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Colleges sponsor special programs

Minority students get summer aid

University News Service
Minority college students from throughout the Southwest will receive \$2,000 stipends and free dormitory accommodations at Texas A&M for 10 weeks this summer through a program sponsored by the College of Geosciences.

The five students selected for the program will have the opportunity to work one-on-one with a faculty member on a re-

search project in geology, geophysics, ocean drilling, meteorology or geophysics. Research subjects include mapping ancient river terraces in the Brazos Valley, study of sediments from the sea floor, seismic field studies and deep sea drilling.

The program, which was suggested by a faculty group, begins June 4 and is one of the several summer projects at Texas A&M designed to enhance minority recruitment and representation on campus. The College of Engineering will also bring about 50 black and Hispanic Texas high school students to campus June 17-22 during its "Summer Enrichment Experience in Engineering" program. Participants in the engineering program attend special classes in science, math, engineering and computer programming.

Consumer prices higher in April

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Consumer prices climbed 0.5 percent in April, the Labor Department said Tuesday, with housing, used cars, fuel, pork products and many other goods and services growing more expensive. The rise in the Consumer Price Index was more than double that in March, reaching an annual inflation rate of 5.6 percent.

Another Labor Department report showed the spending power of the average blue-collar worker — earnings adjusted for inflation — jumped 1.6 percent in April, the most since December 1982. Pay has increased 3.3 percent faster than prices in the past year.

Also Tuesday, a Commerce Department report showed April factory orders for heavy-duty items fell 6.4 percent, a larger decrease than in any month of the last recession, perhaps signaling a long-predicted economic slowdown. Two-thirds of the decline was in defense orders. The Consumer Price Index in April was 308.8, meaning the government's sample "market basket" of goods and services that cost \$100 in 1967 would have cost \$308.80 last month.

Mixed with the increases was one especially sharp decline, an 11.9 percent drop in fresh vegetable prices, the most in nearly 10 years. Pork prices jumped 2.2 percent. Analysts said that this is the inevitable result of a growing shortage of hogs that will last for a long time. Beef prices, however, slipped a little. Housing rose the most. The 0.6 percent increase in housing costs was made up of many ingredients, including an upturn in natural gas and home heating oil prices, and maintenance and repair costs.

Mondale calls for debate with Democratic candidates

United Press International
Walter Mondale stepped up pressure Tuesday on rival Gary Hart for a debate among the Democratic presidential candidates in New Jersey this week — and offered to hold another one in West Virginia. "I'm calling for it right now," the former vice president said in Wheeling, W.Va., when asked if he would debate Hart and Jesse Jackson in West Virginia.

California, New Jersey, West Virginia, South Dakota and New Mexico hold primaries on June 5 — "final Tuesday" — when there are 486 delegates at stake. Mondale campaigned in West Virginia at Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel. He said he helped keep the plant open by sponsoring a government loan program that Hart voted against.

In Washington, Jackson met with Democratic Chairman Charles Manatt. Jackson plans to challenge party rules at the national convention in San Francisco in July, because he says party rules discriminate against poor and minority voters. He said he has received 21 percent of the popular vote to date and 9 percent of the delegates, while Mondale has 42 percent of the vote and 49 percent of the delegates.



Electronics courses offered

University News Service
Persons interested in careers in electronics will have an opportunity to begin training this summer during night and extended-day courses offered by the Institute of Electronic Science, the Texas Engineering Extension Service.

Courses beginning June 11 include "Introduction to DC Circuits," "Introduction to Math for Electronics," "Introduction to Pulse/Digital Circuits" and "Introduction to Electronics for Drafting." Each course is taught twice a

week for eight weeks. Registration is \$135 per course. A deposit of \$35 must be made by June 1 to ensure enrollment, said officials. Courses will be taught at the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Service Center on Highway 21 near Bryan. The Institute of Electronic Science, operated by the Electronics Training Division of TEEX, has been training technicians for high technology industries since 1963. Traditionally, students undergo 18 months of extensive training which prepares them for positions in electronics, with a 100 percent job placement record for graduates. The practical approach of the courses exposes persons interested in electronics to the kind of work they would be expected to perform as technicians. In addition, successful completion of courses enables a smooth transition into the regular 18-month program which begins in September. Admission is open to any person with a high school diploma or equivalent.

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