WAR OF 1812 SURGEON SHARES MEDICAL DISCOVERIES IN MAY 10 TESC LECTURE

Dr. William Beaumont spent years dispelling medical myths and studying the workings of the human stomach at the expense of a young French Canadian trapper accidentially shot one lovely day in June of 1822.

On May 10 (1976) Dr. Beaumont will share his findings in a free afternoon lecture beginning at 4 o'clock in Lecture Hall Four at The Evergreen State College. The former army surgeon, who died before the Civil War, will be impersonated by Dr. Richard Eakin, a theatrically talented zoological professor from the University of California at Berkeley.

Dr. Eakin originally sought only to liven up his lectures on zoological discoveries of the past by inviting "guest lecturers," some of whom had been dead more than 300 years, to address his classes. He researched his historical colleagues thoroughly, then hired makeup artists and costumes for each of their appearances. He found his "guest lecturers" were so successful on the Berkeley campus that he has "hit the road" to share the excitement of their zoological discoveries anew with today's students.

His Evergreen lecture launches a full week of activities surrounding formal dedication on May 14 of the college's new Laboratory Science/Arts Building.

Topic of the afternoon address by the impersonated Dr. Beaumont is "The Physiology of Digestion." The colorful physician/scientist, who served as a surgeon's mate during the War of 1812, arrives complete with costume, black bag full of "modern" 19th century medical tools, and his journal, from which Dr. Eakin has gleaned much of his presentation. He departs --- usually to a standing ovation --- having enlivened the study of science considerably and the knowledge of anatomy, circa 1840, immeasurably.

The public is cordially invited to Dr. Beaumont's address.

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