



SHIFTING DULLNESS

DAVISON SOCIETY NEWSLETTER
DUKE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

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DAVISON SOCIETY NEWS: Members of the Davison Society are currently looking at the following areas of concern to medical students: parking, library facilities, eating facilities and financing of the Davison Society. ... The new sixth floor student lounge is scheduled to be ready in two (2) or three (3) weeks. It will contain sandwich and drink machines, a card room and hopefully a new color television. ... Don't forget the medical education workshops on Saturday, October 24th. Items to be discussed include early internships and residencies, the last two year "elective" system and the evaluative system. ... There is a new family practice group led by Terry Hankey. ... If you are not receiving Medical Letter contact Martin Schwartz. ... Drop Pat Boleman a note if you desire to sign up for lab coat laundering. ... For more information on the above, check the bulletin board and/or call your representative.

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM FINANCIAL AID OFFICE: The Auxiliary to the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina has an Auxiliary Student Loan Fund from which a maximum of \$500 per year may be lent to worthy North Carolinians for use in the junior and senior years of their study and training in medicine, post-graduate nursing and allied fields of graduates. Interest at the rate of 3% shall begin upon maturity. The note must be repaid in five (5) years from the original loan date. Application forms are in the Financial Aid Office, 284 Baker House.

SCIENTIFIC EXHIBITS: The Committee on Scientific Exhibits for the annual session of the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina is pleased to announce to all medical students their invitation for scientific exhibits at the annual meeting. The Executive Council has approved \$200 to be awarded for the best unsponsored medical student exhibit. The annual session will be held in Pinehurst, North Carolina on May 15-19, 1971. All applications must be forwarded by January 1, 1971. For application blanks, please contact the office of the Associate Director for Undergraduate Medical Education, 295 Baker House.

PMA TRAINEESHIPS: The Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association Foundation again offers its program of medical student traineeships to provide a limited number of students with educational opportunities to acquaint themselves with the basic scientific knowledge and techniques applied in the area of clinical pharmacology. The stipend is \$1,000 for a three-month period, or the equivalent of a three-month period, allowing a student to intermittently space his assignment over the year, if necessary. The medical students assignment must be in a clinical pharmacology program concerned primarily with research and training. The student must be sponsored by the group or department responsible for the research and training. The traineeship may begin any time after June 1, 1971, but must be completed by May 31, 1972. A student who has received a prior award under this program is eligible to reapply. The deadline for submitting applications is January 15, 1971, and awards for the year beginning June 1, 1971, will be announced on or before March 15, 1971. For further information, contact the office of the Associate Director for Undergraduate Medical Education, 295 Baker House.

COMMUNITY HEALTH: While attending the recent conference on community health held by S.A.M.A., Walt Maack had the chance to participate in discussions concerning community clinics run by students, multidisciplinary (nursing, pharmacy, physician assistant, and medical student co-operation) approaches to community health, and the relevance of the above in a system of health care quite poor in meeting many health needs. He has brought back with him several references and ideas. Anyone interested in discussing these, please contact him at Box 2819.

WILLIAM OSLER MEDAL - STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST: The William Osler Medal of the American Association for the History of Medicine is awarded for the best unpublished essay on a medico-historical subject written by a student in one of the medical schools of the United States or Canada. All medical students are eligible, but the essay must have been written while the contestant was an undergraduate medical student in good standing. The essay should demonstrate either original research or an unusual appreciation and understanding of a medico-historical problem. Each essay must be entirely the work of one contestant and maximum length is 10,000 words. An announcement is posted on the medical student bulletin board, or additional information may be obtained by contacting the Office of the Associate Director, 295 Baker House, or Dr. Gert Brieger, ext. 6127. Essays must be submitted by March 15, 1971, to the Chairman of the Osler Medal Committee, Jacques M. Quen, M.D., Department of Psychiatry, New York Hospital - Cornell Medical Center, 525 East 68th Street, New York, New York 10021.

THE FOLLOWING LETTER WAS RECEIVED FOR PUBLICATION:

Dear Editor:

In the last few weeks a new organization has formed at Duke, an organization of students interested in general or family practice. ("Both of them?, I was asked by one faculty member!) To the surprise of some, 25 students have expressed a definite interest in the organization and 22 of these have demonstrated their enthusiasm by their attendance at meetings.

The purpose of the organization, in part, is to make up for some of the things students interested in general practice lack at Duke: (1) They have no departments to plan courses related to their specialty, (2) they lack designated advisors who are experts in the field and can give qualified information, (3) they have no masters of their trade at the medical center to identify with or to emulate, (4) they lack the "status" (imaginary or otherwise) afforded to the traditional specialties, and (5) they are threatened by the push by some in the medical center who seek to further channel students into narrow specialties in their 3rd and 4th years.

To help fill the deficit, the organization hopes to (1) promote the ideal of general practice as a viable alternative in career choice, (2) to share ideas and experiences related to general practice, (3) to gather facts about the general practitioner and about Family Practice Residency Programs, and (4) to fill the gap in Duke's curriculum by bringing in qualified speakers on topics of interest, and by influencing policy decisions at Duke.

The organization is holding a "program - meeting" every two weeks. The next program will feature Dr. William Anlyan, speaking on "The Primary Physician and Health Care".

Persons interested in the organization should contact Terry Hankey, Box 2760, Duke Hospital for further information. First and second year students are especially invited to participate.

Sincerely,
Terry Hankey