

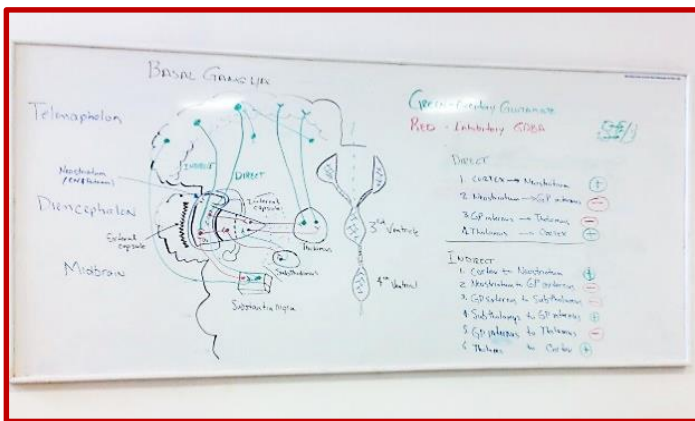
Our Professor, Dr. Conwell-

C.S. Lewis once stated that “the task of the modern educator is not to cut down jungles, but to irrigate deserts.” Aside from learning the material this semester, we were provided with a professor, Dr. Conwell, of extraordinary kindness and humility who managed to achieve exactly that. We were told that this course is one of the most hated and feared during the basic science curriculum, yet most of us both enjoyed and looked forward to the course every day.

The success of the students in this course is two-fold as far as I can tell. First, we have a mentor who chose to get our systems boosted, excited and ready to learn. This semester was a stressful one and it showed some days. Lucky for us, when our sparks dimmed or went out completely, we had someone to rekindle that flame and keep us going. It is my belief that we will look back and feel the deepest gratitude for his skill,



actions and attitude. Second, Dr. Conwell had the rare ability to make complicated material understandable and interesting. The importance of that aspect cannot be emphasized enough.



Perhaps my vocabulary is simply not developed enough to accurately describe the value of this semester as a whole or perhaps Dr. Seuss was right in that ‘sometimes the questions are complicated and the answers are simple.’

It’s simple math really. One loaded course plus one amazing instructor equals students who are learning and happy to be doing so. Personally, this was my favorite course so far. The subject matter has been an interest for as long as I can remember, but I am left with an exponential increase in understanding and an even greater curiosity and love for it. This next semester will be my last in San Pedro and I don’t know if it’s changing seasons or perhaps the scent of a promised change that stirs inside me, but I wholeheartedly welcome it and the challenges that lie ahead.

Janet Taylor  
TA Neuroanatomy  
December 15, 2014