

# shifting dullness

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We recently received the following letter about the policy of tuition and fees from Dr. Christakos and wanted to share it with you.

Recently I had the unpleasant task of informing a number of students about their delinquency in their payments to the Bursar. Unfortunately, this may have caused some concern and even some animosity. As a member of the Administration, I am obligated to uphold the policies of the University. One of those policies is to inform students of their delinquent status and to drop them from the rolls of the School of Medicine.

I call everyone's attention to pages 45 and 46 of the 1984-85 Bulletin. There are several points that I would like to highlight:

1. There are no deferred payment plans available. Tuition and fees are due by the due date specified on the Bursar's invoice.
2. Failure to receive an invoice does not warrant exemption from the payment of tuition and fees, nor from the penalties and restrictions. Students who pre-register for classes for a future semester should receive an invoice at least four weeks prior to the beginning of each semester. Currently, the Fall semester begins in mid August and the Spring semester the first week in January. If a student does not receive an invoice, he should contact the Office of the Bursar prior to the beginning of the semester.

If there are any questions, please refer to the reference above or confer with me, the members of my staff or the staff of the Bursar's Office.

Thank You.

## Attention MS IV's

Any graduating senior who won an award since entering the medical school that you would like recognized at the Hippocratic Oath Ceremony, please notify Linda Chambers or Jeanne Lee no later than March 29, 1985.

## MS I Voice

The 1st year class almost unanimously endorsed Kris Hoffman's petition to limit smoking in the Medical Center Library. Upperclass persons should be receiving letters this week soliciting their support on this issue.

Dr. Christakos spoke last Thursday on the merits of the National Board Exam vs. FLEX. For those who missed the discussion, tapes are available in CTL.

Deepest sympathy to the members of Autopsy Groups 19, 20, and 21 who were forced to sacrifice two beautiful weekends while being on-call.

A few players are still needed for the women's softball team. Prospective players should contact Mary Huang.

1985 Region IV SNMA Conference Held

The Duke and UNC-CH chapters of the Student National Medical Association (SNMA) recently co-sponsored the 1985 Region IV SNMA Conference. The event was held on Saturday, January 19 at the UNC-CH campus and surrounding Chapel Hill area.

Minority medical students from Duke, UNC-CH, ECU, Bowman-Gray, University of Alabama-Birmingham, Medical College of Georgia and Morehouse were in attendance. In addition to holding a business meeting for the region during which each chapter gave a brief report on local activities, there were several lectures and workshops. Workshop topics included the latest information about the National Boards and FLEX and facts about the housestaff application and match processes. Featured speakers for the lectures were Mr. Ben Ruffin, the former assistant to the Governor of North Carolina and Dr. Kirkman, an assistant professor of pediatrics at the UNC-CH School of Medicine.

The conference proved to be an informative and fun-filled event for all of those in attendance.

AMWA News

AMWA is presenting an evening seminar entitled "The Emergency Care of the Rape Victim." The speakers will be Dr. Vanessa Haygood of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Annette Jacobs MSW, director of the Durham Rape Crisis Center. The seminar will be on March 19th, 1985 at 7:30 p.m. in room 2001 Duke North.

Women's Health Counseling Service

Pregnant Women's Support Group

Women's Health Counseling Service is pleased to announce that they are offering a pregnant women's support group to be held on Tuesdays, for six weeks, beginning March 12, 1985.

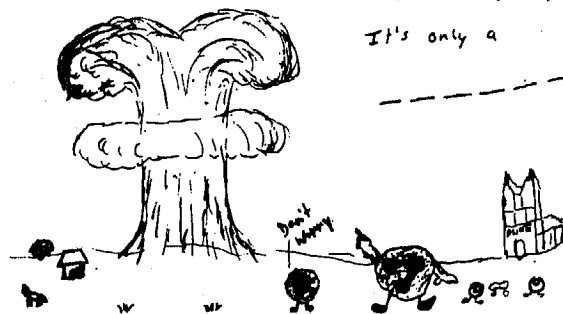
Please mention this support group to any women who might enjoy participating in an educational and supportive environment during their pregnancy and refer them to their office to register. The telephone number is 968-4646 or 4647.

If you would like to learn more about their services, meet with a women's health counselor, discuss referrals, or just connect a face with a name please call the office to schedule a meeting.

Thank you for your participation and assistance in facilitating good health for all. We look forward to working with you.

Microanatomy Quiz

Solve the quiz and put it in the election box in the post office before 12pm on Monday. Last weeks answers - FRAGILIS, feces, clindamycin, anaerobes, microorganism, bacillus. No winner.



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### CAPS' Seminars

CAPS is conducting seminars this semester on these topics. Let CAPS help you turn the ingredients of those New Year's RESOLUTIONS into wholesome SOLUTIONS. Small, supportive groups. 4 to 8 courses (sessions). Enjoyable, informative, confidential.

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Limited spaces available, so act quickly! For more information or sign up, come by 214 Old Chemistry Building or call 684-5100.

### Inspiration, Move Me Brightly

Dan Stiel outstripped the cornfields; but he carried his Iowa shyness into gross anatomy when he stammered sternocleidomastoid during orals. Cadavers unshrouded Dan; they dissected his fear at midnight. Divide and conquer, decided Dan, and parcelled out the body on a hundred index cards listing muscle origin, insertion, innervation, bones, their parts, and so on and on and read this deck as others do Tarot. It was "Mummy," as his group called the elderly pickled body assigned them, that could not be dealt away. He let the others take their blades and probes and forceps to her until they demanded he do his share on the chest; Dan stood over the corpse with a tin soup ladle doling out the borscht that had been her left lung thinking this/it walked and talked and laughed and cried and loved and bore children and scolded them and one day someone gave her a yellow rose and another day she took pie next door and once someone touched this breast and the air of mountains passed through these lungs and she too may have loved poems, maybe even made them, and he learned anatomy from index cards and pictures. Dan was relieved to find himself, none too soon, safe in the year of pharmacology.

Agnes Smiley died in pathology. She died of every disease in the text--sometimes suffering from a number of them simultaneously. She felt so filled with diseases that she found it necessary to douche daily and would once a week cleanse the surface of her body with Soft Scrub, which did not cause the sort of rash she had gotten from Ajax. And she would never, ever admit to anyone that she had nearly rubbed herself raw with Comet, but only once. This was the year of the grilled cheese sandwiches, made quickly in the toaster oven: pumpnickel bread with butter and cheddar at 400 degrees for ten minutes while the can of Campbell's heated through. And a bowl of cereal sometime later in the night as a treat between closing the textbooks and opening the notebooks. "I've forgotten how to memorize," she would wail into the phone at Pat while stirring the tomato bisque. "It takes twice as long to learn."

J.P. Foreman found the learning fascinating, tedious, not excessively demanding and registered for an astronomy course at the local planetarium because the fee was only ten dollars; because she wanted to avoid the pre-clinical panics of classmates; because she needed something

to relieve the repetition of classes, of memorizing, of the tunnel she began to feel was suffocating her. She went by herself to astronomy on Wednesday nights from seven to ten and occasionally stood outside herself observing herself observing the universe. J.P. was now using spiral notebooks a size larger, but jotting in them less frequently; she had begun to write letters--they required her to round out, elaborate, develop what she had taken to calling the "tunnel themes"--observations of the process of becoming a physician.

Paul Zhansky memorized as a madman; he memorized as if he might at any moment be asked to pass on verbatim to another what he knew. Once when he was driving north on 39 a mongrel part-collie trotted alongside the road looking, or so Paul thought, as if she planned to dash across. Zhansky pulled over, convinced the bitch that he was friendly, and coaxed her to accompany him to the open doors of a small three-stall barn along a cinder path some 500 feet from the highway. The young woman measuring out oats whistled for the dog; the young woman was called Cindy, she smelled of hay and sweat, and thought Paul had incredibly blue eyes, and would he like a root beer as her chores were done and she had no riding pupils until much later in the afternoon. Zhansky felt safe away from the memorizing. He thought he was about as ready as he would be for Boards Part I.

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