Welcome to the Office of Medical Education Newsletter

* A new initiative to keep you informed *

Welcome to the first OME Newsletter! We plan to publish this newsletter for you, our students, quarterly to keep you informed about news and information pertinent to your education here at UB. We invite your comments and suggestions about how we can better tailor this publication to serve your needs. Please stop by the OME and let us know your thoughts! The newsletter is also available on-line at www.smbs.buffalo.edu/ome/newsletter.htm.

**THE USMLE**

As you may know, the USMLE recently transitioned from a paper and pencil format to computer-based testing (CBT) for each step of the exam. You can learn more about CBT and obtain sample test continued on page 2

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**FAMILY DAY**

**is**

**Saturday, October 9**

Your families have been invited by OME to visit the school and participate in activities to learn more about your education. We understand the importance of support and encouragement during the demanding years of medical school; Family Day is an opportunity for us to acquaint your family with the experiences you will encounter on your journey to becoming a physician.

Students are invited to join their families for a reception on Saturday, October 9 at 3:00pm in the BEB Atrium. For more information and a schedule of events for the entire weekend, please visit the web site at: www.smbs.buffalo.edu/ome/family_weekend.htm.

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The Health Sciences Library created a web page linking you to Online Searching Tutorials. You can learn to search MEDLINE and other biomedical databases by visiting the site http://ublib.buffalo.edu/libraries/units/hsl/ref/tutorials.html.

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**Important OME Info**

The Office is CLOSED for staff meetings from 8:30-9:30am on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.
Minority Student Update

The Office of Minority Affairs received the following information regarding scholarships/fellowships for minority students:

2000-01 Fellowship Program in Academic Medicine for Minority Students
- Applications are due November 19, 1999.
- Fellowship award is $6,000 with $2,000 earmarked for the mentor. The remainder is the Fellow's stipend and expense allowance.

1999-00 Gerber Fellowship in Pediatric Nutrition
- Three applications per medical school or residency will be accepted.
- The program provides supplemental support for ongoing research in the areas of pediatric nutrition.
- One $3,000 fellowship will be offered in 1999.
- Application deadline is October 8, 1999.

AAUW Educational Foundation
- Female minority medical students are eligible for funding in their third year of study.
- Fellowship awards range from $5,000 to $12,000.
- Postmark deadline is Jan. 10, 2000.

Hugh J. Andersen Memorial Scholarships
- Candidates are underrepresented minority students enrolled beyond the first-year in medical school.
- Two awards are presented annually (includes certificate of merit and $2,500 stipend)
- Application deadline is October 29, 1999.

Class of 2000:
As a reminder, you can track the progress of your ERAS application by accessing the following site: www.aamc.org/eras/adts. From this website, you are able to see each program you selected, the dates the documents were uploaded by our office and the date each program downloaded the documents.

Class of 2001:
Third year medical students should check the Year III Holiday Schedule on page 5 for vacation dates specific to each rotation. Please pay attention to the dates pertaining to your particular clerkship since each follows a different holiday calendar.

Classes of 2002 & 2003:
A note from Dr. Severin...

I'm sure you have seen the notices reminding everyone of our upcoming Family Day on Saturday, October 9, 1999. The day will begin for your parents at 9:30 A.M. with a continental breakfast in the Atrium of the Biomedical Education Building. The activities planned during the morning will give them an opportunity to meet with faculty from the basic science departments. In addition, parents of first year students will be able to visit various departments. Following lunch, your parents will meet some of the support staff of our school and at 3:00 P.M. you are invited to join your parents at a reception in the BEB Atrium. I hope that both you and your parents will be able to attend. I'm looking forward to meeting them.

Tutors Available

Tutorial assistance is available for Biochemistry. Please call Dr. Carolyn Hamilton at 829-2802 for additional information.

1st Annual Minority Student Campus Tour
October 28
Pre-med minority students from local colleges will visit the medical school for a tour of the campus and presentations by admissions personnel.

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materials by visiting their web site at www.usmle.org. The site also provides information about exam cost, schedules, and frequently asked questions.

A bulletin board outside OME is dedicated exclusively to the USMLE. Please stop by our Office for application materials. If you have additional questions about the exam please visit Dr. Schimpfhauser in BEB 35.
**ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR YEARS I & II**

**FALL 1999**
- Thanksgiving Holiday: Nov. 24 - 26
- Finals: Dec. 13 - 17

**SPRING 2000**
- First Day of Class: Jan. 3
- MLK Jr.'s Birthday: Jan. 17
- Spring Break: Mar. 6 - 10
- Finals - First Year: May 15 - 19
- Finals - Second Year: May 8 - 12
- Commencement: Friday, May 19

**EXAM SCHEDULE**

**FALL 1999**

**First Year**
- ANA 500 Gross Anatomy
  - Sep 24, Nov 11, Dec 15
- ANA 504 Histology
  - Oct 16, Dec 13
- ANA 507 Embryology
  - Aug 27
- BCH 500 Medical Biochemistry
  - Sep 16, Oct 26, Dec 14
- PGY 500 Physiology
  - Dec 16

**Second Year**
- PTH 600 Pathology
  - Sep 27, Oct 25, Dec 13
- MIC 600 Medical Microbiology & Immunology
  - Sep 3, Sep 22, Oct 19, Nov 16, Dec 16
- IDM 610 Clinical Practice of Medicine
  - Dec 15
- MED 605 Medical Genetics
  - Sep 28, Nov 9, Dec TBA
- SPM 601 Medical Care Org. & Economics
  - Nov 4, Dec TBA

**Town Meeting**

The OME, in conjunction with Polity, will hold a town meeting later this semester (date TBA) to talk about the renovations that will occur on campus during the next several months.

A note on the construction of a new study area for medical students will also be discussed.

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**Research/Fellowship Awards and Opportunities**

The OME has more information available on all of the following:

**American Osler Society –William B. Bean Student Research Award**
The AOS has an award to support research in the broad areas of medical history and medical humanism. The stipend amount is $1000 and applications are due by March 15, 2000. The opportunity to present a paper at the Society’s annual meeting may also be available.

**Research Fellowship Awards from The Stanley J. Sarnoff Endowment for Cardiovascular Science Inc.**
Up to fifteen research awards in 2000-’01 are available. The program is designed to give students the opportunity to spend a year conducting intensive work in a laboratory other than the medical school of enrollment. Prior research is not a prerequisite. The annual stipend is $19,000 plus other benefits and the application deadline is January 21, 2000.

**National Osteoporosis Foundation/Mazess Student Fellowship**
The Mazess Fellowship is designed to develop the interest of students in basic or clinical research in osteoporosis under the supervision of an investigator. The fellowship comes with a maximum stipend of $4,000 for an 8-week to 4-month period. Applications are due by December 31, 1999.

**Grace LeGendre Fellowships**
**Business & Professional Women’s Clubs of NYS**
Fellowships for advanced graduate study are available to women who are permanent NYS residents and within two years of graduation. Financial need is a consideration for these $1000 awards. Applications are available through January 10 and are due by February 28, 2000.

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Medical Students

Research Training Fellowships
The Howard Hughes Medical Institute awards up to 60 fellowships each year. For more information, check the web at [www.hhmi.org](http://www.hhmi.org) fellowships. On-Campus contacts are Drs. Bruce Holm and Mulchand Patel at 829-3398.

Omega Awards and Fellowships
The Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society is offering a STUDENT ESSAY AWARD to encourage students to address general topics in medicine. Applicants do not have to be members of Omega; postmark deadline is January 31.

The Society also awards up to 40 RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS to students in years one, two and three. Fourth year students are not eligible nor are MD/Ph.D. students.

Please come to the OME for more information.

Writing Contests
Please see the OME Bulletin Board for information on essay contests on topics including:
- Ethics and the Physician-Patient Relationship
- Medical Historical Topics
- Legal Medicine
- Medical/Non-Medical Poetry

MedCAREERS
MedCAREERS is a new four-phase course designed by the AAMC and AMA to assist students in making thoughtful and well-considered decisions about their careers. We will be conducting seminars on campus throughout the year. Please be on the lookout for more details.

Please visit the OME Career pages that contain other information to help you plan your future as a physician. [www.smbs.buffalo.edu/ome/sitemap.htm](http://www.smbs.buffalo.edu/ome/sitemap.htm)

Buffalo Medical Tutorial Group

The UB Medical Tutorial Program is a new student-led program providing tutorial support in the subject areas of anatomy, biochemistry, physiology, and histology.

Their office is located in 133 Sherman Hall and they have "open office hours" Monday - Thursday from 7 PM to 10 PM. The office is fully equipped with textbooks, review books, computers, and old exams. A schedule of office hours is posted outside the office and on the OME bulletin board.

During the day, 1st year students should, of course, consult professors if they need some help or advice about class. However, at night, the office will be open so that students can get as much help as needed in the subject areas listed above.

The tutors have done well in their respective subjects and can offer a great deal of advice and knowledge about the subject matter. They have dedicated themselves to helping other students achieve excellence in the 1st year curriculum. Having recently completed 1st year, the tutors believe that they are in a good position to share their experiences and expertise.

Please visit the Buffalo Medical Tutorial Group’s Office to learn more and take advantage of this new program.
Please excuse our mess! 😊 
Student Lounge renovations are continuing. Thanks to gracious donations from the Dean’s Office and Parent’s Council, we are completely updating the paint, furniture, TV and carpeting of the lounge. A telephone has also been installed for your convenience. The expected completion date is early November.

* Student ID tags have been issued to all 1st and 2nd year students so we are no longer the nameless white-coated students.

* Check out the UB Med Homepage for Student Organization Web sites. All pages will be completed by mid November.

* Professional Mixer with the seven graduate schools (including law, management, dental, nursing, pharmacy, etc.) is Friday, October 29th. Please look for more details on email.

Do you want to win an easy $40?

Do you want money for your old Cosmos, Sports Illustrated, steamy Danielle Steels, JAMAs, or textbooks that you could not sell at the Used Book Sale?? --- Bring in ANY magazines or books to the Polity Reps in the Student Lounge, Monday, Oct. 11 – Friday, Oct. 15 from 12-1pm. 

The student who brings in the most books/magazines wins $40!

It’s that easy!!

A Student Advocate in the OME

The OME developed a new position to enhance the services our Office provides to you. Please welcome Debbie Stamm, Director of Student Services, who is available to assist you with a variety of student issues.

Debbie received her Master’s degree in College Counseling and Student Personnel Administration from UB in 1995. In her role she will serve as an administrative contact for all student clubs and organizations. She will begin implementing the new MedCAREERS Program and coordinate the existing Primary Care Summer Externship Program.

She is available to you on a walk-in basis to discuss student life issues and other non-academic concerns. We hope you will stop in and say hello as she begins working with us. ✨

Honors Brunch

Letters have been sent to those students who will be recognized at the Honors Brunch to be held on Sunday, October 10, 1999 at 10:00 A.M. in the Harriman Hall Cafeteria. Please call the OME at 829-2802 once you receive your letter to let us know if you plan to attend and the number of family members who will be in attendance.

On behalf of everyone in the OME, Congratulations to those of you who will be recognized for your academic achievements thus far!

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