

Medical school applicants

# 'Good percentage' accepted

By JUDY DUNN  
More than 60 percent of Texas A&M's applicants have been accepted to medical schools since 1953, according to a Texas A&M Graduate Medical School Data sheet.  
Compared to other large institutions, that is a good percentage, said Dr. Gilbert Schroeter, associate professor of biology, and chairman of the Premed and Predent Advisory Committee.  
Last year 85 out of 154 A&M applicants were accepted into medical schools, according to the sheet. Sixty-three graduates went to University of Texas medical schools in Dallas, Houston, Galveston, and San Antonio. Eight went to Baylor Medical School in Houston, and three went to Texas Tech Medical

School in Lubbock. Eleven other graduates went to other medical schools in the U.S.  
In 1977, the Texas A&M Medical School opened its doors to A&M applicants for the first time. Out of 114 applicants, 31 were accepted. Eleven students were sophomores, 18 were juniors, and two were seniors last year.  
"There has also been a recent increase in the number of women accepted from A&M," Schroeter said.  
In 1976, four women from A&M were accepted to medical schools. In 1977, there were 21 accepted, and seven out of those 21 were accepted into the A&M school, he said.  
Most Premed students graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology or zoology, Schroeter said.

A few students graduate with a B.S. degree in other fields, such as microbiology or biochemistry. However, according to the Texas A&M University Undergraduate Catalog, a student can enter the program in medicine if he selects a curriculum which includes certain courses in chemistry, biology, general physics, calculus, English, American History, political science, and physical education.  
According to the Medical School Admissions Requirements book for 1978-79, the Texas Tech Medical School in Lubbock is the most expensive among other medical schools, and Texas A&M's is the cheapest. Students at Texas Tech pay \$4,562 a year. Students at the UT medical school in Dallas spend \$4,400 a year. Baylor medical stu-

dents pay \$4,150, and UT students in Galveston pay \$3,300, and students in San Antonio spend \$3,110. A&M medical school students pay \$2,600 a year. All of these prices include tuition, student fees, room and board, books and supplies, and microscope rental.  
At the A&M medical school, students also pay for building use fees, which is included in the \$2,600 they pay per year.  
"We pay a building use fee because we are on campus and use the same buildings other students use at A&M," said Susan Rudd, a freshman, and Student Senator for the medical school.  
"Even though we pay a building use fee too, the A&M medical school is still the least expensive of the medical schools," she said.

## Concert features 'My Fair Lady'

The mid-winter concert of Texas A&M's University Symphonic Band will be presented Thursday.  
Consisting of students from all segments of the university, the symphonic band will perform at 8 p.m. in the Rudder Theater.  
The program will feature selections from "My Fair Lady," a guest-directed Cole Porter symphonic portrait, a piano solo by Tracy Sowders and the six-member trombone section in a

unison solo on "Morceau Symphonique."  
Joe McMullen directs the 71-member symphonic band which is in its fourth year. It performed in a prestigious guest band role last year at the Texas Music Educators Association conference in San Antonio.  
Lt. Col. Joe T. Haney, Aggie Band director, will take the baton for the Cole Porter portrait. Ms. Sowders will perform

Debussy's "Claire de Lune."  
The concert will also be highlighted by the first joint appearance with the symphonic band of Aggie Concert Band members. They will provide antiphonal brass choirs in the performance of Kalinnikov-Bainum's "Finale from Symphony No. 1." The brass will be located at the rear of the theater, for a stereophonic effect, McMullen said.  
Admission is \$1 for any student and \$2 per non-student.


# Early cold cures — added benefits

By MARY JO PRINCE  
It is often wondered how our predecessors battled the coughs, colds, and fevers that accompanied their flu seasons. Antibiotics and decongestants were still in the discovery stages.  
According to John Q. Anderson in "Texas Folk Medicine," there is a cure for what ails you.  
Has that upset stomach slowed you down? Get back in the race by putting off some hair in the moonlight and throwing it over your shoulder.  
If that fails, wash and boil the lining of a chicken's gizzard; drink the

resulting tea at half-hour intervals until your stomach is settled.  
Those irritating colds and hacking coughs have no advantages when you're trying to sleep at night or attempting to be attentive in class. Sniffles and sneezes will cease if you make a powder of dried frog skins advise folklorists. Mix it with fruit juice and drink.  
You can muffle those hacks if you add one teaspoon of sugar to some 100-proof whiskey and set it afire. When the liquid stops burning, drink it. If this drug has no effects, eliminate the sugar and the burning.

In order to lower a fever, Anderson suggests that you lie in shallow water at the bank of a river. Aggies are given special notice that this cure is most effective when you lie face up.  
You can prevent that dreaded flu by keeping powdered sulphur in your shoes. But should that flu bug bite anyway, bite back by placing a cut onion in your room. The onion, folklorists say, should absorb the

germs. This cure has an added benefit: your friends will be out of danger because they will not come within a hundred yards of you or your germs for some time.  
Should these treatments prove ineffective, there is one more — "wives' tale" you might find helpful. Find your way to the nearest campus Health Center and disappear for two hours!



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