Healthy People 2010

U.S. Surgeon General David Satcher, M.D., Ph.D. will release the goals of Healthy People 2010 at a conference on January 25 in Washington, D.C.

Since it began in 1979, Healthy People has established the nation's preventive health agenda by providing a road map to better health. The 2010 framework was developed by the Healthy People Consortium, an alliance of more than 350 national organizations and 270 state public health, mental health, substance abuse and environmental agencies.

The Healthy People 2010 framework has 22 focus areas with continued on page 4

Blood Drive
February 8

The American Red Cross will be conducting a blood drive on campus Tuesday, February 8 from 11:00-4:00pm in 131 Cary Hall. Please sign up in advance by visiting Jim Rosso in the Office of Admissions, BEB 45.

The Medical School Parents' Council

The Medical School Parents' Council is a group of parent volunteers whose main goal is to "assist toward contributing to the quality of a developing professional life for our medical students." They work closely with the Offices of Medical Education and Development in an effort to supplement the academic resources available to students with a personal touch and material support.

Some programs the Parent's Council has supplemented in the past include:

♦ The Graduation Dinner Dance
♦ Student travel to scientific meetings
♦ White Coat Ceremony
♦ Student e-mail network and computers
♦ Scholarship support
♦ Student Lounge furnishings

The Council meets monthly and students are welcome to attend. For more information see Dr. Dennis Nadler in the OME or contact Mrs. Gaye Cawdery at 992-2708 or Mrs. Barbara Kenyon after 5:00pm at 662-1530.

Important OME Info

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

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

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**Roswell Park Cancer Institute Summer Oncology Research Program Foundation**

- Applications due February 15, 2000
- Program provides competitive stipend support ($250 per week) for students in health professions to engage in clinical and/or basic science research for an eight week period.
- Program runs from June 12 - August 4, 2000

**John A. Hartford Foundation/ AFAR Medical Student Geriatric Scholars Program**

- Applications due February 7, 2000
- Program provides an eight to twelve week opportunity in clinical geriatrics and aging research.
- Scholars will receive $3,000 to be used during 2000
- Scholars will be chosen based on their academic excellence, demonstrated interest in geriatrics and potential for achievement.

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**Research at UB**

If you would like to learn about research activities at UB or find a potential research mentor, please check out the faculty research profiles at [http://wings.buffalo.edu/smbis/frp/](http://wings.buffalo.edu/smbis/frp/).

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**Class of 2000:**

Graduating seniors please watch your mailboxes for information and instructions about completing the AAMC Graduation Questionnaire and entering your rank order list to the National Resident Matching Program via the web.

This year’s dinner-dance will be held at Adam’s Mark downtown on Thursday, May 18. Invitations will soon be sent by the Parent's Council.

Remember that January 10 is the deadline to apply for diploma honors in research. The application is available on the web at: [http://wings.buffalo.edu/smbis/ome/applicat.htm](http://wings.buffalo.edu/smbis/ome/applicat.htm).

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**Class of 2001:**

On Wednesday evening, February 2 from 6:00-9:00pm in Butler Auditorium, Drs. Nadler and Nielsen will meet with your entire class to talk about Planning for Senior Year and explain details of the Match.

Please see page four to learn about the important new policy regarding Third Year Remediation.

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**Class of 2002:**

Mark your calendars for a special Career Planning Session being held for your class on Thursday, January 20 from 12:00-1:00pm in Butler. Look for more details as the date approaches.

Just a quick reminder: all second year students must sit for Step 1 of the USMLE by Saturday, July 8. Please see Drs. Nadler or Schimpfhauser with any questions.

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**Class of 2003:**

This summer is a wonderful time for you to explore your interests and take advantage of opportunities that you may not have time for later. Think about doing research or shadowing a clinician in a specialty you're considering. Take a look at the Summer Opportunities listing on page three to see what's available.
ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR YEARS I & II

Spring 2000

MLK Jr.'s Birthday (no classes) Jan. 17
Spring Break Mar. 6 - 10
Finals - Second Year May 8 - 12
Finals - First Year May 15 - 19
Commencement May 19

Visit OME's new summer opportunities web site: http://wings.buffalo.edu/smbs/ome/student/summer.htm. The site provides students with a concise, efficient means to obtain information about potential summer experiences. The majority of positions are paid and some only take 6-8 weeks to complete. A binder of these activities is also available by visiting Debbie Stamm in the OME.

Here's a sample of what's available:

**Family Medicine Research Assistantships**,
UB Department of Family Medicine
*Interest Area: Research in Family Medicine*

**Jeanne Spurlock Minority Medical Student Clinical Fellowship in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry**,
American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
*Interest Area: Clinical Fellowship in Child & Adolescent Psychiatry*

**Summer Programs Employment**, 
Johns Hopkins Institute for the Academic Advancement of Youth
*Interest Area: Health Assistant*

**Henry R. Viets Medical/Graduate Student Research Fellowship**, 
Myasthenia Gravis Foundation
*Interest Area: Basic or clinical research in Myasthenia Gravis or related neuromuscular conditions*

**Christine Mirzayan Internship Program**, 
National Academies
*Interest Area: Internship in Science and Technology Policy*

**Northwestern University Externship**, 
Northwestern University's Department of Rehabilitation
*Interest Area: Externship in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*

**Merck/AFAR Research Scholarships in Geriatric Pharmacology for Medical and Pharmacy students**, 
American Federation for Aging Research
*Interest Area: Research in Geriatric Pharmacy*

**National AIDS Fund Fellowship Program**, 
American Medical Student Association/Foundation
*Interest Area: Fellowship in AIDS education*

New Policy: Third Year Remediation

Effective immediately, a new way of remediation of a third year clerkship failure will be offered as an option to any student who passes clinically but fails the examination.

A four week remedial experience will be available in the B Module, and it will be the student's choice whether to utilize that or retake the entire seven or eight week clerkship.

Failure of a remedial experience will constitute a second clerkship failure, and will render the student subject to dismissal from the school. Repeating the entire

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AMA Scholarships
The American Medical Association Foundation is requesting nominations for the following scholarships for 2000:

Jerry L. Pettis Memorial
$2,500 for a junior or senior medical student with demonstrated interest and involvement in the communication of science with financial need not being a consideration.
Submission deadline: January 31, 2000

Johnson F. Hammond, MD, Memorial
$3,000 for a medical student of high moral character and outstanding academic achievement with a demonstrated interest and involvement in medical journalism with financial need not being a consideration.
Submission deadline: January 31, 2000

Rock Sleyster, MD, Memorial
$2,500 for 20 U.S. citizens enrolled in medical school who aspire to specialize in psychiatry with demonstrated interest in psychiatry, scholarship and financial need.
Submission deadline: May 1, 2000

Please come to the OME for more information.

Dr. David Satcher, U.S. Surgeon General will be the Commencement Speaker at the School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences graduation exercises on the afternoon of Friday, May 19, 2000.

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seven new areas that include: arthritis, osteoporosis and chronic back conditions, chronic kidney disease, disability and secondary conditions, health communication, medical product safety, respiratory diseases, and vision and hearing.

In addition to these new focus areas, the 2010 framework aims to increase not only longevity but to improve quality of life. Eliminating racial and ethnic disparities in health is another objective set forth by Healthy People 2010.

To learn more about the initiative, call 1-800-367-4725 or visit their web site at http://www.health.gov/healthypeople/ .

The Newman Center

The Newman Center is the Catholic Campus Ministry at UB and is located adjacent to the South Campus at St. Joseph’s University Church at 3269 Main Street. Father Jack Ledwon is the pastor and Rebecca Calvo is the campus minister.

The Mass schedule at St. Joe’s is Saturdays at 4:30pm, and Sundays at 8:30, 10:00, and 11:30am. Starting January 23, an 8:00pm Sunday mass will be added to the schedule for the semester. During lent, mass will be held on campus each Wednesday starting Ash Wednesday, March 8.

The Newman Center hosts a number of groups, both social and spiritual, for medical students to be involved in.

- A Bible study / faith sharing group meets on Tuesdays at lunchtime in Harriman Hall.
- Small Faith Communities meet at various times during the week.
- The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program is for anyone who is interested in renewing or rediscovering the Catholic faith.
- The Samaritan Society volunteers at the St. Vincent de Paul soup kitchen on the first Saturday morning of each month.
- The annual Steeple Chase 5K Run will take place on May 6, 2000 for all running enthusiasts and volunteers.

Please contact Rebecca Calvo at St. Joe’s at 833-6649 or via email at rcalvo@acsu.buffalo.edu with any questions or ideas!
**Elections for the Polity Executive Board will be held January 26-28.**
Serving on the Executive Board is an important and fulfilling way to make a difference!

* Check out the New Student Web Page at [www.smbs.buffalo.edu/students.html](http://www.smbs.buffalo.edu/students.html) that announces all the exciting upcoming events that the 28 Polity Organizations are providing. It also provides links to sites that are important to you!

* The Polity Winter Semiformal was held at the Saratoga with over 250 in attendance, a great end to finals!

* The Community Physician Lecture Series co-sponsored with the Alumni Association brings local physicians in to talk about their specialties. Look for more this spring.

* Monthly Extended Financial Aid hours have been a great success. As the IMPORTANT FAFSA deadline of March 1st approaches, make sure to call for an appointment!

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**Do you want to join a Polity Student Club but don't know how?**

**Attend the Club Fair on Monday Jan. 10th at NOON in the Lippshutz Rm. to get more involved in your medical school experience.**

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**Share your thoughts on Curricular Reform!**
A private Chat Room is in place for UB medical students to share their thoughts with each other about the curricular changes that are in the works at UB. Visit the site at: http://wings.buffalo.edu/cgi-bin/pw/cgiwrap/ub-wings/bb/board.cgi?action=list&board=smbscff

* Only UB Medical Students have access and must provide a username and password.

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**Tutors Needed!**
Qualified student tutors are needed ASAP for paid positions in the following subject areas:
- Biochemistry
- Cell Biology
- Developmental Biology
- Human Physiology

For more information and an application, see Adrian Jones of the Post-Baccalaureate Program in BEB 35 or by phone at 829-2812.

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**Financial Aid & Scholarship Resources $$$**
The Office of Financial Aid, in conjunction with the OME, recently began a pilot program providing extended financial aid evening hours to medical students.

Evening hours in January will be held on the following Tuesdays: **January 18 and 25 from 5:30-7:30pm**. Please arrange an appointment in advance by calling 829-3724.

Various financial planning and scholarship resources are available to you on the Internet. Below you will find a listing of popular financial aid sites.

- [www.aamc.org/stuapps/finaid/start.htm](http://www.aamc.org/stuapps/finaid/start.htm)
- [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)
- [www.positiveprofiles.com/resources/grants.html](http://www.positiveprofiles.com/resources/grants.html)
- [www.studentservices.com/fastweb](http://www.studentservices.com/fastweb)
- [www.cashe.com](http://www.cashe.com)
- [www.freschinfo.com](http://www.freschinfo.com)
Campus Safety

Have you seen Student Public Safety Aides in the Lobby of BEB and wondered about their role?

**Student Aides** are trained by the University Police Department and are on duty in the BEB atrium seven days a week from 6:30-11:00pm. They are uniformed in Blue Student Aide shirts and an ID badge. They conduct rounds of the building, coordinate visitor sign-in and are also available to escort you to your parking lot.

In addition, the **Anti-Rape Task Force (ARTF)** provides a Van Service on the South campus that operates from 8:00-12:00am (sometimes later) seven nights a week. Volunteer van drivers and navigators will pick people up from the following areas:
- Diefendorf Bus Loop
- Front entrance of Goodyear Hall
- Main Street Metro Bus Stop

They will drive people home within a 1.5 mile radius of the campus and wait for you to get inside safely before leaving. The van does not go to North campus but you can ask to be dropped off at the Diefendorf bus loop to catch a bus to North campus. If you would like to call ARTF for a ride, the number is 829-3322.

The **University Police** Department operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. At all times, the South Campus has a minimum of two cars on-duty and the force aims to respond to calls within two minutes.

**In the event of an emergency, call the University Police at 2222** or pick up any **Blue Light Phone** on campus to be immediately connected with the University Police Dispatcher.

Blue light emergency phones are strategically located on campus. Keep your eyes open for a new phone that will be installed outside Diefendorf Hall.

*Remember to play it safe - don’t walk alone at night!*

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**DROP/ADD FORMS**

Please note that in addition to being available in the OME, drop/add forms are also available from course coordinators and secretaries in each department.

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**Summer Research Fellowship Program,**
National Institutes of Health
*Interest Area: Research in Biomedical Sciences*

**Henry Ford Summer Fellowship Program,**
Henry Ford Health System
*Interest Area: Fellowship in Health Care Leadership or Anesthesiology/Surgery*

**Student Scholars in Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke,** American Heart Association
*Interest Area: Research in cardiovascular disease, stroke & basic science.*

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**The 2000-2001 REGENTS HEALTH CARE SCHOLARSHIP FOR MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY**

- NY State-funded awards for $10,000/year (pending appropriation of state funds by NY Legislature)
- 80 scholarships will be awarded in Medicine
- Application Deadline is May 1, 2000
- Look for applications in OME after February 1
A note from…

Your Friendly Development Team:

As a student, you may not come into contact with the development staff very often. We are generally “behind the scenes” people—those folks who help to facilitate philanthropy that enriches your experience during medical school.

Individual alumni and friends of the School have established endowments that are designed to provide an income stream for important purposes for the future of the School. You may see signs of these endowments in both plaques and activities, such as the “Lunches with Dr. Wright” which are underwritten by the Virginia Barnes Endowment. If you have a scholarship, you know first-hand exactly what a difference an endowment can make! Also, most prints and artwork you see throughout the School are gifts from former students and good friends of the School. Keep your eyes open for at least a dozen new pictures that will be placed around School this semester!

You are a student here for four years and so many people assist in making those years productive and interesting. Once you leave, you will be an alumnus or alumna forever! Just as many of the opportunities you have during medical school are made possible by alumni of this School, so too will you have the chance to grow into a similar role and to provide additional experiences for the students of the future.

While you are a student here, we hope you will take a note of the School’s benefactors and stop in to meet us as you come and go in Cary Hall. We share space with the School’s Alumni Affairs Office in 101 and 102 Cary Hall, just north of the double doors that connect to the Biomedical Education Building, South. Please stop in and whoever is at home will welcome you!

Lyn Corder, Ed Hewlett, Mary Glenn, Jeff Miller and Karen Brodfuehrer (“Karen B”)

submit Your Abstract!

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DIALOGUES: What is gender as we end the 20th and enter the 21st Century? Abstracts of any research that in some way relate to this question are welcome and should be submitted by February 4.

Please contact Rebecca Morrow at the Institute for Research and Education on Women and Gender, 216 Harriman Hall, 829-345, rmmorrow@acsu.buffalo.edu with any questions.

Fellowship Awards & Writing Competitions

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

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