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RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS OFFERED

Summer Research Fellowships are available through the Medical College of Wisconsin (awarded to them through a training grant by NIH). There is an opportunity for medical students to conduct research at the Medical College of Wisconsin in the laboratory of a full time member of faculty for a 3 month interval. The stipend consists of \$420.00 per month. Any student in good standing at any medical school at Duke is welcome to apply, the deadline for receipt of applications for the summer of 1983 being March 1, 1983.

For further information, see the Contests and Awards Book in the waiting area of Dr. Christakos' office.

CURRICULUM CHANGES IN THE MAKING

Duke's "New Curriculum" appeared in 1966 and has remained more or less intact to this day. While the overall format of basic science year, clinical rotations year, and 2 elective years is likely to stay with us, some changes are likely to appear. To help inform medical students what is going on, Shifting Dullness will be running a series of articles on the status of each year's curriculum committee.

In general, students want to keep the curriculum structure as is, with a reshuffling of priorities in the classroom. For example, the first year committee is most interested in the restructuring of the information presented and the amount of time devoted to each of the basic sciences. The second year committee is looking into more hands-on experience for students. The third and fourth year committees want to upgrade the effectiveness of electives and elective selection.

The faculty proposals that have arisen in committee keep within the general framework of the present curriculum, but with a different emphasis than those of the students'. These will be covered in more detail in the articles of the separate years.

NEXT WEEK: FIRST YEAR

ROS SCHEDULED ON FEBRUARY 11

The Surgery Department will sponsor this Friday's Renewal of Systems 5:00-7:00 in Von Cannon Hall of the Bryan Center.

AID PACKETS AVAILABLE

Financial aid application packets for the academic year 1983-84 will be available in the Financial Aid Office on Tuesday, February 1, 1983. The packets contain all of the necessary forms (except FI/GSL applications) for re-application or first-time applicants. Packets must be picked up in person--they are not routinely mailed to returning students. Deadline for receipt of completed forms is April 1.

STUDY IN THE MOHAWK VALLEY

The Clinical Medical Network is offering a 6-8 week clerkship program this summer. 1-2 weeks are spent with physicians in a variety of specialties. Students must have completed at least one year of medical school. Please see Linda Chambers for more information.

DROP-ADD PROCEDURES CAUSE CONCERN

The Office of Medical Education has sent out a memo stating that from now on, the only time for drop-add will be a two week period at the beginning of each 16 week term. The period will begin before classes start and conclude at the end of the first week of classes. Jeanne Lee in the Office of Medical Education explained that this does not represent a change in the rules but merely a decision to enforce the old rules.

However, the decision is not yet final, according to John Rich, president of the third year class. Because this rule does not allow course changes at the beginning of each eight week or four week period,, there has been some student concern about the rule since many courses start at times other than at the beginning of a 16 week term. Rich said a group of third year students has met with Dr. Christakos to discuss the issue and that Dr. Christakos is looking into the matter.

Logistics are a problem, Rich said, since each drop or add necessitates a change in billing and must go through the bursur's office. "In the past the system has been overloaded with thousands of drop-adds" coming at various points in the term, he said. While it may^{not} be feasible to allow course changes at the start of each four week term, Rich said, "It's not unreasonable to ask for the opportunity to make changes at the start of each eight week period."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Due to the complex scheduling difficulties, the only possible date for staging of the 1983 Student-Faculty Show is Saturday, April 23rd. The production staff would like to apologize to members of the second year class, as we recognize this is the first Saturday of your Spring Break. However, we would still strongly encourage you to attend, and thus would like to give you sufficient notice as to the date so that you have time to change your plans if you so desire. Thanks.

Tracey Brown
Co-Producer 1983 S-F Show

PUZZLE OF THE WEEK

E Y X S M Q Q Y R I H M W I E W I W
Multisystem W P I
Pathogenesis E Y X S E R X M F S H M I W
Chronic joint disease V L I Y Q E X S M H
E V X L V M X M W
Xerostomia, xerophthalmia W N S K V I R ' W W C R H V S Q I

Each of the letters stands for another letter of the alphabet. The words at the top denote a general topic and the subsequent words fall within the topic. Turn in guesses to the Ballot Box in the Mail Room.

SCHOLARSHIPS IN NUTRITION

The deadline for submitting applications for American Medical Association-Education and Research Foundation Scholarships in Clinical Nutrition has been extended from February 1, 1983 to March 1, 1983. For more information, see the Contests and Awards Book.

STILL FUZZLED?

The winner of last week's puzzle was Tracey Brown. Tracey will soon receive 2 gift certificates to the home of thirty-one-darful flavors - Baskin Robbins. Other correct entries were submitted by Kip (I'll bring it in next week) Benyunes, Mark W. Scroggs, and K.L. Porter

The previous week's biochemistry puzzle must have been pretty bad as no one submitted any solutions. O.K., I can take a hint.

FROM THE EDITOR

If you think that your Shifting Dullness has not been arriving at the same time every week, you are right. Our production schedule has been shot to pieces in the past few months by the Duke delivery service's refusal to take our original copy to Duke Printing Services any more, the delivery of Shifting Dullness to various and sundry locations in the University, and the recent refusal of the Post Office to let our staff put the newsletter in student boxes ourselves. For the delays these problems have caused, I apologize.

Our production schedule is already stretched to its maximum one week to allow for writing, editing, typing, lay-out, printing, transit, and box stuffing. The present staff, is to be commended for the group effort in getting Shifting Dullness out each week. Unfortunately, the job of editor has fallen on a second-year student for whom time is not plentiful. We will, however, be working to smooth out the problems in publication and ask you to bear with us in this situation.

-Walter Pharr

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