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DALLAS--A Student Family Practice Association has been organized at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School as students show increased interest in this new "specialty" of medicine.

Dr. Calvin W. Harris, president of the Dallas Chapter, Texas Academy of Family Practitioners, and Dr. Seth B. Cowan of Garland, a member of the chapter, briefed about 40 students at a recent organizational meeting.

The group elected Dave Morris president, Gladys Bryan vice president and Robert Allen Kelley secretary-treasurer. All are sophomore medical students.

The emphasis in the new area is the education of physicians who can dispense comprehensive health care to families as a unit. In contrast to the general practitioner, the family physician will have specialized training during medical school years--then as an intern and resident.

At Southwestern, a number of doctors experienced in this type of practice have briefed students in the Community Medicine course, according to Dr. Bryan Willians, associate dean for student affairs.

There are now approximately 40 departments or divisions of family medicine in this country's medical schools and about 80 approved residencies.

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