



# SHIFTING DULLNESS

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## Special-For Y'all

Editors' note: This is the final issue of Shifting Dullness for 1977-78. Have a good summer!!

### STUDENT FACULTY SHOW:

This year's outrage - What We Hold Most Sacred - will be celebrated from 8:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 22, 1978 in Card Gym on West Campus. Unlimited beer, coca-cola and sprite will be provided. For those wishing an adequate loading dose, doors will open an hour before the show. The tickets, an unbelievable bargain at only \$3.00 are available from people working on the show and outside the first floor Duke Hospital Cafeteria from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

May the good fortune of Hippocrates and the IRS be with you!

### PARTY HONORING DR. BRADFORD

There will be a party honoring Dr. Bradford as "retiring" dean. It will be on the Quad right in front of the Davison Building on Wednesday, April 26 at 5 p.m. Beer will be served. The entire medical school is invited to attend!!

### AOA SYMPOSIUM

The AOA Original Study Symposium is set for Thursday, April 20, 1978. 26 students submitted abstracts - a record number!! Symposium activities officially begin at 1:00 p.m. in Room M224 with a few welcoming and instructional remarks. Abstracts will be presented between 1:15-4:45 p.m. in Rooms M224 and 2031 concurrently. All of you will receive a copy of the Symposium agenda. All students who participate in the Symposium (actively or passively) are excused from classes throughout the afternoon.

The Keynote Address by Dr. Saul Krugman, Professor of Pediatrics, N.Y.U. Med Ctr., on "Recent Developments in Hepatitis Virus Research," is slated to begin at 5:00 p.m. in the Hospital Amphitheater. Earlier in the day, Dr. Krugman will be addressing the Perinatal Conference (Rm. M312; 8:30 a.m.) on the subject: "Hepatitis Virus Infections in the Mother, Fetus, and Newborn." Following this discussion he will participate in Pediatric Infectious Disease Rounds. Students are invited to participate in all Symposium activities.

Anyone interested in eating lunch at the Oak Room (on a buy-your-own basis) with Dr. Krugman, please contact Ken Trofatter at 684-2129 or 286-2501. This will be limited to a group of 10 students.

### EDGEMONT COMMUNITY CLINIC

The Edgemont Community Clinic needs three or four volunteers to help with the operations of the clinic laboratory. Any medical student can learn the basics of the

lab's operations in one or two evenings. This will be an excellent opportunity for a first year student to practice his urinalysis and CBC techniques before starting second year. Please contact Sid Gospe, 489-5635 or Ken Trofater, 286-2501 or 684-2129 for information.

#### NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEES AND SHIFTING DULLNESS EDITOR

Selections of students to serve as Shifting Dullness Editor and representative to the Admissions (3), Human Experimentation Review (1), Dean's Hour (2), and Curriculum Committees (2-3 for each year) will be made during the week of April 24. Anyone interested should write a BRIEF note to the Council saying why you are interested in serving on a particular committee (please specify which one) and put it in the white ballot box by MONDAY, APRIL 24. Shifting Dullness editors should tell what ideas they have for it.

The following are brief descriptions of each position's responsibilities written by students serving this year.

##### Dean's Hour Committee-

It basically involves sitting down with the Faculty Committee person (Andy Wechsler) and making up the list of speakers for the year. This is a one-time commitment on the student's time. Although the student can have input into functions related to the speaker (such as selecting students for luncheons or dinners given for the speaker or arranging the speaker's schedule, or the actual inviting of speakers), such is not mandatory. Once the list is made, the job is essentially done.

-Beverly Spivey

##### First Year Curriculum Committee

The responsibilities of the 1st year curriculum committee are:

1. To conduct a systematic evaluation of all 1st year courses using computerized questionnaires and establishing subcommittees to meet with the various department chairmen/course heads.
2. To conduct a less structured survey of your classmates' chief complaints and recommendations.
3. To attend the few meetings of the Committee called and forward any suggestions.
4. To attend whatever version of the Quails' Roost conference is being held, armed with statistics and suggestions to improve courses.

-Marcia Angle

##### Second Year Curriculum Committee

The second year curriculum committee has been relatively inactive over the last two years. Last year we had a meeting to discuss each of the five clinical rotations. This year we met twice to integrate the new course in human sexuality into the already overloaded interterm. Now, in preparation for the curriculum review conference early in May, we are writing up a questionnaire to further evaluate each rotation so that we may make more criticisms and suggestions for each department.

-Ed Miller

##### Third Year Curriculum Committee

As 3rd year curriculum committee representative, one is involved in many different things:

1. The approval of new courses proposed by the departments.
2. The development of new study tracts and new interdisciplinary courses.
3. The collection from Dr. Greene, CC-3 Chairman, of course evaluation forms and their placement in the blue notebooks in Dr. Johnson's office in Davison and also report these at Quail's Roost.
4. In addition, the development of any new 3rd year courses from student input, goes through the committee. Dr. Greene believes that most of the impetus for new third year courses should come from the students. New courses in several areas are being considered.

If any of the potential nominees wish to contact me for further information, I will be more than glad to help.

-Bob Zeigler

#### Admissions Committee

There are a number of different aspects to working on the Admissions Committee. The student's responsibilities include:

1. Participating in interviewing applicants who come to Duke for a local interview. Necessitates critically reviewing applicant folders prior to interview. Two other committee members conduct the interview with you. Time commitment: each interviewing stint lasts for the whole afternoon. You would participate in about 8-9 sessions between September and February.
2. Full committee night meeting when all 21 members gather together to vote their preference on the most promising candidates (as assessed by the interviewers). Most applicants that get presented at this meeting are accepted. The night meetings are 10 in number, scattered from October to February, and each meeting lasts a minimum of 4 hours.

Faculty committee members have the same responsibilities as the student, plus some extra responsibilities. Only faculty members are involved in processing the large volume of applications which are seen by local interviewers, or on trips. Faculty members only go on the interviewing trips along the east coast.

I'll be glad to talk to anybody who has questions, or wants to hear more or whatever.

-Margaret Higham

#### REPORT ON OSR MEETING - PART II

1) Interested in the question of house staff unions? A few weeks ago, the House Committee on Education and Labor voted to approve a bill intended to amend the National Labor Relations Act to include house officers as a bargaining group - i.e. as employees, not just students. The AAMC position opposes passage of such an amendment. The OSR, on the other hand, has passed a resolution that medical students should not cross picket lines (i.e. not assume housestaff responsibilities should a strike occur), thus indirectly supporting the amendment. Since this bill (H.R. 2222) has just come out of Committee, now is the time to write your Congressperson if you have strong feelings one way or the other.

2) Representative Paul G. Rogers (D-Fla), Chairman of the House Commerce Health and Environment Subcommittee, submitted a bill (H.R. 10896), which would tighten primary care residency requirements for receiving capitation, as well as a second piece of legislation (H.R.10897) which would eliminate capitation for medical and osteopathic schools. In introducing the proposals Rogers stated that they "are obviously mutually exclusive and certainly do not represent my final thoughts in this area." (Shades of Guadalejara!!)

HR 10896 would repeal current capitation grant authority for medical schools and would increase authorization for appropriations for support of primary care residency programs, AHEC's, and scholarships for disadvantaged students.

H.R. 10897 would amend the residency provisions of the existing law's capitation requirement. 50% by 1980, of the filled, first year medical residency training positions will have to be in primary care areas. Under the bill, schools could not count students who complete a 3-yr primary care training program, but then go into a subspecialty area. This would mean that the number of 1st year positions in primary care would have to exceed 75% of those offered, if the current attrition rate remains the same.

#### FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

The "new" person in the Office of Financial Aid is Mrs. Phyllis Woods. She will be replacing Financial Aid Assistant, Mrs. Betty Jones while Betty is on maternity leave until after Labor Day (no pun intended). Phyllis has had 6 years experience in financial aid at UNC-Chapel Hill and we know she will be most valuable during the most crucial part of the financial aid cycle. Office of Financial Aid. 123 Davison Bldg.

#### FREEBIE

Any senior who would like to receive a free subscription to Medical Dimensions, a monthly publication, can pick up a registration form in the medical student lounge, 6th floor. Sample copies will be available there for review.

#### DIPLOMA PLAQUES

Any medical student interested in having your diploma permanently preserved as a plaque, check the bulletin board, (6th floor) for details on discounts.

## seminars

The AMSA-AMWA Seminar Series presents John Hatch, director of the Mississippi Delta Project and a community organizer, on "Health Care and Social Change in Small Communities" this Thursday night, April 20 from 7:30 - 8:45 p.m. in the Administrative Conference Room (next to the 1st floor, red elevators). Refreshments will be served.

Terry Malone, a physical therapist and sports trainer will discuss "The Initial Evaluation and Immediate Treatment of Sports Injuries" Wednesday, April 19, in room 410, (CTF) at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments (not Gatorade) provided.

## med jocks

#### OLD JOCKS WIN AGAIN

The old jocks of Duke Medical School once again showed the undergraduates that we are not "over the hill", athletically speaking. A small but closely-knit team of old jocksters descended upon Wallace Wade Stadium on April 5 and blasted the undergraduates off the track in the annual spring IM track meet. The old men of medicine won seven first places. The Law School did not even send a team to try to compete with our team. One undergraduate fraternity, Sigma Phi Epsilon, was able to tie the medical team for first place in overall points by virtue of its three or four participants in almost every event; they only won two events. The 440 relay team composed of Carnell Copper, (former captain Yale basketball team), Chris Young (intramural 100 yard dash recordholder at Davidson), Scott Gillogly (former quarterback at West Point) and Bill Ward (former hurdler and sprinter at UNC) won the 440 relay with a time of 44.39, tying the old meet record. Carnell Cooper earned individual first places in the 440 yard dash (with a meet record time of 51.0 sec) and in the 220 yard dash. Bill Ward dashed to victory in the 100 yard dash and also won the long jump. Rick Mclees, former high-school standout in the discus, hurled the flattened orb to victory in the discus throw. Scott Eden, former All-American track star from Duke, easily outdistanced the field in the mile run. Chris Young finished second in the 220 and injured Rob Patterson managed a second in the shotput and a third in the high jump. The mile relay team, composed of Ed Miller, Kurt Newman, Bruce Willhelmsen and Scott Eden, placed an admirable second. Chad Stevens held on to a fourth place finish in the 880 to enable the team to tie for first in overall points. The team is now anxiously awaiting the fall IM track meet in which, with new recruits and greater depth, it hopes to emerge as the undisputed campus champions.

Bill Ward, MSIII

## Externships, etc.

### PRECEPTORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

AMSA will offer a limited number of preceptorships in U.S. Public Health Service Hospitals and clinics and in federal prisons to both preclinical and clinical level medical students. The program will begin this summer and will continue into the 1978-79 academic year, until all available positions have been filled. Program length will average 6-8 weeks; a stipend and travel to program site will be provided. Students must furnish evidence of professional liability coverage in order for their application to be considered. Funding for the program has been provided by the Bureau of Medical Services (DHEW). For application materials, write: BMS Preceptorship Program, AMSA Foundation, P.O. Box 131, Chantilly, Virginia 22021

## residencies

Information on the following graduate medical programs is available for review in the Davison Society office, 6th floor green zone.

University of California - Surgical Internship and Residency program - all 5 branches  
The Roosevelt Hospital, New York, NY - Graduate training in primary care  
Akron City Hospital - Akron, Ohio - Graduate medical programs in all areas

### A PARTING NOTE

While you're lying around, doing nothing this summer (who, you?) you might peruse some of the books the lay people are reading. It helps to know what the people you take care of know (or believe). Some suggestions (titles only) are:

1. Coma
2. Autopsy
3. Life After Life
4. Looking Out For #1
5. Your Erroneous Zones

### SEX EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Davison Society Sex Education Committee to discuss next year's activities on Wednesday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the amphitheater. All interested students should attend. For further info, contact Bill Ward or Charlie Lutin.