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Dear Dr. Blackburn:

You may have attended or have heard about the session on the History of Epidemiology that was held at the Albany meeting of the Society for Epidemiologic Research. It generated interest beyond our expectations, although not many papers were offered. In the Executive Committee, a suggestion was made to promote this interest by holding a competition for students contributing papers in this field. I volunteered to send out requests to all the professors of epidemiology for whom we could find addresses:

1. To announce the program
2. To offer you the opportunity to contribute to a fund to reward the person whose paper is selected

I suppose you must receive as many requests for donations as I do and may take an equally dim view of them. My only defenses are that:

1. This is a low key solicitation
2. Without a second mailing
3. I ask you not to send more than \$10
4. And I ask for you to send that only if you think this is a really great idea and that we should try to stimulate interest in epidemiological history in this way

If you go with this, please make your check payable to the SER with a notation that it is for the Professors' Prize Paper on the History of Epidemiology.

We do not have a restrictive definition of "history of epidemiology." If you have thoughts on this, please note on the questionnaire.

Thank you for listening. Unfortunately if this is even mildly successful, you will probably be hearing from me again next year.

Yours sincerely,

Reuel A. Stallones, M.D., M.P.H.  
Dean

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PROFESSORS' PRIZE PAPER

Please mark the questionnaire and return

I think the whole idea is: Great 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 Lousy

I think my students may be interested: Yes ☐ No ☒

I would be willing to help judge papers: Yes ☒ No ☐

I think the prize should be: Money ☐ Travel to SER Meeting ☒ Medal or Similar Memento ☐

I think the topic should be: Limited, Selected ☐ Unrestricted ☒

If limited, a good topic would be: \_\_\_\_\_

Other ideas space: *Money: Have never liked prize inducements for students or young investigators. But in this area it could stimulate something good. Thanks*

Signature

*James Glavin*

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