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STUDENT LOUNGE SECURITY TIGHTENS

The combination to the Student Lounge has recently been changed due to unauthorized persons entering the area. Students are not to give the new combination out to any person other than a medical student, for whatever reason. The door should not be propped open, either. Environmental Services personnel will be given keys by CTL for twice a week cleaning. In the meantime, students should help by cleaning up their own trash. In the past, trash has accumulated for no reason.

In addition, there is a student Sleep Room in the Lounge for students on call at Duke South. If the door is closed, be considerate of those sleeping inside overnight.

If you see anyone whatsoever other than medical students in the lounge, please contact Carol Reilly that day. If the combination gets out again, it will be changed again. To obtain the new combination, see Deborah Senter in CTL.

CURRICULUM REVIEW: THE THIRD YEAR

Faculty and students interested in curriculum review are looking at the third year with interest. Historically, the third year was a time of research for future scientists. Nowadays, one argument runs, the current student body has less background in the sciences and so needs extension of basic sciences study. Nevertheless, many students want an intact third year, ironically for research purposes. Their argument is that a full year is necessary to complete a significant project. The possibility of publication was an attractive feature to many applicants.

The problem lies in inefficient use of electives by students. To combat this, the faculty on the third year curriculum committee are looking to increase the number of study tracks, like those for immunology and epidemiology. The students on the committee agree with the proposal as a means of providing focus for coursework and advising, but question the restriction on total course choice as a result.

As it stands now, the advising system is ineffective - no one professor can expect to know all of the electives. Second year students currently turn to older students for advice. Further measures the curriculum committee wants to implement include the following:

- 1) A catalogue of researchers and projects kept up to date: xerox and mailout to second year students.
- 2) Survey current MS III's to see what they are doing and whether it is worthwhile research.
- 3) Survey MS II's to see what their expectations and desires are for the elective curriculum.

- 4) Have each department evaluate their courses and research opportunities.
- 5) Alter the third year calendar so that cross-registration with the graduate school is easier.
- 6) Provide more information on the logistics of taking electives elsewhere.

Right now, evaluations are available for the elective courses, but these tend to run out of date. The overall goal of the third year curriculum committee is to increase communication as an effective means of making course choice more intelligent and coordinated.

Thanks very much to Elizabeth Livingston for providing the information for this article. -Bill Crone

HEART ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES FELLOWSHIP

The American Heart Association announces the annual Medical Student Research Fellowship for 1984-1985 to encourage medical students to engage in full-time research for a period of one or more years prior to graduation. Only one application per medical school. Application is by institutional officer or faculty member responsible for the conduct of the program. Deadline for receipt of application is July 1, 1983. For more information see Dr. Shirley K. Osterhout or Shifting Dullness folder in Linda Chamber's office.

AMA MEETING SCHEDULED

There will be a meeting for student members of the American Medical Association of North Carolina Medical Society on Tuesday, March 15 at 5:00 in the student lounge. Other interested students are encouraged to attend. We will be discussing upcoming meetings in Pinehurst and Chicago. If there are any questions, contact Ken Roberts, P.O. Box 2796 or 286-0643.

KING'S FUND PROGRAM ON THE BRITISH HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

Arrangements have been made with the King's Fund College for a 1983 program in London for a group of American Health Professionals and students. The course will be two weeks in length, from July 11 to July 22.

The King's Fund College is a privately endowed, health-related college which trains administrators for the National Health Service and has a continuing responsibility for upgrading and maintaining the management skills of career health professionals. The London course is based in their quarters in the heart of London, which provide housing, lecture, dining and library facilities.

For further information, see the Shifting Dullness folder in Linda Chamber's office.

SHIFTING DULLNESS SPRING DINNER

Shifting Dullness is holding an exotic dinner on a tree-covered balcony Thursday March 17. All members of the Shifting Dullness staff and others interested in joining the staff are invited. For more details, contact Walter Pharr at 493-7600.

INTENSIVE SPANISH PROGRAM FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

The American Medical Association and The Experiment in International Living are the co-sponsors of the Intensive Spanish Program for Health Professionals. The program will be held July 11 to July 29. It will be conducted on the multi-national campus of The Experiment's School for International Training in Brattleboro, Vermont.

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ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE

There was but one answer submitted to last week's puzzle. Unfortunately, the joker who submitted it didn't give his/her name. Oh, well. I'll keep the gift certificates for myself unless 'anonymous' identifies themselves.

The answers to last week's puzzle include:

- Rosenmuller's gland, Cloquet's node
- Any four of the six intrinsic muscles of the external ear (look it up yourself if you're burning to know)
- And, Wee Michael, WW II British RAF flying ace and Duke medical student.

PUZZLE CORNER

This week's puzzle was written in honor of the lord of the manor. Unscramble the words below, and use the encircled letters to fill in the blanks below to give this week's topic.

neorac _ (o) _ _ _ _ (o) _
geimtrupy (o) _ _ _ _ (o) (o) _ _ _ (o)
aniret _ _ _ (o) _ _ _ _
luedoohrm (o) (o) _ _ _ _ (o) _ _ _
haaclozin _ _ (o) _ (o) _ _ _ (o) _

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