

The Cat's claw



Kyle Burnett/The Battalion

Crane operator **James Mosier** takes some equipment out of the 15-foot hole in the ground outside the Student Services Building. The work crew was fixing a broken sewage line. Mosier said the work should be completed in about three weeks.

More than 200 organizations to participate in Open House

By Jan Higginbotham

THE BATTALION

Texas A&M University clubs and organizations will have on their Sunday best this weekend as the MSC Public Relations Committee hosts its annual MSC Open House from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Kristy Dismuke, coordinator for this year's event, said this Sunday, 228 groups will be showing A&M students what they have to offer.

To help students find their way through the many groups which will be participating, organizations have been grouped into categories with maps available for students who need help finding the groups and organizations that most interest them.

In addition to having representatives from various organizations, the Open House also offers door prizes from businesses around Bryan and College Station.

Local radio station KTSR will also be on hand, giving away prizes of their own.

A variety of groups including Aggie Wranglers, Jill McClure, the Texas Aggie Dance Team, and the Native American Association will perform at the event with a taekwon do demonstration being presented as well.

This year, students will be able to meet and talk with Dr. Malon Southerland, interim vice president of student services.

This is the 44th year for the Open House, and Robert Welborn, vice-president of the MSC Public Relations committee, said they're expecting the largest turnout ever — about 14,000 people.

Dismuke said the MSC Public Relations committee has been doing more this year in the way of advertising.

Freshmen students were targeted at Fish Camp and at orientation, she said.

Dismuke said the main purpose of the Open House is to give everyone a chance to get involved.

"We're trying to not let anyone get by without knowing about it," she said.

Intensive interviews key to medical school admissions

By Carrie Miura

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Admission officials with Texas A&M University's College of Medicine said the intense interview process for potential medical students is a decisive factor in evaluating applicants.

"There is more to selecting a student than people think," Filomeno Maldonado, director of admissions for Texas A&M's College of Medicine, said. "It's very complicated."

"We've trained our interviewers to not intimidate the student, but to make them feel relaxed," Maldonado said.

"There are some special techniques the interviewer has learned as a way to energize the interview, which helps us accomplish our goal to gather information and to assess the student."

The interview process varies from school to school, but the average applicant GPA for Texas is a 3.25, with the average MCAT score approximately 24.

A&M's College of Medicine is one of two medical schools in the state that has three interview sessions,

in order "to give the student the best opportunity possible to share with us their motivation in medicine," Maldonado said.

"The student will usually interview over a day and will typically only get two interviews at the other

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medical schools in Texas," he said.

"Other schools have their own philosophy, but we're unique because we have two campuses and want to show the applicant what we have to offer."

Maldonado said students are interviewed by basic scientists, clinicians, faculty and students who stress areas including communication, learning attitudes, maturity, social consciousness and motivation.

"Prospective medical students are embarking on a career that requires a lifetime of learning," he said.

Medical school interviewers look for well-rounded students that are up-to-date on current events concerning health issues, Maldonado said.

"We want to see whether or not if a person knows what's happening in the 'real world,'" he said.

One way a student can keep up-to-date with what is happening with medicine today is to read magazines such as the New England Journal of Medicine or the Journal of the American Medical Association, he said.

Maldonado said as a doctor, the student will encounter people from all walks of life with different cultures and values.

"Maturity is extremely important" he said. "The responsibility of being a doctor is so awesome. Screening has to be careful."

Monica Simpson, A&M pre-medical adviser, said, "The main thing to do is to get to know the school you applied for and prepare by going through the common questions asked."

"Don't 'act' in an interview," she said.

"Students should answer questions the way they actually feel."

Ali Zakhireh, a senior biology major from Houston, said, "It's hard to get to know someone in 30 minutes to an hour, but every interview gives you the opportunity to learn about another school."

"Interviews are a way to meet the school's faculty and students and to get a feel of the atmosphere," he said.

"With every interview you attend, the more experience you gain with future interviews."

Correction

The Battalion incorrectly reported in its Aug. 30 issue that then-University President William Mobley decided during the summer to leave Student Government as the only body representing students.

However, Mobley made no such decision. The Battalion regrets the error.

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