



The new medic sweater that was out recently has seemingly gained general acclamation.

Before this, medical students were merely marked by besides the books in their hand — the medic tie and blazer. And now it seems that there is suddenly a new population of medical students walking about in their brand new navy blue sweaters.

These people constituted part of the “out” crowd of the first and second year medics who have so far been denied of the privilege of wearing a medic tie, let alone buying one.

The fact is: although there is no hard-and-fast regulation whatsoever governing the exhibition of this article, members of examination are just refrained from doing so by tradition that has been handed-down for all these years.

Perhaps one may argue that the medic tie has become some form of a reward for the 1st M.B. candidates. But that just started one remembering the cute little white pig one got in the good old kindergarten days when one should present a clean epidermis.

The point is: the medic tie, with its present status, stigmatised a barrier between seniors and juniors among members of the Medical Society — conferring a sense of inferiority and insecurity to the latter.

While fraternising the freshmen (as we always do every year when a new academic year starts), such barrier and the stigmata of it, must be abolished..

The sweater is a good start. Let’s see what will happen with the tie.