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DALLAS--In this summer of '72, what have medical students been doing with their vacations? Skiing? Surfing? Loafing around the pool hall?

Some, maybe, but a lot of those at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School have fanned out around the world to wind up in situations which look suspiciously like work.

Student T. E. Fogwell and his wife are working with a Methodist mission near Bombay. Joel Taurog is in a laboratory at Oxford while James K. Pohl is working in a liver unit at the University of London.

A dozen medical students are taking part in a program of the local unit of the American Academy of Family Practice.

"This is a program in which the students spend their summers with a family physician--working the entire day and a good part of the night a lot of times," said Dr. Bryan Williams, associate dean for Student Affairs at Southwestern.

The students do what the doctor does, he added, including attending committee and hospital staff meetings. The family practice activities, which include doctors in Garland, Arlington, Richardson, Dallas, and Grand Prairie, was organized by Dr. Seth Cowan, president of the local chapter.

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first add medical students.

"The public has responded well to the students," added Dr. Williams.

In previous years, students have journeyed to Guatemala and Costa Rica to engage in some kind of medical activity.

The summer is a time when many make their choices as to what kind of career specialty to pursue.

This year, one Southwestern student is working in a New York ghetto. Another is helping in the cardiac laboratory of Massachusetts General Hospital. Yet another is in the Yellowstone National Park infirmary.

"More than half the student body is employed in the medical school this summer," said Dr. Williams. "Some are doing pure research--with some actually conducting their own research programs.

Others are employed in various labs. Some are working in the burn unit at Parkland Memorial Hospital. Twenty three of them are helping in the obstetrics ward at Parkland, helping deliver the summer of '72's crop of babies.

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