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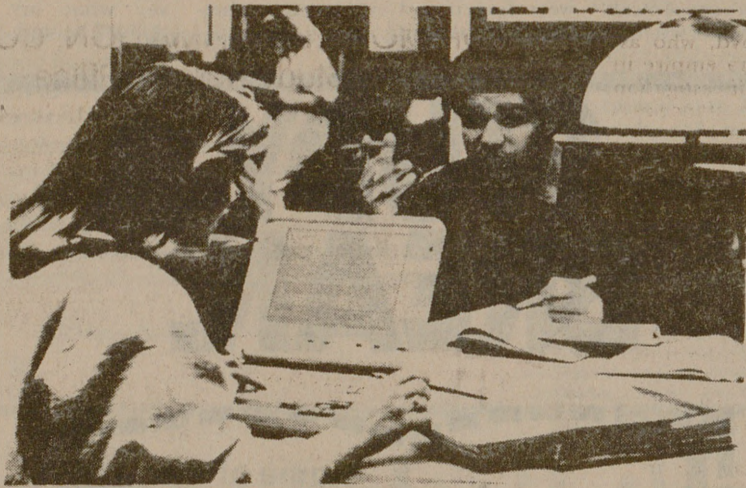
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# A&M assistant dean joins MCAT revision process

By Andrea Warrenburg  
REPORTER

The Medical College Admission Test, used for almost 60 years to determine if a person is qualified to enter medical school, is being revised with the help of a Texas A&M assistant dean.

The MCAT, introduced in 1930 by the Association of American Medical Colleges, has been criticized recently by medical students who have taken it and by undergraduate advisers who help the students prepare for it. They argue the test takes too long to complete and the major emphasis of the test is on science.

"The biggest problem is the test is very, very lengthy," said Billy Rankin, assistant dean in A&M's College of Medicine and member of two AAMC committees overseeing changes in the examination.

The exam lasts almost 10 hours and tests students on biology, chemistry, physics, science problems, reading and quantitative skills.

The committees overseeing the revisions, planned to take effect in 1991, plans to cut the test by 90 minutes and consolidate some science sections.

Four of the six parts of the test are science-related, implying that people have to be science majors to go to medical school, Rankin said.

"We want to say in a clear voice that it is possible for a person to major in anything of interest to them and still go to medical school," he said.

The new test will contain four sections — biological sciences, physical sciences, verbal reasoning and a writing sample.

"We are adding an opportunity for people who are skilled in writing to show us," Rankin said.

The writing portion will consist of two 30-minute tests where students, given a brief paragraph on a subject

unrelated to science, are asked to write a narrative about it.

The revisions to the test are a good idea, a biochemistry student said, because they will allow the applicants to express some of their personalities. "It is important for a physician to express himself," the student said.

Rankin said the revised exam will continue to assess the science knowledge students need to know to suc-

ceed in medical school, including introductory organic chemistry, general inorganic chemistry and physics.

"We don't want to downplay the importance of science," he said.

Rankin said a 16-member committee consisting of medical faculty, admissions officers, undergraduate and pre-med advisers, physician and students researched to ensure that the new test retained reliability.

"We're hoping the new test will be even better than the old," Rankin said.

## What's Up

Monday

**BRAZOS VALLEY AIDS FOUNDATION:** Evelyn Cox, director of education for the Houston AIDS Foundation, will speak at 7 p.m. at the Bryan Public Library.  
**MSC POLITICAL FORUM:** Sarah Weddington will discuss Roe vs. Wade at 8:30 p.m. in 201 MSC.  
**MSC FRESHMAN LEADERSHIP DYNAMICS:** Adviser applications are due by 5 p.m. in 216 MSC.  
**MINORITY ASSOCIATION OF PRE-HEALTH AGGIES:** Dr. Joyce Davis will speak at 7 p.m. in 308 Rudder.  
**AGGIES FOR LIFE:** will meet and elect officers at 7:15 p.m. in 228 MSC.  
**HONORS STUDENT COUNCIL:** will elect chairpersons at 7:30 p.m. in 410 Rudder.  
**PHYSICAL THERAPY CLUB:** will elect officers and have a pizza party at 8:30 p.m. at Mr. Gatti's.  
**CATHOLIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION:** will have a senior dinner at 7 p.m. Call Loraine at 696-6918 for more information.  
**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS:** will meet at noon. Call the C.D.P.E. at 845-0280 for more information.

Tuesday

**DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY/JUNGIAN SOCIETY:** will present "The Collective Unconscious: Myth of Scientific Hypothesis" at 7:30 p.m. in 206 MSC.  
**FACULTY FULBRIGHT WORKSHOP:** will be at 2:30 p.m. in 410 Rudder for all faculty interested in 1990-91 opportunities and application, peer review and selection process.  
**RECREATIONAL SPORTS:** will have registration from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. in 159 Read for a fun run and frisbee golf.  
**ASME/ASCE:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 110 Civil Engineering.  
**TAMU HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION:** will elect officers at 7 p.m. in 115 Kieberg.  
**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS:** will meet at noon. Call the C.D.P.E. at 845-0280 for more information.  
**TAMU SAILING TEAM:** will meet at 8 p.m. in 104 Zachry.  
**DANCE ARTS SOCIETY:** will meet at 5:30 p.m. in 268 Read.

Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDonald, no later than three business days before the desired run date. We only publish the name and phone number of the contact if you ask us to do so. What's Up is a Battalion service that lists non-profit events and activities. Submissions are run on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no guarantee an entry will run. If you have questions, call the newsroom at 845-3315.

## Texas bar gives refugees free legal help

AUSTIN (AP) — Many of the 3,300 Central Americans detained in camps and jails along the Texas-Mexico border soon will receive free legal help thanks to the State Bar of Texas.

The bar has agreed to co-sponsor a free legal clinic in South Texas slated to open by the end of May.

Most of the 1,549 refugees deported en masse from the Rio Grande Valley by the Immigration and Naturalization Service since Feb. 21 have gone without legal help.

On that date, the INS began detaining all Central Americans applying for political asylum, instead of allowing them to travel to their U.S. destinations to pursue their claims.

Only Nicaraguans have escaped the new policy. As of Sunday, the INS had not deported any Nicaraguans of the 1,235 in custody in South Texas.

The great majority of those deported — from El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras — were not represented by attorneys during INS proceedings against them.

"I think the immigration service is railroad asylum hearings in order to deport the applicants quickly," immigration attorney Paul Parsons told the *Austin American-Statesman*.

"It's outrageous to expect persons fleeing from death squads and civil war to arrive in the United States with detailed, written documentation of persecutions," Parsons said.

## Bill would boost funding for community colleges

AUSTIN (AP) — Community colleges could tax residents outside their current jurisdictions if lawmakers pass a bill by Rep. David Hudson that is awaiting a hearing by the full House.

Hudson says the bill, co-sponsored by Sen. Hector Uribe, D-Brownsville, is needed to help struggling community colleges stay alive by gathering financial support from outlying areas.

"Some of the older community colleges . . . started out being attached to a single independent school district, and in some cases, those are very, very small," Hudson said.

"In some cases, they . . . have not been able to expand. Their local taxing authority is very, very small because their tax base is so small," Hudson said.

His bill would allow community colleges to apply to the Higher Education Coordinating Board to expand their taxing districts at least to the county line.

The Coordinating Board would

define the service area of each community college, and residents in the existing tax district and the proposed expansion area would vote on the move, Hudson said.

Service areas now are based on informal agreements by community officials through the Regional Councils of the Coordinating Board.

Under 1969 Texas laws, boundaries of community college districts may expand by:

- A contract signed by all property owners in the territory and presented to the district's governing board.
- A vote of the taxpayers in the proposed territory.
- Adding territory contiguous with current boundaries with approval of the voters in the district as changed.

Hudson's proposal would make the colleges less dependent on government for funding, and would help the institutions lower tax rates and tuition and expand their tax bases, Hudson said.



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Thursday, April 20  
Monday, April 24  
Wednesday, April 26  
Thursday, April 27

**Time:** 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

**Place:** MSC 145

For more information, please contact the Off Campus Center, at (409) 845-1741. The Off Campus Center is located in Puryear Hall, across from the YMCA Bldg., and it is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

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