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**(S.D.)-School Of Mines Testing Biometric Payment Program**

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RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) - The South Dakota School of Mines & Technology is partnering with a technology firm to offer a pilot biometric program on campus.

Developers hope the pilot program will one day lead to a cashless society. The university says it is the first in the country to use the technology.

The Nexus Smart Pay pilot program is being tested by 50 students and faculty at two locations on campus. The faculty and students pay for goods by scanning their finger. The money is then taken out of an account that students and faculty have deposited money into.

The university's acting president, Duane Hrcir, says the university is proud to be not only the first university but the first organization to pilot the program.

Nexus USA developed the smart pay program.

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