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Sent: Thursday, March 29, 2007 2:55 PM

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Subject: RE: AoD extra credit assignment

Hitch. Thank you for sending in this extra credit assignment. I agree with your essay strongly: What was wonderful about the Ball performance was that Brian humanized the experience of having cancer, including receiving the "bad news," so that it became not simply a teaching point or a lecture topic or an algorithm, but something human transpiring between two individuals. I know you will be (and probably already are) very good at delivering very bad news, because you are not only concerned with doing it "correctly" but doing it feelingly.

With completion of this assignment, you have now successfully earned a (very well-deserved, may I add :-)) grade of Honors in this class. Best, Dr. Shapiro

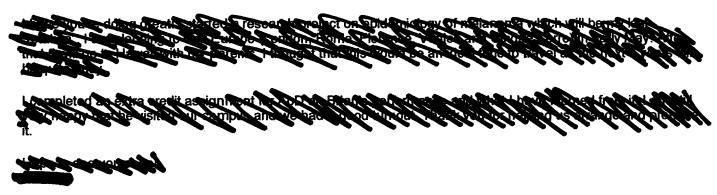
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Hi Dr. Shapiro,



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reading your essay after knowing how the match turned out for you and is bittersweet. On the whole, though, despite his willingness to be the one not to match, it seems as though you will feel less guilty and responsible that things turned out this way.

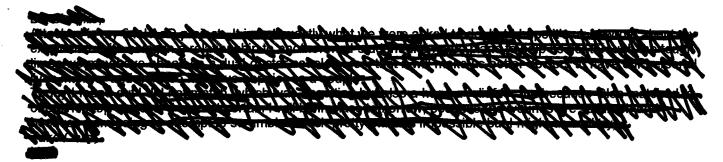
I really admire your putting some thought (and research!) into this issue, because as one-half of a dual-career (although admittedly not as demanding a career as medicine) couple, I am firmly convinced that the relationship needs attention and work just as each career does. Relationship is not something you take for granted with good results. There is plenty of negotiation, compromise, and sometimes hurt feelings. But there is also the incredible iov of sharing a journey with someone who is your soul-mate. Well worth it, in my opinion. My husband and I have always used what we call the "rollerskate" model (imagine two people on rollerskates holding a rope between them). Sometimes one of us would be in the lead, pulling the other; and then the momentum would shift, and we would change places. One of the biggest decisions we made was to move from northern to southern California when I was hired for my job at UCI. That was a choice to further my career, and involved great professional sacrifice for my husband. Later, however, I declined several administrative positions at UCI because, after being interim chair of my department for 2 years, we learned that the demands put too much strain on our family life. It's all about balance. If you keep communicating, take each other's needs seriously, and address problems early (all the things you've committed to doing), you relationship will flourish; and that in turn will provide a strong context for your career. One thing early in our marriage which my husband told me which since then has always been our guiding principle was: "No matter what the conflict, what the problem, always remember I am your beloved." Pretty sweet, huh? \*\*\*\* I wish you all the best next year; and know you will make good use of it no matter what happens. Warm regards, Dr. Shapiro

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