



SHIFTING DULLNESS

DAVISON SOCIETY NEWSLETTER
DUKE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

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Special-For Y'all

PREVENTIVE MEDICINE CONFERENCE

Plan now to attend the conference on "Health Maintenance in Primary Care: Strengthening the scientific basis of preventive medicine" to be held at the Durham Ramada Inn, April 9 and 10, 1976, sponsored by the Duke Forum for Primary Care (a student organization) and the Duke-Watts Family Medicine Program. Attendance is free to all medical students, including cocktails and dinner April 9 and lunch April 10. For further information, contact Collin Baker, MD (286-4621) or Steve Cochi (Box 2762) or Mike Magill (Box 2818).

USED BOOKS

In an effort to create a vehicle for used-book buying and selling, a booklist will be compiled and kept up to date. This list will be located on the Davison bulletin board across from the Post Office. For further information, or if you have books to sell/buy please contact Beverly Spivey at 286-2514 or Box 2801.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

If you are financially needy, have residence in Watauga, Avery, Ashe, Allegheny or Wilkes counties in North Carolina or Johnson County in Tennessee, you may be eligible for a \$1,000 scholarship. Please stop by or call (6649) the Office of Financial Aid for information.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 1976-77

The Office of Financial Aid has received unofficial information from the PHS that applications for 1976-77 will be available in the Financial Aid Office around May 1, 1976. Their unofficial estimate for selection of recipients for 1976-77 is anticipated in June or July. We shall inform you through this publication upon the arrival of application forms.

WOMEN AND MEN: CHANGING ROLES

A local research conference, Women and Men: Changing Roles sponsored by an ad hoc committee of faculty and students interested in research on women and men, will be held Friday, March 19 - Saturday, March 20 at Duke. The conference is open to all Duke students and faculty at no charge. Research reports will be presented by undergraduates, faculty, research associates, and postdoctoral fellows as well as scholars in the vicinity. Look for further information on the Davison Society bulletin board.

class notes

4TH YEAR

Duke University School of Medicine has recently been notified that the North Carolina written examination for medical licensure, FLEX, will be given at the Hilton Inn, 1707 Hillsborough St., Raleigh, N.C., June 15-17, 1976. Students who complete the requirements for the M.D. degree prior to the June examination date are eligible to take the examination. Applications may be obtained by writing Mr. Bryant D. Paris, Jr., Executive Secretary, Board of Medical Examiners of the State of North Carolina, 222 North Person St., Raleigh, N.C. Applications should be completed and submitted approximately 2 months before the examination date.

residencies

Information has been received from the Valley Medical Center of Fresno, California on their internship and residency training programs in Pediatric Infections Diseases and Ambulatory Pediatrics. Dr. Samuel Katz has checked into the programs, and has given them his approval, as being good opportunities for students.

THE POLICY MAKERS

Part IV.

The Affiliated Committees of the Davison Society

A. Sex Education Committee

For several years this committee has organized an evening course on human sexuality that prepares students to teach the sex education courses offered for Duke undergraduates and Durham junior high school students. The course may be taken for elective credit. This year the committee has urged MEDSAC to establish a committee to coordinate human sexuality training throughout the four year medical school curriculum.

B. Forum for Primary Care

An active program for those interested in primary care. If you have not read the First Contact newsletter, you are really missing something! A major conference on Preventive Medicine is being planned for April 9 and 10.

C. Edgemont Community Clinic

A free clinic open Monday and Thursday nights on Main St. in Durham, run by nursing, pharmacy, and medical students from Duke and UNC in close cooperation with community coordinators. Preceptors from both schools volunteer their services. Funds from the Davison Society cover a small part of the clinic expenses.

D. The local chapters of the Student National Medical Association and American Medical Student Association are affiliates of the Davison Society.

E. Medical Committee on Human Rights has a tenuous affiliation arrangement.

F. Requirements for Affiliation

Any organization or committee whose membership includes Duke Medical Students, may apply to the Davison Society for affiliation. Applications must include a statement of goals and purposes, and describe activities of the previous year. Affiliated organizations are expected to conduct their affairs without interfering with the

rights of others and to engage in no illegal activities. Approval is by majority vote of a quorum of the Davison Society Council, and must be renewed yearly. Affiliation does not guarantee funding. The Davison Society President or his appointed representative is responsible for resolving conflicts which may arise in the scheduling of the use of medical center facilities by affiliated organizations, or other conflicts over privileges conferred by affiliation.

Part V.

Innovations

A. Advisory System

This past year the Davison Society worked in conjunction with the Office of the Associate Director to improve the Personal Advisory Program. We strived to incorporate a program that would be most enjoyable for both faculty members and students. It was suggested to the faculty members to join together regularly (about once every four to six weeks) with a group of four to six students for informal activities of their own choosing. This might include an evening together to explore aspects of medicine not usually covered in the standard curriculum (medical ethics, physician-patient relationship, coping with death and dying, etc.) or simply having a picnic or attending a sports event together. This dramatic change in the personal advising system was instituted for first year students this year. The program hopefully has provided an opportunity for students and faculty members to establish an informal relationship with one another. Watch for an evaluation of the program in a future edition.

B. Honor Council

The new Honor Code was written last spring and is now in effect. Copies of the code were sent to all students in the fall.

C. Constitution

A new constitution has been approved by the Davison Council and will be voted upon by the student body at the upcoming general elections.

D. The Rules for Affiliation were written (see above) as well as guidelines for preparing the budget. (watch for next issue)

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