



SHIFTING DULLNESS

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LECTURES / CONFERENCES

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES

Leadership for women in medicine will be the subject of two conferences to be held from Friday October 31st to Sunday November 2nd at the Searle Center in the Seeley G. Mudd Building. The conferences, entitled "Women in Medicine Leadership" and "Minority Women in Medicine: Making Change Happen," will address issues of special concern to women medical students, housestaff, and faculty from the Southeast.

The deadline for registration has been extended from October 10th to October 20th. Early registration is encouraged, however. Although a nominal registration fee is requested to defray the cost of meals, waivers are readily available for those unable to pay. For more information and for registration forms please contact Phyllis Thomas at 684-2415.

TRENT SOCIETY LECTURE

Everyone is invited to a meeting of the Trent Society to hear Dr. Francis A. Neelon talk on "Who is Sylvius? - The Origins of Clinical Teaching." The meeting will be held on Thursday, October 9, 1980 at 8:00 p.m. in the History of Medicine Reading Room, Seeley G. Mudd Building. Refreshments will be provided.

PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE STUDY GROUP

The first meeting of the Philosophy of Science study group will be held on Thursday, October 23rd, at 7:30 p.m. in the History of Medicine Reading Room, Medical Center Library. The meeting will address the question of man's relation to science and the relation between science and the humanities in medical decision making. It will include a brief introduction to scholarship in the field followed by an informal panel discussion with Dr. Robert Brandon of the Philosophy Department, Dr. Richard Palmer of the Physics Department, and Dr. Bruce Payne of the Institute of Policy Sciences. We hope to form an ongoing study group of people interested in reading and sharing their thoughts on the subject. For more information contact Craig Black, MSIV, at 286-9165, or Dr. Ara Tourian at 684-6274.

FELLOWSHIPSPMA FOUNDATION STUDENT RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

The Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association Foundation has announced that its Medical Student Research Fellowship program will award six one-year grants for the academic year beginning July 1, 1981. The stipends of \$6,000 each will be awarded to medical students interested in learning more about research careers in pharmacology-clinical pharmacology, and who will devote a year full-time to a specific research effort in these fields.

A candidate for the fellowship must be currently enrolled in a medical school and must have completed at least one year of the school curriculum. The student must be sponsored by the school's pharmacology program or by that of another institution in which the candidate plans to undertake an investigative project.

The deadline for applications is January 15, 1981. Awards will be announced by March 15, 1981.

ETCAOA ELECTIONS

The following students were elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society at its meeting on October 2nd.

Junior Students

David Calcagno
Caroline Chantry
David Cox
Landis Griffeth
Douglas Paull
David Piwinca-Worms
Richard Rowley
Robert Sasso
Margaret Tarpey

Senior Students

Peter Bronec
Mark Haas
Michael Johnson
E. Verena Jorgensen
Ann Lansing
S. Chace Lottich
Kathryn Ney
Joanne Piscitelli
Earle Shugerman
Bernard Wilcosky

The Alpha Omega Alpha was founded in 1902 to recognize and perpetuate excellence in the medical profession. Its aims include the promotion of scholarship and research in medical schools, the encouragement of a high standard of character and conduct among medical students and graduates, and the recognition of high attainment in medical science, practice, and related fields.

Congratulations to those elected.

LOST ITEMS/ DUKE NORTH

If you think you have left any personal items in the Duke North lecture halls (level 2) or in the conference rooms in the bed tower, please call 684-5967. These items are collected on a daily basis.

OPEN HOUSE / DUFAM

The Duke University Family Medicine Club (DUFAM) is sponsoring an open house and workshop on Monday, October 13th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Medicine Center. Pizza and beverages will be provided, as well as tours of the Family Medicine Center for first year students. The workshop, which will begin at 7:30 p.m., will feature Family Medicine residents and fourth year students leading small group discussions on career planning. All medical students are invited. If you have questions call Sam Weir at 489-3784.

WOMEN'S HEALTH

The Women's Health Brown Bag Lunch Series is being continued this Fall with meetings scheduled each Thursday from noon to one in Room 226 of Perkins Library. The meetings are sponsored by the American Medical Women's Association at Duke and the Nursing Students Government Association. This week's topic is "Body Image and Fatness." Bring a lunch to Perkins Library on Thursday, October 9th, at noon. All are welcome.

AESCULAPIAN / 80

The 50th Anniversary edition of the Medical School yearbook, the Aesculapian/80, will be ready for distribution on Monday, October 27th. Yearbooks will be available from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., Monday through Friday of that week, in the 6th floor lounge. Anyone who has not already purchased a book will be able to obtain one for a price of \$20.

STUDY AWAY

All students are reminded that study away for credit must have prior approval from the Study Away Committee. Application forms for study away are available in Dr. Christakos' office. These applications should be filed three months prior to your anticipated study away. Students will not receive credit if involved in externships in which they receive financial reimbursement.

"MEDICAL STUDENT" MAGAZINE

The 1980-81 school year marks the seventh year of publication of the "Medical Student" magazine which is distributed by Pfizer Pharmaceuticals. Pfizer is very interested in sending this magazine (published three to four times a year) to second, third, and fourth year medical students. Since we do not send mailing lists out to drug companies of individual mailing, we would encourage any student who would like to receive the magazine to write to Pfizer. The publication's goal has been to deliver useful and comprehensive information on important areas of medicine while retaining a format that recognizes the time constraints on medical students. It usually contains two to three fairly good articles per issue. The address is Pfizer Pharmaceuticals, 235 East 42nd Street, New York, New York 10017.

AMSA FALL WORKSHOP

The next AMSA meeting will be Thursday, October 9, at 7 pm in room 428 CL. Items for discussion will be the Fall Workshop and the T-shirt sale. The agenda for the Workshop, October 17-19, in New Orleans, is here and includes such topics as Minority admissions, Women Support groups, MDs as Health Educators, Nuclear power/Chemical wastes, Medicine and the Humanities to name only a few. We still have a few spots left, so if you are interested in going and haven't let us now yet, come on by.

Duke AMSA

PUZZLE

A hiatus is called on the puzzle during Dan Siedler's three week absence. I will consider all puzzles submitted in the usual manner for submitting information for Shifting Dullness for next week's issue. If your's is selected, a gift certificate to Baskin-Robbins is yours.

Alan Shelton

RESIDENT'S NOTE

Periodically (every other issue) you will have the opportunity to gain insight into exactly what I'm doing as Davison Society President. I will usually address one issue that is a problem for students or a situation that I have encountered. Today I want to discuss a continually massive problem for students. The problem is caused by students. You don't read your mail. Of course this may seem minor to some of you. But it's not. A case in point. We're trying to get the Student Directory out. A slip for each of you plus one extra was placed in each mail box. You were given two weeks to fill it out, and all it would have taken would have been 1-2 minutes and to drop it in the Ballot Box, right there in the mail room! What could be easier, right? We only received about a 65-70% return on this, and because of this fact the Directory is one and a half weeks later than we had hoped. All because one third of you either don't check your box one a week or did not have an extra one or two minutes to fill it out in the mail room. Every aspect of the efforts of people pursuing activities for you is affected by this negligence. I ask each of you to make the effort to check your mail boxes at least once a week. Such a request certainly could not possibly inconvenience you unless you are studying in Africa. Of course this only reaches those of you who check your boxes one a week.....

Alan Shelton