

Texas medical school graduates leaving for residency programs

By Associated Press

CORPUS CHRISTI — Hundreds of Texas-educational medical school graduates have left the state for residency programs in other parts of the country, taking with them knowledge gained in a \$250,000 program partially funded by taxpayers.

Although residencies are traditional training grounds for young doctors, state officials said few return to practice in Texas.

"We're subsidizing other states by exporting more medical doctors than decide to practice in the state of Texas," State Higher Education Commissioner Kenneth Ashworth said.

"We spend \$250,000 per student in our medical school and then states like California attract them with their residency programs," he said.

"They do their residency out there and get established and tend to stay."

As a result, not many are settling in South Texas, where almost a third of the doctors are nearing retirement age.

The region has about half the number of doctors, dentists and nurses for each 100,000 people as the rest of Texas.

South Texas has only 6 percent of the state's doctors, but has 18 percent of its population, 1993 figures show. There are only 66 doctors for every 100,000 South Texans, compared with 93 for every 100,000 Texans and 105 for every 100,000 U.S. citizens.

Some residents say South Texas deserves a health care center or medical school and that the state should shift its priorities to make sure it gets one.

Others have urged expanded medical education, including more South Texas residency programs de-

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signed to attract future doctors to the region.

In South Texas, 517 doctors are over 65 and 1,286 are over 50, according to the Area Health Education Center, based in San Antonio.

On Tuesday, lawmakers will meet in Harlingen to hear possible solutions from health care and education experts.

"What we need is not an additional medical school so much as a way to get doctors to locate (in South Texas) and want to stay there after getting their practice established," Ashworth said, noting that there are eight medical schools in the state and two medical school extensions.

"We're educating a heck of a lot of doctors but we're shipping them out of state," he said.

According to statistics from the Higher Education Coordinating Board, about 40 percent of medical students leave the state for residency programs in other areas.

"There is a need in the Valley for a medical school," said state Rep. Irma Rangel, D-Kingsville, and chairwoman of the Mexican-American Caucus, which supports the South Texas medical school proposal.

Clinton enjoys relaxing Sunday with family

By Associated Press

DALLAS — President Clinton attended Palm Sunday services before heading on his favored Arkansas Razorbacks' chances for a Final Four berth Sunday.

Clinton, up early the day after his wife's wedding to Dallasite Hillary Rodham Clinton, was out jogging by 7 a.m. He said he felt good about the Razorbacks' chances against the Michigan Wolverines Saturday.

Clinton greeted a few local residents during the course of his 25-minute jog along Turtle Creek, and he read the current issue of Sports Illustrated at Stanley Oberst, a Plano high school teacher. The magazine

has Clinton on the cover holding a basketball, with the phrase "A Man from Hoop."

Oberst got the magazine signed only after he clashed briefly with Secret Service agents who thought he was getting too close to the president.

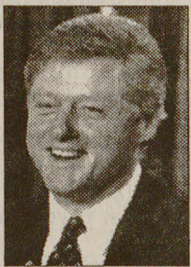
"I guess I was so excited, I seemed nervous and nervous people make them nervous," Oberst said.

After his run, Clinton read for morning church services, where he

was accompanied by his wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton, and daughter, Chelsea. The first family visited the First Baptist Church of Richardson, where the pastor delivered a sermon about Janis Joplin — her problems, her loss of hope and her descent into drug and alcohol abuse.

"I think she is a symbol of our day," said the Rev. Brian Harbour, who came here several years ago from Little Rock, Ark., where he had been pastor of Clinton's church.

"We're delighted to have our friends from Washington" with us, Harbour told his huge congregation. He reminisced briefly about the old days, specifically mentioning Clinton and Chelsea.



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Baby

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Mark Mathews, a senior computer science major, said he couldn't understand how anyone could do such a thing to themselves and to the baby.

"I can't understand the pressures on a woman that would make her throw it away," he said. "It's a baby. You just don't throw a baby away."

Rebecca Dunn, a junior psychology major, said she was initially surprised that it could happen without anyone knowing.

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"I think she was just desperate," she said. "I think she needs help. I don't think she should be charged with murder until she talks to a psychologist."

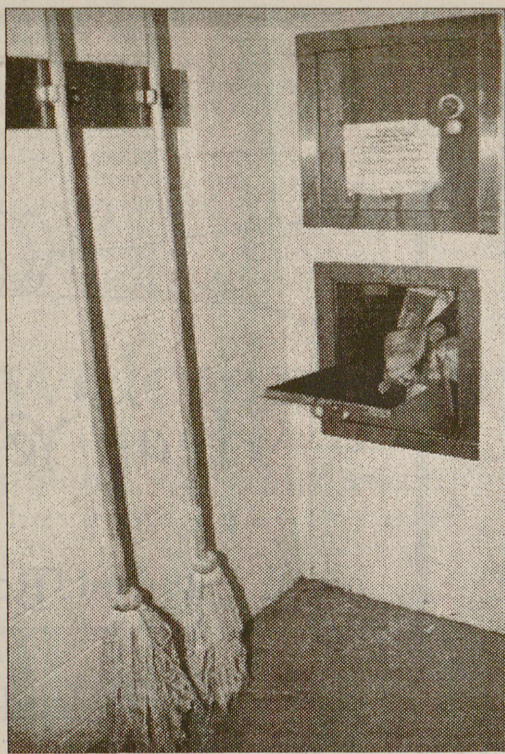
Charney Putney, assistant director of Residence Life, said a meeting was called by the residence hall staff to inform students about the incident.

"The counseling center is aware as well," she said. "We're basically telling students that if they're having a hard time dealing with it, they should go to them."

Wiatt said several students suspected the woman was pregnant by her appearance.

However, when they asked her, she denied it.

Wiatt said the student is a sophomore general studies major from Rockwall, Texas.



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UPD discovered the baby wrapped in a garbage bag inside a Mosher Hall garbage chute similar to the one pictured above.

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THE COMPUTING TOOLBOX

A weekly column dedicated to computing at Texas A&M

Welcome to the first in a series of columns designed to introduce everyone to the computing environment and to help you get more out of your computing experience at Texas A&M. Some of the authors work at Computing and Information Services (CIS). CIS serves the educational, administrative, and research missions of Texas A&M. CIS is subdivided into several functions or "projects," each of which facilitates computing in the broadest sense. CIS works to improve the "big picture"; policy-making and planning extends into the future. Our weekly visit to *The Battalion* will serve two main purposes: first, to highlight some of the more interesting and exciting aspects of computing at Texas A&M; second and most importantly, to provide a forum for you, the "computer user."

We hope that in the coming months you will use this as a tool for improving resources, for airing opinions, and for suggesting improvements in our computing environment. We like to think that CIS is entirely "customer-driven" and can make your life a little easier, but we need your help.

What is a virus, and how can you keep your computer healthy? What does the campus network look like? What is the Internet? Each week this column will explore another facet of computing at Texas A&M, and different authors will offer their spin on computing issues. That means that one week we may discuss a particular software package or a piece of hardware, but the next week the focus may be on the campus-wide network as a whole or a peek into plans for the future. Occasionally, when our questions pile up, we'll dedicate a column to our Computing Wizard.

We hope to create an active interest in computing here and to spur everyone to take advantage of CIS services. We'd like to tell you something that you didn't know, to give you something to discuss with your co-worker at the water cooler tomorrow morning, and to get you to "spread the word" about computing resources. For example, did you know that CIS provides over 70 free computing short courses every semester ranging from an introduction to Macintosh to code optimization on a supercomputer? Or that within the next few months 150 microcomputers will be installed in the new West Evans Library Annex? Or that you can log onto your account even if you're halfway around the world?

These are just a few of the issues that we'll dive into over the next few months, and we'd like your input, too. If you have a particular aspect of computing that you would like to see discussed here, or if you have a question (or better yet, a lot of questions!) that we can answer for you, please call the phone number or send e-mail to the address that you'll see posted at the end of this article each week.

Ask the Computing Wizard

Q: What exactly is a "computing resource?"
A: We use the term "resource" to refer to computing labs, hardware (computers, disk drives, monitors, and so on), software (the programs that run on the computers), printers and output centers, and the people at CIS.

Q: Does CIS manage all computing resources?
A: Although CIS manages many computing resources on campus, most resources are managed separately by other departments and agencies. Oftentimes, you must be a member of a particular agency or be taking courses within a specific department to be eligible for a computing account on non-CIS resources.

Q: Hey, I have a really good idea how to improve computing resources. Whom should I tell?
A: Please send all suggestions and comments to our "virtual suggestion box" at SMTP%SUGGEST@TAMU.EDU

Upcoming Events

The following free short courses will be presented in the upcoming weeks:

Introduction to Excel for the PC
 March 31, 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m., 107 Blocker

Introduction to Processing on the Cray (Pt. one)
 April 4, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., 039 Wisenbaker

Introduction to Processing on the Cray (Pt. two)
 April 6, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., 039 Wisenbaker

The Microcomputer Training Group (MTG) of CIS also offers the following classes for a small fee. Call the MTG at 845-9999 to make reservations.

Microsoft PowerPoint (Apple)
 April 18, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., 002 Teague, \$15

Aldus Persuasion (Apple)
 April 19, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., 002 Teague, \$15

MacroMedia Director (Apple)
 April 20, 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., 002 Teague, \$25

Microsoft Powerpoint (IBM)
 April 21, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., 218 Teague, \$15

Aldus Persuasion (IBM)
 April 22, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., 218 Teague, \$15

Asymetrix ToolBook (IBM)
 April 25, 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., 218 Teague, \$25

(Please send comments, suggestions for topics, and questions for the Computing Wizard via e-mail to SUGGEST@TAMU.EDU or call 845-9325.)