



SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION

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TO A DEAR AND RESPECTED FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE ED CADMAN ON HIS RETIREMENT AS THE DEAN OF JOHN A. BURNS MEDICAL SCHOOL AND AS RECIPIENT OF HAWAII MEDICAL ASSOCIATION'S "PHYSICIAN OF THE YEAR 2005."

O forces of the Universe,
That are so strong and so fierce,
Grant our Dean what is kind,
So he can leave all his worries behind.

So he may journey like others I know
And travel the world like Marco Polo.
And see places away from the politics,
Surgery, medicine and the genetics.

Take him away from the whirlpool
That he cleared to make the Medical School.
Taming the sharks, thought a rarity,
Was only a tiny part of his activity.

Now that the school stands tall
Like those temples high above in Nepal,
He must do things just for fun,
Like running for pleasure in the rain and in the sun.

He has toiled with heavy loads of hay,
And built a castle with rocks here to stay,
He may now look backwards with such a pride,
Since he made the School his beloved bride.

In the sea of hope,
I see Ed's dreams shine in a kaleidoscope,
Showing to all a colorful School,
With scholars from Tokyo to Istanbul.

The future is bright if we bother to look.
'Cause of what Dean Cadman for years undertook,
His sweat and blood were not useless,
And shall forever in Hawaii fluoresce.

Ringed with hopes of a great life,
The Medical School must now strife,
And prove to our retiring Dean,
That we shall carry the banner of his dream.

A banner, swaying in the winds,
With the emblem of JABSOM on its wings,
Will be proudly displayed in Kaka'ako,
Over the Medical School as Ed's chateau.

Editor's Note:

This poem was written by plastic surgeon Don Parsa. After presenting it to Dean Cadman, Don was encouraged by the Board of the Friends of the Medical School to submit it for publication in the Journal. It is reprinted here for your interest.

While Dean Cadman took leave of absence from the medical school on February 1, 2005 and retired as Dean on August 7, 2005, he continues to serve our medical school in various positions including teaching. He was honored at the HMA's Ola Pono Ike medical ball at the Hawaii Convention Center on October 22, 2005 as Physician of the Year.



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