

Remedies Proposed For SA Medical Problems

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The purpose of this continuation to the article on the infirmary of last week is to re-emphasize the immediacy of the problems through experiences of people and to present what is being considered as remedies on a general scale. It is not the purpose of this article to criticize individuals alone for their actions, but to present the problems of an entire system of operation where each deficient part contributes to the inadequacy of the whole system.

At the end of last year, Sue Slaney and Joanne Foil both entered the infirmary with bladder infections. They were running very high fevers along with having abdomen pains. When Dr. Hugh McArn made his examination of each, he found "nothing wrong with (them)" and recommended "plenty of aspirin" to keep down the fever. They were admitted to the infirmary anyway because of their high fevers and pain.

Their first bad experience came when they attempted to get some soup to eat at 7:00 p. m. for supper. Since the normal supper hour in the infirmary is 4:30, and since the girls had refused it then due to the type of food and their condition, Mrs. Stevens refused to provide soup for them saying there was none available. One of the other students assistants found some soup there and gave it to them at that time.

During the evening both girls had to scream to get the attention of Mrs. Stevens. She has her living quarters away from the bed care clinic in the infirmary. There is no way of communicating between rooms the way the house is set up, except to yell loudly. Sue Slaney had more severe symptoms than Joanne with a temperature of 104. During the night the Darvon which was given as medicine wore off with the result she had acute pains in her stomach. It took a long time to find Mrs. Stevens, who continued to administer Darvon, although she expressly refused to tell either one what the medication was. Sue felt so bad that she decided to check out of the infirmary and go into town for

tests. They verified the bladder infection and disproved the cold/flu diagnosis.

Joanne Foil went to see a urologist at home after school was over. He was shocked at the treatment given her and said that such illnesses "can be cleared up in seven days with proper diagnosis and treatment." Instead it took a lot of money seeing a urologist over the summer for both to recover fully.

Neither Joanne nor Sue were ever recommended to see other physicians or specialists when they went to the infirmary with this problem. Nor were there facilities to diagnose such illnesses at the infirmary although equipment for this is relatively inexpensive.

Another student, Eric Gregory, had a complaint in regard to his experience with improper diagnosis and the resulting improper medication: "In the infirmary, no shots or drug should be given without attendance of a physician."

Dr. Robert Urle, who has an interest in the infirmary at least in regard to the RSA program and physically handicapped students, said that the infirmary is a high priority item. The student Cabinet is

taking names for a committee to discuss and act upon the fate of the infirmary system. Mr. Urle outlined some of the many choices this group will have. First, there is the possibility of receiving federal funds for health care under the auspices of an extension to a dormitory as a rehabilitation service. This would be either an addition or a replacement for a centralized infirmary. It would also serve the general student body as well as provide facilities for more severely handicapped students. A second option is the scrapping of the infirmary as a diagnostic and treatment center and reducing it to the position of a dispensary for drugs and other medical supplies. The third is to begin a whole new infirmary with facilities for diagnosis and treatment on a large scale. There is a tentative design for such an infirmary but no actual blueprints or any final financial figures.

It becomes apparent that most of the long term plans for change of infirmary operation will demand a transitional period which must utilize the infirmary as it exists. For this period, beginning now, changes are necessary to protect the welfare of students.



DADY MEHTA, a former member of the music faculty, will return to the campus next Thursday to perform the "Diabelli Variations" by Beethoven. The recital will be at 10:00 a.m. in the LAA. Mehta will remain on campus only for the day.

IN BRIEF

Jack ReVelle announced earlier this week that two fraudulent representatives from a magazine company had been run off campus, and that two more had been arrested. He warned students that such people selling on campus must have the signature of either Dr. Davis or Dean Decker to okay their presence.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of paintings left over from last spring's art classes should notify Johanna Cheney, ext. 325. They managed to disappear over the summer.

Dr. Hart has announced an "ad hoc" committee on the College Bookstore and its function which "is to explore the ways in which the college bookstore might fill more adequately the total needs of the campus". Members of the committee are James D. J. Holmes, Chairman, Ron Crossley, Julian Davis, Stuart Marks, Dick Prust, W. D. White and students Twigg Holt and Hosea Jones.

Congratulations to Wilmington Dorm for sponsoring for the fourth consecutive year their Halloween Party for Peace Corps tutees and professor's children. As usual, it was a huge success.

Granville Dorm is sponsoring a Halloween extravaganza Saturday night with "The Masque of the Red Death" and lots of

your favorite beverage. Admission is \$1.00.

The Choir raffle will be held Saturday at 7:00. At that time, a man's wrist watch and an AM-FM-shortwave radio will be raffled off. Tickets at 25¢ will be on sale up till 7:00 Saturday. Proceeds will pay for the choir's January journey to Scotland.

Mose Henry, from the Presbyterian School of Christian Education, will be featured at farrago at 8:30 p. m. and at Chapel at 10:15 p.m. next Wednesday. Henry, a folk singer, is visiting the campus under the auspices of the College Christian Council.

Next Tuesday, November 3, recruiters from U. S. General Accounting will be on campus to talk to prospective employees. They will be here beginning at 9:30. On Wednesday the Florence, S. C. schools will be interviewing students interested in teaching from 10:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m. Students interested in talking with either of these recruiters should sign up in the Placement Office with Chris Hannas.

This Saturday night WSAP will be broadcasting "The War of the Worlds"; the famous Orson Wells radio drama of the 30's which caused so much uproar. The re-broadcast will begin at 11:00.

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