Variety of activities offered by med club

The NU-Meds, a club for pre-med students, is going to change the way it operates, said the president and vice president of the club.

President Sandi Melroy and vice president Tom Rives said that they are going to try to make the club more active than in the past.

In past years, the club mainly sponsored guest speakers, Melroy said, and the social side of the club was ignored.

Club members hope to create new interest by becoming an integral part of the pre-med curriculum, she said.

Rives said the club is going to try to be a social organization and, at the same time, help students find out what to do to meet medical school entrance requirements.

Melroy said since the pre-med students did not socialize at their meetings, it "furthered the attitude that premed students are anti-social."

Rives said the new thrust of the club will be to show students what the medicine profession is like.

Through the club, Rives said he hopes to arrange for students to observe surgery and make rounds with doctors.

The club also will get involved with charity organizations such as the American Red Cross, the American Cancer Society, and Muscular Dystrophy Association, Rives said.

Rives said that the club will be able to do more for students than they can do alone.

"If we can offer them (charity organizations) a fairly large organization, they will be encouraged to let the organization do more," he said.

Rives said it is important for students applying to medical school to have as many activities on their transcripts as possible.

Melroy said to help students, the club will keep a record of activities students have participated in. If medical schools would like to find out how active members have been, the school will have access to the club's records.

The key to making a successful club is having a large number of members, Melroy said.

The club will have a better chance of getting prominent people to speak at their meetings if they can offer a large audience, she said.

Club dues are \$4 a year. Rives said he hopes the club will have at least 100 members.

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