

out though many go in". This was the charming little ditty that once applied to this part of the world. The life expectancy of oil traders and others was terrifyingly short. And all this was on account of the mosquito. In terms of numbers the West African mosquitoes are compared with the teeming legions of North America, nor do they have half the ferocity. They are lambs compared with the black fly. The trouble is that every one of them has malaria, benign, malignant, or both. Fortunately to-day, though the mosquitoes still have it there is no excuse for any human getting malaria; it can be prevented with near certainty. Otherwise, there are no special risks. The health hazards are probably no greater than those of Toronto, given reasonable common sense and the application of simple rules.

The only other comment I would make to establish my credentials, is that I, personally, spent twelve years in Nigeria. I left for purely professional reasons and I am returning on a sabbatical leave of the kind I mention above in January 1978 during which I shall spend some time in Calabar, though my main destination is Ife, near Ibadan.

If there is any further information I can give please let me know.

Sincerely,

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**Note:** Dr. Ganong suggests that any physiologists who are interested contact Dr. A. Olufemi Williams directly.

## SUSPENSION OF DELINQUENT MEMBERS

At its Spring 1977 meeting, acting on the advice of the Finance Committee, Council established a category of "Member (Suspended)" for those members who do not pay their dues on time. Members placed in this category will not receive Federation or Society mailings normally sent to members, in order to avoid the considerable expense associated with members who are dropped after being two years in arrears in dues.

In their report to Council, the Finance Committee discussed the problems created by the untimely payment of dues (which may be more serious in the future, since the Society is required to pay Federation membership assessments shortly after July 1st each year). If a delinquent member subsequently resigns or is dropped after two years (as required by the Bylaws) the Society has lost the money advanced to the Federation.

The Society will no longer pay Federation membership dues for any member who has not paid Society dues by July 15. Nothing, however, will be done with the records of a suspended member until September 1, when the name will be removed from the mailing list. The member will stay in the "Suspended" category until such time as the dues are paid, at which time he or she would automatically be returned to good standing. If at the end of two years the dues had not been paid, the member will be dropped from membership as required by the Bylaws. Members dropped after two years for non-payment of dues can be reinstated only with Council's formal approval after dues have been fully paid.

A "member (Suspended)" will continue to enjoy the APS Bylaw derived privileges to 1) subscribe to journals at membership rates; 2) attend the Business meetings of the Society and vote; 3) register at the annual meetings at membership rates; and 4) present or sponsor papers.

Council also directed that the third dues notice sent to delinquent members on July 15 contain information that the member had been suspended.

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## WHERE ARE THEY NOW ?

A recent survey of our member mailing list identified a number of individuals who had been assigned bad address tags because the Postal Service had returned their mail marked "undeliverable, no forwarding address." As a result these members have been dropped from the mailing list until the new addresses can be obtained.

We are of course anxious to reestablish communication with these "lost" members. If readers of *The Physiologist* know the whereabouts of any of the following, please advise the individual that we have been looking for them, or, notify the Executive Secretary's office of their current whereabouts.

Robert L. W. Averill  
Olaf Bergeim  
Donna J. Brown  
Simon Dworkin  
Florence W. Haynes  
Harold L. Higgins  
Hyun D. Kim  
John R. Smith  
James E. Webster

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## EASTERN STUDENT RESEARCH FORUM

The Forum will be held February 5-7, 1978 at the University of Miami School of Medicine. The deadline for abstracts is set at December 1, 1977. The Forum is open to all medical and graduate students with excellence in research awards and other categorical awards, as well as cash awards. For further information contact: ESRF, P.O. Box 520875, Biscayne Annex, Miami, Florida 33152. Telephone (305) 547-6791.

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