

SHIFTING DULLNESS

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EXTERNSHIPS

CLERKSHIPS / EASTERN MAINE MEDICAL CENTER

Applications are invited for clinical clerkships in several specialties for the 1980-1981 school year. This is an opportunity for third and fourth year medical students to work in a medical referral center located in northern and eastern Maine. A brochure describing details is available in the Student Lounge. For further information write to:

Coordinator, Clinical Clerkships
Eastern Maine Medical Center
489 State Street
Bangor, Maine 04401

PHYSICAL MEDICINE / BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

The Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas, have a limited number of elective positions available for non-Baylor medical students. Electives include diagnosis and treatment of neuromuscular disorders, physical medicine, and general and pediatric rehabilitation. For further details contact Martin Grabois, M.D., Chairman, Department of Physical Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine, 1333 Moursund Avenue, Houston, Texas 77030 (phone: 797-1140, ext. 451).

SUMMER MEDICAL PROJECTS / OPERATION CROSSROADS AFRICA

Operation Crossroads Africa, Inc., a non-profit organization focusing on international development and educational exchange, actively seeks faculty, professionals and students in medicine, nursing and health fields to participate in 8-week summer medical team projects in Africa. Located in rural communities, projects focus on tropical medicine, preventive medicine, public health, epidemiology, nutrition, and maternity and child health.

OPERATION CROSSROADS CONT'D

Projects are conducted by the Ministries of Health of various African countries in conjunction with WHO (Sudan, The Gambia, Kenya, Nigeria, Liberia, Tanzania, Sierra Leone, Botswana, Togo, Niger, Ghana). Each medical team will consist of about ten Americans joined by an equal number of African specialists and students. Participants will gain an immediate personal sense of Africa that cannot be duplicated by academic courses.

During the past 22 years, Crossroads, whose example gave "birth" to the Peace Corps, has sent more than 5000 volunteers to 34 English-speaking and French-speaking African countries to spend their summers helping rural village communities. Other projects involve community development, construction, archaeology, agriculture, architecture, art, photography, and ethnomusicology.

Both volunteer and leader positions are open. Persons interested in participating in Crossroads' Summer / Travel/ Study Program may obtain an application blank and further description of projects from:

Crossroads Africa
150 Fifth Ave.
New York, New York 10011
Ph: 212-242-8550

COMPETITION1981 EASTERN STUDENT RESEARCH FORUM

The seventh annual Eastern Student Research Forum will be hosted by the University of Miami School of Medicine during February 11-13, 1981. The ESRF is one of a national and three regional forums set up across the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico to give medical students and graduate students associated with medical schools the opportunity to present their research for critique and to compete for cash research awards. (An announcement for the National Student Research Forum was made in the 9/18/80 S.D. issue.)

Participants in the Forum will be selected on the basis of the quality of their research. Each applicant will be required to submit a written abstract to be reviewed by a minimum of four faculty members at the University of Miami in that particular field. The abstract must be 1500 words or less and should include pertinent data, graphs, and tables where applicable. Deadline for receipt of abstracts is November 15, 1980.

Those students invited to the Forum will give oral presentations of their research and will once again be judged by several faculty members. The results of both the written and oral evaluations will determine who receives one of the cash awards.

Inquiries should be made to:

Eastern Student Research Forum
University of Miami School of Medicine
P.O. Box 01690 - R-59
Miami, Florida 33101
Telephone: (305)-547-6525

STEVENSON AWARD / PEDIATRICS

The Department of Pediatrics at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston announces the first annual competition for the Roger E. Stevenson Award for the essay on the subject: "Unmet Health Care Needs of U.S. Children: A Challenge to Newly Trained Pediatricians in the 1980 Decade."

Three persons will be invited to Houston to present their winning essays to a group of pediatricians interested in innovations in health care. The expenses for each speaker and his or her guest will be paid. The first-rated essayist will receive an honorarium of \$1,500.00, the second \$750.00, and the third \$500.00.

Rules of the Award:

- (1) All persons submitting essays must be regularly enrolled medical students in good standing beginning their final year in the Fall of 1980.
- (2) Essays will be judged by a panel of faculty members from The University of Texas at Houston and will be evaluated on the basis of creativity, factual material presented, organization and presentation of material.
- (3) Papers should be approximately 15-20 typewritten pages, including references and any illustrations.
- (4) All essays must be received in Houston no later than November 1, 1980. For further information or additional inquiries, contact:

R. Rodney Howell, M.D.
 Chairman, Department of Pediatrics
 The University of Texas Health Science Center
 at Houston / The Medical School
 P.O. Box 20708
 Houston, Texas 77025

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SHIFTING DULLNESS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Anyone wishing to place a notice in the Shifting Dullness is asked to leave information in the S.D. box next to Jeanne Lee's desk in the administration office or with Dan Siedler at Box 2867. The newsletter is distributed each Wednesday or Thursday. Friday, 4:00 PM, is the deadline for receiving notices.

EDITOR SOUGHT

Any third year student who is interested in becoming the Shifting Dullness Editor for the remainder of the 1980-81 school year should contact D. Siedler at Box 2867 or at 688-4280. No experience or skills are necessary, but prospective editor will be required to commit time each weekend to the position.

ATTENTION GRADUATING SENIORS

All seniors who have not had their Dean's letters written should make appointments through Jeanne Lee in Dr. Christakos' Office immediately. The deadline has already passed.

ATTENTION

In an effort to improve our medical student lounge, we are actively soliciting journals and magazines from students and faculty to place in the lounge. Anyone interested in donating your journals or Time, Newsweek, etc. after you're done, please contact Alan Shelton at Box 2854 or 489-6773.

PUZZLE

The solution to last week's puzzle, "the dying gambler's complaint," is ENDOCARDITIS, with clues Damaged, Mitral, Valve, Toxins, and Necrosis. Four people submitted the correct answer. Congratulations to Laurie Dunn, MSIV, the winner of the drawing. She will receive a gift certificate to Baskin-Robbins.

This week's puzzle is taken from J. Fixx's "Games for the Super-Intelligent". It is surely one of the most interesting cross-word puzzles ever to have been invented. Even if you are unable to complete the puzzle, leave your answer with your name and campus address in the mail room ballot box (by the evening of Saturday, October 3rd), and you might win a prize.

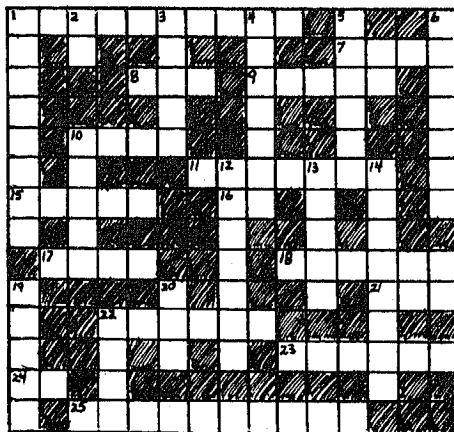
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