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## ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

Alpha Epsilon Delta, International Premedical Honor Society

Kentucky Gamma Chapter

Western Kentucky University

The members of the Kentucky Gamma Chapter of Alpha Epsilon Delta at Western Kentucky University feel much gratitude to its many friends for their support of our programs. We would now like to offer our thanks and tell about some of our activities.

### National Convention

In the Spring of 1974, Western's Gamma Chapter attended the Twentieth Biennial National Convention at the University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. This convention provided an excellent opportunity for Pre-meds from different areas to compare programs, curricula, and activities at their individual schools. Gamma Chapter was represented by nine members and won the Attendance Award for Region II. The Chapter also won honors for its activities during the previous two years.

### MCAAP Workshop

The essence of an effective Pre-Professional organization is fellowship and the desire of the members to help each other. Gamma Chapter is cognizant of this fact and endeavors to set up programs which enable new members to draw on the experience of Seniors who have been through the admissions process. Gamma Chapter's new MCAAP workshop is one such program of which the society is especially proud. By the Spring of 1976, the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) will have been replaced by the Medical College Admissions Assessment Program (MCAAP). This new test will include Analytical Reading, Quantitative Reasoning, Biology, Chemistry, and Physics. Gamma Chapter's MCAAP Workshop will aid Pre-Med students in their preparation for the test. The program will consist of a series of nine meetings during which the students will learn what and how to study for the test. Also included will be discussions on the Medical School Application procedure and what applicants

might expect during professional school interviews. This program will also devote time to pre-dental students who are planning to take the Dental Admissions Test (DAT). It is hoped that by helping students to know what to expect and realize their weak areas, they will be able to improve their test scores and thus increase their chances for admission to the professional school of their choice.

### Relations With Practicing Professionals

Western's Gamma Chapter attempts to serve as a link between students and those people currently active in the Health Professions. This is accomplished primarily by inviting Physicians, Dentists, and Medical Educators to speak to the society. Each year, the Chapter tries to arrange for representatives from various professional schools to visit Western's Campus and provide any insight they may have concerning the direction of Medical Education and how students may best prepare themselves for admission into professional school. Of great interest to students also are the talks given by people who are currently practicing in the professions. The society attempts to engage speakers from as many health specialties as possible in order to satisfy the broad interests of students. Kentucky Gamma Chapter is indeed grateful to these people who have been so generous with their time in coming to address the society.

### Scholarship Fund

Medical education is an expensive process. Students in professional school usually have a variety of sources for financial aid. Yet there are very few sources of money designed especially for the pre-professional student. There are many dedicated and capable students in pre-professional programs who undergo extreme economic hardship in order to continue their education. It was with these students in mind that Western's Gamma Chapter of A.E.D. founded the Pre-Professional Scholarship Fund in the Fall of 1974. The society appropriated two hundred dollars to establish the fund and has been seeking contributions. The fund will be self-perpetuating with scholarships taken from the interest. It will be administered through the College Heights Foundation of Western Kentucky University and recipients will be chosen by the society on the basis of academic achievement, character, and economic need. The scholarship fund is growing, but more contributions are desperately needed if awards are to be taken only from interest on the fund. Please take note of this request because this is more than the usual charity donation. It is a chance to help establish a fund which will benefit

future doctors who are now experiencing financial difficulties and who have a more sharply limited access to sources of financial aid than people already enrolled in professional schools. The society is most grateful for any contributions to this worthy cause and will forward more details of the fund's development at a later date. Checks may be made payable to A.E.D. Scholarship Fund and may be mailed to Alpha Epsilon Delta, c/o Dr. D. Hugh Puckett, Department of Biology, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101.

#### Statistics of the Benefits of A.E.D.

In addition to the purposes and activities, the results of A.E.D. at Western Kentucky University have been at a very high level. By results it is meant, the successful preparation and guidance of the undergraduate who preposses the characteristics wanted by these professional schools. This can best be shown in acceptance numbers and percentages.

A table of the last 5 years can present these numbers most concisely.

	Total Accepted	A.E.D. Applied	A.E.D. Accepted
1971	17	14	12
1971*	14	10	10
1972	16	11	10
1972*	14	3	3
1973	13	10	8
1973*	10	6	6
1974	14	14	7
1974*	15	2	1
1975	15	19	11
1975*	9	5	3

The \* is for Dental School and the first date is for Medical School.

In 1971, the two who were not accepted were Juniors. The following year, one was accepted to Dental School and later went to Medical School; the other student went to Pharmacy School.

In 1972, five of the ten that were accepted were Juniors.

In 1973, one of the two unaccepted students was a Junior and he was accepted the following year.

In 1974, four of these seven were Juniors and the following year they were accepted.

In 1975, at the time of this publication, there still exists the possibility of further acceptance; therefore, no attempt to comment on non-accepted persons will be made. Percentages, without the above considerations, are still high and exemplify the type of student that you would be helping. It should also be noted that not only are the percentages of A.E.D. members who have applied and have been accepted high, but also the majority of the total accepted applicants are A.E.D. members.

	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975
Medical School	86%	90%	80%	50%	58%
Dental School	100%	100%	100%	50%	60%

Again the two 50% are explained by three year applicants. The one Dental student was later accepted and four Medical School applicants were later accepted to boost them back to 80% and 100%.

In this newsletter we have endeavored to present the ideals of A.E.D. at Western Kentucky University. While we strive to be competitive, we also attempt to maintain a sense of camaraderie. Furthermore, it is a high priority to lessen the financial burden of the Pre-Medical and Pre-Dental students. In conclusion, this has been an endeavor to inform you, the physician or other interested person, of our continuing efforts to promote Pre-Medical and Pre-Dental scholarship.