

# Pre-med students await yes, no



Photo by Steve Foerner  
Paul Landolt, professor of zoology and chief adviser for pre-medical students at UNL.

Most pre-medical school students who have applied to medical school should know by the end of March if they have been accepted, according to Dr. Paul Landolt, chief pre-medical advisor at UNL.

Landolt said scholastic records, Medical College Admissions Tests (MCAT) scores, interviews by the examining board of the medical school and recommendations submitted by the students are the criteria used to select students.

Landolt said one member of the University of Nebraska Medical College admissions board estimated 60 per cent of whether a student is accepted is determined by the MCAT and the student's scholastic record. The remaining 40 per cent is determined by the recommendations and the interview.

The MCAT must be taken at least one year before the student plans to enter medical school, Landolt said.

A student may be accepted with a minimum of 90 hours credit, Landolt said, provided the 90 hours include the student's group requirements. If a student is accepted with 90 hours credit, his first year of medical school is used to finish work on his undergraduate degree.

Landolt said a student can apply after his junior year and if not accepted usually applies again the next year.

#### Costs \$25

Students may take the Medical College Admissions Test as many times as they want but it costs \$25 every time, Landolt said.

The students list on the test application the schools they want the test results sent to. Scores of the last three MCAT's taken by the student are reported to those schools.

Landolt said many students first take the test to gain experience. "I recommend to my advisees they take the test twice," he added.

One of every three UNL students who apply to the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) is accepted, Landolt estimated. Out of all the applications received by the UNMC one of every 10 is accepted, he said.

Landolt said UNMC chooses 145 students from 1,200 applicants each year. The Creighton Medical School, receives over 3,000 applications each year, he said.

Many students who are not accepted to a medical school the first time try again, Landolt said. Others disappear, go into different fields or enter related fields also starting to get crowded.

#### Cheating a possibility

Because the acceptance rate is a lot lower than the number of applications, cheating on the MCAT is always a possibility.

Landolt said students must submit photographs with the test application. The picture is compared with the student who shows up to take the test Landolt said. When the student arrives at the medical school, he is compared to the pictures again, Landolt said.

Frank Hallgren, director of the University Career Planning and Placement Center, Graduate and Professional School Testing, said there has never been a "questionable" test turned in. Hallgren is responsible for administering the MCAT at UNL.

If it happened, Hallgren said, the schools receiving the application would be informed there was a question about the test's validity. A report is made to the American College Testing Program, which administers the tests nationally, Hallgren said. He added that law suits have been brought over the validity of some tests.

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### ASUN CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION

#### AMENDMENT I

Passed by the ASUN Senate on February 16, 1975.

To be voted upon by the student body on March 19, 1975 with ASUN elections.  
(word changes are boldface)

Amendment I will revise the present ASUN Constitution as follows:

- A. Update all obsolete language.
- B. Article V, Section 1, C, No. 1; to read as follows: Elected members shall assume office one class week after the fall general election and shall serve one year.
- C. Article V, Section 2, B, No. 2; to read as follows: Replacement. In case the First Vice-President of the Association shall become unable to fulfill his/her duties by reason of disqualification, disability, death, or impeachment and conviction, or in the event of succession of the First Vice-President to the President, the **Second Vice-President** shall assume the power, duties, and responsibilities of the office of the First Vice-President, including the succession to the Presidency in the event of the vacating of that office, for the remainder of the original term.
- D. Article V, Section 2, D, No. 1, a,b,c; to read as follows:
  - a. **President of Organizations for Honoraries and Professional Fraternities, Sororities and Societies.**
  - b. **President of Organizations for Regulatory Organizations, to include IFC, Pan-Hellenic, all dormitory governing bodies, and ICC.**
  - c. **President of Organizations for Activities, to include all other organizations.**
- E. Article V, Section 2, E, No. 1 and No. 2; DELETE.
- F. Article VII, Section 2, A, ADD No. 18 as follows: 18. **To serve as a non-voting member of the Board of Regents.**
- G. Article VII, Section 2, A, No. 17; DELETE.
- H. Article VII, Section 2, E; DELETE.
- I. Article VII, Section 2, D; to read as follows: The individual members of the Student Cabinet shall have such powers as the President of the Association may delegate them in writing, provided such delegations do not infringe upon the provisions of this Constitution. **The Presidents of Organizations shall be responsible to the President for the execution of any legislation passed by the Senate pertaining to organizations, for the maintenance of good relations between organizations, and to serve as liaison between organizations and the Association organs.**
- J. Article VIII; to read as follows: **The President of the Association with the assistance from the Executive Committee shall prepare before the first day of December in each year an itemized budget of proposed expenditures of the Association for that fiscal year. This budget shall be submitted to the Student Senate. The budget shall be introduced in the Senate as a Government Bill.**
- K. Article X, Section 4; to read as follows: **Proposals for amendments shall be ratified by a simple majority of those voting.**
- L. Article V, Section 1, A, No. 3; to read as follows: **Advisors. The Senate shall have two advisors. The positions being open to any staff member, faculty member, or administrator.**
- M. Article V, Section 1, C, No. 2; to read as follows: **Advisors. Advisors shall have terms of two years. Terms shall be staggered.**
- N. Article V, Section 2, F; to read as follows: **The Executive Committee. The Senate shall elect three of its members to serve with the President and First and Second Vice-Presidents of the Association as an Executive Committee. The advisors shall serve in an advisory capacity to this body.**
- O. Article VI, Section 1, A; to read as follows: **Composition. The Electoral Commission shall consist of six Commissioners, two of whom shall be the advisors to the Student Senate, one of whom shall serve as Director, one of whom shall be elected by a majority vote of the Senate, one of whom shall be selected by the Student Court from its own membership by a majority vote of that body, one of whom shall be the Second Vice-President.**
- P. Article VI, Section 1, B; to read as follows: **Eligibility. To be eligible for appointment to a non-advisor seat on the Electoral Commission, a nominee must be a regularly enrolled full-time student, and meet University regulations for participation in extra-curricular activities.**