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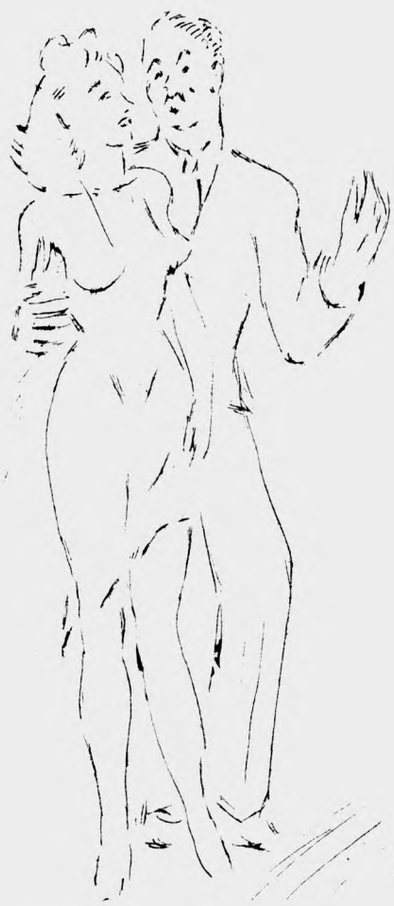

DO YOU WANT TO SEE WHERE I WAS VAGINATED?

SURE!
WELL GO TO CAPE TOWN CLINIC!

AESCULAPIAN CITIZENRY

We go to press under the shadow of a second world conflict reminiscent doubtless to many of our teachers of a similar period when they were students just a little over a quarter of a century ago. But the issues that divide humanity, simple and clear cut as they appeared in those days, are strangely complex and confused for us. The last quarter of a century has witnessed such amazing physical changes. The aeroplane and the radio have vanquished space and have become formidable as weapons as well as culture-bringers. The tube railway and the frigidaire have invaded the trenches.

But the technical transformation is trifling as compared with the political and mental metamorphosis. The first world war unseated the majority of the kings and princelings of Europe; its aftermath has brought a harvest of dictators. The simple banking economy of 1914 has passed through strains and stresses of boom and deliquescence, that have shattered the confidence of most people in the personal possession of wealth. States built up in a few years are smashed to pieces overnight. The most fantastic political alliances group and re-group themselves before our eyes kaleidoscopically month by month leaving the ordinary observer as bemused as any intelligent onlooker in feudal England or renaissance Italy might well have been hundreds of years ago.

For we are living through a period of comparable, but proportionately more widespread, and more profound human flux. The collapse of mediaeval feudalism was occasioned by the discovery of cannons, that rendered castles anachronistic, and by the new found wealth of trade and industry. During the Renaissance period the petty city state had to give way before the larger economic unit of the nation. To-day the small nation has become outmoded and even stupendous imperial structures are tottering under high explosives, because humanity has not yet discovered the means whereby all peoples can simultaneously enjoy lives of contented, fruitful and properly remunerated labour.

But it is obvious to any sane observer that the realisation of such a millennial dream for all mankind is impracticable as an immediate ideal. Drastic changes are still imperative not merely in economics but also in human hearts; these changes too are necessary in every land but will be long in coming. Let us examine South Africa. What deadly apathy has tolerated conditions of human living over the last 400 years since Vasco de Gama circled this coast - so wretched in some parts that in this year of grace European School children are housed in ramshackle, verminous hovels unprovided with ordinary sanitary amenities. Imagine the expenditure of energy and time still necessary in our own country to collect the information, devise the cures and overcome the prevailing lethargy of our population to play fair by our European population. Then perhaps it will be possible dimly to envisage the appalling prospect of the time and energy that will be consumed in doing our ordinary human duty by the Coloured, Indian and Native populations. And since there is so much to be done in South Africa what shall we say of the tasks confronting humanity in Africa, Asia and America, to say nothing of Europe.

There are portents on every side of a great and unparralleled human awakening and the gigantic dislocations of population we witness today in the Far East and in Europe under the stress of war and of dictatorship afford a crude measure of the altered conditions in every shpere of life to which this generations will have to become accustomed. Mankind pursues still the ancient role of strife depicted so graphically for earlier historical by Read in his remarkable book "The [illegible]. what previous generations have [illegible] may not the individual greatly with the problems of his own brief period on the earth, but it serves at least to inculcate an

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objectivity and perspective without which few would remain sane in an utterly naughty and seemingly mad world. After all the world is no more insane than it has ever been; the difference of today is that a far greater proportion of its inhabitants appreciate the complex nature of its shortcomings. Only with widespread increase in that understanding can an atmosphere be created in communities, such that the sicknesses of the body politic will pass beyond the stage of discernment by philosophers into that of cure by economists and politicians.

In this business of curing communal ills the medical man is fortunate in having an immediate plan and a direct job in front of him. To him at least some measure of satisfaction is bound to come through the knowledge that he has prevented some scourges, alleviated some sufferings and provoked some gladnesses of heart. But too glib an arrival at satisfaction will blind his eyes to the fact that while he spends his life lancing a few boils, binding up wounds and prescribing medicines he might equally well employ it in preventing boils from existing, in inventing protective appliances that preclude wounds and in causing people to be fed in such a way that no medicine is ever necessary. Such medical men, as transcend the petty mechanics of their curative art to collaborate scientifically with educationalists, with industrialists, with agriculturalists and with engineers in producing a brave new world devoid of accident, malnutrition and disease, will be worthy of forming its Aesculapian citizenry.

(The first in a new series of Guest Editorials).

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SUCCESSFUL CO- OPERATION:

In the first issue of the Auricle last year we discussed in these columns the relationship between the Medical School and University. We stated that for many years past Milner Park had discriminated against the Medical School not only regarding Financial affairs but also in the allocation and elections of the important committees at the University. We also pointed out that the fault lay to a great extent with the students of this School firstly for their extreme apathy and secondly for not urging their representatives to press forward the claims of the Medical School.

It is our opinion that that Auricle heralded the dawn of a new era in the history of the Medical School. Last year a Medical was elected to the executive for the first time in 5 years. The Medical School was given representation on most of the major committees of the S.R.C., and the grant to the S.R.C. was increased from £100 to £185.

The justice of our claims in 1939 have this year been finally indicated. Both the President and Vice-President of the S.R.C. are Medical School representatives. The S.R.C. Grant to the Medical School is in the region of £235: all the major committees have Medical School representatives.

It is at this stage, however, that we wish to strike a note of warning. It would be fatal to our cause if Medical Students were to feel that they have succeeded at last in "ruling the University". That has never been and we hope will never be the object of the Medical School.

We have striven to obtain our rightful place in University affairs and we have succeeded, but that place is not one of domination but of co-operation. Messrs. Warren and Mullins and the other Medical representatives will we hope not

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act as Medicals but as senior men of the University. Their duty is not to one Faculty but to all Faculties.

The policy of our S.R.C. representatives will continue we hope as it has been in the past. Firstly that of uncompromising hostility to all elements in the University who wish to use the S.R.C. as a stepping stone for personal ambitions. Secondly to do their utmost to assist in making the S.R.C. all that it should be - a body that will work always in the best interests of the students and a body which will be worthy of the position of Senior Student organisation of the Witwatersrand University. The last and not least important plank in their policy should be to represent the particular interests of Medical Students and to do all in their power to further amicable relations between the two bodies.

We cannot emphasize too strongly that the future student organisations of the Medical School and of the University depend largely on the determination with which the Medical School S.R.C. representatives and particularly the new President and Vice-President carry out this policy. If they fail then the Medical School will never again be allowed to play the important role in the University which it plays to-day. If they succeed, the position of the Medicals in the University will have been established for all times.

We commend them to this task with the fullest confidence in their success.

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S.M.C. FOR 1940:

On Monday, 19th February, the Vacation Council met for the purpose of electing the Council for 1940.

Mr. David L. Ovedoff, after many years of valuable service to the Council was elected President. The "Auricle" conveys its sincerest congratulations to him and wishes him a pleasant period of office. His co-workers on Council are all worthy men and much good work should be accomplished.

Our congratulations also to Mr. G.ST.L. Warren who has been elected President of the S.R.C. and Mr. J.F.P. Mullins - Vice-President.

Mr. Warren's position as General Secretary of the S.M.C. has been taken over by Mr. A.J. Leontsinis.

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

President- D.L. Ovedoff; Secretary- A.J. Leontsinis; Treasurer- M. Feinsinger; Secretary for Supplies- K.H. Barnes; Secretary for Curriculum- C.H. Wyndham; Secretary for All Sports- H.L. Dippenaar; Secretary for Entertainments- J.F.P. Mullins; Secretary for Cultural Activities- K.L. Allen; Secretary for Amenities- G. Rawking; Secretary for Journals- A.G. Oettle; Vice-President- C.H. Wyndham; 6th Year Representatives- J.L. Rice, H. Mendelow; 5th year Representatives- F. Gillwald, L. Horel; 4th year Representatives- A.J. Leontsinis, C. Gottliffe; 3rd Year Representative- S. Mirlin; 2nd Year Representative- R. Pretorius; 1st Year Representative- T. Mitchell; S.R.C. Representatives- J.F.P. Mullins; D.R. Morris; V. Turnbull; G. Warren and J.L. Rice; D.L. Ovedoff.

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Congratulations to Mr. P.F. Swanepoel of the 4th Year on his commendable performance in winning the 100 miles South African Cycling Championship in good time over a bad course.

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LETTERS TO THE ED

The Editor,

Sir,

It has always been my contention that there is nothing in this world to which the word "perfect" can be ascribed. There is always room for improvement. The Auricle, of which all Medical students may be justly proud, is no exception. We all realise that it is no easy task to better its present standard, but I have some suggestions to make, which I think could possible accelerate the Auricle's progress.

It has been the tendency of the Auricle in the past, rather to overlook the many important lectures and other academic, functions held at Milner Park. This seems to me to be a grave mistake. Last year Professor Sigerest's lectures on the History of Medicine, for instance, were, or should have been, of extreme interest to all Medical students, and as such, deserved considerable mention in the pages of the Auricle. Among other lectures falling into this category, was the joint one given by Professor Stephen and Dr. Robertson on the subjects of Chemical Warfare, and A.R.P. It is pleasing to see that the Auricle devotes so much space to the public lectures held at Medical School, but it would be equally admirable to find an occasional review of the more outstanding lectures at Milner Park.

The Auricle's features on Medical books are again most note-worthy, but this idea could be well elaborated upon. Modern fiction is not to be despised, but, on the contrary, regarded as an essential part of every individual's education. Surely, then, the Auricle could do an admirable service in introducing to its readers the finest books and authors representative of current fiction.

I have outlined two ideas which I sincerely believe would be in the best interests of the success of the Auricle. These suggestions are, of course, based on entirely my own personal opinion. I wonder if I am, at the same time, expressing the opinion of the majority of Medical students? Perhaps not. I am interested.

Yours etc. H.C.

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Geagte Redaksie,

Die mediese loopbaan het so ver bymekaar elkedag van my lewe by my aangedring om op te let en om vir myself to dink. Ek is beskaamd om to se dat die beitjie verstand waarmee ek bedeel is weier om vir my sekere vrae te beantwoord. Hierdie vrae het hul veral voorgedoen vandat gereelde registers in die gevorderde mediese lesings gehoeu word.

Vir alles is daar 'n doel, maar die doel van die registers het hom so subtiel voorgedoen dat die my twyfelend gelaat het. Ek sal die natuurlik baie waardeer as iemand so goed sal wees om vir my 'n antwoord op party van die volgende vrae gee:-.

a) Is die doel van die registers om alle mediese studente as skoolkinders te bestempel?
b) Is die onderhede dalk bang dat vreemde persone die lesings sal bywoon?
c) Is die registers dalk 'n metode om die geweldige geldelike verliese in verband met die mediese skool te bestry?
d) Kry iemand wat tot dus ver sonder werk was dalk nou ook werk deur die registers?

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(e) Is die registers dalk 'n toets vir die lektore sodat die overhede kan sien hoeveel waarde die verskillende lesings regdra?
(f) Is sommige van die lektore bang dat hul impopulere lesings en vakke aan die dag sal kom en sal afstraf by die meer gewildes?
(g) Is die geheltes van sommige lesings so swak dat sekere persone bevreesd is dat as die studente die deur die doeglikse register gedwing word om alle lesings by te woon nie, hul vir lee banke sal lees?
(h) Is dit regverdig, vir matter rede ook al, dat die gewilde lektore onder die selfde kam geskeer word as die onder?

Dankie,
Leikone.

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The Editor,
Sir,

The various committees at Medical School and Milner Park, do, during the year, organise numerous dances, which always meet with the full support of the students. These affairs, however, are continually being ruined by one factor - overcrowding. This fault can make a promising affair, most unpleasant.

I can only hope that experience gained in the past, may yet induce those concerned to attempt, as far as is possible, to limit the sale of tickets on future occasions.

Tickets Ltd.

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THE RAG :

The rag is to take place this year on the 25th May. The theme is "A Rag round the World", one which should give unlimited scope for a colourful procession, and every bit as interesting as those of previous years. The number of floats is to be limited to forty, in an effort to introduce quality rather than quantity, and conserve materials which are essential to a country at war.

In several quarters operations are already in full swing. Gowned freshers are to be seen in town in the evenings, selling raffle tickets; float meetings are being held; students everywhere are racking their brains for sensational ideas. However, some of our students, mostly those who have taken part in previous rags, think that they deserve a rest this year in view of their efforts in the past. These students should consider the prevailing conditions. Our country is at war, and for this reason it will be more difficult than ever to eclipse, or even reach, our previous fine standards. Therefore it behoves all students to set about the task this year with the greatest possible energy. "Wits expects every student to do his duty".

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CURRENT CONTENT.

E A R 'E A R S:

THAT heartiest congratulations are being showered on Dr. C.B. Chatgidakis on her engagement to Dr. B.J.P. Becker.

THAT everyone joins in wishing Drs. Alexander Galloway and Dr. B.J.P. Becker the best of good fortune while in Kenya for the duration.

THAT people hope the Rugby Club will keep its chin up while "Sandy" is away.

THAT the teaching staff of the Department of Anatomy consider themselves lucky if they can get into the Anatomy Hall and luckier still when they get out - unscathed!

THAT, but for the new regulations governing admission of Massage Students, there might have been an even more intense congestion in the Medical School's Nursery.

THAT 3rd Year repeats are being denied the privelege of attending all the P.M's carried out in the beautiful new Hospital post mortem theatre.

THAT the fact that camps will probably be held during the July Vacation is militating against stronger support of the O.T.A. No. 2

THAT the Dean is keen on having students see the film "Dark Rapture" now showing at a suburban cinema.

THAT students are eagerly anticipating the inauguration of the Cinema concession scheme.

THAT Medicals are patting themselves quietly on having the President and Vice-President of the S.R.C. elected from their five representatives.

THAT co-operation between Medicals and Engineers will mean a lot for the S.R.C. and the University in general.

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C L A S S S O C I A L:

The Third Year class are holding their annual class social on Friday Night, 19th April. It is hoped there will be a good turnout in the Tin Temple.

At the combined 4th and 5th Year Social held sometime ago not even one female member of the 5th Year Class was present - a sad reflection on the standard of observation of the men of the class. This should not happen with the third years.

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Our best wishes for success are extended to the Massage Students now completing their final Exam.

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"I get all my exercise acting as pall-bearer

to friends that exercise".

O F F I C E R S T R A I N I N G A M B U L A N C E

THE MEDICAL'S OWN UNIT

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There has been a fair response to the call for recruits for No. 2 detatchment, Officers Training Ambulance (S.A.M.C.)

At present approximately 100 students of the 2nd to the 6th years of study have enrolled. Mr. Nolan of the Department of Pharmacology may be interviewed during the day and will be pleased to supply all particulars and enrolment forms.

It is hoped that a full complement of Officers and Men (about 200) will be reached in time for the inauguration of the Unit early in May.

The Medical Examination of Recruits takes place at the Drill Hall on Monday, 22nd April.

For those Medical Students who desire to do their "bit", this Unit offers the most advantages. It will be run with minimum interference to studies and camps will be arranged during vacations. The first camp will probably be held this coming July.

The Unit will provide students with the training necessary for the competent fulfillment of duties if and when they come to hold commissioned rank in the South African Medical Corp.

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R A L E S AND RONCHI:

No more utilitarian blessing could be offered those now studing Anatomy than that they should be spared the fungus! This ignominious visitation spreads through the bodies like the plague and converts your pet dissection into a scrophulaus mess overnight. There is a story concerning such a misadventure, which will no doubt be added to the lean but growing tome of original legend when the present Final Years barge into the medical high ways. It concerns a proclammation issued by a certain senior lecturer who insisted that the body be dissected clean to the gleaming bone on both sides; how sixteen tables revolted at this for although they saw the point of clean to the bone on one side they jibbed at doing the other - the cry Revision! Revision! clamoured through the hall; how the sixteen bodies where whipped off to the morgue from under their very noses, and how the complying seventeenth table was left with its adherants dissecting alone in that eerie chamber.

How there followed one meeting after another, increasing both in length and volubility as the hours dragged to days and the days to a week or month, until eventually the hiatus between staff and students was successfully bridged and the sixteen cropses were returned amidst great rejoicing and ill concealed relief. And how the following morning the sixteen bodies soaked in sweet formalin expelled the loathsome seventeenth the tainted devil had developed the fungus and was whipped off for a prolonged immersion! Its adherants were in great dudgeon and are said to have suspected their contempories of the gentle art of "salting" - whilst the others were heard to retort with an invendo about auto-inoculation. Whatever it was, more than one set of macabrely hacked facial musculature was positively seen to crease into a wry if cadaverous smile !

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F A C T A N D F A N C Y:

There was a lady of Kent
A night in a Taxi she spent
With feelings pent
She paid the Rent
And in the morning she went.

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Newspaper Headline

"Woman clerk shot in PO"
Oh for a few full stops!

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Court proceedings as result of accident at 2:15 a.m.

MAGISTRATE: (To lady accused) "Why were you out so early in the morning"
ACCUSED: "I was returning from a party".
MAGISTRATE: "You have no licence yet you were driving"
ACCUSED: "My boy friend was teaching me to drive"
MAGISTRATE: "Humph! At that hour one should imagine that there are other things to do!

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P O E M

They walked the lane in moonlight,
The sky was studded with stars;
They reached the gate in silence,
He lifted for her the bars.
She neither smiled nor thanked him,
Nor did she even bow -
For he was just a farmer lad,
And she - a Jersey cow!

ANON.

Overheard in the Tea Lounge.

Mrs. M - - "Well, Mr. S - how did you find my steak today?"
Mr. S - - "Oh, I just lifted the onions and there it was".

Dr. F - - "Measles was introduced to the virgin population by sailors"

Children must be taught that a Cinema star is not the best authority on morals, or a prize-fighter the best art critic.

PROFESSOR HENRY SIGERSIT - 'n WAARDERING!

Dit is met 'n mate van heimwee dat ons terugdink aan die interessante en leersame reeks van lesings wat Professor Sigerist aan ons gegee het. Dit is nou nadat alles verby is dat ons nadink aan watter diep voetspore so 'n groot persoonlikheid nagelaat het. Die feite van sy lesings end die inhoud van sy"kursus" het groot waarde en vrug vir ons nagelaat.

Net soos ondervinding gewoonlik iets is wat ons kry terwyl ons na iets anders soek - so is daar talle van lesse wat ons kan put uit die indrukke wat deur Professor Sigerist nagelaat is. Hoeveel van ons lektore beny nie die man wie se gehoor gedurig deur aangegroei het nie? Professor Sigerist het sy gehoor geboei, hy kon met elkeen van die gehoor praat soos met 'n persoonlike vriend - elkeen het gevoel dat die boodskap vir hom bedoel was. Dit was nooit nodig om of deur dreigemente of deur registers persone te dwing om die lesings by te woon nie - almal het gevoel dat die 'n groter vermaak was om deur 'n lesing saam met die professor in sy vak in te leef, as om in 'n bioskoop te gaan sit! (Dis 'n feit wat seker vir baie mediesestudente en lektore as snaaks voorgekom het).

Nog iets wat treffend was, is dat Professor Sigerist 'n onderwyser in die ware sin van die woord is. Hy kan die laaste feit waarmee hy bekend staan oordra aan die leek sonder om die feite te skend en sonder om die ontwikkelde man te laat voel dat hy die kennis nie nodig het nie. Hy kan, soos Langenhoven, met die geleerdes en ongeleerdes terselfdertyd praat en voel, sodat elkeen kan voel dat hy die meeste uit die spreker kry.

Dan is dit nog 'n feit dat baie persone miskien die kennis kan oordra, maar dan bly dit net kennis en feite. Uitsondering, waarvan Professor Sigerist een is, deel 'n mens iets mee, maar dit bly nie daarby nie; dit ontboesem 'n liefde.vir die feite en steek 'n vlammetjie in die olie van die denkvermoe. Die Professor stel sy gehoor in 'n posisie om op nuut te begin dink en te dink op 'n nuwe manier en in 'n beter rigting; hy gee dus nie net die feite aan nie, maar wakker die gebruik daarvan aan en gee rigting aan om die beste gebruik daarvan te maak.

Laat ons dus hoop dat sy wederkoms binnekort sal wees, sodat hy die vlammetjies wat hy aangesteek het opnuut kan kom ophelder en ook nog 'n slag veel meer vure aan die brand steek (ons hoop net daarby dat daar dan 'n lesingsaal groot genoeg sal wees om sy hele gehoor te huisves). Waardering en dank gaan van studente en publiek uit tot Professor Sigerist vir sy leersame en interessante reeks van lesings. Ook word 'n gevoel van dankbaarheid en gelukwensing uitgespreek tot die Nagraads Vereniging wat daarin geslaag het om so 'n buitengewone man as eksterne lektor vir die Universiteit te kry.

W.S.S.

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PLEASE MR. FAHRENHEIT:

I fail to follow, I'm afraid,
Why you cold-shouldered Centigrade,
Which freezes (as it ought) at nought
And boils at just a hundred.
Please tell me Mr. Fahrenheit,
Why this was not considered right,
For often, as I strain my brain,
I've rather sadly wondered.

Your figures Sir, are such a bore
That when I think of you
I lose my 98.4
And start to 212.

N.H. (Punch) '37.

ON REFLECTION:

Fate is indeed kind to us Medical Students. How many of us have ever realised and appreciated to the full, the inestimable advantage Fortune has bestowed upon us in honouring us with such a sacred trust as has been built up from the time of Hippocrates? It is a trust which, alas, has not only been misused, but which has very frequently been deliberately betrayed.

Yes, betrayed! How many of us can admit even to ourselves, of having at some time or other stage in our carreers reflected, even for a moment the hugh boundless expanse of learning that could be had not only for the asking but for the taking? How many of us have ever looked upon Medicine as being more than a mere minimum knowledge of facts and theories enough to satisfy the examiners? Wherefore shall we not strive to obtain something more than a superficial knowledge of an all-absorbing subject, than we do at present?

Should not a genuine hunger after knowledge - a hunger that can never be appeased satisfactorily - be the be-all and end-all of a student's life. An ambition to delve into the vast expanse of learning where unexplored fields of Scientific Study abound and where truth is not a conjecture, but a fact; are we treating our studies only as a means to an end; an appreciation only of the Pecuniary and Social advantages attached thereto or are we working for the maintainance of the faith that the layman has placed in our Profession - a faith that can only be upheld and justified by the results of honest and conscientous labour?

It has often been pointed out by Students and even Graduates that such and such a part of our Curriculum is unnecessary or superfluous or even devoid of any intellectual value whatsoever. I maintain that it should be with a sense of gratitude and thankfulness to the powers that be, that we should accept an enlarged or advanced course in any branch of study that may be decided upon, and not to view it as an added burden. It is not only to our advantage, but more so it is for the benefit of the Public whose claim to expert Medical attention is fully justified.

As time marches on, and the years pass surprisingly fast, it is our solemn duty to devote EVERY moment for the development of our mental intelligence and Physical Skill to the ultimate credit of our Profession.

QUINISCIUS I

TO CONTRIBUTORS:

"MEDICO" Dare not Publish. In some cases sporting ability has been a mere coincidence. You'll find that most of our best students are capable sportsmen.
"QUINISCIUS I" Kindly let us have your full name.
" H.C." We will be pressed for space this year and may not be able to report Milner Park doings. About book reviews, if the publishers would send us gratis copies, we would be pleased to review them.
"A.J.M." Many thanks. Will use in next issue. Further contributions welcome. Brevity is very necessary.
"D.R.H". See above. Handwriting can be very trying at times!
"D.A.C.K" A pleasing biography. Will endeavour to use in next issue.
"J.F.R." "Punctuation is an Indication of an Elementary Education".

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"Re your dental enquiry, the teeth on the top are all right, but the ones in my bottom are hurting terribly".

"This is my 8th child, what are you going to do about it?" (Send your husband for a holiday'.)

SPORTS REVIEW

This issue of the Auricle the first for 1940 has been published rather late and as a result numerous Sporting Events are already hidden in the mist of the Past.

Wits won the Inter-Varsity Swimming due mainly to the good work of the women.

Wits lost the Inter-Varsity Squash Match to Rhodes; rather a decisive victory for Rhodes. However, as it was the first Squash Competition, let us all lend a helping hand to a good game.

The University Athletic Club has won the league for the first time in about 10 years or more.

Now we look forward to the results of the Tennis Championships, the Wits Rugby Tour to the Cape, the Squash Championships and the Athletic Inter-Varsity at Bloemfontein.

Never home we have the Inter-Firm Tennis Competition, and in the final Professor Brebner and Mr. Douglas' Firms will decide who will be the Giant Killers. The Inter-Year Tennis Competition has started and should soon show up the real champion Tennis Year - the Inter-Firm Tennis certainly gives the clinical years a decided advantage over the 1st, 2nd and 3rd years.

The Ping Pong Club at Medical School is having great difficulty in trying to keep it's head above water - unfortunately this club has not enough members to man the life boat and a s a result seems doomed.

The Engineers have started an Engineers Council along the lines of the S.R.C. and as a result their sport should be well organised. Can't we have some real Inter-Faculty Sport, at last members of All Sports Committee? Let's show the 'rambling' wreck's that we are the premier faculty. The Engineering Freshers beat our Freshers at the Freshers Athletic Sports. We should average this defeat at the Athletic Championships to be held on Saturday 20th April and in any other sport.

The Inter-Year Swimming Competition which was cancelled, will be held next season as also the Inter-Year Running. Inter-Year Rugby seems to have come to a dead-end, while the Hockey and Soccer Competition is simply not in existence - can't someone do something?

The Sports Editor.

DIARY OF COMING EVENTS:

1. 3rd Year Dance - Surgeon's Hall - Friday, April 19th.
2. Playreading of "The Mother" (by Capeck) University Dramatic Society at Sunnyside, Friday, April 19th.
3. Athletic Championshops, Milner Park, 2.30 p.m. Dance in New Hall, 8 p.m. - Saturday, 20th April.
4. A play "Facing the Music", produced by Nursing Staff of Hospital (Mayor's Fund) April 19th and 20th.
5. Huberman Concert (Seats at reduced rates) Thursday, 25th April.
6. Onderstepoort Conference, May 11th- Subjects not yet decided.
7. Annual Dinner, May 15th.

Watch for the Date for Auditions for Medical School Players.

"Please find out if my husband is dead as the man I am now living with won't get until he is certain".