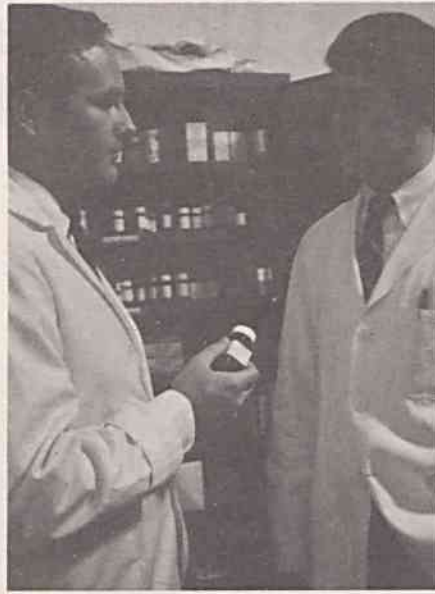




BREATHE IN—Dave Boaz, a third-year med student at Duke, checks the heart of Wyatt Richardson, a patient at the Edgemont Community Clinic. (Staff photo)



PHARMACY SECTION—Don McLeod, left, and Roger Efird, both from the UNC School of Pharmacy, discuss medications to be given to a patient at the clinic. (Staff photo)



THE CHECK-UP—Burry Richardson gets a thorough check-up from Barney Lewis, a Duke medical student and volunteer worker at Edgemont. (Staff photo)

Edgemont Community Clinic:

Take a community, a small community, where many people need medical care but for one reason or another don't get it.

Add a group of concerned students who want to extend medicine beyond the confines of a university.

Mix in a few interested community leaders, some space and a bit of money.

Put it all together and you have a prescription for better health. That prescription can be filled at the Edgemont Community Clinic.

The clinic, organized in the summer of 1968 by the Student Health Action Committee of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, provides basic medical care and referral service for the nearly 5000 residents of Durham's Edgemont community. Interested Duke University students and physicians joined the program shortly after its inception.

Open each Monday evening from 6 p.m. until all patients are seen, clinic workers treat between 20 and 30 people weekly at the long, narrow Angier Avenue clinic building.

About eight medical students, four from Duke and four from UNC, man the clinic each Monday. Six nursing students, three from each school, and

medical technologists and students from both Duke and Watts hospitals are also on duty.

The medical team is supervised by two licensed physicians, one a pediatrician and one an internal medicine specialist.

In addition to basic medical care, the clinic now offers a dental screening and dental health instruction service run by students from the UNC School of Dentistry under the preceptorship of licensed dentists.

Pharmacists and pharmacy students from the UNC School of Pharmacy now work to provide drugs to those patients who require them, while social workers from the UNC School of Social Work have also joined the Edgemont endeavor.

Coordination between the clinic and the Edgemont community is achieved through a twelve-man Board of Directors, most of whom are community residents. The board makes all major decisions concerning clinic activities.

Mrs. Inez Gooch, a health aide and president of the clinic's board of directors, said, "I think the clinic is one of the most wonderful things that has happened to Edgemont. It has worked out real well."

Other residents agree. "People here

Duke, UNC Students, Residents Cooperate

are excellent to the children and coming to the clinic is so convenient," Mrs. Christine Richardson, mother of seven, said.

The program began when a group of UNC students met with representatives of the community to investigate the health needs of the residents and to explore possibilities for cooperation between students and community leaders to meet some of these needs.

Surveys taken as a result of the meetings showed that most of the residents of Edgemont did not have a regular doctor. They relied on out-patient clinics and emergency rooms in the city for health care.

The surveys also noted that many of the Edgemont citizens did not seek medical help when they needed it because of expense, inaccessibility of medical facilities, inconvenient hours of hospital clinics and/or the impersonal and sometimes degrading manner in which they were treated at hospital clinics.

The first results of the student-com-

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