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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Shifting Dullness is proud to be back, providing information and news of interest to medical students. For the next month, we will be organizing our staff and production schedule and hiring a typist. Although it is doubtful that many readers are future journalists, those who would like to learn the trade or even spend thirty minutes every two weeks writing a story for our news letter should send a note by campus mail to Walter Pharr, Editor, Box 2802, DUMC or call 493-7600. This year is the fifteenth year of publication of our news letter. We hope you enjoy it.

FOR FIRST YEAR STUDENTS

I hope that the excitement of entering a new phase of your life has not yet disappeared. The new faces will soon become familiar, the paths taken between classes will become automatic, and you will cease to notice the odd color which your lab wall is painted. Along with this commonly comes a sense that this new life is drudgery. Although it may be in a certain sense drudgery, basic science does not have to entirely crowd out other interests, even in Duke's rigorous first year. While no one attempts to say that Year One at Duke Medical School is easy, you should enjoy yourself here at one of the very top schools in the country. Welcome to Duke and have fun, (and read Shifting Dullness!)

-Walter Pharr

STUDENT LOUNGE

The Student Lounge, on the sixth floor, has in the past six months been renovated and the combination changed. It had been in this location many years until destroyed by fire two years ago. The lounge combination is given only to medical students and may be obtained from the Central Teaching Laboratory. It is cleaned only twice a week and has in the past been quite messy from bottles and trash left by medical students in contrast to lounges at other medical schools. Please use the lounge as much as you like, but also do your part to leave it for others to enjoy also.

RESIDENCY TRIP PLANNING

Recent graduates have formed a list indicating where Duke students could spend the night while traveling to various areas of the country. The file can be consulted in the waiting area across from Linda Chambers' office in the Medical Education Office.

TICKETS GO ON SALE

487 combination ticket books are available to attend 5 home football and 16 home basket—ball games at the cost of \$60 each. First priority is given to full time graduate students (spouses excluded) who purchased books last year. These go on sale at Cameron Athletic Ticket Office on Sept. 7, 7:30 am to 7:30 pm. Duke ID and enrollment cards are required. Second priority goes to other graduate students: 7:30 am — 7:30 pm on Sept. 8. For further information, see the Davison Society Bulletin Board in the TV room in the lounge.

SURGERY APPLICANTS

Dates for interviews at the University of Michigan are as follows:

GENERAL SURGERY

October 14 and 28 November 11 and 18 December 2 and 9 UROLOGICAL SURGERY

October 14 and December 2

NEUROSURGERY

At the applicant's convenience (call (313) 763-0042)

PUZZLE WINNER ANNOUNCED

The winner of the last <u>Shifting Dullness</u> puzzle for May is Steve Reid. He won the drawing from sixteen correct entries submitted to Steve Feldman's puzzle:

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