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PRE-MEDICS TO MAKE ANNUAL TRIP FRIDAY

MITCHELL WRITES BRIEF SKETCH OF MEDICAL COLLEGE

First Dean of College of Medicine of University of Nebraska—Review of Growth.

HOW IT WAS CREATED

University Hall Was Nucleus of University When Course in Medicine Was First Given.

Dr. A. R. Mitchell, the first dean of the College of Medicine of the University of Nebraska, has written for this edition of The Daily Nebraskan a history of the College, with a comparison of the facilities in the past and in the present. Dr. Mitchell is one of the best-known physicians of Lincoln at present and has earned a national reputation in his profession.

He is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, a member of the Board of Trustees and of the Executive Committee of the American Medical Association.

The article which Dr. Mitchell has written on the history of the College follows:

"This effort to give you a brief history of the first medical school of the University of Nebraska must necessarily include the attitude of the profession at that time concerning medical education. It was the era of the commercial medical college which had filled the land with practitioners, poorly prepared to cope with the serious problems of life and health. Colleges were organized by groups of medical men who hoped for compensation through the large classes who would refer them cases for operation or for consultation, and in many instances the investment was a profitable one. Not all of the schools of those days came under the strictly commercial class but most of them did, and it was not until the better elements of the profession began to realize the disintegrating force of commercialism in a science devoted to the alleviation of human suffering that it began to heed the cry for better training and better service. The Council on Medical Education of the American Medical Association under the direction and advice of our once fellow-townsmen, Dr. George H. Simmons, was the potent force which started the movement for reform and it was that same influence which has brought the profession and its colleges to its present high development. Our schools today rank as the leaders in medical thought and technique. It was during a commercial era that the Omaha Medical College came into existence and had its inception in professional antagonisms and personal ambitions. It had operated but a few years when the thought occurred to some of us in Lincoln that we had there, already prepared, the nucleus of a school which would turn the tide of medical thought to the profession of Lincoln and incidentally benefit those who should be so fortunate as to be selected as members of the faculty. Here was an opportunity for free advertising and for better personal development than was offered by a stock company whose only dividends were the returns from students who referred cases and called faculty members in consultation. I would not be understood as even suggesting that commercial advantage was the sole purpose of those numerous organizations. The men who put their energy and their best efforts into them were animated by high ideals, and each hoped, secondarily, that by giving the best service in him, he might aid in developing a really higher type of medical school than his competitors, yet always, was there a feeling of self-interest which must be the activating influence in schools organized upon any other than an educational basis. We in Lincoln felt that we were in a sense, side-tracked when really, as we discovered we were on the main line that we had the main line, that we had the motive power if we but had the energy to develop it. In 1882 Dr.



A group of Pre-Medic students.

NUMBER OF PRE-MEDS IS INCREASING RAPIDLY

More Than Two Hundred Men and Women Enrolled in Arts and Science Preparatory to Medicine.

Pre-Medics are Arts and Science students pursuing a special two year course required for entrance to the College of Medicine.

In 1897-98 there were nine Pre-Medics, all men; then enrollment for the year 1922-23 is more than two hundred, a small college in itself. Of this number, fifteen are women; there are ninety freshmen, eighty sophomores, and thirty third and fourth year students. During the past twenty years, more than fourteen hundred men and women have completed the two pre-medical years in the University. Eight nationalities and twelve states are represented in the present group.

The Pre-Medics are characterized by a peculiar earnestness and cohesion, due to a common interest and definite purpose.

Practically every Pre-Medic is an active member of the Nu-Med Society, which endeavors to create an atmosphere of good fellowship and in addition, to foster high ideals and thoroughness in scholarship, also to stress the high calling and the great responsibility resting on every man and woman preparing for the medical profession. The work of the Society during the year has been enthusiastically carried on through the leadership of Mr. Frazier and Mr. Sanderson, with the hearty co-operation of their associates and the Pre-Medical students.

An increasing number of our students, sixty to eighty per cent, complete the medical course in our College of Medicine at Omaha and take up the practice of medicine in the state, in this way returning a hundredfold to the state that which has been expended through taxation. At the present time there is a dearth of competent doctors in the rural communities of our state and these keen, enthusiastic, and capable pre-medics will soon go out as well trained doctors to supply this need.

The roll call of the more than 1500 Pre-Medics is answered from all over the world. Many have attained eminence in the medical profession: among them Hiltner in China, Adson of the Mayo Clinic, Harrison in Arabia, Wells of the Rockefeller Foundation, and Fabie in the Philippines. A host of other splendid men and women have gone out from the ranks of the Pre-Medics and are unostentatiously devoting their lives to healing the sick, to alleviating pain and in bringing comfort and cheer to thousands in the practice of that noblest of professions.

Dr. Alvin S. Johnson, '97, A. M. '98, formerly professor of economics at the University of Nebraska, now one of the editors of the New Republic, is director of the New School for Social Research in New York, founded in 1919 by several professors connected with Columbia University. It needed witholumbia University. It offers no degrees and has no entrance requirements. Students register for those subjects in which they are interested, and pay for the courses taken. The ideal is a school without "red tape." In the summer session of 1923, Prof. H. B. Alexander of the department of Philosophy at the University, will give a lecture course on "The Life of the Mind."

CANDIDATES ANNOUNCED FOR STUDENT COUNCIL

Elections for Positions of Governing Body to Be Held May 8—Eleven to Be Chosen.

Nominations for the Student Council were made at meetings Tuesday morning. The Student Council is made up of four senior members elected to hold over from the present Council, and eleven members elected to the end of their sophomore year from the college in which they are registered. The election will be held Tuesday, May 8. Frances Weintz the only girl nominated from the Ag College is automatically elected.

The nominations from the colleges follow:

- Fine Arts College.
LaVada Zutter.
Gladys Lux.
Beulah Butler.
- College of Pharmacy.
George Hargreaves.
George Carpenter.
Pell Broady.
- College of Agriculture.
Raymond Swallow.
Hugh McLaughlin.
Frances Weintz.
- College of Engineering.
William Bertwell.
Judson Meier.
Francis Boucher.
- College of Business Administration.
Dan Richardson.
Victor Anderson.
Edward Steiner.
- College of Arts and Sciences.
Neva Jones.
Glee Gardner.
Emmett Maun.
Ronald Button.
- College of Law.
Keith Evans.
Wallace Waite.

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Y. W. C. A. Cabinet to Entertain New Staff

Y. W. C. A. members of the outgoing cabinet and staff will entertain the Advisory Board and new Cabinet and staff members at a May morning breakfast at Ellen Smith Hall, Sunday at 8 o'clock. Talks on the work of the year just past will be given by the old hostesses to give the new members an idea of the nature of their services for the coming year. To create a spirit of fellowship is another purpose of the meeting, according to the committee. About one hundred guests will be present.

Members of the Advisory Board who will be present are: Mrs. Samuel Avery, Miss Amanda Heppner, Mrs. E. L. Hinman, Mrs. A. L. Candy, Mrs. Harry Ankeny, Mrs. Herbert Brownell, Miss Margaret Fedde, Miss Florence McGahey, Mrs. Roy Greene, Mrs. Fred Eiche, Dr. Elda Walker, and Mrs. J. P. Senning.

PLAYERS TO PRESENT ORIGINAL PRODUCTION

Author Choses Irma McGowan and Neil Brown to Head Cast.

The University Players will present their first original production, "An Adventure for Two" on Friday and Saturday, May 11 and 12, with a matinee on Saturday afternoon. Irma McGowan and Neil Brown head the cast which has been selected by the author.

The identity of the author will not be announced until after the presentation of the play. He writes under the assumed name of Charles Archer.

Tickets for the production will go on sale at Ross P. Curtice Co. on Monday, May 7.

PRE-MEDICS TO LEAVE FRIDAY FOR ANNUAL TRIP TO OMAHA

Program Outlined for Guests from Lincoln—Leave at Eight O'clock Friday Morning—Leave Omaha at 11:30 Friday Night—Annual Affair in College of Medicine.

SPECIAL EVENTS PLANNED FOR ENTERTAINMENT

Luncheon to be Served in Dining Room of University Hospital—Baseball Game to Be Played Between Freshmen and Sophomores—Fraternities to Hold Open House.

- 8:00—Leave Lincoln via Burlington.
- 9:45—Arrive Omaha—by automobile to College of Medicine.
- 10:00—Attend clinics University Hospital.
- 12:30—Luncheon at University Hospital.
- 2:00—Inspection of hospital laboratories and nurses' home.
- 3:00—Medic Baseball game, Elmwood Park.
- 5:00—Visit fraternity houses.
- 7:00—Smoker and theater party.
- 11:30—Leave Omaha.

THREE ORGANIZATIONS IN PRE-MED COLLEGE

Theta Nu, Nu-Meds, and Omega Beta Pi Are Active at University of Nebraska.

The Pre-Medical college has three active organizations, the Nu-Med Society, Omega Beta Pi fraternity, and Theta Nu, an honorary fraternity.

Membership in Theta Nu is based entirely on scholastic standing.

The Nu-Med Society is an organization of which all pre-medics are members. The society holds meetings once a month, which are in the form of banquets. At these banquets, the students are addressed by some of the most prominent men connected with the medical profession. The choice of these men is not restricted to Lincoln, but is taken from all over the country.

These meetings further the interest of the student and help him to cooperate with the instructors in his studies.

Among others who spoke at the banquets this year have been Dean Cutter from the medical school at Omaha; Dr. Paul Harrison, medical missionary in Arabia; Dr. Adson, brain surgeon of the Mayo clinic; Dr. Mitchell of A. M. A. who is a physician in Lincoln.

Omega Beta Pi, a national pre-medical fraternity admits only to membership, men who are pursuing the pre-medical work. Its present membership includes thirty-five men.

One hundred and twenty-five Pre-Medics will leave Lincoln at 8 o'clock Friday morning on a special train to go to Omaha where they will visit the Medical College of the University. Arriving in Omaha at 9:45, they will be taken to the Medical College campus at Forty-second and Dewey avenue.

The trip is an annual affair in the College of Medicine, and is planned for the purpose of bringing the Medics into closer touch with the Pre-Meds.

This year the Lincoln students will be supplied with badges bearing the skull and crossbone, which is the official insignia of the college.

At 10 o'clock, the students will attend clinics in the University Hospital. It is expected that operations of special interest will be performed at this time for the benefit of the students.

Luncheon will be served in the dining room of the University Hospital at 12:30, and will be followed by an inspection tour of the hospital laboratories and the nurses' home. Since the hospital is the working field of the Medics, the students who are preparing to study there are particularly interested in the sort of equipment used.

At 3 o'clock a baseball game will be played at Elmwood park. The freshman and sophomore classes of the Omaha school will be matched against one another.

From 5 o'clock until 7, the fraternities will hold open house for the students. Most of the visitors will be guests at these houses for dinner in the evening.

A smoker for the men, and a theatre party for the women will follow the dinner hours. Both of these events will, it is hoped, help the students of the two campuses to feel better acquainted with one another.

The special train which will bring the Pre-Medic students back to Lincoln will leave Omaha at 11:30, and will arrive in Lincoln at 12:50.

The Pre-Medic students will be accompanied by several faculty members of the department in which they are studying, including Dr. Barker, the Pre-Medic advisor.

"BUSINESS HONOR" IS CONVOCATION SUBJECT

Verne Hedge Lectures for Teachers' College at Temple Theater Wednesday.

Verne Hedge, Lincoln business man and Nebraska alumnus spoke on "Business Honor" at the Teachers' College convocation at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning, May 2, 1923. The significance of truth and honor in business was illustrated by Mr. Hedge, who is now engaged in the abstract and title business.

Ever since the beginning of time, man has gone through a certain ceremony in the transaction of land and property Mr. Hedge declared. The very earliest method was the owner picking up a clod of dirt and handing it to the purchaser. According to Mr. Hedge "the famous King Tut left a will to his wife, written in

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Dean Cutter Writes on "The Trend of Education in Medicine and in Preparation for the Study"

Dean Irving S. Cutter, of the College of Medicine at Omaha, sends the following article on "The Trend of Education in Medicine and in Preparation for the Study."

"The study of medicine is not typified by a pathway strewn with roses. Beyond a high school, one must actually attend College for six full academic years and in addition, the present requirement includes an internship of at least twelve months in an acceptable hospital. This means seven years beyond high school graduation. The course, however, while long and difficult, is interesting and stimulating. Good hard work and plenty of it makes for the highest type of medical efficiency. The country needs doctors, men of ideals, men of skill, and particularly men endowed with the spirit of service. There is an evident dearth of well-trained physicians and no well-trained medical man who is willing to work need fear lack of adequate funds for himself and family.

"Medicine is not a distinct science. It is rather the practical application to the prevention and amelioration of disease of the fundamental facts of many sciences—biology, chemistry, physics, physiology, anatomy, and the like. The difference between the well-trained and the poorly trained practitioner is frequently the difference in the individual's grounding in the so-called pre-clinical or ancillary sciences.

"For the largest part, men who enter the College of Medicine following the two premedical years in the University, come imbued with a definiteness of purpose which is most essential. The goal, while four or five years away, is in sight and every ounce of one's energy is given to acquiring such perfection in the medical curriculum as will make for the highest type of medical practitioner.

"The University of Nebraska Medical School offers unique and in many ways superior privileges for medical study. The entire plant, including the hospital, is on one campus. This means a saving of time to the student and a closer correlation of clinical and pre-clinical sciences. The Medical Library of twenty-five thousand volumes is at present housed in the Hospital. The library quarters are inadequate for the present student body but it is hoped that within the next few years an adequate library building will be added to the plant. The hospital of one hundred and forty beds is constantly filled, and all cases are actual teaching cases. The out-patient department, exceeding twenty-five thousand visits per year, affords a remarkable clinic in those ambulatory cases that so frequently furnish the best teaching material. The faculty is in every way superior. It is my firm belief that no group of men in America possess to quite the same extent, the

real interest of the student: that of giving their best and all that they can give. Many of the names on the faculty list are internationally as well as nationally known.

"Student standards are maintained. Those who do not have the fundamental ideal of medicine or who are misfits in that they are pursuing the wrong course, are advised to drop the course or to transfer to another institution. This makes for the largest part, a group of men working toward a given goal. I doubt very much if the spirit of "getting by" has much place in any medical school. Certainly not at Nebraska. No finer group of students comes from any section of the country than from the great Trans-Mississippi region. They have brains and industry.

"While many colleges of medicine have more ornate buildings, with millions of dollars and a budget many times that of Nebraska, yet Nebraska has something which I have rarely seen in visiting other medical schools, namely, a spirit of co-operation between the students and staff that the institution which they represent shall be better with each coming year. The future of the Medical School is assured if this spirit can be fostered and maintained.

"There is no golden key to medicine, no ability and the desire to work.

IRVING S. CUTTER.