

SHIFTING DULLNESS

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Special-For Y'all

A SMASHING SUCCESS! DELIGHTFUL! DAZZLING! BRAVO! ... ETCETERA! ETCETERA!

Although some of us had to struggle to keep our soles on ice, the 1st Annual Davison Ice Folly Capades was indeed a "SMASHING" success. (I personally sustained two collisions and four falls.)

One hundred and eighty five souls madly racing round and round in circles and ABSolutely LOVING it! Quite a refreshing variation on our daily lives and La Conditione Humane . . .

Mucho Multo gratias to all those who helped produce this Special Event of GOOD CLEAN FUN, with special thanks to Athena Arens, Soupy Shelton, Speedy Scottie, Motown Miller, wild and wooly Stevie and his fair sweet petite Parker and Trinity Trio, Good ole Guyts, and last but not least, thanks also to your ever dedicated and ever deserving "Social VICE" president and Prime Mover, THE ROC.

Cheers! And until our next event, yours truly.

2 HOURS, 18 MINUTES, 8 SECONDS

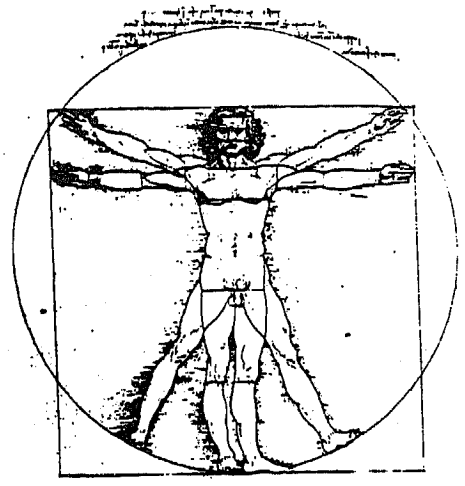
Scott Eden, MS II, won the Maryland marathon last Sunday, November 5, 1978, running more than 26 miles while leading the pack of 6000 entrants for the entire race. His winning time was 2 minutes faster than his best previous time. Congratulations!

NEXT DAVISON COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, November 27 (after Thanksgiving)
5 p.m. in the conference room by Dr. Christakos' office.

Agenda: 1. Edgemont
2. Christmas party plans
3. Chronicle articles budget request
4. Parking for med students

Come To The Renewal of Systems*



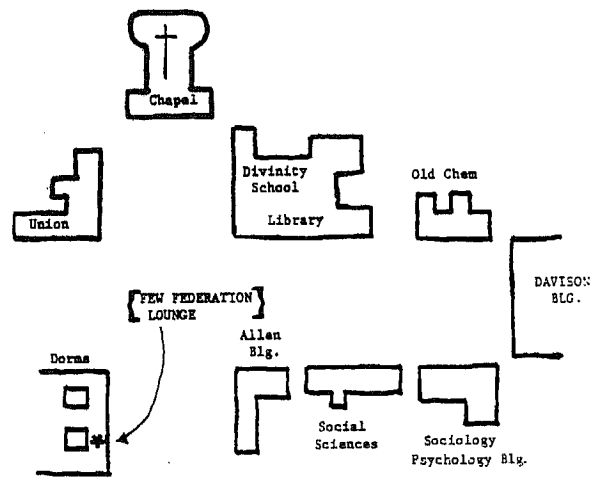
* An informal gathering of clinical faculty, housestaff, and medical students of all classes on selected Friday afternoons from 5 until 7 PM during the year. Beer, soft drinks, and snacks will be provided as an additional enticement.

THE DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY

and the Davison Society, the medical student organization, will sponsor the first reception.
Medical Students are encouraged to bring housestaff or faculty from any department to the ROS. Housestaff and clinical faculty receive special invitations only for the week their department co-sponsors the gathering, but they are welcome any week.

when: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1978
5 - 7 PM

where: FEW FEDERATION LOUNGE
First Floor
(Across from the Union Bldg.)



full size car, as well as questions soliciting your opinion on certain parking issues. Please take time to fill out one of these surveys (whether or not you drive a car) and place in the Davison Society ballot box in the mail room; a summary of results will appear in Shifting Dullness several weeks after the survey is distributed.

If I am to be an effective representative on the Medical Center Traffic Commission, I need this information. If there is sufficient support by Medical Students, it may be possible to (eventually) establish a student lot reasonably near the hospital or expand existing H lots.

Bruce Murdock MS III

Externships, etc.

The following study away information is available in the file in the 6th floor lounge:

Univ. of Florida College of Medicine
 Beckley Appalachian Regional Hospital (8 week clerkship for 4th year students)
 Student Fellowship Program in Clinical Cardiology - American Heart Association
 of San Francisco (8 week fellowship for 4th year students).

residencies

A first year position in family practice is available at the Somerset Hospital in Somerville, New Jersey. See Jeannie Lee for more information.

The following residency information is available in the 6th floor lounge:

- Texas Tech University School of Medicine - Dermatology
- St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Boston - Internal Medicine
- Cleveland Metropolitan General Hospital - Psychiatry
- Cook County Hospital and School of Public Health, Division of
 Occupational Medicine (Department of Medicine), Univ. of Illinois
 Chicago.
- Wright State University, Dayton, Dayton, Ohio - Pediatrics
- Univ. of South Carolina, Richland Memorial Hospital - Pediatrics
- Univ. of California, Irvine - Internal Medicine
- V.A. Medical Center, Long Beach, California - Internal Medicine
- East Tennessee State University College of Medicine - Internal Medicine
- Southern Illinois University School of Medicine
- V.A. Hospital, Los Angeles - Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

COST AWARENESS -- A NEW WRINKLE IN THE DUKE CURRICULUM

Even as medical students, we've all been told that cost of health care keeps on rising. Medical costs now take up 8.6% of the Gross National Product and is rising faster than the overall inflation rate. Although higher wages for hospital employees account for at least part of the increase, decisions by doctors -- and doctors in training -- about whether or not to admit a patient, what tests to order to arrive at a diagnosis, and what information is needed, at what intervals, to best manage a patient's course account for at least some of the escalation. In contrast to the turn of the century when history and physical exam were supplemented by only rudimentary lab tests, a plethora ranging from immunofluorescence radio-nucleotide to batteries of blood chemistries are available, allowing greater precision and accuracy.

Doctors have been soundly criticized for their lack of knowledge about the cost implications of decisions they make, and a variety of groups ranging from AMSA to the AMA and the American Association of Medical Colleges have called for the development of curricula for physicians at all levels of training. A number of medical schools have already done so.

The opportunity to become more aware about the judicious use of laboratory tests exists for those students fortunate enough to have an attending who emphasizes these issues during rounds. A list of the cost of most lab tests is available on the wards for anyone interested in looking at it. However, these are opportunities which may for some students be few and far between and is not part of a coordinated program throughout the four years.

As a result of discussions among a group of students last year, a discussion of these issues was begun with the faculty at the "Quail's Roost" Curriculum Retreat last May. Since that time, a group has been appointed by Dr. Anlyan composed of clinical faculty and housestaff from the Medicine, Ob/Gyn, Pediatrics, and Surgery departments as well as two students, Billy Andrews and Allan Crimm, and representatives from the hospital labs to investigate the feasibility and logistics of integrating such

Everything is now in the earliest planning stage. In order to get a better idea about student's current experience in this area and ideas about what should be developed, a brief questionnaire will be sent to a small randomly selected group of medical students after Thanksgiving. If you receive one, please take five minutes to fill it out and return it to the white ballot box in the mailroom. Anyone interested in the development of this curriculum, please contact Billy Andrews (2707 DUMC) or Allan Crimm (2725 DUMC).

PATHOLOGY PUZZLE

The answers to last week's puzzle: MULTIPLE MYELOMA, PLASMA, OSTEOPOROSIS, HYPERCALCEMIA, HEMATOLOGY, IMMUNOGLOBULINS. Congratulation to R. Becker, MS IV, winner of a gift certificate to Baskin-Robbins, as well as 5 other correct answers. Please leave your answers in the mail room ballot box by 9 a.m. Monday.

One way for some to get an extended vacation: _ _ _ _ _

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