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DAVISON COUNCIL ELECTIONS

After a one week nomination period, ballots will be distributed on April 15 for election of Davison Council Officers - President, IM Chairman, Social Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer -and Representatives of each class plus MD-PhD students. Ballots must be turned in to the Davison Council Ballot Box in the Duke South Mailroom, by April 22. Results will be announced the following week.

AWARDS FOR TEACHING ABILITY

The 1983 Golden Apple Awards selection sheet has been sent out. These forms are due in the Ballot Box by April 14, 1983. Nominees this year include the following: Clinical - Drs. Bollinger, Harrelson, McNamara, Sabiston, Wagner, and Waugh. Basic Science - Drs. Cartmill, Fetter, McHale, Osterhout, and Wilfert. Housestaff - Drs. DeMasi, Easley, Inglehart, Reiman, Stringer, Ungerleider.

Winners of the student-selected awards will be announced at the Student-Faculty Show on Friday, April 22. Tickets will be available in North and South Cafeterias as well as the Page Box Office on campus. This year, prices are \$4.50 in advance and \$5.00 at the door.

EVENTS SPONSORED BY THE MEDICAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

On Friday, April 15 and Saturday, April 16 will be Parent's Weekend and the Annual Davison Club Student-Faculty Tennis Tournament. Anyone interested in signing up should call Bucky Waters' office at 684-6754.

Sunday, April 17 will see a Pig Pickin' for students and faculty at Dr. Stephan Vogel's farm. Further information and tickets can be obtained by calling The Medical Alumni Office at 684-6347 or by dropping by 120 Davison Building.

On Sunday, April 24 will be held a barbecue for third and fourth year medical students at the home of Bucky Waters, 2715 Tryon Road. Contact Bucky Waters' office, 684-6754 if there are any questions.

Finally, on Friday, May 6, at 6:30 p.m. at the Pinehurst Country Club, medical students wishing to attend alumni reception and dinner should contact Janet Sanfilippo. Students will be guests of the Alumni Association.

COUPLE MATCHES

If you are interested in matching as a couple or part of a couple and would like to discuss the unique qualities of this kind of match, please give your name to Linda Chambers.

EAST END CONTINUES THIS SUMMER

Beginning May 16, East End Health Center will be open only one day a week - Monday. In September we will go back to the usual Monday/Thursday schedule. All current workers will be contacted regarding working this summer. Also, all interested rising 3rd year students (those who have completed Medicine and Ob/Gyn) are encouraged to join. For information, contact Andrea Vandeven at Box 2781.

TRANSCULTURAL TRAINING PROGRAM FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS

For the third year, the Office of Minority/National Affairs of the American Psychiatric Association and the National Institute of Mental Health are offering a Transcultural Training Program for Medical Students. The primary goals of the two-month summer clerkship are to recruit minority psychiatrists, to enhance the skills of physicians to deliver health care services to minorities, and to increase the knowledge of cultural factors influencing diagnosis and treatment.

Medical students are eligible to apply to the program who have completed their freshman year, who have successfully completed basic course work in psychiatry, and who will be residing in the area of the five participating institutions during the summer months. The program is funded this year for 21 students.

For further information, see the Shifting Dullness folder in Linda Chambers' office or see Dr. Shirley Osterhout.

FEATURE INTERVIEW

The elusive publisher of the First Year cartoon series, The Chronic Error was traced down by Shifting Dullness reporter Stan Nelson, who agreed to keep his identity secret. Reprinted below is a representative issue.

Shifting Dullness: "What prompted you to start the Chronic Error?"

Publisher: "To point out the bizarre nature of our existence as medical students, or more the bizarre existence that's impressed on us: the stuff they teach us; the schedule they make us follow; the way they make us think. Also, I'm amused by the 'quality journalism' around here (The Durham Dud, The Dumb Mourning Herald, The Deadbeat, and Total Dullness), and the newspaper ads as characterizing our wonderful society."

S.D.: "Do you have to worry about being offensive?"

Pub.: "Yes. Also, I feel pressure to be regular (and I don't mean with Metamucil), which I haven't been recently."

S.D.: "Does that put pressure in your creativity?"

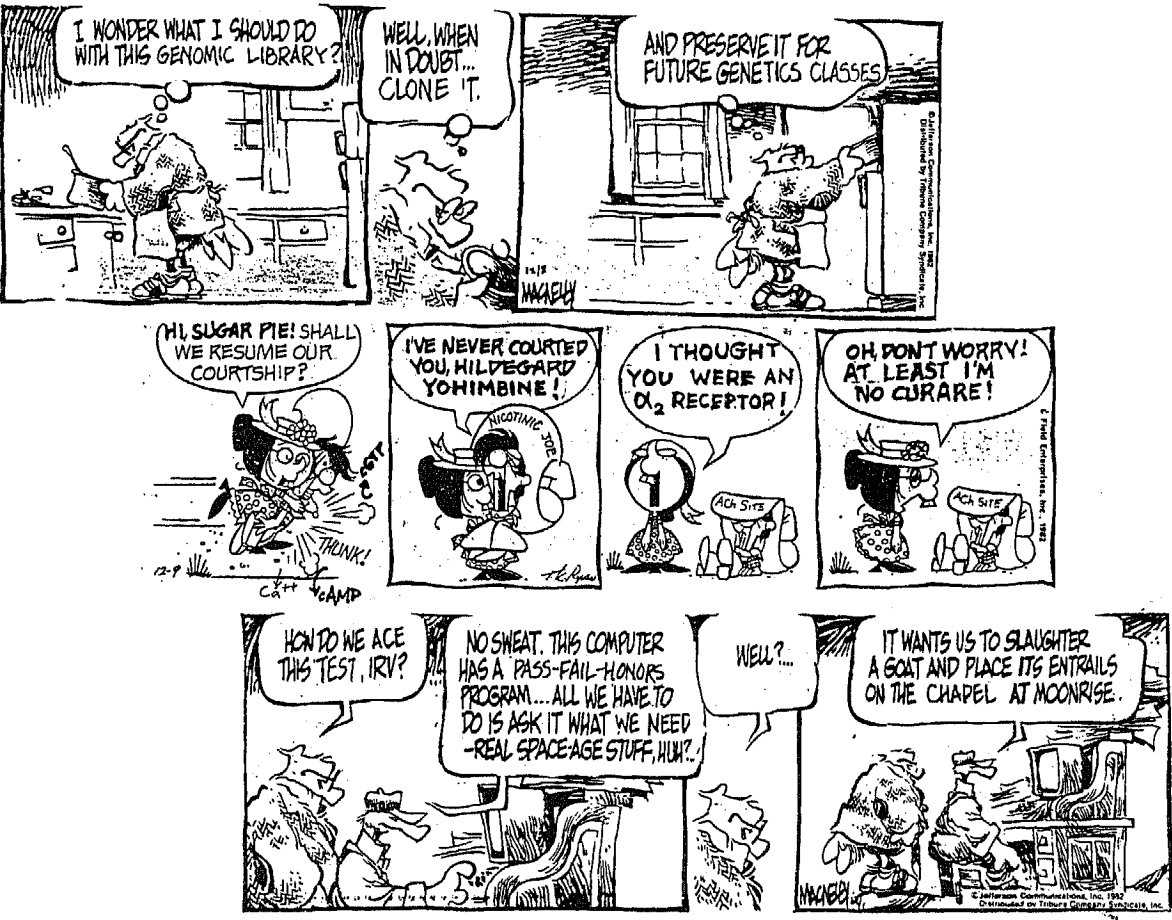
Pub.: "Yes, to a certain extent, but it just adds another time constraint to my schedule."

S.D.: "It seems that your favorite comic strip to alter is Bloom County. Is there any reason for this?"

Pub.: "Practical reasons - mostly availability. I read it regularly. It also creates interesting off-the-wall situations and has social criticism."

S.D.: "What's the reason behind the paucity of comic strips gracing the 4th floor walls?"

Pub.: "When I started getting threatening letters from the Pharmacology Department about my test performances, I decided to rearrange my priorities."



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