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PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

One of the duties of the S.M.C. President each year, is to extend a welcome to our new-arrivals, the 2nd Years.

It has lately become customary for the President at the same time to exhort those of his colleagues who have already become part of the campus, to greater effort at participating in that nebulous bogey "Student Affairs".

To those colleagues, therefore, that are joining us for the first time, I say:- "Welcome to the ranks. You will find your journey through Medical School full, absorbing, rewarding and always full of incident.

It will not be long before you are at home here, making regular trips to the Refectory for tea or lunch, to the S.M.C. Office for books or white coats (and incidentally to pay your S.M.C. fees), or to the Common Rooms for "peace and quiet".

In fact, it takes very little time at all to exchange that "New Look" for the appearance of the "experienced".

This year promises to be a full one. Looming large on the horizon is the University Towns Festival. Everyone is expected to participate in the organisation and running of our "Drug Store".

For the more sentimental among us, this year is the S.M.C.'s 25th Birthday and the S.R.C.'s 30th. Celebrations to mark the occasion are being planned.

And for the more melodramatic and politically conscious, there is the Constitutional Issue.

There are also, besides, numerous cultural and sporting activities, Rag, the reintroduction of Research Leech, active participation (?) at Alexandra Health Clinic and Pregnancy Conference.

To those of our colleagues with Path slides conscientiously tucked under their arms or steths impressively dangling from their pockets, I say:-

"Life at Medical School, offers more than just "Numerous anaplastic cells with evidence of much mitotic activity" or the presence at the apex of a rumbling mid-diastolic murmer" ..... and it is up to you, the individual to see that you take what is offered!

J. SEEFELD.

Sex Report on Students

A study on the Sexual Behaviour of University Students will begin this year. The study will attempt to prove that the type of education which students receive at University and school does affect their sexual behaviour, as well as influence their attitudes towards different types of sexual behaviour.

The study will cover the problems of sex education of children, masturbation, homosexuality, petting, premarital coitus, animal-human contacts and nocturnal sex dreams.

The method which will be utilised in this study is that of a questionaire. Students will be requested to answer a number of questions which deal with all types of sexual behaviour possible by unmarried individuals.

ALL REPLIES TO THE SEX QUESTIONAIRE WILL REMAIN QUITE ANONYMOUS! Students are not asked to sign their names.

This questionaire enquires into the present sex problems that certain students are facing. It is extremely likely that many students have similar problems. If this does prove to be the case steps will be taken in an attempt to solve these problems. Such steps for example could include articles in the student newspapers by authorities on the subject in addition to lectures.

The questions include:
Do you consider sex education necessary?
Have you every masturbated?
Would you prefer to marry a virgin?
If you have not indulged in premarital intercourse state why?
What is your attitude towards others who have indulged in premarital intercourse?
Have you ever had experience with homosexuals?

SUPPORT

YOUR

REFECTORY

COUNCIL'S REJECTION

Recently the University Council rejected the proposals made to them by the student body through the President of the S.R.C. and two other prominent student leaders on the highly unpopular new draft S.R.C. Constitution. Briefly, the facts are as follows:-

The University Council was empowered by Parliamentary Act to draw up, in consultation with student leaders, a constitution for the S.R.C. Towards the end of last year a draft of the new constitution was handed to S.R.C. members by the Council. As soon as the contents of this constitution were made public there was a terrific uproar from the student body. The S.R.C. was not consulted in the formation of this constitution. Copies of the draft constitution were circulated amongst students and the immediate reaction was to call faculty meetings and to circulate a petition calling on the Council to defer the matter until the new term started, due to the then present pressure of exams. Hundreds of students signed the petition, even though exams were only a few weeks away.

The Council rejected these simple demands refusing to defer the matter until the new term and sent the constitution, unaltered, to the Minister of Education for promulgation.

The President of the S.R.C. wrote to the Minister, informing him of the wishes of the student body asking him to intervene on the part of the students. In his reply to Mr. Hepple the Minister refused to do so.

The position today is simply that presumably the constitution will soon be gazetted. After this there is a 30 day period during which it may be changed.

Jazz Society

This is what we have been waiting for. An opportunity to provide the many jazz fans at Medical School with lunch-hour programmes, bringing the leading Johannesburg jazz musicians to Medical School to play for us - to have record-playing sessions of recorded music from the earliest New Orleans "Dixieland" musicians to our modern day progressive jazz exponents - to have lectures and discussions on various aspects of Jazz music from which we will all derive much benefit, knowledge and enjoyment.

The programmes will be well arranged, and held at frequent intervals. They will necessarily require a full student support.

We encourage your suggestions and requests and will arrange our programmes to suit the tastes of as many students as possible.

Watch the notice-boards for details of our first "session".

You will not be disappointed.

Tobias Leaves

During the 1955/56 sessions Medical School will lose the energetic and stimulating personality of Dr. Philip Tobias.

Dr. Tobias received last year a Nuffield Scholarship which is taking him to Cambridge University where he will study new techniques in Anthropology.

On interview, Dr. Tobias said that he hoped to be away for 18 months, during which time he would meet some of Britain's best known Anthropologists.

As most of us know, he has, in the last few years, become recognised as an authority in this field, in South Africa. He is especially known for his studies on the Bush peoples of Africa. We are sure that with the added experience which he will gain overseas, he will become even more expert.

His influence at Medical School will be missed both intra and extra-murally. Few of us can forget his Anthropology lectures in 2nd year. We also well remember his lunch-hour lectures such as last year's "Diseases in Ancient Man" which fascinated a large crowd in the Harveian Lecture Theatre.

Dr. Tobias is the Honorary Vice-President of the newly formed Arch. and Anthrop. Society who will sadly miss his experienced leadership which was so evident in the Society's trip to Makapan in September last year.

We all join in wishing him an interesting and successful trip.

"Pathological Meals"

Oh! How pleasant the morning to start, with
Smoked bacon spleen and
bread and butter heart.
Wash this down with lots
and lots
Of refreshing café au lait
spots.

On to lunch, what a sensation!
Sago spleen and cheese-
like casiation.

At dinner, of course only
when in season,
Strawberry-gall bladder to
the music of a violin-
string adhesion.
The trimmings of this
delectable course
Are Charcot-Leyden crystals
and "anchovy sauce".

After dinner, perhaps a
little chat and a
joke
With port-wine urine and
a pre-Cancerous
smoke

John Martin

A TRIP TO EUROPE

BY PROF J.M. WATT.

During 1954 I was privileged to attend the fifth meeting of the Expert Committee on Addiction-producing Drugs of the World Health Organization at Geneva, and as I had not been in Europe for twenty years I took the opportunity of visiting several countries and institutions.

My wife and I set out from Jan Smuts Airport by Pan American for Lisbon. We left Jan Smuts at 10 a.m. on 29 September and the next day we were having lunch in Lisbon. Portugal is a beautiful country with many historical relics and beautiful modern institutions like the special hospital for cancer research and treatment. Lisbon itself is a curious mixture of old and modern and it is equally delightful to walk up the Avenida da Liberdade with its spacious roadways, separate tracks for tramways and beautiful trees and monuments, or to wander through the twisting alleys and ancient squares of the old part of the city. The port on the Tagus is a hive of activity with endless ferry boats plying both ways.

A short flight by Portuguese Air Transport (P.A.T.) took us from Lisbon to Madrid, where we were met by Dr. Jaime Nosti, an agronimical engineer with whom I have corresponded for some time. As my wife and I were walking from the plane to the buildings we were apparently photographed, for when we came to get into our taxi about half an hour later we were offered a finished photograph by this enterprising photographer.

Madrid is a beautiful and interesting city which still shows signs, particularly in the neighbourhood of the University city, of the destruction caused by the Civil War. The University, however, has gained by the construction of a series of very beautiful modern buildings on a unified scheme, covering a large area of ground. This scheme includes extensive residences for students and a number of members of staff, the University hospital and special buildings to meet the particular requirements of the different University disciplines.

While in Madrid my wife and I had considerable contact with Professor and Mrs. Velasquez. He is professor of Pharmacology and was attending the same Expert Committee as myself in Geneva. Professor and Mrs. Velasquez were extremely kind to us and not only showed us the ancient palaces of the Spanish Royal Family at Escorial, but also took us to the ballet. Lola Flores, the premiere ballerina of Spain had just opened a new season in Madrid with "The Folk Songs of Spain", fresh from a triumphant tour of Latin America and the United States. It was indeed a beautiful and delightful show. I also had the privilege of addressing the students and staff of the Medical Faculty in the University on the subject of "The African Witch Doctor". This was translated into Spanish by two Puerto Rican students from Professor Velasquez' class.

A week in Geneva in close daily contact with the fellow members of the Expert Committee proved most stimulating and refreshing. The Chairman was Dr. Nichols of London, Vice-Chairman Professor La Barre of the Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics in the University of Brussels; the other members were Sir Ram Nath Chopra of Srinagar, Professor Velasquez of Madrid, Professor Eichholz of Heidelberg, Dr. Eddy of Washington and Professor Joachimoglu of Athens. The Committee was most ably assisted by Dr. Woolf, the Chairman of the Section on Addiction-producing Drugs, who has since retired and been succeeded by Dr. Halbach. Dr. Braender, a Norwegian chemist on the staff of UNO was present as an observer, and last but not least we had the very skilled assistance of Miss Burke, Dr. Woolf's principal secretary.

The work of this Committee is very arduous because it consists mainly of making decisions as to whether particular drugs and chemical substances are addiction-producing, and in addition the Expert Committee is involved in laying down principles and definitions in regard to this subject.

The functions of the Committee are advisory to the WHO executive, which forwards its decisions to UNO for their advice. UNO, if it accepts the recommendations, forwards them to its constituent members for their consideration.

A day in Basle permitted of a visit to the enormous works of Sandoz Limited, where we were royally entertained by Dr. Jucker, secretary to Professor Stoll. In the afternoon we spent a very stimulating two hours with Professor T. Reichstein, Professor of Organic Chemistry, Nobel Prizewinner and synthesizer of ascorbic acid. A short visit to Interlaken and the Jungfrau was followed by a day in Zurich from where we flew to Paris.

Switzerland is a most interesting and beautiful country, full of industrious people, full of beauty, full of history and full of trees.

After a short stay in Paris which permitted of visits to Fontainebleau, Versailles and the Madeleine l'Arc de Triomphe and the Boulevards was followed by a short visit to Amsterdam. This beautiful city is well worth a visit and is full of interest.

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From Amsterdam to Scotland was but a short air trip and we were met at Prestwick Airport by Professor and Mrs. Le May. He was for many years the Professor of Applied Mathematics in this University. With their aid we got a small glimpse of the beauties of Ayrshire and its lovely trees, and saw many of the historic places associated with Scotland's national poet, Burns. Subsequent visits were made to Glasgow, Trossachs, Aberdeen and Edinburgh where I was glad to renew contacts with my Alma Mater. The thing that strikes one most in Scotland is the rosy-cheeked, healthy and well nourished appearance of the children. Apart from a few small areas in Glasgow we saw practically no poverty, and certainly no undernourishment, and this was also the case in most parts of England which we visited.

At Aberfoyle we were fortunate to find a garage proprietor who had been born and brought up in this historic area and who acted as our guide as he drove us from Aberfoyle to Callender through the Trossachs. The beauty of this area immortalized by Scott in "The Lady of the Lake" cannot be adequately conveyed in words. While in Edinburgh we were fortunate enough to be able to visit first of all Lasswade, where some of my ancestors are buried.

This small town, famous for paper-making, was named Lasswade from the historic episode in which Prince Charles had to be conveyed dry foot over the stream. He was placed on the back of a broad husky country maid and when settled and comfortable he said "Jenny, lass, wade!" We also had the opportunity of visiting the beautiful ruins of Dryburgh Abbey where Sir Walter Scott and Earl Haig are buried. This beautiful ecclesiastical relic of the past is well worth a visit. While in Aberdeen I attended a meeting of the Aberdeen and North of Scotland Philatelic Society, to which I was committed to give an address illustrated with Kodachromes on "Trees as a Topic on Stamps". Unfortunately my slides were reposing in the hold on a vessel in the docks of Southampton, and so I asked if I might substitute an address on the African Witch-doctor. Despite its lack of philatelic flavour this was very well received by my audience.

Short visits to Newcastle, Birmingham and Cheltenham were followed by three days in Cornwall, in a tiny village known as St. Keverne. The village church dates back to 1100 A.D., and its churchyard is full of historic graves including communal graves from wrecks, particularly on the famous Manacle Rocks nearby. While at St. Keverne we were able to squeeze in a very short visit to Land's End.

An hectic 10 days in London included, amongst its highlights visits to the research laboratories of Burroughs Wellcome at Beckenham and Glaxo at Harrow. It is astonishing to see medical research in the mass as one does see in organizations like these. Dr. White, the Director of research at Burroughs Wellcome and Dr. Macrae who holds a similar position at Glaxo were most stimulating, and it was a pleasure to meet many members of their staffs in both institutions.

While in London I had the interesting experience of meetings Sir John Wilson Bart., the keeper of the Royal Philatelic Collection. This was at a meeting of the Royal Philatelic Society where I was privileged to meet quite a few of the well-known philatelists of England.

Our final visit after a short air journey from London to Rome was three days spent in this incomparable city. The Italians have succeeded in introducing extremely modern architecture without clashing in the least with the ancient relics of Roman times. To see how the new central station in Rome fits into the square which dates back for the most part for about 2,000 years is an inspiration. This beautiful building, completely utilitarian in its design, is one of the most artistic modern buildings which we have seen. Incidentally it is quaint to see outside the station rows of ancient cabs of the Victoria type with their umbrellas up. These are large umbrellas about the size of those used in Johannesburg gardens, which fit into a socket behind the driver's seat, and which are intended to protect the driver and his passenger from the rain.

This most interesting and stimulating air tour of nine weeks was completed by a South African Airways journey from Rome to Johannesburg, with dinner at Athens, coffee at Cairo, early morning coffee at Khartoum, breakfast on the plane, lunch in Nairobi, dinner at Livingstone and coffee and sandwiches at Auckland Park before midnight.

A.M.S.T.F. SUCCESS

Among the 1954 graduates in the Faculty of Medicine was the first holder of an A.M.S.T.F. Scholarship to obtain his degree.

Mr. Nyoka achieved added distinction by being among the top 5 students with 3 second class passes. He was the only member of his class to obtain honours in all three subjects.

He capped a year of fine academic achievement by winning the Medicine prize.

Mr. Nyoka's triumph more than justifies the faith of those students who believe that Africans are quite able to match and even surpass their lighter skinned colleagues.

May Mr. Nyoka be only th- first of a long and successful line.

New Look on Music Society

The Music Society will once more function regularly this year after many years of almost complete stagnation. Meetings will be held every Wednesday at 1.20 p.m. to enable students to purchase lunch first. The programme for the year is published on the opposite page and is subject to alteration. Each week the programme for the following week will be published in the Auricle with a short note on the composers whose birthday's fall that month.

It is hoped that students will support these meetings and that the usual apathy is not displayed The three-speed gramaphone will operate this year for the first time which should also raise the standard of the performances heard. A Beethoven concert will be held the last Wednesday of each month.

COMPOSERS OF THE MONTH

Composers born in February:
Mendelssohn
Rossini
Handel

Mendelssohn. Born in Hamburg in 1809, died in Leipzig in 1847. The son of a banker and grandson of a philosopher he received encouragement from the minute he showed musical ability. He received his first piano lessons from his mother but was later taught by Berger.

His first great work was written in 1826 and was the Overture to Midsummer Night's Dream. It followed after reading Shakespeare's play and was written for piano before it was orchestrated, demonstrating the principle of placing design before colour.

His creative activity did not retard his general cultural development and his matriculation at Berlin University followed studies in literature and classical philology. From eary youth he had been a fanatical lover of Bach and was responsible for the revival of "St. Matthew Passion". The latter was performed in 1829 (due to Mendelssohn) for the first time since Bach's death in 1750.

His foreign travel began in 1829 with a trip to London, the first of ten visits during which time he appeared as composer, conductor and pianist with equal success in each role.

At the end of the London season he went to Scotland, where the natural beauties gave him inspiration for "Fingal's Cave" Overture which will be heard on the 16th. The thematic material of the Scotch Symphony also belongs to this period.

1833 marked a turning-point in Mendelssohn's life, when he was offered a definite appointment as conductor in Dusseldorf. Unfortunately it ended umpleastantly and he moved to Leipzig in 1835, where he wrote to a friend "This is like Paradise after Purgatory". The Violin Concerto to be heard this week on the 2nd, was written here in association with his friend Ferdinand David (a brilliant violinist) with whom he worked in complete sympathy and understanding.

During the winter of 1845-6 he worked at high pressure and concentrated intensely on "Elijah", which marked the culmination of his career as a composer. The first performance of "Elijah" was conducted by him in the Birmingham Town Hall and was met with enthusiasm.

Mendelssohn became ill in the September of 1847 suffering from fits of depression, headaches and bouts of shivering. He relapsed after a temporary recovery and died in November 1847.

WATCH THIS SPACE

Attention 2nd Years!

On behalf of all Medical sportsmen a hearty welcome to first years and to the "newboys" of Medical School, the second years. The sports editorial staff of the "Auricle" wishes you all the utmost success in your studies and to the more active students, may your delight in sport continue.

This appeal is directed mainly at those who do not indulge in games. Our University is singularly well endowed with sporting facilities of every description, but all too few students take advantage of these. One does not ask you to take part in sport for the sake of the University, but for your own sakes. "Mens sana in corpore sano" never holds truer than for the medical course. Readers are assured that no finer balm and relaxation for Anatomy aches and Physiology pains exists than the bashing and being bashed of a few hours of Rugby, football per week.

Besides the activities of the University clubs there are also the various medical interyear competitions in Rugby, soccer, swimming, tennis and tabls tennis. In recent years these have suffered badly due to that besetting malady of Wits student apathy. The culmination of the Medical School sporting year is the annual Medical intervarsity against Tuks in mid September. For the continuation of Wits' superiority on that day we depend on you, the freshmen and second years.

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Programme for Music Society 1955

February - Composers of the Month - Mendelssohn
Handel
Rossini

Feb. 2 Water Music - Handel
Violin Concerto - Mendelssohn

Feb. 9 Overture-Barber of Seville - Rossini
Handel Arias - Kathleen Ferrier
Royal Fireworks Music - Handel

Feb. 16 Hebrides Overture - Mendelssohn
Italian Symphony - Mendelssohn

Feb. 23 Appassionata Sonata - Beethoven
Symphony No. 1 - Beethoven

March - Composers of the Month - Bach
Haydn

March 2 Brandenburg Concerto No. 6 - Bach
Clock Symphony - Haydn

March 9 Trumpet Concerto - Haydn
Arias - Kathleen Ferrier - Haydn

March 16 Double Piano Concerto - Bach
Brandenburg Concerto No. 1 - Bach

March 23 Brandenburg Concerto No. 1 - Bach
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring - Bach

March 30 Egmont Overture - Beethoven
Symphony No. 2 - Beethoven

April - Composers of the Month - Tschaikowsky - Weber

April 6 Violin Concerto - Tschaikowsky
Oberon Overture - Weber

April 27 Symphony No. 3 (Eroica) - Beethoven

May - Composers of the Month - Brahms
Massenet
Wagner

May 4 Violin Concerto - Brahms

May 11 Symphony No. 3 - Brahms

May 18 Overture Tannhauser - Wagner
Ride of the Vakyries Wagner
Overture Flying Dutchman - Wagner

May 25 4th Symphony - Beethoven

June - Composers of the Month - Glinka
Elgar
Schumann
Grieg
Gounod
Offenbach

June 1 Overture Rusland and Ludmilla - Glinka
Piano Concerto - Grieg

June 8 Enigma Variations - Elgar

June 15 Piano Concerto - Schumann

June 22 5th Symphony - Beethoven

August - Composers of the Month - Schubert
Mozart

August 10 Symphony No. 9 (The Great) - Schubert

August 17 Overture-Marriage of Figaro - Mozart
Jupiter Symphony - Mozart

August 24 Horn Concerto - Mozart
Symphony No. 40 - Mozart

August 31 Pastoral Symphony Beethoven

September - Composers of the Month - Dvorak
Beethoven

September 7 New World Symphony - Dvorak

September 14 Symphony No.7 Beethoven

September 21 Symphony No. 8 Beethoven
Pathetique Sonata - Beethoven

September 28 Violin Concerto Beethoven

October - Composers of the Month - Vaughan Williams
Prokofiev

October 5 Sinfonia Antarctica Vaughan Williams

October 12 Classical Symphony - Prokofiev
Piano Concerto No. 3 - Prokofiev

STOP PRESS

It is with great pleasure that we announce the engagement of our S.M.C. Secretary Miss Rebecca Kronik to Dr. Allan Nestadt.

Rebecca, or Becky as she is known to all and sundry, has been with us for over 4 years now, during which time she has managed, with maximum efficiency, not only the secretarial work of the Students' Medical Council but also the Students' Supply Association. It says much for her patience and perseverance that she has come almost unscathed from the soul-searing experience of having to deal with medical students for such an extended period.

The Auricle, perhaps, owes her a special debt, as she has done the typing with on the whole, good, if at times somewhat irate, grace.

You will all be pleased to read that she intends staying with us for yet a while. I am quite sure that the S.M.C. will be very relieved to learn this, as the thought of training someone else for what is an extremely complex and varied job, must be giving them grey hairs.

The Editorial Board and staff of the Auricle, and I am sure, all students, wish her our hearty congratulations and the very best of luck for the future.



THE AURICLE

EDITORIAL

DR. BRENNER RETURNS

The year 1955 sees the return to Medical School of one of her most illustrious sons, Dr. Sid Brenner.

His name has, in recent years become almost a legend among knowledgeable students. His dynamic personality, his academic brilliance and above all, his inspired leadership of the student body during his term of office as S.R.C. President are remembered with awe to this day. How well do people remember the wonderful way in which he controlled those general meetings which have since become such a disgrace. However rowdy or hostile they were, when Brenner commanded silence .... silence there was. Time after time he took vital issues to general meetings and in spite of tremendous opposition, never once was he defeated on a major issue. It is surprising that no attempt has been made by recent S.R.C.'s to repeat these tactics and so at least avoid the succession of No Confidence and censure motions which have so divided student opinion and led to so much confusion.

We hope that Dr. Brenner has not forgotten the student body which he led so well. We trust that he will always be willing to advise us and even, perhaps guide us in the difficult days that lie ahead.

DR. TOBIAS LEAVES

It is unfortunate that the arrival of Dr. Brenner sees the departure of that other famous product of Medical School; Dr. P.V. Tobias.

Brenner and Tobias were contemporaries and their names have always been linked as the joint leaders of this University's happiest era. While Brenner controlled matters on the home front, Tobias was president of NUSAS. It then seemed as though the Liberal spirit of our University was at last beginning to spread; and fortunate indeed, were the students of that time to be living in such an atmosphere and under such leadership.

In the tragedy which has overcome us since then, Dr. Tobias has always been available to advise us and assist us as each new crisis has arisen. He has attended the debates and on occasion, even intervened to plead the cause of liberalism and good sense.

His absence will be a great loss to us. We wish him a happy and successful sojourn, but also a speedy return.

Do's & Dont's

Do support your own institutions, the Refectory, the S.M.C. Supplies Association and your Newspaper
Don't think that the only way to educate yourself here is via your Medical books
Do assist at the A.M.S.T.F. Street Collections
Don't debase yourselves and your common room by using it as a gambling den
Do attend the meetings of the various societies. After all they are for your benefit
Don't regard S.R.C. and S.M.C. elections as some sort of a joke. Your extramural activities depend on the successful functioning of these bodies
Do attend the General Meetings both down the hill and in the Harveian
Don't be selfish towards other students. You are quite prepared to be helped by others, so reciprocate
Do try to find some spare time to help at Night School
Don't forget to pay your S.M.C. Fees
Do support the University Appeal

Refectory

During the vacation, considerable expense was incurred in painting and improving the Refectory to the best possible advantage, having due regard for the inadequacy of the building itself. New staff have been employed, and, in short every attempt is being made to improve conditions in every possible way.

The question of closing the Refectory was very seriously considered by the outgoing S.M.C., but it was felt that such a step was against the interests of the student body. The present Refectory Committee has been given six months in which to prove that the Refectory is worthwhile. It is up to you, the students, to let them prove that the Refectory can, and will, continue; that it will grow from strength to strength.

The onus is thus on you. Support your Refectory, and you will receive the benefit. Most of you have no doubt noticed that the place next door will be opening shortly. We appeal to your loyalty to your Medical School. We have no doubt that you will not disappoint us.

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APOLOGY

We must apologise to our many readers who will be disappointed at the absence of our regular features.

This was due to the fact that this issue was a purely 4th year effort.

Next time, however, we hope to return such popular columns as, "This Hill Of Ours", 'The Librarian Says", and "Medical Ethics".

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EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH CHATAWAY

This brilliantly organized meeting was, of course, highlighted by the 3 mile race won by Chris Chataway in the Southern Transvaal record time of 14 min. 39.4 secs. This time was, however, over a minute slower than the world record jointly held by Chataway and Green, both of Great Britain and 9.2 secs. slower than the South African record.

The nine athletes for the 3 miles were called together just after 4 p.m. Chataway was conspicuous with his carrot-coloured hair and white track suit with "Britain" emblazoned across the back. After the runners had lined up, they were introduced by the announcer, starting with Chataway who was in the inside lane wearing a plain white vest, shorts and white running shoes. An expectant hush fell over the 8,000 spectators and then the starter's revolver was fired. First runner to show was Brian Peers (3rd year Dentistry) and he kept the lead for the first 50 yds. Then Jan Barnard, the Marathon specialist, went out in front and stayed there until the 2 mile mark, Chataway the while in 3rd place and later in 2nd place. Athol Jennings, South African mile champion and one of the other 2 Wits men in the race was jogging along comfortably placed in the middle of the field. The latter struck one as being a beautiful stylist whose spikes seemed to just skim the track. It was at the two mile post that the visiting British athlete took the lead which he proceeded to increase until a gap of 70 yds lay between him and Jennings, now running second ahead of Barnard. As Chataway's lead became consolidated 3 laps from home, the main interest in the race centred on who would come second. As it happened Athol Jennings maintained his position and although a tired man, finished strongly to reach home 25 yards behind the winner. As Chris Chataway entered the last lap he lapped Jeannot, the 3rd 'Varsity runner in the race.

This race was too one sided to be at all exciting but interest was maintained all the time, if only it lay in seeing one of the greatest athletes of all time in action. Chataway's comments broadcast over the public address system after the race were. "The race was too much like hard work to be enjoyable".

The glamour of the 3 miles tended to overshadow the uniform excellence of the other events and especially the return to South African Atnletics of Neville Price and Miss Dalene Swanepoel's Empire record breaking javelin throw. Some fine sprinting was seen from Wesley Perks, the young Wits sprinter who won both the 100 yds and the furlong. His time for the former was 10 secs., an excellent time for a grass track.

Your correspondent was fortunate enough to secure an interview with Mr. Chataway in the change-house after the race. From this he just could not escape as he was under a shower without a stitch of clothing on! On being questioned about the altitude Mr. Chataway replied that in spite of the excessive fuss made of it, it certainly was a large factor, so much so that it cost him about 40 secs. over the 3 miles. In reply to the question on what he had read at Oxford Mr. Chataway said that it had been Philosophy, Politics and Economics and was now in the employ of Guiness's brewery. It was also learnt that a great friend, Dr. Bannister, is now a houseman at his old Medical School, St. Mary's, and is specially interested in neurology.

CRICKET

The Wits Cricket Club continues to enjoy a most successful season.

Intervarsity cricket week was held at Pietermaritzburg at the beginning of December and for the second year running, Wits were runners up to the winners, U.C.T. The tournament, one of the most successful ever, was attended by teams from every University in the country. Ian Morrison captained the combined 'Varsities side which drew with a Natal XI. At the close of play 'Varsities had one wicket to fall and 10 runs to get for victory.

Fullerton, Ulyate and Illing were other Wits players to make the combined side. The latter two are a Medical and Dental respectively. In addition Morrison captained the Transvaal Colts XI which included Ulyate, Fullerton and Pistorius. Colin Eagle (5th Medical) won the award, in the form of a bat, for the best fielder during Intervarsity week and Livshitz, who just missed selection as "Varsities" wicketkeeper, also received a special award. Other Medical and Dental cricket stalwarts are Martin, Butler, Meyerowitz, Myers, Greenwall and Peter Viljoen.

The Lst XI at present is lying third in both the Transvaal league and the Lionel Philips competition, thanks mainly to excellent fielding and prolific wicket-taking by Ulyate, Pistorius and Adrian Couzyn. To date the 'Varsity batting has lacked solidity, Ian Morrison being the only reasonably consistent run getter. One feels that the latter has been desperately unlucky not to have gained a Transvaal cap this summer.

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