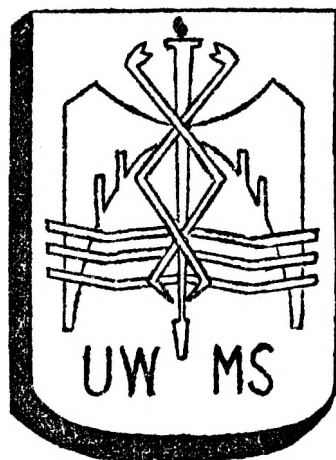


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# Editorial

Many students reading this Editorial and (we hope) the rest of this Auricle, will be just finishing exams.

The 2nd Years are no doubt still discussing the Phys. paper and wondering about that ruddy 1st question - anyhow, by now you may have found out what was wanted in the part about "the Mechanisms enabling an extensor muscle to contract". I suppose you will agree that the Anatomy paper was very fair and many must have scored well there.

The 3rd Years have done their class tests. As per usual, some will have to appear before "the boss" to explain why they did not pull their socks up after having failed the March test. To these I can only say - better get doing during the Vac. - the last term goes by like an express train and I don't think that you will enjoy sitting through another year of P.M.'s, Path. Pracs. and finger-cramping lectures.

The 4th Years are probably sorry that this wonderful year is nearly over - but they'd better keep in mind that there are still those three certain papers to be written and a Clinical Path. Essay to hand in. If you're going to Katberg for the Vac. better take your Toxicology books with you.

For the students in the penultimate Year, this last term should hold no fears - they have no examination to write but it's not too early to begin preparing for the great day of reckoning next year and you do have D.P. tests to write in October. If you fail these tests, you will have to re-write them next July ... need I say more?

The senior class of the school - the final years - the end is approaching - soon you will begin to suffer from pre-examination diarrhoea and anxiety states. A good maxim to adopt is the following phrase coined by my own landlady:

When I works, I works 'ard,  
When I sits, I sits loose ...  
And when I'se worried  
I goes to sleep.

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AMSSA  
CONFERENCE  
1952

Most students have by now seen the notices which have been up on the trees and notice boards at Medical School advertising the first Annual Conference of the Association of Medical Students of South Africa. This Conference, to which delegates and observers from five South African Medical Schools (Wits., U.C.T., Durban, Stellenbosch and Pretoria) will be coming, will be held at Wits. on the 10th to the 13th July. A glance at the programme will serve to indicate the interesting diversity of events that will be offered during the Conference.

The Conference proper will deal with matters of practical interest and benefit to medical students, such as national and international co-operation between medical students, scholarships, loans, overseas tours, books and book prices, exchange of students and staff between the AMSSA centres and numerous other matters. In addition, the Conference will include an inter-medical school debate, visits to hospitals, etc.

By far the most important aspect of the Conference is not included in the programme. The personal contacts made, the individual friendships forged, with students, with other centres, with students of differing language and cultural backgrounds is, I think, the most rewarding aspect of this type of Conference.

At this troubled southern tip of a turbulent Continent, it is necessary for us, as medical students, to forge those links which will hold us together, on the basis of our common studentship primarily, and ultimately on the basis of the profession of our choosing. AMSSA is a concrete expression of this Association and of the intangible ties that make medical students a community of students.

AMSSA was born after abortive attempts to form a national medical student organisation had failed several times. Even AMSSA's parturition was difficult but, ultimately, the Association was formed on the basis of a non-racial composition of its members. It may be recalled, with some sorrow, how it was necessary for the medical student body at Wits. to cause the resignation of the S.M.C. because the then S.M.C. had agreed to certain stipulations regarding the exclusion of certain medical students from the Association and its Executive because of their skin colour.

However, the Association survived the birth pangs and now, at its first birthday, will have an opportunity to consolidate its aims, plan its progress and work towards the achievement of a large active and busy national medical students association. This conference is a crucial one, if only because of the difficulties that have preceded it, and it will be an interesting one, because of the progress that we hope will result from it.

AMSSA is still a young organisation - It is still feeling its way. It is up to us, as the medical students of today, to ensure that it will continue to exist and grow to the extent that, in years to come, we will be able to say with pride that we were associated with AMSSA in the first year of its existence.

CLIVE ROSENDORFF  
(President)

A.M.S.S.A. CONFERENCE:

PLACE: AT WITS.

AIMS: SEE ABOVE ARTICLE

TIME: JULY 10th - 13th

• COME ALONG AND TAKE PART

## HOW THE A.M.S.S.A. CONFERENCE CAME ABOUT (1948 - 1959)

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From the 10th to the 15th of July of this year, the first Annual Conference of the Association of Medical Students of South Africa will take place in Johannesburg. In itself, this statement does not seem very eventful, but let us look back at the history of the national medical student movement to see how this year's meeting has come about.

Our history takes us back 10 years to a "Medical Schools Inter-faculty Conference" held in Johannesburg exactly 10 years ago, in July 1949, under the Chairmanship of Mrs. Z. Susser (of Wits.) with Wits., Cape Town and Fort Hare in attendance. Although Fort Hare had, and still has, no medical faculty, there is a faculty of Hygiene. Here we find mention of a 1948 venture - F.O.S.A.M.S. (Federation of South African Medical Students) and, interestingly, we see that there was much difficulty in F.O.S.A.M.S. because of "Pretoria's objection to the possibility of non-European students representing European students". Due to this, F.O.S.A.M.S. was destined from the start for early failure, as the schools at Stellenbosch and Durban were not yet in existence, and only Wits. and U.C.T. were left.

Other matters discussed in 1949 were: Curricula, selection of medical students, fees, interfaculty clinical conferences, research, internships, the status of students at teaching hospitals, S.V.L.T.F. and the Students' Health Schemes and their extension to U.C.T., the status of M.S.C.'s in relation to S.R.C.'s, medical school amenities, and many other topics, most of which will form the essence of this year's A.M.S.S.A. Conference.

We have no records of what happened in 1950, but as the next attempt, S.A.M.S.U. was founded in 1951, 1950 must have seen the death of F.O.S.A.M.S. and a period during which there was little interest in a national body.

In 1951 we have the "Medical Faculty Conference" under the auspices of N.U.S.A.S. being held in Johannesburg, with Pretoria "prevented from attending by the action of their S.R.C." Following this Conference, the Wits. S.M.C. conceived of the idea of S.A.M.S.U. and called a meeting in December of 1951, attended by all four schools, members of each being elected on the Executive. Here it seemed as though the age-old feud over representation and colour had been settled as there were members both from Durban and Pretoria on the Executive. This was too good to be true and the collapse of S.A.M.S.U. came after it had but one Executive meeting (in Cape Town in April, 1953) just one month after this Executive meeting, in fact. The fatal blow was delivered by the Pretoria University newspaper "Die Perdeby" when it maintained that Wits. and U.C.T. had a "gentleman's agreement" with Pretoria that no non-European delegate would ever represent either of these two schools. This was hotly denied by both, but the controversy did not stop the work of the organisation until later. In the meantime, the N.U.S.A.S. Medical Faculty Conference was held at Pietermaritzburg, and in the minutes of this Conference we read that both Wits. and U.C.T. had resigned from S.A.M.S.U. As this Conference was under N.U.S.A.S., of which Tucs are not members, they were invited to send observers, but declined to do so. A "Junior South African Medical Association" was proposed at the meeting but immediately dismissed for reasons which are not made clear in the minutes.

Thus by the middle of 1952, after four years of attempting to have a national body, we have a record of three attempts, of which two miscarried and one was abortive.

In 1953, the M.F.C. was held in Cape Town and attended only by Wits. and U.C.T. There was no discussion on the formation of a national body, but much practical work was achieved.

We have no records for 1954, but there was presumably a M.F.C., as there was in 1955. In 1956 there was a very brief meeting of the M.F.C. (which the previous year had been expanded into an M.F.A., still under N.U.S.A.S.) which lasted only four hours, with very little being achieved. The President who was elected at this Meeting was a former Vice-President of our S.M.C. In July of 1957, he requested the writer to inform the N.U.S.A.S. Congress that the M.F.A. no longer existed, and that there would be no discussion between the then Vice-President of the U.C.T. M.S.C., David Clain, a senior member of the M.S.C. and three members of the Wits. delegation to the Congress who are medical students (including the present President of A.M.S.S.A. Clive Rosendorff and the writer).

It was decided that this informal discussion would be taken up by the U.C.T. M.S.C. and that they would contact the Wits. people officially. However, in September of that year, the Wits. S.M.C. decided on principle on the formation of a National Union of Medical Students (N.U.M.S.) and approached the Tucs. M.S.R. with a view to extending a joint invitation to the other schools to attend a preliminary conference.

This now brings us to present history and the epic events occurring at the beginning of last year. A meeting was called jointly by Wits. and Tucs. for the 6th February, the Wits. sub-committee having agreed to the Tucs. condition that no non-white could represent a white student (the only vote against being that of the writer). (This majority decision was subsequently backed by the S.M.C. by 8 votes to 7 towards the end of January, 1958). Cape Town were informed and replied by telegram "Great news stop. Any strings attached?" with a remarkable degree of insight. They also informed us that they would only join the organisation if there were no racial restrictions of any sort.

By this time, matters had moved rapidly at Wits. and the writer and Gabe Koz, the sixth year class representative, maintaining that the S.M.C. had gone against the principles laid down by the student body at medical school, proposed a motion of no confidence in the S.M.C., which was carried at a General Meeting on the 7th of February (the day after the preliminary meeting was held in Johannesburg to discuss the formation of A.M.S.S.A.) by a majority of over 300 votes to 13. Accordingly the S.M.C. resigned and a new one was elected.

Meanwhile, the meeting on the 6th of February had produced a major startling result. The table was completely turned when Stellenbosch insisted, to everyone's surprise, and most of all Pretoria's, that the union should be based on studentship alone. This had the result of forcing the Tucs., who were determined to stick to their original policy, to decline the offer of joining the organisation, which was then formed with its present membership (Wits., Stellenbosch, Cape Town and Durban).

Following on this meeting, it was decided that each centre should draft a Constitution and send them forward to the organiser of the forthcoming inaugural Conference in July of last year in Johannesburg. This was done and at this meeting the Constitution was adopted. An Executive was subsequently elected, as it was felt by the meeting that it was not empowered to elect an Executive, and that certain centres were not fully represented according to the newly-adopted Constitution.

Dr. M. Puler, the immediate past President of our S.M.C., was elected President, with Dr. Frank Mdlalose of Durban as Vice-President and Mr. Japie Earle of Stellenbosch Treasurer-Secretary.

Towards the end of last year, Dr. Puler was forced through circumstances, to resign. He was succeeded in the Chair by Clive Rosendorff, the Wits. S.M.C. Minutes Secretary.

In protest at the manner of Dr. Puler's resignation and despite appeals from the Vice-President not to do so, the Secretary-Treasurer resigned his post, which will now be filled at the Conference in July.

The history of A.M.S.S.A. and its formation obviously centres around the matter of representation by non-white students of white students, but this does no longer appear to be a matter of life and death for A.M.S.S.A. although it is a great pity that Pretoria are not with us. However, it is hoped that with a successful Conference this year (and it shows every sign of being a success), and a strong Executive to carry out the work of the organisation, A.M.S.S.A. will justify the faith of the 300 students who voted at Wits. last year, and will not suffer the fate meted out to F.O.S.A.M.S., S.A.M.S.U. and the M.F.A. - M.F.C.

PETER ARNOLD

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# Editor's Postbag

## CONFERENCE - SURGEONS vs. PHYSICIANS !!!

The Editor,  
The Auricle.

Rosdoc, Esselen Street,  
JOHANNESBURG.  
20th May, 1959

Dear Sir,

It was indeed an unfortunate experience for us to be present at the discussion which followed the presentation of papers on the third evening of your Annual Conference (20th May, 1959). We compliment the speakers on the high standard of presentation of their respective subjects, but we were appalled and dismayed by the course of the subsequent discussion. We ourselves had nothing positive to add and, therefore, made no contribution.

It was a sad occasion to see men of vast experience, high qualification and ability, indulge in bickering on the relative merits of surgery or medicine as a therapeutic measure in peptic ulceration.

Has medicine not already been retarded sufficiently by a prejudiced sectional approach? Are these separate bodies of physicians and surgeons in the healing art, or are we all not united in our attempt to elucidate the fundamental causation of human ill health?

We are of the opinion that occasions such as these should be used for more profitable thought inspiring discussion, rather than to participate in sterile unproductive criticism.

We are, Yours etc. C. BECKERLING C. DONHILGER

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## STUDENT "SPECIALLING"

The Editor,  
The Auricle.

Sir,

I would like (through your columns) to express a few views on the subject of student specialling. As you know, students on "Ward Duty" in Surgical Units are now expected to "special" critically ill patients. I realise that it is vitally important for these patients to be specialised, but why must students do this job? surely that is what nurses are for? What benefit does a student gain from sitting for hours at a patient's bedside and taking B.P.'s and pulses every quarter hour and then still have to attend lectures during the day?

As a future doctor, I do not mind performing an act of "mercy" but perhaps some of the senior members of the nursing staff could show some appreciation for the little bit that we do - one of my colleagues was evicted from a ward by the sister at 7 a.m. (after specialling there for the night) because it was breakfast time! - that's gratitude for you!

Sorry for moaning but now it's off my chest and I have to be off to special a patient.

4th YEAR GROANER

ED: What do other students think of this subject? - Let's hear from you.

# nurses page



Sorry for saying that you were lonely June St--rt.

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Ten certain girls and one tutor-sister had a party last week - between them they finished off four bottles of champagne - and so eleven ladies slept very well last Thursday night - or did you forget where the brake was on your bed Miss H-----n.

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A certain male-nurse (cum Medical Student) got himself a blue eye at Medical Intervarsity - no names mentioned - Nev.

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He grabbed me by my slender neck  
I could not yell or scream  
He dragged me to his bedroom where  
We could not be seen  
He threw aside my flimsy wraps  
And gazed upon my form  
I was cold and chilly  
He was nice and warm

## SHORTIES

Patient awakening from op: Well, Doc. was the op. successful?

White coated man: Sorry, I'm St. Peter!

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White Belt: Do you realise that I don't know who I am? I was left on a doorstep.

Student: (sympathetically) Gee, maybe you're a bottle of milk!

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Mother: (entering unexpectedly) Well I never!

Daughter: But mother, you must have.

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Mother: Jimmy do you like your new nurse?

Jimmy: I hate her, I'd like to grab her and bite her neck like daddy does.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF:

Ward 32 patients very successful at belting party. Mavis McCallum - Gold Medal; Janet Pearce - Silver Medal and Paddy Zylstra - Honours in Prac. Tell us, Janet, were you really weeping quietly in Ward 32 last Monday night?

Who hung Tom Dooley up in Ward 32?

November finalists are already doing prac. Good luck girls - don't panic ... just take it easy.

Fabulous party at Joan v.d. Walt's flat last week. I hear rumours that one of the girls was married at the party - congratulations J. with the light brown hair.

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Colleen Godwin; Magda Visser; Jan Pearce; Pam Ainslie; Paddy Zylstra (and others) - a bunch of ruffians in Ward 32. What's it this time girls? - Infective Hep. or Glandular Fever?

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The new bunch of white-belts on the Wards are really worth looking at - and I believe that many of them can "Rock" like queens.

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God speed to girls leaving the Gen. to do their "Middlers" at the Vic, Addington or overseas.

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He pressed his feverish lips to mine  
I could not make him stop  
He drank my very life away  
I could not call a cop  
He made me what I am today  
Naked, used up, thrown away  
That is why you see me here  
An empty, broken bottle of beer

## B E L T I N G   P A R T Y

Belting Parties come and go! - but somehow last week's affair was different ... 56 girls took the "Pledge of Service" - the biggest group ever.

A Gold Medal was awarded ... for the first time in six years ... the Hugh Solomon Hall was packed to the teeth. Ds. Esterhuizen opened the proceedings on a sombre note with a Prayer of Thanks and then in light-hearted vein, welcomed the speakers, visitors and nurses.

During Miss Payne's talk, I spent a bit of time looking at the girls sitting in the front rows on the left of the hall and wondering what they were thinking of. Three years is not a helluva long time but in a hospital, "life" is concentrated and these girls have seen more happiness, misery, anguish and humanity during their training than most people see in a lifetime. Miss Payne's speech was clear, honest and down to earth. She outlined the qualities expected of a nurse and soundly congratulated the girls "graduating". Many of the girls must have been sitting there thinking of little episodes which might have occurred during their training. Perhaps thoughts of P.T.S., of the yearning to get into the wards or perhaps a sad thought of the first death encountered.

The other day I saw a "white belt" break down in grief when a patient of hers died. At the Belting Party I wondered how any of these girls would react - they would not cry if a patient of theirs died - why? - what happens to a girl's soul between her white-belt days and her light-blue-belt days? Some people say that they become "hardened" but the truth is that the girls do not throw out the tender compassion which causes a white-belt to weep at a death-bed but rather they temper their compassion and make it more pliable and more a source of strength to others.

Was Jenny Dingwall perhaps remembering a happy patient snatched from death's hand or Paddy Zylstra visualising a first firm party or Biddy Aberly thinking of her first day in theatre or Lorna Orren of long winter nights spent on duty or Joan Dunstan of class tests while in "block" or Elaine Davie perhaps of Ward 32 or Molly Beveridge of the night before writing finals when she was dwaaling around Hillbrow instead of swotting?

The girls were all sitting poker-faced but what was going on inside those minds? I suppose all in all there must have been thoughts on every facet of nursing life - the quarrels, parties, doctors' patients, trays, block, friends - hell, everything!

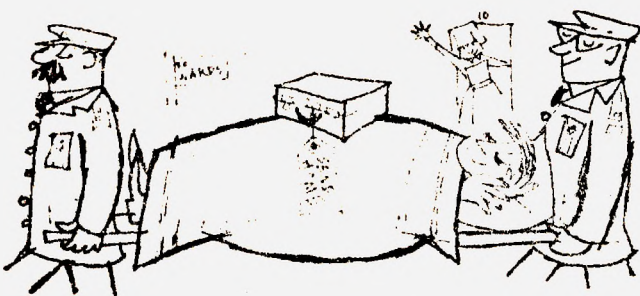
Prof. du Plessis, the Professor of Surgery, made a speech which was inspiring and thought-provoking for these girls. General Nursing Exams are over but now the danger arises that they may not keep up with the unimaginable progresses to be made in medicine but may cling to the ideas they've just spent three years learning. Prof. du Plessis urged the girls not to fall into this trap although they had no further exams to force them to "keep up to scratch". The Prof. stressed the need for altering one's approach as the vital science of medicine and unearthed new ideas and problems.

As their names were called out, the successful girls came up to receive their belts from Mrs. du Plessis (In the Prelim. exam, eight girls were in the Honours Division - Nurses Edwards, Greenblatt, Ivey, Kahn, McDougal, Neilson, Pearce and Sjoldhammer - of these Pearce was most outstanding and won the Sister-Tutor's prize.) Some ambled along - others walked swiftly and others just about ran but on every face there was the quick smile of achievement. Among the finalists - as Dr. Mills put it - all did well; some did exceptionally well and of these, some scintillated brightly.

Kammy Kamstra achieved Double Honours - i.e. in Prac. and Theory and the following got Honours in Prac: Male Nurse Beytell, Marlene Friedmond, Nurse Venter, Daphne Mullins, S. Smedsvick and Paddy Sylstra. Beside these girls, another 50 "passed-out". The hush in the hall was like a mist when Matron was busy announcing the top honours and prizes- Daph. Mullins received the Chief Matron's prize for top performance in Prac. and Oral; Mavis McCallum was very ill on Monday evening but I'm sure that she felt quite a bit better when she heard that she was the blighter who won the Gold Medal - first one presented for six years and finally, Kammy "Drummer girl" Kamstra won the Banfield Prize for distinction in all fields of nursing. The girls quietly and quickly formed a pageant group on the stage and said the "Pledge of Service" Oath in a manner both humble and sincere.

Dr. Mills extended a vote of thanks and invited all to tea. Tomorrow - back to work!!!

Flo says:



How nice - another intake!

MEDICS

vs.

MONKEYS

R U G B Y: MEDICS HAMMER ENGINEERS 1st XV: RESULT MEDICS WON 6-3  
Wellstead - 1 try Leibenberg - 1 penalty

Medical Team: K. Light II, O. Kalk II, R. Meyers II, B. Cochrane V, B. Evans III, M. Turner II, F. Rademan III (Captain), F. Bernstein IV, R. Russell (V. Captain), Whiffler II, C. Smart III, C. Liebenberg IV, A. Rubin, Kroon I, M. Wellstead II.

Despite the fact that the Engineers had an extremely strong side on paper, (Hardie, K. Viljoen, Heyns, Van Heerden, Swan, D. Viljoen, Jacobson, and Young have all played for Wits. firsts at some time), the Medics played good, hard rugby which surpassed even the highest hopes of their most ardent supporters and gained a well deserved victory. The Engineers' points came from an unconverted try by Dickie Viljoen. For the Medics, Colin Liebenberg put over a penalty and Mike Wellstead galloped over for an unconverted try, following a good run by Otto Kalk.

Our forwards played exceptionally well, giving the backs a good share of the ball both from the scrums and the line-outs and playing like tigers in the loose - especially the 3 loose forwards - Smart, Kroon and Wellstead - who all played first rate games. The backs were good rather than brilliant and did well to keep the strong Engineers' line from scoring more than once.

All in all, it was an exciting, enjoyable match, played in the usual interfaculty friendly fashion and deservedly won by the "boys from up the Hill".

2nd XV: RESULT MEDICS LOST

Medical Team: E. Liebenberg I, T. Galatlo II, F. Spiro IV, G. Rosset II, A. Price V, M. Kew IV, (V. Captain), E. Finberg IV, J. Downing IV, M. Lowenthal (Capt.) Zybutz II, L. Williams II, L. Page II, A. Gould, J. van Wyk.

The Engineers fielded a very strong second side - most of whom play regularly for 'Varsity. They played good rugby and out-classed the Medics. The Engineers laid the foundation of their Victory at forward where they were superior in every aspect. Final Score - lost count at 20!

OLD CROCKS: The Old Cocks played a good game and held a superior Engineers' team to 3 - 6.

HOCKEY: Grease Monkeys won 5 - 1. Outstanding players on Medics side were Gerald Lamoert, Keith Heimann and Wolf Rakusin.

PETER ARNOLD  
- AT BAY

"Molder  
da  
bum"



# *the* RESEARCH FRONTIER

## THE KALAHARI AND ITS INHABITANTS

The most comprehensive set of investigations ever made on the Bushman - and probably on any tribe or race in Africa - is at present under way. The expedition has been organised by the Kalahari Research Committee of the University of the Witwatersrand on generous financial assistance from the Nuffield Foundation. The present Winter Expedition follows earlier field-studies in this series in August-September, 1958, and January, 1959. By the end of the present expedition, almost 40 scientists and assistants from Johannesburg will have spent varying lengths of time studying the Bushman over the two years.

The first leg of the Winter Expedition left Johannesburg on Saturday, 6th June, under the leadership of Dr. Cyril Wyndham, director of the Applied Physiology Laboratory of the Chamber of Mines. The main party, consisting of 12 members, will leave on 29th June, under the leadership of Professor Phillip V. Tobias, head of the Department of Anatomy of the University of the Witwatersrand and chairman of the Kalahari Research Committee. It will spend some five weeks among the Central Bushman in the vicinity of Ghanzi, in the very heart of the Kalahari.

In an interview today, Professor Tobias said that the aim of this series of expeditions was a systematic study of the inhabitants of the Kalahari. "Of the five population groups in Bechuanaland - Whites, Tswana-speaking Africans, Hottentots, Bushmen and Bastards - pride of place is being given in our studies to the Bushmen.

"This is not so much because their numbers are dwindling - for our recent estimates suggest that as many as 50,000 Bushmen may still be alive - but because the surviving Bushmen are being subjected to pressures which threaten rapidly to change their conditions of life. They are a nomadic people, living at the hunting and food-gathering level of subsistence and as such, provide us with one of the few opportunities anywhere in the world today, to study man under these virtually Stone Age conditions of existence" he said. "However, under the influence of cattle-owning Whites and Africans, perhaps as many as 40% of the living Bushmen have already abandoned partly or completely their old hazardous mode of life in favour of the securer sources of food which agriculture and domestic animals entail. It is, therefore, with some sense of urgency that the Kalahari Research Committee of the University has embarked upon its series of investigations. The first two years of work have been mainly of a human biological character, but it is hoped that cultural, social and linguistic studies will follow".

Dr. Wyndham's party is studying the way in which the Bushmen adapt to the heat of the Kalahari day and the bitter cold of its Winter nights; they are concerned mainly with the physiological mechanisms.

Professor Tobias' party is concerned to elucidate a number of problems connected with the peculiar anatomical features of the Bushmen. Their racial make-up and affinities will be deduced from hundreds of measurements and other observations which will be made on each individual. In addition, the blood-groups of the Bushmen will be investigated with the collaboration of Dr. A. Zoutendyk of the S.A. Institute for Medical Research, and

Dr. A.E. Mourant of the Nuffield Blood Group Centre in London. Blood-groups provide a valuable source of evidence about the relationships of people and may help to answer the difficult problem of relation between the Bushmen and the Negroes and Pygmies. Genetical and nutritional studies will be included and the group is hoping to follow up certain ideas that some of the anatomical uniqueness of the Bushmen may depend on a different setting of the ductless (endocrine) glands. Finger-print patterns, another important source of comparative data among races, and the incidence of the gene for colour-blindness, will also be assessed. Professor Tobias will be assisted by Mr. T.W. Kaufman and three students, M. Bobrow, R. Plotkin and J. Kuhnert. Mr. Bobrow has worked with Professor Tobias among the Valley Tonga of the Kariba area; while Mr. Plotkin has participated in a previous expedition to the Bushmen.

The party will be accompanied by Dr. H.J. Heinz, senior lecturer in Pathology at the University's Medical School; his special object will be to study the parasites afflicting the Bushmen. Another branch of work will be that of Dr. J.F. van Reenen, lecturer in Dentistry, who will study the teeth and saliva of the Bushmen; he will be assisted by a dental student, Mr. J.M. van Heerden. Dr. van Reenen also participated in the 1958 expedition to the Kalahari and made some important observations on the low incidence of dental decay and on the bacteria in the mouth of the Bushmen.

Yet another branch of the expedition will be concerned with the psychological testing of the Bushmen. This work will be carried out by Dr. H. Reuning of the National Institute for Personnel Research.

Dr. Reuning, who will be accompanied by his assistant, Miss S. Fridjohn and by his wife, has also previously participated in research work in the Kalahari.

The present Winter Expedition will mark the end of the first cycle of expeditions and it is planned to publish a book about the end of 1960 containing all the results of the series of field-studies. Then it is hoped to begin a new cycle of expeditions in 1961; among the peoples Professor Tobias is hoping to give second priority to are the group of about 1,000 Hottentots living in the southern part of Bechuanaland, near Lehutu. They are the nearest large group of Hottentots to Johannesburg - not more than 600 miles away. They escaped from the old German South-West Africa to the British Protectorate more than 50 years ago.

It is hoped that the proposed Institute for the Study of Man in Africa will co-ordinate and extend such researches over large segments of the population of Southern and Central Africa.

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## SOCCER CLUB

This year the Club has been moderately successful and at the moment, the first team is third in its league and may still be able to overhaul the leaders. Medics who have figured in teams this year are Sadowsky II, Nathan and Geffin III, Friedberg IV and Levin V.

These players have formed the core of successful medical school teams who have thus far gained victories over the Engineers and Tucs.

The Club is this year host to 5 visiting Universities for the S.A. Universities Tournament from 30th June to 4th July and anybody interested can watch good games played in great spirit during the mornings and afternoons on these dates. Wits. have won the trophy for the last two years and are hopeful of making it a hat-trick and will no doubt benefit from whatever spectator support they can get.

# "THE HAMLET"

HOME  
OF  
WONDERS

In a house in Terrace Road in Bertrams Suburb, a small group of wonderful people are working wonders - from without "The Hamlet" looks like any other dwelling in the neighbourhood but if one steps inside, one is transported into another world - for "The Hamlet" is a school for backward and mentally retarded children.

The school was started by a brave woman who had a Mongol child - the initial enrolment was 5 children - now the school has 70 children under its wing, a teaching staff of 6 wonderful people, a professional committee consisting of 1 social worker, 2 (honorary) doctors and a psychometrist, an executive committee and a fund raising committee.

One has read countless novels and stories - all too often we find the familiar figure of the Village Idiot who either wanders aimlessly around the village or lives like an animal on a small strip of land or is locked up by his shame-filled relatives in an attic or cellar away from the prying eyes of the villagers. Many will say "Surely the general attitude to Mental Disease has changed - people don't treat mentally ill people like that any more" - but they do.

At the school, I heard tales of children who had been abandoned by their horrified parents - children who were living in fowl runs or in the backyards - children running around unclothed and unfed, abandoned by their parents because they were Mongol, Cretin or Mentally Defective - children who were locked up in dark rooms "to keep prying eyes off!" Fortunately, this only refers to a very small number of the children at the school - the greater majority are children of compassionate parents who are attempting to do everything in their power to recompense their children for Nature's miscarriage - but what is the ultimate end for all these children? Parents age and pass off the scene - who will care for the mental defective? Who will provide house and home for them? ... Who?

The school run by the Society for Welfare of Backward and Retarded Persons at "The Hamlet" attempts to answer this ... "Who?" At the school, attempts are made to develop the abilities and self sufficiency of the retardees. All have I.Q.'s of below 50 - therefore, academic achievement fades into the background and the problem of living becomes more important. Woodwork, needlework, games, etc. are very important in the school's curriculum. The child must be socialised.

I saw one boy working happily with a saw - before he came to the school he used to spend most of his time hiding under a table! Another boy was a chronic thief - now he is making strides towards being acceptable as a citizen - In other words, he is being socialised.

The Government does not accept responsibility for Retardees and Mental Defectives - the existing institutions such as Witrand are full - so this "Hamlet" must not be allowed to crumble. Mrs. Owens the principal, told me that there are an estimated 2,000 people needing such help on the Reef and Johannesburg. This school wants to help them.

The children at the school range from ages of 3 years to 24 years. They are fetched by "Uncle Ted's" ambulance from their homes and taken to the school. There they have the various classes -

woodwork, sewing, reading and writing to some extent, musical instruments - anything to occupy the time and slowly but surely make full use of the defective intelligence. The children are fed while at school and their physical health is closely watched by the staff. Already 3 children have had their I.Q.'s raised sufficiently to enable them to enter "normal" schools. When the time comes, the school attempts to find sheltered employment for the retarded.

### What of the future?

The aim of the Society is to build a hostel for its "wards", where they will be self-sufficient, independent, useful citizens instead of having to push them out into a highly competitive (and to them uncomprehensible) world. Remember the Society is not aided financially by the Government.

"What has this to do with me?" you may ask - "Where do I come in?" A very good question with a very good answer. This school is at present under extreme financial strain - the cost of running the school is £500 per month - the money forthcoming from parents' contributions is £120 - where must the rest come from? As a student myself, I hardly expect fellow students to make cash contributions - but you can help.

The school urgently needs materials for the classes - papers, pencils, felt, wool, needles, old tools, timber, corks, cloth, tennis balls, sandpaper, children's books - just about anything could be put to use by the staff - either to give to the children for use in classes or to actually improve "The Hamlet" itself. A rail must be erected to support the semi-spastic children. Old Meccano sets are ideal for occupational therapy. Utensils are needed for the kitchen. A doll's house would be unbelievably welcome to the little girls. Old children's clothing to keep some of these kids warm in our wintry weather is urgently needed. Crayons, picture books, cardboard, old furniture, leather - anything would be of use.

Next term an appeal will be made to students to support this noble cause - during the vac. have a 'look-see' around your dwellings and see if you have anything which may be of use to the school. Put these things aside and bring them to Medical School next term when asked to do so.

Remember: You serve yourself best by serving others.

### HAVE YOU ANY ...

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CRAYONS

OLD TOYS

DISCARDED CLOTHING

KITCHEN UTENSILS

SPORTS KIT

TOY DOLLS

OLD CORKS

OLD MECCANO SETS

WIRE

PICTURE BOOKS

ANYTHING

### IF YOU HAVE ...

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Mrs. Owens, the principal of the school, extends a welcome to any students who are interested in visiting and seeing the school. The address of the school is:

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## NEWS FROM OTHER CENTRES

From 'Die Matie' - March, 1959:

### THE COPS HAD THE RAG SPIRIT TOO

The Big Question is who had more Rag Spirit during the Procession, the students or the Cops? By all accounts, it was not the students. The floats didn't cause enough draught. But the Cops had a glorious time. No-one was worrying much about the Traffic Ordinance, so neither did they. There were more beams than frowns. It was even a pleasure to escort the Mayor a while because they could catch an eyeful of the talent at that speed.

When the morning wore on, it was, of course, only right to offer the tired, footsore young things a lift. Never was such admiring glamour seen hanging onto a khaki or blue-grey uniform. Sometimes you could hardly see whether it was the Rag Committee making some last-minute arrangements or fresh "orders coming from the Chief"; Sea Point nothing! They don't have jet propulsion sound effects there. The bikes will never be the same again.

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It is claimed in 'The Student' from Leyden, Holland, that the feeling in the Southern State of America "that Negroes are intellectually inferior to the Whites" - has decreased by 40% since 1942. Opposition to school integration is caused by fear of strife rather than prejudice they say.

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"The 8th International Student Conference held at La Cantuta, Peru decided to make a concrete gesture towards the people of North Africa by rebuilding the school house at Sakiet-sidi-Youssef, so recently bombed by the French Air Force. Thus a Student International Work Camp will take place in July-September this year, organised jointly by COSEC and the North African Confederation of Students".

From COSEC, Leyden, Netherlands

Last year on 8th February, a French Squadron of B-26 bombers bombed the Tunisian village of Sakiet-sidi-Youssef. Among the buildings razed by this attack was the local school-house. The Tunisian Student Union (UGET) vowed to rebuild the school-house as their homage to the victims of the attack.

At the International Student Conference, the above action was decided upon. As the work will be done during our University term, none of our students will be able to take part in the scheme. More than 100 students will converge on Tunisia to participate in this giant gesture of international co-operation among students.

It seems a pity that here in our own country we cannot form a really National Medical Student Union because of internal political differences.

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### SWITZERLAND:

The quarrel between Swiss students and the Book-dealers and Publishers Union over a student discount on books has come to an end after nearly ten years. According to an agreement with Book-dealers, the 10% discount for students, which was discontinued in 1950, will be re-established; in return, the text-book cooperative, founded in 1950 as a self-help organisation of the students, will cease its activities.

From Die Tat, Zurich

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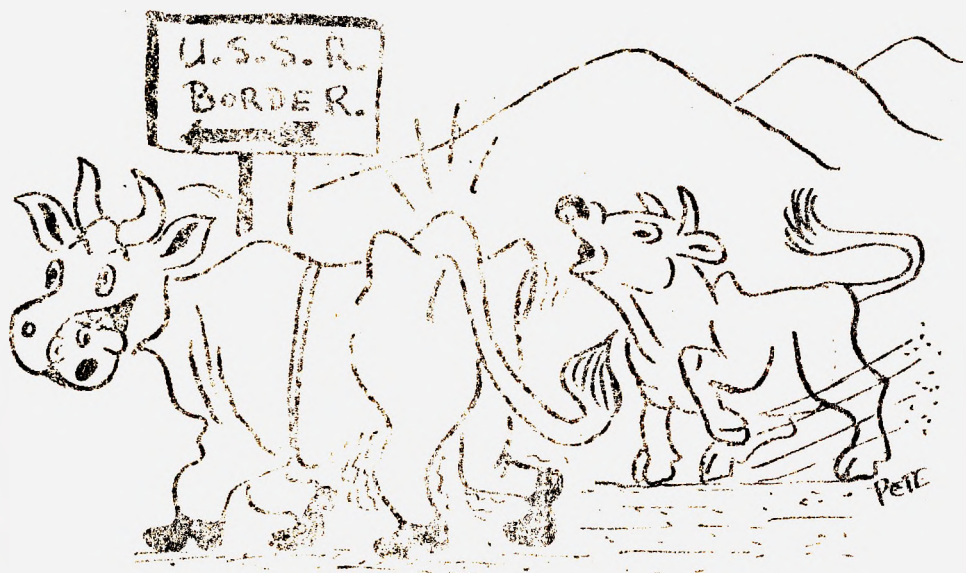
## SOUTH AFRICAN INDEX TO PERIODICALS

SOUTH AFRICAN doctors, like medical men all over the world, are writing more and more about their work. A great deal of it is published in overseas journals, but a considerable amount appears in South African periodicals. A very useful guide to the latter is the South African Index to Periodicals, published annually by the Johannesburg Public Library. It is alphabetical in arrangement and has entries both under author and subject. It does not confine itself only to medical journals, for it tries to index all periodicals published in South Africa. Thus it is possible to trace in it articles of medical interest appearing say, in the Farmer's Weekly, or in the Huisgenoot, or in the Transactions of the Royal Society of South Africa none of which, for obvious reasons, would be indexed in the Current List of

Medical Literature or in the Quarterly Cumulative Index Medicus. The volumes for '949 are cumulative giving details of articles published between 1940 and 1949. It is unfortunate that this Index only goes back to 1940 for South African medical literature published before that date is sometimes difficult to trace. Indexing what it does, material that is both ephemeral and scientific, within its limits it is a most useful work of reference.

Library Types:-

Which doctor?



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- 1). Three Grease-Monkey students after failing Maths. exam.  
 G.H.S.1 - Dis trigonometry had me beat.  
 G.H.S.2 - Was de calculus dat broke me  
 G.H.S.3 - (also a first XV Rugby player) -  
 Say did youse guys ever hear of long division?
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- 2). 1st Year Student: : Let me chew your gum  
 Ditto : : Which one, upper or lower?
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- 3). He (to hysterectomized female) Let's?  
She: But I haven't got a womb.  
He: Who cares, we can wun over to the Zoo Lake in my "Menault"
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- 4). Pro's prayer:

From Tabes, Rhagades  
 and saddle-nosed babies  
 Good Lord, deliver us.

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- 5). Dick Grantly Read's Motto: Grin and bear it.
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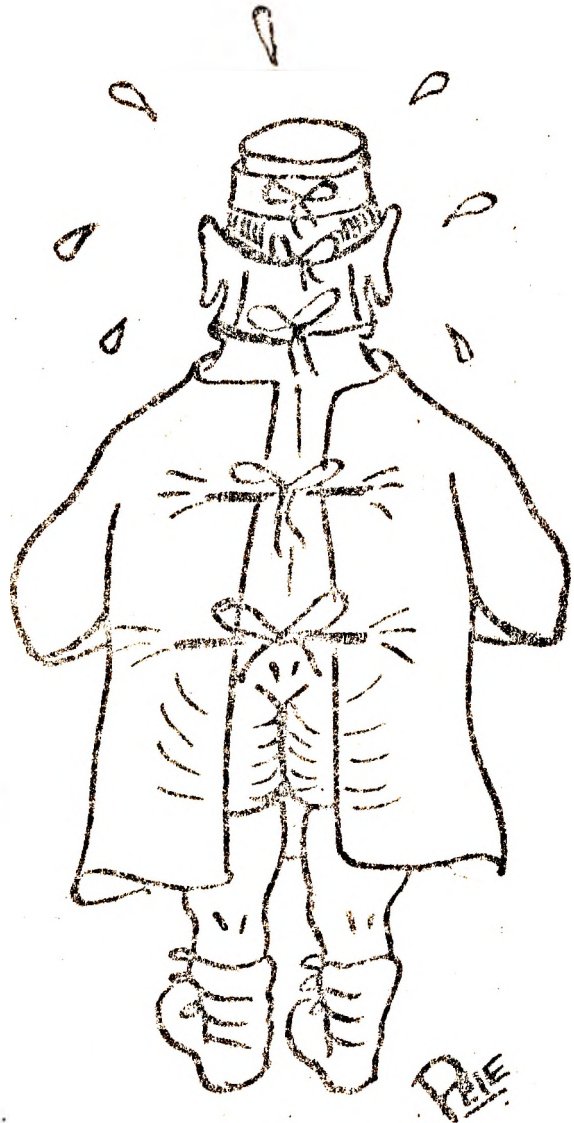
- 6). Nurse to shy patient: Grin and bare it
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Lady Ponsenby: (enticing little doggie with biscuit) Speak to me little doggie.  
Little Doggie Oh Hell! What shall I say?

- 7). TB or not TB,  
 That is congestion,  
 Consumption be done about it?  
 Of corpse, of corpse.
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- 8). Young wife and hubby present themselves to Doctor because wife is perhaps "in a family way."  
 Doc. to wife: How many times have you missed?  
 Wife: I guess we haven't missed a night, have we?
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- 9). Teacher: Who was Magellan?  
 Pupil: He's da guy who circumcised the globe.
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Beating the heat in van Niekerk Theatre !!

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- 10). Dr. to sweet young thing: Have you ever jumped up in bed with a jerk?  
 Sweet young thing: Why, Doctor, I'm not even married.
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Healthy husband to young life saver, resuscitating his wife:  
 "hat are you doing to my wife?  
 Lifesaver: I'm giving her artificial respiration.  
 Husband: Artificial, hell no, give her the real thing, I can afford it.

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# SPORT

## INTERVARSITY RUGBY

### First XV

Result 18 - 3

Witsies (Tries by Turner, Wellstead & Cochrane)

K. Light; B. Evans; G. Rosset; R. Meyers; P. Enslin; M. Turner; B. Cochrane; F. Bernstein; R. Roussel; A. Whiffler; W. Kroon; C. Liebenberg; A. Rubin; C. Smart; M. Wellstead.

The Medical side, fresh from its victory over the "grease-monkeys" added another triumph when they "white-washed" the Tukkies in an almost one-sided game. These Medical Tukkies who play for Tukkies 1st XV were not allowed to play in the Medical intervarsity and this undoubtedly weakened their side. Nevertheless the Medics played exciting attractive rugby and were superior in every aspect of the game.

Among the backs, Butch Cochrane played an outstanding game at scrum half, Mike Turner had a good game at fly half and centres Meyers and Rosset, penetrated well. Of the forwards, Wellstead, Kroon and Smart were prominent in the loose and Liebenberg, Roussel and Bernstein played well in the tight.

Points: Tries by Turner, Cochrane.

### Second XV

Result - Medics won 8 - 0

Team: M. Freedman; O. Kalk; F. Spiro; B. Hewitt; M. Kew; A. Kalell; J. Downing; R. Theo; I. Lissoos; L. Zybutz; L. Williams; L. Vogl; A. Wilson; A. Gauld;

Our boys played good rugby and won a closely contested match. The whole team played very well and it would be wrong to single out individuals for praise. The forwards improved their binding in the line outs and loose scrums which had been so poor against the Engineers and held the Tukkies. The three quarters played attacking rugby and tackled well.

Points: included a converted try by Kalk.

### Old Crocks

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Witsies Whitewashed.

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## WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Tukkies arrived more than adequately refreshed from the trip over, and came onto the field, therefore, at a slight disadvantage.

With the team combining well, Wits opened the score with a goal from Let de Maar at left-inner, and the score remained at 1-0 with the game very evenly distributed until just before half-time, when Tuks replied, to make the score at half time 1-1. Tuks appeared after half-time, to be finding the pace a little strenuous, and H. Lyle (C.F.) managed to break through and score just after half-time.

The score went up to 3-1 when L. Strauss on right wing gave a hard centre and H. Lyle deflected it into goal.

Good centering from wings and two goals from H. Lyle brought the final score up to 5-1. Judy Issroff played very well in goals, and was well supported by H. Bosman and B. Tucker at backs. C. Hobson played well at centre half and kept the game well distributed. Unfortunately there wasn't room for the vast medical talent, the team being chosen from 1st and 2nd team players almost exclusively. The game was played in fine traditional spirit - admittedly Tukkies' spirit was of a decidedly more practical nature, but Wits still managed to come out on top with good combination, even though many players were playing out of their normal positions, and the final score showed once again the superiority of Wits. Tuks remarked that they felt much better after the game!!!

Team: Judy Issroff; B. Tucker; H. Bosman; Helen Steens; C. Hobson; A. Counihan; Linda Strauss; Beryl Greenwood; Helen Lyle; Let de Maar; D. Barker.

## MENS' HOCKEY

("Wits smash home 7 - 2 Winners" - 4/6/59)

Despite the fact that the Tuks came onto the field reinforced by much alcohol and by several extra players, they were no match for our team. The Wits. goalie as well as Rakusin and Sims, Kuming, & Friedmann proved to be a sturdy defence and repeatedly repulsed raids by the Tuks forwards.

A combined effort by the 5th year forwards viz. Urbani, Lampert and Lee, led to Urbani scoring. Christie soon after added another. Resting on their laurels the defence slipped momentarily and the intoxicated Tuks miraculously found the box twice to equal the scores at 2 all at half time.

Taking the lead shortly after resumption of play Christie again scored. Kuming now tore holes in the Tuk defence and put in three quick goals. The Tuks by now having sweated the alcohol out of their systems rallied, but it was too late and went down gamely to a much better side.

Team: Katz; Kuming; Friedmann; Kinsley; Rakusin; Sims; Porter; Lampert; Urbani Christie; Lee.

## 1959 MEDICAL INTERVARSITY TENNIS MATCH

The large crowd of both Witsies and Tukkies at the annual Medical Intervarsity saw the Wits team captained for the last time by Peter Jacobs, reverse their defeat of last year in a closely contested match by the narrow margin of twelve games. The women's team, however, was quite unable to hold the powerful team from Tukkies-land and they lost both the singles and the doubles.

In the men's singles, Aubrey Milunsky played attacking tennis to convincingly beat Bodemer of Tuks with the loss of only one game. Malcolm Heywood, a new-comer to University, defeated the experienced Dawie van der Walt with a very well received display of controlled, sparkling tennis. The score (8-3 in Heywoods favour) does not reflect the many rallies which were such a feature of this match. Ernest Levy, another new addition to the team, convincingly beat his Tukkies opponent - Pretorius in the singles, whilst in the doubles was well supported by team-mate Lennie Blieden.

In an afternoon's tennis, where the standard of play was so unusually high from both teams, the final outcome was clearly to rest on the results of the doubles; and while Peter Jacobs and Malcolm Heywood played aggressive tennis, dropping only a single game in their match against Kuyl and Bodemer, the winning team could not be decided until Aubrey Milunsky and Oliver Ransome won the very last match of the day.

Although the women's team, comprising Shirley Abrahams, Diana Mortimer, Marlene Balkind, Margo Light, Kay Rosmarin and Lilian Jackson, were beaten by their opponents, they nevertheless tried hard - bad luck girls!!

A most enjoyable afternoon was had by everyone, and the game continued until early morning at the "Moon".

<u>Final Results</u>	<u>Tukkies</u>	<u>Witsies</u>
Mens Singles	30	36
Mens Doubles	46	53
Womens singles	31	23
Womens doubles	57	24

Tennis reported by Dave Levy.

## SOCCER

The Medics, led by Errol Friedberg and including J. Van Wyk, A. Vinik and N. Seeff, always looked the winning side. Within minutes, Seeff smashed home a scorer, and although Tuks battled bravely, they simply were not able to penetrate.

Another Seeff special and header from Levin and 2 goals from A.N. Other brought the total to 5. Tuks after much concentrated effort scored a well deserved goal.

Wits 5 Tuks 1.



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