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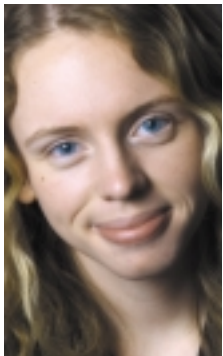
This month is the *studentBMJ*'s 10th birthday. **Richard Smith** and I explain how the *studentBMJ* began and look at its evolution over the past decade on **p 398**. We've tracked down our past student editors; you can read about their antics on **p 428**. Our readers weren't at medical school in 1992—some weren't even in secondary school—so three authors take us back a decade (**p 431**) and tell us what life was like for them at medical school when the *studentBMJ* first started.

Recently, the *BMJ* went on a wild goose chase, with a theme issue asking, "What is a good doctor and how do you make one?" Aside from the birthday celebrations, this month's issue also looks at how "good" doctors relate to their patients. Comedian and writer **Arthur Smith** gives his 15 golden rules for doctors on **p 439** and **Angela Coulter** (**p 400**) looks at patients' ideas of a good doctor. On **p 404** four educationalists from four United Kingdom medical schools talk about how doctors are trained and some current controversies, and on **p 434** **Polly Toynbee** joins in with her opinion.

Another comedian, **Phil Hammond**, talks to **Finola Lynch** on **p 419** about his many different career hats. He thinks medical students and doctors should be allowed to enjoy things beyond medicine. He has recently begun a tour of the United Kingdom with his show *89 minutes to save the NHS*. You can read a review of the show on **p 438**.

The *studentBMJ* is your journal; we rely heavily on students getting involved, not only in writing for us but in being part of the team of advisers. We're looking to recruit fresh blood; **Rhona MacDonald** explains how to get involved on **p 399**, and **Helen Barratt** gives a personal perspective on her duties (**p 433**). **Ruth Little** talks about her experience as a *BMJ* Clegg scholar on **p 432**, where you can also find out how to apply for next year's places.

The *studentBMJ* is in exciting times, and you can get involved in so many ways. We've come a long way over the past 10 years, and we're looking forward to the next 10.



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