

# shifting Dullness

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## MEDSAC Says Four is Not Enough

Major decisions have been passed down from the MEDSAC chamber at a dizzying rate this year. Major curriculum changes and reductions in class size have been followed by a more radical decision - the lengthening of medical education at Duke from four to five years. Dean of the School of Medicine, Dr. Arthur Christakos emphasized that this change will not affect the classes already matriculated. The first class to go five full years will be the entering class of 1985. The decision appears to have been prompted by worry among faculty members about the adequacy of both clinical and basic science training. "Many of our students feel rushed by the present system," said Dr. William G. Anylan, Duke Chancellor for Health Affairs. "Five years is just about right for learning the necessary material. Plus," he mentioned, "the added vacation time will be an attractive feature." MEDSAC's May agenda will include discussions on the details of the five-year curriculum. Bob St. Peter, President of the Davison Society and MEDSAC member, requested that student comments be directed to him (684-3391 day; 489-8361 night).

## FRT Dedication

President Terry Sanford will speak to a crowd of Duke medical Center employees and local news reporters on Sunday, April 1 to dedicate Duke's space age shuttle system. Now operating only between Duke North and Duke South despite the completion of the tunnel under Erwin Road, a spokesman for Sanford noted that the FRT (Patient Rapid Transit) is nearing 90% reliability after a plethora of problems in years past. Sanford's office leaked the dedication so that those honored could invite their family and friends from out-of-town. The first shuttle car will bear the name "Sid" while the second car will be named "Shirley."

## Flowers Drive Hole Enlarges; Students Rejoice

Steadily enlarging from a crack into a ten-foot depression, the Flowers Drive Hole continued to puzzle Duke administrators. Some say it is due to nearby pond construction, others to a new fault in the South Atlantic (tectonic) plate.

Action moved to the other side of the hospital last Thursday when the entire Duke mail room disappeared without a trace. Carol Reilly of Central Teaching called the freak occurrence "poetic justice," and she declared the afternoon a holiday. All first year students were thus freed from afternoon classes and labs. Said first year class president, Lenny the Tiger, "I just hope the hole doesn't spit it back out."



This map contains clues which will help you solve the puzzle on the next page.

Good Luck

*Josip*

Puzzle of the Week

Solve this puzzle for a trip for two to the Winter Olympics in Sarajevo, Jugoslaviya. All questions must be answered correctly over the phone to Jeff "Josip Broz" Leiser, Puzzle Editor.

"What was the capital of Montenegro before its name was changed to Titograd?"

"Why did the Hungarian dog cross the border?"

"What do you call twelve Bosnians standing in a row?"

"Why are the ducks in Czechoslovakia not allowed to urinate in the ponds?"

"Why did the Albanian chicken harvest fall by 50% last year?"

Be sure to write down your name, class, and box number so that you can tell them to Jeff over the phone. Please call anytime between 2:00 a.m. and 3:30 a.m. Hvala! Remember, to be considered correct, all answers must be shouted over the telephone simultaneously in Serbo-Croatian.

Dog Wanders into Duke South,  
Is Eaten by Cafeteria Patrons

"It looked better than the other entrées."

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Seriously, Folks

Consider a Residency!

The Annual Residency Fair will be held Thursday, April 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the conference rooms behind the Duke North Cafeteria. This is the third year students' last chance to get some details on residency programs from our dwindling resource - 4th year students. After all, Match Day is only 342 days away. We hope the 4th year students will join us for coffee and goodies to share information on what to look for in a residency program, what to expect at interviews, pitfalls of the application process both at the med school and at the other end, etc. The fair will be organized by specialty; all students are invited. The residency fair is sponsored by AMWA. If you have any questions please call Ann Galby Miller 471-8259 or Joni Nichols 286-9476.

Letter to the Editor

Shannon Elizabeth Holcomb (MS- 22)  
8 February 84 at 12:59 p.m.  
delivered by Dr. Addison and Roger!

Christina Taylor (MS II) gave us childbirth preparation classes just happened by, and assisted George with the coaching.

MS II's Tana Grady and Marta Feldmesser were on call and attended the delivery. Marta was the official photographer.

Cathy (MS III) and Bob Chaney will be godparents.

I again lucked out and spring break coincided with the three week break I had planned. Labor did start early and I missed three days of my anesthesia rotation!

Since I've moved to Durham I'd love visitors. My new phone number is 383-3729.

Gerianne Holcomb (MS III)

Editor to Retire

After having served since November 1981, the present Editor-in-Chief of Shifting Fullness will retire in late April. The next editor will be chosen by the new Davison Council. Anyone interested should call Walter Pharr at 493-7600, evenings, for a brief job description. Please leave your name if he is not in.

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### Star to Enroll at Duke

In a surprise announcement, the Medical School Admissions Office reported yesterday that pop singer Michael Jackson has been admitted to next fall's first year class.

"It's part of a new sort of 'cultural exchange program' between the medical center and the entertainment industry," said Mae King of the Admissions Office. "We thought it was about time that we brought the medical world and the show business world closer together. Besides, when we told Dr. Anlyan about Jackson's offer to donate half the profits from his next album to Duke Med Center, well, you can imagine what happened."

There was no formal disclosure made as to the identity of the medical person who will be "exchanged" for Jackson. However, the admissions office did recommend that we be on the lookout for the first action-packed episodes of "Christakos, P.I.," premiering on NBC next fall.

### Last Bastion Gives In

After years of flame thrower use in the Medical Center Library, agitation by Mothers Against Flame Throwers (MAFT) has forced cessation of the practice. Previously forbidden only in the elevators, "no flame throwing" signs now blanket the facility. Apparently, disregard for the signs in the elevators caused the irritation of more than one library patron. "They overstepped the bounds of common courtesy by throwing flames in small enclosed spaces like elevators and study carrels," commented one MAFT member.

### Former Terrorist Turns Cult Leader

Recently escaped from prison in Venezuela, Jeanne Lee has granted an exclusive interview with Shifting Dullness regarding her change in life plans. The interview was conducted in Spanish since she does not speak English. Better known by her code name, "Burrita," this well-known terrorist is still considered a fugitive in the United States. Wanted for bombings, illegal firearm trafficking, kidnapping, mail order fraud, and other unspeakable crimes, "Burrita" claims that her well-organized terrorist group has had no difficulty eluding the FBI.

Her recent mid-stream switch in career has startled all but those who knew her. Speaking on the condition that her name not be revealed, Linda X noted, "She never could speak English." Her former employer in the Office of Medical Education, Dr. Arthur Christakos, stated, "Nothing Jeanne does will ever surprise me, even this jungle retreat idea." With face painted in concentric circles of red and white and gold beads hanging from her hair, "Burrita" described her plans through an interpreter. She spoke with great animation, using many hand gestures. "You see, my underground followers have gone ahead to the isle of Zem-ba in the Indian Ocean. We call ourselves the Burrita Bunch and we will spend all our time in meditation, except of course for our hula contests. Volcano worship is also central to our new culture." She added, "We will sacrifice only those who criticize me and my ability to speak English."

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## Staff Jailed, Editor Missing

Outrage throughout the medical center community toward the Shifting Dullness staff was keenly felt on Friday, when riots broke out in the library. No one was injured, but charges of impropriety over the recent April Fool's Day issue flew through the air.

The mob was later held back by a line of Public Safety Officers as Shifting Dullness staff members were led by in handcuffs. Charged with chiseling rocks off Duke buildings for the editor's personal rock collection were Jeff Leiser, T.J. Maroon, and Catherine Treseler. The editor, whose name was not released due to journalistic incompetence, will be sent directly to John Umstead Hospital in Butner, N.C. upon capture.