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Special - For Y'all

DAVISON SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications for Davison Scholarships are due by the week of January 16, 1978, to Shirley Osterhout.

SEX ED

The Davison Society Sex Ed Committee will again be teaching a course in sex education at local junior high schools this spring in the months of April and May. Everyone interested in teaching 7th graders everything that you wished you knew, meet in the med center amphitheater at 6:30 pm January 17th (Tuesday) or contact Charlie Lutin at 2791 DUMC.

BORROWER CONFERENCE NOTICE

All students who have ever received loans from College Foundation, Inc. must attend a borrower conference at Perkins Library, January 18, at 4:00 pm, Room 226.

PRETEST

Pretest Service, Inc. offers practice examinations specifically for the National Board Examination Part I and II, ECFMG, FLEX, and the American Board of Internal Medicine Certifying Examination. Pretest services offers the examination, along with correct answers, current references, bibliography, and computer scoring. They also offer review books in a variety of basic and clinical science areas. If a group testing program is arranged, the service is available at a discount. Further information is available on the bulletin board.

Externships, etc.

Information on the following externship programs is available in the Med School Library Reserve Room in a book, Electives Away from Duke.

The Long Island Jewish-Hillside Medical Center in Hyde Park, New York announces a formal summer research training program in biomedical sciences for undergraduate college, medical and dental students. The program runs from June 19, 1978 to August 18, 1978. The program is designed to provide the student with an understanding of selected current concepts in biomedical sciences and an opportunity to participate in a current research project at the Medical Center. Positions are awarded based on a combination of scholarly achievement, letters of recommendation, previous research experience, and a statement of interest in the program. A limited number of stipends are available. Applications must be submitted before February 17, 1978.

The Montgomery Area Community Health Sciences Institute offers a series of 5 clinical electives in internal medicine, cardiovascular disease, hematology, dermatology, and pathology. Students are based at one of the community hospitals and are assigned to one or more physicians of the teaching faculty during the period of the elective. Some stipends are available. Students receive \$50 per month for transportation costs.

This article is the third in a series on externship/summer opportunities.

CORPUSCLE CAPSULE AND ALL THAT JAZZ

Perched on the muddy bank of the mighty Mississippi in New Orleans, eleven story Ochsner Foundation Hospital and Clinic was the site of my five-week internship with stipend in hematology-oncology last summer. The Foundation sponsors externships up to 12 weeks in length beginning any time after May 1 in most medical and surgical subspecialties. Rumors particularly praised the divisions of hematology, infectious disease, pulmonary and dermatology. I personally feel one can't go wrong in this private tertiary referral center in the league with Mayo Clinic, Cleveland Clinic and Boston's Lahey Clinic. Tulane and Louisiana State University medical students are the main benefactors from this \$325.00 per month opportunity. One's responsibilities are delineated by one's service and one's fellow, but I'll describe my experience.

Because Dr. George Porter completed his internal medicine training at Duke, hematology rounds had a familiar flavor. Every day from 7:45 to 10 am, he would question each member of the team at the appropriate level - fellow, resident, intern, and student. The service was divided

between 2 teams with Dr. Porter and the student alternating together. I was free to work-up any admission as the official chart copy. My orders and notes had to be co-signed. I was expected to perform iliac crest bone marrows and to research and present assigned topics that had come up on rounds the previous day. Afternoons were spent reading in the small library, seeing inpatient consults, or in the adjoining clinic seeing patients, giving chemotherapy, or reading slides. Evenings were optional for admission work-ups, and weekends started at Saturday noon.

The patient population was all private and contained wealthy, Spanish-speaking South and Central American clients, Creoles from the area, and a few pediatric leukemics. There was a strong bond between the cancer chemotherapy patients, families, and the doctors. The diseases were straight from Wintrobe and from Harrison's: multiple myeloma, ALL, CGL, lymphoma, factor XIII deficiency, sickle cell crisis, DIC, Henoch-Schoenlein purpura. The treatments often experimental: cis-platinum for malignant melanoma and marijuana for nausea after Ara-C. The housestaff was good quality, less competitive, and more supportive than that at Duke. They are encouraged to attend daily noon conferences, which are practical and aimed at the interns. Other fringe benefits include use of outdoor swimming pool and sauna/exercise room and the attractive physical surroundings. There was great comradeship with lunch trips downtown for beer and oyster loaf sandwiches once a week and two after-hours hematology parties.

New Orleans offers much for the adventuresome. I spend much time in the French Quarter via trolley line - Preservation Hall has jazz the way it was meant to be played for \$1.00; Al Hirt's nightclub act is Las Vegas-style; the restaurants and bars are legendary; strip joints and roaming sailors have tarnished the charm of Bourbon Street. A fresh seafood dinner on Lake Pontchartrain was how I celebrated my passing the 1/4 century mark. A side trip to Carvilli's leprasorium impressed that disease in my mind forever. Plantation mansions and Cajun country's bajous are each a must-see. Clean sandy beaches washed by warm blue Gulf waters are worth the 1 1/2 hour drive east and the ferry ride to Gulf Islands National Park.

Tulane offers short-term leases for efficiency apartments in Hawthorne Hall on Canal Street in downtown New Orleans 1-2 miles away. One would be driving opposite rush hour traffic. I was fortunate to live with two MPH graduates 1/2 mile away. I imagine wither med school's office of student affairs could find you a summer sublease. New Orleans is not a cheap city, so the \$325 per month stipend will just cover living expenses with a budget.

The application deadline is March 1, with announcements by April 1. I highly recommend it for low-pressure, high-quality education.

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residencies

Information on the following residency programs is available for review in the Davison Society office.

Family Practice:

Monsour Medical Center - Penn. State University, Jeannette, Pa.

Internal Medicine:

The Faulkner Hospital - Tufts University - Boston, Mass.

Pediatrics:

Marshall University - Huntington, West Virginia

Radiation Oncology

Eastern Virginia Medical School - Norfolk, Virginia

General:

The Jewish Hospital and Medical Center of Brooklyn, Brooklyn, NY

PATHOLOGY PUZZLE

Entries for this week's puzzle can be submitted to the ballot box in the Post Office by Monday, Jan.16 at noon, to be eligible for the prize.

