

## Minority students to benefit in A&M medical program

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Reporter

Minority students interested in medical careers will have the opportunity this summer to receive orientation, encouragement and support through the Bridge to Medicine Program, sponsored by Texas A&M's College of Medicine.

The program, which started last year, is for minority or disadvantaged college students who have completed at least 60 hours of undergraduate work and are interested in entering the medical profession, said Arthur Hernandez, program director.

"By disadvantaged, I mean people who come from small, rural communities, where their educational backgrounds are limited because of the small size of the schools," Hernandez said.

Economically disadvantaged students also are included in the program.

"The program requires stu-

dents to have some background in some of the basic science areas because a component of the program is academic," he said.

The program is geared toward helping students make successful applications to medical school through application skills seminars and programs to develop interviewing and study skills.

The program also provides an introduction to the medical school curriculum, Hernandez said.

"One afternoon a week, the students go out into the local community and are assigned to a physician to practice and work with him," he said.

"The student spends anywhere from 24 to 40 hours in the community, seeing patients and doing case histories, among other things," Hernandez said.

"The program has a variety of different specialties," he said.

"Some of the students go out and work with gynecologists, for ex-

ample, and some work with pediatricians."

The College of Medicine financially supports the program to some extent, according to Hernandez. In addition, the program has received a grant from the federal government called the Health Careers Opportunity Programs Grant. This grant pays room and board for the students during the six-week program.

Everett Sandles, a junior economics major with a minor in biology, attended the program last year and said the program gave him insight into applying and being chosen for medical school.

"I think the program broadened my perspective to how the medical school admissions (process) works," Sandles said.

Working with the doctors also was helpful, he said.

"We got to see hands-on interaction with the doctors and patients," he said, "and that is always good experience."

## Airline uses automatic tellers to offer low fares to students

DALLAS (AP) — Southwest Airlines has added a new twist to the traditional mode of travel arrangements by offering students standby tickets at cut-rate prices through automatic teller machines located at convenience stores.

For \$15, passengers between the ages of 18 and 21 can fly between several major Texas cities by purchasing standby tickets in advance at their neighborhood 7-Elevens.

Donald Valentine, vice president of marketing for Southwest, said Monday that after the first week of operation, the MoneyMaker automatic tellers had dispensed 400 tickets in Dallas, Fort Worth, San Antonio and Corpus Christi.

The figures indicate the fare is gaining attention on college campuses, he said.

"It ought to be," Valentine said. "We've got it down to the price of a burger and a movie."

Normally, it would cost a college student \$68 to fly from Dallas Love Field to Houston Hobby Airport and back on the regional carrier. But un-

der the new fare package offered through Southwest, MoneyMaker and 7-Eleven, the cost is \$30.

Travelers must prove they are between 18 and 21 when checking in at the airport. No luggage may be checked, but officials point out that not many young people need more than a carry-on bag for a weekend trip.

Airline spokesman Charlotte Goddard said, "Southwest was looking for a way to target the youth market. We thought youth was another untapped market."

For MoneyMaker, the airline plan offers a graphic demonstration of the convenience and capabilities of its automated teller machines.

Tricia Norvelle, manager of corporate communications, said the sky's the limit.

MoneyMaker now is discussing the possibility of using its machines with other customers, including other airlines and theme parks, Norvelle said.

"Basically, all we have to do is implement the software," she said.

To buy an airline ticket, the customer inserts a bank card or credit card into the MoneyMaker machine. In addition to asking if the customer would like to make a cash withdrawal or deposit, it also asks if he

would like to purchase a Southwest Airlines ticket.

The machine asks other details, according to the program installed by MoneyMaker — such as destination, round-trip or one-way.

Valentine said advertising for the student tickets began last week, with the first ads aimed at campus publications.

At a 7-Eleven store near the Southern Methodist University campus, the MoneyMaker machine was a popular item Friday night — but for cash transactions, not airline tickets.

Several students interviewed said they were unaware of the tickets for sale despite the presence of red-and-white flyers contained in a plastic pocket on the front of the machine.

Andy Wright, 19, of Wichita, Kan., and Andy Bryan, 18, of St. Louis, said the tickets could come in handy if they went to visit friends in Houston.

"It sounds like a good deal to me," Wright said. "There's only one drawback and that's standby. But they're not going to be full."

The current program ends May 31. Valentine said Southwest is evaluating the response to determine whether to expand the teller-ticket operations after that date.

## Archaeologists excavating Cooke County

DENTON (AP) — It's difficult to imagine that buried beneath the North Texas prairie are the crumbling remains of giant ground sloths and 9-foot armadillos.

But archaeologists sifting through excavation sites on Lake Ray Roberts say they won't be surprised to discover evidence of these unbelievable creatures in an area generally populated today by commonplace dairy cows and quarterhorses.

"In Cooke County, we have 30 or 40 sites," said Dr. Reid Ferring, an archaeologist with North Texas State University's Institute of Applied Sciences. "We will be looking at everything from prehistoric Indian camps to homesteads that people may have lived in last year."

Lake Ray Roberts, scheduled for completion later this year, is being built by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in parts of Cooke, Grayson and Denton counties as a water supply source for the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Last year, the Institute of Applied Sciences received a \$903,000 grant from the Corps to conduct archaeological and environmental studies on both Lake Roberts and Lake Lewisville.

"Although we're in the early

stages, the students love it," Ferring said. "There aren't too many who aren't excited about looking for evidence of people living here. And they're getting a chance to do research firsthand."

Ferring is in charge of the students working part-time on the sites.

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and also is involved with the digging. In addition, 43 professional archaeologists labor at the sites full-time.

"We look into the cultural resources offered by the area," said Corps archaeologist Karen Scott. "If we have 50 areas that are identical, we're not going to spend money on excavating all of them."

Crews work on a grid system, with various groups assigned to squares of land. Dirt is sifted through mesh screens — some with the aid of a water wash — and artifacts are bagged and labeled.

"Then we bring the things back to the lab and clean, label and preserve them," Ferring said.

Although everything found during this dig belongs to the government, the archaeologists said the artifacts will be kept at Institute labs.

"We will preserve, catalog and

store all the artifacts and our field notes," Scott said. "Nothing will be thrown out or sold."

During the dig, Ferring expects to find items as old as 9,000 years and as recent as the 19th century. So far, digging crews have uncovered evidence of prehistoric cultures, including stone chips and fire pits. On historic sites, they have found fragments of pottery, bottles and hardware.

Ferring said evidence of various types of animals have been uncovered, including remains of camels.

When viewed as pieces in a puzzle, the archaeologists hope, the artifacts ultimately will tell them more about the many cultures that converge in this part of Texas.

"We will study the initial periodic settlement, the counties' development and the lifestyle of the prehistoric and historic people," Ferring said.

Workers are using special techniques such as carbon dating, to find out more about artifacts. Sciences such as dendrochronology — tree-ring dating — enable the archaeologists to discover more about climate and how the early peoples dealt with natural phenomena.

The whole body of information will be obtained from a relatively small section of the 48,821-acre lake.

"We're doing careful excavation in a smaller area," Ferring said. "We don't want to destroy the whole site. Our strategy is to recover fewer things more carefully."

One of the archaeologist's primary concerns, Ferring said, is to protect the site from curiosity seekers and vandals.

## 13 stockholders took \$612 million in loans at failed federal bank

DALLAS (AP) — Some of Arkansas' most prominent names are on a list of 13 stockholders who received more than \$612 million in insider loans from failed FirstSouth Federal Association of Pine Bluff, Ark., the Dallas Morning News reported Tuesday.

The stockholders also include seven developers and brokers active in Dallas real estate, the News said in a copyrighted story.

In documents obtained by the newspaper, federal regulators said that some of the loans to the stockholders were based on inflated appraisals.

Regulators have cited insider lending abuses as a major reason for the failure of FirstSouth, which had been Arkansas' second-largest sav-

ings institution. The Federal Home Loan Bank Board closed the thrift Dec. 4.

Board officials said insider loans were concentrated among the 13 shareholders and amounted to about 36 percent of FirstSouth's total assets of \$1.68 billion.

The 13 borrower-stockholders controlled at least 49.89 percent of FirstSouth stock, the federal regulatory report said. The stockholders' combined \$612.6 million in borrowings represented 45.1 percent of the association's total commercial loans.

Board officials have declined to identify the 13 borrower-stockholders. But the names are contained in a March 28, 1986, regulatory report, a copy of which was obtained by the News.



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