

Advisory on Third College's grant

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STORY: \$500,000 grant to UCSD's Third College to increase number of minority students in the biomedical sciences

SUGGESTED INTERVIEW: Dr. Willie C. Brown, UCSD assistant professor of biology and program director for the grant project

DATE/TIME/ LOCATION: To be arranged on UCSD campus in a scientific laboratory **VISUALS:** Students working on variety of experiments using microscopes, test tubes, electronic equipment and other paraphernalia found in scientific labs

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COMMENTS: A national survey conducted in 1970 showed that of 300,000 Ph.D.s in the United States, only 600 were Black and fewer than 100 were from other minority groups. The survey also found that 18 per cent of all graduate students in science in the U.S. were foreign born while less than 1 per cent were native-born minorities.

The \$500,000 grant by the Minority Biomedical Support Program of the National Institutes of Health represents a major endorsement of the efforts of UCSD's Third College to expand minority participation in higher education and research. It is the first time MBS funds have been given to a large institution which is not predominately minority.

The grant monies will be used to provide modest financial support for students to participate in faculty-directed research projects.

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