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transcript of my handwritten scribbles after receiving anguished complaints after the "celebration".

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I would be at a loss what I could say that would be useful in difficult circumstances. While I could make a more gracious effort, you would be better served by someone with more direct experience and knowledge of nursing education.

Issues do come to mind about which more might be said.

A fantasy I have entertained but never dared press is that nursing education and medical education should be identical* for preclinical years with gradual differentiation, and much greater opportunity for flexibility between the career lines of nursing, general medical practice, specialty practice and research. I doubt that it would have been very helpful to air such an utopian speculation in the stressful circumstances.

* i.e. taught in the same classes.