to Vice President Hills, will be used towards scholarships in music at Grand Valley State Colleges.

Plan to come and generally publicize this outstanding event!! Of special interest is the fact that Guillermo will be playing a piece especially composed for him by TJC's own *Bob Shechtman*...a real plus for supporting this event even more enthusiastically.

Following are the particulars:

DATE: Thursday, June 1, 1978
TIME: 8:00 p.m.
PLACE: BUTTERWORTH HOSPITAL AUDITORIUM
ADMISSION: \$3.00 General Admission
\$1.50 Students

Mary's Corner (continued)

Dan Andersen gave me a letter he received from David Aussicker stating that David was accepted as a Ph.D. candidate in higher education administration at the University of Michigan. Dave said that Dan's recommendation was a "deciding factor" and thanked Dan for his support.

Just found out something else about Dave. He was married about a year ago to Cathy Hills, daughter of Vice-President Hills, who graduated from Grand Valley with a major in special education.

David is still working as Director, Co-operative Education at Oakland University.

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Following, I'm sure you'll agree, is a rather unique way of announcing a divorce. This announcement by two of our TJC graduates, saddens me somewhat. However, it is indicative of that originality, that creative instinct, that non-conformist attitude that distinguishes so many of our TJC people.

Needless to say,
Pam and Bau, we
all wish you
the best!

*Pamela Truesdale Graves
and James Willis Graves
are pleased to announce
an important step
in their happy and
mutually satisfying relationship:
their divorce.*

*You are cordially invited
to a celebration
following the ceremony
four o'clock
Tuesday, May ninth
at Welcome Home Music
1142 Maine St, Brunswick*

don't forget to bring your own!

AND SO IT GOES--- (Mary T.)

FACULTY NOTES

Arthur Cadieux - will be on sabbatical leave for the fall 1978 term and winter 1979 term. Arthur is going to New York to work, to study art in depth, be a part of and explore what's happening in the art world there. He plans to incorporate this experience into his classes when he returns.

He has just received a \$500.00 grant through the Research & Scholarly Development Committee to create an art piece for donation to FESTIVAL '78.

Arthur describes this piece of sculpture thus:

ART PIECE - UNTITLED

This is a large outdoor piece designed to be walked on. The pressure caused by the weight of the individual stepping on this art work will cause a chemical and visual reaction. Thus, the person walking on the piece will act as a catalyst and cause the piece to develop new patterns of color and form. This work will be approximately 8' x 16'.

Arthur says this is an experimental project in every sense of the word. Even the chemicals which are being flown in from Wisconsin have never been used before in creating a work of art. Be sure and see this piece when you go to FESTIVAL '78.

Gil Davis - Gil will be on sabbatical leave for the 1978-1979 academic year. He will be working on a History of Early American Literary Censorship from the colonial period to the rise of Anthony Comstock (1873). In it he will be examining the legislative and judicial vagaries of literary censorship, especially as they affected pornography and erotica. He will be working in Boston, New York, Philadelphia and at the Kinsey Institute for Sex Research (Kinsey Institute) at Indiana University.

Earl Heuer - Earl has been selected by the U.S. - China Peoples Friendship Association to act as a tour leader for a group of 25 Americans who will visit China in May and June. Earl Heuer's knowledge of Chinese will stand him in good stead here. As a tour leader Earl's food, lodging and travel costs will be paid by the USCPFA. Earl says, "In 1976, the dominant slogan in China was 'criticize Teng Shao-Ping and beat back the right deviationist wind to reverse correct verdicts,' The current slogan is 'Strike down the gang of four and its poisonous weed and promote national construction.' He adds, "I'm eager to see how this shift in ideology was made and the type of changes that accompanied it."

We'll be anticipating your return, Earl, and your in-depth summary of what's happening in China.

Faculty Notes - continued...

Bob Shechtman - has coordinated a series of workshops/seminars and lecture/performances into a TJC music extravaganza that is scheduled for Fall 1978 through spring 1979 terms.

He has invited experts from the jazz and classical worlds to the GVSC campus. This series called "The Exploration Series", was originated by our own composer-in-residence, Bob Shechtman. Bob, as most of us are aware, is also a well-known jazz musician. This series is co-sponsored by the PAC and Continuing Education.

Bill Strickland - The first five weeks of the summer Bill and Kate will be going out to the "Digs" in New Mexico with Bill Harrison. They hope to be working with Indian potters in New Mexico. Then, they will wend their way to Alabama for some deep sea fishing in the Gulf and following that will tour some old traditional potteries in the South.

Bill will be back on campus for the second five weeks to teach Primitive Pottery. Kate will be back home working in their studio making pots. All in all it sounds like an exhilarating experience but Bill says, "probably pretty exhausting too..."

John Warren - John says he is finally going to get "that monkey off his back" this summer. He plans to get his Ph.D. thesis on FOSSIL DINOFLAGELLATES FROM CALIFORNIA, published.



ADVANCE

The fantasy of TJC going out to the woods for a weekend became a reality April 28. Camp Martin Johnson was a wonderful place for an Advance, miles of land and lots of water for canoeing.

A few workshops took place but the weather was so great that not many attended the workshops. Knights of the Range jammed all through the weekend. Many people attended.
--- Linda Rothschild

To write down some notes about the Advance - I guess the reason why Linda and I became involved in planning TJC's Advance is that we wanted to concretize the energy at TJC; to do something concrete. The advance was the thing.

We'll do another in the fall, I think. It should be in the first weekend of October.
--- Dave Freeman

ALUMNI

Claire Kelly is getting a teaching certificate in Emotionally Impaired Education and hoping to attend Bank Street College of Education in the fall for an M.S. in Learning disabilities. He says "I have just received a copy of the TJC newsletter. How exciting! Please send me more! I receive them very inconsistently and would like to keep in touch." I want you to know Claire, that you are keeping in touch, we wouldn't hide anything - and remember, one man's inconsistency is another person's "My God is it that time again!" If you are getting any Newsletters, you are getting them all. Our schedule is erratic.

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Perry Baker, I'm printing this marvelous excerpt from your letter verbatim. I love it, especially the first part. I remember:

Hi, to anybody left who can remember the influx of the New Division:

To: TJC newsletter:

Vital stats - 29, 5'10", 165 lbs., brown hair and eyes, Married 3 yrs., Wife - Cynthia - 31, daughter - Jessamyn, 15 mos., wife due again Oct. 5. I'm due for a vasectomy. I've been self-employed mostly with a long stint in this home decorating bus. I've been collecting real-estate for a hobby. Future plans are to teach Voc. Ed. and invest in R.E. part time. Self Employment is fine but very demanding and time consuming. With a young family I'm trying to get more time for them. The Vocational job would enable me to design and build active or passive solar housing (my latest craze) and somebody else can bother with the finances. See ya.

Yours truly,
Perry Baker

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Gary Van Harn is busy with his life renovating an old mansion in Ludington, being a new father to his son Clayton James (born Dec. 1, 76) and still working for the G.R. Press. He says "a special Hi! and greeting to Pat Efron, Jere Van Syoc and Arthur Cadieux, you are not forgotten, my projects will not remain unfinished, we've got a lot of work to do together yet.

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Joseph Keller

Kaye...

The newsletter is a cherished document. With my many moves, re-moves, forwardings and re-forwardings it's always a delightful miracle to discover it in the box. Sometimes a month in transit, it arrives stamped, labeled, re-labeled and scribbled on by postal workers in five cities. Arrives looking like the wardrobe trunk of a veteran vaudeville showman (26 cents postage due). Inspires a renewed faith in the American Postal System.

So good to read bits and snatches about people who meant/mean a great deal to me; some wise-sounding words from a new dean, news of past deans. One helluva people factory, Thomas Jefferson, eh? A thin spread of us across fifty states and more. I say we puff our feathers a smidgeon and call ourselves "the glue".

(More from Joseph).....

Presently in limbo, waiting to be lifted into paradise or damned eternally to hell. With my right hand, trying to lie, cheat or swindle my way into the Ph.D. program at Santa Cruz; groveling for any job I can find with my left. Earning a M.F.A. at the University of British Columbia was so lucrative, figure I can't afford to end my formal education. Besides, the real world sets my knees to knocking.

The Great, Pacific Northwest is beautiful enough, but the climate is wretched, Spring's here and even the damn daffodils have a grey tint. Vancouver, B.C.: a strange city. Seattle: stranger. Portland: the strangest. One of my plays, Ceremonies, won the Fletcher Cross Memorial Award for theatre and was produced by LaPensee Theatre in Seattle. Ran for three weeks, The ulcer is healing nicely, thank you.

Much to say about the writing program at U. of British Columbia. (first and foremost is cheap tuition and they're generous to embarrassment with their fellowships) Urge anyone interested to drop me a line. Sad that the 49th parallel is such a wall between the interchange of publications and ideas. Quebec situation has made most of my Canadian friends twitchy nationalists. One mis-placed comment about Canada as American corporate affiliate and you pick yourself up from the floor, eye smarting.

Will be back in Grand Rapids for the summer. Plan to arrive in mid-May. For safer handling of my newsletter, please pass it along % Ma and Pa Keller, Rural Route #2, Box 9-C; Howe, INDIANA: 46746.

I am in quarterly letter contact with:

Heather Ramsay
Richard Heldmann
Dick Bakken
Ken Robinson
Peter Marshall
Heidi Swets
Erica Helm and
Judith Minty.

If anyone is interested in the current addresses of these people...let me know. Please, please. I would like to know the whereabouts/addresses of: (This is all we have -)

Howard Kalish 1305 H. Fountain Ln. Columbus, OH. 43212
Paulette Rosen ?
Salle Norquist ?
Basil King (see Mary's Corner) Patrick c/o Basil King)
Patrick (bass playin', barefoot) Brennan and Nick

Robinson. Any help would be appreciated.

Special, warm regards to Merrill Rodin and Michael Birtwistle.....the lasting influences.

---Joseph Keller



Alumni continued...

Judy Trumbull heard from, wishing us all a "Happy Spring". 

Arne Anderson was accepted to New School for Social Research as well as at AMERICAN UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL in Radical Economics. He was also awarded a one-half Assistantship at American University. Congratulations a lot *Arne*.

More on *Arne*... he is currently heading the Zolton Ferency campaign in Kent County.

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Roger and Marti Stephens are celebrating *Roger's* promotion to Supervisor of greenhouse and 5 acres in the Park Dept. in Corpus Christi. *Roger* is doing organic work and teaching the men under him how to garden this way.

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Chuck Hayse - "I am in San Francisco now, have been living here since 10 December. It is an exciting place to live, and I am very happy with my decision to come here. The climate is perfect for me. I work as...are you sure you're ready??...A phone operator which is a trippy job. I worked four months in a public office of Pacific Bell where most clients spoke Spanish, so my ability there is at its peak and that is so exciting to me...I live in a part of town called Nob Hill. Through my bedroom window I see the hills outlining the city. A cable car passes underneath, clanging."

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Ike White - working at Keeler Brass - doing lots of writing - is preparing material for a class in MUSIC AND HEALING that he will be teaching at his home, Fall 1978.

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Maurice Konkle - was accepted for graduate work in philosophy at THREE universities: U. of Washington, U. of Oregon and U. of Wisconsin in Madison.

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Craig Schriber - was accepted at Washington State University graduate school in geology.

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Kris Olsen - is finishing her second Bachelor of degree, this time as Bachelor of Arts at Northeastern University. *Kris* is still enthusiastic about playing the classical guitar; an enthusiasm which she has maintained after studying with *Guillermo Fierens* at Thomas Jefferson College. She plans to study classical guitar this summer at Aspen Music School under *Oscar Ghiglia*.

On May 26, *Kris* will give her senior recital at Northeastern U.

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Robert Yashinsky sent this letter in Dec. of 77 and it got lost in the file -

After graduating from Thomas Jefferson College in June of 1976, I began work on my masters in Counseling and Personnel from Western Michigan University. In June of 1977, I completed my masters degree, and after working for Detroit Optometric Centers as an Optical Dispenser for 3 months I was promoted to the position of Personnel Director for the company.

Please extend greetings to Bob Shechtman, Ron and Pat Potter-Efron, and Cam Wilson, Also, please make my address available to anyone who cares to write.

Robert D. Yashinsky
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Linda Meana was married last Wed. (May 17th) on Ric's and my 33rd wedding anniversary. The bride wore off white with a multi pastel colored bouquet. Maxine Poodle and I as mothers of the bride wore light blue. The groom is a neat guy named Jon Nathan Lippert called Nate by most of us. I think Linda Lippert is smashing but Lynn is keeping her maiden name for now.



If anyone would like to write me, or has any information about TJC alumni or about themselves, please do so. I handle the Alumni section of the Newsletter, so all your correspondence should be addressed to me. My address is: 9260 Bend Drive, Jenison, MI. I'd love to hear from any and all of you.

--Kaye Meana



REGISTRATION FOR FALL TERM FOR STUDENTS ADMITTED TO GVSC IS AS FOLLOWS:

DATE: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1978, at the FIELD HOUSE, according to the following schedule:

9:00 am-5:00 pm and 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

PLEASE NOTE: Effective summer quarter 1978 and every term thereafter, a \$6.00 non-refundable General Service Fee will be assessed each registrant at the time of tuition payment.

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WE ALL HOPE YOU HAVE A GREAT SUMMER VACATION AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AGAIN IN THE FALL.

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