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Matthew Quick: *The Cre-Master.*

Matthew Ragland: *Writes 'bout himself.*

Seth Kareus: *Writes with the skills of a advanced fourth grader.*

Jeff Ellison: *Knows how to Mac@.*

Keith Berner: *Just a spoiled brat that wants it all his way, and frankly a little bit boring at times with a weird odor that lingers when he's around.*

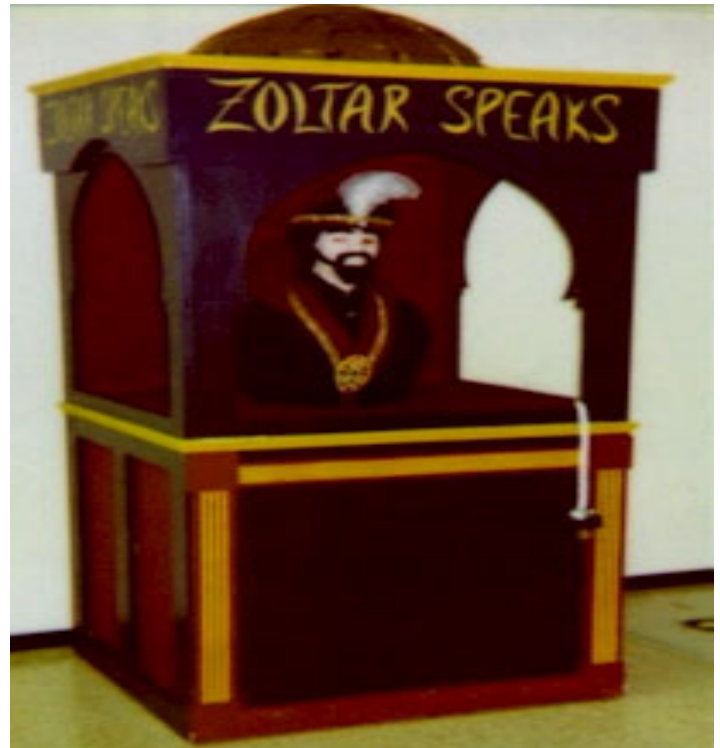
NBME Unveils USMLE Step 2-C

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On the heels of the USMLE Step 2-B's historic inclusion into the medical licensing process, the NBME has introduced yet another Licensure Examination, the USMLE Step 2-C (or, as the NBME calls it the Zoltar Test). The Gubernaculum has learned that the USMLE Step 2-C will be a modified version of the ever-popular coin-operated machine found in amusement parks and video arcades. This new version is designed to not only predict if the test taker will become a competent physician, but also will measure grip strength. To take the test, the student grasps the handle of the Zoltar machine, the mighty head of Zoltar moves up and down, and a little piece of paper is dispensed. The sheet of paper will read one of a number of assessments, including: Super Sexy, Hot Stuff, Competent Physician, Mild Man, Dr. Malpractice, Dr. Cold Hands, and Dr. Freeze.

A student must achieve a score of at least "Mild Man" in order to pass the examination. Test sites for the Step 2-C will be two county fairs in North Dakota. It is estimated that the Zoltar Test will cost around \$5,000, all of which must be administered to the machine in the form of USMLE tokens.

The Step 2-C has already incited large-scale protests from the AMSA (American Medical Student Association). Mary LeJuse, president of AMSA says, "This test has no validity and is just another scheme by the NBME to make money and further complicate the medical licensing process."



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Dr. Hirschsprung, president of the NBME, believes differently, "Not only has Zoltar proven its ability to rate a student's ability to treat patients, it can also rate how good someone is at smooching." But AMSA has not given up. "Dr. Hirschsprung is full of it," said



You Did It! *UAMS's Board Certified Carnie, Batboy@.*

Mary LeJuse, "Results from this test are nothing but random chance." It is estimated that 5% of all students taking this exam will fail, however UAMS Administration expects 15% of its students will have to take the examination at least twice.

In light of this suspected difficulty, the Clinical Skills Center (CSC) has invested in a Zoltar Machine simulator and a Board Certified carnie to run it. The newly hired carnie, Jim "Batboy" Weimortz, has 15 years of experience in the carnival and one ring circus institutions, with 10 of those operating a Zoltar Machine. Mary Cantrell, coordinator of the CSC, says, "We are very lucky to have our own Zoltar Machine and Batboy. Now, students can come to the CSC anytime and practice for the Step 2-C."

UAMS Doctors Diagnose Snoop Dogg with Wernicke's Aphasia

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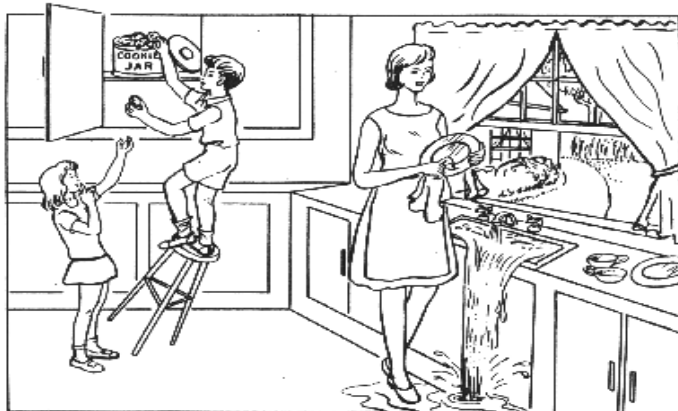
Physicians at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences recently diagnosed the rapper with Wernicke's Aphasia. Wernicke's Aphasia occurs secondary to damage to Wernicke's area, which is located in the temporal lobe behind the primary auditory cortex. Put your finger just above and slightly behind your left ear to touch the probable location of your Wernicke's area.

Patients with Wernicke's or fluent aphasia produce rapid fluent speech with normal rhythm and intonations. Most ordinary grammatical structure is intact. The speech of a Wernicke's aphasic is nonsen-

sical, consisting of short sequences that may make sense in isolation, strung together in a meaningless, repetitive way, broken up by nonsense words.

Doctors diagnosed Snoop by using the "Cookie Theft" picture from the Boston Diagnostic Aphasia Exam. This exam has patients describe what is happening in a picture of three people in a kitchen. Thomas Drizzle, MD showed Gubernaculum staff Snoop Dogg's test results. Shown below is the "Cookie Theft", and next to it, we have printed a copy of the transcript of Snoop's description.

Snoop: "This beautiful baby girl by the snizzo is lettin all dat water spill on to the flizzo.



C-to-the-double-O keys. The "Cookie Theft" picture used to test for Wernicke's Aphasia.



It Ain't Notin' but a W-Thang Baby. Snoop uses his verbal abilities to to send his message to the nation.

She's trippin for shizzle, know what I'm sayin? And check out these two shorties in tha back. Playa pimp's tryin to get him some C-to-the-double-O keys, but he's about to bust his hizzead all over da flizzo. And his lil' sisnat is sayin fool, pass that snack before you go out like a punk. Cuz it was her plan to get some of those C to the Double-O keys all along."

Dr. Drizzle explained to Gubernaculum staff that this

is a classic case of Wernicke's Aphasia. Dr. Drizzle hopes that Snoop Dogg will participate in his study on the etiology of Wernicke's Aphasia. Dr. Drizzle said, "Even though Snoop no longer uses marijuana, we would still like him to participate in a case-control study on the causal relationship between smokin' indo, sippin' on Gin & Juice and Wernicke's Aphasia." When asked for a response Snoop Dogg said, "Fo shizzle."

M1s Protest Gross Anatomy NBME

M1s are protesting over accusations of a lower than normal class average for the Gross Anatomy NBME. Says one student, "I don't believe these NBME scores represent how much we learned. Our class' MCAT scores were way more higher than previous classes." Another M1 stated, "I can't figure out how I did so poorly. I studied so hard for that test. I mean, I knew like all seven cranial nerves, including the pudendal." The M1s recently held a vote to see if they could raise their class average. Unfortunately, the vote had to be unanimous, and sixteen students voted against it.



NBMEEEEE! Students protesting against the recent examination.

Confessions of A Closet Gunner...

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Many of you know the subject of this article. You've seen him sleeping in the back row, you've heard him joke about how he was failing micro, you've seen him at the Flying Saucer, and you may have even partied with him at the Electric Cowboy. However, what you didn't see was a man living a lie. He never sleeps in class, he aced micro, he's never tasted an alcoholic beverage, and when the party is over he goes home and outlines chapters in Guyton & Hall. He is, or should we say he was, a closet gunner. This is the sad but true story of a closet gunner in the UAMS class of 2006. In order to protect his innocence, we have given him a fake name, "Matthew Ragland".

Closet Gunners want you to think that they don't care about grades or class rank. However,

nothing is further from the truth. For "Matthew Ragland" the strain of his double life grew to be too much. Last February he joined G.A., Gunner's Anonymous, and over the spring break he came out to his family and the Gubernaculum staff. "Matthew" claims, "Coming out has been so liberating. Now I can finally say, 'this is me, this is who I am.' I'm not ashamed anymore. I can admit that I have 90 highlighters. I visit all of my professors at least once a week, and I ask them questions when I already know the answers. I vote against postponing tests. I stole Rhett Mays' brainstem model. I checked out Basal Ganglia Made Easy, and I didn't return it until after the test. If I couldn't recognize a structure on my cadaver, I would destroy it. If people can't accept



What is that brown stuff on your nose? Closet Gunner kissing up to a UAMS professor.

that, then they have the problem, not me."

"Matthew" says that he would encourage other closeted gunners to come out, but not without a word of warning. "I wouldn't say everything has been positive. I joined G.A., and while I was working my way through the 12 step program, I had to tell apologize for calling Matthew Quick a nerd, but he really is a nerd.

My home life has been uneasy as well. My dad was a high school football player and member of a fraternity in college. He doesn't accept my lifestyle. He doesn't understand my need to study and do well academically. My Mom has been more accepting. A few weeks ago she even helped me color code and alphabetize my Renal Phys notes.

Med School Is No Longer Like "Drinking from a Fire Hose"

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NORML (National Organization for Reform of Medical Language) had an emergency meeting April 17-19 at the Sheraton Inn in North Little Rock. Representatives from 112 medical schools from across the nation and world convened to try to find a solution to what has been termed "the most pressing issue to ever face our organization", namely, the severe over-use of the "Med School is like getting a drink of water from a fire hose" analogy. While enjoying the free continental breakfast and complimentary USA Today" in the hotel lobby, Dr. Harry Hirstusis of Harvard Medical School iden-

tified the major culprits for the phrase's over-use as freshmen orientation programs and aging physicians attempting to scare young, innocent pre-meds.

The American delegation supplied the majority of the proposed solutions. Among the forerunners to re-



This will only hurt a little bit. M1 begins his daily routine of taking in lecture material.

place the hackneyed expression were

- * ...like making a five-course meal out of steatorrhea.
- * ...like sucking a softball through a garden hose.
- * ...like fitting Mr. T into Pampers and some orange Floaties.

The foreign representatives were less forthcoming with solutions. The French delegation, when asked, would only repeat "Voulez-vous coucher avec moi ce soir." The representatives from the Beijing's People's College of the Proletariat's Physician Worker for the People gave the analogy "...like finding just one person with the name with

Liu," while the Germans offered "...wie blitzkrieg autobahn Volkswagen™" kindergarten achtung." The Japanese and Korean bloc's suggestion of "...like trying not to kill a customer with tetrodot-oxin" was initially well received, but did not make it out of committee.

After three days of fierce debate, the NORML delegates presented a replacement to the fire hose analogy. Russia threatened a veto, but upon conference with allies decided to go with the will of the organization in approving "Med school is like learning massive amounts of information which you are required to know in detail upon examination."

MY MUSINGS



Matthew Ragland

I Don't Scream Like a Girl.

Go ahead and suspend your disbelief. This is out there. I have hiked up Pinnacle Mountain—both sides—several times in the past month. If you can believe that, you can believe anything. I liked to go between eleven in the morning and about four or five in the afternoon. On weekdays, of course, while the rest of you are in an Ed III basement. (Isn't all of Ed III a basement?) There were fewer witnesses there then: I had my reputation to think of.

So this active, outdoorsy thing was going swimmingly for me until the last time I went up Pinnacle about a week ago. I was going up the east side, down the west side, and around the base of the mountain back to my car. On the way up the

east side (gang or Manhattanite—you decide) trail, I nearly stepped on a snake. I'm really scared of snakes. This one was maybe two feet long and black, but since I thought it was after me, I didn't hang around to check it out.

The point is that when I nearly stepped on this demon-being, I did not scream like a girl. I have always said and believed that when frightened, I would scream like a girl. That has been proved wrong. The sound I made was not very manly. It was kind of a deep, strained, "Eeeeeeh!" But it was not a girly scream.

Although I might not scream like a girl, if the library's copy of The Wall Street Journal is gone or not in order, I will bitch like a Hollywood starlet.

A Tale of Two Matt Quicks

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As many of you have noticed, there are two Matt Quicks in the College of Medicine. An investigation into the admissions process is ongoing to determine how this duplicate name was admitted. Tom South, Dean of Admissions, states, "Obviously there was a breakdown in the system when we accepted the second Matt Quick. The goal of this investigation is not to point fingers or place blame on any person. We just need to fix some gaps in the admissions process." Early investigations have revealed that the 1st Matt Quick is actually named Charles Matthew Quick. However, he goes by the name Matt Quick. Committee members now admit that if they

knew the 1st Matt Quick went by the name Matt Quick, they never would have admitted the 2nd Matt Quick. One Admissions Committee member said, "Unfortunately, it is too late to neg the 2nd Matt Quick. He is already an M1. The only thing we can do now is to make sure that we do not admit a 3rd Matt Quick." When reached for comments the 1st Matt Quick declined, but the 2nd Matt Quick said, "I would hope that future Matt Quick applicants will not be discriminated against based on their name. In fact, I would like to see more Matt Quicks accepted to UAMS, because I am really counting on my transcripts getting mixed up when I apply for residency."

What's Trendy at UAMS

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| Burberry Scarves | Cadaver Ball T-Shirts |
| Second Floor of Library | Third Floor of Library |
| Lehninger | Baynes & Dominiczak |
| Pancoast Tumor | Fecal Impaction |
| White Coat, Blue Shirt, Khaki Pants, Red Tie | White Coat, Blue Shirt, Khaki Pants, Maroon Tie |
| Radaminska's "Fatty Achids" | Newton's "Neurōnes" |

You Voted for It

Here are the results of last month's poll...



M1s vote Matthew Ragland's mustache more popular than Matthew Ragland.

Student's Appeal Rejected After Long Court Battle

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After a month-long court battle, M1 Andy Rolly's appeal of question #45 on the Cardiovascular Physiology exam was rejected. This historic case marks the first time that a Physiology test appeal has reached the federal court system, and medical schools across the nation waited anxiously for the results. After Dr. Soulsby, who in an unusual move served as both judge and jury, rejected Mr. Rolly's appeal, his counsel Johnny Cochran spoke to the waiting press.

"This denial of justice is ridiculous, outlandish, preposterous, obstreperous, and wholly egregious. He didn't specify baroreceptors. Therefore, he must accept other answers. Answer C should say Bundle of His; that's why this

was missed. Mitral stenosis? They weren't supposed to know this!"

Confused, the press then asked Mr. Rolly for a comment, but could only detect broken sobs that sounded like "life ... ruined ... must ... drop ... out" Experts all agree that without the appeal, Mr. Rolly is doomed. If the appeal had been granted, his test score would have been raised from 84.46 to 85.30%, thus guaranteeing that he would be in the top 10% for the course. He will still receive an A in the class, but he is afraid that he will not be able to make it into the residency of his choice, which means that his remaining years will be sad, lonely, and bereft of love and friendship. His previously friendly acquaintances will treat him with scorn. Mr.



"Mitral stenosis? They weren't supposed to know this!" Cochran uses the 'Not In the Syllabus' Defense.

Rolly plans on dropping out of school and working at Dollar General in the mornings and at Best Buy on the weekends in order to make the monthly payments on his beloved '88 Corolla. Look for him in the

ER with delirious tremens in two to three years.

When asked for a response, Dr. Soulsby only replied "You know, he won't feel the first bounce. Bwa Ha Ha Ha Haaa!"

Paying for Medical School: A New Approach

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With medical tuition costs rising, today's medical students will be faced with increased debt and ever-increasing costs of malpractice premiums. This leaves many students wondering how will they ever pay off all of those student loans? Some students at UAMS feel like they've found the answer in advertising. These students are selling themselves to pharmaceutical companies in order to pay for books, tuition, housing, and a whole lot more. An ad executive for the firm Kluver & Bucy said, "We have flooded the market with pens and clipboards. People don't even notice our name on them. We desperately needed a new Marketing Strategy, and we



Show me the money! UAMS Student shows a few of the companies that are sponsoring him for medical school.

think we've found a great one by placing ads on White Coats. A White Coat symbolizes personal integrity, professional leadership, honesty, respect, compassion, and commitment. That's why we want our name on it." Companies will pay a lot of money for the right

placement on a White Coat worn by a top student. The Kluver & Bucy Ad exec stated, "Obviously the higher your ranking in the class the more attractive you are to companies looking to sell top product." One top student admits that she was paid \$1,000 dollars just to wear a hat that said Zanax while she accepted an award for academic achievement. She said, "They offered me an extra fifteen hundred dollars if I would say, 'I take Imlodium for my irritable bowel syndrome', but I refused."

Ad execs say that lower ranking students should not feel left out. Soon, Herbal Remedy companies will be looking to advertise on White Coats, and they are more than

willing to advertise on the lower ranks. How far will this trend go? No one is quite sure. The most extreme case the Gubernaculum could uncover was a student receiving payments covering his tuition, books, housing, car payments, and recreational funds in return for changing his name from Ben Anderson to Recommends Libidor.

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"If you follow the Road Map, everything will come out fine in the end"