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*****Medical students host first annual Medical Ministry Seminar Saturday, Nov. 16.

DALLAS--The first annual Medical Ministry Seminar will be held at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School on Saturday, Nov. 16. Beginning at 8:30 a.m., the all-day session will include speakers and multi-media presentations relating information and experiences of Christian physicians in the medical missions field.

Dr. Henry Farrar, Dr. Ward Lane and Davis Jones will be featured speakers.

Dr. Farrar, a Nigerian missionary for eight years, is currently a general surgeon in private practice in Searcy, Ark. He has a fellowship in the American College of Surgeons and is a member of the American Board of Surgery.

A graduate of Southwestern Medical School, Dr. Lane spent two years in the prison system of Atlanta, Ga. for the Public Health Service. His general surgery residency was done at Southwestern, and he is presently in private practice as a general surgeon in Dallas.

Jones is doing Ph.D. work in cultural anthropology at The University of Texas in Austin. He has spent two years in Japan studying the Japanese language and conducting research in anthropology. He is also teaching introductory anthroplogy at UT.

The program consists of an audiovisual history of medical missions work in the Churches of Christ and discussions on cultural anthropology and medical missions, case histories in medical missions and the inspirational life of a medical missions worker.

"Cultural Anthropology and Medical Missions" will deal with ways to approach cultural differences in missions countries by understanding basic assumptions in these cultures, then applying this knowledge in determining the people's best understanding of the Christian message and how medicine may be used as an outreach.

Case histories will point out barriers a medical worker must overcome in communicating modern medicine and the Gospel to other cultures.

The meeting was organized by a group of Southwestern students, aided by Abilene Christian College. Coordinator is Ellen Kramar, junior medical student at Southwestern.

Registration will be on Friday, Nov. 15, at 8 p.m. A registration fee of \$6 is required, which includes lunch and dinner on Saturday.

Housing assignments will be made at this time for out of town participants.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Ms. Kramar, UT Southwestern Medical School, Box 1158, 5323 Harry Hines Blvd., Dallas 75235.