



SHIFTING DULLNESS

DAVISON SOCIETY NEWSLETTER
DUKE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Send announcements to
Box 2889, DUMC

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Did You Know...?

...that the Davison Society has six organized information services for members. For further information, see The Policy Makers, page 3...

Special-For Y'all

DAVISON SOCIETY CONSTITUTION

Anyone who has questions about the proposed Davison Society Constitution, there will be an open meeting to discuss the Constitution, this Thursday, February 19, 1976 in the Amphitheater at 7:00 pm.

DAVISON SOCIETY ELECTIONS

Anyone interested in running for a Davison Society office, put your name (as you want it to appear on the ballot) and the office you are running for on a sheet of paper and drop it in the ballot box in the mailroom. Officers to be elected include: President, Service Vice-President, Social Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Davison Society. Each class will elect a class President, and four class representatives. To run for class President, merely run for a class rep and the one receiving the most votes will be President. Any questions? See Dwight Robertson, Box 2842 or Irwin Korngut, Box 2785.

AHEC AND BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE BATTLE FOR FAYETTEVILLE:

The Area Health Education Center program aims at closing the gap between sophisticated university medicine and the local practitioner and his patients. Major centers contracting with local hospitals and clinics, arrange to provide continuing education for medical personnel, back-up help in planning and administration where needed, and a two-way path of communication to the "field." North Carolina is one of the few states in the country to have a nearly state-wide AHEC plan, which Duke has only lately opted to become a part of. Financial and political considerations have played a role in the decision making process. Glenn Wilson, state AHEC program director, will speak Wednesday, Feb. 25 at 4:45 in the classroom of the Dept. of Community Health Sciences, basement of the Grad Center, corner of Trent and Erwin. Sponsored by HA/MD students for Health Education. Beer courtesy of the Forum for Primary Care.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE TO YOUTH

Coaches for T-baseball (boys 6-9 yrs), Little League Baseball (boys 10-12), and Soccer (boys and girls 8-10, and 11-13 yrs) are needed by the Durham YMCA. The time required is only one to two hours per week. Please leave your name, phone number, sport and age group with Dr. Bradford's office. Box 3005, Ext. 2498.

ATTENTION WOMEN MEDICAL STUDENTS

A special one-time-only sale on Women's Apparel: white short coats, white slacks, white skirts, in assorted sizes at give-away prices, will begin Wednesday, February 18, 1976 at 8:00 am at the Duke Hospital Store.

LOW COST JET FLIGHTS TO EUROPE

Information on low cost flights to Europe, has been received from Educational Flights of North Carolina. This information is available for review in the Davison Society's book, Electives Away from Duke, in the Reserve Room.

DAVISON COUNCIL MEETING

There will be a Davison Council meeting, Tuesday, February 24, 1976. Bring suggested topics for the Quails Roost Conference.

class notes

2ND and 3RD YEAR STUDENTS

Dr. Byron McLees has replaced Dr. John Laszlo as the third year Professional Advisor. Dr. Laszlo has requested that we bring this to your attention as students are still going to Dr. Laszlo when they should be seeing Dr. McLees.

Externships, etc.

Information on the following programs is available in the Davison Society's guide to Electives Away from Duke, in the Reserve Room in the Med Center library.

University of Maine, family practice externship Bangor, Maine
Mayo Medical School traineeship in cerebrovascular disease Rochester, Minn.
National Institutes of Health, clinical training in clinical and pre-clinical
laboratory research Bethesda, Md.
VA Hospital, Wadsworth Hospital Center, externship in Neurology Los Angeles,
California

residencies

The following information is available for review in the Davison Society Office.

The Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital of Philadelphia Philadelphia, Penn.
Residency in Internal Medicine

THE POLICY MAKERS

Part II. Information Services

A. Student Directory

Each year the Davison Society compiles a directory of student box numbers, addresses, home phone numbers, and spouses' names. The directory is only as complete as the students are faithful about returning forms provided in the fall.

B. Shifting Dullness

This year we have revamped this tired publication as many of you have noticed. The former mimeographed list of unorganized announcements had outlived its usefulness, and we hope that the new format is more readable, and useful in its organization. As a new feature, articles are solicited that help disseminate information of interest to the student body. Requests for information will be honored as possible, and articles can be submitted to Box 2889 for publication.

C. Bulletin Board

A new locked glass bulletin board for Davison Society use only has been installed across from the post office. Look here for important notices, contests, etc. And if you lose your copy of Shifting Dullness, the current issue is also posted there. Submit notices to Box 2889. For selling used books, a portion of the 6th floor bulletin board will be designated as the place to look.

D. Electives

Mike Magill has spent many hours collecting and organizing material on educational opportunities for medical students. Look for the Electives notebooks in the reserve room of the library.

1. Electives Away from Duke

This book contains student evaluations of the study-away projects completed recently, and has information on where and with whom, people have been able to do externships.

2. Research and Tutorial Opportunities for the Third Year at Duke

Most departments have sent in lists of faculty members and descriptions of their research interests. Several people have detailed the projects that a third year student could become involved in, or have designed special projects for interested students. Also included in the notebook is a list of students who have studied under various faculty members, so you can consult with someone before committing yourself to a possibly disastrous project.

E. Residencies

Each week Shifting Dullness publishes a list of the programs that have sent us literature. At present, the material is in the sixth floor office, but an attempt to logically and usefully organize the material is underway. Hopefully it will appear in the library soon.

F. The Seely G. Mudd Communications Center

The library move this fall was the cause for many gripes. Here's a status report on the problems:

1. No Xerox : solved
At present, we can use the machine in the Hospital Business Office by following the procedure outlined in a recent edition of Shifting Dullness.
2. No coffee: in the works!
There is a large unfinished area in the basement of the building that will eventually become a lounge and a bookstore, but progress has been delayed. Dr. Busse is aware of our dissatisfaction with the situation, and is making arrangements for a temporary vending machine area.
3. No reading room in the hospital
If students had foreseen this problem three years ago, the Davison Society could have requested space when the library moved. As it was, the old space had long been reassigned and planned for when we recognized the problem this fall. To forestall any future oversights, the Council has reviewed the plans for the new Duke North building, which seems to have adequate call rooms and study areas for all to share. Furthermore, Dr. Jane Elchlepp has indicated her willingness to have a medical student liason to the Hospital Planning Board, which is now in the process of redesigning the present hospital building for use when the new building opens. It is especially important that we have student input here, as the medical school "proper" and most first year classes, as well as our lounge and office will remain here.