

Looking at problems from a broad range of viewpoints (biology, sociology, anthropology) was perfect. I especially enjoyed the lectures on primates by Jane Goodall (not that I ever went to Gombe for which I was thankful after hearing Dede's stories about picking leeches off her legs). I think Carl Djerassi's population control seminar was very good - dividing the class up into sections to study the problem from various aspects in many different countries. I went on to write an article with him about insect control published in Science. My final year I finally decided to go to medical school but since I had not been a pre med and hated physics so much I never showed up for the final exam. After I got into medical school I realized I might not be matriculated with that incomplete on my record. Fortunately a sympathetic professor gave me a pass based on my two mid term grades. I went on to an internal medicine residency but just like my conversion from math to human bio, my natural predilection to wanting to know a little over a broad range rather a lot within a narrow range led me to emergency medicine in which I also became board certified. I went on to a 35 year career in emergency medicine but used what I learned in Human Bio - working together in groups, tackling large issues involving many different specialties, etc as a physician leader in the Permanente Medical Group. I am very appreciative of my undergraduate years at Stanford. I made lifelong friends and an amazing education. As a member of the first class to graduate with a human bio major - my thanks to Donald Kennedy, David Hamburg, Jane Goodall, Carl Djerassi, Sanford Dornbusch and the other professors such as Norman Wessels, Harold Baker, Paul Berg.