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## Amnesty International/DUMC

Amnesty International/DUMC seeks to focus attention on human rights violations around the world which are of particular concern to health professionals. They are concerned about the health and welfare of people whose lives are jeopardized by detention, imprisonment, or torture. These may be political prisoners with an ongoing medical problem which is not being treated or which is being exacerbated by the conditions of detention. More often, the threat to health is more direct--torture and abuse. Some individuals are themselves health professionals who have disappeared or have been arrested for their political opinion or simply for working among the poor.

Their primary activity is writing letters on behalf of these prisoners. This is done by using case histories supplied by the researchers of Amnesty International.

Case histories include both background information and the addresses to write to on the person's behalf.

Their second major activity is educational. They seek to inform themselves, the Duke medical community, and the medical community at large about these issues. To this end they have organized symposia, slide shows, and evening discussion groups, which they hope to make regular features. They are also assembling a bibliography of relevant literature.

For more information contact: David Schmidt, Box 3892, DUMC.

## AMA-Medical Student Section Convention

The AMA-MSS held its interim meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii from November 30-December 2. Hugh Windom, MS IV, served as a student delegate representing Duke's 100 member Student Chapter of the AMA/North Carolina Medical Society. Business passed through the student assembly included encouragement to the AMA to solicit medical school subsidization of Hepatitis B vaccine administration to students, approval of the concept of share residencies and a push for their establishment nationwide, and recommended adding a journal of OB-GYN to the present monthly specialty journals available to all members. Funding for Duke's delegate came from the NCMS and the Durham-Orange County Medical Society. Future budget increases within these societies will enable Duke to send both a delegate and alternate delegate to the biannual national meetings.

## Part-Time Employment Opportunities:

The Clinical Laboratory Collection Service (CLCS) needs early morning and weekend phlebotomists. Third year students are encouraged to call 684-3795, Ms. Margaret Pollard, CLCS Supervisor, to inquire about these positions. CLCS is particularly interested in those students remaining on campus throughout the summer months. All phlebotomists must meet the requirements of DUMC Phlebotomy Certification to be eligible. Ms. Pollard will inform applicants of the procedure to arrange an evaluation toward certification. They look forward to hearing from you.

Diagnostic Radiology Residency

University Hospitals  
Ann Arbor, Michigan  
of the University  
of Michigan Medical School:

Announces that they are currently receiving applications for house officer training in Diagnostic Radiology beginning July, 1986. Candidates will be selected on the basis of their credentials and a personal interview. Interview will be conducted in the fall of 1985, on September 20, October 18, November 1, and December 6. Therefore, if junior medical students graduating in 1986 are interested in applying they encourage early submission.

AMWA Residency Fair

Attention MS III's and MS IV's

AMWA will be sponsoring a RESIDENCY FAIR on February 28, 1985 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. in rooms 1103 and 1109 Duke North (near the Rainbow Room). Come find out about, or impart your knowledge and experience of, the residency application process, interviewing, and specific programs in your area of interest.

The Jackson Laboratory  
Bar Harbor, Maine  
Summer Student Program  
Biomedical Research

Each student conducts an original research project within the on-going program of a member of our Research Staff. The focus of this program is on mammalian genetics and development using multidisciplinary experimental approaches and genetically defined laboratory animals, primarily mice.

Participants are charged \$1,500 for room, board, and services for the 9-week program. Scholarships, based on demonstrated financial need, are available. The maximum scholarship award will be \$1,500.

Students reside at Highseas, a summer estate located 1 mile from the Laboratory at the seashore.

The program is open to high school juniors, to undergraduate and graduate students in the biomedical sciences, and to medical, dental, and veterinary students.

Application due date. Monday, 1 April 1985.

Program dates. 16 June to 13 August 1985.

Education and Research Foundation  
The Society of Nuclear Medicine

Student Fellowship Awards In Nuclear Medicine

The purpose of the Student Fellowship Program is to provide financial support for students to spend time in research and/or clinical activities in the Department of Nuclear Medicine. It is hoped that this experience will serve as an incentive to consider a career in nuclear medicine.

Nuclear Medicine, cont.

Students will work in a nuclear medicine department/division with a nuclear medicine faculty advisor for three months of full-time effort in research and/or clinical activities. A maximum stipend of \$2,000 will be provided. The number of awards made each year will be dependent upon the number of worthy applicants as well as the monies available.

See Opportunities Book for more information. These awards will be given to students enrolled in either medical school or graduate school. Application forms at any time. Deadline for submission of applications is May 1. Awards will be announced on July 1, with an appropriate starting date any time after notification.

On Conduct in the Sick Room

The physician should enter the sick room with the feeling that he has a serious duty to perform. He must remember that his countenance, and words, and actions are watched by the patient and by his friends in all cases of severe sickness; and, indeed, where, though disease is slight, the apprehension of evil is great.

First of all, his deportment should be calm; he should be sober without solemnity, and civil without formality. He should abstain from all levity. He should, indeed, be cheerful, and, under proper circumstances, he may indulge in vivacity and humore, if he has any. But all this should be done with reference to the actual feeling of the patient and of his friends. He should avoid mannerism; and rather cultivate the feelings which will lead him aright, than be thinking in detail of the particular steps which he should take. The physician should never exact attention to himself. The patient is the central object in the sick room, or should be so. The physician should recognize this, and, if possible, put his patient at ease, so as to facilitate his intercourse with him.

From "Letters to a Young Physician Just  
Entering Upon Practice"  
James Jackson, M.D., LL.D.  
Boston, 1855

Surgery Quiz

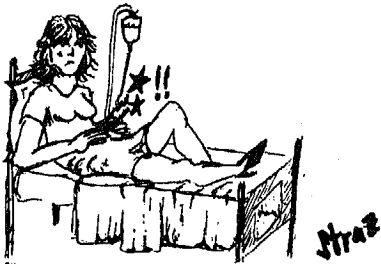
This week's quiz features a well known ailment or condition from the world of the Surgeon. Entries must be received by 12.00 pm on Monday to be eligible to win the prize, an ice cream cone from Rossini's. Drop them in the Election box in the Post Office.

What the beautiful Duke Undergraduate suffered from.

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The Solution to last weeks puzzle was: SALMONELLAE, rods, septicemia, anaerobe, enterocolitis, enteric fever, lymphoid, and liver. The winner remains to be determined.



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MS-I Voice

Dr. Christakos will be meeting with MS-Is to discuss alternative lifestyles (I.e. FLEX vs. NMBE) on February 21st from 1:00 to 3:00 in the Amphitheatre.

AMSA NEWS

Booksale Report

Our January sale sold \$600 of medical textbooks. An early collection for the September sale will take place Tuesday Feb 26 from 12-1 pm in room M450(Ct1) This sale will benefit first and second year students next fall.

AMSA Sponsored Happy Hour

Come watch Duke beat Notre Dame. Open to students and staff Saturday Feb 16 1-4pm at Satisfaction. \$2 Cover charge to complement \$1 mixed drinks and 50¢ beer (75¢ Molson)

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