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TAKE ANOTHER SHOT

Hren: Take Another Shot

*Take another shot
At simple understanding
Maybe it is not
So hard to comprehend.
I can see the aliens are landing;
Casually dining on my friends.*

*Shooting in the dark,
There's bound to be a problem.
Loading up the ark,
We'll leave a few behind.
There is nothing we can do to stop them
Or resurrect my friends on which they've dined.*

*Take another stab —
There's got to be an answer.
Make another stab
To stop the bleeding, please.
Aliens know nothing of our cancer
So they dance through leper colonies.*

*Limits lie in chains
We cannot carry farther.
Walls surround our brains,
Ignoring our complaints.
Freedom is defined as something other
Than bondage, cages, traps, looks and restraints.*

— Margaret C. Hren

TAKE THE A BUILDING — PLEASE

Its too hot — Its too cold. Imagine what would happen if it was just right. Goldilocks could be patronizing the vending machines, awaiting an overflowing cup of porridge from one machine while loosing change in another. A bit of imagination is necessary to envision a life with three bears, while living in the A Building. However, much more to one's advantage is a lively sense of humor — it means survival. It's time to put Mother Goose and Mr. Aesop (a most unusual couple) to rest and ponder just what the purpose of A Building really is.

The third floor is an experimental laboratory for the space program. A number of space cadets have joined the ranks at the College of DuPage, walk the halls daily and the thought of wearing astronaut attire is not a bit farfetched. The marvelous invention adjusts to body temperature, atmosphere and environment.

In the Learning Lab oxygen masks will be installed in the not too distant future. Each desk will be equipped with the apparatus, just in case one feels lethargic, nauseous or can't breathe! By simply pressing a button, the life saver will be released and there is no need to worry about malfunction. A nurse will be on duty around the clock and in his/her absence the assistant's assistant will be readily available or if need be, the substituting assistant's assistant would only be too pleased to help and if someone gets out of hand, the old saying, "turn blue" would be considered apropos. If discomfort, light headedness or increased heart palpitations persist, Doctor Good Air could be contacted, providing your insurance policy is paid current and coverage includes Plan A as well as Plan B. It is also to your advantage to be a white anglo-saxon, protestant female. Dr. Good Air prefers the ladies! His sealed, bullet proof glass office is located just two blocks off-campus. (lucky dog even has an attached parking garage to house his Mercedes-Benz, Cadillac Seville and one worn-out Volkswagen left over from med school).

Doctor Good Air's credentials are impeccable. He is an eye, ear, nose and throat specialist and professes to the empiricist school of philosophy. His moral conduct reflects that which is perceived through the senses. He sees, hears and speaks no evil but can smell a \$50.00 bill three miles away. He is a graduate of A/V (audio-visual) Deception Academy, has a B.S. Degree (boy you can say that again) repeat he has a B.S. Degree from the Mess-A-Choo-Shitts Institute of Technology, a highly prestigious institution dedicated to the study of controlled environments and "snowing people under."

Now it shouldn't be necessary to come to the A Building with belly buttons exposed nor wearing fleece-lined underwear in order to sustain the variable temperatures. Some practical individuals have found an alternative to the space suit if it is out of price range. Dressing in a layered-look can be most effective.

Not too long ago, what appeared to be a 300 lb. female, was observed waddling down the hall. Upon closer observation, it was discovered that this clever faculty member was wearing her entire winter wardrobe and weighed only 97 lbs. Other than a slight difficulty in walking, she wasd weathering the 37 degree temperatures admirably.

Layered attire is practical and a new type of body language has evolved from this mode of dress. Removing the layers, it is possible to interpret goose bumps and this is indeed a psychological breakthrough. GBT (Goose Bump Testing) scores are presently a prerequisite for graduate degrees in anatomy and the study of skin disease. Just imagine a layered look masquerade party where upon unlayering the layers, one could compare goose bumps. Comparative studies indicate that larger goose bumps denote infertility!

A Building, controlled environment is not a pipe dream, its a nightmare. In the third floor men's room, you can walk in and take a shower. But, where are th shower nozzles? It must be the sprinkling system and there's a fire! Its a Fred Astaire movie and he's singing in the rain — but the rain is coming through the ceiling! It should not be necessary to bring a bit of the outdoors in through the ceiling and mar an otherwise natural turn of events.

On the positive side, alas an answer has been found to feeding the needy of DuPage County. A portion of the first floor will be used as a giant refrigerator. The College of DuPage Food Pantry can supply food not only to the immediate area but also to strife-torn Central America. There is enough space in several offices and classrooms to hang sausages, hams and store produce to feed the world! The whole concept will revolutionize the food industry and bring General Electric to his knees! A giant cold storage unit will shelve hunger forever. The temperature range on the first floor and throughout the building is variable enough to freeze a fruit or hot enough to cook a goose.

In satirizing the A-Building, it is terribly difficult not to confuse the animate with the inanimate, people vs puppets and machines vs madness. Stroking an object rarely brings results whereas pulling strings and paying lip service to those responsible for planning, building and maintaining such a fortress fraught with hlunders, provides the scenario for this comedy of errors. In this performance, clapping with one hand seems appropriate. However, by not repeating the same errors in constructing the SRC, it might be possible to bring down the house with thunderous applause and send the audience home, looking forward to the second and third replay of a successful encounter with building and beings.

So take the A Building — please! The first ten offers will be presented with an Honorary Degree in Blindfollowing.