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# Minorities needed programs

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Blacks and American Indians comprise 25 percent of North Carolina's minority population. However, there is a grave shortage of minority health professionals and The Medical Education Development Program (MED) and The Summer Academic Advancement Program (SAAP) strive to reverse the underrepresentation of minorities in all health fields.

The MED Program is an intense, rigorous session of summer courses at medical and dental school levels to prepare a prospective medical or dental student of the realities of professional school. SAAP is a professional program designed for the purpose of strengthening a minority's academic skills in order to enhance his competitiveness for admission into professional or graduate health sciences program. Although the two programs are different in that MED features courses on a first year MED/DENT school level and SAAP offers courses on an undergraduate college level, MED and SAAP both emphasize reading skills and reading rate comprehension and the two programs cater to the economically disadvantaged minorities.

Evelyn McCarthy is the director of MED and she, along with her assistant Valerie Moore, work throughout the year recruiting and selecting applicants for MED. McCarthy stressed that MED was formed because the health needs of North Carolina's

minority population needed to be met.

MED is for students who have been admitted to the University of North Carolina's medical or dental schools for the fall and students who will be rising seniors in undergraduate colleges, and post-graduates in the process of submitting applications for medical or dental school. North Carolina residents are given first priority, but out-of-state students are considered if there is room left.

McCarthy was quick to state that MED was very flexible in terms of grade point average. She pointed out that MED personnel try to consider and judge each applicant individually. Personal interviews are encouraged. The course load for MED includes: gross anatomy and histology, biochemistry, pathology, microbiology, and a dental course for pre-dental students. These courses are very demanding because they are on a first year Medical/Dental School level and McCarthy said "that MED students often struggle through 12 to 15-hour days just reviewing and studying."

MED helps students to realize the difficulty and intensity of professional school, she said. It allows a student to search within himself and ask himself if he is really doctor/dentist material. MED is solely for those students who are economically disadvantaged. There is no cost for the nine-week program. All participants receive a scholarship from The University of North Carolina's Medical/

Dental School. None of the courses are taken for credit, but McCarthy is very positive about MED.

"The information that one obtains during MED's nine week period is measureless," she said.

SAAP is actually the fourth phase of a four part academic skills enrichment/retention program: The Health Careers Academic Advancement (HCAAP). It is primarily open to rising seniors but sophomores are welcome

to apply if they have had the necessary chemistry courses. The director of The North Carolina Health Manpower Development Program is Dr. Lavonia Allison and the associate director is Dr. Rena H. Gillespie. Allison and Gillespie, along with others, recruit motivated and qualified students majoring in health related areas to participate in SAAP's eight weeks program. Gillespie pointed

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## Education school gets funds for Upward Bound program

CHAPEL HILL—The School of Education at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill has been awarded \$529,000 over three years for its Upward Bound Program, which provides academic support services to talented, underachieving high school students.

"The Upward Bound Program has been successful in helping many talented students with academic problems to overcome these problems and gain admission to institutions of higher learning," said Dr. Frank Brown, dean of the UNC-CH School of Education.

The grant, from the U.S. Office of Education, is a continuation of previous grants made to the University since 1966, Brown said.

The Upward Bound Program pro-

vides academic support services to 70 high school students each year from seven high schools in Orange, Chatham and Durham counties.

During the school year, he said, students in the program receive tutoring and academic counseling after school and on weekends. In the summer, all Upward Bound students participate in a six-week residential program of intensive course work on the UNC-CH campus.

Brown said that many Upward Bound students go on to attend colleges and universities throughout the state and nation. Without the services provided by the program, he said, many of these students would not have gained admission and enrollment to these colleges and universities. ■

## Race for presidency

by Jerome Morgan

More student input into government appears to be the main theme in the race for student body president.

Paul Parker, James Exum, and Mark Dalton all see the need for students to have a bigger voice in student affairs. The other two candidates, Chip Medlin and Gregory Hecht were unavailable for comment.

Parker, a junior from Jacksonville, Fla., advocates getting rid of some of the committees that he says hamper the system. He feels that this elimination would give the government the flexibility that it needs.

"What we have done is lost the student confidence in government," said Parker.

Parker also feels that the university must also own its own phone system to save money for the students.

James Exum, a junior from Charlotte, also feels that the government needs more student input. Exum feels that the policy of reacting to things only after they happen is a bad way to enact university policies.

Exum does not advocate ridding the government of its committees but rather have the committees form a partnership with the executive administration so that they would have access to the same information and

get input from the faculty, administration, and the student body.

"Right now we are only getting input from the faculty and the administration," said Exum.

Exum said that he would like to have a homecoming commission to alleviate the problem that minorities have at homecoming. Exum feels that this could keep minority students from having to go to other schools to enjoy homecoming.

The committee would be composed of members of the faculty, administration, and black, white and Indian students.

Exum would also like to increase transportation for off campus students, by working with the Chapel Hill Mass Transit system.

Mark Dalton, a junior from Kannapolis, was the last to announce his candidacy because he feels students deserve more than promises. Dalton says that he won't promise things that he can't deliver.

Dalton said that he must explore the structure of the government to see what must be done to function efficiently.

Dalton opposes the proposed university legislation to ban the purchase of alcohol for residence hall functions. Dalton does favor trying to get cable in the residence halls.

The election is scheduled for Feb. 14, 1984. ■

## Colleges Celebrate Black History

Black history will come alive in concerts, plays, films and lectures in February as Greensboro's colleges and universities celebrate Black History Month.

Most of the events will be open to the public free of charge.

Julian Bond, a Georgia state senator and nationally known black leader, officially will launch activities Tuesday at a convocation jointly sponsored by student leaders from most of the city's colleges and universities. Bond's lecture, "What Next?" will begin at 8:15 p.m. in Aycock Auditorium at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Bond gained national attention in 1965, when at the age of 25 he was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives but was barred from taking his seat because of his public opposition to the Vietnam war. He was seated in 1967 by order of the U.S. Supreme Court and now serves in the Georgia Senate.

Other lectures and forums scheduled during the month include:

- A lecture by poet, author and feminist Sonia Sanchez, the keynote speaker at Guilford College, at 7:30 p.m. today in Sternberger Auditorium.

- Samuel D. Proctor, senior minis-

ter of Abyssinian Baptist Church of New York City, delivering N.C. A&T State University's keynote address at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 8 in Harrison Auditorium.

- The Rev. Ralph David Abernathy, a founder of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and civil rights activist, speaking at 8 p.m. Feb. 16 in Whitley Auditorium at Elon College.

- A community forum, "Perspectives on Blacks in Politics," at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 22 in Room 123, Gibbs Hall, at A&T.

At UNC-C, jazz hours will be held in Benbow Lounge, Elliott University Center, at 4 p.m. Friday and Feb. 10, 17 and 24. Also Friday, the Neo-Black Society Dance and Drama Troupe will perform at 8 p.m. in Aycock Auditorium. The drama troupe will perform again at 8 p.m. Feb. 23 in Cone Ballroom, Elliott, University Center. The NBS Choir will perform at 3 p.m. Feb. 5 in Aycock Auditorium.

The drama "For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow is Enuf" will be performed at 8:15 p.m. Feb. 6 in Aycock Auditorium.

At A&T, activities include showing of the film "Roots" at noon Thursday

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