



### A FAIR GRADE

Congratulations to my grandniece, Jenelle Pifer, for her wonderful remembrance of Dr. Hooker ["The Great Equalizer," Summer 2012]. In those days we had tests known as "rat races" in which we were to identify tagged parts of the

human body laid out on a table. I failed one. Dr. Hooker later called me into his office and said, "I realized you were sick that day, and I should have told you to go home and rest. Your grades in anatomy have always been high, and I'm not going to allow one bad grade to destroy your

record. Therefore, I'm throwing it out!" I was very touched by his awareness and caring.

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### RECENT MAGAZINE HONORS

2012 AAMC Robert G. Fenley Writing Award for Excellence, Basic Science, Staff Writing (E. Vitone, "Mars and Venus Revisited")

2011 CASE, District II Gold, Covers ("None of My Memories Are My Own," design by E. Cerri)

2011 CASE, District II Silver, Staff Writing

2011 IABC Golden Triangle Award of Excellence, Feature Writing (E. Vitone, "Mars and Venus Revisited")

2011 IABC Golden Triangle Award of Honor, Magazines

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### STEP RIGHT UP

Okay, maybe your life feels like a three-ring circus. But you can spare a minute to catch us up on your doings, right? Tell us about your career advancements, honors you've received, appointments, volunteer work, publications, and other death-defying acts. And we love to hear old Pitt memories. For instance, what's the story with this uni-doc we found in Pitt's 1970 *Hippocratean*? Quit clowning around and drop us a line at the contact info listed to the right, or friend us on Facebook at [www.pittmedfb.pitt.edu/](http://www.pittmedfb.pitt.edu/).

