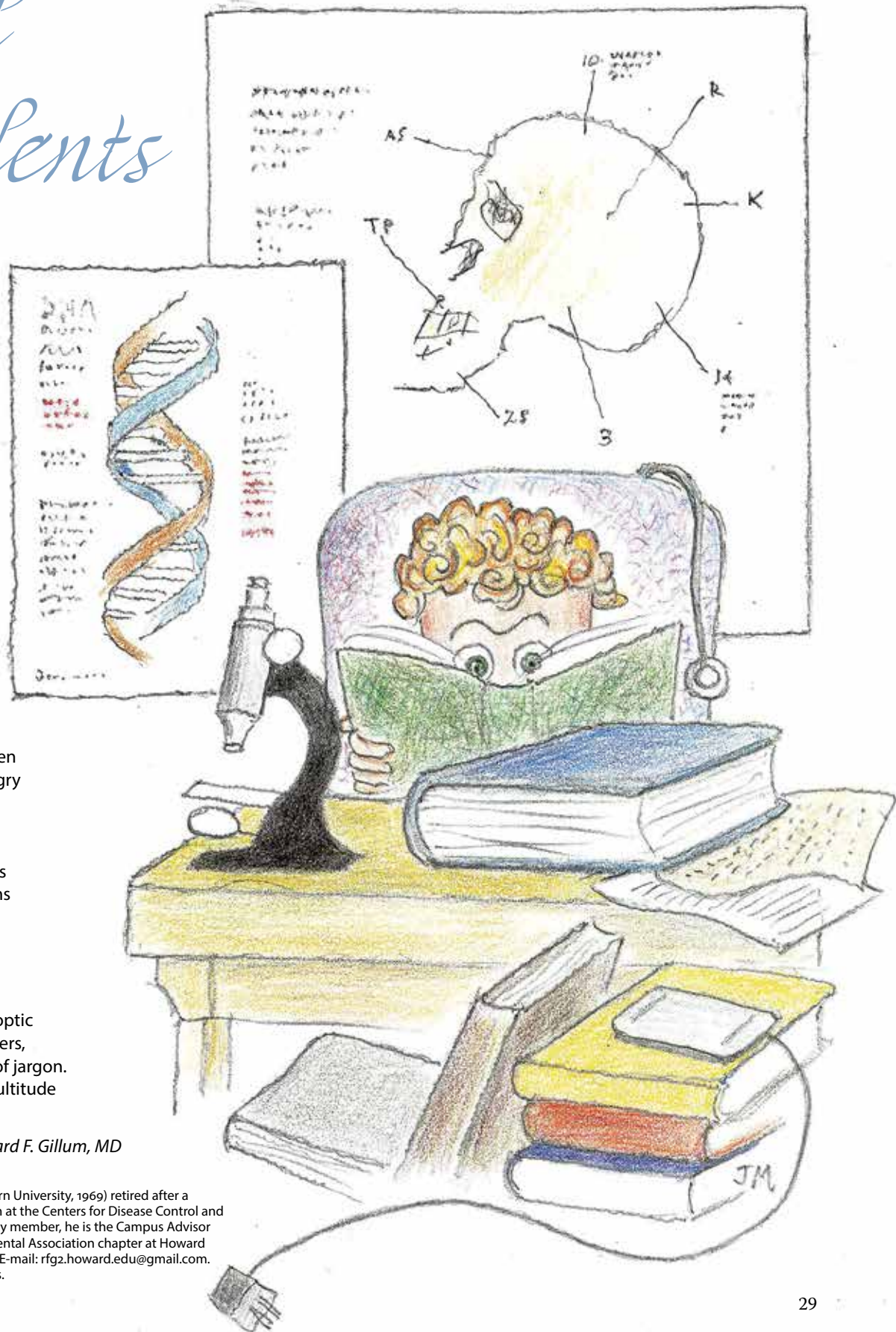


# Med Students



Sorted into groups of ten  
The novices come hungry  
To the table, eager to  
Taste slices of mystery  
Hypnosis, prayer  
Near-death experiences  
Spontaneous remissions  
And chew them into  
True-false facts  
Before the next exam.

As priests of science  
They will handle fiber-optic  
Serpents, cast out cancers,  
And speak in tongues of jargon.  
But who among the multitude  
Will be wholly healed?

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