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DAVISON SOCIETY NEWSLETTER
DUKE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

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DAVISON SOCIETY ELECTIONS: Elections for Davison Society officers and class representatives for January 1971 - January 1972 will be held on December 11, 1970. Anyone interested in seeking a position is asked to submit his name, box number, class year, position sought, and a brief platform to Mona Shango (Box 2855) by November 30, 1970.

ATTENTION SENIOR MEDICAL STUDENTS: The University of New Mexico at Albuquerque has funds available to support a limited number of senior medical students as participants in a vaccine development project during the present academic year. The project is concerned with collection of clinical, epidemiological and laboratory data on acute pneumococcal infections among Indian populations in order to develop effective control measures. Any senior medical student with an interest in infectious disease and Indian health, wishing to spend an elective clerkship at the University of New Mexico, should contact Dr. Robert Oseasohn, Professor and Chairman, School of Medicine, The University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87106.

GENERAL PRACTITIONER NEEDED: A General Practitioner is needed to take over an established practice in Washington, N.C. The office is fully equipped and is located near the Beaufort County Hospital. For further information contact Dr. L. H. Swindell, 604 E. 12th Street, Washington, N.C. 27889.

U. S. ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE: Captain G. L. Swallow from the U.S. Army Medical Service will be in the Medical Student Lounge from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on November 16, 1970, to talk with medical students regarding opportunities available in the U.S. Army Medical Service.

VISITOR-HALIFAX DISTRICT HOSPITAL: On November 19, 1970, Dr. William H. Hubbard of the Halifax District Hospital, Daytona Beach, Florida, will be in the Medical Student Lounge from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. to talk with students regarding opportunities at Halifax District Hospital.

VOLLEYBALL: Volleyball will be played in the East Campus Gym on Sunday from 4-6 p.m. All interested med students et al. are welcome.

A.A.M.C. MEETING:

The 81st annual meeting of the Association of American Medical Colleges took place October 29 through November 2, 1970, at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles. The five day conference covered a myriad of topics concerning medical education, medical schools and medical centers ranging from grading of medical students to planning and budgeting systems for medical centers. Of the twenty D.U.M.C. personnel in attendance, most took part in sessions concerning their area of interest: Robert L. Thompson, Ed.D., and Jane Elehlepp, M.D. in informational systems, Thomas Kinney, M.D. in a program describing new curriculums and William G. Anlyan, M.D. (new AAMC Chairman) in several areas.

The Group on Student Affairs met to discuss various problems with which we are all familiar; communications, financial problems of medical students, medical student records, medical education of minority group students, new

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criteria for admission etc. Dennis Dove and Richard Sanikey representing black and Chicano medical students gave background on the problem of minority students in gaining admissions, then blasted the AAMC for their lack of action. Dove pointed out that U.C.S.F. was the first health school to commit itself to an incoming class of 25% minority students. He told the assembled educators and students that financial commitment follows moral commitment, not vice versa as many admission officers had said. Even now, only 2.75% of all medical students are black.

The plenary sessions were concerned with the increasing pressure on the medical centers and other teaching hospitals to deliver more health care to the community at the same time when they have a worsening financial plight. Robert J. Haggerty, M.D. from Rochester pointed out the expense of teaching in a service situation.

FROM THE MEETING, OF SPECIAL INTEREST:

medical student financial picture - see bulletin board ... National Health Services Corp. - see bulletin board ... Pressure will be brought to bear increasingly for four year schools to admit more graduates of two year programs ... The majority of medical students today are married and 20-35% of these have at least one child, yet medical schools have not been taking adequate care of the health needs of the student's dependents ... As more schools free up elective time the number of students studying away from their own institution grows rapidly ... the By-Laws of the AAMC are being changed to give students full voting rights ... Thomas Kinney, M.D. remarked to assembled deans that, at Duke, in two years half of all seniors will be in early internships or residencies ... The AAMC executive council is formulating a policy statement for the anticipated extension of the selective service legislation ... The University of Illinois Medical Center has a governing board comprised of trustees, administrators and consumers ...

For more information, contact the Davison Society representative to the meeting, Doug Lloyd, at Box 2779.

NAVY SCHOLARSHIPS AND ACTIVE DUTY: Information has just been received from the Surgeon General of the Department of the Navy as to full scholarship aid for medical students and possible duty for those contemplating discharging their two years of active duty in the U.S. Navy. Included is information for interns, residents, specialists, general medical officers, and those interested in submarine and aviation medicine. If you are interested, contact Doug Lloyd, Box 2779.