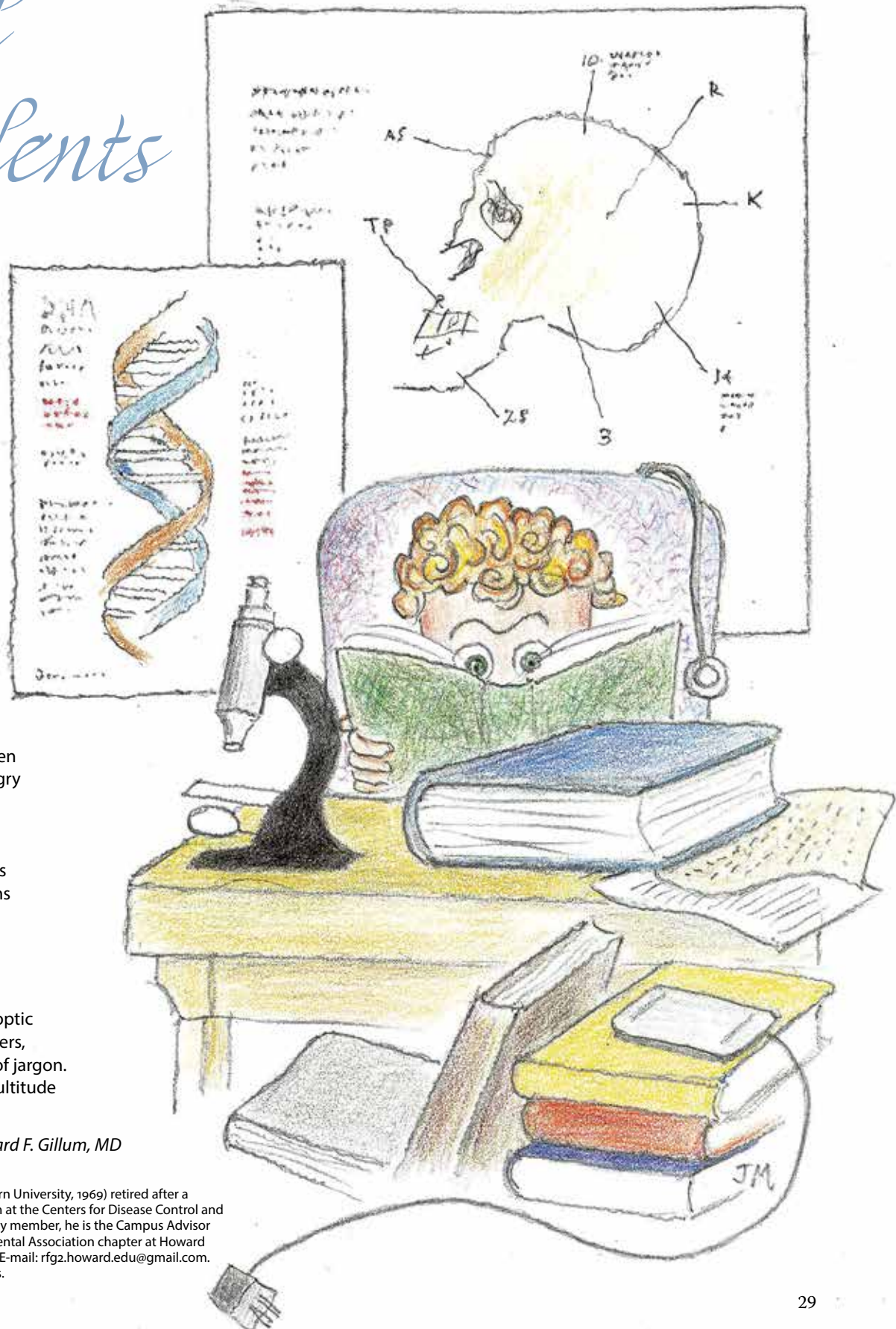


Med Students



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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