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LECTURES SCHEDULED

The Davison Society and MAPS will sponsor a series of lectures for students and housestaff concerning money management, computers in medicine, and medical-legal issues. These lectures will take place on March 1-3 at 12 noon in the Duke South Amphitheater.

Guest lecturers will include persons from the Durham community who will provide information in areas generally omitted from the medical curriculum.

CONCERNING 3rd & 4th YEAR COURSE SELECTION

Having trouble selecting elective courses? Want to know the inside scoop before you commit yourself? If so, a list is available in the registrar's office of all 3rd and 4th year courses, along with student rosters for each course during the '82-'83 academic year. Any student wishing to know how other students have felt about a particular course need merely check the course roster and contact those students by phone.

In addition, a list of 4th year students with their respective career intentions accompanies the above list. They may prove helpful, as an adjunct to your DPA committee, in offering advice on how to put together an elective program for the various medical and surgical specialties.

NOTE TO MEDICAL STUDENTS INTERESTED IN OPHTHALMOLOGY RESIDENCIES

The Duke Eye Center will be dedicated to honor Dr. Joseph Wadsworth, former Chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology, on April 22, 1983. Many prominent chairmen of departments and professors of Ophthalmology will be visiting Duke to participate in the event and to give talks. We need to ensure that these visitors make it to and from the airport and to the events and are enlisting ophthalmology residents and medical students planning to specialize in ophthalmology to serve as one on one guides with visitors. If you are interested in meeting a prominent ophthalmologist and in attending the dinner and events of the Wadsworth Rededication of the Eye Center, please call Dave Browning, M.D. at 383-7234 (home) or 682-9341, ext. 279 (work). He needs your name by 2/28/83.

SECOND YEAR COMMITTEE REVIEWS ROTATIONS

The second year curriculum committee has met regularly this year to discuss the second year rotations and Physical Diagnosis. The committee is evaluating the objectives and approaches of each rotation. Each department has submitted an outline of their goals and methodology. The curriculum committee works with student input to see whether these are met from the student point of view. Variation exists within the departments. For example, Surgery tends to stress facts and didactic teaching, while Medicine emphasizes patient care and learning through experience. The committee is concerned about whether students are attaining the goals set in the departments. Furthermore, the committee wants to ensure that key areas of overlap are not missed by the differing approaches among the departments.

The second year committee has also spent a lot of time discussing the Introduction to Physical Diagnosis given at the end of first year. Here, the students on the committee are getting together to make proposals for the improvement of Physical Diagnosis. Generally, the students want Physical Diagnosis to be more basic and standardized. They feel the course should cover the essentials of ward survival, e.g. taking histories and understanding what is on the charts. Each instructor should work from a general syllabus so that students will have an equivalent background from the course. One final suggestion is to introduce the use of computers in medicine in the course. Overall, the second year committee is focusing on concrete proposals to improve the present curriculum.

FRIENDSHIP

CAPS is offering a 6-week support group on FRIENDSHIP. The group will address: sharing and communicating with friends, how to enrich friendships, and meeting and leaving friends. The group will have its first meeting on Thursday, February 24, 4:00 - 5:30, and will meet each Thursday thereafter, except during Spring Break. If interested, please call CAPS, 684-5100.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE TO MEDICAL STUDENTS

The Baltimore City Medical Society Foundation, Inc., is accepting applications for scholarship awards for the 1983-84 academic year. Applications are available at the Financial Aid Office, 126 Davison Building.

The applicants must have Baltimore City, Maryland as their permanent address, and all applications must be received no later than April 1st.

The winner of last week's autoimmunity puzzle was Bob Harland. Bob should receive 2 gift certificates to Baskin-Robbins donated by Baskin Robbins in Northgate. Other correct entries were submitted by Betsy Sumner, Dean (full box) Taylor, Janet Jones, anonymous, K.L. Porter, David Ellison, T.J. Maroon, Harry D'Agostino, Glen (Sick pup) Ross, Herb (X-ray) Fuchs, Kip (next winter) Benyunes, Adele Mitchell, Mark Scroggs, and Dave Pivnicka -Worms.

PUZZLE CORNER

This week's puzzle involves the neurosciences.

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