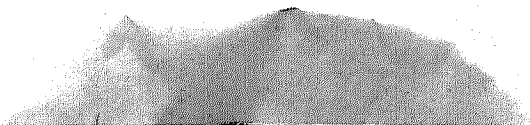
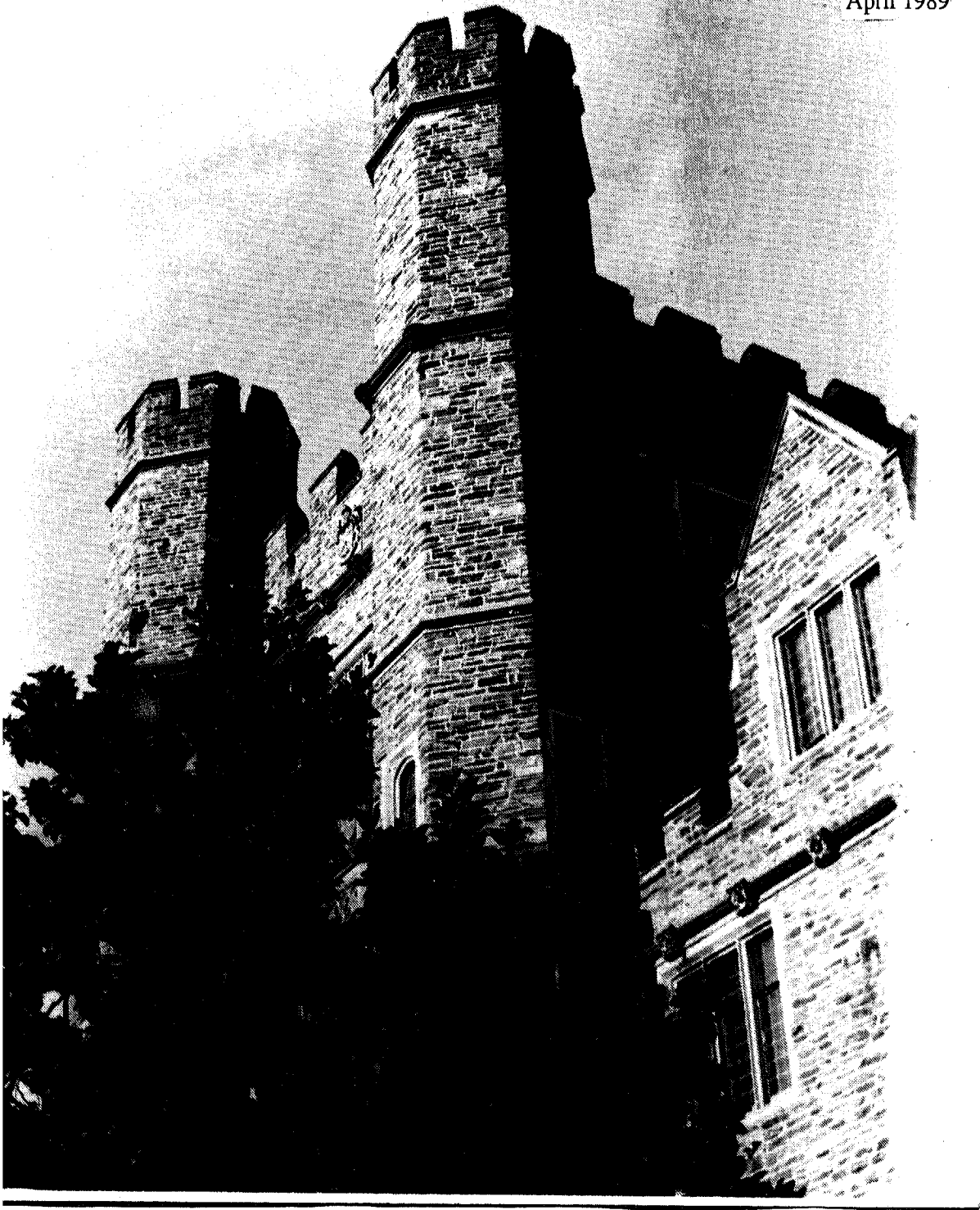


Shifting Dullness

April 1989



Vo

Dear
T
less f
Chris
appre
we w
1385
wish
S
A
V

SU

Med
stud
issue
fello
PCR
Fell
Yorl
June
mon

exp
proj
issu
of d
proj
prog
and
testi

me
prev
info
acti
Res
D.C

Welcome back Dr. Snyderman:

On behalf of the students of Duke University School of Medicine, I would like to welcome you back to Duke as Chancellor for Health Affairs and Dean of Duke Medical School and express appreciation for your willingness to accept these demanding leadership positions. We look forward to a period of unity among the students, administration, and faculty — a unity needed if our institution is to continue to train excellent future physicians in spite of decreasing public confidence and increasing financial and legal pressures. Responding to these changes by revamping our curriculum is crucial. Flexibility and good communication on all levels will enable Duke to face such challenges.

Proud to be medical students, we acknowledge the legacy of dedication and hard work that has made Duke University Medical Center an internationally respected clinical and research center. We want to contribute to that legacy, and we offer you our support and enthusiasm, hopeful that we will be allowed to participate in improving our own education.

Sincerely Yours,
Josephine A. Evans
President, Davison Council

Academic Announcements

Volunteers Thank You

Dear Society Members,

Thank you for the concern you have shown for the less fortunate by your support of the 1988 Share Your Christmas program. Your contribution is greatly appreciated. Due to the generosity of people like you, we were able to surpass the goal and provide gifts to 1385 of Durham's needy elderly and families. Best wishes for a New Year filled with many blessings.

Sincerely Yours,

Anne N. Moore, Executive Director

Volunteer Services of Durham

Summer Fellowship

The Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine, a national network of physicians, medical students and others concerned with ethical and practical issues in modern medicine, is offering paid summer fellowships for medical students. The third annual PCRM Medical and Veterinary Student Summer Fellowship Program will be held in Los Angeles, New York City and Washington, D.C., during the months of June and July. Participants receive stipends of \$800 per month.

The program addresses the controversy over animal experimentation through lectures and independent library projects. The program allows students to explore the issue's ethical, scientific and legal aspect under a team of doctors, lawyers and philosophers. Students' past projects have included the development of an education program as an alternative to medical school dog labs, and an examination of federal regulations for carcinogen testing.

PCRM also has programs in the area of preventive medicine, promoting good nutrition as a means of preventing many of today's major diseases. For further information on the fellowship program and other activities, contact the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine, P.O. Box 6322, Washington, D.C. 20015, (202) 483-1312.

New HEAL Loans

To help make the cost of a health professions education more affordable, First American Bank, N.A., of Washington D.C., is offering an enhanced, comprehensive loan package that offers graduate health professions students three kinds of financing, including Health Education Assistance Loans (HEAL) with reduced interest rates and a choice of graduated repayment options. Offered by the bank nationwide, with long term funding from Sallie Mae (Student Loan Marketing Association), the FIRST AID SM Loan Plan can save the typical HEAL loan borrower hundreds, and often thousands, of dollars in total interest expense and reduce monthly loan payments by as much as 50%. Under the FIRST AID Loan Plan, borrowers also can obtain Stafford Loans (formerly, Guaranteed Student Loans) and SLS (Supplemental Loans for Students) loans.

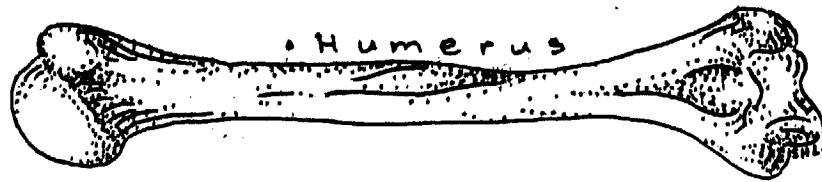
For all the info contact First American Bank, 740 15th St. NW, Washington, DC 20005-1097.

More Financial Aid

Copies of Publication 520 (rev. Nov. 88) "Scholarships and Fellowships" published by the IRS are available in the Office of Financial Aid, 126 Davison Building. For answers to specific questions or for further information you may consult with a tax adviser or the IRS at 1-800-424-1040.

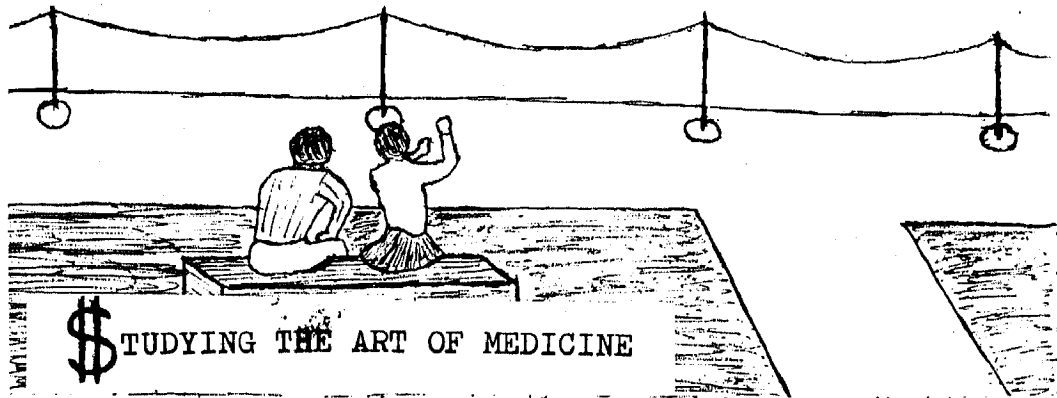
CAPHR

The Carolina Association of Physicians for Human Rights is an informal group of gay and lesbian physicians and medical students and their significant others. The group meets monthly, and the next meeting will be on April 8th. For more information, write to CAPHR, Box 61273, Durham, NC 27715.



"The important thing to remember is that judges can't be sued."
— Dr. McDonald, Psychiatry, 3/89

Please send your favorite 'humerus' quotes from lectures to *Shifting Dullness*. Be sure to include name and date.



Staff	
Editors	Susan Hazzard Stefano Cazzaniga Holly Lisanby
Events	Eric Bachman Rowena Dolor

Shifting Dullness accepts letters of opinion from all members of the medical school community which encourage responsible dialogue. Please send submissions of creative writing, artwork, announcements, or letters of opinion to *Shifting Dullness*, box 2765 DUMC, 27710.



Review of Sports

Steve Gallup

The Big 4 Tournament coming to Duke on April 29th will feature competition with the students of the four NC medical schools in volleyball, basketball and soccer. If you are interested in playing, you should organize or find a team to play with. Teams can sign up as a unit in April. The sporting events of the Big 4 Tournament will be followed on the 29th by an evening social and awards ceremony. Volunteers are needed to host members of the visiting teams who would like to spend the night in Durham. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the medical center post office. We would like to have screen printed shirts made for the tournament. A \$20 prize will be given for the most suitable design submitted. Call Steve Gallup for more information.

The intramural swim meet is only 3 weeks away (April 29th). The medical school has traditionally beat the water polo club to win this event. Everyone who wants to get wet should sign up or call Eric Bachman as soon as possible.

Social road races such as the Duke Children's Classic, the Great Raleigh Road Race and others are not far away. If you want to run for a Duke Med School team (a highly devoted cult of exercise maniacs) then sign up outside the post office.

Finally - anyone interested in a rafting expedition in the NC mountains in May should sign up soon. This excursion costs \$18 to \$32 depending on which river trip is chosen. It's a great chance to get away from Durham and have lots of fun.

Med Student Social History

Spring Events

Eric Bachman

The spring social calendar gets off to a hurried start with a slew of gala events:

- Big Four Sports Tournament on April 29, with barbeque and party at Central Campus All-Purpose room. It will be a bash for all medical students.
- Reception for Dr. Ralph Snyderman: a chance for students to meet our new Chancellor; in the Searle Center, date and time to be announced. Refreshments will be served.
- The First Annual Davison Ball, Friday May 5th at 9 pm, at the Washington Duke Inn (3001 Cameron Boulevard). Hors d'oeuvres and champagne will be served, with complimentary champagne glasses; the Brice Street band will be featured. Tickets are \$10 for students (\$25 for faculty) and must be purchased by April 29; look for the invitation in the mail boxes or get in touch with Herb Chen at 382-0107.

As the 1988-1989 social calendar comes to a close, I would like to propose changes in the social mechanism:

- 1) The task of the Social Chairperson is simply too dependent upon deadlines and time for a second year student, and we have recommended that future office holders be third or fourth years. This year's efforts were made possible with the gracious help of Tom Brown, Herb Chen and Neil Roth.
- 2) Social functions should not be subject to the Davison presidential veto. The biggest regret of the social year was our inability to raise money for charity by having a Christmas party, which was vetoed because it was to be held at a faculty member's home. I endorse the interaction between faculty and students, and welcome the offer by faculty for picnic/party sites.
- 3) Each class should be allotted more funds to facilitate intraclass parties. Let's face it, no time is best for everyone; many functions are attended predominantly by one class. While general parties should be the rule, class parties should be more frequent.
- 4) Keep up with the traditions. The social chairman

6

has traditionally handled many events involving med students, such as Alumni weekend, Dr. Vogel's party, Renewal of Systems, Share your Christmas, Future Alumni Party and Big Sib-Li'l Sib Party. Let's continue the trend.

5) Find a mechanism to better evaluate students' ideas. The social committee remains your vehicle for various events, and your new ideas and criticisms are always welcome. A social suggestions box may help.

- 6) Ideas for the upcoming year include:
 - another stab at the "share your recipe" potluck that attracted throngs (a crowd of 3) last August.
 - Christmas semi-formal for charity
 - lots of parties with other schools at Duke (law, business, grad schools, health administration)

In closing, thank you for the opportunity to serve you. My successor should feel free to call upon me for assistance. I look forward to a great 1989-90 social year!

Photo Workshop

The Duke University Craft Center is pleased to sponsor a one-day workshop on Saturday, April 8 with the renowned educator and photographic artist, Evon Streetman. The workshop is an opportunity for the individual with an interest in photography to benefit from Ms. Streetman's distinctive approach to photography and extensive experience in photographic education in a small group setting. Evon Streetman's work is the product of an intensive involvement with and manipulation of the photographic process. Her photographs are altered through the use of airbrush, acrylics, photographic dyes, graphite, gold leaf and other materials.

Registration for this workshop can be mailed or brought to the Duke Craft Center (Bryan Center) Box KM, Duke Station, Durham, NC 27706. Please enclose the workshop title, your name, address, phone number, and a check payable for \$75 to the Duke Craft Center. Registration occurs when payment is received on a first-come, first-served basis. Workshop size is limited. It will be held in the Craft Center on April 8, from 10-5 pm, with a lunch break. Ms. Streetman will give a talk open to the public on Sunday, April 9 at 3pm in Von Canon Hall, lower level of the Bryan Center.

SPRING STORM

Wind gusts at my window
drawing me forth
blind to rise
window to crack
while I witness
a new spring's first storm.
As glass passes past
wind's energy is felt
as strong wafts of cool
envelope my form.
Rustling a soft whisper
bamboo sways wildly.
A spatter starts
among fall's final offerings
as spheres of crystals
pelt toward suspension.
A shaft of light
in its short moment of motion
imprints its shaggy trail
upon the black of my eye,
heralding the soundburst rumbling
shaking all in its proximity.
A quickening is felt
on all thus observed.
Faster do pellets pelt
and do light daggers burst forth.
Trees bear this fury
by finely flexing
columns of cellose,
lending a sensous curve
to their slender forms.
This moment is brief.
The pellets now melt into drops
that fall more leisurely.
The air stills and fills with light
as the dark grey forms disperse.
Song sounds out from
betwixt the bills of
nature's bird mocker,
who rallies forth
a tuneful mix of its
neighbors' repertoires.
Grass reflects
a brightly colored green
as the remnant drops
of the storm land lightly.

—anonymous submission to Shifting Dullness

Arts & Crafts

Joy Javits Stewart

• On June 7, 1989, Cultural Services and Employee Services will sponsor the 11th Annual Duke Employee Arts and Crafts Celebration. All students may submit creations in photography, paintings, prints, drawings, sculpture, weaving, pottery and inventions (a new category), but only student employees, such as work-study students, are considered employees and are entitled to win prizes. Interested students may contact me at box 3017 DUMC, 684-2027.

• "Room Services" is the name of the Cultural Services program which brings musicians and story tellers into the rooms of patients. Patients in the hospital are not able to gather as audience for a performance, so we are bringing the artists into their rooms to play one piece of music or read one story. A mini concert or reading brings a personal moment that has been appreciated by patients and staff. If anyone can find the time, "Room Services" takes place Mon-Fri, between 5:30 and 8 pm for an hour or two. If you play classical guitar, flute, mandolin, any kind of music appropriate for patients, sing gospel songs, or have a good voice for reading (I have some short, short stories) please contact me. There is funding for a small remuneration.

• Are you interested in seeing theater productions here at Duke? There are Broadway-bound and student productions. If you would like to be informed when there are discount tickets or special discussions with the audience please send me your name and box number.

• "Stellar Stories" is the name of a group of Duke medical students and others who meet several times a month, on Fridays 12 - 1:20 pm to talk about short stories. Dr. Frank Neelon, associate professor with the Department of Medicine working with CMSU is the moderator for the meetings with Janice Palmer, director of Cultural Services, a sometimes alternate. All are welcome even if regular attendance is not possible. Contact me if you are interested in attending a session and I will send you a copy of the story and give you the date and location.

• For information on any of the events listed above, contact Joy Javits Stewart, box 3017 DUMC, 684-2027.

Applications Decline

Admissions officials noted a significant drop in the number of applicants to Duke Medical School after the recent renaming of the hospital to Duke University Medical Buildings. One was quoted as saying, "Obviously this is a coincidence. We cannot think of any reason why a simple change like that could have anything to do with admissions to this prestigious institution."

Dermoid Cyst Yields Gold Teeth

S. Pizzaniga

Doctors at Duke made an amazing discovery when a 15 cm benign cystic teratoma was removed from the pelvis of a 26 year old patient: besides hair and sebaceous material, on dissection the cyst was found to contain 4 teeth made from pure gold.

Immunology of boredom

A new study published in the *Annals of Infernal Medicine* has found that boredom may actually be better than good spirits in promoting an improved immune response to disease. The researchers employed three groups each of 100 medical students: a control group, a group exposed to various amounts of humorous literature and sitcoms, and a third group forced to read back issues of *Shifting Dullness* and *Goodman and Badman* ad nauseam. They discovered that in this latter group various factors such as fever, chills, and the desire to study actually diminished.

DUMC to be Renamed

Stud Gallop

The Duke University Medical Center will soon have a new name. Under a proposal currently under consideration, the hospital will be renamed "Duke University Medical Buildings". Explained a well-known administrator, "The change is timely. Given that there is both a North and a South wing of the hospital, as well as Sands, Jones, Bell etc., and that new construction is in progress, it can hardly be said that this hospital is a 'center'. In fact, we are becoming more and more a collection of buildings; hence the new name."

Elvis Lives

An eminent researcher at Duke has claimed that in a way, Elvis is still alive today. Dr. Susan Hazardous, who uses transformed cell lines in her laboratory, told *Shifting Boredom* that she recently discovered that the genetic map of one of her cell lines matches exactly that of Elvis, down to the single nucleotide. "The implications of this are frightening," according to Dr. Hazardous. "Since transformed cell lines are considered immortal, it is very possible that we may never cease to see headlines in the tabloids about Elvis sightings." In the meantime, Dr. Hazardous has agreed not to proliferate her cultures and sell them for profit.

Doc Discovers Humor

R. Joy Dolor

Dr. S. Oysterclam made a startling addition to the four known signs of inflammation (rubor, tumor, dolor, calor), by finding that putting comic strips in his handouts actually reduced the incidence of idiopathic fulminant meningitis in the med student class. His next undertaking: making the print on the handouts large enough to be legible.