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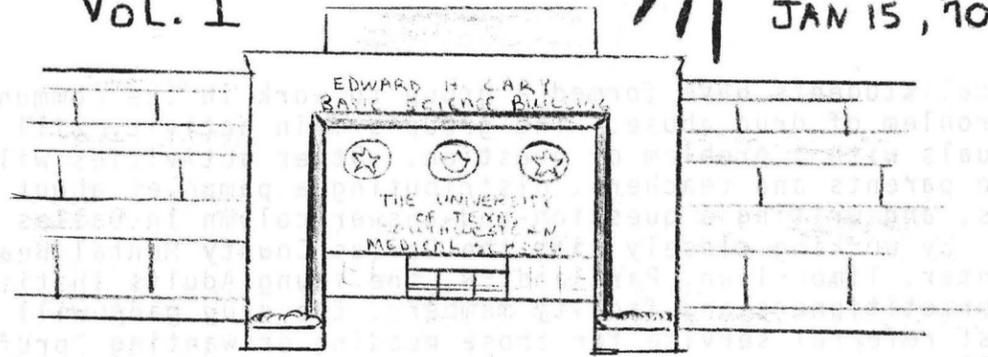
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Introducing the SAMA "SPECULUM"

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This is the first issue of the SAMA SPECULUM, a collection of news, student business, and satire to be published monthly. This is the only student publication at Southwestern. It is intended to be a forum for student thought, gripes, and communication among ourselves, our administration, and faculty. If anybody wants to contribute time or thought to the SPECULUM, please leave a note in the SPECULUM mailbox. Letters to the editor are encouraged. Please type and sign them, but names will be omitted upon request.

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMUNITY HEALTH COMMITTEE

Jim MacKay, MS 2

Medical school is a four year period in which dedicated young men and women cram a seemingly infinite number of facts and syndromes into their cerebral cortices, and then witness, experience and learn from innumerable hospital situations. They then emerge as young entrepreneurs of medical care, and (in some cases) forge their way into the finest hometown country clubs. The SAMA committee on community health operates under the basic philosophy that M.D.'s should certainly emerge as competent doctors, but also as physicians who care and who are aware of the many complex problems of health care in their communities. Therefore, in medical school, a student should learn about community health, understand the plight of the poor in obtaining health care, and determine his role in providing high quality medical care for all people in his community. With this philosophy the committee has undertaken the following programs:

- 1). Last summer, six medical students worked with the Opportunities Industrialization Center in an educational program in the areas of sex education, nutrition, and venereal diseases. The O.I.C. teaches skills to the unskilled and uneducated poor.
- 2). During the past fall, a survey of the health and immunization status of the people of South Dallas was conducted under the auspices of the S.M.U. Institute of Urban Studies, and Operation Crossroads, a city community health project in South Dallas. 40 students interviewed 250 families.
- 3). Drug Abuse - see Alan Swann's article.

Community Health Committee (continued)

4). Several sophomore students are working with faculty members to revise a 2nd year course in Public Health and Preventive Medicine. The committee is attempting to have areas of environmental pollution, crisis in American medical care, and community health problems emphasized within the course.

STUDENTS TO WORK ON DRUG PROBLEM

Alan Swann, MS 2

About 50 medical students have formed a group to work in the community of Dallas on the problem of drug abuse. The group's main activity will be talking to individuals with a problem or question. Other activities will include speaking to parents and teachers, distributing a pamphlet about drugs and drug laws, and writing a question-and-answer column in Dallas Notes, a la Hippocrates. By working closely with the Dallas County Mental Health and Retardation Center, Timberlawn, Parkland ER, the Young Adults Institute, and several local practitioners and faculty members, the drug gang will be able to provide fast referral service for those needing or wanting "professional" help, as well as a unique line of communication between these agencies. The group will also be unique in providing someone with whom an individual with a problem can talk as objectively as possible without having to tell Mom and Dad.

Presently there are two free locations from which the group may start working. Both are venerable homes near Oak Lawn. If enough money appears, a store front location might be used instead. An application has been made for a Sears and Roebuck Foundation grant of \$1,000. If this fails, it may be necessary to disguise the activity as a biochemistry research project. Orientation of the members is underway, and activity will begin pending the completion of orientation next week.

Members of the group, and anyone else interested, are encouraged to attend a symposium on "Free Clinics and Community Approaches to Drug Abuse" in San Francisco on January 31. Contact Alan Swann for details.

THE LECTURE SERVICE IS ALIVE AND WELL

Bill Vance, MS 2

At the present time notes for all freshmen, sophomore, and senior lectures are being prepared and returned within four to five days. This speed up in the return of notes is due to a reorganization of lecture service so that students are now able to control the entire process of taping, typing, and copying notes. With the kind aid of Dr. Ron Estabrook, lecture service personnel may use the Biochem. Dept. Xerox machine at cost, at any time. The Alumni office has provided a table, typewriter and filing cabinet. The Medical Art Department is furnishing cassette tapes. Our costs are running as expected, and we should have no financial problems after collection of the \$10 second semester payment from freshmen and sophomores.

ENVIRONMENTAL TEACH -IN

Jerry Vandel, MS 2

"The air, the air is everywhere." - from Hair

Unfortunately, the implications of the above statement are all too true, in all too many places in our country. The realization that there is no area in all of the United States that has "fresh" air anymore is more than alarming; it is intolerable. Likewise, few people need to be told the condition of our rivers and streams, and even now the oceans. At what point do we decide we've had enough?

Man in his haste for "progress", has initiated, and continues to perpetuate, ecological havoc. The government's recent reassurance to the makers of hard pesticides that their products will not be outlawed (for the present, at least) causes wonder at how much of an imprint the catastrophic lessons

Environmental Teach-In (continued)

of DDT have made. However, government doesn't deserve more than its share of the blame; we are all accomplices. Are we willing to seek an alternative to the major air polluter of our cities - the automobile? Do we prefer a livable environment to General Motors? Can we continue to be guided by an ethic that places virtue on our level of consumption (a crucial factor in the preservation of a balanced ecosystem) and considers products above people?

April 22 has been designated as the day for a nation-wide teach-in on the environment at colleges and universities throughout the country. A national organizing committee has already been formed, headed by students, congressmen (McCloskey of California, Senator Nelson of Wisconsin), and conservationists. We are hoping that Southwestern will be an active participant, not just on that day, but before and after, in assessing and planning its role in the problems of the environment. Maybe the rumored UTSMS Department of Community and Environmental Health will emerge concurrently with these activities; it would be a well-received addition to the school's purposes.

Anyone interested in helping plan the activities for the spring (and particularly the teach-in) please contact John Harper (MS 2), Jim MacKay (MS 2), or Jerry Vandel (MS 2).

STUDENT - FACULTY FORUM

Greg Jenkins, MS 3

The Student Faculty Forum is composed of 13 members, 5 of whom are students, with the remaining 8 from the UTSMS faculty and administration, and the PMH administration. The committee is a meeting ground for student and faculty representatives. Student proposals, issues, suggestions, and complaints are discussed and, when indicated, specific recommendations are forwarded to the Dean. Minutes of all meetings are posted on the SAMA bulletin board. Presently, the committee meets twice monthly.

SUMMARY OF ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1). Student Newspaper financed by UTSMS. The recommendation was passed that those students interested in a student newspaper organize and draft a proposal which will state the structure, organization, support, and policies of the envisioned newspaper.
- 2). Student Lecture Service: The recommendation was passed that UTSMS acquire, under State contract, a Series 2400 Xerox machine for Lecture Service use.
- 3). Meals for Seniors on call at PMH. The Senior class requested meals for those seniors on night call. Mr. Gross from PMH explained that this was outside the domain of PMH and that PMH could not provide meals.
- 4). Parking Lots: The committee requested a formal comment from the UTSMS administration concerning the pro-rating of the parking fee to the newly completed parking lot. (To my knowledge, the School has not yet responded).
- 5). History of Medicine Course: Through the committee, all classes were polled concerning their interest in such a course. The course will begin January 22, 1970.
- 6). Committee Membership by the Basic Science Faculty: The recommendation was passed that the Dean appoint members of the Basic Science Faculty to the committee (Drs. Stembridge and Wiggins are now on the committee).
- 7). Lecture Service Support: The recommendation was passed that the organized Lecture Service be authorized to prepare a request for grant-in-aid to be submitted through the Dean to one or more pharmaceutical companies which might be interested in supporting the lecture service.

Student-Faculty Forum (continued)

8). SAMA Drug Abuse Counseling Program: The program is currently being discussed.

For further information concerning the Student Faculty Form contact your class President or the SAMA President.

SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF SAMA MEETING (1/8/70)

Shelton Hopkins, MS 3

The president, Greg Jenkins (MS 3) announced communications which would be posted on the bulletin board including information about travel work in Europe and about upcoming conferences on medical education, community health, etc. He also announced that, since the Texas Medical Association is now allowing students on committees, we must get two students to be present at the January 17 meeting. Jim MacKay and Bob Raley volunteered.

There was also a letter requesting that UTSMS students write President Nixon urging that he not veto the HEW budget because of the resulting impact of student finances.

Alan Swann (MS 2) agreed to write a letter regarding the return of the State Board test site to Ft. Worth after the State Board Committee told students at the last TMA meeting that the tests would be given at the medical school cities.

Jan Vandersloot (MS 3) moved that SAMA establish a newsletter and the motion passed.

Bob Raley (MS 2) moved that a petition urging radical revision of the Texas abortion laws be circulated at Texas medical schools and sent to Austin. The motion passed.

Bill Geffen (MS 3) moved that a letter be written to the Dallas mayor requesting information on the Dallas anti-pollution effort, and the motion passed.

PERSONAL OPINION

The PERSONAL OPINION column is designed to give any student an opportunity to express his personal opinion on any subject, but does not necessarily reflect the opinion of SAMA. Any student is invited to submit copy for PERSONAL OPINION.

SAMA AT UTSMS

Alan Worth (MS 3)

SAMA has been a quasi-student government for many years, a role for which it is poorly suited. At least 10% of UTSMS students are not members. Schools with annual registration of SAMA members have about 25% membership. Our chapter would be fortunate to do that well.

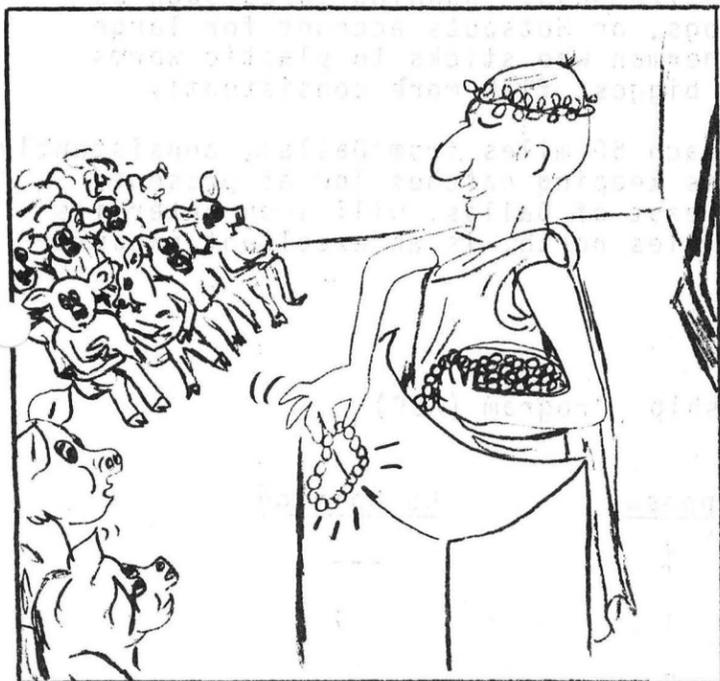
The purposes of SAMA, moreover, are not those of a student government. SAMA belongs to the vocal minority. It exists to raise issues and to put our medical experience in a national perspective. I hope it will always influence the students, but certainly it cannot speak for a majority of the

The time has come for the officers of the four classes to meet as a body and initiate application for regental recognition as a student government. SAMA should support such a move, re-define its membership, and concentrate with greater effectiveness on the goals appropriate to a voluntary political organization.

In a Humorous Vein

Med School VIP's: the Lecturer
-as viewed by-

-himself-



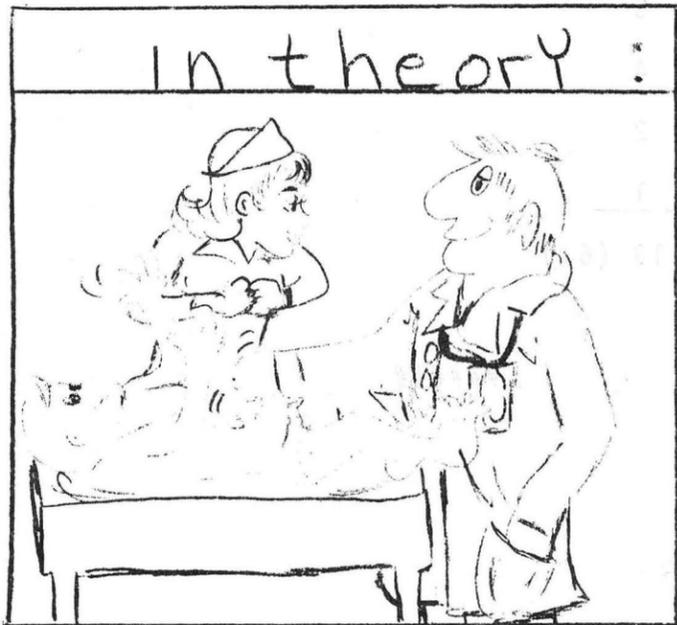
-the CLASS-



The Doctor-Patient Relationship

Lesson #1: "It is of utmost importance to establish an immediate, mutual understanding between you and your patient...."

In theory:



In Practice:



THE SOUTHWESTERN BASS-FISHERMAN

Bill Hoot (MS 3)

As winter mellows into spring, the libido of most species increases, and the bass is no exception. In the months of March, April, and May the instinctual urge to spawn (from rising water temperature, and the pressure of the eggs developing in their bellies) drives the big bass to engorge themselves. They will viciously smash the fisherman's lures, as much from libido-induced pugnacity as from hunger. Spring is the season loved by the top-water plug-caster and the minnow-dunking crappe fisherman, as the fish enter shallow water.

Favored Dallas lures include Chugger, Lucky B, and Rapala top-waters. Spinners are responsible for many hog-size bass. Running lures such as white or shad-colored Bombers, Waterdogs, or Hotspots account for large strings of fish. But the patient fisherman who sticks to plastic worms (rigged weedless) usually catches the biggest fish more consistently.

Lake Tawakoni and Cedar Creek, each 50 miles from Dallas, consistently produce the lunkers, although winter is keeping catches low at present. Lake Ray Hubbard, a new lake 20 miles east of Dallas, will soon enter its "hot" stage for fishing. Texoma, 80 miles north, is an excellent producer of bass and sandies.

SAMA POLL RESULTS

1. On approval of the Alumni Sponsorship Program (ASP).
Total response 158.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
Freshman	25	1	---
Sophomore	38	1	7
Junior	28	2	---
Senior	21	---	2
Unknown	<u>31</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Total	143 (91%)	5 (3%)	10 (6%)

2. On Pharmaceutical Contributions to the Lecture Service.
Total response 224.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
Freshman	39	1
Sophomore	61	5
Junior	41	4
Senior	51	2
Unknown	<u>19</u>	<u>1</u>
Total	211 (94%)	13 (6%)

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