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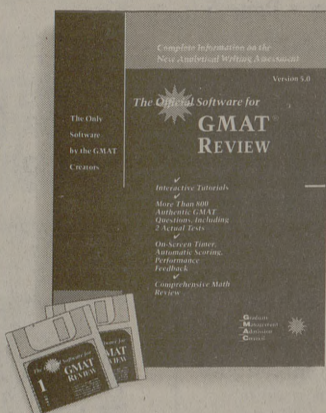
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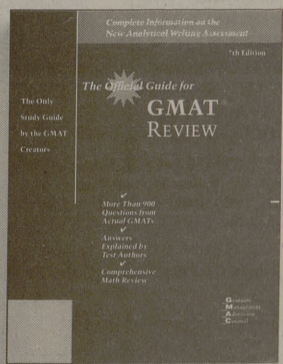
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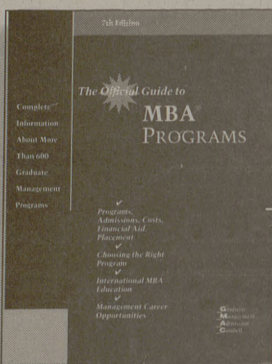
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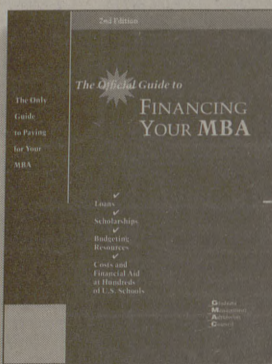
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## Health care draws area concern

Local doctors reflect on possible changes in medicine

By Amy Lee  
THE BATTALION

With buzzwords like health care reform and managed care on the forefront of medicine today, Texas A&M students may not need to worry, some area doctors said.

However, other local physicians said a health system reform will hinder all areas of the medical society.

Dr. Phillip Alexander, a local internal medicine physician, said managed care is where third parties dictate the type and the amount of care according to cost.

The Texas Medical Association said that adjusting to health system reform and dealing with managed care are two of the biggest challenges for Texas physicians.

The Association also said these challenges are changing how medicine is practiced in Texas, and some physicians said

the changes could be for the worse.

But some local practitioners of medicine remain optimistic about the quality of care students will continue to receive.

"I don't see managed care impacting students," said Brett Bennett, director of business operations at AM & PM Clinics. "I don't think we'll see any great change in the Bryan-College Station area."

Dr. Brent Gray, a local gastroenterologist, said that because on-campus health services are provided at Beutel, A&M students do not need to worry.

"You all have your own health care, and most students are young and healthy, so there is no need for extensive health care," Gray said. "So managed care will not affect you."

Dr. Kenneth Dirks, director of health services at the A.P. Beutel Health Center, said Beutel is a special model of managed health care.

"For 90 to 95 percent of patients, we provide practice care," Dirks said. "We can't provide them with a specialist. In that sense, we are like a managed care organization."

Local physicians of health care systems would affect all areas of medicine and the quality of care received. Some said it would have an impact on the Bryan-College Station area.

"If we were to get managed care that was nationally, in some cases, it could impact College Station," Alexander said.

Bennett said managed care would affect the quality of care that patients receive.

"In my opinion, managed care will affect the quality of care," he said. "No longer will we have the authority to treat. There is a

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## Job recruitment declines

Study shows advantage of earning college degree

By Amy Collier  
THE BATTALION

Getting a good job is becoming more difficult for people without a college degree, according to a study released last week by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The pay gap between college and high school graduates is widening. In 1979, the average male college graduate earned 49 percent more than the average male high school graduate, while female college graduates earned 44 percent more than female high school graduates.

In 1992, however, the gap in earnings grew to 83 percent for males and 73 percent for females.

In addition to the widening pay gap, college graduates have also been experiencing increased difficulty in finding jobs. Unemployment rates for college-graduates have risen from 1.3 percent in 1970 to 3 percent in 1993.

The study shows that in the last five years, on-

campus recruiting by major corporations is trailing off nationwide.

Jay Wheeler, assistant director of planning at the Career Center, said there were almost no job interviews conducted on the Texas A&M campus last year.

"This is a high number compared to other universities, but is drastically lower than the 32,000 interviews done on campus in the past at Texas A&M," Wheeler said. "The supply of graduates is outstripping the demand for graduates by the big employers."

Wheeler said that in order to get a job, students have to differentiate themselves from other applicants by getting high grades and participating in extra-curricular activities or by getting a graduate's degree.

"A bachelor's degree is becoming very valuable," he said. "It is becoming what a school diploma used to be."

Relevant work experience is also becoming important for students to find a job. According to the fall 1993 issue of Careers and the Employment Study done by the Collegiate

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