SECOND OPINION

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We had many responses from the February Last Call (shown right). Trying to identify those pictured was a trip down memory lane for some and pure speculation for others.

Joe Hakas (MD ’57) identified the suspects as follows: Clockwise from left—Mickey Zernich (sitting); Doug Hardy (using stethoscope); Phil Levine; Herb Cronin; Al Winters.

Edward Jew (MD ’53) also called. Referring us to the 1953-54 Hippocratean, he noted the caption said “PMB”—i.e., “poor miserable bastard.” He says it was a posed picture with (clockwise from left) Marshall Levy (MD ’53), now deceased (sitting); Dr. Jew himself (bending with stethoscope); Leo King (MD ’53); Jake Fong (MD ’53) (holding tongue blade); Pat Hughes (MD ’53) (patient/PMB); and the late Charles Johns (MD ’53) (wrapping ankle). Dr. Jew notes that Marshall Levy was the editor of The Hippocratean and Mervin Stewart (MD ’53) probably took the photo.

James Bates (MD ’53) phoned and concurred with Dr. Jew’s description, though he didn’t recognize Hughes/PMB. And we got mail:

I believe that the physician in the foreground taping the patient’s ankle looks similar to Dr. Withers, who is on staff at Mercy Hospital.

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Dr. Stewart, who still has an irresistible touch with a shutter, also sent this photo from his reunion last year, suggesting the title, “We Had So Much to Talk About.”

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