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ORGANIZATION OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

The Organization of Student Representatives (OSR), is the student component of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), the major policy-forming body for academic medicine. The AAMC deals with all issues affecting medical education, such as admissions, curriculum, housestaff training, biomedical research, patient care, etc. It is involved in the accreditation of medical schools and residency programs and in the operation of the National Board of Medical Examiners and the National Intern and Resident Matching Program. The AAMC is also very active in governmental liaison, presenting testimony to Congress and working with the Department of HEW and other federal agencies

Each four-year medical school has one representative in the OSR, as it has one representative (its dean) on the Council of Deans. The other major divisions of the AAMC represent teaching hospitals and various academic societies, which are in essence composed of medical school faculties. AAMC positions tend to reflect the consensus of all its constituencies. Student input through the OSR is frequently very influential in formulating these positions. As a component of a larger body, the OSR generally does not take independent stands. However, it does pursue the particular interests of students in various ways. Recent OSR efforts have included the development of position papers on graduate medical education, a project on stress in the medical school environment, and the development of a handbook for students on medical school accreditation.

A school's OSR representative is responsible for attending a national and regional meeting each year and reporting to the students at the school on the meeting. The representative is also responsible for making available to students information on various subjects of concern to OSR and AAMC, and is responsible for distributing the OSR Report, a newsletter published three times a year for all medical students.

For further information on OSR or AAMC, contact Bob Cassell, Box 2738. If you are interested in being Duke's OSR representative, submit your name and pertinent information to Jackie Rutledge, Box 2889.

SOUTH CAROLINA GRANTS

South Carolina grants of \$500 (no strings attached) are available to fulltime medical students who are residents of South Carolina. Applicant does not prove financial need. For application forms, contact: Mrs. Judi Tillman, Administrative Assistant, S.C. Commission on Higher Education, Rutledge Building, 1429 Senate Street, Columbia, S.C. 29201.

STUDENT LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM

Medical students are now eligible to participate in the new Student Loan Guarantee Program administered by United Student Aid Funds, Inc. These loans are guaranteed by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Loan dollars are made available through the Wachovia Bank & Trust Co., N.A. in Winston-Salem, N.C.

The program's goal is to make it possible for students to enroll and to remain in school when all other financial resources are exhausted. The maximum loan per year per student is \$1,500. The interest rate is 10% each year on each loan. 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 Building.

THE POLICY MAKERS

CAPITATION FUNDS

On September 30, 1977 at 1:00 pm, Dr. Busse spoke to the student body concerning capitation funds. Capitation funds are monies given to medical schools by the Federal government for medical education. This amounts to about \$2,000 per student. In addition, certain loan funds provided by the Federal government are included in this category.

The issue discussed here was whether Duke would comply with a new federal regulation involving American students at foreign medical schools. The "Guadelajara Clause," as it has been called, requires that American medical schools accept these students into the clinical years if they have passed Part I of the National Boards. Further, the usual admissions criteria (MCAT scores, GPA's, etc.) could not be used as a bias for the selection of these students. Duke would be required to accept 10 of these American students from foreign schools (primarily from Guadelajara).

Dr. Busse briefly discussed some of the history of capitation funds, and cited previous stipulations attached to this funding. He also noted that several other schools have chosen to reject capitation funds rather than accept this new regulation. A few schools have challenged the constitutionality of such a requirement. Harvard, furthermore, feels this is in direct opposition to its own constitution.

The decision of the medical school here has been to request that our admissions standards be allowed in deciding which of these students would come to Duke. The acceptance of capitation funds by Duke would be contingent upon the federal government's acceptance of the school's request.

Loss of capitation would mean the loss of about \$600,000 by the medical school. This has been a major cause for concern to members of the student body as well as others. Dr. Busse stated that the loss would not be passed to students in the form of tuition increases in the foreseeable future.

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LUCE SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The Henry Luce Foundation has a program under which each year 15 potential American leaders who are not and do not plan to become Asian or international relations specialists will spend 12 months studying, working, and traveling in East Asia. Duke has been invited to nominate 3 candidates for 1978-79.

Applicants can be no more than 29 years of age on September 1, 1978. The amount of each award is \$9,000 plus \$2,000 for a wife or husband accompanying the scholar. Air transportation is provided. Interested students should make application to the Director of International Studies, 2101 Campus Drive, by November 1 on forms secured

from that office. A committee chaired by the Director will then nominate to the Luce Foundation. This will be followed by on-campus interviews with the nominees. Successful candidates will be notified during the latter half of March.

Externships, etc.

Information on the following programs is available for review in the Med School Library Reserve Room, in a book "Electives - Opportunities for Study Away"

The department of Psychological and Social Medicine of the Pacific Medical Center is offering eligible third and fourth year medical students a 4 to 8 week clerkship in clinical psychiatry. The student should have completed his basic course work in psychiatry and have reached a level appropriate for a clinical rotation emphasizing crisis intervention and brief hospitalization of patients. The major clinical site for this rotation will be the Inpatient Service, although seminars and training in other areas of the Department will also be provided.

The National Institutes of Health is offering several associate training programs in the medical and biological sciences for experience in both clinical and laboratory investigation. Candidates may apply during their third or fourth year of medical school or while in intern or residency training. Appointments are available for July, 1980 and a few for 1979. Deadline for receipt of applications is February 15, 1978.

residencies

The following places have sent information on their residency programs to the Davison Society. The residency files are available to interested students Mondays, 1-4, Wednesdays, 1-3, and Fridays, 1-3.

Orange Memorial Hospital - Orlando, Florida - Pediatrics
Monmouth Medical Center - Long Branch, New Jersey - General