

SHIFTING DULLNESS

DAVISON SOCIETY NEWSLETTER
DUKE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Box 2889 DUMC

December 5, 1977

Special-For Y'all

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Don't forget the Davison Society Christmas Party!!! Our social budget for the entire year is only \$1,300; this party is budgeted around \$1,200. Thus, we are charging \$2.50 per person to try to recover some of this; however, we expect this party to cost us at least \$600. This is your money being spent, so come out and enjoy it. The band should be excellent; set-ups will be provided.

Saturday, December 10, from 9-1 at the Chapel Hill American Legion Hut. Tickets will be on sale in front of the cafeteria all this week. If you have any questions, see Ken Slate.

THEODORE COOPER - AOA VISITING PROFESSOR OF HEALTH AND PUBLIC POLICY

Dr. Theodore Cooper, past Director of the National Heart and Lung Institute, and Assistant Secretary for Health under President Ford, will be visiting Duke Medical School for the week of December 5-9 as the AOA visiting Professor of Health and Public Policy. All Duke Medical students are invited to the following events:

-Monday, December 5

- 3 pm - Speech to be given at Duke Law School. All interested medical students welcome.
- 6:30 pm - Informal dinner and discussion with Dr. Cooper. 50 students will be selected by lot from a signup list.

-Tuesday, December 6

- 3 pm - Speech to be given for Duke Institute for Policy Sciences, location to be announced. All interested medical students welcome.
- 6:30 pm - Informal dinner and discussion with Dr. Cooper. 50 students will be selected by lot from a signup list.

-Wednesday, December 7

- 4:30 pm - The Dean's Hour Committee and AOA will present Dr. Cooper as the Dean's Hour Speaker. 10-12 students will be chosen from a signup list to have dinner with Dr. Cooper following Dean's Hour.

AMSA

Friday, December 9, is the last day to join AMSA in order to be eligible to attend the 1978 annual convention in Atlanta. Contact Sid Gospe, Box 2755 for details.

YEARBOOK SUBSCRIPTIONS

Aesculapian yearbooks are on sale daily in the cafeteria or in the student lounge from noon to 1:00 pm daily. Or, you can mail \$6.00 (\$7.00 if you want your yearbook mailed to you) to Aesculapian, Box 2889 DUMC. There is a limited number available, so order your yearbook now.

STUDENT-FACULTY SHOW

An organizational meeting for next spring's show will be held on Thursday evening, December 8 at 7:30 pm in the Medical Center Amphitheatre. All interested students are welcome.

FUND OPENS TO AID STUDENT WORK PROJECTS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

Several members of the Duke Community have recently provided "seed money" for the establishment of the Duke Student Foreign Mission Endowment Fund. The purpose of this fund, as stated in its founding guidelines, is as follows: "Each year the income from the Fund shall be used to help provide travel and expense funds for Duke University students who want to undertake a mission project of work in another country." In accordance with university regulations, the endowed monies for this fund must have reached a total of at least \$10,000 within a ten year period to avoid dissolution into general university endowment funds. Consequently, donations to the fund are needed and greatly encouraged from all interested individuals and organizations. Donations should be marked specifically for the Duke Student Foreign Mission Endowment Fund and sent to either of the following addresses: c/o Duke University Chapel, Durham, N.C. 27706 or c/o Gift Records Office, 2127 Campus Drive, Durham, N.C. 27706.

Students interested in receiving monies from the fund should contact the Office of the Minister to the University for applications. All students from within any school or college of the university are eligible for application to the fund. A committee, composed of various members of the university community, will review the applications to determine those projects most suitable for funding. This committee will also provide assistance in choosing project sites if the student desires such assistance.

For further information concerning this fund, contact Helen Crotwell, Associate Minister to the University, Duke Chapel, or Bob Parkerson, Box 2839, DUMC.

NEW MAXIMUM ON ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON INSURED LOAN PROGRAM

The maximum on Robert Wood Johnson Insured Loans for medical students has been increased to \$3,000 from a previous maximum of \$1,500 for 1977-78. These loans carry a 10% prepaid interest and may be used by students in lieu of parents' or spouse's contribution, or for those students ineligible for other financial aid funds. 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.

APPLICATIONS FOR LOAN REPAYMENT FOR SERVICES IN A SHORTAGE AREA

As of October 1, 1977, the Student Assistance Branch, Bureau of Health Manpower, is no longer accepting applications for Health Professions Loan Repayment for Service in a Shortage Area. Applications for Nursing Loan Repayment are still being accepted.

On August 1, 1977, the Health Planning and Health Services Research and Statistics Extension Act of 1977 (P.L. 95-83) was signed by the President. This legislation provided that other professional loans made prior to October 1, 1976, were eligible for repayment in addition to federally financed health professions loans. Due to this enactment, the Bureau has received an increased number of applications which has resulted in a total commitment of funds allocated for FY 1978. Although no funds remain for new applications, it is possible that additional funds for this fiscal year may be made available.

In accordance with the Health Professions Educational Assistance Act of 1976, the published health professions shortage area lists previously in use expired September 30, 1977. New criteria and lists are now being developed. We will advise you regarding future developments in this program.

Externships, etc.

This article is the second of a series on externship/summer opportunities.

PASSING GAS FOR FUN AND PROFIT

Scenectady, New York was not my first choice for an eight week preceptorship in anesthesiology. That should give you some idea of the popularity of this program sponsored by the American Society of Anesthesiology in 42 states. I am writing to provide more explanation behind the brief notice in *Shifting Dullness* in mid-November.

The program matches medical students who will have completed pharmacology and physiology to their choice of five locations or their home or local address for a 6-8 week preceptorship anytime after March, with board-certified anesthesiologists. Most are in community hospitals which gives one a flavor for surgery and anesthesiology "bread and butter" cases that I missed out on before - appendectomy, T & A, TURP, excision of breast masses, insertion of Steinman pin. Ninety percent of the cases were under general, so I had ample opportunity to entubate and start IV's, two crucial emergency skills. I did see a few axillary blocks, many spinals, and a few direct nerve infiltrations. As a future medical intern, I retain the considerations of drug interactions and of pre-op screenings.

A community hospital gave me the different perspective on surgery. One has more feeling of community involvement when you put the person behind tomorrow's front page headlines to sleep. One must deal with sticky management problems - a Jehovah's witness who won't sign the transfusion permit or a retarded patient who can't understand why she's pregnant again. Ellis hospital, a 500-bed hospital, was relaxed, friendly, and provided free room and board. The experience also exposed me to the FMG as a staffing solution to community hospitals. India, Denmark, and Korea were represented, and we had interesting political and medical conversations relaxing in the lounge. Fluency seems to be the biggest barrier to full use of their medical fund of knowledge.

The placement allowed me to tour New England on weekends. I scouted out internships at Dartmouth and U.Vermont, played tourist at Fort Ticonderoga and Woodstock, communed with nature in the Adirondacks and the Catskills, visited MGH and the Ether Dome where it all started in the US and was entertained at Saratoga Performing Arts and Saratoga racetrack numerous times.

The one woman in this fifteen member group provided me with another role model, something I have missed at Duke. She practices mornings only and then becomes wife to a G.P. and mother to the brightest two-year-old boy I know. She is respected and accepted as an equal and a friend by the group.

The \$800 stipend is generous, particularly if room and board are furnished. For financial, educational, and personal reasons, I suggest spending the 10 minutes filling out the application and 30 minutes for the local interview before the January deadline. Placement is announced in mid-March. Further information on who to contact at Duke is available in the Med School Library Reserve room in the book titled, *Electives Away From Duke*, or call Dr. Groce, 684-3708.

-Jodelle Groeneyeld

The Davison Society also received information on the following programs, which is available in the Reserve Room, Med School Library, in the book, *Electives Away From Duke*.

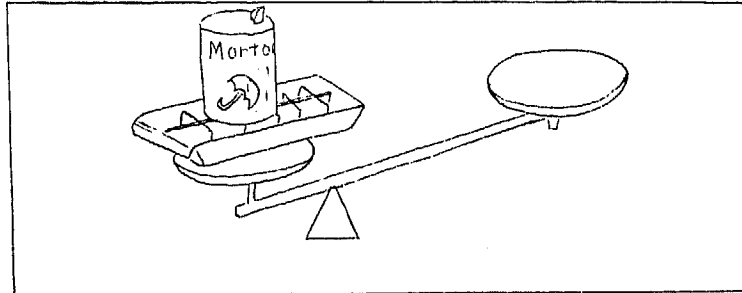
University of Colorado - 1978 Colorado Migrant Health Program
Medical College of Virginia - Dept. of Rehabilitation Medicine summer traineeship
March of Dimes Foundation - Research Grant Program for medical students.

residencies

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

Surgery - St. Francis Medical Center, Trenton, New Jersey
 Family Practice - St. Mary's Hospital and Med Center, Grand Junction, Colorado
 Anesthesiology - Cleveland Metropolitan General Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio

PATHOLOGY PUZZLE - Entries for this week's puzzle can be submitted to the ballot box in the Post Office by Monday, December 12 at noon to be eligible for the prize. This week the winner was M.A. Hassett, MSIV, with the answer: NORMOBLAST - Immature, Developing, Cells, Hemoglobin, Anemia. Congratulations.



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