

shifting dullness

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Letter to the Editor

The following is a letter we received from a fellow student which we would like to share with you:

For all of us who have ever been annoyed by smokers, it's time we did something about it. It is intolerable that there are no designated nonsmoking areas in the medical library. Just one smoker in a main study area (i.e. the stack levels) can make life miserable for everyone there. I realize that some individuals feel the need to smoke while they study; however, if these smokers are medical center personnel, they are permitted to use the carrels.

Over ninety-five percent of medical students are nonsmokers, and hopefully there would also be such a high percentage among members of the other health-oriented graduate programs. As the most frequent users of the medical library, we should be able to study in a smoke-free environment. I encourage everyone who supports this idea to sign the petition which will be circulating during the first week of February.

Kristina Hoffman

Davison Council Minutes

28 January 1985

- I. Service Projects--Anne Calby Miller reported that final arrangements are being made for the 7th grade Sex Ed. Program. Share Your Christmas raised about \$260 from medical students for needy Durham families.
- II. Secretary Report--Shifting Dullness, edited by Seth Zeidman will appear weekly for the rest of the year.
- III. GPSC--Jim Walsh reported that a vote will take place tonight at the GPSC to add more medical student representatives. Each class will be allotted a new representative.
- IV. Student Lounge--A letter will be sent to Mr. Winfree detailing the Davison Council's stance on lounge space in Duke North.
- V. Social--Serena Chen sent out all the notices for the last Renewal of Systems. Kathy Merritt will work on holding a repeat Renewal of Systems for Peds/OB-GYN to make up for the poorly organized one in the fall. Much discussion took place on the dearth of social events this year in spite of the increased social budget.
- VI. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Members absent: Petruska, Jones, Bernstein, Rosenberg, Maroon, Cornwell, Gibbons, Spach, Murry, Ruh, Lurie, Taylor-Albert, Bryce, Obremsky, Baratz.

Respectfully Submitted,

Walter D. Pharr
Davison Society, Secretary

The MS I Voice

1. Good news for you paupers out there: the latest word from Nell Andrews is that there will be no additional cost for 2nd year medical students who want to take the 6th rotation.
2. MS I's--Keep your eyes open for the following:

Ski Trip: All day on February 2nd. Details are still being worked out.
Intramurals: A variety of teams, both men, women, and co-ed, are forming for racquetball, squash, indoor soccer, bowling, and, of course, inner tube polo. Team rosters are due in soon, so get your teams together now. Any women who want to play volleyball should contact Patti Cox or Mary Huang.
3. This is your column 1st year medical students. If you have something to say, be it a message to the class, a birthday greeting or a personal message drop me a line in my box, DUMC 2845.

Jill Foster

Doctoral Program in Health Policy and Management

THE institute (M.I.T.) announces it is seeking applicants to its doctoral program in health policy and management.

Applications are encouraged especially from medical students who wish to combine their education with advanced studies in health economics, policy, or management; and from graduate physicians who seek post-graduate training in this field. Applications will also be considered from others who have completed two years of basic medical sciences or can demonstrate equivalent knowledge or preparation. Those with background, experience, or study in political science, management, or economics will be favored. All successful candidates will receive stipends to defray tuition and living expenses from funds granted to MIT by the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation.

Anyone wishing to apply to the program should consult the opportunities book. Application for admission in September 1985 are due no later than March 1, 1985.

Scholarships, Funds, Money

Attention Garden Staters

Scholarship funds for medical school students are available to graduates of public high schools located in Monmouth County, NJ. See Neil Andrews for details.

Southern Medical Association Research Funds

The Southern Medical Association is offering limited funds (maximum available \$2500) to medical students to be used primarily for the purpose of starting a new research project, or for the continuation of a relatively new project. These funds shall be used for the purchase of expendable items only. For further information please see Dr. Shirley K. Osterhous. Deadline is April 1.

Summer Research Fellowship Program at the NIH

The National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland, conducts a Summer Research Fellowship Program open to students of any of the Nation's medical and dental schools.

With the guidance of a preceptor from one of the Institutes, students conduct research in a

selected area of laboratory investigation. The program offers practical experience in research procedures and lectures and seminars designed to enhance education and investigative skills. The program runs a minimum of 8 weeks, usually from mid-June to the end of August. Some flexibility in scheduling permits consideration of individual student needs. Salary is at the Federal Government level of GS-5 (approximately \$1,100/month).

Interested students may request a catalog and information on application procedures from Mr. James Alexander, Summer Research Fellowship Program Office, Building 10, Room 5C420, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD 20205. Deadline for receipt of completed applications is February 15, 1985.

TAX TALK

Medical Alumni Affairs is sponsoring its second annual Business of Medicine lecture series this spring. This program is designed especially for medical students and house staff but is open to all. The first talk is on Taxes to be presented on February 12, 1985 by Peat, Marwick, and Mitchell. It is from 5:30-6:30 and will be held in Room 2002 Anlyan Tower.

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