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BY WAY OF INTRODUCTION

This marks the first issue of Shifting Dullness for the 1984-85 Academic Year. Yes, we realize it's a bit late. But it is here at last and hopefully for the duration. Future issues should come out with some degree of regularity. Anyone desiring to place an article, letter, or notice of any size, shape, or description is encouraged to submit it for publication to Shifting Dullness Editor, Box 3005, DUMC. Thank you. All notices must be signed and dated.

ATTENTION STUDENTS PLANNING TO BE AWAY

1. It is urged that any student considering a study away program start to make arrangements as soon as possible for this. Your application should be completed by three months before your study away is planned.
2. Students planning to study away or be away for other reasons who would be interested in renting their room, etc. to a visiting student from another school, please come by Dr. Christakos' office and complete form in housing book.
3. The Davison Scholarship is given to students who wish to study for at least 8 weeks in a clinical program outside of the continental United States. The applications are available from the Office of Medical Education. No application will be considered until after the Study Away application has been approved by the Study Away Committee. Deadline for Davison Scholarship applications is February 1, 1985 for the 1985 Scholarship. The award will be announced during the month of February.

FOR MS IV's

1. Over the summer, the Medical Alumni office has collected information from alumni across the country who are interested in hosting medical students and/or house officers should they be in their area for a visit. The offers are individual, but some include housing and offers to show the student around the area and the practice. The information is in a notebook in the House Staff Office for easy access. Please check there if you are interested in looking at these opportunities.
2. Opportunities to experience primary health care in Guatemala are being offered by Tulane University. This eight week block elective is sponsored by the University's Center for Latin American Studies in cooperation with the School of Medicine and School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine. The program is limited to 4th year medical students who are required to have a working knowledge of Spanish. For more information see the Opportunities Book in the Office of Medical Education.

FROM THE DESK OF DR. SHIRLEY OSTERHOUT

1. The University of Utah School of Medicine is now offering a new Pediatric residency training position through the Matching Program. This is a single year PL-1 position integrated into the normal pediatric training program. It is designed for individuals desiring a career in Pediatric subspecialties. See Dr. Shirley Osterhout for further information.
2. Dr. Shirley Osterhout would like to bring to your attention a new training program at the University of Texas Health Science Center, Southwestern Medical School in Primary Care Internal Medicine which will take four trainees beginning in July, 1985. If you are interested in this program please see Doctor Osterhout.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The following is a letter we received from Bucky Waters which we would like to share with you:

Dear Sirs:

I've never written a letter to the editor before, but the time seemed right. I want to take this public opportunity to thank Bob St. Peter for his tremendous effort the last two years on behalf of the Davison Club Student-Faculty Tennis Tournament. (Although the boss did not come in first, he got close enough, so we can report Bob will finish his final year at Duke Medical School).

Seriously, many conscientious hours went into preparation for this tournament and we always have a terrific time. We have been fortunate to have Bob working with us. Blake Long will have a great tradition to follow and all of us in the Davison Club and Medical Alumni Offices are looking forward to a continuing fine event.

And a final thanks to all the students who participate. We older folks don't mind getting trounced a couple of times each year and we always have a super time.

Thanks for joining us.

Sincerely,
Bucky Waters

CONTESTS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

PHARMACEUTICALLY SPEAKING

In 1884 Bailliere's Clinical Pharmacology 25th Edition, edited by Professor Ronald H. Girdwood of Edinburgh, Scotland was published. It is the 100th anniversary of its first publication. W.B. Saunders Company, in order to honor the book, is sponsoring a contest for medical students who were registered in medical schools as of May 1, 1984. To enter, a student should write from any standpoint an original 1,000 word medical feature article on any aspect of the phenomenal growth of pharmaceuticals in the last 100 years and/or speculate on their future development in therapeutics. The first prize is \$1,000. More information can be found in the Office of Medical Education "Opportunities Book."

SCHOLARSHIPS IN CLINICAL NUTRITION

The American Medical Association-Education and Research Foundation is offering Scholarships in clinical nutrition to third and fourth year medical students. This program consists of 4-6 week clerkships in general pediatric and surgical nutrition by 23 medical schools across the country throughout the year. Students accepted to the program will receive \$700 to defray living and traveling costs. Students may apply for study-away credit when they do any of these

programs. Deadline for application is February 1, 1985. For further information see the "Opportunities" Book in the Office of Medical Education.

AOA STUDENT RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

The AOA Student Research Fellowship which is to stimulate interest in research among medical students. Areas of research may include clinical investigation, basic research, epidemiology and social sciences as well as medicine. Up to five fellowships may be awarded each year. Each will provide \$1,000 to the student for support of the proposed research project. There is also an AOA Student Essay Award for the purpose of stimulating medical students to address general topics in medicine and to enable the society to recognize in a tangible way excellent and thoughtful presentations. Essays must be written by students while they are in medical school. The authors do not have to be members of the AOA. The author of the winning essay will receive a prize consisting of an all expense paid trip to a national medical meeting of his or her choice in the Continental United States and a \$500 honorarium. Further information on both of these is available in "Opportunities" Book in the Office of Medical Education.

POETRY COMPETITION

As a special project during the 1984-85 academic year, Human Values in Medicine is sponsoring its third annual poetry writing competition for students attending schools of medicine or osteopathy in the United States. Preliminary judging will be done by English faculty at our consortium universities (The University of Akron, Kent State University, Youngstown State University), and final judging will be done by Dr. John Stone, a physician-poet from Emory University School of Medicine. The Editors of JAMA will review the winning poems and consider them for possible publication in The Journal. Deadline for submission of poetry is postmark no later than December 31, 1984. For more information see the "Opportunities" Book.

AOA NEWS

The Duke Chapter of AOA is pleased to announce the election of the following new members for 1984-85:

3rd Year

Thomas Fawcett, Russell Fritz, Margaret Gore, Daniel Koenig, Kathy Merritt, Bruce Morgan, Christopher Moskaluk, Jennifer Preiss, George Stacy, Eva Szabo.

4th Year

Carol Adams, Roslyn Bernstein, Ann Miller, James Ebeling, Don Frush, Robert Kipnis, Nicholas Leonardy, Elizabeth McFarland, Eugene Rossitch, Jr., Robert St. Peter, and John Thompson.

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Dr. Mary Ann Zetes, Pediatrics
Dr. David Sime1, Medicine
Dr. Claude Hughes, OB-Gyn

Faculty

Dr. Rebecca Buckley, Pediatrics and Microbiology and Immunology

AMSA

"AMSA Duke--Small, but Thriving"

AMSA--Duke officers for 1984-85:

Cochairmen	Gene Branum Preston Reynolds	DUMC 2723 2839	489-4048 286-4861
Treasurer	Kevin Haim	2863	383-9825
Secretary	Christina Gephart	2858	286-7078

AMSA Duke has already begun work on several projects of interest to all DUMC students/staff. We are investigating the possibility of conducting a free Sign Language course next semester. Anyone interested should contact Pam Cross (DUMC 2810, 286-0170) and watch for upcoming announcements concerning class scheduling.

AMSA will sponsor a book sale in both January and September of 1985 for all MS classes; especially for MS II-IV who want to sell old texts. For next semester's sale, books will be accepted between Thanksgiving and Winter Break and will be sold (with commission) in early January. Please watch for notices.

Also proposed, are possible cooperative efforts with AMSA-UNC to sponsor films and speakers.

Now, are you suddenly curious about AMSA? Please contact an officer if you have questions, or simply attend an informal meeting to learn about the national and regional conferences, national task forces, and local projects that AMSA sponsors.

SOMETHING FOR NOTHING

There are business reply cards available in the Office of Undergraduate Medical Education for anyone interested in receiving a free subscription to Clinical Symposia. This is made available through AMSA.

NATIONAL BOARDS NOTICE

Applications for National Boards Parts I and II for the 1985 school year are now available in Room 126 Green Zone Davison Building. Apply early!

NIH NEWS

Information on clinical electives at the National Institutes of Health is available in the Office of Medical Education. Please see the "Opportunities Book" for further information.

COURSE OFFERING

Contemporary International Problems
Health and Development
IDC 109.02
(CFM 241C)
(CFM 238B)

A course to be offered in the spring of 1985, Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8:00 A.M. The course will focus on Health status and Health services, the social, cultural, and political

context of health and special problems of Third World Health Care. The instructor for the course will be Dr. Deborah Bender, from the Department of Community and Family Medicine. For further information call center for International Studies or Dean Harrison, Health Professions Adviser. Enrollment for Medical Students is limited so call or enroll early.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

"Many of the doctors wore large, hand woven woolen shawls. The shawls were loose fitting and were large enough to protect both rider and horse. They were warm, and usually would turn water. They were knitted by the doctor's wives who in this, as in many other respects, were very indispensable to the success of their husbands."

From Early Folk Medical Practice in Tennessee

PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

The Clinical Laboratory Collection Service (CLCS) needs early morning and weekend phlebotomists. Third year students are encouraged to call 684-3795, Ms. Margaret Pollard, CLCS Supervisor, to inquire about these positions. CLCS is particularly interested in those students remaining on campus throughout the summer months. All phlebotomists must meet the requirements of DUMC Plebotomy Certification to be eligible. Ms. Pollard will inform applicants of the procedure to arrange an evaluation toward Certification. They look forward to hearing from you.

NERVOUS ABOUT RESIDENCY INTERVIEWS?

MS IV's may want to take a look at an article in The New Physician July-August 1984 about interviewing and review AMSA's Student Guide to the Appraisal and Selection of House Staff Training Programs. Copies have been placed in the student lounge.

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- I. The audio-visual program was discussed briefly. Ann Busyhead will be asked to come and discuss the progress that has been made with the basic science instructors.
- II. Keith Baratz, the new second year member, was introduced.
- III. Don Frush explained that a private company had sent a letter to the Undergraduate Dean requesting the names of 15 or more students who could be contacted regarding a questionnaire relating to the health sciences. The letter was forwarded to Dr. Christakos and after looking at the material Don suggested we dismiss the idea of identifying respondents. Further discussion will follow at the next meeting and a final decision will be made.
- IV. David Spach briefly summarized his trip to the AAMC and distributed the GPEP document. He suggested that interested people read the document and share it with friends. He is available to discuss the contents in more detail.
- V. Ann Miller needs third and fourth year students to help coordinate the "Share Your Christmas" program. Please contact her if you can help.
- VI. The Sex Education Committee for seventh grade instruction will have a core committee meeting November 29th at 7 P.M. at Ann's home and on December 6th there will be a mandatory teaching session for all interested instructors.

VII. Dr. Christakos met with the Council and discussed the following:

- A. No official decision has been made by MedSAC regarding policy related to the new guideline that will give second year students a choice of five of six core rotations. The two questions to be addressed are:
1. Will a student be permitted to take a fourth year elective in a department where he/she has not taken the core elective during the second year?
 2. Will the second year core rotation be available to fourth year students as an elective?
- B. The curriculum committee includes:

<u>CLINICAL</u>	<u>BASIC SCIENCE</u>	<u>STUDENT</u>
Brenda Armstrong, M.D.	Hilda Wilett, Ph.D.	Lindsey Kerr
Randy Bollinger, M.D., Ph.D.	Bob Bell, Ph.D.	
Ken Fortier, M.D.	George Padilla, Ph.D.	
Eric Effmann, M.D.	Nell Cant, Ph.D.	

- C. The Ad Hoc Committee on the third year curriculum has been deliberating about the "strength" of the third year experience. Dr. Bradford has reviewed the files in the registrar's office and found that 60-70% of the Class of 1985 and the Class of 1986 have taken or are taking "in depth" experiences. When presented to the committee this information may lessen the likelihood of "restriction of choice."

As currently proposed the guidelines would confine third year students to basic science courses and fourth year students to clinical rotations. Exceptions to the guidelines will be permitted when necessary. Dr. Christakos emphasized that

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the philosophy behind the recommendation is to insure an in depth, meaningful third year experience. Flexibility will be an important aspect of the new guidelines.

- D. Regarding the GPEP Report, Dr. Christakos has named a task force to investigate the use of "informational services" in medical education (e.g. computers).

- E. Barney McGinty will meet with us at a future meeting to discuss projections for tuition.

VIII. Don Frush expressed concern regarding the limited student input to MedSAC and would like to have student input BEFORE decisions are made.

IX. The Student Directory and three back issues of Shifting Dullness "should" be available soon.

X. The next meeting will be December 10 and we will discuss many issues that have been "on hold."

XI. Members absent include: Miller, Petruska, Jones, Walsh, Gibbons, Ruh, Kenan, Silverstein, Taylor-Albert, Cook.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Merrit

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