

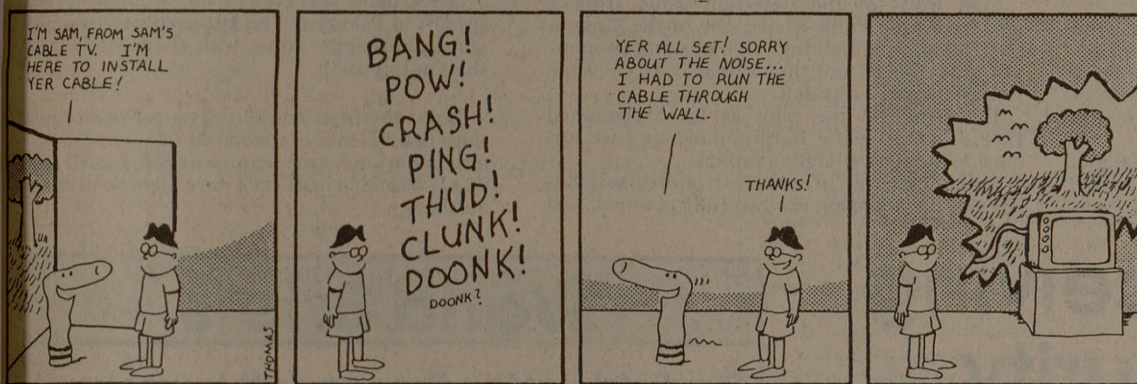
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Speakers say grad schools look at more than grades

By Charisse Crunk
Reporter

Despite the popular belief of most students that good grades alone will guarantee entrance to law, medical and graduate schools, many other factors are considered by admissions committees, two Texas A&M faculty members told an audience Wednesday.

Candida Lutes, associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts, and Dr. Hillary Jessup, adviser for the A&M student pre-law society, gave a full house of interested students helpful advice on applying to schools in general and hints about some schools in particular.

Jessup said it takes grades and a good Law School Admissions Test score to get into law school. But she said these two factors are not the only things considered.

Law schools want to know what makes each applicant different from all the other applicants, she said.

"You need to let them know that I am different from any other 21-year-old student applying to law school," Jessup stressed.

Jessup said students interested in law schools should prepare for the LSAT. She said A&M's pre-law society gives mock tests to prospective law school applicants for \$5. Jessup said practice exams give students a

chance to see what types of questions they will be expected to answer.

Jessup said that although there is no one particular major for pre-law students, 50 percent of the pre-law students generally major in history or political science.

Lutes reassured members of the audience with aspirations of going to

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medical school that about 50 percent of those who apply are accepted, despite the belief of most students that only a small percentage of students get into medical school.

She said it is important to remember that majors do not determine who gets into medical school.

Lutes cited a 1978 Rockefeller Foundation study that said that two-thirds of medical applicants come from natural sciences; 8 percent, behavioral sciences and 4 percent, humanities.

Forty-six percent of the students who apply from the natural sciences

get into medical school, she said, while 42 percent of the social sciences and 50 percent of the humanities applications are accepted.

Lutes said this data proves that a student does not have to go the science route to make it to medical school. She recommends students study what excites them and also take the required classes.

"Do what you enjoy doing, but do it well," Lutes advised. "Grades do matter, but if you do well here (at A&M) and choose a school to match your skills you have a good chance of getting in."

Lutes said students should consider their motivations for going to graduate school before actually deciding to go.

Lutes said graduate school is a great deal of work and advised students not to consider it unless they really love it.

Undergraduate students can take steps now to improve their applications to the schools later, Lutes said.

She urged students to get to know their professors because they can provide good letters of recommendation later.

She also urged students to get a part-time job while in school. She said students who work while in school generally come out on top because of the practical experience they receive.

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Houston among top contenders for '88 convention, chairman says

HOUSTON (AP) — Despite his previous comments to the contrary, Democratic National Chairman Paul Kirk now says Houston is a top contender for the 1988 national convention, regardless of the outcome of the governor's election.

"No city has exceeded Houston in the enthusiasm it has shown for hosting our party in 1988," he said in a statement released Wednesday.

Earlier, Kirk had said it would be tough for the city to host the convention if Gov. Mark White loses his bid for re-election.

Kirk was on the road Wednesday and unable to talk about the issue, said Terry Michael, his press aide.

But the chairman called Mayor

Kathy Whitmire to assure her that Houston will remain on the list of top contenders for the convention, aides to the mayor said.

Houston's economic condition will be taken into account, something that never before has been mentioned as an influencing factor in the selection process, Kirk said in his statement.

"The Democratic Party isn't going to forget the economic transition being faced by one of America's most progressive communities," Kirk said.

The chairman also said he was sure White would defeat his Republican opponent, former Gov. Bill Clements.

On Monday, the national chair-

man told a *Houston Chronicle* reporter that the re-election of White is critical to Houston's chances to get the convention.

His remarks angered some Houstonians who are working diligently to host the Democratic Party's 56-member convention site selection committee. The committee will study Houston next week.

On Wednesday, GOP Chairman George Strake called Kirk's earlier remarks blackmail and said Texas would not be influenced.

"I would remind Chairman Kirk that Republicans came to Texas (for their national convention) in 1984 even though Republicans did not hold the governor's office," he said.

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