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**STUDENT -
FACULTY
SHOW**

Saturday
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in CARD GYM

\$4.50

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED DESPERATELY

How would you like to volunteer to participate in Health-'82, co-sponsored by WRAL-TV and City of Medicine? The Duke Poison Control Center needs volunteers to staff booths at South Square Mall, Friday April 16 from 1-7 pm; and at Northgate Mall, Thursday through Saturday April 22-24 from 1-7 pm each day. If interested, stop by to see Dr. Shirley Osterhout or call her at 684-2498.

NOTICE FOR MS II'S

There are more copies of the Diabetes Mellitus Reference Book and the Cardiology Reference Book from Pfizer Laboratories. These are available on a first come, first serve basis. See Jeanne or Sonna in Dr. Christakos' office, please.

SEMINARS TO BE HELD

Critical Perspective is sponsoring "Woman's Body, Woman's Rights" discussion series to be held at 1:00 pm, rm. 226 of the Carolina Union.

April 7 - Ethical Implication of "Freedom of Choice"

Charlene T. Kammerer
Assistant Minister at Duke

April 16 - The Feminist Response to the New Right

Kate Ellis
Feminist Activist
Associate Professor of English at Rutgers University
8:00 pm, Community Church, Purefoy and Mason
Farm Roads, Chapel Hill

PIG ROAST POSTPONED

The Pig Roast tentatively scheduled for April 3 has been postponed until May or June. However, there will be a Renewal of Systems on Friday, April 2.

CENTRAL TEACHING MAKING A MOVE

President Terry Sanford announced that a group of Japanese investors was interested in the set of offices on the fourth floor of Davison building overlooking the quad. Preliminary indications were that the group would lease the rooms for an unspecified sum of cash earmarked for Oriental Studies at Duke.

As a consequence, the Central Teaching offices would change location to a renovated frame house near the Central Campus Apartments. The staff seems bitter about the anticipated move, except for technician Russell W. Borland, who remarked, "It won't make any difference to me. I have to run all over the damn place anyway." Such a move had been anticipated, however, since University officials had been showing the offices to prospective donors for months.

FREE PAMPHLET FOR SALE

The Office of Medical Education has received supply of pamphlets from the government entitled "Doctors and Their Bad Habits." For your copy, please see Sonna X. The pamphlet contains many color photographs, some of which were made at Duke.

ADMISSION BLITZ SUCCESSFUL

The Office of Admissions announced that they had scored a coup in recruiting for the entering Class of 1982. George Deedle, a Rutgers University senior from Paramus, New Jersey told hometown reporters that Duke School of Medicine was his final choice. George, whose parents appeared in the Wizard of Oz, is the only Munchkin applying to Medical School in the United States.

NMBE STATES NEW POLICY

The National Board of Medical Examiners has announced that its National Board Exam will be offered from now on as an open book test. Watch Shifting Dullness for further details.

FACULTY AWARDS TAKE NEW TWIST

Judges of the annual Faculty Photography Contest declared that this year's entries were undistinguished as a whole. However, they will submit their three favorite photographs for judging by the audience at the Student-Faculty Show. First Prize will go to the photograph that generates the most applause. Included in the final three are Matt Cartmill's "Fossil of a Duck," Mimi Jakoi's self portrait "Let's Go to the Hop," and Joannes Karis' "Historical Marker in Massachusetts."

DUKE WORKER JAILED

After investigating a conspiracy to blow up several Duke Power facilities, FBI agents entered the Office of Medical Education on Wednesday to arrest Jeanne Lee. The FBI claimed that Miss Lee had detailed plans of Duke Power's Catawba, Cowans Ford, Lookout Shoals, Rhodhiss, Belews Creek, and Badin Lake power plants showing the points where she and her followers had located explosives. No other arrests had been made at time of print. A quick trial date was set in Federal Court in Rock Hill, S.C. Judge Dewey S. Biddle, who will hear the case, told reporters of the Charlotte Observer that it was his intention "to insure that justice is done and that punishment is severe." (Judge Biddle is also on the Board of Directors of Duke Power Company.)

In a related development, FBI agents in St. Louis announced that they believed Miss Lee to be none other than the infamous Puerto Rican terrorist "Burrita," stating, "We now have evidence that links her to crimes in Missouri, Illinois, the District of Columbia, and New Jersey. Also, we have just received a message from the Venezuelan embassy demanding her extradition to that country. In my opinion, this is only the tip of the iceberg." Back at Duke, co-workers gave their reactions to Shifting Dullness. Said Dr. Arthur Christakos, "It doesn't surprise me at all." Others admitted they had been suspicious for a long time. "I could tell she was up to something," said Linda X (name withheld at request of the FBI). Added Sonna X, "Yeah, you could walk in sometimes and catch her speaking in Spanish over the telephone."

At the present time, officials would not reveal the whereabouts of the prisoner, stating only that security was extremely tight and that bail for Jeanne "Burrita" Lee would be set at an amount "larger than the national debt."

CURRICULUM TO BE CHANGED

In a surprise move yesterday, MedSAC announced the addition of a seventh required rotation to the second year curriculum. The rotation, entitled "Sick People in General," will be squeezed into the second year schedule by rearranging all rotations to run 8 am to 8 pm seven days a week and by eliminating Christmas break. In explaining the decision, a MedSAC spokesman said, "We figured, 'What the heck, why not?' The crucial thing in making this decision was to make it quickly, before the first year students could find out about it and start complaining."

PARKING PRIVILEGES DISAPPEAR

In the early morning hours, workers hurried to remove all H Zone parking signs and replace them with signs for Zones S,A,C, and F. The change, similar to last August's unannounced switch of the Lasalle St. lot from H to RX, was accomplished with lightning speed. Tickets were placed on all cars in the large Anderson St. lot the next day. In a related move, the guards were stationed at the entrance and exit of both parking garages 24 hours a day to keep out cars with H stickers.

When contacted, the Director of Public Safety stated that the move was due to lack of parking spaces. "Something just had to go, and that something was H," he said, adding "I have no qualms about generating revenue through parking tickets." He further said that he could foresee no circumstances under which an appeal of any of the recent tickets would be approved, stating, "Ignorance of this unannounced overnight change in signs is no excuse." Other Public Safety officials tempered the news with an announcement of alternative parking at grocery stores and beer distributors on Hillsborough Rd.

EFFORTS TO IMPROVE OBJECTIVITY IN GRADING GO DOWN THE TUBE

The Office of Medical Education announced this week that there is absolutely no truth to the rumor that a five-tiered grading system will be established next year based on a weighted average of golf handicap, performance on the Rorschach inkblot test, and good grooming habits.

PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES NEW POLICY

Ronald Reagan paid a visit to Durham yesterday and surprised critics with a new plan to alleviate unemployment, improve national defense, and tackle the nation's mass transit needs. Mass transportation has always been viewed by Reagan with skepticism and had suffered greatly in his proposed budget. In his 11:00 talk to North Carolina officials in Duke South Amphitheatre, however, Reagan unveiled his new scheme- PRTC. "It is with excitement for this great nation of ours that I announce the creation of the PRT Corps, made up of presently unemployed citizens. The PRTC will work to crisscross the United States with PRT tracks. Other segments of the Corps will work in special Otis factories; some will work as "PRT operators" and others as "maintenance personnel," Reagan said.

While Reagan was giving his speech, his wife Nancy posed in a PRT unit with children from the Pediatrics ward. All smiles, Nancy nodded to start the ride to Duke North, but in a freak accident, the unit jolted to a halt in front of the Medical Center library. Secret Service agents, fearful of an assassination attempt, would not let maintenance men approach until cleared by colleagues. Her smile having faded, Nancy admitted to reporters she was "...glad to get off that thing."

At noon, Reagan spoke in detail of his plan to reporters: "The PRT is the epitome of American ingenuity and technical prowess. Within six years, every city in this country will be served by PRT. We will start right here in Durham with the magnificent Duke system, extending it to Raleigh, Fort Bragg, and Wilmington." Furthermore, Reagan forwarded the PRT as the obvious solution so the MX missile problem. "Certain PRT's will be equipped with multiple warheads. I estimate that over 3500 PRT units will be running by the end of next year, and the Russians will not be able to keep track of where all the missiles are located." Reagan added that he was proud of the foresight of Duke University and that he derived personal pleasure for striking a great blow to the Communist world plot in a city that is a "hotbed of Communism."

This bold move, a striking deviation from Reagan's earlier policies, left many in his own party comatose. Shock waves spread to world capitals where Reagan's plans were almost unanimously denounced. In fact, only a few people unabashedly supported the "Durham Plan." These included former President Richard Nixon and representatives of Otis Elevator. Leading opponents include the transportation Secretary, the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, and Nancy Reagan. Reagan, however, seems assured that his plan will be carried through under the Emergency Powers Act.

NOTICE FROM THE STAFF

April Fools! While quick to admit that any article beneath the stars may come from less than reliable sources, we stick by our motto: "You heard it first in Shifting Dullness."

APRIL THINKER

In order to increase interest in the weekly puzzles we've upped the ante. The winner of this week's puzzle will receive dinner for two at the elegant Dominique Restaurant. A winner will be chosen from amongst the most complete entries received in the post office ballot box by next Wednesday.

Use the given clues to complete the mystery words. Then use the numbered letters to unscramble the mystery disease. Good Luck!

- 1. Last name of physician who treated John Wilkes Booth after Booth left Ford's Theater. Also, medical library at Duke University. MU ⁷ _ _
 - 2. Locale of the wartime 1942 Rose Bowl Game, the only Rose Bowl not played in Pasadena. Also, "City of Medicine", North Carolina. _ _ _ HAM ^{2,3}
 - 3. Famous physician, known for the "___ Method"; Sir William ___. O'SL _ _
 - 4. Founder of Duke Medical School, first dean; has a building named after him. DAVI _ _ ⁴
 - 5. Benefactor of the Duke Endowment. (Last name only) D _ _ _
 - 6. Smock color of Duke Hospital volunteer group. P _ _ ⁵ K
- *****Mystery Disease: C ₁ _ ₂ _ ₃ _ ₄ _ ₅ C ₆ L ₇

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