Butterflies Are Free' offers nemorable theater, food

Battalion Campus Editor
L good play is more than a well-I stagecraft crew must combine ent, energy and imagination to nsform the written word into morable "theater.

The group of students now reursing Leonard Gershe's play, itterflies Are Free," promise to iver good theater to audiences at-ding the production from tonight ough Saturday.

Butterflies Are Free" is the first two dinner theater productions ing sponsored by the MSC Sumr Dinner Theater this year.

A special non-dinner performance le be presented tonight at 8. Tickfor the non-dinner performance t \$2 for students and \$3 for the

Butterflies Are Free" is a light nedy dealing with a young, weal-blind man's escape from the tches of a domineering mother the independence of a shabby, -room, New York City apartt. He becomes involved with a ty 19-year-old divorcee much to

norror of his mother. Oon Baker, the blind boy finds ndependence through his relahip with the flighty Jill Tan-said Christi Binz, who plays And she discovers her identity igh him.

aywright Leonard Gershe got idea for his comedy from the life story of a blind man who asked to report to his draft d for induction. Unconvinced he was blind, the draft board

tten script. Performers, director mer theater in 1969 with such success that two months later it opened in New York where it ran for 1,133 performances

priced at \$4.95 for students and \$7 for the public. Dinner begins at 6:30

p.m. followed by the play at 8 p.m.each night from Thursday

Dinner and all performances will

through Saturday

'Butterflies Are Free" received high acclaim from critics who called the play humorous and warmhearted without being overly senti-

It has taken the students about five weeks to produce the play under the direction of Lawrence Leach, assistant professor of English. Working with a \$250 budget, the students have improvised most of the costumes and set decorations.

'The copyright fee cost us \$150,' said costume coordinator Keith Brooks. "That means we had about \$100 to work with. So far the costumes have cost us only \$5 and most of the set furniture belongs to the Theater Arts Department or profes-

The cast of characters for "Butterflies Are Free" in addition to Binz as Tanner includes Steve King as the blind Don Baker, Trisha Cox

as the domineering mother and Phillip Hafer as Ralph Austin. Rhonda Reger of the MSC Sum-mer Dinner Theater Committee said beef stroganoff will be the main course served at every dinner per-formance. The buffet also will include a second entree of either Polynesian chicken, sweet and sour pork or seafood creole plus four salads, a variety of vegetables and

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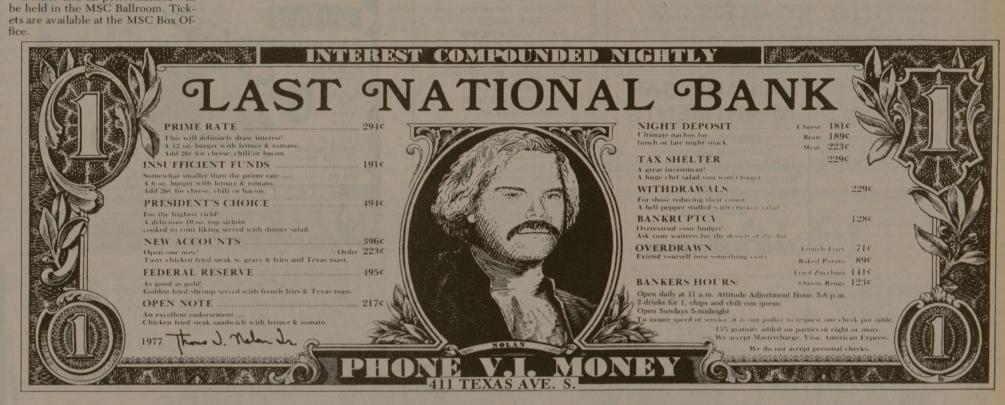


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Biologists and veterinary rearchers from Texas A&M Univer-y will spend this summer fish-for science.

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Studies will be made on the numrs and types of animals found to operation of the stress of pollu-

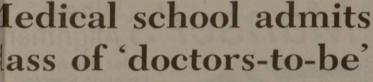
Biologist Jerry Neff and verterianatomy researcher Raymond have been named principal instigators on the project, the 70,000 Texas A&M phase of a 9 million contract let by the reau of Land Management to uthwest Research Institute of San

as undergraduates and complete their formal instruction up to two years sooner than traditional pro-

vidual. In this subjective aspect, we are interested in extracurricular activities and community service, for

Texas A&M conducts its medical education program in cooperation with Scott and White Hospital in Temple and Veterans Administration facilities in Waco, Temple and Marlin, where clinical phases of the curriculum are carried out.

Due in part to an increasing plications for the 1979 program. Forms are available from Ward's office in the Doherty Building. Appli-



The Texas A&M medical school, emphasizing family and internal medicine, allows students to enter

Average age of the group is 21.7

The new medical students stand a notch above their national counterparts academically. Their mean grade point ratio is 3.69 and average MCAT (Medical College Admission Test) score is 9.3, compared to the

national average of 8.

"The scholarship of the students applying here was extremely high," said associate dean William Ward. "But grades alone do not automati-

cally qualify a student.
"We also look closely at the indi-

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number of applications to the Texas A&M College of Medicine, officials have set a Dec. 15 deadline on apcants must have attained at least the status of sophomore



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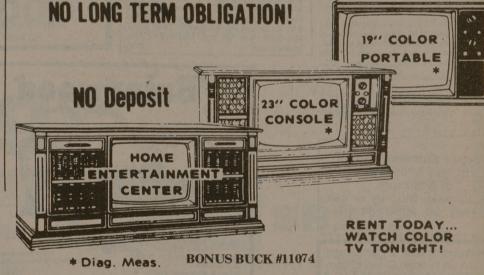
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