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Faculty News

Orientation Programme for new entrants – 2015

As per long held tradition the commencement lecture for the incoming batch of students of A/L 2013 took place on 12th January 2015 at the main hall of the faculty. The commencement lecture was delivered by Prof. Rohini de A Seneviratne. The programme was well attended by the academic staff members. The lecture was insightful and the students of the A/L 2013 batch gained much from this programme.



A few memorable moments of the Commencement Lecture for the A/L 2013 batch

CoMSAA News and Projects

Presentation of the Sumi Moonesinghe Award - 2014



L to R: Pramith Ruwanpathirana AL 2011, Ms. Sumi Munasinghe, Dr.J.B. Peiris

The Sumi Moonesinghe Award was presented to Mr. Pramith Ruwanpathirana of the A/L 2011 batch on 5th January 2015 during the Orientation Programme for the new entrants. This is awarded annually to the best scholar at the Introductory Basic Sciences (IBS) Examination. The President of CoMSAA, Dr. BJC Perera attended the event and briefly addressed the new entrants while the Secretary Dr. Sameera Gunawardena briefed the audience on CoMSAA activities and the criteria for the Sumi Moonesinghe Award.



Presentation of Sumi Munasinghe Award



Dr. BJC Perera, Addressing the gathering

Helping students affected by the Bloemfontain Hostel fire



A fire broke out in the Bloemfontain men's hostel on 24th January 2014, which destroyed a room occupied by two 4th year students of the faculty, thankfully, with no harm to student lives. CoMSAA held an emergency meeting to determine ways and means to help the affected students and it was decided to provide essential medical textbooks and donate Rs. 25,000 to each student. CoMSAA funds and personal contributions made by members were utilized for this.

CoMSAA Concert

The CoMSAA Concert of the alumni will be organised during this year. Alumni from many generations will be performing at this event. More details of the event will be available in next newsletter.



From the Alumni

NAD, FTG? *Certainly Not!*

Dr. Sarath Gamini de Silva

As you go on your ward round
Many interesting cases abound
A patient making a lot of sound
On the floor, likely to be found.

He may appear as just panicking
With chest pains, only mimicking
Imagining a colic, pain rollicking
May be in illness he is trafficking

What to do next, he has no plan
Has fallen to the fire from the pan
Certainly not a winner, an also ran
In us looking for solace, if he can.

Lying in a corner a big made lad
Had crossed words with his dad
Now regretting, feeling very bad.
Pleading headache, he looks sad.

We know they are not physically ill
But if we dismiss them "diagnosis nil"
To clear the crowd as the wards fill
Return the next week, they sure will!

It may be only a mild headache
Yet shouting keeping all awake
Precious time he is likely to take
But do not dismiss him as a fake

I cannot sleep, says the elderly man
Years of work, an unmistakable tan
Has done his best for the entire clan.
How sorry now he is nobody's fan.

Frail emaciated elderly mother
She seems to be in a lot of bother
Looking dejected, end of her tether
With a story that is hard to gather

The young girl just out of school
Rapped by mother for being a fool
To teach her a lesson, seeking a tool
Took an overdose, yet she looks cool.

Listen to them with an open heart
Healing process will at once start
Sending for counselling playa part
Relieve suffering, don't have to be smart.

Bashing Men A favourite pastime of some !!!!!

Dr. Dennis Aloysius

Men are like.....Bananas.

The older they get, the less firm they are.

Men are like.....Bank Accounts.

Without a lot of money, they don't generate much interest.

Men are like.....Bank Machines.

Once they withdraw, they lose interest.

Men are like.....Cement.

After getting laid, they take a long time to get hard.

Men are like.....Coffee.

The best ones are rich, warm, and can keep you up all night long.

Men are like.....High heels.

They're easy to walk on, once you get the hang of it.

Men are like.....Lawn Mowers.

If you're not pushing one around, then you're riding it.

Men are like.....Mini-skirts.

If you're not careful, they'll creep up your legs.

Men are like.....Popcorn.

They satisfy you, but only for a little while.

Men are like.....Snowstorms.

You never know when they are coming, how many inches you'll get, or how long they will last.

Men are like.....Used Cars.

Both are easy-to-get, cheap, and unreliable.

In lighter vein

Famous cheeky rejoinders

Prof. S. Lamabadusuriya

The beauty of the English language is such that even mean things can be said beautifully. Some of the best insults and cheeky rejoinders in the world have been shaped by some of the smartest, wittiest minds.

Here are some of the favourites:

- John Mantagu: “Upon my soul, Wilkes, I don’t know whether you’ll die on the gallows or of syphilis”

John Wilkes: “That will depend My Lord on whether I embrace your principles or your mistress”

- Lady Nancy Astor : “Winston, if you were my husband, I would put poison in your coffee”

Winston Churchill : “Nancy, if you were my wife, I will drink it”

- Senator Fritz Hollings when challenged by his Republican opponent, Henry McMaster: “I will take a drug test if you will take an IQ test”

- Dorothy Parker: “Mr. Coolidge, I have made a bet against a fellow who said that it was impossible to get more than two words out of you”

President Calvin Coolidge : “You lose”

- Pierre Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, in reply to Richard Nixon calling him an ‘asshole’ : “I have been called worse things by better people”

- Actress Mary Anderson : “What is my best side Mr. Hitchcock”

Alfred Hitchcock : “You are sitting on it, my dear”

- Groucho Marx : “I never forget a face, but in your case, I’ll be glad to make an exception”

- Reporter : "Your Holiness, how many people work at the Vatican?"
Pope John XXIII : "About half"
- A house member, after rubbing Speaker Nicholas Longworth's bald head : "Nice and smooth, feels just like my wife's bottom"
Longworth, running his own hand over his head : "Indeed, it does"
- Henry Clay : "I would rather be right than be President"
Thomas Reed : "The gentleman need not trouble himself, he will never be either"
- Dorothy Parker : "If you want to know what God thinks of money, just look at the people he gave it to"
- Reverend Edward Everett Hale when asked if he prayed for United States Senators :
"No, I look at the Senators and pray for the country"

My Doctor...

Let me tell you about my doctor. He's very good! If you tell him you want a second opinion, He'll go out and come in again.

He treated one woman for yellow jaundice for three years, before he realized she was Chinese.

Another time, he gave a patient six months to live. At the end of the six months, the patient hadn't paid his bill. So.., the doctor gave him another six months.

While he was talking to me, his nurse came in and said, "Doctor, there is a man here who thinks he's invisible". The doctor said, "Tell him I can't see him."

Another time, a man came running in the office and yelled, "Doctor, doctor! - my son just swallowed a roll of film!" The doctor calmly replied, "Let's just wait and see what develops."

One patient came in and said, "Doctor, I have a serious memory problem." The doctor asked, "When did it start?" The man replied, "When did what start?"

I remember one time I told my doctor I had a ringing in my ears. His advice: "Don't answer it."

My doctor sure has his share of nut cases. One said to him, "Doctor, I think I'm a bell." The doctor gave him some pills and said, "Here, take these and if they don't work, give me a ring."

Another guy told the doctor that he thought he was a deck of cards. The doctor simply said, "Go and sit over there. I'll deal with you later."

When I told my doctor I broke my leg in two places, he told me to stop going to those places.

The student who received 0% at an exam...

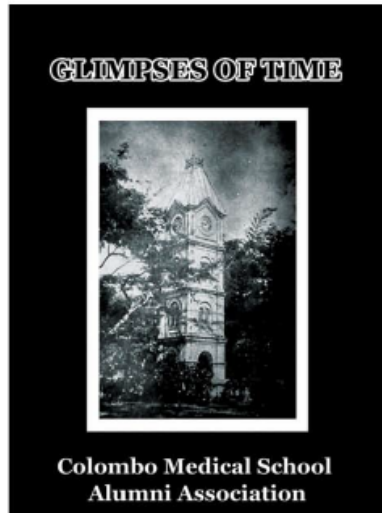
...deserves better for his originality and critical thinking!

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| Q1. In which battle did Napoleon die? | - his last battle |
| Q2. Where was the Declaration of Independence signed? | - at the bottom of the page |
| Q3. River Mississippi flows in which state? | - liquid |
| Q4. What is the main reason for divorce? | - marriage |
| Q5. What is the main reason for failure? | - exams |
| Q6. What can you never eat for breakfast? | - lunch & dinner |
| Q7. What looks like half an apple? | - the other half |
| Q8. If you throw a red stone into the blue sea what will it become? | - it will simply become wet |
| Q9. How can a man go eight days without sleeping? | - no problem, he sleeps at night |
| Q10. How can you lift an elephant with one hand? | - you will never find a elephant that has only one hand |

Spread the laughter, share the cheer
let's be happy, while we're here!!

“Glimpses of Time”

“Glimpses of Time” a Book of Reminiscences was published by CoMSAA and launched at the 3rd CoMSAA reunion held in September 2014.



“The richness of the history, ethos, contributions and travails of an institution nearly one and half centuries old is captured in this book through the reminiscences of former students and teachers.”

Get your copy of
“Glimpses of Time”
from the CoMSAA Office,
Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo

Price Rs. 1000/=*

Please contact Dr. Sameera Gunawardena
on 0714958897

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“CoMSAA Steth and Book Donation Fund”

CoMSAA has prepared a scheme to purchase and donate stethoscopes and clinical textbooks to second year medical students with financial difficulties. CoMSAA hopes to continue this program on a yearly basis.

The need for such a program has arisen as more and more students find it difficult to cope with the rising prices of books and medical equipment for their training. As a result many resort to used books or stethoscopes which are of poor quality. By providing these items we hope these students will be able to reach their full potential during their medical undergraduate career.

If you would like to contribute to this program please inform the CoMSAA secretariat - **Dr. Sameera Gunawardena - 0714958897**



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