BIOMEDICAL HISTORY 512
"THE HUMAN FACE OF MEDICINE"

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Fridays 11:00-12:20
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Bring your lunch

COURSE OUTLINE
Winter - 1986

This course is designed to assist students in examining the doctor-patient relationship and the foundation of human values which undergird the practice of medicine. It is primarily intended for second year medical students, prior to beginning clerkships. The course will employ a seminar format with brief presentations from the instructor and a variety of guest lecturers followed by class discussion. The guest lecturers are physicians from the community who have been selected because of their willingness to share openly some of the important experiences of their own professional development.

TEXT: The text for this course is a paperback, Medicine as a human experience, by D. Reiser and D. Rosen, available at the South Campus Bookstore. Additional brief readings will be handed out by the instructor.

The emphasis on this course is on the participatory experience, therefore, doing the readings, listening, reflecting, discussing the themes and ideas presented and initiating questions of interest to the participants. There will be no exams.

COURSE SCHEDULE:

January 17  Introduction to the Course.
Videotape: We will "preview" a newly developed videotape entitled "INTERN".

January 24  Guest speakers: Robbie Sherman, M. D., and her husband, Charlie McConnis, Ph. D.
Topic: "Finding a humane approach to clerkships and residency"
Read the Prologue "Life on the Wards" and Chapter 1 "Medicine as a human experience".

January 31  Guest speaker: John Watchko, M. D., Pediatrics
Topic: "Medical Mistakes"
Read Chapter 2 "Clinical Application of the Biopsychosocial Model" and handout on "Facing our Mistakes".

February 7  Guest speaker: Marcelle Dunning, M. D.
Topic: "A Woman in Medicine Mid-Century"
Read Chapter 3 "The Care of the Patient: Art or Science?".

February 14  Read Chapter 4 "The Doctor-Patient Relationship",
Discussion.

February 21  Read Chapter 5 "The Patient-Centered Interview",
Discussion.
COURSE SCHEDULE - continued

February 28   Read Chapter 6 "The Experience of Illness and Hospitalization", Discussion.

March 7      Read Chapter 7 "The Nature of the Healing Process", Discussion, Course Evaluation.

(LAST CLASS: this course will not meet during reading week or finals week--have a wonderful spring break!)