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## Robot doctoring

### A&M graduate student plans for medical care's future

By BILL HUGHES  
Reporter

At a time when most prospective Texas A&M December graduates are thinking about what they'll be doing in 1986, Jim Vandenberg is thinking about what health care will be like in 1995.

Vandenberg, a graduate student in architecture, is working on a project for his master's thesis called "Advanced Diagnostics System Incorporated." The thesis is a conceptualization of what health facilities and their peripheral systems will look like 10 years from now.

The project is being partially funded by a joint fellowship Vandenberg received from the American Institute of Architects and the American Hospital Association. Vandenberg will present his findings in Toronto at the American Hospital Association's national convention next July.

The focus of Vandenberg's project is the use of computers in medical diagnosis.

Vandenberg's system includes a one-stop computer-aided diagnostic and treatment center. Subscribers to the system will be able to have medical histories taken and updated, computer-analyzed lab tests performed and computer-aided scanning done in one step at the center instead of being shuttled from lab to lab.

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The center's diagnostic computers will catch problems early, allowing minor treatment to begin at the center and preventing unnecessary trips to the hospital, Vandenberg says.

Peripheral components include home monitoring units and mobile units.

The home monitoring units will allow subscribers to tie into the system and be diagnosed without leaving their homes. Subscribers to the mobile system will wear wrist monitors which can send information for diagnosis back to the center, as well as acting as locating devices if the subscribers are too ill to make the trip to the center.

Some of Vandenberg's research for the project was done in Boston over the summer. He worked for the Ritchie Organization, an architectural design firm specializing in health facilities — a bonus, Vandenberg says, because he was able to talk about his project with people in the firm who specialized in different fac-

ets of health facilities design. He also did some research at Harvard and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

In the middle of the summer, Vandenberg made a side trip to the American Hospital Association convention in Chicago where he talked with members about the feasibility of the technology involved in his system and to get some ideas on how to further develop the project.

Vandenberg plans to complete the design of the computer diagnostic center before his graduation. In the spring, he says he plans to work on the presentation phase of the project, which includes further development of the theory and a program which details the different systems, processes and other facets of the project such as how the role of physicians will change under the new system.

What does he plan to do after he makes his presentation in July?

"Get a job," Vandenberg laughs.

He says he'd like to work in a kind of design firm, but specialty in health facilities will be a factor in his choice of where to do.

Vandenberg says his health facilities began when he was a senior majoring in engineering design. He entered a design competition sponsored by the Texas Medical Center, the American Institute of Architects and the American Hospital Association. He won first prize, \$1,000.

The design was chosen by the Texas Medical Center for its Central Facilities Building. Vandenberg used the prize to continue work as a graduate student in the master's program in architecture.

Vandenberg also has received James S. and Mary G. Fellowship while in graduate school. The Wright fellowship was awarded to a graduate student in architecture during the final year of study. Vandenberg is awarded the \$5,000 from this fund to help defray travel and other costs involved in the design and design of his system.

## Texans host fund-raising luncheon for Kennedy

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Four top Texas political strategists are hosting a private \$500-a-plate luncheon Friday for Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., apparently to discuss his 1988 political plans.

"This is sort of a joint venture," said Joy Anderson, executive assistant to former Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes, one of the hosts.

"They are hoping to begin a dialogue with the senator since he is now supporting oil and gas deregulation and he also is a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee," Anderson said.

The other hosts are Shannon Ratliff, Gov. Mark White's campaign treasurer; Austin businessman Jack Martin, a former aide to Sen. Lloyd Bentsen and Bentsen's 1982 campaign manager; and Ed Wendler, Austin land developer and lobbyist with strong ties to the Texas Democratic Party.

Kennedy's Senate seat will be up for election in 1988, a presidential election year. Kennedy has not said what his 1988 political plans will be.

Ratliff said Tuesday, "It is my thought the money will be for the senator's position in the Senate."

Ratliff said he agreed to host the Kennedy lunch without asking White, who is on a trade trip to Japan.

Last Saturday, former Gov. Bill Clements, who is a Republican candidate for governor, told a meeting

of young Republicans that Kennedy was "a junior-size LBJ who will be on the ticket with Ted Kennedy in 1988."

White's aides have denied the governor has any aims toward a presidential campaign.

## Kent Hance will speak at Rudder tonight

By JENS B. KOEPKE  
Staff Writer

Kent Hance, a candidate for the Republican gubernatorial nomination in the spring, will speak on issues relating to the election at 7 tonight in 701 Rudder.

The address, sponsored by MSC Political Forum, is part of the committee's gubernatorial series designed to allow candidates to present their views on issues relating to the election and on politics in general.

"Students will become more effective voters because of the issues involved in the gubernatorial series," said Heidi Kemp, state programs coordinator for Political Forum.

In 1978, after a career as an attorney, college professor, rancher and state senator, Hance was elected to the U.S. Congress. In 1981, he teamed with now U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm to push budget cuts through to congressional approval.

After serving a second term in the House, Hance ran for the U.S.

Senate, losing a close race to Sen. Lloyd Doggett in the Democratic primary runoff election. Doggett lost to Gramm in the general election.

In May 1985, Hance joined the Texas Republican Party and was happy to be in a party whose philosophy and his party affiliation finally matched.

Kemp said the gubernatorial series will allow students to see the candidates differ on issues relating to the election.

# Freshmen & Sophomores!



# LAST CHANCE

The schedule for Freshmen and Sophomore photos for the 1986 Aggieland has been extended to October 11.

Photos will be taken at Yearbook Associate's studio located above Campus Photo Center at Northgate.

Office hours are 8:30-12 and 1-4:30.