

shifting dullness

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MEDSAC REACHES DECISION ON GRADING SYSTEM, BOARD REQUIREMENTS

The proposals to further stratify the grading system was rejected in MedSAC's March meeting. Furthermore, standing requirements that Duke medical students take the National Boards were eliminated. The texts of the two resolutions are as follows:

- 1) The requirement to pass NBME, Parts I and II, before entering the fourth year curriculum has been abolished as of this date. In other words, no medical student will be required to pass the Boards to be promoted into the fourth year curriculum or to be graduated. This resolution goes into effect immediately.
- 2) The Grading System for the School of Medicine shall remain honors/ pass/fail. Individual departments will notify the Office of Medicine Education of those people who are considered borderline in their performance. In addition, the departments will notify the Office of Medicine Education of those individuals who have performed near the honors level but who were not considered in the honors category. The official transcript will continue to read honors/pass/fail.

FELLOWSHIPS OFFERED

The Dean's office has received information concerning a graduate fellowship for Asian/Pacific Studies. Further information can be obtained from Dr. Shirley Osterhout.

The Lupus Foundation of America is offering "Student Summer Fellowships" for research in Systemic Lupus Erythematosus. Applications are due by April 1, and stipends amount to \$1000. Dr. Christakos' office has the applications.

Any medical student, either M.D. or M.D.-Ph.D. candidate, is eligible to apply for support for small, clinically-oriented, toxicology research project relevant to the epidemiology, prevention, or treatment of poisoning. The American Association of Poison Control Centers is sponsoring a national competition to award 4 research grand awards of \$750. A brief outline of the proposed project, the estimated time for completion, the applicant's curriculum vitae and a letter of support from a sponsoring member of the faculty are needed for application. One of the 4 awardees will be selected to present his or her work at the annual meeting of the Association in Denver, Colorado in August, 1982, with travel funds to be provided. See Dr. Shirley Osterhout for further information.

PART-TIME JOBS AVAILABLE

Central Laboratory Collection Service has openings for third and fourth year students who know how to draw blood. For those interested in earning some extra money, positions as early morning blood drawing technicians are available. Contact Margaret Pollard at 684-3795 about current openings and get in touch with Dan Moore at 684-2231 concerning evaluation and certification.

TRENT PRIZE IN THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE

Papers to be considered for the Trent Prize must be submitted to G.S.T. Cavanagh, Medical Center Library, no later than April 9, 1982. Questions? Call 684-3325.

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CROSSWORD

by Walter Pharr

The starred box contains the letter which begins and ends the five mystery words. Completed puzzles or attempts should be returned to the Mail Room ballot box. There was no winner in the "Get Looped" puzzle since there were no entries.

Across

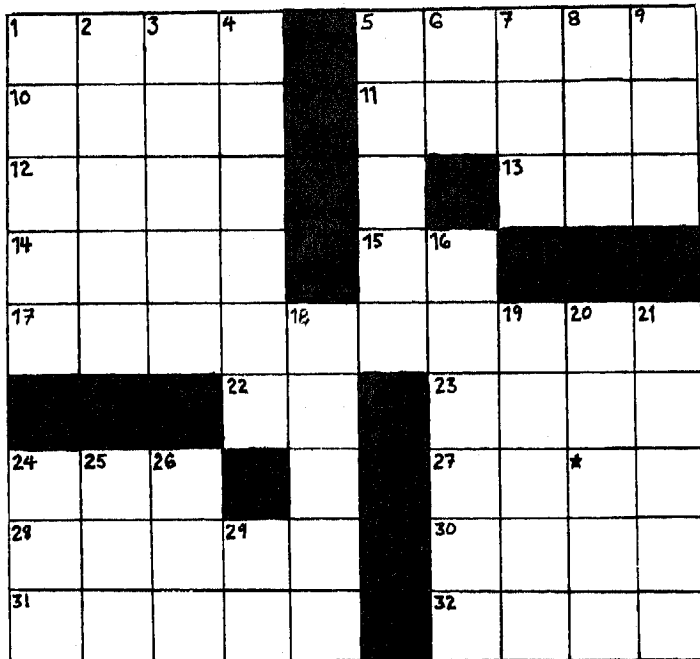
1. Poisonous reptiles
5. Cut yesterday
10. Spanish painter
11. Greek letter
12. Melody
13. Freudian construct
14. Honey (Fr.)
15. Cape Province (abbr.)
17. Anabolize; to render alike
22. Country (abbr.)
23. Bedouin
24. Cavity, pouch
27. Angolian leader

28. In a murderous frenzy
29. Receive wages
31. King of Greek legend
32. Flat, shallow utensil

Down

1. Battlestar Galactica character
2. Lengths of cloth
3. Layers, folds
4. Type of acid
5. Without care: Sans _____
6. Radio band

7. Tiny
8. Ostrich has large one
9. Oriental belief
16. Revolving body
18. Imitates
19. At or to the rear
20. Highest mt. range in Czechoslovakia
21. Black
24. Methylating agent
25. Bon _____
26. Calms cows
29. Confederate Army (abbr.)



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MYSTERY WORDS

Country annexed by China

Creature in Babylonian
mythology

Treaty between Napoleon and
Russian czar signed on
raft in middle of river

Pacific Northwest Indian
tribe

Wonder drug

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