



# SHIFTING DULLNESS

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## SEX ED FOR SEVENTH GRADERS

THIS SPRING OUR SEX ED COMMITTEE WILL BE TEACHING AN EIGHT-DAY COURSE TO ALL OF THE SEVENTH GRADE CLASSES IN DURHAM'S FOUR JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS. EACH OF THE TWENTY-SIX COURSES WILL BE TAUGHT BY A MALE/FEMALE TEAM OF MEDICAL, NURSING, AND P.A. STUDENTS. ANYONE INTERESTED IN HELPING, OR WHO WANTS A NEWLY-REVISED COPY OF THE TEACHER'S HANDBOOK, SHOULD CONTACT EDDIE MILLER, MSIII, Box 2781 (286-9476). FIRST YEAR STUDENTS WHO SIGNED THE LIST AT ACTIVITIES NIGHT NEED NOT CONTACT HIM.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS SHOULD SET ASIDE SATURDAY, JANUARY 19TH, TO ATTEND OUR 2ND ANNUAL SEX ED TRAINING SYMPOSIUM.

## DEAN'S HOUR SPEAKERS

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF THE NAMES OF THE SUGGESTED DEAN'S HOUR SPEAKERS. THEY APPEARED INITIALLY IN A LETTER SENT TO ALL STUDENTS BY THE DEAN'S HOUR COMMITTEE EARLY LAST WEEK. WE ARE PROVIDING THE FOLLOWING SHORT DESCRIPTIONS BECAUSE SEVERAL STUDENTS COMMENTED THEY WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE PROPOSED SPEAKERS BEFORE MAKING THEIR CHOICE. PLEASE INDICATE WHO YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ON THIS SHEET OR ON THE NOTICE YOU RECEIVED EARLIER. REMEMBER THAT ANY NEW SUGGESTIONS ARE WELCOME. RETURN RESPONSES TO DUMC 5174.

MARY HOWELL - PEDIATRICIAN, AND AUTHOR OF HELPING OURSELVES: FAMILIES AND THE HUMAN NETWORK AND HEALING AT HOME, WHICH ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO BECOME MORE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN AND THEIR CHILDREN'S HEALTH; FORMER DEAN OF WOMEN AT HARVARD WITH AN INTERESTING PERSPECTIVE ON WOMEN IN MEDICINE (AUTHOR OF WHY WOULD A GIRL GO INTO MEDICINE?),  
DAVID WERNER - AUTHOR OF WHERE THERE IS NO DOCTOR - A TRAINING MANUAL FOR VILLAGE HEALTH WORKERS GEARED TOWARD THE HEALTH NEEDS, EDUCATION LEVEL, AND LOCAL RESOURCES OF THE SMALL HIGHLAND VILLAGES IN MEXICO.  
BERTHA ROGERS - ANESTHESIOLOGIST WHO HAS USED HYPNOSIS IN PREPARING PATIENTS FOR SURGERY; MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CLINICAL HYPNOSIS.

NORMAN COUSINS - EDITOR OF "SATURDAY REVIEW"; WORKED WITH THE THEORY OF LAUGHTER AS A THERAPEUTIC MODALITY.  
JACK GEIGER - RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FIRST NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH CENTERS, BOTH URBAN (IN BOSTON) AND RURAL (MT. BAYOU PROJECT).  
LEWIS THOMAS - A REGULAR CONTRIBUTOR TO THE NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL OF MEDICINE WITH HIS "NOTES OF A BIOLOGY-WATCHER"; AUTHOR OF SEVERAL BOOKS, INCLUDING LIVES OF A CELL AND THE MEDUSA AND THE SNAIL; ENGAGING WRITER AND (REPORTEDLY) SPEAKER; PHILOSOPHER EXTROIDINAIRE; PRESENTLY PRESIDENT OF MEMORIAL SLOAN-KETTERING CANCER CENTER.  
HELEN CALDICOTT - PEDIATRICIAN AT HARVARD; VIRTUALLY SINGLE-HANDEDLY MADE (HER NATIVE) AUSTRALIAN PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY URANIUM MINERS, AWARE OF THE HAZARDS OF THE NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE; AUTHOR OF NUCLEAR MADNESS; ELOQUENT SPOKESPERSON AND PRESIDENT OF PHYSICIANS FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.  
HOWARD RUSK - PAST RECIPIENT OF THE STATESMAN IN MEDICINE AWARD; KNOWN FOR HIS WORK IN REHABILITATIVE MEDICINE.  
ANN SOMERS - SPECIALIST IN BIOETHICS AND HEALTH POLICY; PAST CONSULTANT TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN SACRAMENTO.  
C. EVERET KOUP - CHIEF OF SURGERY AT PHILADELPHIA CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AND PROFESSOR OF PEDIATRIC SURGERY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA MEDICAL SCHOOL; AUTHOR OF RIGHT TO LIVE, RIGHT TO DIE.  
W. MONTAGNE COBB - EDITOR OF THE JOURNAL OF THE NATIONAL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION AND PAST PRESIDENT OF THE N.A.A.C.P.  
JOSEPH CALIFANO - PAST SECRETARY OF H.E.W.  
CARLTON GAJDUSEK - 1977 NOBEL LAUREATE FOR MEDICINE; KNOWN FOR HIS WORK WITH KREUTZFELD-JACOB AND OTHER SLOW VIRUS DISEASES.

MAKE YOUR CHOICES BY CIRCLING THE NAMES OF THOSE YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE INVITED.

## PUZZLE

THE SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:

- (1) DAY ON WHICH X WAS ADMITTED: SUNDAY
- (2) X'S AGE: 18
- (3) TODAY: THURSDAY

THE ANSWER TO THE QUESTION OF THE PATIENT'S AGE WAS FOUND SIMPLY BY USING THE TWO EQUATIONS  $X + A = 24$  AND  $12 + A = X$ , WHERE 'X' IS THE AGE OF THE PATIENT AND 'A' IS THE NUMBER OF YEARS THAT HAVE PASSED SINCE THE PATIENT'S SISTER WAS THE AGE THAT THE PATIENT IS NOW. TO ANSWER THE SECOND PART OF THE QUESTION; IF TODAY IS THURSDAY, THEN LAST SATURDAY (THE DAY WHEN THE DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY WAS REFERRED TO AS "THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW") WOULD BE SIX DAYS AWAY FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY), AND YESTERDAY (WEDNESDAY) WOULD BE SIX DAYS AWAY FROM NEXT TUESDAY (THE DAY ON WHICH WE WILL BE ABLE TO SPEAK OF LAST MONDAY AS "A WEEK AGO YESTERDAY").



**Happy Holidays**

ELEVEN PEOPLE SUBMITTED THE CORRECT ANSWER TO THE PUZZLE. CONGRATULATIONS TO LYN OLIGINO, MSII, WHO WILL RECEIVE A GIFT CERTIFICATE TO BASKIN-ROBBINS.

NO NEW PUZZLE IS ENTERED HERE THIS WEEK, AS THERE WILL BE NO MORE ISSUES OF SHIFTING DULLNESS PRINTED UNTIL AFTER THE NEW YEAR. FIRST YEAR STUDENTS - HAVE FUN WITH YOUR EXAMS!