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THE S.R.C. QUESTIONNAIRE AND THE MEDICAL SCHOOL'S REPLY.

Some few weeks ago a questionnaire was issued by the S.R.C. and exhibited on the notice board at the Medical School. It invited student opinion upon many matters relating to the organisation of student activities in the University. Its object presumably was to gain, if possible, a better system than that which obtains at present. We were not surprised to see some attempt to improve matters. The appearance of such a questionnaire is an indication that the present constitution has proved unsuccessful. In the past, when the University was in its infancy, when the number of students represented was comparatively small, the S.R.C. probably fulfilled its functions. The S.R.C. now represents nearly two thousand students. It has not advanced with the growth of the University and, by virtue of its present constitution, fails to exercise that vital influence upon student life which we have a right to expect from it.

When presented with this questionnaire, the Medical Council gave the matter careful consideration. They decided to call a general meeting of medical students, where the matter could be fully discussed and a reply drawn up which would be representative of the Medical School. Had the matter been left to the individual, many divergent replies would have been submitted and no useful purpose served.

It usually happens in any general meeting, that half those present fail to comprehend exactly what is happening. Accordingly, we have decided to publish some of the more important questions, together with the replies. It was found more convenient to take questions in a different order from that on the questionnaire, while there were certain subjects on which we felt that we were not competent to pass an opinion.

10. *Are you in favour of faculty S.R.C's dependent on a parent S.R.C.?*
11. *If so, why? If not, why not?*
12. *Do you favour faculty S.R.C's independent of a central S.R.C.?*
13. *If so, why? If not, why not?*

In reply to the above questions, the Medical School felt that *complete faculty independence* was undesirable. It would tend towards the disintegration of unity in the University. On the other hand, *complete dependence* was in practice impossible, and too tight a control of faculty S.R.C's would check initiative and militate against a progressive faculty policy.

It was recommended that the central S.R.C. should consist of the following standing committees:—

1. *Finance Committee*
2. *Student's Union*

   1 and 2 to be constituted as at present.
3. *All Sports Union*
4. *Faculty Organisations*

   e.g. Students' Medical Council.
5. *Cultural Union*; and
6. Such other standing committees as S.R.C. may deem necessary.

Further, it was recommended that the S.R.C. should be elected on a representative basis by the faculty organisations, the Cultural Union and the All Sports Union. It was felt that these bodies should be allowed complete freedom of action insofar as it does not conflict with S.R.C. constitution. It was agreed further that this constitution should not become binding until the clauses relating to any of the bodies represented on the S.R.C. have been accepted by the body or bodies concerned.

14. *How do you suggest the working of the financial arrangements between a dependent S.R.C. and its central S.R.C.?*

It was recommended that the financial relationship between central S.R.C. and standing committees should be on the basis of an annual grant. In the case of faculty organisations, it was felt that a per capita grant was the best method of obtaining a fair and equitable adjustment of financial distribution. With regard to the All-Sports Union and the Cultural Union, it was felt

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that these bodies could better deal with this question.

8. *What method of faculty control do you suggest for societies (lending themselves to such control)?*
9. *To what extent should they be so controlled?*

In reply to questions 8 and 9 it was recommended that societies should submit their constitutions to the faculty organisation for approval and recognition. With regard to the financial relations existing between the faculty organisation and societies, it was felt that financial control should be centralised in the faculty organisation and that societies in the faculty would therefore have to budget for their requirements.

The objections to the present system are manifold. In the first place, the workings of the S.R.C. are such that members of one faculty can vote on matters affecting another faculty about whose internal affairs they have no knowledge. This naturally produces a state of inter-faculty friction, each faculty striving to get what it can out of the S.R.C. at the expense of another faculty.

At present the S.R.C. has no planned financial policy. It is impossible for the S.R.C. to judge of the desirability or otherwise of certain items or projects for which faculty organisations have budgeted. In addition, the practice of the S.R.C. to grant considerably less than is budgeted for, does not tend to encourage responsibility; most societies under such circumstances budget in many cases for twice or thrice their actual requirements.

The present system of S.R.C. organisation has proved itself to be unwieldy; it has produced inter-faculty friction, and it has discouraged faculty progressiveness.

Unfortunately, it seems traditional on the part of Milner Park to view with suspicion the "goings-on" at the Medical School. One of the main reasons for the perpetuation of this feeling is that so few people at Milner Park have even the remotest idea about Medical School activities.

The principles of re-organisation which we have suggested, are not purely theoretical. We have proved that a system, such as that which we have outlined briefly in our reply, is successful, by applying these same principles in the organisation of student activities in the Medical Faculty.

DOCTORS AND VETS.

By the time this issue of *The Auricle* appears in print, the combined conference of the Onderstepoort Veterinary Organisation and our own School will have come and gone. It was a wise decision to break away from N.U.S.A.S., which, in recent years, had proved an undoubted failure—at least on the educational and political side.

It was feared at one stage, so far as our School was concerned, that such a step would tend to encourage a withdrawal from "worldly" questions and a complete submersion in the science (or art) of healing. The result would have been the production of doctors incapable of, and unworthy of, taking their place as citizens in a complex and progressive society. The combined conference between our students and the Veterinary students, which we trust will become an annual feature, may dispel these fears.

The subject of the conference symposium, "The Economic Importance of Disease Processes in South Africa," reveals a broad outlook amongst the organisers of this conference. Whatever the positive contributions of the discussions, we shall be satisfied if they reveal to our students the impossibility of maintaining an isolated and exclusive attitude in Medical Science.

Medical Science and public health are so interconnected with economic and political questions, that he who fails to observe this fact, must be blind.

We would like to express the hope that by the time the next conference falls due, the tentacles of science will have drawn another institution, our colleagues of the South, into their clutches. Or to express it in a less sinister and more amorous form, the arms of the conference are ready to embrace the Cape Town Medical School. We wish the new venture every success.

GUESS WHO.

Famous sayings of the great (and not so great)

Students are invited to send in a list of people responsible for the following sayings. A prize will be given for the first correct solution submitted. Closing date for entries, 25th October, 1935.

1. "Age is no bar to operation."
2. "A-a-a-ah, yes, but why?"
3. "Insulin and glucose, isn't it?"
4. "You must learn to be quicker, yong man."
5. "Nah! Canna accept that."
6. "If you use your eyes you'll see its neither the one nor t'other."
7. "You young villain, where were you last week?"
8. "What you-er-need is er-Anthropology instruments."

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ON AUSCULTATION

We hear:—

THAT The Medical Dinner was very well attended and was a great success.

THAT there is a stage of alcoholic intoxication which is conducive to the individual enjoyment and general success of a social function like a medical dinner.

THAT there is a further stage, successfully attained by a few students at the dinner, which is repulsive.

THAT the practical demonstrations of disordered and reversed peristalsis given by these few diners were disgusting.

THAT it is undignified and highly discourteous for a fourth-year student (or any other student) to stand with his hands in his trouser pockets while addressing his chief.

THAT the First Year Medicals' concert and dance was a fine effort. We heartily congratulate them.

THAT *Wu's Views* claims to be the *newspaper* of the University. After close scrutiny with a binocular microscope we are pleased to announce that we did find a few fragments of news. The absence of anything, except a very brief reference to the recent University exhibitions, is remarkable. Apparently the most important event during the month is not considered to be news.

THAT the Medical section of the University film was delightfully tactful. Perhaps it is as well that the film taken in the operating theatre was silent.

THAT the organisation of a conference with the Onderstepoort Veterinary students is merely another example of the many progressive steps that have been taken by the School this year.

Impossible Pathologists—

"There were some haemorrhages petechially in the large gut."

Impossible Anthropologists—

The vertex is the appearance of the skull when looked straight in the face.

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"PAS OP VIR DIE HOND."

It may be well said of doctors, "We don't see much money but we do see life."

It was one of those days when everyone seemed to be taken ill all at once. The waiting-room was crowded. A baby of nine months with teething trouble was yelling away at the top of its voice, whilst its mother was making vain efforts to soothe it with a dummy. Inspired by its efforts, little Billy, aged 2, who had been brought in to be vaccinated, and who had often been threatened to be taken to the doctor if he misbehaved, felt that to-day this threat was being carried out, and with visions of something between an ugly giant and a wretched bogey-man, was voicing his protests in no uncertain manner.

Old Mrs. McWesthuizen, disliking these interruptions in the midst of her relating to Mrs. Jones her various complaints together with the operations she had had, and a list of the various doctors and specialists she had consulted, was venting her spleen on Miss Smithington, the nurse. The nurse, between answering the consulting-room bell, the waiting-room bell, the telephone, which seemed to be ringing incessantly, and trying to keep the children quiet, was feeling that the whole world was full of bells, brats and belly-aches.

The baby and mother were next shown into the consulting room. As soon as they and then little Billy were disposed of, peace and quiet again reigned in the waiting room; Mrs. McW. continued her clinical history, and the work proceeded without further hitches.

After the last patient had left, Miss Smithington presented me with the list of visits I had to make. One call was in one of those sparsely populated parts of Johannesburg, to which I proceeded. The road as far as the tram terminus is good, and I reached that point without incident. Then started one of those delightful, bumpy, uneven, unmade roads, full of loose stones and debris, and I hadn't travelled very far along it, when I got a puncture. Having no alternative but to get out on all fours and change the wheel, I proceeded to do so, and had just completed tightening the last bolt and fixing the hub-cap, when several natives suddenly appeared where not a soul was previously to be seen, all volunteering to help me.

I started off again, with the car behaving like an untamed horse, bucking, lurching from side to side, and making heavy going at five miles an hour. I had not proceeded for more than a few hundred yards along what was euphemistically called "Main Avenue," when the steering became difficult, and a rattle appeared on the left side, unmistakable signs of a fracture of a front spring. My diagnosis was correct. The left main blade had snapped clean across. More delay, lots of work still to be done, and after the previous hold-up, not in the best of spirits. After a most unpleasant journey, I at length arrived at my destination. It was a quiet house standing in large grounds, with plenty of fruit trees.

The first thing that greeted me was a notice on the gate "Beware of the Dog" in both official languages. I looked out for the dog very carefully, but not seeing one, I thought I had better make sure, and hooted, thereby hoping to attract the attention of the inhabitants of the house; but getting no response from either man or beast, I entered the gate and made for the house. Then the fun began. The stillness of the place was rent by a fierce barking as if the whole canine world were concentrated on this spot. Not long afterwards an Alsatian appeared on the scene. One of those nice, friendly, wolfy fellows, more wolf than dog. He advanced very rapidly towards me, and in a split second I felt that I was not going to receive from him the respect due to my calling. I attempted the bedside manner on him, but all I got in return was a snarl, and a display of teeth that I hope never to see again. If ever there was a time for emergency thinking, this was it. There was a tree close at hand, so, casting all dignity to the winds, I made for it. The suprarenals were working at full pressure, and there began as pretty a piece of maypole dancing as ever you've seen. Round and round the tree we went, the dog supplying the vocal refrain, whilst every now and again I varied the movements by interposing my bag between the dog and my extremities. Then I spied a stout twig on the ground. Picking this up very rapidly with my right hand, whilst the left clutched the case so as to retard any undue advances from the dog, I was able to introduce a new step into the dance. With the twig as my assegai and the case as my shield, the measure very rapidly merged into a native war dance.

How long this would have kept up, I don't know, but after what seemed an interminable age, help at last came from the house in the shape of a woman. At one word from her the dog promptly slunk off. "Roger is so playful," she told me as she escorted me to the house, "he never bites."

The case turned out to be one of those chronic stomach conditions, and could quite easily have come to my rooms. After the usual examination and prescribing, with instructions as to diet, I was escorted back to the car by the lady and Roger, who was now quite anxious to make friends with me, and I was asked kindly to send in my account.

The last account I sent was returned to me from the dead-letter office, with the information on the envelope "Gone Away." "Vertrek."

—J. S. Zidel.

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RECENT DEVIATIONS IN SCIENCE.

The Auricle is pleased to be in a position to report some of the outstanding scientific advancements recently made by our Medical School. This is the first time that they are being revealed to the public. Copyright is reserved.

Mystery of Zimbabwe Solved!



Drs. Alexander and Archie announce the solution of the riddle of Zimbabwe! These remains, they have concluded, are the handiwork of ancient immigrants from Scotland. It has been established that the builders wore kilts, and had knobby knees, and a liking for spirituous distillations. Confirmation of these views is anticipated from the study of certain objects, believed to be primitive bag-pipes or, alternatively, drainpipes.

Momentous Moves in Medical Mathematics.

Mrs. Magee has just completed a memoir in five volumes on "A Statistical Analysis of the Fluctuating Periodicity of Second Year Students in the Tearoom." An examination of numerous graphical records has enabled these variations to be reduced to the formula:

$$\frac{(x + y)(y - z)}{2} = \frac{(a - b)(b + c)}{3} + \frac{1}{82}$$

where a = tea drunk per hour (in c.cs.), b= residual cigarette ash (in cubic yards), c = total time consumed; x, y and z being any unknown quantities determined by (i) tapping the cash register three times with eyes shut; or (ii) measuring the average diameter of any table leg by means of anthropological instruments (as supplied to 2nd years). 8 = resistance of buttered scones (in kilos per cubic inch). It is pointed out that these phenomena resemble those of autogenous infection; a few specimens being constantly present, while large numbers make their appearance at variable intervals. These invasions have been known to coincide with perorations in the Vesalian theatre.

Forthcoming Publications of the School.

"Second Year Students: Their Cure and Prevention," a symposium by members of the Anatomy Department.

"Proposals for the Abolition of Anatomy," by D. P. S. O'Keefe.

"Why are Stone Implements, and How," "If so, why? If not—Why not?" by various members of the second year class.

"Remarks on Periodicity," by various other members of the second year class.

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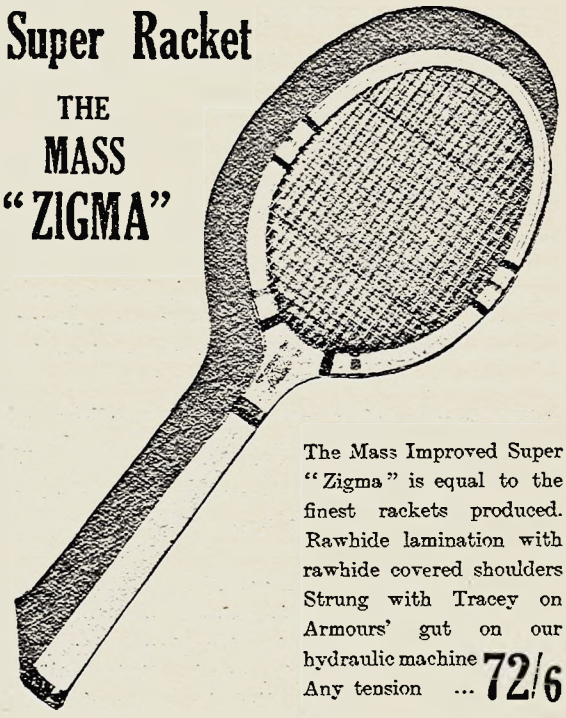

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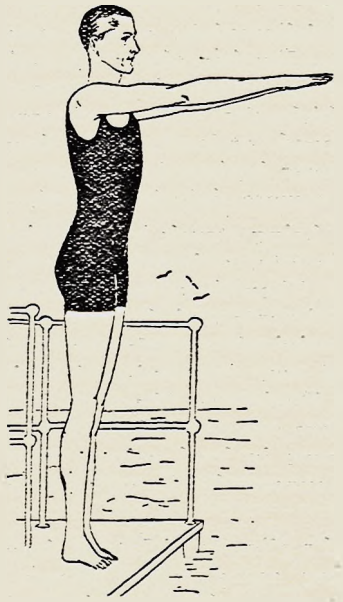

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WAVES AND BRAINWAVES.
(The University Demonstration.)

I must admit I went reluctantly. Insistent persuasion by a friend, and the aid of a ramshackle car, brought me to the Halls of Science. As I entered their portals, it was strange, after a lapse of many years, to inhale once more the sweet aroma of H_2S.

Conveniently directed by numerous signs, we found our way to the physics demonstrations. A mass of humanity impressed by the mystic glamour of science, obscured our vision. With the tactful and diligent use of the lower end of the humerus, we managed to get a glimpse of the proceedings. Before our eyes flickered a little white spot. By almost magical manipulation, these cathode rays (so the demonstrator told us) could be made to move in a straight line, or in slowly undulating, spirochaetal curves (*a la* Mae West), or in a dazzling criss-cross and zig-zag of lines.

The next table revealed the effect of the vibrations of sound waves on focussed cathode rays. A musical note of definite pitch would elicit a characteristic wave. (What about introducing this as a diagnostic aid instead of the steth, Professor?)

Leaving the kids whistling discordantly into the instrument, we next found ourselves assailed by an ardent young scientist demonstrating the dissociation of monochromatic light (whatever that is). Becoming slightly overwhelmed by technicalities, we sought new pastures.

Nearby, the path followed by radium emanations was to be seen. Further along ultra-violet light was gaily being produced between two electrodes, across which the current alternated 5,000,000 times per second (at least, so the demonstrator said). We never bothered to argue. As students of figures we were duly impressed.

A miniature farm being struck by lightning, a photo-electric invisible ray, a burglar alarm, all attracted our interest. Then there were dozens of other interesting experiments and demonstrations, including Faraday's original experiment and a model of the earth and sun. Anatomists, Physiologist, Pharmocologists, Engineers, Chemists, Botanists, Zoologists—all were represented, all expounding and explaining, some in loud voices, some in soft tones, but always surrounded by an apparently awe-struck crowd.

Finally, having had a glimpse of Saturn through a telescope, and seeing many more planets by inadvertently tripping over a box, we decided to depart. So we left Milner Park behind us, amazed at the marvels we had witnessed, feeling that the workers and demonstrators deserved the highest praise, and that the organisers had done a really good job.

AURICLOPA SPECIAL

MERRY MOMENTS AMONG THE MERMAIDS.
(Sunnyside House Dance, September 12.)

For many weeks Sunnyside was the scene of bustling activity, a very unusual state of affairs in a place so quiet and orderly. Energetic artists dabbed viciously at masterpieces both bright and varied. Poster-paint coloured the corridor in vivid hues. Ardent but amateur decorators made conscientious nuisances of themselves. After nights of labour and days of preparation, the efforts of the toilers were complete. The poster-paints had been transformed into bewitching sea-nymphs, their gowns being graciously presented by the Lady Dean. Neptune ruled o'er the scene. He was supported by a retinue of faithful followers, among which appeared a new species of "moth fish," while turtles, coral, octopi and crabs lent strong support. The whole scene was maid mer fishy by dull lights of an aequeous pink translucency.

As ever, the time-honoured Medicals contributed to the swimmingly successful scenes at Sunnyside.

A certain gentleman allowed the floor the privilege of his acquaintance. A bevy of Medicals, tripped, perhaps, by "Boots, Boots, Boots, size eleven," descended *en masse*. Rumour asserts that, not only was there a possibility of their going to "Casualty" for broken limbs, but also for broken hearts. Great was the fall thereof.

One notable young gallant, hoping to find the air more "bracing," went visiting, but it proved his undoing.

"He that is of the Blood of the Irish" advanced in rapid "strides." Two of the number, being of scientific mind, determined to ascertain whether "The Devonshire" were still there. We conclude it was. On their return they burst into the refrain of *Caviare*.

Among the elite were:—

Sir "Six-Foot-Two," impressive in his monocle; our well-beloved Queen Hun, Oriel Brink, R.A.; Stella Rossiter, R.A. (artists in chief); Lady Helen White, The Hon. Runica Leinberger, Bardy the Magnificent, and our Humph.

Entertainment, in the form of rousing songs, chants and ditties, was provided for the official party from the adjoining room. The performers express the hope that the audience was satisfied.

On Friday, many Medicals (and others) bore unmistakable evidence of the morning after the night before; however, all's well that ends well.

OBITUARY.

It is with deep regret that we record the untimely death of Dr. "Goody" Weintroub. We extend our sincerest sympathies to his parents, his sister and brother.

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NEWS SERVICE

MAGNIFICENT SOCIAL EVENT AT THE HOTEL ECTOPIA.

Prohibition Fails to Upset Success of Medical Students' Dinner (Sept. 14th.)

A new type of Medical student has arisen as was evidenced by the Medical Dinner. The old song, "Beer, Beer, Beer, the Docs are Drinking," is becoming as much an anachronism to the profession as leeches and blood-letting. The decision of the Students' Medical Council to prohibit alcohol of any description at the dinner was welcomed by the body of students with much acclamation.

An offer of a huge case of beer was made by the distinguished Dr. "Sandy" Galloway. "Sandy's" offer, we learn, was "brought up" and "rejected" with conscious virtue.

A tactfully worded letter sent by Mr. Goldberg, secretary of the entertainments' committee, to the weather clerk, brought excellent results and on Saturday we were provided with fine weather for the great event.

The event took place in the magnificent entertainment chamber of the Medical School. The place was sumptuously decorated and vividly illuminated with hundreds of coloured lights. A huge orchestra at the top of the hall provided "soft, soothing, sibilant strains from the South" for the delectation of diners. A gratifying feature was the increased number of students as compared with last year—in spite of the previously announced prohibition decision.

A further gratifying feature was the large number of doctors present. Their invitation was an excellent move, as it enabled registrars and teachers to meet their whole firm for the first time. As a result of the happy contacts established, many students are expecting to be signed up at the end of the clinical term.

At the head table sat the personalities of the University and School. Humphrey Raikes, the principal, looked beautifully tall and slim in a well-becoming evening suit which was cut along classical Grecian styles. The diamond-shaped buttons provided an effective contrast to his snow-white breast-plate. Raymond Dart looked "positive"-ly charming and a beautiful Marcelle wave masked the depilatory effects of age and school worries. J. J. was radiant, and his cranium, with its drops of dew, shone brightly; a slightly-protruded lower chin and he looked quite pretty. Dr. Grobbelaar's make-up made him appear very boyish, and it was difficult to believe that he could be the father of that new "conceivement," the Post-Graduate Association. Mr. Sidney Kark, president of the Council, looked demure and attractive, and his beautifully brushed suit fitted his contours so closely, that it was difficult to believe that it had been borrowed.

Miss Mackintosh, secretary of the Council, looked sophisticated in diaphanous, dryad-blue chiffon trimmed with lustrous velvet, which accentuated her svelte figure. The low-cut neck revealed — her exquisite taste in dressing. Many other notables were present. A striking absentee was Dr. Alex. Galloway, whose trouble, we were told, was cardiac.

Humphrey intoxicated the audience with his toast. He assured them that he was very proud of the Medical School and its inmates; that he was also very proud of its two publications, the *Lecch* and the *Auricle*—they were proving such valuable propaganda for the Appeal Fund. The *Leech*, in particular, had aroused such a lot of enthusiasm in the readers of the *Star*. He wished the School every success.

Mr. Lawrence, in an excellent speech, replied that he too had grown very proud of the School. His pride had grown with his stay at the School, so that he felt one of its proudest members; but he threw out a hint to the Professor of Surgery that he could be just as proud of the School while in the Post-Graduate Association. He chided the Principal for too great a foresight in planning the school building, with the result that much of the building was still unoccupied—an unnecessary expense, he submitted.

Mr. Frenkel, in proposing the toast of the Post-Graduate Association, expressed his "conshternashun" at having to "toasht so illushtrious an ashoshiashun" (we regret this lapse into alcoholism by one of our most prominent students. In view of the prohibition decision of the Council, we regretfully suggest that he be severely dealt with.)

Mr. Grobbelaar, in replying, spoke very vaguely about some infant that somebody had "conceived." He very strongly denied that he was responsible for the "conceivement" although he was now regarded as the father of this infant. He suggested that it was the duty of the present finalists to help nourish the infant. (We humbly suggest that this question of paternity be definitely cleared up.)

J. J., in presenting the tennis trophy, was his usual modest self, and delivered a very restrained speech. His references to his long friendship with the Principal were very touching, and occasionally brought tears to the eyes of the audience. A reference to Prof. Stammers brought forth a retort which did not befit the august dignity of the occasion.

Mesdames Kannemeyer, Dreyer and Tomlinson entranced the audience—with their voices—Miss Mackintosh providing the accompaniment. These pretty young ladies are to be congratulated on their very successful effort. They revealed a great deal of pluck and (since this is liable to misinterpretation) may I add—also a great deal of musical talent.

Raymond Dart then presented the Inter-Faculty Athletic Shield which, he stated, had been won by Medicals for the n—th time in succession.

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AURICLOPA SPECIAL NEWS SERVICE

The last items on the programme were provided by the Pills Brothers, the star entertainers of the School.

A very enjoyable, if quiet, evening was terminated by the singing of "God Save the King."

[A mess at the bottom of the original script, suggesting regurgitated food material, together with the fact that our special *Auriclopa* reporter was found in a comatose condition under one of the tables, made us cautious. Investigation showed that the report contained a few inaccuracies, suggesting that our reporter was in a state of mild alcoholic hallucinosis. In the absence of any other reliable report, we reluctantly publish the above. —Editor.]

FIRST YEAR MEDICAL CONCERT.

Assembly Hall, 25th September, 1935.

We are very grateful to the 1st year Medical students for inviting us to peep through the window of their broadcasting station. It must have been extremely difficult for them to procure a real, genuine ripsnorter, or an American broadcast announcer. It was a great pleasure to meet in person the celebrated radio stars: Syd. Gottlieb, Sam Berkowitz and Beatie Kramer; also the first-year representative, Mr. Appel.

Wednesday night's concert gave the school a few more musical prodigies. The artistic crooning of songs, such as "St. Louis Blues," "Dinah," "Sleepy Head," was enjoyed by the appreciative audience.

Unfortunately, some of the harmonics of the piano came through the microphone, while others came directly through the air, causing the piano to sound flat at times. Nevertheless, Mr. du Plessis proved himself an invaluable asset during the evening.

The Medical School is looking forward to enrolling this nucleus of talented first years in its musical and dramatic group.

After the concert the Dean, Prof. Dart, was summoned to the microphone. He told us of the School of Engineering in the University of Cincinatti, where every student was encouraged to go in for an interesting hobby. Professor Dart pointed out the necessity for the development among students, of social, as well as scholastic accomplishments.

After the speech of the Dean, a delightful informal dance was held to the pleasing strains of Charlie Berman's Band.

Lesson in Greek Mythology—

Doctor (to students): "You will note we are using Neptal for this case. Neptal is a close relative of Mercury and is not to be confused with Neptune, although it is recognised as the God of 'Water'."

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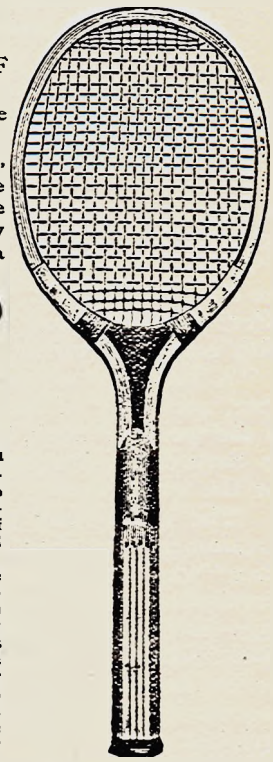



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Gives second years plenty to write on.

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Dennis—

There is a young man from the Reef,
Brought up on potatoes and beef.
The grey in his hair,
Tells of toil and much care.
A secretary able—O'Keeffe.

Dart—

The Grand Old Man of the Medical School. In spite of his long association with Anthropology, he shows no signs of becoming fossilised. He may bark at the second years, dig up bones, but he is really human. Platform singer, elocution master —who knows what other talents he will yet reveal (tap-dancing?)

JIB-JABS.

"Man is a litter producing animal—not in the biological sense!" says one of our lecturers.

The second years are learning to say: "The moan of doves in immemorial elms, and the murmur of innumerable bees," with due emphasis and correct inflexion.

Selma has learnt that it is not necessary to visit the Red Indians to have any hair-raising experiences. We sympathise with her and wish her a speedy recovery.

The remark of a certain sister that Medical Students are more interested in the nurses than in their patients may have been actuated by personal motives, but is certainly not far wrong.

We understand that Percy, Vis, "Polly" and Joe (4th year) are seriously considering the reintroduction of the ancient custom of duelling. Has it anything to do with the previous statement?

That one of the second-year women has discovered a new way of concentrating!

We hear from Mary T-ml-ns-n that there is just something about "English culture" as exhibited by a certain young man, which is simply just too irresistible.

Our special reporter at the University Exhibition thinks that he recognised Margaret moving in vice-regal circles. Perhaps this accounts for her being known as the blue-blooded headmistress of the 2nd year kindergarten!

A few Medicals are still under the delusion that they have film faces.

We are pleased to announce that "Fatty" has definitely transferred his attentions from his favourite study, "Cutaneous Nerves in the Cadaver," and is now seeking fresh fields to conquer. Good luck to him.

One of our recent graduates told a news reporter that he had recently delivered a baby with four front teeth! Our graduates certainly do show initiative!

The Editor of *Wu's Views* failed to be amused by our last issue. We agree—*The Auricle* is no joke.

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MEDICALS IN SPORT.

As usual, Medical students have been active during the past month in assisting the University sporting clubs in their numerous activities.

Athletics—

An important event on the 14th September was the Annual Medical Dinner, and besides the usual imbibing of large quantities of beer and the telling of stories, there was the presentation of the Inter-Faculty Athletic Shield, by Professor Raymond A. Dart, to the Medical athletes who, it is pleasing to see, have brought the trophy back to the School after its absence of two years. The high athletic standard, was, as the Dean remarked, in a large measure due to Dr. E. Jokl's expert coaching.

The School athletes have not been resting on their laurels, however, and this month they continued their series of successes. Lyell and Marquard represented Transvaal in the triangular contest against Oxford and Cambridge Universities and S.A. Police, the Wits. captain finishing second in the half mile, and Marquard second in the 440, while "Baby Elephant" Fouché was a close second in the shot putt. These three men have put up consistent performances, and it came as a great disappointment to athletic followers that they were not included in the S.A. team against Oxford and Cambridge Universities. They certainly deserved their places.

Lyell, Marquard, Fouché and Lurie returned last week from Queenstown where they represented S.A. Universities against the Oxford and Cambridge team. Special mention must be made of Lurie who, despite being involved in a motor accident prior to the match, and sustaining an injured hand, tied for second place in the pole vault with a good effort of 11 ft. Congratulations to these athletes!

The Southern Transvaal Athletic League commences early in October, and the university athletes are determined to carry off this championship as they did the S. Transvaal Cross-Country Championship recently. To accomplish this we need more runners and it is sincerely hoped that Medicals especially will come forward to assist. Unfortunately there seems to be an idea abroad that only those with athletic prowess are needed. Nothing could be further from the truth. The athletic club welcomes students to visit the track, especially on Wednesdays at 5 p.m. when Dr. Jokl, the expert coach, takes a class of physical exercises and instruction in running. These classes are becoming increasingly popular. One would like to see more Medical students attending. These classes are designed especially to assist those who lack the necessary skill. Therefore, Medicals, forget your inferiority complex and come along every Wednesday, 5.10 p.m., University track. Roll up and do your bit!

Boat Club—

Now that Spring is here and everybody is feeling active and energetic, the Rowing Club has once again set its oars going and, needless to say, the Medical crew began training for the Inter-Faculty race. They were shaping so well during training that it appeared as if there would be a walk-over against all-comers. However, on the big day, the Engineers won by half a length.

C. P. Theron and Adcock won the Tub Pairs, and Theron won his heat in the Whiff Race and is now in the final.

A crew is busily training for the Port Alfred Regatta, but owing to the inability of certain Medicals to get away at that time, the crew is almost entirely composed of Engineers. We wish them the very best of luck.

Tennis—

At last, after a long interval, the inter-firm tennis contests have reached finality. Dr. Girdwood's firm and the Children's Hospital (surgical) firm contested the final at the Country Club on Sunday, 22nd September. Some keen matches were fought, and the tennis was of a high standard. At the end of the day's play the Medical firm proved worthy winners by a margin of 24 games with one match not played.

The winners are to be heartily congratulated on their success, as also the runners-up, who were worthy losers.

For reference purposes, the teams are appended hereunder:—

Dr. Girdwood's Firm: Dr. Girdwood, Dr. Peacock, J. S. Theron, H. S. Edwards, V. W. Leary and B. Swil.

Children's Hospital: Dr. Franks, M. Kramer, S. Josselsohn, D. Bengis, B. Friedland and S. Wayburne.

Swimming—

The swimming season is now in full swing and the students having amicably settled the "trunks" dispute, are frequenting the baths as often as their spare time allows.

Medicals are taking an active part in the swimming club—Adcock is vice-chairman, Mick Harris treasurer, and Marais (1st year) a committee member.

Chess—

This branch of "mental" sport is still as popular as ever in the common-room. So enthusi-

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astic are some of the players, that lectures have become a secondary concern. At this rate we ought to have a first-class team next year.

League matches have been cancelled for 1935 as it is almost the end of the year. However, a friendly match was arranged against Germiston Chess Club on Tuesday, 24th September, the University men winning with ease.

Rugby—

Alhoewel die Universiteit vanjaar, volgens die ligapuntelys, nie danig presteer het nie, was die gehalte van spel deurgaans van 'n baie hoër peil as vir 'n hele paar jaar terug. In die twee belangrikste wedstryde teen U.P. het Wits albei keer, teen alle verwagting, die onderspit gedelf. Daarteen, egter, weeg swaar die prestasies van die onder neentien span, die oorwinning van die derde span vir die eerste keer na elf jaar en die feit dat Wits gelykstaan met U.P. op die puntelys vir die seisoen. Die toestand van sake lyk dus baie rooskleurig vir die toekoms.

Soos gewoonlik het die Mediese Skool 'n groot aandeel gehad in die voetbal klub. Behalwe dat Southwood, die kaptein, 'n mediese student is, het die volgende kêrels ook gereeld vir die eerstespan gespeel: van Niekerk, du Plessis, Olivier, Theron, Winter, Trevor-Jones, Turton en Faber. Van die bogenoemde het Southwood, Theron en Winter in die loop van die seisoen Transvaalkleure verwerf. 'n Groot deel van die manskappe van die laer spanne was ook mediese studente.

Wat voetbal betref is dit dus verblydend om te sien dat ons studente net soveel aandag aan die welsyn van hulle eie liggame wei as wat hulle noodwendig aan die liggame van ander persone moet skenk.

Sports Shorts—

Congratulations to Marquard and Lyell who were members of the Wit. University team that scored an outstanding victory in the two-mile inter-club relay at the Caledonian Sports at Pretoria on Saturday, 28th September, beating Wanderers in the record time of 8 mins. 3 4/5 secs., the previous best being set up in 1931.

We also congratulate the following Medicals on obtaining their colours:—

Boat Club—Full-blue, Dr. C. T. Moller; half-blue, O'Keefe, Mearns, Brebner.

Athletics—Full-blue, Marquard, Lyell, Fouché. half-blue, Chomse, Muskat, Lurie.

Rugby—Full-blue, J. J. Theron, Olivier, Southwood, van Niekerk, Trevor-Jones, Turton.

Swimming—Half-blue, Marais.

Women's Tennis—Half-blue, W. Broadhead.

Men's Tennis—Full-blue, Lawrence; half-blue, J. S. Theron, Girdwood.

Golf—Half-blue, Leary.

MEDICAL SOCIETIES

THE STUDENTS' ANATOMICAL AND ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

This is one of the youngest societies in the Medical School and has been established only for the past few months. It was thought that a society of this nature would rouse the interests of the second year medicals at any rate, and of others who may be interested. Prof. Dart and Dr. Galloway have shown a personal interest in the welfare of the society and many inspiring addresses have been delivered to members. It is most disappointing to see a very low attendance especially at the past few meetings, and we trust members will make an effort to attend more regularly in the future.

SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF MEDICAL CONDITIONS AMONG THE BANTU.

On Saturday morning, 31st August, a few members of the Society went on an excursion to Alexandra Township. At the Health Committee's offices we were met by the Health Inspectors who took us round the Township and acted as interpreters. They made the visit very interesting, and their efficiency and knowledge impressed us.

The town is fairly well laid out, but due to lack of funds the streets are in many places impassable to large vehicles, especially after the rains.

A health committee runs the township; this committee consists almost entirely of natives, with Mr. Falwasser, the superintendent, and the secretary, as the European advisers. Dr. Xuma is the "live wire" of the committee, but is not able to carry out his schemes of adequate disposal of rubbish, installation of drains, sewerage, proper housing, etc. It is again a question of £. s. d.

We visited about 10 houses, including a row of newly-built rooms, one or two dwellings of well-to-do natives, and some hovels belonging to the very poor. The new houses are built according to a plan which has to be submitted to the Health Committee for approbation. A stand costs £200 and on it any number of tenement rooms can be built, for which the rent is not less than 10/- per month per room. Two dairies, one butcher's shop and one bakery were visited, and we were agreeably surprised by their cleanliness.

We returned to the Medical School rather subdued by the unaccustomed sight of the squalor, misery and poverty which is so rife at Alexandra Township.

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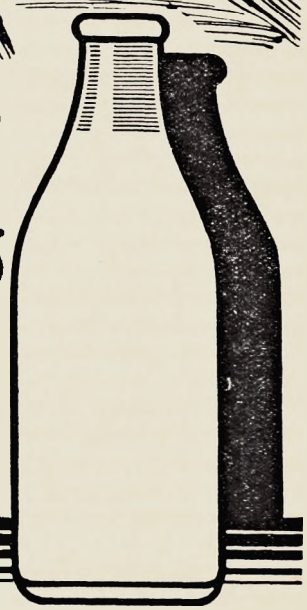

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