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NUSAS CONFERENCE

A Great Success

This Conference took place in Pietermaritzburg from the 3rd to the 13th. of July. Despite the short time at the disposal of the Conference, a tremendous amount of magnificent work was achieved. This is due probably to the excellent organisation of the conference and to the business-like thoroughness of the delegates as well as to the fact that the Assembly sat into the early hours of many a morning, deliberating.

The achievement of this Conference and of the others in the past consist not only in the attainments at the Conference as such, but of the correlations of the past year's work and the directives and projects for the future years.

The Assembly is the supreme body but it draws from the separate Commissions on Finance, Welfare, Travel etc., and the Department of Research with its Faculty and Cultural Bureaux (which all report back to it) for much of its inspiration.

Decisions were taken on subjects as remote from each other superficially as Teachers' salaries, I.U.S., C.N.O., Student Work Camps, S.A.M.S.U., Non-European Dental and Pharmaceutical Students, Students' Rights, Rag and Refectory among many others.- superficially remote; for all these topics had as a fundamental basis their intimate relation to student affairs. Reports on some of these will be presented in the Auricle. It is indeed gratifying to see that Students from our University and especially from our Medical School played a prominent part at the Conference. The Wits. delegates on the Assembly were Godfrey Getz (leader), Harold Wolpe, David Holt, Michel Treisman, Dan Goldstein, Ivan Schwartzman, Sydney Shall and Emmanuel Gerson. Mike O'Rowd, also from Wits. although not one of our Assembly delegates, was also on the A ssembly as he was National Director of Student Welfare, a department of NUSAS. He has been re-elected onto the Executive, this time in the capacity of Vice-President.

Nearto our hearts of course is the Medical Faculty Conference which was presided over by Jack Handelsman from our Wits. S.M.C. in the absence of Elton Goldblatt, who was the NUSAS Delegate to the I.F.M.S.A. held in England. On this agenda was inter alia the questions of Wentworth and SAMSU. Our S.M.C. was represented by Albert and Rupert Kushlick.

Jack Herberg did much fine work as the Assistant Director of Research for T.B., a body affiliated to S.A.N.T.A. Libby Borkon ably represented our local S.M.C. Cultural Council on the National Cultural Conference.

Facilities and opportunities for contact with prospective and non-NUSAS centres in South Africa, the future Rhodesia University, and overseas Student Organisations were established. It was decided that the President, Pat. Arnett, would be sent to Bucharest to attend the I.U.S. Council meeting as well as the Unity Meeting arranged by the I.U.S. at which dissatisfied student organisations could iron out their difficulties. Dr. Brenner, who is leaving for Europe soon, and Lionel Forman who is there were appointed as Foreign Corresponding Secretaries of NUSAS.

Besides the practical, tangible achievements of the Conference, an immeasurable amount of experience was gained by the hundreds of students who attended the Conference. They met and learned to know students from other South African Universities!

He has been elected A.D.R for Medicine for 1952-1953

Congrats. to Jack Handelsman,

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to victory in the singing competition at the final dance, and I think it may be justly said that it was because of Denis that every Witsie had a continuous grin on his or her face. Gypo Christianakis and Eddie Perlman wer jovial in a more quiet and stuporous way but were also an endless source of amusement.

The women played inspired hockey at times and did well to come 3rd. Outstanding amongst them were Joan Buchanan and Molly Mills who both got into the combined side. Di Lange was reserve for the side. Little Ant. Rosset was also impressive on and off the field, while Snookie Waller was spectacular off the field.

Rhodes and U.C.T. tied to win both the mens and womens sections. So our thanks go to Rhodes who never fail to give visiting teams a Royal time, a time which the Wits teams anyway will never forget.

CROSS COUNTRY INTERVARSITY

Wits. were the hosts at the second cross country intervarsity, held at the Wanderers Club at the beginning of July, and also managed to narrowly win the event from Natal (last year's winners) by **3 points.** Brain Peers the 1st year dental student won the race from Ivy of Natal and O'Brien of U.C.T. The 4 members of the Wits team who won the event ~~for us~~ were, Brian Peers, Ken Milward, Charles Jeaunot and Kidger.

Unfortunately only Natal, Cape Town and Pretoria were able to have field teams this year, but it is hoped that there will be eight teams in the future competitions.

MARAIS STEYN mH.L.T.
TODAY 1 PM.

CONGRATS. AND GOOD LUCK

Dr. P.V. Tobias, ex-President of NUSAS and Godfrey Getz, president of the S.R.C. have been selected as our university holders of Abe Bailey travel bursaries for 1952.

The bursaries, which are to the value of about £400 each, are awarded annually to six leading South African students - two from each of three universities - to give them an opportunity of visiting Britain and the Commonwealth countries on educational tours of about two months. Students from Potchefstroom and Rhodes Universities will also make the trip this year, leaving in December.

Dr. Tobias and Mr. Getz headed the list of nominations for the awards submitted by the S.R.C. to the trustees of the late Sir Abe Bailey's estate.

Last year students from U.C.T., Stellenbosch and Tuks. went on this tour.

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Tomorrow, there will be an S.R.C. **General Meeting in the Great Hall occasioned by the request of the** Sports' Council for an increase of £1 in the S.R.C. levy.

Although one is inclined to be sympathetic to the request of this Council (since the high cost of equipment and maintainance makes the efficient running of Students' Sports well-nigh impossible) one must view this request thoroughly and realistically before acquiescing to it.

We, at Wits, are today paying a high price for our education and all that goes with it. This is no caprice on the part of the University authorities. It is a reflection of the general economic situation in this country, related as it is to the world situation, with the high cost of living and the absence of adequate state assistance **in education.**

It is hard on the student and/or the parent to expect them at this present stage to honour a further increase in our fees.

REPORT ON

ENGLISH WAFFLE

The first general assembly of the International Federation of Medical Student Associations was held in London from July 1st to 3rd. Amongst the twelve countries present were Ireland, Great Britain, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Switzerland, Holland and South Africa. Apologies were received from Israel. Spain, Yugoslavia, and Austria had indicated that they intended sending delegates, but at the last moment delegates from these countries were unable to attend.

The attendance of South Africa at this Conference has made the organisation a truly international one and not merely a "European Federation". Our presence stimulated the executive to concentrate on the "non-European" countries and I am quite confident that in the future many more countries will be taking an active part in the Federation.

The idea of establishing this organisation was developed after the Medical Faculty Bureau of I.S.S. was closed. Denmark and Holland called conferences during 1950-51 to discuss forming an international medical student organisation. At Copenhagen last year a provisional directing body was elected and I.F.M.S.A. born. This body got down to work almost immediately setting up three standing committees, namely (1) Student Health, (2) Medical Education and (3) Student Exchange.

THANKS

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to Professors Underwood, Heyns and Elliott for their co-operation, advice and assistance. Also to all the students (too numerous to name) and members of the public who made it possible for me to be one of the South African delegates to the I.F.M.S.A. first General Assembly.

Elton Goldblatt

These three standing committees came to the First General Assembly with their programme for the coming year fully worked out, and in the case of the first two some results as well. Perhaps these committees were even too enthusiastic and wanted to bite off more than they could chew, but after all, that is not a bad fault and I am certain we are going to have some very valuable information as a result of this work.

I shall now consider briefly the matters dealt with as they appeared on the Agenda. The Conference was opened by Dr. Macrae, Secretary of the B.M.A. who gave the organisation his blessing on behalf of the British Medical Association. He had nothing but praise to offer those students who had the initiative to set up the I.F.M.S.A. which he felt was a most important organisation to have, especially in these times.

The Chairman then warned the delegates that if I.F.M.S.A. were to be a success, member organisations must work hard and be enthusiastic or else we were just going to waste time and money. These were stern words, but delegates fully realised the implications and the start was a good one. It is for us now, and the students of the future to bear this warning in mind, not only for the I.F.M.S.A. but also for our local national activity.

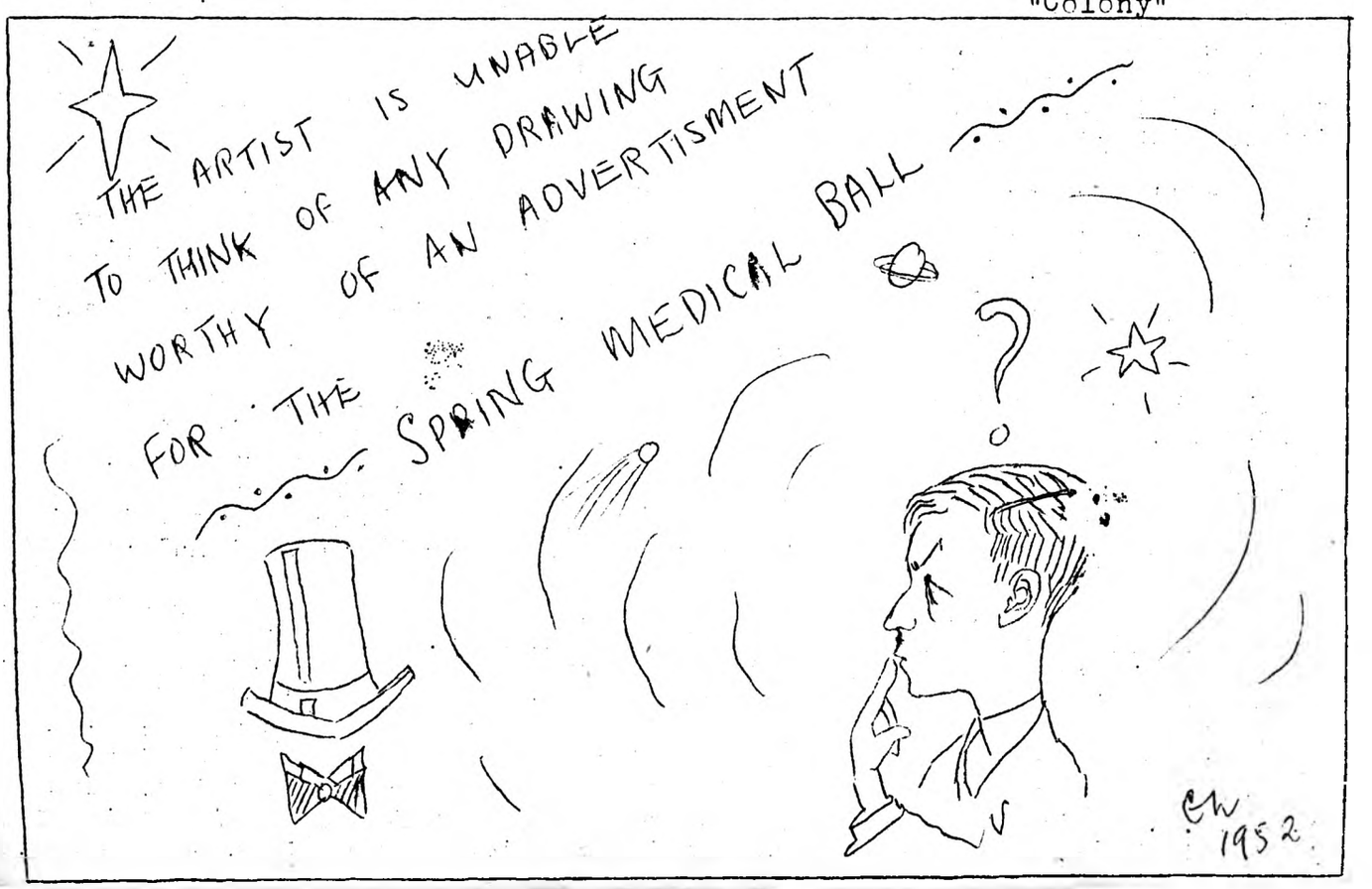
A Committee was then set up to consider the credentials of organisations present. There was only one query - South Africa. This did not come as a surprise, in fact we had hoped for it so that we could explain the student set-up in this country. It was on the assurance that we included in the Medical Faculty Association of NUSAS all students, and that we were representing the Medical Faculty Association and not the National Union as a whole, that we were unanimously accepted as a member organisation. The I.F.M.S.A. admitted the sixteen nations who had indicated their desire to join this body. Reports of the standing committees were then considered.

To be continued next week.

To all you folk who are conceiver,
Here's the gen on Rheumatic fever.
It started one fine autumn night
Our hero caught a Strep. alright.
His throat was really BLANK BLANK sore,
But tough he was and thought no more.
Till 10 days hence his ankle swelled
And with the pain "Blue murder", yelled.
From joint to joint the pain did flit
And in the end the heart it bit.
Now in the head was nothing rare,
Two subcut. nodules I found there
And as I gazed upon his femur,
I found some signs of erythema.
Next I did the chest explore
And heard a rub beneath the jaw.
"What's this I hear? A Carey Coombs?
I must away and ring my rooms.
To bring for me the E.C.G.,
So that I can more certain be.
But in the meantime I'll advocate
Rest in bed and salicylate"
The dose per day is 120 grains
To ease the patient of his pains.
The fifth year student - it is his fate
To take some blood for sedimentation rate.
The antihaemolysin titre
Would make the picture much completer.
When sed rate, temp. and pulse is down
Our patient need no longer frown,
But if his heart is going to fail us
Prescribe some tablets called digitalis.
In two years time you may just find
A mitral stenosis left behind;

Now if this poem crossed your path
Recit it daily in your bath;
And you will surely never fail
Or with a Sup. in January ail.

"Colony"



SPORT:

RUGBY

After a great deal of organisation by Neil Freeman, the able Wits, rugby captain, the touring team left for Stellenbosch on Sunday 20th July. We arrived in "Maticland" on Monday afternoon after spending the entire journey playing poker dice, at which Chalk Chaskalson showed alarming cunning.

The Maties could not have been finer hosts except if they had allowed us to win the match. However the Witsies gave a fine display of open attacking rugby and in the words of Dr. Danie Craven, the Stellenbosch and South African coach, it was the finest game he had ever seen on the Koetsenburg ground.

Maties opened the scoring with a try by the forwards and we retaliated with a fine try by Erasmus after a break by Steynberg. The score was 3-3 twenty minutes from the end and then the superior fitness of the Maties began to tell and they put on another 12 points to win 15-3. Erasmus, Wits' centre was outstanding, his tackling and attacking play a sheer joy to watch, while Bob Charlton, Pienaar and Freeman also played well.

Then came the event which we had all been eagerly looking forward to - the trip from Cape Town to Durban on the Sterling Castle. The boat left on Friday morning the 25th. No sooner had we set sail than the two Chartlons were suffering from hyperimesis in their cabin. Neil Freeman on the other hand had found himself a slick-chick and was seldom seen during the next two days.

After two pleasant days in Port Elizabeth and one in East London we arrived in Durban to play Natal University.

Erasmus was badly injured against Stellenbosch and Steynberg was out with a sprained ankle. Having no reserve three quarters Olly Charlton played centre while Stoffel Botha the 1st team 8th man played on the wing.

The match against Natal was disappointing after our fine game against the Maties Wits won 13-3 (two tries and a goal, to a try). Digby Meyer and Alen Revalas played well while Olly Charlton and Botha both scored tries which Barnard converted.

Everyone appeared lethargic in this game but perhaps it was because Natal did not allow us to play well. We gave a better display at the sundowner party which had to be hurriedly left to catch the train back to Jo'burg.

It was a trip never to be forgotten by those fortunate enough to go on it. Our only regret was that now and then we had to play a game of rugby.

Wits/TUKS Medical School

HOCKEY - Men and Women
TENNIS - Men. 8 players
TABLE TENNIS - Men. 6 players.
RUGBY - Medical School Regular Team. - and one team of players who have never played rugby before.
PENTATHLON - Pintables, Snooker, Darts, Bridge or Chess, (4 players)
BASEBALL - one team.

DATE. THURSDAY 14th August at Pretoria. Games start at 1.45 p.m.

Braaivleis and dance afterwards. Team members are invited to bring their girl friends.

HOCKEY INTERVARSITY

Judging from remarks made by people who have been on many hockey intervarsities, this year's tournament held at Rhodes during July, was one of the finest ever. Although the Wits. team which was not at its full strength, did not play over impressive hockey, they were very unlucky to only fill 4th place out of 7. They lost to Rhodes and U.C.T. and drew with Stellenbosch due to rain interferring with play. John Maile the Wits. captain was the only Witsie to make the combined University side which unfortunately did not play the Eastern Province side again, due to rain.

However, the Wits men and women as usual really "got the joint jumpin'", socially and contributed much towards making the friendly feeling between the Universities greater than ever before. Denis Hellman led the two teams

MEDICAL CONFERENCE 1952

Senior Medical students at Wits. this year will be privileged to attend the 38th Annual Congress of the South African Medical Association which will be held in Johannesburg in September. The last time that a Medical Association Congress was held in this City was 1931.

Specialists and general practitioners from all the main centres and the farthest corners of the Union will converge on Johannesburg for this all embracing Conference taking place at our own University.

In the Chair is Dr. Geerling, a past President of the Association and an eminent specialist in the field of Neurology. He has the enormous task of co-ordinating the vast sphere of work that is in progress and one has the feeling that he is an inspiring Captain of a first class team. He rules the fortnightly meetings with rather a firm hand, tinged with a pleasant spice of humour.

Mention must most certainly be made of Dr. J. Gluckman, Pathologist, and Dr. C. Theron Organising Secretaries who seem to have fingers in practically every pie and appear to be true gluttons for work. It is indeed amazing that these gentlemen so busy in their private practices find time to accomplish all they do.

A large majority of the committee members are already well known to students. They include the Principal, Dr. Raikes, our own Dean, Professor Underwood, Dr. T. Schneider, present President of Southern Transvaal branch and well-known Physician, and Dr. Seymour Heyman, Padiatrician, a respected lecturer and true friend of the 5th years. To any student who has been associated with Mr. Lee McGregor's unit, Mr. Wolfowitz needs no introduction, and the Surgeons are further represented by Mr. Theron from the Surgery Department.

Other well known figures who are uniting to make this one of the most successful Congresses ever, are Mr. Girdwood, the Medical Secretary; Dr. James Black, past professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology; Dr. Alice Cox, Psychiatrist, and Dr. M. Shapiro.

Two names which I have kept for the end are Professor Gillman who is organising the Scientific Exhibit and Dr. C. Adler who is arranging the exhibit of Doctor's hobbies. The latter include everything from paintings to puppets and should be most interesting. At this stage I would like to appeal for some student co-operation and assistance. Congress will open on September 21st and during the weekend (which to our loss is one of Jewish holidays) we shall need a team of strong men to help to erect these exhibits. As Medical Association has decided to allow clinical students to attend all medical meetings and scientific discussions free of charge, we must naturally show our appreciation by doing anything in our power, to help and I consider that we are privileged to be allowed to be part of the organisation.

Having heard a little about the Organising Committee, you will no doubt agree that the future of this Congress is bright and pregnant with great success.

The Congress lasts a week, commencing on Sunday night, September 21st, with a Popular lecture in the Great Hall by Dr. Cole-Rous, of Cape Town on "Charlatinism in Medicine". The following week is packed with discussions, demonstrations and lectures covering every sphere of Medicine, and there is division into various sections so that each may concentrate on the subject of his choice. It is encouraging to note that this Congress is planned primarily for general practitioners as well as specialists and from what I have seen of the detailed programme, the students greatest difficulty will be to decide which of several interesting meetings occurring simultaneously he should rather attend.

With less than two months to go, let us as students wish Congress every success - a reward it surely deserves and which it must attain with the energy and the enthusiasm of the committee responsible for the organisation - they, as Dr. Shneider so aptly put it are 'the back-room boys' of Congress.

Applications for NUSAS OVERSEAS TOURS will close on August 30th. 1952. Particulars at S.R.C. office.