

# Med students rank first in state

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Mention anything about the College of Medicine, and Dean Robert Stone, M.D. gets that twinkle in his eyes. He's enthusiastic and truly dedicated to his job.

Once a week, his secretary updates his schedule. He keeps a list of dates of his obligations — right now the last date on his list is December 7, 1986 — and a list of tasks.

"I do the easiest ones first and hope I never get to some of them," Stone says, but a plastic paperweight on one of many neat stacks of paper on his desk belies his words.

"Do It Now" it tells him in bold, black letters.

"Oh, I don't ever lift that," he says, eyes crinkling at the corners. "I never want to get to that stuff."

The paperweight was a gift from his secretary at the University of Oregon where Stone was dean of the medical school before coming to Texas A&M seven years ago.

After high school, Stone completed his liberal arts education in a free college established by New York City. He then spent four years in the Navy where "I just sort of swam around," before he went to medical school.

When he graduated, Stone joined the staff at the University of California at Los Angeles when the school was just being established. From there, he went to the University of New Mexico where he was dean of the medical school for a while.

Having been a dean on and off since 1968, Stone has developed a thorough description of his duties.

"I do whatever the faculty tells me to do," he says. "They tell me to keep the walls painted, the rugs clean, and the place well-maintained."

If Dr. Stone's office is any indication of the job he's doing, he's certainly fulfilling his responsibilities.

Other than the piles of papers,

only a brass lamp and two picture frames are on Stone's desk. One shows off a photo of his wife, the other a photo of his daughter.

His daughter majored in Spanish and biology at Stanford University, and now she's a senior at Baylor medical school.

"She's interested in neurology," Stone says. "Not urology — neurology."

But he's quick to add that pursuing medicine was his daughter's decision.

"I in no way pushed her into it," he says. "She made her own decision."

He moves his daughter's picture as if to arrange it on his desk, then he spins around in his chair to face the computer and laser jet printer on the table behind him.

"I just got this two months ago and I'm thoroughly enjoying it," he says.

With his computer, he can go on-line anytime and get updated information on medical economics, available drugs, and treatment of disease.

"Let's dial up (the Associated Press headquarters in) Chicago and see what news we get," Stone says, putting a disk into the drive.

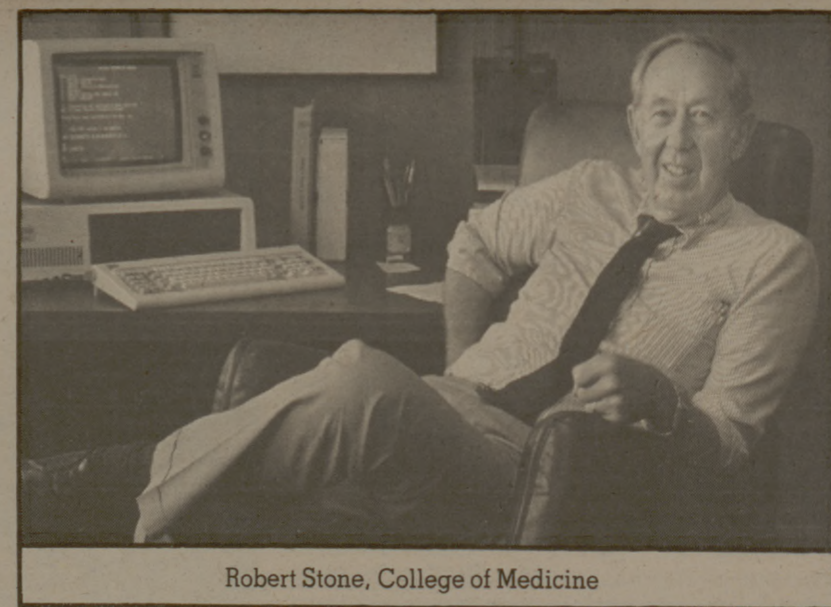
He presses a couple of keys, and gets a dial tone. A few keys later, a click and it begins to ring.

The ring is answered, and a voice asks him to please be patient while his request is being processed. Then a list of articles appears for him to choose from.

"Isn't that nifty," he asks. "You can see why this is better than working. What do you want to read about? You want to read about the rhythm method? Nah, that's obsolete."

He calls up an article about a study involving 400 newborn babies, prints a few paragraphs of the story to demonstrate his printer, types in "bye" to sign off, then again swivels around in his stuffed leather chair.

"The first thing I do when I get here in the morning is turn on the computer," Stone says. "You've got



Robert Stone, College of Medicine

the world at your fingertips."

His conversation returns to his favorite topic: the College of Medicine.

"Being a part of this institution has been a great advantage for (the college)," he says. "Most medical schools are sponsored by a university, not a part of it. But if A&M's is to be established, it has to be a part of this university."

Stone isn't worried about how the College of Medicine will fare in view of the state's recent budget cuts.

"Our development will be a lot slower, and there's still a lot in the development phase," he says. "But the quality will remain the same, unless the pause lasts more than four years."

Stone says there really isn't a national system that ranks medical schools, but he explains a few factors to illustrate its status.

In terms of size, the College of Medicine is one of the smallest in the country, each year only 48 students are admitted. A&M is near the bottom of the list in terms of research support from the state, but it's near the top of the list in research support from individual faculty.

Based on students' performances on the state license exam over the

last four years, Texas A&M is ranked first in the state, Stone says, and based on preliminary figures, it appears A&M will retain that status when this year's results are in.

For proof, he takes out a list of percentages showing the preliminary results and leans across his desk.

"I really don't like to talk to people across my desk," Stone says. "It immediately establishes a gradient, and I resent that. It's an insensitive thing for an administrator to do."

He explains the figures on the list then puts it back onto one of the stacks at his right. Nothing is ever the least bit out of place. His office stays neat, clean and organized.

Stone calls being organized a "defensive posture" he's developed as a result of his career. It's made doing his job a lot easier, but it also extends to things he does around the house.

To relax, he cares for his yard, but he maintains he's not a gardener. He also enjoys cooking, and soup is his favorite thing to prepare.

"I can homogenize everything," he says, "and nobody knows what they're eating. Then I can feed it to unsuspecting victims. It's especially good with a good, stiff bread." □

# Friday evening

## sunday

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McCaw	31	5	6	26	24	2	13	4	25	17	11	10	29	33	12	34
7:00	World Tomorrow Jimmy Swaggart	CNN News	Marilyn Hickey James Robison	Sesame Street	Robert Schuller Baptist Church	World Tomorrow Truth In Love	Infinity Factory Sonrisas		W.V. Grant Jackson Five		Jimmy Swaggart	James Robison Robert Schuller	Alvin And Chipmunks Bugs Bunny & Friends	James Kennedy Robert Schuller	James Kennedy	Cartoons
8:00	Oral Roberts	Sunday Morning	The First Touch	Sesame Street	Steve Smith	Town Meeting Day Of Discovery	Terrahawks Kids, Inc.		Fantastic World Of Hanna-Barbera	Viewer Call-In Highlights	Day Of Discovery The Hyde Park Hour	Religion Baptist Church		Mass For Shut-Ins Chicagoand Church	Kenneth Copeland	
9:00	For The Public Metro Monthly	Jimmy Swaggart	Larry Jones Jerry Falwell	Sesame Street	Sunday Morning	It Is Written Methodist Church	Movie: "Coach Of The Year"		Transformers	One Minute Speeches	Oral Roberts	Texas Gridiron	Good News "Strategic"	Cisco Kid Lone Ranger	Lloyd Ogilvie Davey And Goliath	
10:00	Methodist Church Baptist Church	Face The Nation	Robert Schuller	Sesame Street	Weekend Closeup	Movie: "Fighting"			Thunderbirds	Fred Akers Tom Landry	Death Valley Days	Air Command	Rawhide	Superbook Club		
11:00	Meet The Press NFL '85	Baptist Church	World Tomorrow	Motorweek	NFL Week In Review NFL Today	Foots	Methodist Church		National Press Club NFL '85	Movie: "Abbott & Costello Meet The Keystone Cops"	NFL Football	Movie: "Men Who Loved Women"	World Of Audubon	Twilight Zone One Step Beyond	Flipper	Movie: "Flying Claw Fights"
12:00	NFL Football Dallas Cowboys At	NFL Football Dallas Cowboys At	A Family Affair The Osmonds	Angrosky & Company McLaughlin Group	NFL Football Dallas Cowboys At	Laramie	This Week With David Brinkley		Congressional Hearings	NFL Football	Movie: "Men Who Loved Women"	World Of Audubon	Twilight Zone One Step Beyond	Flipper	Movie: "Flying Claw Fights"	
1:00	Detroit Lions			Oil Painting Square Foot Gardening	Detroit Lions	Kung Fu	Crossroads	Washington Week Wall Street Week	Movie: "Monster On Campus"			Baseball San Francisco Giants	Lead Off Baseball St. Louis Cardinals	Movie: "The Showdown"		
2:00			The Soap Opera Awards	Victory Garden Rod And Reel	Lucky Luke		Creative Woman Shungnak	Movie: "Green"				Movie: "Daring Game"	At Atlanta Braves	Chicago Cubs		Movie: "Bud And Lou"
3:00	Sports Legends	NFL Football Atlanta Falcons At		Cartooning Singing With Cindy	NFL Football Atlanta Falcons At		Dolphin Street	Swedish Television Gary Jenkins	Feet Tall	Congressional Hearings	Movie: "Championship Season"			Wagon Train		
4:00	Forgotten Man	San Francisco 49ers	I Love Country	Saving Energy Computer Chronicles	San Francisco 49ers	CHPs	Moment To Moment Vietnam		Viewer Call-In Highlights	Buck Rogers	This Week In Baseball Undersea World Of	guard	Movie: "Heldorado"	Room 222 Good Morning World		
5:00	News NBC News	News ABC News	New Tech Times Adam Smith's Money World		Start Of Something Big	ABC News	Firing Line	Movie: "Doctor Detroit"	C-SPAN Highlights	Fred Akers NBC News	Battlestar Galactica	Jacques Cousteau Wild World Of Animals		Movie: "Glory"	Alfred Hitchcock	
6:00	Punky Brewster Silver Spoons	60 Minutes	Ripley's Believe It Or Not	My Heart, Your Heart	60 Minutes	Movie: "Shoot The Sun Down"	Ripley's Believe It Or Not	McLaughlin Group Newfront	Congressional Hearings	Punky Brewster Silver Spoons	Star Trek	Wrestling	Movie: "Cont'd Gospel Music"		The Virginian	
7:00	Eyes Of Texas Special	Death Of A Salesman	All-Star Spectacular	I Had A Dream	Death Of A Salesman		All-Star Spectacular	Mountain Adventures Made In Texas	Movie: "Mating On The Bounty"		oceanQuest	Dempsey & Makepeace	Basketball P.U.S.H. All-Star Classic	Awards	The War And Eric Kurtz	Lancer
8:00	NBC Movie: "Secrets Of A Married Man"		ABC Movie: "Lady Blue"	Evening At Pops		Movie: "Little Girl Down"	ABC Movie: "Lady Blue"	Football Texas A&M At Alabama	Viewer Call-In Highlights	NBC Movie: "Secrets Of A Married Man"	Movie: "Next One"		In Search Of...	In Touch	Dead Or Alive	
9:00				Masterpiece Theatre "Irish R.M."		The Lane		Masterpiece Theatre "Irish R.M."	C-SPAN Highlights	Man			News	Ben Haden Rock Church	Dead Or Alive Candid Camera	
10:00	News Sports Sun Oceanquest	News Texas A&M Football	News Country Music	Territory	News CBS News Entertainment	Fred Akers Jim Wacker	News	Movie: "Friend"	Congressional Hearings	The Woman Who Willed	Wild Kingdom Jackie Sherrill	Tales From Darkside Lou Grant	Hour	Ed Young	Herbalife	
11:00		CBS News Charlie's Angels	Friday Night Magic		This Week Face The Nation	Solid Gold	ships, Secrets And Lies		At The Movies	A Miracle	New Light Church Fortunes In Foreclosure	John Ankerberg Robert Schuller	Movie: "Forty"	Larry Jones John Osteen	Get Rich With Real Estate	
12:00	Stars News Sports Sun	Fantasy Island	World Of Faith		Movie: "Gator"	Star Search		News	Viewer Call-In Highlights	Journey Back	700 Club		Second Street	Special		

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7:00	All-Star Hour	Scarecrow And Mrs. King	Hardcastle & McCormick	Business Report Writer In Society	Scarecrow And Mrs. King	Matt Houston	Hardcastle & McCormick	Survival	Braves Vs. Houston Astros		All-Star Hour	Matt Houston	Astros At Atlanta Braves	Cubs At Montreal Expos	Born Free	Movie: "The Black Marble"
8:00	NBC Movie: "Mirrors"	Kate & Allie Newhart	NFL Football Pittsburgh Steelers At	Justice	Kate & Allie Newhart		NFL Football Pittsburgh Steelers At	Quest For The Killers		Viewer Call-In	NBC Movie: "Mirrors"	Movie: "Murder In Texas" Part 1			700 Club	
9:00		Cagney & Lacey	Cleveland Browns	Quest For The Killers	Cagney & Lacey	Benny Hill	Cleveland Browns	America At Risk: Consumer Protest	Bob Newhart	Best Of C-SPAN			Movie: "None But The Brave"	News	To Be Announced	Cover Story Hollywood Insider
10:00	News	News		Lyman H. Howe Latent America	News M.A.S.H.	Carson's Comedy Bizarre		Business Report MacNeil Lehrer	Carson's Comedy Bob Newhart	News	Best Of Carson	Benny Hill Bizarre		Love Boat	Man From U.N.C.L.E.	Gong Show Make Me Laugh
11:00	Love Connection	Simon & Simon	ABC News Nightline		Simon & Simon	O'Hara		ABC News Nightline	Modern Maturity	CNN News	David Letterman	Twilight Zone	Movie: "First To Blaise"	Movie: "Modesty"	Best Of Groucho Bill Cosby	Edge Of Night Heartlight City
12:00	David Letterman	CBS Movie "Crooks And Coronets"	Country Music Television		CBS Movie "Crooks And Coronets"	Movie: "Where The Lions Rule"	Bonanza	Fugitive	Viewer Call-In	Love Boat	Fortunes In Foreclosure Please Don't Let Me Die	Fight		Blaise	Wendy And Me Love That Bob!	It's Your Business