Oh, those naughty Med students!

It's smut. Pure smut. And Wednesday night's audience ate it up, so to speak.

The twenty-fifth annual Med Show is loosely held together by the comments of a narrator who appears between the "phases" presented by each class. He describes the progress of a med student through his four years of university education, likening medical school to the gastro-intestinal tract which "takes all the good out of whatever passes through," leaving a bucolic by-product as the end result.

This year's med show features "adult" fairy tales in which "the whole truth about fairles is revealed." In the "Mastergate Affair," Sticky Dick loses his "favourite thing" when

he fails to heed the warning from the ghost of Spirochete Agnew to reveal all: "Don't be a crass ass, you're gonna lose your tool, fool!"

The class of '74's effort, "Wally Why, Superstar," is the story of a placenta who rises to great heights, only to be cut down by the establishment because he refuses to brown nose his way through internship.

The audience seemed to get more laughs out of the actors miscues than they did from the lines, although an evaluation of Mary Magnolax's condition was well received: "She took her pill with polluted water and now she's three months stagnant."

The plays are intersperced with commercials ("Legs-Our legs fit your pegs") for

amputees, sports scores (of a hockey game between Texas A and M and Texas Tech, "which could be called the Co-Tex game") and some truly cute songs, by such groups as the New Christy Menstrals.

Probably the rankest scene of all had to be the stage setting for "Snow White and the Seven Dorques," presented by the class of '77, in which a female med student makes her first public appearance through an enourmously graphic depiction of female genetalia. (Linda, you'll never live it down.)

Last night's performance was before a capacity crowd. If you revel in filth, con a friend into giving you his tickets. But don't go if you have a weak stomach.

Violence breeds nostalgia

(EN) - Bit city crime and violence seem to be producing a brand new phenomenon on the American scene--the return to the medieval, walled, guarded estate. It's the latest thing in suburban development, and-according to reports from around the country--the new housing units are selling faster than they can be built.

For instance, one new development outside Houston features the security of a high cement fence around the entire area, plus iron gates and musket-toting guards decked out in 18th century costumes. Another similar development in California is reportedly surrounded by a moat. Many of the new "estates" have their own banks, shops, recreation facilities, churches

and office buildings-all closed off to everyone but residents and guests.

Outside Detroit, the Hunter's Ridge community is surrounded by an eight-foot brick wall, patrolled 24-hours a day by seven guards. The entrance to the community features a guard house, a blockade, and electronic sensors to alert guards of approaching cars. If visitors don't have passes and the guards are suspicious, they're turned away.

The 488-unit community is composed of condominiums renting from \$315 a month for a one-bedroom apartment, up. The developers' ads say that the security services are worthy of a "private, walled state."

Medium considered for case

(EN) - Cleveland police are debating whether or not to call in a noted clairvoyant to help them solve two suspected murder cases.

A reporter for the Cleveland Plain Dealer told Earth News that police are baffled as to the whereabouts of the corpses in the two, unrelated cases. In both cases, suspects have been arrested and charged with murder, but the cases against them suffer for lack of a corpse. Some members of the police department have favored calling in Peter Hurkos-a well-known clairvoyant-to help them find the bodies.

One of the cases involved the disappearance and suspected murder of 18 year old Christine McWeeny. She disappeared on October 25th, leaving no trace of here whereabouts. Police have arrested a man known to be with her at the time, and that trial will be coming up soon. The prosecutor is reportedly concerned about the case because of the lack of a corpse to prove murder.

The other case involved the disappearance of a schoolteacher last summer. Again, police believe that she was murdered and her body disposed of in some fashion. A suspect has been arrested and charged with murder, though police still have no trace of the corpse.

Hurkos-the clairvoyant-is reportedly reluctant to enter the case. He first gained public notice when he played a major role in the Boston Strangler case.

Creativity or bust

(EN) - Zero population growth as a solution to the world's population problem is still approached warily by many scientists. Some have said that a reduction in the numbers of young people resulting from a lower birth rate would also mean a decline in the number of young scientists and other creative people. Society, they say, would soon lapse into senile stagnation.

This gloomy view is now being challenged by research proving that creativity isn't the exclusive property of the young.

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