

SHIFTING DULLNESS

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Special-For Y'all

ZEN AND ALL THE BEER YOU CAN DRINK

In their search for the Holy Quail, Bob White and his fledgling band of gastronomists arrived in the land of Durham (pronounced "Durm", after the fashion of those desperate times). The date was April 23, the time approximately 7:15 pm. The sun was setting as were their hopes for relief from the Dreaded Thirst, when suddenly (and admittedly to their great surprise) they came across a band of merry troupers doing whatever it is that troupers do, all in the name of something called "Zen".

Well, the long and the short of it was that no one could explain the essence of Zen and so they (meaning all that were there) sent out invitations to all members of the Duke Hospital community (which had, at that time, just been converted from a Revco store) to aid them in their quest for values. By 8 pm that night, over one thousand people had shown up, some enticed by promises of fulfillment, others by promises of beer, and yet others who simply had nothing better to do. And they all lived happily ever after.

Sound too good to be true? Saying to yourself, "I could never be part of something that exciting"? Well, you're wrong. This Saturday night, the Davison Society presents its 1977 Student-Faculty Show - "Zen and all the beer you can drink" in Card Gym. Doors open at 7:15 pm, the show starts at 8 pm and dancing will follow at 10:30. Tickets are available from cast members or in front of the cafeterias but will not be sold at the door. The cost is \$2.50 per person, which, of course, includes all the beer (or coke if you prefer) that you can consume. Everyone is reminded to bring their own pitchers for our waitpersons to use in serving you better. We still need help in that regard, by the way. Contact Will Bobbitt at 383-4196 or Box 2713, or leave a note with Marilyn.

NEW EARLY ADMISSIONS PROPOSAL

The Health Science Education Committee has developed an Early Identification Program "to select (10 undergraduates)...with less emphasis on class standing or course grades, but with special attention to qualities of maturity, motivation, dedication to humanitarian and ethical concerns," at the end of their freshman or sophomore year at Duke. They must have started college at Duke and completed chem, physics, calculus, and biology with a B average. In fall or spring of the sophomore year they will have a one-semester 15 hr/wk "hospital experience" along with the regular 4-course load. They will submit an essay supporting their qualifications under the above criteria. They must continue to satisfy the requirements for a departmental major, not necessarily in the sciences, and develop a course of study consistent with the goals of their essay. They may take medical school courses at any time after identification. MCAT exams should be taken during the fall of the sophomore year, though "the results will not necessarily be used for evaluation." Applicants will have interviews. Accepted students must maintain a B average in undergrad course and fail no course. All med school courses must be passed to continue in the program.

The committee hopes to implement this proposal this fall as a way to cut down on the pre-med pressures and competition. Committee members in medicine include Shirley Osterhout, Robert Peter, and Olaf von Ramm.

-Jodelle Groeneveld, MSIV

class notes

2ND YEAR CLASS

There will be a class party on Saturday, April 31 or Sunday, May 1. Details will be in Shifting Dullness or the post office. If you have any suggestions, call Chris Alexander or a class rep.

4TH YEAR MEDICAL STUDENTS:

Representatives from the Student Loan Office will be in Room M-133 (Alumni Conference Room) Davison Bldg. on Friday, April 22, from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon to conduct exit interviews with all Medical students who will be graduating in May. Federal law requires the school to conduct these interviews with borrowers of federal funds. Therefore, the above schedule is offered by our Student Loan Office as a convenience to our students. Borrowers who are unable to take advantage of this opportunity are required to have the exit interview at the Student Loan Office, 108 E. Duke Bldg., East Campus.

ATTENTION ALL SENIORS

Preserve your diplomas!! Laminate them. Plaques are available in four shades: Mahogany, Walnut, Maple, and Blond. 20% discount for Duke graduates. Contact: Mary Ellen Coster, 383-4350 (representative of The Long Island Engraving Company).

ATTENTION RISING SENIORS

Before writing away to residency programs, take a few minutes to browse through the Davison Society files, Monday or Wednesday, 1-4:30 pm, 6th floor, green zone.

med jocks

And they said it couldn't be done. This Saturday, Med School 1 bolstered by new recruits Ron "PBK" Gottlieb, Ralph "Sphincter" Whatley, Randale "Babe" Sechrest, and Marchall "Narcisso" Plotka, defeated a well-disciplined, talented "Derelicts" softball team. The final score was 11-8, but this does not reflect the total dominance that MSI had throughout the game. True to form, the Derelicts showed up one half hour late to the game. However, this psyche out maneuver did not deter a determined MSI squad.

The locker room scene at the end of the game was one of delirium. In post-game interviews, team members best summed up the emotions of the day.

Grit White - "I think this fine effort was partially due to the fact that we played much better in the field and contributed heavily at the plate, but I feel the key to the success was at the beginning of the game when we let the other team have Mapin."

"Virge" Wool was not to be found after the game, but he did make it to the beginning of the CPC. When interviewed on his way to the library, he surmised, "The exhilaration of winning was almost as great as acing an Organic test." (Note: this reply was not meant in any way to incriminate Dr. Osterhout or the Med-School Admissions Committee).

Catfish Stringfield was unavailable for comment at the end of the game. However, reliable sources have indicated that Catfish's only intelligible remark in the hours after the win was "I need another Schlitz".

Randale perhaps best typified the feeling of the day. With a tear in his eye and a Schlitz in his hand, he expressed with heart-filled emotion a short but meaningful thought, "I sure wish Earl would have been here to see this one."

Barb "Baby B" Basuk: "I think a significant factor in our win was that Marshall played without a shirt. Perhaps next game we'll all play without shirts. I'm sure that'll distract them plenty!"

Rots: "We were at the top of our game on Saturday. We were as good as we'll ever be, but the Derelicts were even worse."

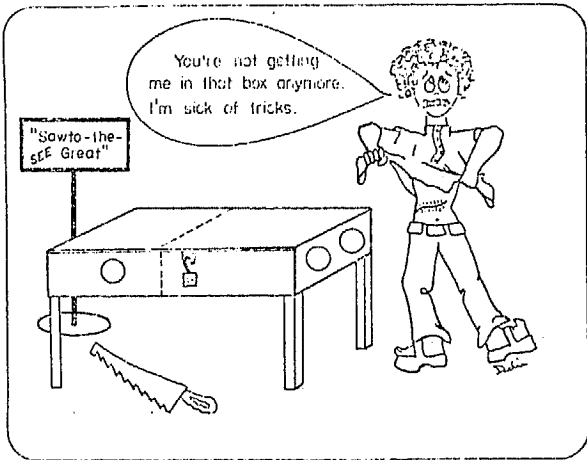
The question that now faces Med School 1 is whether they can maintain this winning streak and still pass Pathology. As to the former, maybe, but concerning the latter, who cares?

PATHOLOGY PUZZLE

Since we may not publish during exam week, you will find the solution to this week's puzzle buried in this issue. I have appreciated your interest and hope to continue this feature next school year. Original entries submitted by Lyn Sedwick MSIII and Will Cassano MD-PhD will be used then.

Jodelle Groeneveld, MSIV

Paul Foster, MSI received a gift certificate for the answers to last week's puzzle:
Autolysis: aplasia, autopsy, necrosis, myeloid, hepatic.

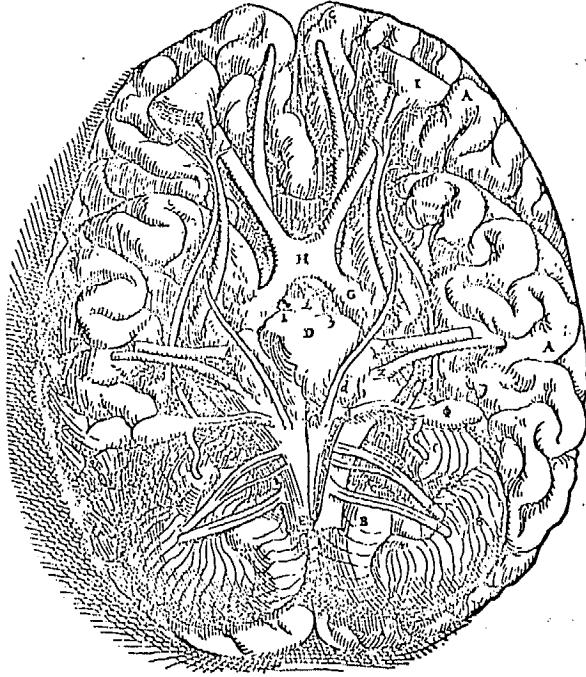


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CRITICIZE VESALIUS

How many mistakes can you find in this illustration from De Fabrica, 1543? Turn in your answer to the library's History of Medicine Room before April 22, to win a small prize.



Pathology Puzzle answers: Cicatrix-exudate, labile, eschar, Incision