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DAVISON SOCIETY NEWSLETTER
DUKE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

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Did You Know...?

...that up to date information about externships, clerkships, etc., throughout the United States and around the world is available in the library reserve room in a book entitled "Electives Away From Duke" ?

...that the Davison Society now maintains a bulletin board with information of interest to medical students? It's near the mail room...

Special-For Y'all

PRIMARY CARE AT DUKE

At the request of the Davison Society Council, a sub-committee of MEDSAC has recently been established to investigate the present and future role of Duke Medical School in training students for primary care. This applies to students interested in learning skills in primary care areas as well as those planning a career in these areas. The committee presently is planning the topics to be discussed and the individuals to be invited to submit testimony. Potential topics of discussion also include Duke's relation to the new County hospital, AHC, and community externships. Any interested students with a viewpoint on these matter should contact any Davison Council representative or Dan Eubanks in particular.

STUDENT FACULTY SHOW

General organizational meeting for everyone interested in participating in the production of the Bicentennial edition of the Student-Faculty Show. Writers, musicians, prop-persons, etc..

Meeting at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 15 in Hospital Amphitheatre. First year students especially welcome. BE THERE ! (That means you, Britt).

-Ken Trofatter, Box 2865, 682-5261

NCME TELEVISION

The NCME programs regularly shown on Wednesdays and Fridays at 1 PM will be available also in room M405 (Davison) of the Central Teaching Facility. These programs will be shown in color. Should any conflicts occur due to the scheduling of classes in that room at 1 PM and having other unforeseen difficulties, another room in the Facility will be used. The change will be posted in the door to M405.

Symposium

AMBULATORY CARE OF TUBERCULOSIS: "The Challenges of Ambulatory Care of Tuberculosis" will be sponsored by the Baltimore City Health Department on Feb. 20-21, 1976 at the Hilton Hotel, 101 West Fayette St., Baltimore, Md. The program, coordinated by David Glasser, M.D., will include sixteen experts on all aspects of clinical tuberculosis. The attendance of students is encouraged and is available at no charge. Details available on the Davison Society bulletin board near the hospital post office or by calling Mr. Sheldon Elman (301) 396-4444. Call soon because space is limited

contests

THE CRISES IN PSYCHIATRY: Taylor Manor Psychiatric Hospital offers a cash award of \$250 plus travel expenses for the best essay of The Crises in Psychiatry. The winner will attend the hospital's Psychiatric Symposium in Ellicott City, Maryland on April 2-3, 1976, and present his essay there. Entries must be submitted by February 16, 1976. Further details available on the Davison Society bulletin board.

CARDIOVASCULAR AND PULMONARY DISEASE: The American College of Chest Physicians is sponsoring the 1976 Alfred A. Richman Essay Contest. Cash awards will be presented for the best essays on cardiovascular and pulmonary diseases, in amounts of \$1,000- \$250. All entries must be postmarked before March 31, 1976. Further information available on the Davison Society bulletin board.

THE POLICY MAKERS

(The following is part one of a two-part article prepared by Bob Cassell, Duke's student representative to the AAMC, on the functions of this organization and on its recent national meeting. Bob is in the MD-PhD program and is himself somewhat of an institution. -ea.)

OSR & AAMC

The Organization of Student Representatives (OSR) is the student division of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), which is a national organization designed to speak with a single voice for academic medicine. The AAMC represents all 115 U.S. medical schools, 400 teaching hospitals, and 60 academic societies as well as various other organizations and individuals concerned with medical education.

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The AAMC deals with any and all issues affecting medical education, such as admissions, curriculum, housestaff training, research, etc. Many of its efforts are in the area of national health legislation. It is also involved in the operation of the National Board of Medical Examiners and the National Intern-Resident Matching Program.

In theory, the AAMC cannot compel its member institutions to obey its policies, and those policies are never stated as regulations requiring obedience. However, the AAMC does have the potential to compel obedience because it is a constituent organization of both the Liaison Committee on Medical Education and the Liaison Committee on Graduate Medical Education. Thus the AAMC's approval is necessary for the accreditation of medical schools and of residency training programs, and the AAMC is indeed a very powerful body.

The major divisions of the AAMC include the Council of Deans (made up of the deans of all medical schools), the Council of Teaching Hospitals, and the Council of Academic Societies. In addition, the OSR was established in 1971 to provide medical student input into the AAMC. (There is no representation for housestaff in the AAMC.) Each medical school has one student representative to the OSR, just as it has one representative to the Council of Deans. The Council of Deans provides the financial support for the OSR, and each dean pays for the expenses of the OSR member from that school. Unlike other national student groups, the OSR is not intended to take independent actions. OSR actions, like those of the Councils, take the form of recommendations for action by the AAMC as a whole. OSR recommendations must be approved by the Council of Deans and then by the whole AAMC.

The governing body of the AAMC is the Assembly, which meets once a year and is composed of members of three Councils and the OSR. The Assembly is presided over by the Chairman of the AAMC. Both Dr. Anlyan and Dr. Tosteson from Duke have in the past been chairmen of the AAMC. The OSR has eleven votes in the Assembly, out of a total of 240. Between Assembly meetings the AAMC is run by the 22-member Executive Council, of which one member is from the OSR.

The OSR itself meets yearly, in conjunction with the national AAMC meeting in early November. The OSR has a ten-member Administrative Board, consisting of the national Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, four At-Large Representatives, and the Chairpersons of the four Regions. (Duke is in the Southern Region, and Bob Cassell, Duke's OSR representative, is Southern Regional Chairperson.) The administrative Board meets four times a year, and each region has an annual meeting in the spring. The Southern Regional meeting will be March 28-30 in Shreveport, La.