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STUDENTS PROVIDE COMMUNITY SERVICE

Ann Calby Miller, Maggie Myers, Robin Rutherford, and Betsy FcFarland are in charge of this year's Sex Education program. Taught by Duke students for the last fifteen years in conjunction with the OB/GYN Department, the program gives Durham's 7th graders their only school exposure to sex education. It is one of the few medical student programs that involve interaction with the Durham community.

The program consists of teaching in a science class with another volunteer of the opposite sex for seven days in March or April. Topics covered in class include anatomy, sexually transmitted disease, pregnancy and birth, being an adolescent, and birth control. For all those interested in participating who have not previously taught the course, an organizational and training session on Wednesday, February 8, is mandatory. Ann Miller (471-8259) will answer any questions about the program or about the training session in 2031 Purple Zone at 7:30 p.m.

FLEX, ANYONE?

There seems to be some confusion among the senior students regarding their eligibility to take the FLEX exam given in June of this year. Students graduating by May of this year may apply to take the FLEX examination in June. For those who have not completed requirements and have not received the M.D. degree in time to meet the 60 day requirement for completion of credentials, the Board will accept a letter from Duke indicating the student is "scheduled to complete requirements and scheduled to receive the M.D. degree." This must be followed by a second letter immediately following graduation verifying that the student "has completed requirements and did receive the degree on a certain date."

The North Carolina Board of Medical Examiners stipulates however, that all other information must be in their hands by the 60 day deadline or the student's name will be removed from the exam list; there are no exceptions.

The written examination will be given June 12-14, 1984 at the Jane S. McKinnon Extension Education Center in Raleigh, located on the corner of Gorman Street and Western Boulevard.

At present, Texas, Louisiana, and the Virgin Islands will not accept endorsement of National Boards. Instead, they require their own written exam (FLEX). In order to take the exam, all application materials must be complete by April 12, 1984.

MEDICAL HISTORY PROGRAM OFFERS PRIZE

The Trent Prize of one hundred dollars is offered annually for a paper on a subject in the history of medicine or allied sciences. Contact G.S.T. Cavanagh, Curator of the Trent Collection, at 684-3325. Closing date is April 15.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR - SHARE YOUR CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISING DRIVE

The following is a letter I received from the Volunteer Services Bureau of Durham which I would like to share with you:

Dear Students and Faculty,

The 1983 Share Your Christmas Program was very successful. We are most appreciative of the part that your contribution played in helping us to surpass our goal this year [of helping 570 families and individuals and 109 foster children]. Because of your generosity and that of others, many of Durham's neediest citizens were able to know the joy of Christmas as they received such things as warm clothes, toys, household items, and food.

Thank you very much for supporting this program. Best wishes for a New Year filled with many blessings.

Sincerely yours,

Anne N. Moore
Executive Director

Also, special thanks should go to Pam Mohr, Mary Chandler, David Spach, Tana Grady, and Jennifer Pries for their efforts in raising \$457.00 for the general fund (about 5-10 percent of the total fund).

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Wiley
Service Vice President

DAVISON COUNCIL MINUTES

January 23, 1984

I. Old Business

- A. Recruiting Program - Dr. Osterhout has said that there has been good medical student response so far.
- B. Budget Committee - The committee has met to discuss several requests:
 - 1. "Topics in Human Sex and Sexuality," an undergraduate course taught by 21 medical students, requested \$100 for refreshments. \$50 was approved by Council.
 - 2. AMA-MSS requested additional money over the \$80 approved so far, most of which would go to send a second student for national/state conventions. The Budget Committee suggested giving no additional funds. This passed 17-1.
 - 3. Lars Eriksen, MS IV, is getting start-up money for the production of a yearbook this spring. This project must be to the printer by February 5. Any profits made will go to the Aesculapian Fund. Projected financial needs are about \$2000.
- C. Social - Bob Sherrier noted that we will have a spring picnic, an Unsung Hero party, and a spring formal.
- D. Curriculum - The broad outlines of the curriculum as printed in Shifting Dullness have been set by MEDSAC. Steve Feldman voiced his strong support for the changes proposed by MEDSAC, and other council members agreed that the needs of student were taken into consideration in the decisions.

I. Old Business

- E. Advisory System - MEDSAC will take up the advising system at its next meeting. Don Frush has already discussed ideas with Dr. Christakos. Kip Benyunes and Elizabeth Livingston noted that students were often the best sources of information, while Ginny Gibbons stated that the second year curriculum committee will work on a gathering for MS II's with upperclassmen.

Absent: Officers : Nichols, Wiley
MS II: Glaze
MS III: Enright
MS IV: Smith, Porter, Rustgi
MD-Ph.D.: Ling, Rosenberg

Respectfully submitted,

Walter D. Pharr
Davison Council Secretary

ELLY LEVINE WANTS TO KNOW

Do you have a favorite recipe? Muffins? Soup? Desserts? Main Dishes? AMWA is putting together a cookbook and needs recipes (from guys and gals !). Please send in your favorites to Elly Levine, Box 2885.

CONTESTS, FELLOWSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS, JOBS

CONTEST IN RESPIRATION, CIRCULATION

The Alfred A. Richman Essay and Research Contest is offered to encourage and stimulate undergraduate medical students to explore and investigate problems relating to the disciplines of respiration and circulation. It is hoped that this experience will motivate the students to continue their interest in chest medicine.

Winners of the 1984 contest will be honored at an assembly in Dallas, Texas, October 8-12, 1984. \$1,000 will be presented to the author or the Best Essay paper and \$1,000 will be presented to the author of the Best Research paper. See the "Opportunities Book" in the Office of Medical Education for more information.

JERRY L. PETTIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The AMA-Educational Research Foundation requests nominations for its scholarship in honor of Jerry L. Pettis, a deceased member of the United States Congress from California and a founder of the Audio-Digest Foundation, which provided the funds being used to support this program. The scholarship, a grant of \$2500, will be awarded to a junior or senior medical student with a demonstrated interest in the communication of science. Individuals who will be considered for the scholarship will be selected from among nominees proposed by the Deans of AMA approved medical schools. The financial need of nominees will not be a consideration. For more information, see the "Opportunities Book."

MORE FELLOWSHIPS AND JOBS

HENRY R. VIETS RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

The \$1500 Dr. Henry R. Viets basic or clinical research program must be related to problems of Myasthenia Gravis and must be conducted under supervision of a specified preceptor in the student's own medical school or in a medical school close to residence. More information may be found in the "Opportunities Book."

JOBS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

Two jobs with flexible hours and negotiable salary are open at the medical center. One requires aid in database development and analysis in malignant lymphoma. The other requires a computer scientist programmer to adapt a large program for pattern recognition and artificial intelligence written in Fortran for a dedicated mini-computer to a PDP-VAX. For more information, see the "Opportunities Book" in the Office of Medical Education.

You're learning everything about your profession...except how to plan it.

After years of studying and training, you'll be prepared to provide professional service and care. But what about managing a profitable practice...does your curriculum also include the principles of business management and financial planning?

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MAPS representatives offer personalized solutions to the problems you encounter — providing the specialized resources and planning expertise that will help you now and throughout your professional career. From confidential loans and insurance programs to medical jackets and equipment leasing to name just a few.

All from one convenient source...to save you time and money.

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