

PEMBROKE STATE UNIVERSITY
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PEMBROKE STATE'S MARC PROGRAM FUNDED FOR \$681,000 OVER FIVE YEARS

Pembroke State University's MARC (Minority Access to Research Careers) program has received its second five-year funding from the National Institute of Health, this time in the amount of \$681,000.

This, combined with the first five-year funding of the program of over \$500,000 from 1984-89, means that PSU has received over \$1.2 million for its MARC program since its inception at PSU.

The program is designed to encourage highly qualified minority students to consider careers in biomedical research and provides them with specialized experiences to increase their awareness of and preparation for such a career.

PSU's MARC program recently received an intensive review, including an on-site visit by a team of scientists from across the nation. The team gave PSU a very favorable report, says Dr. David Maxwell, chairman of the PSU Biology Department who directs the PSU program.

In its report, the visiting team stated that PSU's MARC program has the attributes of a successful program, citing its "strong and committed leader, enthusiastic faculty, good students, enriched curriculum and excellent extramural research experiences."

Maxwell describes the MARC program "as both a challenge and opportunity for the University," adding: "The MARC program has had a tremendous stimulatory effect on our entire institution over the past five years."

Maxwell said the MARC program is a cooperative effort of both the Biology and Physical Science departments with students (MARC trainees) selected from those

departments. Participating this year are seven trainees of whom four are seniors and three are juniors. The senior trainees are: David Locklear, Pembroke; Clayton Maynor, Pembroke; Larry Morgan, Pembroke; and Rhonda Sanderson, Rowland. Junior trainees are: Cornelious Dial, Pembroke; Vonda Jacobs, Pembroke; and Jeanette Locklear, Maxton. In addition, Pamela Locklear, Lumberton, is a MARC associate.

All trainees receive a monthly stipend of \$542 and have their tuition paid to participate in the program, said Maxwell.

"An important component of the program," says Maxwell, "is a summer research experience at a prominent biomedical research institution."

During the past summer Maynor, Morgan and Sanderson had a 10-week research period at the National Institute of Health in Bethesda, Md. David Locklear received his research experience at the UNC-Chapel Hill Medical School. Each of these students received a salary as well as their MARC stipend.

Roland Coulon of Pembroke, a former MARC trainee who graduated last May from PSU, has received a Patricia Harris Scholarship in the amount of \$12,000 to study toxicology (a science dealing with poisons and their effect) at N.C. State University.

Representatives from the PSU MARC program were invited recently to Washington, D.C., where the MARC program was described as a model affirmative action program which should be an example for other federal agencies. Chosen to speak there about her MARC experiences was Sanderson, one of three undergraduate students in the nation selected for that responsibility. Various agencies of government attended this workshop.

Speaking of the impact of the MARC program, Maxwell concluded: "In addition to the beneficial effect that this program has had on our students, it has also enhanced our capacity as an institution of learning and has provided national exposure for Pembroke State University."

RURAL LEADERS PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS MEET FOR SEMINAR ON LITERACY

Those who participated in last spring's Southeastern N.C. Rural Leaders Program at PSU met again recently for a seminar at PSU on literacy, which the group has made its primary concern.

The panel for the seminar consisted of: Kathy Baker Smith, director of planning for the N.C. Department of Community Colleges; Sharon Morgan, director of the Office of Policy and Planning in the N.C. Department of Administration; Tina Morris, policy analyst on literacy with the Office of Policy and Planning in the N.C. Department of Administration; and Robbin MacGregor, coordinator of the Kenan Family Literacy Project and the



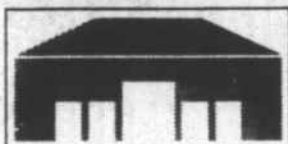
Dr. David Maxwell

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Fayetteville Technical Community College Workplace Literacy Program. Morgan was responsible for the final report of the Governor's Literacy Commission.

Leading an afternoon planning session was David Dodson of MDC, Inc., a non-profit corporation based in Chapel Hill.

Mentors for the Rural Leaders Program at PSU include: Dr. Bruce Mattox, director of the PSU Economic Development Office; Dr. Daniel Barbee, director of the PSU Administrative Studies Program; Dr. Robert Reising, PSU professor of communicative arts; and Dr. Michael Spyrou, professor of geography at UNC-Wilmington.

PSU FACULTY MEMBER PRESENTS TWO PAPERS ATLAS VEGAS

Carolyn Roberts, a lecturer in the PSU Department of Business Administration and Economics, recently presented two papers at the Association of Business Communications International at Las Vegas, Nev.

The titles of her papers were: "Let's Learn From Our Students: What Makes Them Nervous During Oral Presentations and How Do We Effectively Deal With This Problem?" and "Discovering Problem Areas For Students While Preparing Business Documents."

Overall theme of the convention was: "Opportunity, Development, Success."

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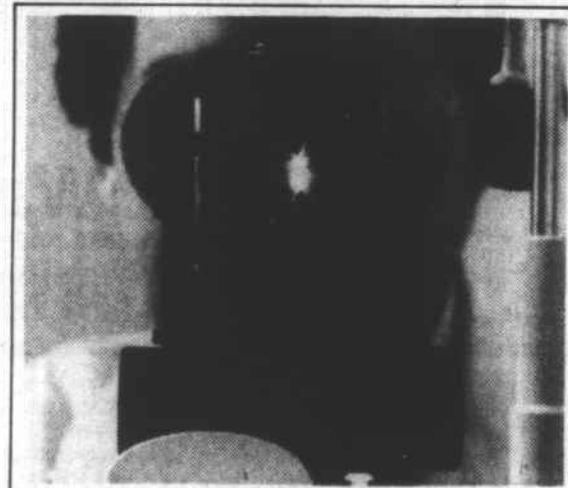
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