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DAVISON SOCIETY NEWSLETTER
DUKE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

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Special-For Y'all

CAPITATION

This is an attempt to clarify the complex issue of federal capitation. There is a significant difference between the amount per student authorized and that appropriated and awarded medical schools by Congress. The amount awarded to Duke was 64% of that authorized in 1974, 47% in 1975, and 30% in 1976. Because of the current heated controversy in Congress regarding funding of abortion, no appropriations have been made for 1977. For the fiscal year 1978, \$2,000 is authorized (not awarded) per student; but if the percentage appropriated is similar to that experienced in previous years, the amount will be much less. Optimistically a guess of 70% of that authorized would amount to \$1,400 per student. Another problem is that there is growing sentiment in the Senate to terminate capitation.

-Ewald W. Busse, M.D.

DAVISON SOCIETY PRIORITIES

Below is the list of priorities set by the Davison Society for the present year. If anyone is interested in working on any of these areas, please drop a note in the Ballot Box.

- I. Advising
 - a. 3rd and 4th Year Students
 - b. In regards to residencies by present residents
 - c. Registry of Duke Grads in Residencies
- II. Social
 - a. Relationship to Service
 - b. Creativity
 - c. Increase activities in the fall
 - d. Projects to be self-funding
- III. Extra-School Communications
 - a. AMSA Projects
 - b. Book coop
 - c. UNC relationship
 - d. Other area schools
 - e. Commonwealth program
- IV. Communications
 - a. With undergrads
 - b. As advisors to Pre-Meds
 - c. Between classes
 - d. Between Council and Society
- V. National
 - a. National Health Ins. effects
 - b. Legislative Liaison
 - c. Manpower Act & Foreign Students
- VI. Community
 - a. Increase involvement
 - b. Externship with community MD
 - c. Seminar on office practice
- VII. Funding and Tuition
 - a. Students on Budget Committee
 - b. Service coercion programs
 - c. Alternative sources
- VIII. Curriculum
 - a. Increased student input
 - b. Change
- IX. Other
 - a. Yearbook
 - b. Davison Society Bench
 - c. Fraternity
 - d. Redefinition of Dean

DAVISON COUNCIL ABSENTEES

People absent at the last Davison Council meeting included Rob Califf, Jeff Johnston, Mike Gorman, Chris Alexander, Harry Severance, Jeff Giguere, and Barbara Hall.

DUKE UNION BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Mike Dresser has been elected by the Davison Council to serve as the Medical School representative to the Duke Union Board.

SEX ED

"In the Spring, a young man's fancies turn to thoughts of..." No, it's not Spring, but it is time for the DAVISON SOCIETY SEX ED COMMITTEE to again begin its round of annual activities. As usual, we will be running the Duke undergraduate sexuality course, and sponsoring sex education in Durham seventh grade classes. If you have been a small group leader for the Duke undergrads or taught seventh graders, or if you are interested in being trained to do these things, please come to our next meeting: Tuesday, October 18, 6:30 p.m., Carter Classroom (fifth floor red zone).

BEER and LIFE INSURANCE

The American Medical Student Association is providing two kegs for the Med School at the Student Union on Friday, October 21 at 4:30 pm. Put it on your calendar!! The party is sponsored by Paul V. DiSantis, general agent for Minnesota Mutual Life Insurance Company, underwriters of the AMSA sponsored Life and Disability Insurance Programs.

WITNESSES NEEDED

The Law School has trial practice and moot court classes. They need medical students to be expert witnesses. There's no pay, but a heck of a lot of fun. If anyone is interested, see Jackie Rutledge, Box 2843.

PRIMARY CARE RESEARCH

Possible opening for medical student graduating in December to assist in a research project concerning measurement of patient health outcomes in the ambulatory primary care setting. For further information contact Steve Gehlbach, M.D. or George Parkerson, M.D. at Duke Family Medicine, 286-4621.

class notes

First Year Students: ELECTIONS

Coffee and donuts at 11:00 am on Thursday, October 13 to get to meet the candidates. On the 6th floor lounge (informal). Election - Friday, October 14 through Tuesday, Oct. 18. Good Luck. Place ballots in ballotbox in the mailroom.

Fourth Year Students: INTERNSHIPS

Eastern has a new Unlimited Mileage Fare which could be the answer to all those expensive airline tickets. For between \$302 and \$323 you can go anywhere Eastern flies with the following guidelines:

1. You must travel at least 7 but not more than 21 days.
2. 2 adults must make the full trip together.
3. Tickets must be purchased 14 days in advance.
4. You may make as many stopovers as you choose (you must make at least 2).

See Marilyn for more information or contact Eastern Airlines.

seminars

THE MAKING OF THE FAMILY PHYSICIAN

On Saturday, October 29, at 10:00 - 3:00 at Durham County General Hospital Auditorium, representatives of all nine North Carolina Family Practice residency programs will discuss the meaning of Family Medicine, and how their programs educate and prepare a person for the future in Family Practice. Sponsored by the Forum for Primary Care and the Duke Family Practice Club, this program should interest first through fourth year medical students. For more info, contact Bill Griffin, DUMC Box 2760, or call Judy Goetzl at 684-5314.

COLLIN BAKER, formerly in the Duke Watts Family Medicine Residency and a student advisor, is now helping run a residency at Richland Memorial Hospital in Columbia, South Carolina. For anyone interested in learning more about this residency, Dr. Baker will hold an informal discussion on Friday, October 21, in the Hospital Administrative Board Room (first floor by the Red Elevators). Sponsored by the Forum for Primary Care.

"EXPLICIT STRATEGIES (PROTOCOLS) IN MEDICAL CARE"

On Thursday, October 20, at 4:00 pm, Dr. Tony Kameroff will present a discussion on this topic in Pickens Building Basement Conference Room. Dr. Kameroff is head of the Ambulatory Care Project at Beth Israel Hospital; this discussion should be especially pertinent for anyone interested in primary care or general internal medicine.

med jocks

Attention Med School WRESTLERS , tournament time is upon us again!! We hope to improve on our 2nd place university finish of last year, and need fresh recruits. Weigh-in will be next week and tournament times and weights will be posted. If you are interested, sign-up sheets will be available in the Post Office. Questions? Call Joel Puleo, 684-7586.

contests

The deadline for receipt of manuscripts for the American Academy of Neurology essay award is December 20, 1977. The essays will be considered in one of three categories: clinical neurology, experimental neurology, general-historical aspects of neurology, or critical reviews. The prize is \$100. For further information, see Shirley Osterhout.

The deadline for entries to the AMSA-EATON Medical Art Award Competition is December 1, 1977. Prizes will be awarded in medical photography, photomicrography, electron photomicrography, and medical illustration. The prizes range from \$50-\$250, and applications are available in the Davison Society office.

residencies

Information on the following programs is available for review, Mondays, 1-4:30, and Wednesdays, 1-3 in the Davison Society office, 6th floor, green zone.

Directory of Institutions Offering Reduced-Schedule Training, published by the Harvard Reduced-Schedule Residency Project

Graduate Medical Programs at St. Agnes Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland.