



# SHIFTING DULLNESS

DAVISON SOCIETY NEWSLETTER  
DUKE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

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## Did You Know...?

...that a major conference for all North Carolina medical students will be held in Durham in April? (see below for details)...

## Special-For Y'all

### DAVISON SOCIETY ELECTIONS

Anyone interested in running for any Davison offices (Pres, Social VP, Service VP, Sec., or Treas, or class pres. or rep.), turn your name in and office running for to the ballot box in the mailroom, by Spring break.

### CURRICULUM QUESTIONAIRES

All medical students should complete the curriculum questionnaire by March 1. It is essential to have the opinions of the entire student body on the issue of curriculum reform at Duke. If you have misplaced your copy of the questionnaire, put a signed note in the Davison Society ballot box in the Post Office, and another copy will be sent to you.

### STUDENT-FACULTY SHOW

Please submit, in writing, any contributions - skits, songs, ideas, etc.- for the Student-Faculty Show to one of the following people BEFORE Spring break: Ken Trofatter, Box 2865, 682-5261; Dick Schatz, Box 2844, 477-0119; Miles Drake, Box 2766

#### PREVENTIVE MEDICINE CONFERENCE

What good is a periodic physical exam or "checkup"? What kinds of screening tests are useful in ambulatory practice? Is it possible to maintain health rather than simply intervene in disease? How do you decide what is "enough" preventive health care? What is "preventive medicine" anyway?

If you have ever thought about any of these questions, or if you plan a career in ambulatory medicine of any type (family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, OB-Gyn, psychiatry, or...) you should plan now to attend the conference on "Health Maintenance in Primary Care: Strengthening the scientific basis of preventive medicine" to be held at the Durham Ramada Inn, April 9 and 10, 1976, sponsored by the Duke Forum for Primary Care (a student organization) and the Duke-Watts Family Medicine Program. This conference is the second annual one of its type and is designed specifically for medical students from all three North Carolina medical schools. Major national authorities in preventive medicine will be speakers at the conference. Attendance is free to all medical students, including cocktails and dinner April 9 and lunch April 10. For further information, contact Collin Baker, MD (286-4621) or Steve Cochi (Box 2762) or Mike Magill (Box 2818).

#### BIG SIBS NEEDED

The Big Brother-Big Sister program in Durham needs several volunteers to work with disadvantaged children in this area. A commitment of 1-2 hours per week for at least 6 months is necessary. For more information, contact Ann Smith (688-6351, 9am-5pm) or Danny Waldrop (471-2741, or Box 2867).

## class notes

4TH YEAR STUDENTS: Matching Party, 7:30, Sunday, March 14th. Banny's House (Elba Street). Free beer.

# residencies

Information on the following programs has been received and is available for review in the Davison Society office.

Saint John Hospital, Detroit, Michigan

The Medical Center, Columbus, Georgia

## THE POLICY MAKERS

Part III.

### Committee Appointments of the Davison Society

There are student representatives on most of the administrative committees of the medical school. One may discover that the committee does nothing at all and a student's presence has no effect, or the student may find challenging situations with many chances for input into policy-making decisions. In most all instances the student has full voting power equal to that of any other committee member.

Each spring (or whenever openings occur during the year) the available positions are advertised in Shifting Dullness, and anyone interested in appointment is asked to write a short note to that effect explaining one's reasons for interest and any pertinent past experience. You are encouraged also to speak personally with Council members about your interest. The council carefully considers all applications and relevant information available and then makes the committee appointment.

The committees are:

1. MEDSAC - Medical School Advisory Committee  
the President of the Council is usually the student representative
2. MEPAC - Medical Education Policy Advisory Committee  
one student from each Curriculum Committee and President of the Council
3. Curriculum Committee - three students on each year's committee
4. Admissions Committee - two students
5. Financial Aid Committee - one student
6. Committee on Human Experimentation - one student
7. Director's Hour Speaker Selection Committee
8. Hospital Planning Committee
9. Clinical Pastoral Care Committee
10. University Judicial Board

11. Traffic Control Committee
12. Durham-Orange County Medical Society Executive Board - one student who is a member of the society
13. OSR - Organization of Student Representatives - this group under the AAMC was fully described in past issues of SD.

#### The Director's Hour

Irwin Korngut MS IV is this year's representative. The Director's Hour is a program to bring medically oriented speakers to Duke and to provide an opportunity for medical students and other members of the Duke Community to interact with them. There is a reception preceding each presentation, and each speaker is the guest of approximately ten students (selected at random) at a dinner following the program. The student chairman of the Director's Hour Committee works in close conjunction with the faculty chairman, currently Dr. Andrew Wechsler, in arranging the series of speakers. Past speakers such as Ann Landers, Robert Zollinger, Delano Meriwether, and John Lister have provided interesting, provocative programs.

#### The Admissions Committee

Jerome Williams MS III and Dan Eubanks MS IV are this year's representatives. Students on the admissions committee are fully participating members, serving with equal status as the faculty representatives. Students interview Duke applicants and have a full vote at both the interview and final full committee level.