

Psychiatric Debate

I read with interest the article on my classmate, Gene Moss, and his advocacy of biobehavioral approaches in the treatment of psychiatric conditions from phobias to anxiety, depression, addictions, and eating disorders [*"From Couch to Computer," Spring 2006*]. His advocacy of procedure-based rather than process-based treatment, thus making psychiatry similar to surgery, is another manifestation of the dehumanization and industrialization of healthcare delivery in America.

It might be of interest to interview two psychiatrists from the class of 1964 and outline completely divergent views of how to address the symptomatic needs of patients. My view might be called "From Couch to Tipi" and posits the view that instead of the computerization of mental health delivery, we move toward the ceremonial.

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Blast from the Past

The students in the photograph "Students listen to a heartbeat using an Educational Cardioscope," used as an illustration in the article on the Class of 1960 [*"Brotherhood of Hippocrates," Spring 2006*], are members of the Class of 1962. They are, from left to right: Jeanette Schoonmaker, Alan Solomon, Martin Lerner (the patient) and Peter Klemm.

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Remembering a Friend



Syracuse University Medical School joined the SUNY system in 1949. Immediately, two changes became apparent: hordes of new clerical staff appeared in every corner of the school building, and 76 first-year students matriculated—an increase from 54. The Class of 1953 was the first composed mostly of veterans—older, mature, and serious.

Bob Schramm [*"In Memoriam," Spring 2006*] was one of these. Raised in Pennsylvania, he enlisted in the Navy and served at the Great Lakes Naval Hospital. In 1946, he married Anita Lake, a nurse from Rhode Island also serving at the hospital. Bob's military service interested him in medicine, so, under the GI Bill he came to Syracuse. After graduation and an internship at St. Joseph's Hospital, he and Anita moved to Cazenovia, where they raised four children. He was in family practice for 10 years, then took an anesthesiology residency at St. Joseph's, where he practiced for 20 years. Bob was active in organizing the Cazenovia Fire Rescue Squad and the Cazenovia Area Volunteer Ambulance Corp. A grateful Cazenovia gave him its Civic Award in 1975.

Bob was big, jovial, and outgoing. He served as our class secretary for 40 years (1953-93). From our 25th on, I met him every five years. By 1988, progressive coronary artery disease limited his activities. He was unable to attend the 1993 reunion. Fortunately, he rallied enough to receive seven bypass grafts—a record of which he was proud. His health improved, and we worked together to plan our 45th reunion. He and Anita attended our Golden Reunion in 2003. He was his usual cheerful self. Unfortunately, Indian summer was not to last. Anita died of uterine cancer in May 2005. Bob died of congestive heart failure in November 2005.

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Correction

The Student Rounds section of the Spring 2006 issue contained an essay attributed to Erin Wright. The student's name is, in fact, Erin Wight. Our apologies, Erin.

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