WHAT IS A E D?

Alpha Epsilon Delta is a national organization which exists for the benefit of pre-medical students. It is a point of focus for their interests, activities, and development. It desires to improve scholarship among pre-meds by recognizing high attainment before admission to Medicine. By means of educational programs at the meetings, there is the attempt to synthesize subject matter from any and all types of academic courses with which the pre-med comes in contact. This is done by talks given by physicians, members of the Faculty, by members of the Fraternity, and by the free use of films dealing with medical and pre-medical subjects. The Fraternity also desires to increase the social contacts and experiences of its members, not only with each other but with all pre-meds, whether members or not. For this latter purpose, chapters hold open meetings, smokers, joint meetings with other organizations, picnics, group dinners, etc. There is a definite effort to increase contacts between students and faculty members outside classrooms in order to break down the common barrier that seems, unfortunately, to stand between student and teacher.

We feel that we are succeeding slowly. We hope to extend our efforts beyond the walls of Ohio State University to other Ohio Colleges. Perhaps some day students and teachers alike will find just ordinary human beings in their ranks!

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A BRIEF HISTORY of ALPHA EPSILON DELTA

Alpha Epsilon Delta Fraternity was founded on the University of Alabama campus in 1926 in response to a growing demand for some honorary recognition for those pre-medical students who had excelled in the first two years of academic studies. A group of pre-medical students initiated this movement and with the guidance and assistance of Dr. Jack P. Montgomery, professor of chemistry at Alabama, the honorary pre-medical fraternity was established on a sound foundation. Dr. Montgomery's untiring efforts, optimism and enthusiasm for the organization has had a decided influence on the growing fraternity. Sixteen outstanding members of the pre-medical class met on April 26, 1926, to discuss the constitution, ritual,
and organization of Alpha Epsilon Delta as an honorary pre-medical fraternity.

The Fraternity met with such success on the Alabama Campus that the founders, under the direction of Lemley R. Garrard, made plans to expand into other schools and become a national fraternity. Early in 1928 the chapter at the University of Alabama began to receive inquiries from other schools as to the necessary procedure for organizing new chapters. Before the end of the first semester Alpha Epsilon Delta had expanded into two schools, the University of South Carolina and Howard College at Birmingham. This growth put added responsibilities on the officers of the Alabama chapter which has always been considered the mother chapter and for many years was the governing body of the Fraternity.

The year 1928-1929 was devoted to establishing the new chapters at their schools and in further expansion. A group from the University of Texas was quite anxious to petition for a charter and with the approval of the other two chapters was successful in having a chapter installed on January 20, 1929. Through the combined efforts of the chapter at the University of Texas and the University of Alabama chapter the pre-medical club at Baylor University, Waco, Texas, presented a petition and was added to the chapter roll on April 11, 1929. Although membership in Alpha Epsilon Delta was first limited to male students, in February 1929, by constitutional amendment it became a coeducational organization.

As the Fraternity began to assume national proportions, the simple system of government by the mother chapter became inadequate. It was agreed that a convention should be called so that all the chapters could share in the responsibility of forming an executive body to govern the Fraternity. During the plans for this convention, which was set for April 1930, at the University of Alabama, the pre-medical club at the University of Florida presented a petition for a charter. It was decided to install this chapter at the convention and accordingly the group sent their representative who was duly initiated at this meeting. At this first convention, representatives from the five chapters and the delegations of the petitioning group met to revise the national constitution and by-laws and formed the governing body now known as the National Staff. The officers of the National Staff immediately took over the administration of the Fraternity. Arrangements were made to hold national conventions biennially and the convention body has met regularly since 1930.

As the result of action taken at this convention, the Fraternity began to issue a magazine known as "The Scalpel". This was issued at regular intervals throughout the year, being edited by the national vice-president. In 1936 this journal was entered as second class matter at the post office and has been issued four times a year since that date.

Under the guidance of a central governing body the Fraternity continued to gain
in size and reputation. Each national convention brought delegates from new chapters that had joined the chapter roll. The Second Biennial Convention, held with the Alabama Beta chapter at Howard College, found representatives from eight chapters convening to discuss the affairs of the organization. At Gainesville, Florida, in 1934 chapters were added at Central College, Fayette, Missouri, and the University of Colorado. Fifteen chapters convened at Baylor University in 1936 at the Fourth Biennial Convention. At this time, the convention body also acted favorably upon the petition of Alpha Pi Mu Pre-Medical Fraternity at the University of Oklahoma and on returning from convention one of the national officers installed the group as the Oklahoma Alpha chapter. At the biennial convention in 1938 at the University of North Carolina, delegates from nineteen chapters answered the roll call, chapters having been added at the University of Arkansas, Illinois Wesleyan University, and Furman University. By this time, Alpha Epsilon Delta Fraternity had assumed the proportions of a promising national fraternity and had taken its place among honorary societies. It was in 1936 that Alpha Epsilon Delta became an associated society of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

When the Sixth Biennial Convention met in 1940 on the University of Oklahoma campus at Norman with the Oklahoma Alpha chapter, delegates of twenty-nine chapters in schools situated in nineteen states from Lehigh University in the Northeast to the University of Southern California in the West gathered to discuss plans for the future of the Fraternity. From the nucleus of sixteen members who met to organize Alpha Epsilon Delta in 1926 the convention delegates represented the twenty-four hundred members on the membership rolls. Joining the convention for the first time were the delegates from eight new chapters located at the University of Idaho, University of Mississippi, Mississippi State College, University of Nevada, Pennsylvania State College, Texas Technological College, Utah State Agricultural College, and the University of Wyoming. In March 1939, the national organization was augmented by the acquisition of two new chapters at the University of Southern California and the University of Redlands. This was accomplished by the merger of the pre-medical fraternity, Kappa Zeta, which had existed for sixteen years. In June 1940 the pre-medical group at Ohio State University was granted a petition for a chapter of A.E.D. at that school. Expansion into two new states was furthered when the Michigan Alpha Chapter was installed at the University of Detroit in March 1941 and the Washington Alpha Chapter installed at Seattle College in June 1941.
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THE AED PRIZE CONTEST

Two years ago the Ohio Alpha Chapter of A. E. D. established an essay contest to be known as the Alpha Epsilon Delta Pre-medical Prize Contest. We have offered a prize of $50.00, to be awarded at the June Commencement. One half of this prize is furnished by the local Chapter, while the rest is the gift of Dr. Leslie L. Bigelow, Dean of the College of Medicine.

This year the Chapter has decided to open the contest to all Pre-medical students in Ohio Colleges where such courses are given. Any bona fide Pre-medical student, of any undergraduate class rank, whether intending to attend Ohio State Medical School or not, may enter the contest. Copies of specific instructions as to manuscript will be sent upon request to any student wishing to enter the contest.

The Essay may be written on any subject chosen by the contestant, so long as it comes within the range of pre-medical training courses. It may be historical, biographical, or sociological. It may deal with economics, politics, or any other literary field as it touches the field of Medicine. It may also be in any field of Science. Minor investigations carried out by students themselves, or
library investigations on subjects of historical or practical interest are suitable topics. The only field not suitable for topics is that of actual Medicine. Students submitting papers should not read upon subjects in clinical medicine, however interesting but should in all cases deal with subjects met with during Pre-medical training.

In accordance with the accelerated program of training which begins this summer we shall advance the dates of the contest each year in conformance with the school calendar. Ordinarily the contest would begin in the autumn when College opens and close in the spring. In 1942-43 the school year will be assumed to begin in June 1942 and end in March 1943. Thus papers for the 1942-43 contest will be due February 1, 1943.

The Contest papers will be judged anonymously by a committee of the faculty. Announcement of the winning paper will be made between March 1 and March 15, 1943.

Students wishing to enter the contest should write at once for detailed instructions. Address all letters to: Dr. H. E. Setterfield, Department of Anatomy, Ohio State University, Columbus.

It is hoped that in this contest we will stimulate original thought, encourage special investigations both literary and in pure science, and impress teachers and students alike with the tremendous importance of the College years spent in Pre-medical training. May we have many contestants!

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

The establishment of a chapter of Alpha Epsilon Delta on the Campus of Ohio State University has been a source of great satisfaction to the faculty of the College of Medicine and to the Entrance Board of the University which selects students for admission to the College of Medicine. Membership in the Alpha Chapter is conditioned on a cumulative point hour ratio of 3.0 (4.0 means a straight "A" record). In computing this grade 3.0 must also have been secured in science courses taken thru a minimum of six quarters in college.

The automatic eligibility on the basis of scholarship to membership in an honorary society of national scope and standing has already given evidence of its stimulating effect on the work of pre-medical students.
The Alpha Chapter thru its own efforts has raised the money for an annual prize of $50.00 to be awarded in competition to that one of its members who in the judgment of a carefully chosen committee submits the best paper on some subject in which his interest has been aroused in his pre-medical studies. This year the local chapter has voted to open the competition for this prize to all pre-medical students in all the Ohio Colleges which give such courses. It is to be hoped that this friendly gesture, recognizing as it does the common interest of all pre-medical students in the profession they seek to enter, may result in a flood of entries for the competition. The great value of such an effort by those who participate is not the prize which may be won, but the effort itself. It may very well be that some great scientist or clinician in Medicine thirty years hence, will look back thru the years and mark the beginning of his successful career by his entry in the competition for the Ohio Chapter's Alpha Epsilon Delta prize.

Leslie L. Bigelow, M.D.
Dean of Medical School

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THE PRE-MEDICAL STUDENT IN THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY

Colleges, Universities and Medical Schools will all experience difficulties for some time to come due to the war emergency. Students will be fewer, income will be lower, standards may suffer. No doubt the accelerated program with consequent increase in teaching duties will result in somewhat shorter tempers and perhaps less patience with the trifling but frequent irritations met in teacher-student relationships. No doubt student health will suffer more in the future, especially among those in Medical School. The Medical course of study is long and difficult at best, and under an accelerated plan it will make increasing physical demands on the student.

This means that the pre-medical student must be very sure that he desires to study medicine above all things else; that he would be satisfied with no other career. He must also be sure that his physical condition is such that he is able to stand the continuous hard mental work necessary to make good in Medicine. This means a thorough physical examination before entering Medical School and others at least yearly throughout the course. Students entering Medical School should be assured of
financial support so far as possible in order that there be no worry over money problems and that it does not become necessary to drop out of school for this reason. Such cases keep out other students with better financial backing.

Equally important is the question of mental and emotional stability. Since the human race is composed of men and women and not gods there have always been and always will be those in every community who are not sufficiently endowed or educated or both to withstand extremes of human experience. Adversity, disappointment, insecurity, fear, combined with inability to find adjustments and solutions to them, produce crises in the mental lives of students. Mental health and strength consist not so much in avoiding those problems as in being able to meet them, cope with them, and either solve or adjust to them.

It would appear to be no less than a patriotic duty for the student who finds that he is not fitted for any reason to make the most of a Medical education to choose some other field or delay his entrance to Medicine until fully prepared. This is the time to consider the total result in terms of social values rather than personal wishes.

So I urge students considering Medicine as a career to take careful stock of themselves, honestly examining their health, mental and emotional stability, financial ability to complete the course, and their social attitudes. If each one honestly feels that he is willing to give his whole self, his life if necessary, to Medicine, the community, and the nation, then he is ready to enter upon his preparatory training in the Pre-medical College.

----- H. E. S.

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OHIO STATE SPEED-UP

Beginning June 21 the College of Medicine of Ohio State University will admit a Freshman class every three quarters. Pre-medical students expecting to enter the next Freshman class must attend school during the coming summer quarter. The required pre-medical courses have been advanced one quarter so that a new class will be ready for Medical School in March, 1943. Pre-meds in all Colleges in Ohio should plan a four-quarter-a-year schedule for the duration. It is advisable that all pre-meds get in touch with whatever Medical schools they wish to attend and become fully informed as to dates of admission of new classes during the next few years.

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WHO GOES WHERE TO MEDICAL SCHOOL:

Of our charter members, initiated May 31, 1940:

Leonard Backiel ----------- Western Reserve Medical School
Richard Cowden ----------- " " " "
Thomas Prell ----------- Duke University Medical School
Leonard Madison ----------- Long Island Medical School
John Watson ----------- Jefferson Medical School

The following are attending Ohio State Medical School:

Ernest Crouch John Leist Dorothy Schatzman
Joseph Davis Frank Mauler Wilbert Skirball
Robert Posnaugh Don McNeal Fred Soldow
Walter Horn John Noberly Richard Spear
Elia Kamellin Alexander Orfner Patsy Test
Leonard Kleinman Manuel Rosen John Traube
Anastasius Kyriakides Morton Rosenthal Zana Vaile

Of other members:

Don Martin, Edna Breniser, George Clouse, Charles Keagy, Joseph Kreischer are members of the Freshman class in Medicine at Ohio State.
In addition, Weldon Bembower is a freshman at the University of Cincinnati Medical School.

The following active members will enter Medical Schools this summer:


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OHIO ALPHA INITIATES

On November 27, 1941, an initiation dinner was held at Oxley Tea Room on the Campus. The new ritual was used, although a few minor changes were made to fit the needs of space and arrangement. Twenty-four students who fulfilled the high scholastic requirements were initiated into active membership. Those were as follows:


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THE RING

The cover design and the name of our paper were chosen because they represent the emblem of the Fraternity. The key or pin of A.E.D. is in the shape of the benzene ring with the initials of the Fraternity engraved within the ring. It not only signifies an important concept in chemistry but also, it seems to us, signifies the close linkage of interests of all pre-medical students. By a strong organization, close cooperation, and common effort these interests may be protected and the welfare of pre-medical students promoted.

Let us all think and work for the improvement of pre-medical training, closer understanding between student and teacher, that our own preparation for the study of medicine may raise the standard of medical education and medical practice.

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HOW ABOUT IT?

How about a Chapter of A. E. D. at your College? If you have 15 or more students who could qualify for membership after one or more years of Pre-medical school you could maintain a chapter. In some of the smaller schools having chapters, pre-dentistry, nursing, and students training for hospital technicians are also admitted to membership.

That number 15 just mentioned is not required. But that seems to be about the minimum number necessary to maintain an active, energetic, and worthwhile chapter. In most of the schools where A.E.D. exists it is an important organization on the campus. Pre-meds are an energetic, driving sort of a crowd, and they need an organization to weld them together and give them strength.

Think it over.

How about a chapter at your College?

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AN INVITATION TO PRE-MEDS

The pre-medical students at Ohio State University would like to get acquainted with pre-meds from other Ohio schools and also wish to introduce them to Ohio State and its Medical School. We want them to see the Hospital, the main Medical building -Hamilton Hall and the research building -Kinsman Hall. We want you to see and know the University campus. And especially we want you to meet some of the Faculty of the College of Medicine.

So we are extending this invitation: Any group of Pre-medical students, however small or large, may arrange a trip to Columbus
on any Saturday of the school year. We will act as hosts, showing you about the Hospital, Hamilton Hall, Kinsman Hall, arrange a short meeting at which the Dean of the School, or some other faculty member will meet you and discuss problems of pre-medical education, admission to Medicine, and any other questions you may wish to ask. At Noon we will have lunch together and get acquainted generally.

If you wish to accept this invitation get together and choose a date, then write to Dr. H. E. Setterfield, Department of Anatomy, Ohio State University, and he will see that the proper officers and members of A E D are notified and plans at this end are made.

So let's get acquainted! Make your dates early and get your Saturdays reserved! Ohio State is more than a diploma mill; it's a place to live and prepare for a career in the Great Profession.

--- H. E. S.

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LINES COMPOSED UPON MEETING HIS

FAVORITE FELINE IN THE ANATOMY LABORATORY

As you recline, O Angelino,
Pickled in thy quart of brine, no
Petty worries such as mine o-
Press you. Feline, descry no
Fever in that gelid eye, no
Lines across that rigid brow;
From muted lips whence your meow
Ascended to a startled sky no
Longer issues smile or sigh; no
Jealous love arouses ire; no
Hateful urge to fight inspires; no
Pears traverse your defunct spine, O
Angelino.

Decadent kitty, how can I know
Cattish cares now drowned in thine o-
Paque and odorescent brine. 0-
Lympic souls might envy this
Serene and alcoholic bliss ---
A pax vobiscum on thy shrine, O
Angelino.

--- Unknown

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CHAPTERS

Alabama Alpha--University of Alabama, University, Ala.
Established April 28, 1926.

Alabama Beta--Howard College, Birmingham, Ala.
Established May 5, 1928.

Alabama Gamma--Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Ala.
Established April 23, 1932.

Arkansas Alpha--University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Ark.
Established January 8, 1938.

California Alpha--University of Southern California,
Los Angeles, Calif.--Established March 19, 1938.

California Beta--University of Redlands, Redlands, Calif.
Established March 20, 1938.

Colorado Alpha--University of Colorado, Boulder, Colo.
Established March 22, 1934.

Florida Alpha--University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla.
Established May 3, 1930.

Idaho Alpha--University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho
Established March 12, 1939.

Illinois Alpha--Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Ill.
Established May 31, 1937.

Michigan Alpha--University of Detroit, Detroit, Mich.
Established March 8, 1941.

Mississippi Alpha--Millsaps College, Jackson, Miss.
Established April 28, 1935.

Mississippi Beta--University of Mississippi, University, Miss.
Established December 9, 1938.

Mississippi Gamma--Mississippi State College, State College, Miss.
Established December 10, 1938.

Missouri Alpha--Central College, Fayette, Mo.
Established March 22, 1934.

Nevada Alpha--University of Nevada, Reno, Nev.
Established May 7, 1938.

North Carolina Alpha--Davidson College, Davidson, N. C.
Established March 23, 1936.

North Carolina Beta--University of North Carolina,
Chapel Hill, N.C.--Established March 25, 1936.

Ohio Alpha--Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio
Established May 31, 1940.

Oklahoma Alpha--University of Oklahoma, Norman, Okla.
Established April 13, 1936.

Pennsylvania Alpha--Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa.
Established May 12, 1935

Established April 23, 1938.

South Carolina Alpha--University of South Carolina, Columbia, S.C.
Established May 10, 1928.

South Carolina Beta--Purman University, Greenville, S. C.
Established March 23, 1938.
Texas Alpha—University of Texas, Austin, Texas
    Established January 10, 1929.
Texas Beta—Baylor University, Waco, Texas
    Established April 11, 1929.
Texas Gamma—Texas Technological College, Lubbock, Texas
    Established March 14, 1939.
Utah Alpha—Utah State Agricultural College, Logan, Utah
    Established January 20, 1939.
Virginia Alpha—Emory and Henry College, Emory, Va.
    Established March 30, 1935.
Washington Alpha—Seattle College, Seattle, Wash.
    Established June 1, 1941.
West Virginia Alpha—West Virginia University, Morgantown, W.Va.
    Established May 30, 1931.
Wyoming Alpha—University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyo.
    Established January 21, 1939.

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Med-schoo!s gather to market wares

By Brad Jones
Lantern staff writer

Medical schools will court aspiring doctors at OSU Saturday.
At the All-Ohio Pre-med Day students can meet with representatives from every medical school in Ohio and attend lectures and workshops conducted by participating faculty.

There is no other opportunity similar to this where students can speak with representatives from every medical school in Ohio at one time, said Shannon Eves, president of the national pre-med honors society Alpha Epsilon Delta and coordinator of the event.

Over 300 students from all over Ohio are expected to attend the event, including a group of high school students interested in majoring in pre-med programs, said Manju Oommen, chairwoman of the event.

Greg Applegate, a junior majoring in biology, said he hopes to explore his options.

"It is a chance for me to explore the different med schools in Ohio," Applegate said, "I am only familiar with Ohio State's program and there are other schools in Ohio with a lot to offer."

The event will also have sessions on the application and interview processes, the pre-med and medical curriculum, the Medical College Admissions Test, special medical school programs, gross anatomy, osteopathic medicine, problem based learning and how to give a proper physical exam, Eves said.

Representatives from Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, Medical College of Ohio, Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine, Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, Ohio State University College of Medicine and Wright State School of Medicine will be present, Eves said.

Anyone interested in attending OSU's program can speak with Mark Notestine, director of admissions for the Ohio State University College of Medicine, Oommen said.

This is a valuable chance for the admissions directors to talk with students about their grades and courses relevant to their pre-med and medical curriculum requirements, Notestine said.

Representatives from the United States Armed Forces will be discussing alternative methods to finance medical school tuition and the review classes for the admissions test will have information about their programs as well, Eves said.

The event will be held in Meiling Hall, 370 W. Ninth Ave., at 8:30 a.m.

Late registration for the event will be held on Saturday at 8 a.m. for those who did not pre-register and will cost $15 per person.
Group offers ticket to medical school

Pre-Med Day helps students decide how to get into medical schools in Ohio

By Karin Shirey
Lantern staff writer

All-Ohio Pre-Med Day is back to attract a new crop of future doctors.

"It's basically the only opportunity where a student can talk to the directors of admissions from all the Ohio medical schools on a one-on-one basis in one place," said Manju Oommen, president of Alpha Epsilon Delta, OSU's pre-med honorary, and coordinator of the program.

An estimated 400 students will gather Saturday in Melling Hall to talk with medical school representatives, attend information sessions about the admissions processes at each school, and discuss the Medical College Admission Test with test preparation groups such as Kaplan and the Princeton Review, Oommen said.

Members of the military branches will also be on hand to discuss alternative methods of funding medical school.

The honorary has hosted the event for a long time, Oommen said. "It is one of our biggest service projects of the year."

John Hedge, a junior majoring in microbiology, said he wants information about Ohio's medical schools because it is easier for state residents to get into these schools.

"Saturday will be a good way for me to get to know the criteria of admissions at the different medical schools," he said. "In April I'll be taking the MCAT and starting in June, I'll send my applications in to the schools."

Hedge said he is looking forward to the tours of the different departments in OSU's medical school.

"We get exposed to part of what going to med school is like, and I will be able to find out if I even want to go to med school for four more years," he said.

Oommen said the program will also provide information about how to prepare for medical school during the undergraduate years, as well as tips on how to apply.

Students must register to attend, but this can be done at the door for $15, she said.

Participating medical schools include Case Western Reserve University, University of Cincinnati and Wright State University.