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Davison notes

SOCIAL VICE-PRESIDENT

Kurt Newman is the Social Vice President, and will be handling everything from tennis tournaments to beer parties! Any suggestions for social activities should be turned in to Kurt at Box 2800.

NEW APPOINTEE

Karen Long has been appointed to the Budget Committee of the Davison Society.

STUDENT LOUNGE

There have been numerous instances of non-medical people in the 6th floor lounge, especially the TV room. If any students see any non-students in the lounge, please inform Mr. King, in Central Teaching on the 4th floor immediately. Some members of Mr. King's staff will be overseeing the 6th floor lounge, so if there are any problems contact Mr. King or the Davison Society, Box 2889 .

DISABILITY INSURANCE FOR STUDENTS

In the past few years there have been several cases in which a medical student has contracted hepatitis, mono or other disabling diseases. Frequently the student has to drop out of school, gets no tuition returned, and must stop working. This can be a severe financial strain for many students.

The medical school has looked into the feasibility of purchasing blanket insurance for all students, but this does not seem practical. For the purpose of communication only, the Davison Society wants to bring it to the attention of the students that there is Disability

Insurance available. AMSA has a program through Minnesota Mutual Insurance Company. More information can be received by contacting the local Minnesota Mutual agent, or the Davison Society, Box 2889.

STUDENT LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM

Medical students are now eligible to participate in the new Student Loan Guarantee Program administered by United Student Aid Funds, Inc. These loans are guaranteed by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Loan dollars are made available through the Wachovia Bank & Trust Co., N.A. in Winston-Salem, N.C.

The Program's goal is to make it possible for students to enroll and to remain in school when all other financial resources are exhausted. The maximum loan per year per student is \$1,500. The interest rate is 10% each year on each loan. Repayment of principle begins three years after earning the M.D. degree over a ten year period. Complete information and application forms are available in the Office of Financial Aid, 123 Davison Building.

T-SHIRTS

Harvard alumni (or others) who would like to order a "Duke of the North" T-shirt, contact Darilyn Dealy, Box 2726. Sizes S, M, L, XL; \$5.00 each.

contest

The American College of Legal Medicine is now accepting applications for the 1978 Schwartz Award, presented annually to the outstanding paper on legal medicine written by a medical student. The paper selected to receive the award will be considered for publication in the Journal of Legal Medicine and will become the property of the College: other papers may also be considered for publication. The author of the outstanding paper will receive a \$250.00 honorarium, travel, hotel accommodations, and expenses to the 18th International Conference on Legal Medicine, scheduled for May 4-6, 1978 in San Francisco. In addition, a cash award of \$250.00 will be given to the second place paper and the 3rd place paper will receive \$150.00. Papers must be postmarked no later than Jan. 31, 1978. See Dr. Shirley Osterhout for more information.

Externships, etc.

Information on the following programs is available in the Med School Library Reserve room in a book entitled Electives Away From Duke.

Eastern Maine Medical Center has Clinical Clerkships in several

specialties, for 3rd and 4th year medical students.

New York University is offering a 2 month medical elective (sub-internship) for the periods June 1 - July 30, 1978, and August 1 - September 30, 1978.

Medical Care Development, Inc. of Augusta, Maine is announcing preceptorships in rural primary care.

The Indian Health Service offers clinical clerkships at the Peach Springs Indian Health Service facility, located in Peach Springs, Arizona.

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WOMEN IN MEDICINE

In any discussion of role models for female medical students, one must at last look to the medical center. After all, there is not much we can directly learn from someone who lived in the early 19th century. On the other hand, the women who teach, doctor, and otherwise precede us here and now can teach us a good deal. Dr. Shirley K. Osterhout is one such predecessor.

Dr. Osterhout's initial desire was not to be a doctor, but a dancer. I don't doubt that she could have been a good one. She says she was a bright child and was encouraged by her parents. However, because she was smaller than all of the other children (and favored by the teacher), she had to take a lot of verbal abuse, and finally gave up this goal.

She was what could be called a "pure" Dukie. Her father graduated first in his class here in engineering. She was a Duke undergraduate, medical student, intern, resident and fellow (in endocrinology). The only time she recalls being away from Duke is two months she spent in New Orleans studying infectious disease, during her residency. Though she had intended to go into private practice in Peds, she subsequently met and married the other Dr. Osterhout at the end of her residency, which tended to change her plans. So she has been at Duke since she graced the undergraduate campus in 1949.

Interestingly, she says she did not feel subjected to bias due to her sex as a medical student. There were 5 women in her entering class (in a total of 74 students). She states that the class was "discriminated against" as a whole because they were not allowed to eat in the dining halls, did not have call rooms, and had to follow strict dress codes. She and a classmate eventually fought for and won the ability to eat in the dining halls, and to sleep in Baker House when on call. This was accomplished with the help of Francis Swett, who also is the founder of the Swett Loan Fund. She recalls her class as a cohesive group, in

which the students helped each other. In fact she notes she has seen more instances of sex bias today than she did then.

Finally, she admits there are probably imbalances in income for females as opposed to males in most professions, with medicine as no exception. Further, in order to spend as much time with her family as possible, she has preferred to remain a clinician and not do research. She feels this, too, prevents advancement in a setting like the medical center (where research and publication carry high value). However, she appears to be happy with the outcome of her medical career. With the help of an understanding husband and a combination mother's helper-housekeeper-friend, she has been able to handle a home and family, an administrative position in the medical center and a practice within the hospital. A formidable task, but obviously not impossible.

- Bev Spivey

residencies

Information on the following residency programs is available for review in the Davison Society office, Mondays, 1-4:30, and Wednesdays, 1-3.

Family Practice:

University of Cincinnati College of Medicine
Medical College of Ohio/ Riverside Family Practice Center, Toledo, Oh.
University of South Carolina Columbia, S.C.

Pediatrics:

Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital/Case Western Reserve Medical School
Cleveland, Ohio

Surgery:

Orlando Regional Medical Center Orlando, Florida

Medicine:

Richland Memorial Hospital Columbia, S.C.

General:

University of Oklahoma Tulsa, Oklahoma