

Minority Student Apprenticeships To Be Offered In School of Medicine

CHAPEL HILL—Twelve minority high school students with special interests in science will be able to pursue those interests this summer at the School of Medicine at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Apprenticeships will be offered in all six basic science departments of the school (anatomy, bacteriology and immunology, biochemistry and nutrition, pathology, pharmacology and physiology), funded by a \$24,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health, said Dr. Marion Phillips, associate dean for student affairs.

Phillips, who is directing the program, said each participant will spend eight weeks in June and July working full-time on a specific research project under the guidance of a faculty member or graduate student. The apprentices will be provided campus housing and will be paid.

"We will introduce these young scholars to a basic science research setting with the hope that they will get a general

orientation to one of the six disciplines and learn something specific about one or more research techniques," Phillips said. "We hope to whet their appetites and stimulate long-term interest, perhaps leading to a career in the basic science."

The participants will be chosen from across North Carolina.

"We are looking for highly motivated minority students who have demonstrated an interest in the sciences through extracurricular activities, independent projects or participation in science fairs," Phillips said. "We also will seek students recommended by high school science faculty members."

He said it is hoped that the group selected will reflect a balance between male and female participants, between the state's predominate minority groups and between students enrolled in public and private schools.

Other activities will supplement the laboratory experience. Career counseling will be offered, and the students will be able to

take advantage of community recreational opportunities and resources such as the Morehead Planetarium.

The program also will provide role models for the young researchers. Two minority Ph.D. candidates will work as project assistants, Phillips noted, and "will be excellent people for the high school students to talk with" about their educational experiences and career plans.

At the end of the eight weeks, each apprentice will give a brief presentation of his or her research to the whole group. But

the program won't really end there.

"We want to follow up with these students, both to find out what they are doing and to let them know what has happened to the particular research they were involved in," Phillips said.

"We think this program will be a good experience for them and for us."

Persons interested in the program should contact Dr. Marion Phillips, associate dean for student affairs, School of Medicine, 122 MacNider Building 202H, UNC-CH, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, 27514, (919) 933-8331.

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Mrs. Margaret Walker Alexander at Duke

Members of Alpha Zeta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority greet distinguished soror and nationally acclaimed novelist and poet, Mrs. Margaret Walker Alexander, author of the civil war novel *Jubilee*. Here, Mrs. Alexander (center) autographs her book for Soror Clara Lawson (left) and Soror Carolina Lattimore. Following a reading of sections from her upcoming book, *This is My Century*, Soror Alexander was presented gifts by Soror Norma Royal, Basileus of Alpha Zeta Omega Chapter with Soror Clara Lawson assisting. Mrs. Alexander was at the Gothic Book Store on Duke's Campus.

North Carolina Judge Receives Nat'l Award

The Honorable Gilbert H. Burnett, Chief District Court Judge of the Fifth Judicial District of North Carolina, was recently honored with the annual Jay Worrall Public Official Award for Outstanding Service in Community Criminal Justice. The award is given annually by the national office of Offender Aid and Restoration (OAR), a community-based program bringing trained volunteers into the lives of prisoners and ex-prisoners of jail.

The award was presented to Judge Burnett on April 26, in Bethesda, Maryland during OAR's third annual Delegate Assembly. The audience included delegates from OAR's 22 affiliates from eight states, the national staff and board, and invited guests.

Judge Burnett received the award in honor of his commitment to streamlining the local justice system, to assuring equal opportunity for justice for all, and for supporting community-based corrections.

Judge Burnett aided in the establishment of the local OAR program in Wilmington, and served on its board of directors.

NAFEO Secretary Speaks To Black College Heads

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education has pointedly urged the first U.S. Secretary of Education to have her new cabinet level department staff devote more attention "to the needs and concerns of traditional black colleges and universities."

Secretary Shirley Hufstедler addressed the organization of some 125 black college presidents during NAFEO's recent annual conference here. Although the educators congratulated the secretary on her "commitment and sensitiveness" to the need for supporting black institutions of higher education, one leading NAFEO official publicly told Mrs. Hufstедler "members of your staff apparently lack the awareness and sensitivity you reflect . . ."

And Dr. Samuel L. Myers, NAFEO's Executive Director, added that the secretary should "go back and have your staff do what President Carter said" in using "the resources of black colleges to strengthen this nation . . ."

He asked that the new Department of Education request the restoration of the \$250 million request for Title III funds to provide continuing assistance in the development of black colleges in urging greater support for Title III funds. Dr. Myers specifically referred to the work of the Technical Assistance Consortium To Aid College Services, headed by Dr. Van Allen, as absolutely necessary for the development of higher education for more black students who are turned away by predominantly white institutions. Dr. Myers, pointed out that although Title III funds were designed to aid black institutions, most of the funds now go to white universities under U.S. Office of Education guidelines and the TAC-TICS, the only funded organization helping black colleges, has been suspended from this program.

Speaking after the conference, Dr. Myers first congratulated Hufstедler on her pledge to serve as "an advocate for black colleges" by implementing President Carter's memorandum to enhance the traditional black schools. NAFEO officials also commended the secretary for agreeing to ask President Carter to extend the life of the National Advisory Committee on Blacks in Higher Education and Black Colleges and Universities. "I know that was your decision alone," Dr. Myers stated.

Secretary Hufstедler told the presidents and some 1,500 delegates present that she will make greater use of the committee. The secretary also proposed that some black colleges begin to adopt high schools in their communities similar to the "adopt a school" program of many major firms and corporations. She also urged many other joint ventures between the colleges and government and business to provide education and training for black youth for jobs in the future.

However, Dr. Myers reflected the mood of the conference when he insisted on the secretary having her staff back up her words with action. The association has supported reauthorization of the Higher Education Act "which constitutes a milestone in the development of the federal commitment to increase and expand access to higher education opportunities," said a statement issued by the organization. "Since the 1972 Amendments were enacted, black enrollment in higher education has doubled and now includes more than a million students. We see much of this important progress as a product of the singular commitment of historically black colleges to equal educational opportunity. In this regard, historically black college and universities have been designated as a national educational resource by the federal government as expressed in President Carter's recent directive. It is now as imperative as ever that special legislative attention be devoted to the protection and promotion of the national interest which these institutions serve," the statement said.

Secretary Hufstедler's plans for increasing cooperation with the black colleges represented a "trilateral proposal," Dr. Myers said in urging her "to go back to your staff with another dimension they have overlooked . . ."

"We live in a world in which the focal point of power has changed," he declared dramatically at one point. "Our adversaries are using blacks (from other nations) as resources, I'm not advocating it, I am just telling you while in our country we have untapped resources which could enrich the cities of this nation . . ."

"In brief, Madam Secretary, I hope your staff will say what President Carter has said: 'we have a rich national resource in the black colleges which could strengthen this nation . . .'" the executive concluded.

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