

Class Lends Its Ears

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Medical Students
Follow Words Of
Lecturer Closely



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STUDENTS' FACES REFLECT INTENSE ATTENTION IN FIRST SESSION

Initial class launches medical education with lecture in anatomy

Words Of Poet Point Way For Doctors-To-Be

Medical College's First Class Urged To Seek Knowledge Of Man As Whole

The words of a poet rather than a doctor or educator started the first Medical College of Ohio class toward medical degrees today.

The words of Dylan Thomas were used to set a goal that the lecturer, Dr. Liberato J. A. DiDio, said the 32 students should strive to reach through their medical education.

"I stand before you, gentlemen, as a lecturer in anatomy, a scientist, a specialist, a material man to whom the heart, for instance, is an elaborate physical organ and not the 'seat of love'; a man to whom the soul, because it has no shape, does not exist," Dr. DiDio read.

"But paradox is inherent in all dogma, and so I stand before you also as a man of sentiment, of spiritual aspirations, intellectually creative influences, social conviction, and moral passions . . .

'Beyond The Body . . .'

"Our aim," Dr. DiDio challenged the students, "must forever be the pursuit of the knowledge of man in his entirety. To study the flesh, the skin, the bones, the organs, the nerves, is to equip our minds with a knowledge that will enable us to search beyond the body . . ."

The chairman of the anatomy department said he selected the words of the Welsh poet for the opening lecture because they express to him more clearly than anything he has seen the goal he believes doctors should strive for. Dr. DiDio, selected for the honor of delivering the first lec-

ture because he is the senior faculty member in terms of service, said the words were written in Thomas' "The Doctor and the Devils."

The lecture on "Factors of Anatomical Variation in Man and Their Application to Medicine" was the first of a full day of lectures for the new students.

Other Lectures

In addition to two other lectures in anatomy, the first-day schedule included lectures in human environment and the doctor-patient relationship.

The inclusion of these on the opening day is significant, according to Dr. Robert Page, dean, because it shows that the medical college will be teaching the students more than just to treat illness.

To function successfully as a doctor in the future, Dr. Page explains, it will be necessary not only to be able to treat patients for their physical ailments but also to understand what made them ill.

"We will not allow this college to put itself in an ivory tower, teaching only about medicine. We must function as a part of the community, and so must

doctors in today's world," the dean said.

Classroom Crowded

Dr. Page introduced Dr. DiDio to the class, joking in his remarks that he had never seen so many students so early to class.

A large number of faculty members crowded the classroom for the kickoff lecture.

In a somewhat progressive curriculum move, the first students will see their first patients

Tuesday in Maumee Valley Hospital.

In the past, medical students did not see patients until several months into classes, sometimes not even seeing patients until after the first year of classes.

But Dr. Page explains that more modern thinking is that seeing patients with various illnesses can help them understand why they are learning what they are.



DR DiDIO USES MODEL TO MAKE POINT

First faculty member teaches first class