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FROM THE EDITOR

After a brief but much needed vacation, Shifting Dullness is ready to cater to your desire for information. A special welcome goes to all first-year students recently initiated into the rigors of Duke medical education. Our publication will come out weekly with news, games, and features by and for medical students.

In order to keep in operation this year, Shifting Dullness desperately needs staff in various areas of operation. Positions are open in reporting and editing, with maximum time flexibility and opportunities for upward mobility. Time commitment can of necessity be small. Please drop a note to Walter Pharr, Box 2802 DUMC via campus mail- no stamp needed- or call at 493-7600 at night and leave your name.

Organizations may submit notices for publication to the Shifting Dullness box in the Dean's office. These notices should be written legibly in complete sentences and should include name and phone number. Since the newsletter works on a one week printing schedule, all notices should be in the Thursday before publication the following week.

With your help, Shifting Dullness will have its most productive year ever.

-Walter Pharr MS II

AWARDS FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS IN NEUROLOGY

The American Academy of Neurology is holding an essay contest in Neurology for medical students. Any area of neurological science may be chosen as the subject for the essay. Essays will be considered in one of three categories: clinical neurology, experimental neurology, and historical aspects of neurology, with prizes consisting of \$150. The S. Weir Mitchell Award offers a \$500 prize and a trip to San Diego to present the paper to the American Academy of Neurology. Deadline for all awards is November 15. For more information, the Awards notebook is in the Dean's office.

VACCINATIONS NOT YET AVAILABLE

The recently developed Hepatitis B vaccine will soon be offered to "high risk" Duke University Medical Center personnel free of charge this month. Medical students are currently classified as "low risk" and therefore will not be eligible for the free vaccinations. The supply of vaccine is currently low, and the option of purchasing the vaccine for \$100 will not be available until "high risk" personnel are treated.

STUDENT CLERKSHIPS OFFERED

Research fellowships are available for study in a number of laboratories at Duke supported by the Duke-VA Center for Cerebrovascular Research. These fellowships supply \$1500 for three months and can be used in any of a number of laboratories at Duke for a research experience in basic neurobiology. Interested students should contact Dr. James Davis, Neurology Section, Durham V.A. Hospital by November 1st (286-0411 ext. 6427).

ATTENTION UPPERCLASSMEN

Anyone needing Dean's Letters for the 1983 Residency Programs who has not already gotten them must stop by the Dean's office to make an appointment with Dr. Christakos.

DAVISON SOCIETY FUNDS

All affiliated Davison Society organizations past, present, and future which wish to obtain Davison funds need to pick up guidelines for budget submissions and applications for re-affiliation. The deadline for these documents is Friday October 15, 1982.

Applications and guidelines are available in Linda Chambers' office 129 Davison. Any questions about the procedures should go to Dave Feldman at 493-1545.

NUMBER, PLEASE

Medical students must call 684-3322 to have their telephone numbers listed at the Duke University Student Locator. The Student Locator compiles the addresses and phone numbers of all Duke students.

NATIONAL BOARDS APPLICATIONS WAITING

Last spring MedSAC changed previous policy by making passage of National Board Examinations by Duke medical students optional. It is now the responsibility of the student to register and pay for the Boards. Application materials are now in the Dean's office. Registration is no longer automatic.

HELP A VISITING STUDENT

Visiting students often encounter difficulty in finding a room for a short period of time. Medical students who would like to sublet their apartments or rooms to visiting students while they are away may list them in the Dean's office.

PRIZES, PRIZES, PRIZES

For a chance to win a Baskin Robbins gift certificate, write in your own words why this newsletter was named Shifting Dullness. Originality will be considered, although accounts displeasing to the editor may be arbitrarily disregarded. Send your paragraph or less story to Walter Pharr, P.O. Box 2802, DUMC by campus mail. The winner will be drawn and will be announced in a subsequent issue.

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