



# SHIFTING DULLNESS

DAVISON SOCIETY NEWSLETTER  
DUKE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Send announcements to  
Box 2889, DUMC

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## Did You Know ...?

... that 9 Duke students attended the AMSA convention in New Orleans. Watch for a complete report on happenings in an upcoming issue...

## Special-For Y'all

### PROBLEMS PARKING?

If you have complaints, comments, suggestions or desperate pleas about the available parking facilities, send them to "Parking", Davison Society, Box 2889. They will get to our representative on the University Parking Committee.

### REFRIGERATOR?

Yes, through the efforts of your ever-vigilant Davison Society representatives, a refrigerator is now available in the sixth-floor lounge for students to keep their lunches in during the morning. This refrigerator will not be used to store bacteria or other crawling pathogens.

### CIBA AWARD FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

Nominations are needed for this annual award which consists of a complete set of the Netter Atlas volumes. The recipient is chosen by the student body and is in recognition of "laudable, extracurricular activity within the community" such as organizing a neighborhood clinic, tutorial programs, disease screening programs, etc. Students from all years of medical school are eligible. Please send your nominations for this award to Davison Society, Box 2889 by Friday, March 26.

### NIH RECRUITER

On Friday, March 19, Dr. Michael Pehlke, from the NIH, will be here at Duke Medical School on a recruiting trip. Any students wishing to visit with him are welcome to come by the Conference Room, 133 Davison, from 2-5 p.m.

#### RE-APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL AID:

All students interested in financial aid must pick up application forms within the next week for Summer Sessions, 1976, and academic year 1976-1977. Forms are available in the Office of Financial Aid, 123 Davison Bldg.

#### PUBLIC HEALTH SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Official notice has been received from the U.S. Public Health Service that Health Insurance (single rate) will be paid by the program. If you have paid (or owe) your insurance, and desire reimbursement, you should get in touch with Mr. Jim Belvin, Bursar's Office, to ensure proper billing. Upon receipt of payment to the University, a credit will be issued to your medical student ledger. For more information, contact the Office of Financial Aid, 123 Davison Bldg.

## class notes

SENIOR MEDICAL STUDENTS: Memorandums have been sent to all candidates for advance degrees by the office of the University Marshall. This memorandum concerns the main events during the weekend of Commencement, and information on academic apparel. If you have not received this memorandum, please contact Mr. Walter Johnson, 129 Davison Bldg.

## Externships, etc.

The following information is available in the Med School Library reserve room, in the Davison Society Guide to Study Away From Duke.

Pediatric Clerkship at the Mt. Zion Hospital & Medical Center  
San Francisco, California

Summer Student Research Program in Diabetes at Vanderbilt University,  
Nashville, Tennessee

## residencies

Information on the Family Practice Residency at Grant Hospital, Columbus, Ohio, has been received and is available for review in the Davison Society Office.

# THE POLICY MAKERS

## Part V. Innovations (continued)

### E. Guidelines for Preparing the Budget

- I. Each member of the Davison Society shall pay \$15 per annum with first quarter tuition.
- II. The Budget Committee shall consist of the Treasurer, Service Vice-President, and another Davison Council member appointed by the president. Other Davison Society members may also serve on the Committee.
- III. Budget Committee Responsibilities  
The Budget Committee shall draw up and recommend an Annual Fall Budget to the Davison Council for approval; It shall also consider funding requests throughout the year which shall be presented to the Davison Council.

### IV. Fund Requesting

Only organizations officially affiliated with the Davison Society, groups or individuals designated as official representatives of the Davison Society by the Davison Council and projects approved by the Davison Council shall be eligible for funding. Requests for funding should be made to the Davison Society President, or any Budget Committee member.

### V. Spending Guidelines

1. Each of the four classes shall be allocated an equal amount of money in the Annual Fall Budget. Additional class funds may be requested by individual class presidents throughout the year.
  2. Funds shall be allocated to the Social VP for financing of Davison Society functions.
  3. Funds shall not be allocated to individual groups or organizations for functions which are primarily social.
- VI. Travel expenses may be allocated to any requesting party eligible in accordance with fund requesting guidelines.

F. A Refrigerator to store lunches and nonalcoholic beverages was sequestered in the Student Lounge for a trial period.

G. Orientation Day: A new approach to the first day of the first year was tried this year. Fewer speakers, fewer forms, more free time, a tour, and dinner with small groups of upperclassmen.

H. Course Evaluation: Returns are now collected by the registrar's office and the present questionnaires are being revised or replaced by the curriculum committees.

I. New Course Being Developed

What is it like to be a patient? What is the role of the doctor and of the broader medical care system? Can we really prevent disease or mostly just intervene at a late stage in its course?

A group of students is developing a course for next year tentatively called "Medical care, health care and the patient" which will address these and related questions. Primarily for first year students ( but open to all), the course will be voluntary and informal, offering interested students an early introduction to the interaction between patients and all parts of the medical care system, with emphasis on the social, emotional and ethical factors that can affect the care patients receive. We will especially examine the course of illness and look at possibilities for intervention at various points, ranging from prevention before the illness starts, to life-support when it has reached advanced stages. The course is affiliated with an AMSA national project intended to help students develop such courses in preventive and social aspects of medicine.

We will run the course as a seminar or discussion group, and are asking a number of faculty members each to participate in one session and to bring a patient who can both serve as focus for the session and actively participate in a discussion with the students. Dr. Rob Sullivan of the Department of Community Health Sciences has agreed to serve as faculty coordinator for the course. Any students or faculty with comments or questions about the course should contact Mike Magill, Box 2818.