

Health News



Pictured here are Mrs. M. Merritt, RN (seated), Amanda Miller, nurse's aid,

and Douglas White, orderly participating in a summer work program.

The Health Careers Club is taking giant steps toward the health problems of society. Under the direction of Mr. Walter Winborne, director of Health Careers, the club has been successful in obtaining practical experience in this field.

The purpose of the HCC is to attack the severe shortage of minority and disadvantaged students trained and employed in health professions as has been articulated by local, state, and federal agencies. Its objectives are to identify and assist in the admission of high school and college students, veterans, and post high school adults into health training programs in North Carolina; to recruit and counsel minority disadvantaged students on available health training opportunities in North Carolina and elsewhere; to identify adequate financial resources for minority and disadvantaged students interested in health training programs; and to provide information on health careers and employment opportunities in North Carolina.

The Health Field Needs

Because mortality rates are higher, some major diseases strike more often, medical services are either unavailable or go unused, admission to mental hospitals are disproportionately high, and more minority group mothers die at childbirth. Your energies and brainpower are especially needed in the health field.

Educational Requirements

The requirements vary according to the position. Most positions require additional education after high school graduation. This education can be obtained

through on-the-job training, vocational or technical school, junior or community college, or four year colleges or universities.

ECSU provides training in environmental health, community health, industrial technology, geology, social work, pre-dental, pre-medical, computer science, speech pathology and audiology, chemistry, sociology, and physics.

The Health Careers Recruitment Counseling Center, located in the university health center, offers informational services about the variety of opportunities for careers in health fields, including literature; career day workshops for public school systems and health agencies with special emphasis on students and counselors; counseling for persons seeking careers in any one of the health professions for which training is available in

the 16 constituent institutions in the UNC system--technical institutes and community colleges; clinical work-study summer health programs for minority and disadvantaged students enrolled at the university, giving students clinical and academic experiences, and the opportunity to earn money needed to continue their education; and a health careers club which brings together ECSU students interested in careers in health.

The officers for this year's health careers club are: Judy Perry, president; Phyllis Carlton, vice-president; Ora Johnson, secretary; Bridgette Bordeaux, parliamentarian; Angela Greene, reporter; and Virginia Harrell, treasurer.

SREB Takes Action

LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY Legislators from 14 Southern states voted to endorse a call for raising academic standards for high school graduation, college admission, and teacher employment, during the 30th Legislative Work Conference of the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) held here October 11-14.

The action by the Conference came after its review of THE NEED FOR QUALITY, the initial report of the SREB Task Force on Higher Education and the Schools that makes 25 recommendations for across-the-board educational improvements, including tighter selection of teachers, higher salaries to reward good teachers, and reduced duplication in vocational-technical programs.

"We applaud the report's emphasis on tightening course requirements in the high schools and on raising college admission standards," the Conference declared in its "Call for Action," which urged the educational establishment "to lead and constructively channel the growing public support for academic standards."

The 120 Legislators also vowed to "call upon legislative colleagues to support specific efforts to improve academic performance."

The Conference's statement also noted that the SREB Task Force report "recognized that the current maze of certification regulations does not insure quality teachers, and we endorse the need to reform these rules."

Making It On Your Own



By Gwendolyn Nixon

Many students find it difficult to cope with college life even when they're in the best of health. Well, here on Elizabeth City State University's campus, there's a student who might not be in the best of health, but he sure is trying to get the most out of life.

This student, who attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill last year, is named Chuck Barry. His problem is one of misfortune. You see both his legs have been amputated. However, instead of feeling sorry for himself, he decided to get an education. Chuck comments loudly, "What's the use of feeling sorry for myself? Hey, life goes on!"

Believe it or not Chuck also has many hobbies, such as football, basketball and just about anything he desires. Of

course, you have to use your imagination a little. Chuck confirms this and replies, "Why sit around and let the world come to an end? If I can get around, then I intend to party."

You know, the funniest thing about Chuck is that he's happier than most people on this campus. Chuck believes that people should make the best out of life and be as happy as possible. He smiles and then says very seriously, "You only have one life to live, you should make the best of it." Chuck pauses for a minute and admits in a very soft but steady voice, "Sure, I get the blues every now and then, it's a part of life--I guess."

While Chuck is doing his best to have fun, a lot of people tend to complain and cling to their friends for everything; but not Chuck. He insists on making it on his own.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter because I'm confined in a Penal Institution. It is my sincere desire to establish contact with concerned people. I would deeply appreciate it, if you were to publish this small request in your Campus Newspaper. If not, then perhaps you could post it on a Bulletin Board for me. My request is as follows:

Twenty-nine year old black male confined in a Penal Institution would like to receive correspondence from concerned individuals for friendship and to exchange views.

Donald Turner

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Sincerely

Mr. Donald Turner

Phi Beta Lambda

By Jo Ann White
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The Phi Beta Lambda Chapter at ECSU had its first meeting on September 15, 1981. The president, Anthony Swain, opened the meeting and welcomed all new and returning members of the business club.

In order to be a member of the business club, each individual must wear a badge that says "Phi Beta Lambda," dress "business-like" for five school days, and sell the Viking badge.

The elected officers for this year are: Anthony Swain, president; Donald Moore, vice-president; Margie Norman, secretary; Sharon Jones, treasurer; and Willa Williams, Miss Phi Beta Lambda.

Out With The Old...

By Anthony Ford
Staff Writer

Things seem to be going down for the old industrial arts building. Wrecking crews began the destruction on September 29th. No one knows at this time what will fill the empty space, but rumor has it that there might be a refreshment stand or parking lot in the plans.