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## LAST CHANCE FOR COURSE

For all future Pediatricians, Neurosurgeons, Orthopaedic Surgeons, Neurologists, and Duke Medical Students in their third or fourth year: A fascinating course in Pediatric Neurosurgery will be offered during Section 81 of the Spring Term, on Tuesdays from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Three more students are needed to reach the minimum enrollment for this course. Interested students should call Dr. Jerry Oakes' office, 684-5013 or Andy Saltzman (Box 2745, DUMC).

## NEW GROUP ORGANIZES

There will be a meeting for all medical students interested in forming a personal growth-support group similar in format to that offered to students during the psychiatry rotation. This organizational meeting will be held in the nursing conference room (across from the MC Amphitheater in the Yellow zone) on Wednesday, Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. If you have any questions or are interested but cannot attend, please contact Pam Levine at 489-4316.

## DAVISON COUNCIL MINUTES - NOVEMBER 14, 1983

The meeting was opened by Bob St. Peter at 5:30 p.m. with the following members absent:

Officers: Nichols

MS I: Taylor, Harris, Kim, Silverstein, Boyle

MS II: Spach, Branum, Glaze

MS IV: Livingston, Smith, Porter, Rustgi, Benyunes

MD-PhD: Ling, Rosenberg

Condensed minutes of the previous meeting were read and they were approved unanimously.

### I. Old Business

- A. Ciba Award - Kae Enright has been working on this special election of MS IV's for this award which was supposed to have been done last year. Ginny Gibbons stated this service award should be based on objective information which is not available to students of all classes. She offered to help gather information on the candidates.
- B. Senior Award - A vote among the senior class needs to be taken in the next few weeks before many seniors graduate.
- C. C & FM Grant Letter - The letter in support of the grant proposal has been sent. Bob St. Peter emphasized that the letter cannot be construed as unconditional support for the current Family Medicine rotation. Council members stated that hard feelings still exist among students regarding the method of initiation of the rotation.

### II. New Business

- A. Curriculum - Student members of the curriculum committees expressed frustration at the slow progress in committees as well as lack of power of the committees to effect final decision. Other topics discussed briefly by the Council included hiring an outside educator to review the curriculum and offer suggestions on improving the

- II. A. effectiveness of teaching, the question of F's on permanent records, and the possibility of changing the lengths of second-year rotations.
- B. Social - Bob Sherrier reported that the Psychiatry Renewal of Systems on Dec. 2 will be a good one. Discussion about poor attendance by faculty and Residents followed. Bob also noted that there will be a Christmas party this year.
- C. Service - AMWA will adopt a family for Christmas this year, and Jim Wiley suggested that students participate in Durham's Share-Your-Christmas drive by collecting donations from students and faculty. More information will be available in the future.
- D. Tuition - Although no data was available on tuition hikes, there was strong discussion on the importance of keeping increases to a minimum. It was noted that the medical school students absorbed last year an increase in tuition more than three percentage points above the expected rate of inflation, purportedly to help make faculty salaries comparable to those of other "consortium" schools.
- E. Davison Society Fees - These have been \$15 per year since at least 1971. At present, the Council is spending at a rate of \$20 per student per year. Consensus at the meeting held that the fee needs to be doubled. This issue will be discussed at the next meeting.
- F. Meeting Plans - Council meetings are scheduled for the second and fourth Mondays of every month. The next meeting will be November 28, 1983 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter D. Pharr  
Davison Society Secretary

COINS AND DRAWERS

The answer to the recent puzzle involving gold and silver coins in drawers was 2/3. Entries have not yet been scored. Watch for another puzzle in the next issue of Shifting Dullness.

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