

ELITE COLLEGES HAVE STAFF OVERLOAD

With the cost of college approaching \$100,000 a year there will be pressure to reduce costs. The problem is that while more than three million people work for four-year colleges, the staff is beginning to outnumber the faculty. A December 26, 2024, article in the Wall Street Journal reported that Duke and Caltech have even crossed that threshold with more non-faculty employees than they have students.

To reduce costs and tuition, reducing staff is a message not getting through to the best and brightest.

EUROPE NEEDS TO GET ITS ACT TOGETHER

While America's economy continues to grow, our friends across the pond are stagnating. Our culture and economy set the tone for the rest of the world.

Mario Draghi of Italy, a former President of the European Central Bank, recently pointed out the grim news that Europe's output per capita is lower than ours by 30%. Not a single European Union company with a market value above \$100 billion has been founded in the last 50 years. Only 4 of the world's top 50 tech companies are European.

Europe remains attractive to visit – one wag described its appeal as a large outdoor museum with cafe life at its core.



Bow Young at Heart Club

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 22, 2025. 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Kourtney Soucy from Concord Hospital, will present information about patient and family services at the hospital.

FEBRUARY 12, 2025. 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Pizza Party. You don't have to be a member to join us for a slice or two of pizza, interesting conversation, and games

All meetings are held at Old Town Hall, 91 Bow Center Road.

Bring your own lunch at 11:30, desert is provided. Presentations begin at 12:30. **The public is always welcome to attend meetings.** Membership is open to all residents 55 and older.

For more information contact Peter Cherici at (603) 774-7682 or email at fairfield_a@hotmail.com

OCCUPATIONS STILL VARY BY GENDER

Overall in America, 53% of those employed are men and 47% women. Jobs in sales are closely divided with 51% men and 49% women while the legal field is now 52% women and 48% men. Now for divergences:

WOMEN

Healthcare support 84% • Personal care 75%

MEN

Engineering and Architecture 83% • Construction and extraction 96%

Why? Part of it is expectations of roles: The assumption that men are supposed to be better at building stuff, for example, helps explain why they make up 96% of construction jobs and 84% of architects. Women are assumed to be better at caring for people. So, 87% of registered nurses are women.

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WHO'S WHO NEW YEAR CHALLENGE

Happy New Year. Once again, I want to give you a brief medical case history, and you will try to figure out who the person is. All 5 are famous people who have contributed much to make our world a better place. As I have before, I acknowledge and give credit to the work of Thomas Meissner, MD whose work and writing is the source of these cases. This is the fourth year that we have done this together, and I trust you enjoy the challenge.

1. Although he was a successful author, it is felt that he suffered from alcoholism and borderline personality disorder and in later life developed delusions. His father and two siblings committed suicide. In 1961 he attempted suicide three times, was unsuccessfully treated at the Mayo Clinic, and in June 1961 shot himself with a rifle a few weeks before his 62nd birthday.
2. This author (1819-1891) wrote what has become one of the most important works of world literature. As a young author he would write in a state of ecstasy lasting for hours. Some think he had a bipolar disorder. There are some indications that he had ankylosing spondylitis. His home in Pittsfield, MA is known as Arrowhead.
3. This surgeon was the first to successfully transplant a human heart in December 1967. In his mid-thirties he was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis. He suffered from severe flares with painful swelling in his fingers, eventually making surgery impossible. He stopped surgical practice in 1983 and died after an asthma attack in 2001. He established a foundation to help underprivileged children throughout the world.
4. This German theologian (1483-1546) suffered from ringing in his ears, dizziness, and head and stomach pains. He posted his "Ninety-five Theses" on a church door in 1517. A branch of protestant Christianity bears his name.
5. A child of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert, this king of England developed appendicitis two days before his planned coronation. Sir Frederick Treves (surgeon) and Lord Joseph Lister (father of antiseptic surgery) performed surgery. He was crowned two weeks later, on 9 August 1902.

ANSWERS:

1. Ernest Hemingway 2. Herman Melville. 3. Christiaan Barnard 4. Martin Luther 5. King Edward VII



*Don't wait for extraordinary opportunities.
Seize common occasions and make them great.
Weak men wait for opportunities; strong men
make them.*

Orison Swett Marden, American author and founder Success magazine in 1897.



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