

## Students Spend The Summer Preparing Rather Than Partying

By Josephine Scarlett  
**CHAPEL HILL** — Forsaking fun-filled beach parties, concerts in the park and other partying activities, 31 college students spent most of this summer preparing for careers in the health sciences.

This group of students, which included 30 blacks and one Puerto Rican, sharpened their academic skills in the Summer Academic Advancement Program (SAAP), held on the campus of UNC-Chapel Hill.

Ms. Florencia Patterson, a junior at Talladega College in Alabama, described the program as demanding. "Things got a little rough," she said, "but I became a better person for it. If you can make it through a program like this, it's worth the effort."

The SAAP program is part of the interinstitutional North Carolina Health Manpower Development Program (NCHMFP) and is directed by Dr. Lavonia Allison. According to a program spokesman, SAAP is designed to increase the number of other ethnic groups in the health professions. Currently, the health field, like many other

professions, dominated by white men.

This program helps students to strengthen their basic academic skills, and to enhance the competitive skills needed to get into, and graduate from, medical and health professional schools.

For those who make the grade, the future appears bright. The health professions are rated, along with computer science and engineering, as one of the top career development areas in the country for the next 10 years or so. And opportunities are not limited to being a doctor, nurse or medical lab technician.

Included among some of the lesser known health services professions are the following:

- Medical photographer, who is a good photographer who also photographs operations and other medical procedures. These pictures are often used to teach medical students. These photographers also take before-and-after pictures, particularly in dermatology, endocrinology, plastic surgery and burn treatment cases.

- Nuclear medicine technician, a person who operates the equipment that allows doctors to

use radioactive materials to help them diagnose certain ailments.

• Infection control practitioner, a person whose job it is to control bacteria and infection, particularly in hospitals, nursing homes and other places where uncontrolled bacteria can create havoc.

And though each of these positions, and all the others available in the health sciences fields require a great deal of educational training, the students who took part in the UNC SAAP program appear equal to the challenge.

Since May 30, these 31 students representing 23 colleges in North Carolina, 10 other states, Washington, D.C., and the Virgin Islands participated in a course of study described as "rigorous" by the program coordinators and professors. Classes in microbiology, biochemistry, quantitative solutions and statistics, physics, reading and test-taking culminated for the students in the closing seminar and awards ceremony on Sunday, July 25.

The speaker was former Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, Howard N. Lee.

Lee urged the students to "accept the responsibility of a model and reach out to those in your own age group that are less motivated to influence them to progress."

Since its inception four years ago, SAAP has to its credit 100 of 140 participants who presently attend medical and professional schools or pursue careers in the health field. Seven of the 31 participants in the 1982 session have been accepted into graduate and professional schools.

Three Durham natives participated in this summer's session: F. Vincent Allison III, Josephine M. Clement and Pamela D. Love. Allison, a senior biology major at Morehouse College in Atlanta, plans to attend dental school upon graduation. Ms. Clement, also a senior biology major and an aspiring dentist, attends Spelman College in Atlanta. Ms. Love, a senior at UNC-Chapel Hill, is a health education major who aspires to obtain a doctoral degree in maternal and child health.



Allison



Ms. Clement

### Black Housing Needs

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seller; what the seller owes you; you will sign the mortgage note and will then be loaned the money to pay the seller for the house.

A simple but informative guidebook for buying a house is now available from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. In looseleaf form, it contains checklists, sample forms and detailed definitions and instructions for would-be homebuyers. The guidebook also includes tips on money management of the mortgage and maintenance of the home, energy conservation hints and guides to help in avoiding homeowners' pitfalls. Copies may be ordered from HUD USER, P.O. Box 280, Germantown, MD 20876. A document handling charge of \$4 must be prepaid by check or money order.

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In increasing numbers, minority groups are also buying apartments as homes. In recent years, Congress has extended FHA and VA loans to apartment owners in condominiums and cooperatives. The financial advantages are similar to those of the house owner because payments for real estate taxes and mortgage interest are deductible for income tax. Furthermore, the apartment owner need not concern themselves with the "outside" — the landscaping and maintenance of the structure. The same legal precautions are necessary as when buying a house.



Happy Haitians

MIAMI — Haitian Jean Paul, holds her brother's hand who has just been released from Krome Avenue detention center last week. Seventeen Haitians were released under a court order.

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## Heat, Smog Grip Durham

By Elson Armstrong, Jr.  
 For the past couple of weeks, the weather proved that you don't have to go West to know what California heat is like much of the year.

A stagnant mass of hot air trapped smoke, dust, and automobile exhaust fumes in the air just over the city, giving Durham residents and the rest of the Triangle three days of smog.

And, in addition, the year's longest heat wave hit with full force.

The current string of 90 degree days began in Durham on July 21 and has continued without a break. On July 26, temperatures

downtown Durham hit 102 degrees and on the next day, the mercury rose to 100 degrees.

A spokesman for the National Weather Service says the rare Durham smog was caused when a stable hot air mass settled over North Carolina. Stable means that the air mass hit when temperatures in the upper atmosphere were also warm. When this situation exists, a weather spokesman said, "there are no afternoon showers or thunderstorms that will in effect wash particles from the air. When the air is stable, dust, smoke and other small particles

remain suspended in the lower atmosphere, creating the smog.

The weather service spokesman added that if this condition were to remain over the Triangle for several days then they would issue an air alert which means that, due to the pollution, persons with respiratory problems should take precautions.

The reason that there weren't any air alerts issued during last week is an approaching cold front promised to set off thunderstorms by Wednesday and Thursday and, therefore, the smog would be washed away.

The rain came Wednesday night and Thursday morning. Durham sweltered through not only its hottest days thus far this summer but nighttime readings were also uncomfortable.

Some nights the mercury never dropped below 76 degrees and on July 27 it was still 90 degrees at 9 pm.

While the cold front promised to rid Durham of its smog, the actual temperatures should remain warm with readings in the 80's and 90's but the humidity values may drop which would be quite refreshing.

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