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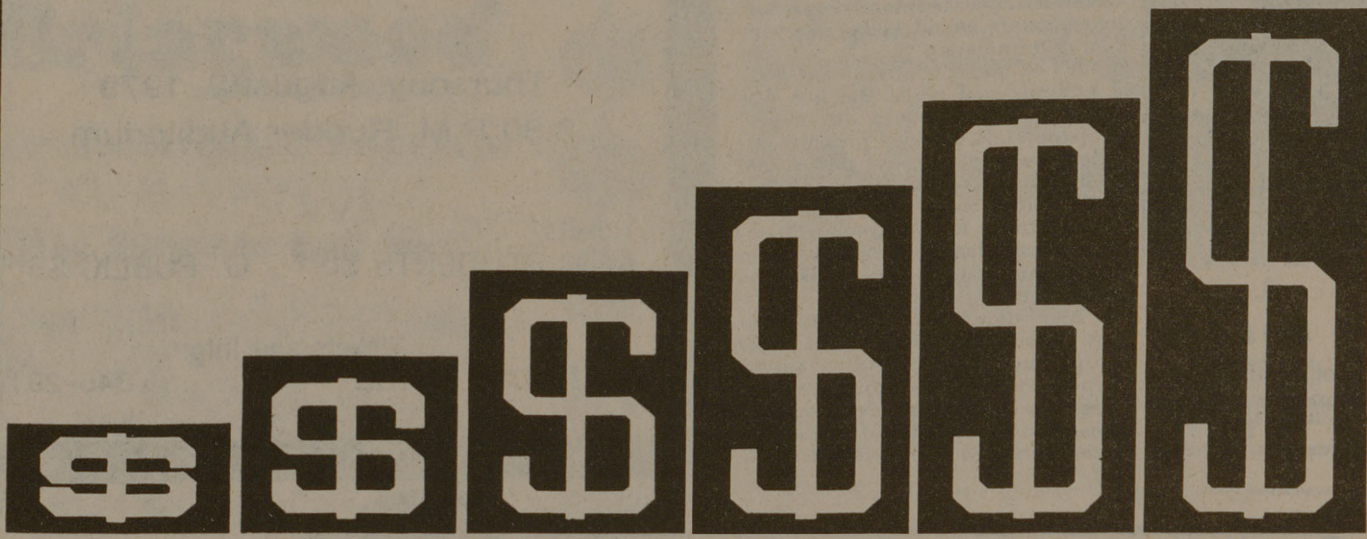
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Area doctors help med students get experience

By the time Texas A&M University medical students are ready to begin their final 24 months of training, they have already had about a year of hands-on experience in patient-doctor relations, thanks to a program involving almost four dozen local and area physicians.

During the students' second-year, white-smocked figures venture out by twos and threes on Tuesday afternoons to visit doctors at offices and hospitals in Bryan-College Station, Caldwell, Navasota, Madisonville and Brenham, explains Dr. Phil Davis, head of the Family/Community Medicine Department at Texas A&M and coordinator of the cooperative venture.

When the students get to the offices or hospitals, they actually take part in working with patients who have volunteered to participate, he adds. Some remain to work through the summer to gain even more experience.

"The students are grateful for the experience," says Davis. "By the time the second year of their program here on the main campus is up, they are well-oriented toward relating with patients."

One student, Pam Perry of Fort Worth, thinks the overall program is, in her words, "just great." Perry is working this summer with a local gynecologist.

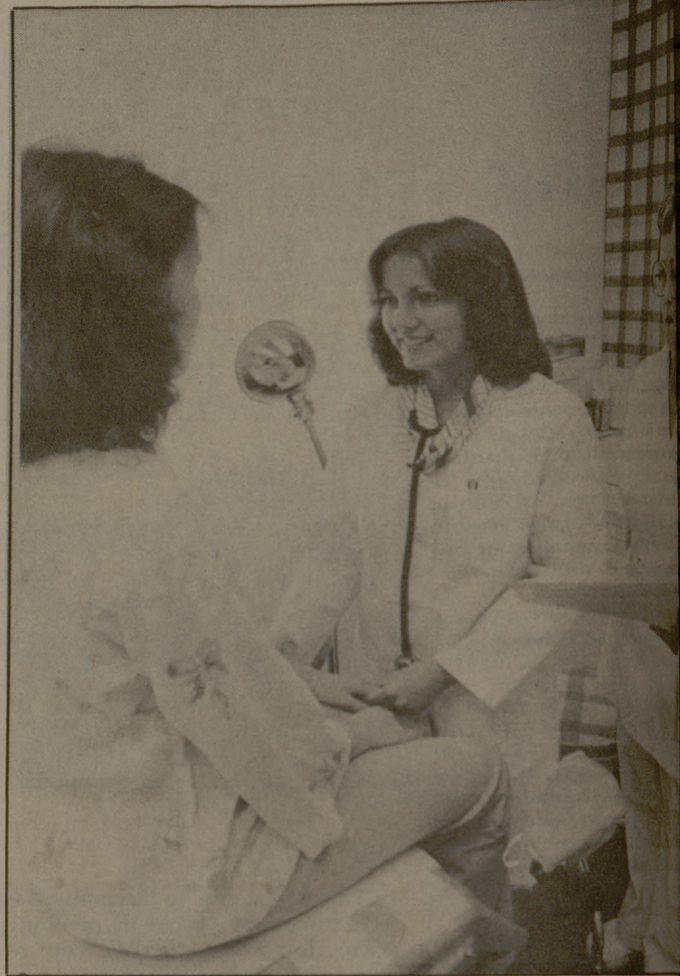
"You can have books, books, book all the time, but this helps you know what medicine is all about."

While here, they young doctors-to-be have no lack of patients to see, thanks to Brazos Valley physicians who contribute time and knowledge to the medical program.

The doctors come into the classroom during the students' first year and help with practical instruction, overseeing the students as they practice examining each other.

The physicians also provide students with names of willing patients, and the students take medical histories from the patients. In this way, they learn early on the proper way of working up a case history and the importance of patient-doctor rapport, adds Davis.

"One student even brought a patient some flowers to the hospital as a



Texas A&M medical student Pam Perry discusses a case with the patient of a local gynecologist and nurse Fern Weaver. Brazos Valley physicians contribute to the Texas A&M medical program by allowing students to work with patients during their second year of coursework.

way of saying thanks," he recalls. "We hope to influence some of these students with what primary care (family, internal, pediatrics, etc.) is all about, especially in smaller towns where the need is greatest," says Davis.

"Some have already come back

impressed with what they have seen in hospitals away from large centers. A few have expressed interest they didn't have before. "I fell this is a big step in bridging the gap between the teaching institution and the practicing physicians," he said.

Jogger shoots motorist following heated argument

United Press International WICHITA, Kan. — A jogger accused by an irate motorist of nearly causing a car accident Wednesday pulled a gun and shot the driver who was threatening him with a baseball bat, police said.

The jogger, who was not identified pending possible filing of charges, was held by police for further questioning. The driver of the car underwent surgery at Wesley Medical Center and was in undetermined

condition. Det. Howard Rose said the 18-year-old motorist had apparently thought the jogger was at fault in nearly causing a 6:30 a.m. traffic accident involving his vehicle and a second car.

The other driver left the scene, but the teen-ager continued to argue with the jogger, Rose said. After the jogger headed home, the driver followed in his car, officer said.

Police said the jogger went inside

and came out with a gun with which the motorist began advancing on the jogger. Two gunshots were fired and the motorist suffered shot wounds to his upper back.

The injured motorist then got inside his car and drove to the Emergency Center-South for treatment. However, he collapsed as he stepped from his car. Another said the motorist was taken by ambulance to the medical center in good condition.

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