

# Shifting Dullness

May 1988



Congratulations to the cast and crew of the 1988 Student-Faculty Show

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# LETTERS

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## Duke South Pacific is the School I Love

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Mindy Rosenberg  
Producer, 1988 Student-Faculty Show

*Duke South Pacific*, the 1988 Student-Faculty Show presented on April 16 was a tropical evening of music and madness. It still amazes me to think about all the talent we have here at Duke Med: convincing actors, fantastic singers, graceful dancers, award-winning musicians, and a truly dedicated behind-the-scenes crew. So much time and energy were put into this one-night production by so many incredible people that I want to recognize a few of them:

Hirschel McGinnis, director—a man with a dream of reviving a hit 1940's Broadway musical and transforming it into a show which would appeal to all generations—thanks for sticking to your guns.

Marguerite Oetting and Joan Roberts, assistant directors—creative geniuses, talented in writing, dancing, singing—you name it, they did it.

Chet Nastala, musical director—how many people can take piano sheet music and transcribe it to fit any instrument imaginable? Just lend us your ear.

Joe Micca, technical director—he knows the difference between types of microphones; he built the giant slide screen—lights, camera, action!

John Gordon, business manager—programs, t-shirts, endowment fund, *determined* is not the word. He visited over 150 potential advertisers. Without him we never would have met our budget.

Dave and Beth Molter, senior performers—years of experience and creative input since 1982. You are both priceless and we look forward to future years of your "faculty" input.

The actors, singers, dancers: Eric Bachman, Mike Battistone, Susan Blackford, Susan Carson, Bradley Collins, Chris Farnitano, Michelle Heng, Rene Herlong, Jim Karegeannes, Steve Keithahn, Denise LeClair, Carolyn Maynor, John McAree, Jim O'Brien, Marguerite Oetting, Tom Oetting, Wendy Olivier, Suzanne Patton, Joan Roberts, Neil Roth, Bob Schmaltz, Carla Schnurr, Rob Schuman, Shafqat Shah, Ann Sharpe, Debbie Shih, Cathy Slemp, Steve

Stasheff, Richard Sumrall, Brett Wilson, Bob Wolff, Mari Ann Zeiler.

The orchestra: Mike Barrett, Pam Bond, Scott Buchanan, Tom Darling, Steve Dockery, Kim Earnhardt, Richard Earnhardt, Brian Flanagan, Carol Flanigan, Craig Fowler, Steve Hammes, Mary Huang, Chet Nastala, John Nicholson, Lisa Porter, Sue Scarlett, Grant Simons, Dave Spiegel, Adam Stein, Chris Stille, Rich Sumrall, Shauna Tilly, Joe Ventimiglia, Roger Young, Clark Wang, Marai Wei.

In past years we have had STUDENT-faculty shows. This year we really had a STUDENT-FACULTY show. Very sincere and special thanks to:

Dr. Bernard Fetter—everyone's favorite Honeybun,  
Dr. Shirley Osterhout—the alluring Cleopatra,  
Drs. Doyle Graham, Lois Pound, Tom Kinney,  
Debbie Kredich, Andy Puckett, Dan Gianturco, and  
Charles Johnson—our reverent Deans,  
Dr. Ross MacPhee—Duke's own Honest Abe,  
Dr. K. V. Rajagopalan—the Nitrogen man, and  
Drs. Bob Wolff and Andy Krystal—two of our favorite residents and buddies.

We all had fun putting together this special evening for you. As for the final result of the evening, we've made new friends, added to the memories of our Duke Med experience, and, for the first time in many years, the Student-Faculty Show broke even. In fact, we are substantially in the black. We thank you all for your support and the establishment of the Duke Medical Student Endowment Fund. Photos of the evening are on display in the CTL office where orders for reprints can be placed. "Duke Med" t-shirts are still on sale in CTL and the Alumni Office for \$8 each. A VHS videotape of this special night will soon be available as a keepsake of one of those memorable moments from your years at Duke Med.

Until next year... "Duke [South Pacific] is the school I love."

Shifting Dullness accepts letters of opinion from all members of the medical school community which encourage responsible dialogue. Opinions expressed do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the editorial staff. Submit responses and articles to the Shifting Dullness box in the Alumni Affairs office or the Dean's office.

## The Story Behind the Show

Hirschel McGinnis  
Director, 1988 Student-Faculty Show

Writing and directing an entire play is not an easy task and when I first presented the concept of *Duke South Pacific* to the cast in early January, there was hardly a person around who thought we could make such a project work. Putting on a play would be quite a change from the Student-Faculty Shows of the past several years, and change can be a *very scary thing*. Everyone was concerned that the audience wouldn't pay attention to one plot line for two hours, that we couldn't find students talented enough to sing and act throughout an entire play, and that the music of a hit 1940's Broadway musical couldn't be transformed into something palatable and truly funny to a 1980's audience. In short, there was a lot of doubt. Yet I saw things from a different perspective. You see, with a producer as industrious as Mindy Rosenberg, an assistant director as enthusiastic as Chet Nastala, a boatload of talented medical students, and the inspired score of Pulitzer Prize winners Richard Rogers' and Oscar Hammerstein's *South Pacific*, I thought there was no way we could possibly miss.

Well, eight months from the time it was just a concept in my mind, *Duke South Pacific* was performed for the first time on April 16th. We'll let you be the judges as to whether or not our efforts were a creative success, and if the risk of change was worth it. We (the cast and crew) sure thought it was, and we're very excited about last week's performance. I want to thank everyone in the cast, crew, writing team, and production staff for their help and creativity, and the students and faculty members in the audience for supporting what we thought was a very special show.

## Wanted: A Miracle

Stefano Cazzaniga

The Duke Children's Miracle Network Telethon, which will air June 4-5 on channel 28, raises money for the Duke Children's Medical and Surgical Center. Volunteers are still needed to help with various aspects of the fund-raiser. Contact Wendy Zaroff (490-1228) to volunteer for the following:

-Help sell ads in the program book for the Benefit Horse Show, Nov 9-13.

-Help sell donated Pepsi at the Crabtree Valley Mall in Raleigh on May 13.

-Help in the phonathon to contact potential donors and to solicit pledges from May 23-26. Great prizes will be awarded to the most successful individuals and groups.

## Anlyan Honored

Holly Lisanby

Students, faculty, and friends gathered at the home of Dr. William Anlyan in the early evening of April 22 to surprise him with a reception honoring his dedicated service as Executive Vice President of the University and Chancellor for Health Affairs and celebrate his new position as Chancellor of the University. On behalf of the medical students and in order to demonstrate our appreciation, Tom Brown presented Dr. Anlyan with a certificate bearing the following citation:

*We, the undersigned, hereby recognize the contributions and guidance of William G. Anlyan, M.D. with grateful thanks for your devotion to the interests and welfare of the Medical Students of Duke University, 1988.*

Students of all classes are asked to stop by the Alumni Office by May 13 in order to sign the certificate for Dr. Anlyan.

## Golden Apple Awards

The 1988 Golden Apple Awards were presented at the Student-Faculty Show, and these are the winners elected by the student body for excellence in teaching.

Dr. Bernard Fetter—Basic Science

Dr. Onyekwere Akwari—Clinical Science

Dr. Margret Dahmus—Resident

This year a special award was presented to recognize the years of service and outstanding devotion to teaching of

Dr. Donald Hackel

The  
**DUKE**  
Children's Miracle Network Telethon



## Dean's Office News

Wendy Zaroff

**Study Away** The next Study Away Meeting for 4th year students wanting to do a clinical elective at another institution will be May 10. Please turn your application to Barbara Gentry, 136 Davison, by Friday, May 6.

**Moving? Give to the "Nearly New"** Volunteers at the Nearly New Shoppe at 615 Douglas St. are happy to receive any reusable items: furniture, household items, books, clothing. Proceeds from the sale of these items are used for medical student scholarships. You will be given a receipt for the value of your contribution. During 87-88 the Medical Faculty Wives provided \$90,000 for need-based scholarships and a \$10,000 merit scholarship. The endowment fund which they established in 1968 reached \$1 million last year.

**Symposium on Treatment of Rheumatoid Arthritis** will be held May 11 in the Searle Center. The program will feature discussions on the mechanisms and treatment modalities of Rheumatoid Arthritis. Register with the Office of Continuing Education. No fee.

The J.M. Foundation has announced the availability of 133 Medical Student Scholarships in **Alcohol and other drug dependencies**. The education training scholarships cover tuition, room and board, and a travel expense stipend at 14 one-week to three-week institutes and summer schools of alcohol studies held across the country. The purpose of the program is to provide medical students with a comprehensive understanding of alcoholism and other drug dependencies, enhance knowledge and basic skills on identification, intervention and treatment, and encourage a positive attitude toward patients with alcohol and drug problems. Contact Joe Dolan at the J.M. Foundation, 60 East 42nd Street, Suite 1651, New York, NY 10165, 212/687-7735.

**Prison Health Study Tour.** AMSA's standing committee on Community Health presents the third annual domestic health study tour. This summer 16 medical students nationwide will be selected to attend an educational study tour of prisons in Illinois and Michigan, July 5-July 18. The purpose of the program is to support medical students in increasing their awareness of incarceration, particularly the factors which affect the health of people in prison. For more information, contact Lisa Lichtig, 20130 Renfrew, Detroit Michigan 48221, 313/342-4939. Application deadline May 15, 1988.

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## Humor for the Heart

Alumni Office

20 students are needed to be ushers at a performance by Lewis Grizzard on May 12, at 8 pm, at Page Auditorium (West Campus). A cocktail reception at which Mr. Grizzard will be present will precede the performance at 6:30, in Flowers Lounge (adjacent to Page). All proceeds from this event will be donated to the Molecular Cardiology Research Fund of the Division of Cardiology at the DUMC.

Lewis Grizzard delights readers and listeners nationwide with his distinctive humor and unusual insights into sports, love, education, adolescence and life. His open-heart surgery is the topic of many anecdotes, the subject of a book and has led to his interest in cardiovascular research. Mr. Grizzard has donated his time and talent to many charitable causes, and appears in Durham now for the benefit of basic research in Cardiology. He is a graduate of the University of Georgia and the author of eight books. His daily column in the *Atlanta Constitution* is syndicated in 300 newspapers.

Students interested in being ushers should contact Barbara at the Medical Alumni Office to sign up. Ushers gain free admission, while others may purchase General Admission tickets for \$15.

## Open Air Concert

Joy Javits

The Chamber Music Ensemble, *I Solisti di Durham*, will present a Springtime Open Air Concert on May 4, noon to 1PM, on the Davison Lawn. John Grimes (flute), Beverly Andrews (violin), and Philip Warren (cello), will perform works by Quantz, Hydn, and Vivaldi. This concert sponsored by the Duke Cultural Services Program and the City of Durham Concerts in the Park is free and open to all patients, staff, and students. Rain location—M224 Duke South.

## Poetry

Holly Lisanby

Michael Chitwood, a senior DUMC Public Relations Specialist, read at the April 22 meeting of "I want to read you a poem." Chitwood was selected to participate in the Writers Exchange Program sponsored by New York-based Poets and Writers, Inc. Chitwood will give public readings in New York and Berkeley. The lunchtime poetry series, sponsored by the Cultural Services Program and Oncology Recreation Therapy, meets every other Friday, 12:30-1:30, room 3506 Blue Zone. All are welcome to share poetry over a bag lunch.

## Spring Sports

Steve Gallup

Congratulations to everyone that "swam" for the first med school championship team in the aquatic chaos they called a swim meet. Maybe next year we'll have some backstroke swimmers. Thanks go to John McAree for organizing it.

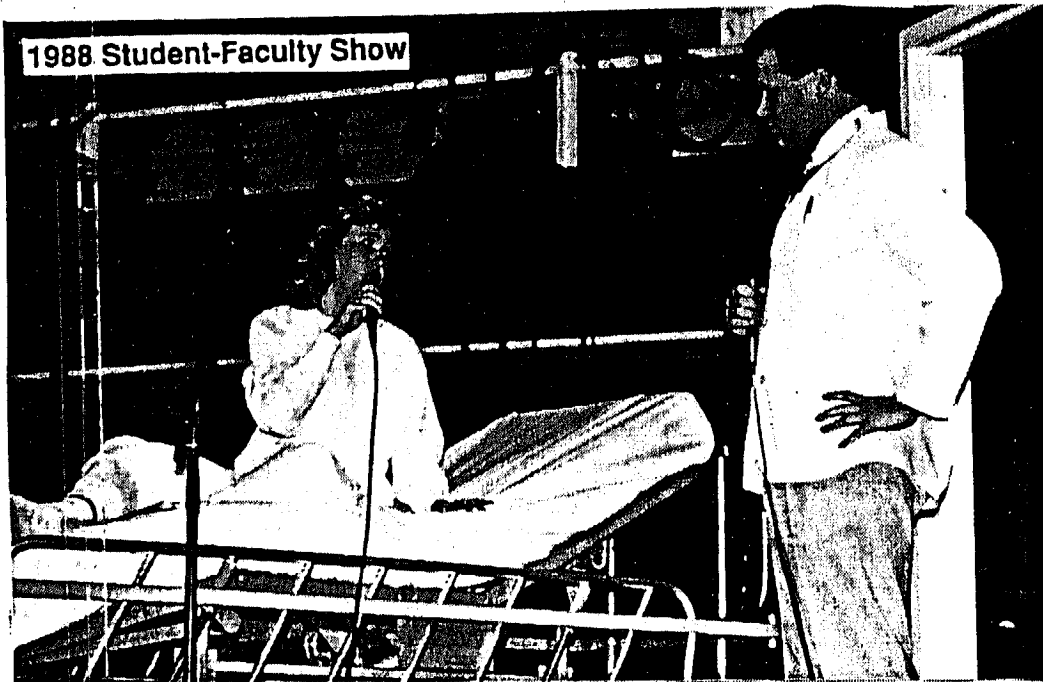
More recently the first year soccer players met the Chapel Hillians on their own turf-swamp for a sensational soccer match. The home team struck first with a rocket-like shot from midfield that just escaped the outstretched arms of Charlie Yue. UNC scored again before the half and it looked like a \$62 keg bill for the travelling team. Duke shook off its car-lag in the second half thanks to a scrappy play from Parham (no-hat-trick-for-me) Ghandchi and Paul (sandwich-me-and-die) McDermott. Hank Mansbach shut down the UCN offense and Duke scored twice to tie. Chang Lim sacrificed his leg in an effort to inspire us through his martyrdom and left the field for a camera duel with Ami Shah. Kevin Doyle went for a mud bath in a radical attempt to enthuse our lone spectator (his girlfriend). Duke scored again with a much revered own-goal by a

UNC fullback, but fell asleep in the 79th minute during a UNC shot that forced the 3-3 tie. By that time ethanol withdrawal was setting in, and the game had to be abandoned.

In the Great Raleigh Road Race, Kim Clausen won in her age group and they gave her a trophy eventhough she went down the wrong line at the finish. Eric Weidman finished 28th overall (just 300 placed ahead of me) but he doesn't know his time because he was in an enkephalin daze at the end. We will have a team for the City of Medicine 5K race on May 7 for any other interested fanatics.

Parham Ghandchi and Mike Armstrong outlasted all other contenders to win the Student-Faculty Tennis Tournament.

And now for a message from the new intramural sports person: After conferring with various and sultry administrative types, it has been decided that a mandatory hour of IM sports each week will be required for graduation starting immediately. It is felt that this companion program to the Deans hour will improve class fidelity, physical fitness, blood lust and all around psychic harmony of just about everybody. Abstainers will be forced to write for *Shifting Dullness*.



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Bedside manner: Mari Ann Zeiler, Steve Keithahn



Honeybun: Cathy Slemp, Beth Molter, Dr. Fetter, Dave Molter, Rene Herlong, Hirschel McGinnis, Susan Carson.



Finale: Tom Oetting, Debbie Shih, Cathy Slemp, Steve Stasheff, Brett Wilson, Mindy Rosenberg, Mari Ann Zeiler, Steve Keithahn, Beth Molter, Jim O'Brien, Carolyn Maynor, John McAree, Susan Backford.

## Graduation

Marguerite Oetting

- April 25-May 7 Graduation apparel issued, 9-4:30 at the Bryan Ctr Bookstore.
- May 5 Senior Class Dinner, sponsored by the Dean's office; 6:30pm at the Sheraton Univ. Ctr. Formal attire!
- May 6 Baccalaureate service, 5pm, surnames A-G, Duke Chapel.
- May 7 Baccalaureate service, 11am, surnames H-O, Duke Chapel. Senior Class Picnic, 12-3. Baccalaureate service, 3pm, surnames P-Z, Duke Chapel.
- May 8 GRADUATION!  
9am Wallace Wade Stadium.  
9:30am procession in cap, gown and hood.  
12-2 reception and diploma distribution at the Searle Center.

## Humoral Response

This month's *Humoral Response* is dedicated to the Pharmacology Department. The flower of the month is the Foxglove, commonly known as Dead Men's Bells or Fairy Thimbles.

"I won't drag it out of you because I don't have time. I'd love to, though. As a matter of fact, I will."

-Dr. Dennis, 4/15

Worst joke of the month — "Allergic rhinitis is nothing to sneeze at."

-Dr. Schiff, 4/18

Most notable statements in one lecture:

"This is true except possibly for the rabbit and no one cares about rabbits."

"I'm going to have to slow down and think about things I'm saying."

"And now we're going to the negative space."

"We'll go into what we don't know in a moment."

"When a person says it's *complicated*, it means we really don't know."

"A physician told me, so it has to be true."

-Dr. Lack, 4/18

The difference between doctors and veterinarians:

"We know chicken are not people. Certain people may be chickens, but we know chicken are not people."

-Dr. Menzel, 4/25

"The best way to learn about drugs is to use them."

-Mr. McAllister, Pharmacy, 4/25

