PERSONAL SAFETY ALERT
University Police are alerting the entire Medical Center community regarding two individual students who have been recent victims of street robberies on Parkside Avenue, between New York and Nostrand Avenues. There was also a robbery of two more students near the sanitation facility on Parkside Avenue last week. The incidents occurred during the daytime hours. In each instance, the students were accosted by two unknown males who claimed to have a weapon although no weapon was displayed. Our University Police department has been meeting on a regular basis with the NYC Police Dept. regarding these robberies and the arrest of the criminals. At this point, it appears it is the same two individuals who are the robbers. The NYC Police Dept. is also anxious to catch these robbers. If you notice any suspicious activity in this area, the Police Dept. can be notified via 911 and our University Police Dept. at 270-2626.

However, until these criminals are arrested, our University Police Dept. recommends using the shuttle bus service to go to the Foundation parking lot and the subway, particularly the Winthrop subway station. University Police has consistently preferred that we use the Church Avenue station because there are more phones and it is less isolated, particularly in the evening hours. The shuttle bus will also pick you up from Church Avenue if you telephone.

REMINDER FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER DAYS
Only President John LaRosa can declare SUNY Downstate (the entire institution) closed due to inclement weather. However, the separate colleges (for Medicine, Dean Feigelson) or individual course directors may cancel classes due to inclement weather. To learn about the status of classes, check the SUNY Downstate website, or listen to the school closing announcements on the TV and radio, or contact the general telephone operator for SUNY Downstate.

INTERNAL MEDICINE CONFERENCE
The New York Chapter of the American College of Physicians invites you to attend a medical student luncheon and conference in Manhattan for a registration fee of $5 (includes lunch and attendance at the conference). The conference is scheduled for Saturday, March 16, 2002, with the luncheon between 12 noon-2 p.m. Flyer in glass bulletin board. Registration form in the Office of Student Affairs. Copy of the conference program in the Office of Student Affairs.

AMERICAN OSLER SOCIETY WILLIAM B. BEAN
STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD
The American Osler Society announces the availability of an award for support of research in the broad areas of medical history and medical humanism. Candidates must be currently matriculated and the successful applicant may be eligible to present a paper at the annual meeting. The stipend will be $1000 and up to $700 additional may be made available to support travel to the annual meeting. Flyer in the glass bulletin board. Submission deadline is March 15, 2002.

MSJAMA POSITIONS
MSJAMA, the student section of JAMA, is seeking applicants for associate editor positions. The application deadline is March 1, 2002. More information and an electronic application are available at www.msjama.org. Submissions of narrative fiction, narrative non-fiction, narrative creative non-fiction, and poetry are accepted on a rolling basis. Contact Associate editor Amir Zarrinpar at azarrinp@ucsd.edu. Artwork submissions are also accepted on a rolling basis. Contact Associate editor Teri Reynolds at reynol@itsa.ucsf.edu. Artwork submissions are also accepted on a rolling basis. Contact Associate editor Amir Zarrinpar at azarrinp@ucsd.edu.

JOHN CONLEY MEDICAL ETHICS ESSAY CONTEST
The winning essays will share a $5000 cash prize and see their work published in MSJAMA, which appears monthly as a part of JAMA. This year's essay topic concerns medical ethics and genital mutilation. Rules are posted on: www.msjama.org. The submission deadline is February 15, 2002.

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION’S SEED GRANT RESEARCH PROGRAM
Provides grants to help conduct small research projects in the areas of: adolescent health; animal use in research education; arthritis and rheumatism; cardiovascular/pulmonary diseases; HIV/AIDS; Metabolic Diseases; Neoplastic Diseases; Psychiatric Diseases. Grants are for $1500-$2500. Application deadline is March 15, 2002. To apply, go to www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/article/3123-3302.html.

THE NEW YORK ACADEMY OF MEDICINE
The NY Academy of Medicine has published their calendar for January-March, 2002 which includes sessions on such topics as: the evolution of the stethoscope, acupuncture and electro-therapeutics, abdominal imaging, bioterrorism, molecular aspects of breast cancer, radiation therapy in the treatment of prostate cancer, palliative care and the elderly, forensic psychiatry in the workplace, the burning of Honolulu’s Chinatown, gynecological issues in older women, ultrasound and women’s health, West Nile virus, cardiothoracic imaging, cell and tissue engineering, traditional medicine in Africa, brain cancer. View the calendar on-line at www.nyam.org/events/calendar.shtml. The March 2002 issue of the Journal of Urban Health features the topic “Firearms and Violence” with a special editorial and commentary concerning the events on and following September 11.

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MEDICINE ELECTIVES
The National Library of Medicine offers a “Clinical Elective in Medical Informatics.” Flyer in the glass bulletin board. They also offer training and research programs. Flyer in glass bulletin board or see www.lhncbc.nlm.nih.gov.

SUNY DOWNSTATE RESEARCH DAY
Pick up an application from the School of Graduate Studies, BSB 3-114. The application and abstract are due back to the School of Graduate Studies on Friday, February 15. The Annual Research Day is scheduled for March 6, 2002.

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS?
If you have a question and don’t know where to go for an answer, or have a concern, please remember that you can send ccMail inquiries to Dr. Lorraine Terracina, Dr. Henry Flax or Ms. Sophie Christoforou. Dr. Flax, Dr. Terracina and Ms. Christoforou are also available for individual appointments. To schedule an individual appointment with Dr. Flax or Dr. Terracina, call 270-2187. To schedule an appointment with Ms. Christoforou, call 270-1107. If you have a question, don’t be afraid to ask!
Glass Bulletin Board Items
(First floor, next to Room 111, Basic Science Bldg.)

Note: Sometimes, various programs send their notices of programs and opportunities too late to appear in that month’s newsletter. If the deadline for the program is before the next newsletter will be published, the information will still be posted in the glass bulletin board. Therefore, periodically check the bulletin board for such late announcements.

The American Medical Association Foundation's Rock Sleyster Memorial Scholarship is for a rising fourth year student (you must be a MS 4 in 2002-2003) who has decided to specialize in psychiatry. The award is $2500. We are eligible to nominate 2 students. The nominations have to be submitted to the AMA by May 1, 2002 so our local deadline will be Wednesday, April 24, 2002. Application available from the Office of Student Affairs.

The American Dermatological Association is pleased to announce its 2002 Medical Student Fellowship program offering a $700 monthly stipend for a maximum of 3 months (starting June 1, 2002). Application deadline April 15, 2002. Flyer in glass bulletin board. Application form in the Office of Student Affairs.

The Scaife Family Foundation, in conjunction with the Institute for Research, Education, and Training in Addictions (IRETA), is offering a summer program in Chemical Dependency Treatment. Participants receive a $150 per week stipend and a $200 transportation allowance for a total of $650 for three weeks. Room and meals are also provided. IRETA is located in Pittsburgh. Session #1 is from June 10-June 28. Session #2 is July 8-July 27. Application deadline is March 1, 2002. Information brochure and application form in the Office of Student Affairs.

Bastyr University announces a four week Complementary and Alternative Medicine program for July, 2002. Apply by March 1, 2002 at www.camsummer.bastyr.edu. We have no information about this university and this notice should not be construed as an endorsement of this organization or its programs.

The Summer Oncology Research Fellowship Program, sponsored by the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles and USC is for students who have completed their first year of medical school. A weekly stipend for 6-10 weeks, reimbursement for travel and housing are included in the program. Application form available in the Office of Student Affairs. Application deadline March 1, 2002. Questions may be addressed to Program Coordinator, Michael Cederbaum, at mcederbaum@chla.usc.edu.

The Epilepsy Foundation has a summer program open to medical students who want to take on a mentored 3-month long research project. Go to www.epilepsyfoundation.org/research/student2002.doc for more information. Deadline March 1. Questions should be directed to Liz Schreiber lschreiber@efa.org.

The MD Anderson Cancer Center offers a Summer Research Program for Medical Students in Houston, Texas from June 3-August 8, 2002. The program provides firsthand biomedical research experience in basic or clinical sciences. The stipend is $2500 for a 10 week period. Housing is usually available. Application deadline is February 8, 2002. Brochure in the Office of Student Affairs.

The Mayo Clinic provides Summer Clinical Preceptorships for minority students following MS 1 for June 9-28, 2002; Summer Research Fellowships for students following MS 1 or MS 2 starting June 3 or 10, 2002; a Career Development Conference following MS 2 on June 15-20, 2002, and visiting medical student clerkships. Brochures in the Office of Student Affairs.

The New York Academy of Medicine 2002 Summer Grants offers 4 grants, each with a student stipend of $2500 for a 10 week summer research project in the field of Microbiology. Application process described in a brochure available from the Office of Student Affairs. Application deadline is March 4, 2002.

The 2002 Pisacano Scholarship forms are available online at www.pleaders.org. The application deadline is March 1, 2002. This scholarship is directed at third year students (you must start your MS 4 year in Fall, 2002 to be eligible) who have made a commitment to Family Practice. The application is at www.pleaders.org.

The Vanderbilt Medical Student Research in Diabetes and Endocrinology for Summer, 2002 allows medical students to conduct independent research during the summer between the first and second year, or between the second and third year of medical school. Each student receives a stipend and limited travel support for the 10-12 week program. Information flyer in glass bulletin board. For additional information and application, http://medschool.mc.vanderbilt.edu/vdc/html/Train_summer.htm Application deadline February 22, 2002.

Memorial Sloan-Kettering announces its 2002 Summer Student Fellowship Program to encourage interest in the field of oncology. 25, $5000 fellowships are available to medical students in their first two years of study. The program is 8 weeks. Interested students should visit the website after February 1, 2002 where they will find application materials and instructions. Information flyer in glass bulletin board. Website address is: www.mskcc.org/medical_professionals/medicalstudents.cfm. Application deadline is March 1, 2002.

The Scaife Family Foundation announces the National Rural Institute on Alcohol and Drug Abuse to be held June 2-6, 2002 at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. 15 scholarships are awarded to medical students interested in specialized training in alcohol and other drug abuse treatment at the National Institute. There is a $395 scholarship that covers tuition, on-campus room and board, plus a $200 stipend to help defray travel expenses. Flyer in the glass bulletin board. Application deadline is May 1, 2002.

The AFAR (American Federation for Aging Research) Grant Announcements flyer in glass bulletin board. Application materials can be obtained from www.afar.org or emailing afaredaging@aol.com.

John A. Hartford/AFAR Medical Student Geriatric Scholars Program awards short term scholarships through a national competition. The program provides an opportunity for medical
students to train at acclaimed centers of excellence in geriatrics. Each student receives a $4000 stipend. Application deadline February 7, 2002.

Glenn Foundation/AFAR Scholarships for Research in the Biology of Aging provides MD students with the opportunity to conduct a 3 month research project. Students will work in an area of biomedical research in aging under the auspices of a mentor. Up to 30 scholarships of $5000 will be awarded. Application deadline February 26, 2002.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee provides short-term training experiences in either clinical research or laboratory research for a minimum of two months in late spring or summer. While there is no specific deadline, successful applicants will have submitted all of their application materials well before February 1, 2002. To identify departments and/or faculty members with whom you would like to work, go to www.stjude.org/poe. There is an on-line application at that site.

The Soros Service Program for Community Health (SSPCH) Clinical Clerkship Program provides third and fourth year medical students with the opportunity to pursue an interest in community health through an intensive 4 week rotation in a community based health center. The program selects up to 3 students per month for rotations in New York or Baltimore. Application deadline is 45 days before your proposed start date. Information sheet in the Office of Student Affairs. More information from www.soros.org/medicine.

The Simon Kramer Society Externship in Radiation Oncology at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia is a 6 week experience. A stipend of $1500 plus partial travel expenses is awarded. Information announcement in the glass bulletin board. Application form in the Office of Student Affairs. Application deadline is March 8, 2002.

The Betty Ford Center Summer Institute for Medical Students is a 5 day program at the Betty Ford Center in Rancho Mirage, CA. A total of 60 scholarships will be awarded for one of the following session dates: June 10-14; June 24-28; July 8-12; July 22-26; August 5-9. Flyer in glass bulletin board. For more information, go to www.bettyfordcenter.org, and click on "Professional Education." Application deadline March 15, 2002.

The 13th International Course in Tropical Medicine's Summer Elective in Costa Rica is a 4 week program (June 30-July 27, 2002) for medical students who have completed at least one year of medical school. Instruction is in English. Enrollment is limited to 20 students so early application before May 1, 2002 is recommended. The cost is $900 plus $750 room and board. Flyer in glass bulletin board. For more information, see www.Isuhsc.edu/micr/COURSES/crcourse.htm.

The American Medical Women's Association sponsors a number of programs for women medical students. Flyers in the glass bulletin board.


Wilhelm-Frankowski Community Service Scholarship of $4,000. Application deadline April 30, 2002.

Bed and Breakfast program (see glass bulletin board)

The National Italian American Foundation announces the availability of a scholarship for Italian Americans at www.niaf.org/scholarships. It is an on-line application. The deadline is April 30, 2002.

The Johns Hopkins University's Center for Talented Youth is looking for medical students for the position of Health Assistant. The Health Assistant is responsible for maintaining medical records of up to 400 children, escorting children to clinics and emergency rooms, helping to administer prescribed medications and basic first aid to students. The session dates are June 17-July 13 and July 10-August 6. For an application see www.jhu.edu/gifted/ctysummer. Flyer in glass bulletin board. The review of applications begins January 28, 2002.

The Medennium, a student publication of the University of South Florida College of Medicine is accepting submissions for their Spring, 2002 issue. Creative writing, art and photography are eligible and over $1000 in prizes will be awarded to winning entries. Flyer in glass bulletin board. For more information, see www.med.usf.edu/medstud/medennium. Submission deadline is March 1, 2002.

Memorial Sloan-Kettering is advertising the Louis and Rachel Rudin Scholar awards available for 1-2 months full or part-time work over the school year in the Dept. of Psychiatry and Behavioral Services. Tutorial experience is given in 4 areas. Flyer in the glass bulletin board.

Child Family Health International promotes primary care, integrative medicine and Spanish literacy through clinical electives in Ecuador, India and Mexico. They offer a "Medical Student Exchange Program" and more information at their website www.cfhi.org. Informational materials in the Office of Student Affairs. Application fees are from $35-$55 and program charges are $850-$1,800. We have no information about this organization and this notice should not be construed as an endorsement of the organization or its programs.

AMSA Programs

SUNY Downstate does not provide any financial assistance for students to participate in the following programs.

The Washington Health Policy Fellowship Program runs from June 17-August 2, 2002, for 15 selected students with an interest in health and social policy and advocacy. AMSA provides a stipend to cover living expenses. Application deadline is April 5, 2002. To apply, go to www.amsa.org/hp/whpfp.cfm. Flyer in glass bulletin board.

AMSA Programs (continued)

The Fellowship Program on Health Services runs from June 17-August 2, 2002 for 10 selected students to explore health delivery issues including issues affecting underserved populations. AMSA provides a stipend to cover living expenses. Application deadline is April 5, 2002. Flyer in glass bulletin board. To apply, go to www.amsa.org/programs/ncfp/ncfp.html.

The National AIDS Fund Fellowship Program enables select medical students to work in partnership with their communities to develop HIV testing, education, and prevention programs. This is a 6-8 week summer program or a 4 week elective option for fourth year students. A stipend is provided. Flyer in glass bulletin board. To apply, go to www.amsa.org/programs/aids.html.

The Breast Cancer Fellowship Program places 10 medical students in community health settings to provide breast cancer education and prevention services. This is a 6-8 week summer program or a 4 week elective option for fourth year students. A stipend is provided. Flyer in glass bulletin board. To apply, go to www.amsa.org/programs/breastcancer.cfm.
The Community & Public Health Institute (PLI) will be offered April 5-7, 2002. We can nominate one student from our school to attend. The purpose of the institute is to introduce students to the field of public health and the important role it plays in the delivery of healthcare. Application form in the Office of Student Affairs. Contact person is Jason Block, AMSA Community/Public Health Standing Committee Chair at jblock@tulane.edu. Application form and information sheet in the Office of Student Affairs.