

Jernigan Is Member Of State MED Program

by John Becton

CHAPEL HILL - When Frances Smith completed high school in Cherokee several years ago, she hardly considered college to be an option, much less medical school.

No member of the Eastern Cherokee tribe has ever gone to medical school.

But Smith has decided to change that statistic. At age 29, she enrolled in Western Carolina University, from which she will receive her bachelor's degree in medical technology next spring. She hopes to enter medical school in the fall of 1983.

To prepare both for applying to and entering medical school, Smith is spending most of this summer getting a firsthand look at medical studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

She is one of 71 participants in the Medical Education Development program, known as MED, which is offered by the UNC-CH schools of Medicine and Dentistry to students from disadvantaged backgrounds who have shown strong promise for professional school.

Like Smith, many of the participants have been motivated to pursue a health career because they see a dearth of health professionals in their home community, ethnic group or both.

Many doctors in Cherokee, Smith said, are fulfilling obligations

associated with National Health Service scholarships they were awarded in medical school.

"They only stay a few years, and the people don't get to know them very well," she said. "The confidence level is not built up. I hope to alter that if I can go to medical school."

Others who hope she will be able to do so include her family, her husband and his family, and her three children, "who are really excited that their mother might become a doctor," she said.

"I come from a very small town," said Michelle Anderson, a recent UNC-CH graduate from Winterville in Pitt County. "The closest dentist is 15 miles away. Also, there are no black dentists in the area."

"I wanted to be in the health field because of this need in my community. I decided to try dental hygiene, and, if I liked it, to apply to dental school."

Anderson will take some additional pre-dental courses at UNC-CH this fall and apply for admission to dental school in 1983. This summer the MED program is giving her an intense, eight-week simulation of the first year of dental school.

Robert Bell, a former Army medical corpsman and now a rising senior at UNC-Wilmington, is concerned that there are fewer black physicians in North Carolina than there were at the turn of the century. And he is further concerned that younger black physicians

may not replace those who retire in smaller cities like Clinton, his hometown.

Personal experiences also have inspired MED participants to consider health professions.

Bell's first assignment in the Army was as an emergency medical technician at William Beaumont Hospital in El Paso, Texas. "Dealing with emergencies sparked me to think seriously about medicine," he said.

"My next assignment was with an infantry unit in Hawaii. There were no other medical personnel with the unit, and many of the soldiers would call me 'doctor' instead of 'corpsman.' That gave me a sense of responsibility and a sense of caring."

"I feel I can lend something to the medical profession from that experience."

Dean Jernigan of Edenton became interested in medicine under less pleasant circumstances.

"When I was 13, I suffered a dislocated hip playing junior high football and had to spend a month in Abermarle Hospital in Elizabeth City," he said.

"Being around medical people got me interested in health as a career."

Science courses were among his favorite subjects in high school, Jernigan said, and he was on a premed track by the time he was a sophomore at N.C. Central University in Durham.

Jernigan, Bell and Smith

are among the 34 MED participants this summer who are rising college seniors. Twenty-seven, including Anderson, have completed college and are looking to dental or medical school in the future. In either case, MED is helping them see if they definitely want to pursue these careers, as well as helping them prepare for the admissions process.

Ten of this summer's participants already have been accepted by the medical or dental school at UNC-CH. The MED program is helping them to be prepared for what awaits in the fall.

"The main way the MED program is helping me is the course material," said Matthew Whitted of Castle Hayne, a 1982 UNC-CH graduate. "Although I had related courses as an undergraduate, I didn't have the exact courses we are taking this summer." MED students take short courses in gross anatomy (with lab), biochemistry, pathology and other subjects that are part of the first-year medical and dental curricula.

"Also, by fall I will know where certain resources are and will know my way around," Whitted said. "And I'm learning the best times to study. I'm adjusting my schedule now to medical school."

Time management, study habits and test-taking skills are important benefits participants say they are getting from the MED

program. They also said they are impressed with how well the program is organized, with the enthusiasm of the faculty and with the personal attention available from instructors and teaching assistants.

This is the 12th year the MED program has been offered at UNC-CH, program director Evelyn McCarthy noted. Minority races are represented by 64 of the 71 students, including 57 who are black. Fifty-nine of this year's participants are from North Carolina, and the rest represent seven other states.

The 39 colleges represented include 22 in North Carolina. Thirteen of the MED participants are UNC-CH students or graduates.

"The 17 colleges outside North Carolina are located in 12 states and Washington, D.C.," McCarthy said. "Thirteen of the 16 UNC system institutions are represented."

The MED program began in 1971 under the auspices of the N.C. Health Manpower Development Program. Since 1974, the UNC-CH medical and dental schools have funded the program's operational budget.

Essential scholarship support has been provided by a number of sources, including foundations, the Area Health Education Centers program and, more recently, state budget allocations.

In addition, the MED program has received a three-year continuation grant from the federal Health Career Opportunities Program to help fund scholarships and stipends.

Health Dept. Schedule

The Chowan County Health Department announces its clinic schedule for July, 1982. The Health Department is located at 109 E. King St. in Edenton (482-2511). The hours are from 8-5 weekdays. Veneral disease clinic is at any time or any day on a walk-in basis. All other clinics except general clinics are by appointment only.

- July 1 - Multiphasic Clinic (all day)
- July 2 - Teen Clinic (A.M.) General Clinic (P.M.)
- July 5 - Holiday
- July 6 - Maternity Clinic (P.M.)
- July 7 - Eye Clinic (A.M.) Family Planning Clinic (P.M.)
- July 8 - Multiphasic Clinic (all day)
- July 9 - General Clinic (P.M.) WIC (all day)
- July 12 - Child Health Clinic (all day)
- July 13 - Maternity Clinic (P.M.)
- July 14 - Family Planning Clinic (P.M.)
- July 16 - General Clinic (P.M.)
- July 20 - Pediatric Clinic (P.M.)
- July 23 - General Clinic (P.M.) WIC (all day)
- July 26 - Child Health Clinic (all day)
- July 26 - Orthopedic Clinic

- (A.M.) Maternity Clinic (P.M.)
- July 28 - Family Planning Clinic (all day)
- July 30 - General Clinic (P.M.)

Elliot Completes OV Exercises

Marine Lance Cpl. Robert L. Elliot, son of Wallace and Mae B. Elliot, Route 1, Tyner, and whose wife, Phyllis, is the daughter of Kermit and Jean-L. Elliot, also of Tyner, recently participated in exercise "Ocean Venture 82."

He is a member of 2nd Battalion, 10th Marines, 4th Marine Amphibious Brigade, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

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Name Contest

What are good names for a zebra, a lion and a chimpanzee?

Thousands of schoolchildren, grades K through 8, from 660 schools, including two schools in Chowan County, dreamed up some creative monikers in the State Zoo "Name the Poster Animal" contest held in May and June.

Sixth-grader Jonathan Davis of Pisgah Elementary School in Buncombe County came up with the best set of names, according to contest judges, and the student was awarded last week with a \$3,000 trust fund scholarship.

Among the 660 entries in the state contest were the following from Chowan County Schools: Robert Casper, White Oak Elem., 3rd grade; and Sherry Evans, Chowan Jr. High, 8th grade, both from Tyner.

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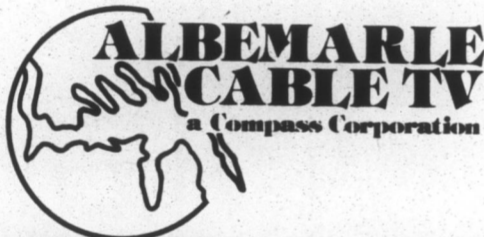
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GFA Winner

Michael Chapdelaine, retiring visiting artist at College of the Albemarle, was named winner of the annual Guitar Foundation of America International Competition which took place last week in Denver, Col.

The classical guitarist was one of four musicians who were invited to perform in the event. Chapdelaine's talent was judged best among that of competitors from Canada, Mexico, and New Jersey.

Each musician played five compositions during the day-long program. The COA artist chose selections by composers Britten, Scarlatti, Albeniz, Villa-Lobos, and Guilani, presenting a program similar to those local audiences have heard during his two years at the college.

Chapdelaine said the GFA competition is considered to be a highly prestigious event among guitarists. He said one immediate result of his win is the initiation of negotiations for two future concerts. One will be presented in Hawaii and the second will be given in Boston.

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