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SPOTLIGHT

BY

Phenolphthalein

① GENERAL MEETING.

We should all hang our heads in shame! On Friday a General Meeting of ALL students was adjourned for lack of a quorum! It is not as if there was any lack of contentious material on the agenda. On the contrary, a controversial debate on the boycotting of the Great Hall was expected. Although the sub-societies who held meetings on Friday (e.g. Music Societies, here and down the hill) cannot be censured severely enough, the ultimate blame must rest with that oft-repeated phrase - student apathy. But this is not mere apathy. It is a blind and abysmal selfishness. To make matters worse, I notice that quite a few S.R.C. (not to mention S.M.C.) members were not present.

Tuesday's and Thursday's meetings were favoured with little better attendance and despite the inevitable puerile element, two important motions were passed by overwhelming majorities. One of these expressed disapproval of the University Council's quota system for Medical students.

See you at the adjourned meeting next week!

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② Therapeutics

Last Thursday evening a Therapeutics Discussion Group was launched under the guidance of Dr. Stephen-Lewis and Miss Brenda Stewart. The aim is to thrash out the pros and cons of modern treatments and drugs from the theoretical and practical aspects.

It is a worthwhile undertaking and here's wishing it all success.

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③ Freedom Week

Closing the University Freedom Week being held at Milner Park are a student Debate on Apartheid and tomorrow. If you have missed any of the previous meetings, you should make a point of attending the final two.

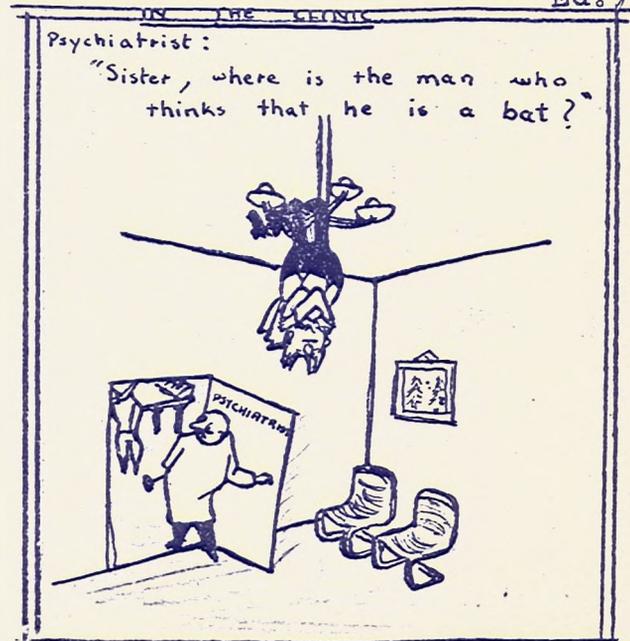
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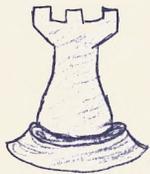
④ Next Week's Highlight

Inaugural meeting of Diogenes Society is a talk on "Treatment of Prisoners" by Ref. H.P. Junod of the Penal Reform Committee.

(Our usual correspondent, "Litmus" turned acid over the week-end and for the next few weeks Phenolphthalein will be acting as indicator of the weeks events.

We hope that Litmus manages to neutralise himself shortly.
Ed.)





CHESS NOTES.



The inter-year Chess Competition is well on its way. The League should be finished before the July vacation this year. At present the position is as follows:

Yr.	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
2nd	2	2	0	0	20	4	4
6th	1	1	0	0	12	0	2
4th	2	0	1	1	9	15	1
3rd	2	0	1	1	7	17	1
5th	1	0	1	0	0	12	0

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Chess Club is unable to hold its meetings in the Physiotherapy room this term.

The librarians have been

kind enough to let us make use of the library between 1 and 2 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We would like to have as many new members this year as possible, so don't be afraid to turn up. We cater for all types of players, the good, the bad; the quick players and the slow ones.

The Chess Club will be having its first matches soon. The Milner Park players wish to play against us during April.

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 Thurs 18th C.B 38 @ 1pm
 Debate : Academic Non-Segregated

THE DOE FAMILY

{with apologies to F. MAYNE}

BERTIE DOE AT THE CRICKET by "Robin"

Mrs. Doe wants to know if Bertie Doe enjoyed the cricket to-day, and Mr. Doe has got another ticket for to-morrow, and does her dear boy want to go again to-morrow.

Bertie Doe says yes he NEVER stopped watching the cricket to-day and it was wonderful, and he thinks it super to go again to-morrow - if Mrs. Doe again gives him such a swell hamper, like she gave him to-day.

Willie Doe says yes its just what he thought that Bertie Doe only goes to Ellis Park to guzzle food, and what does Bertie Doe know about cricket, and why doesn't Mrs. Doe give him the ticket for to-morrow, and did Bertie Doe see when Adcock hit old Sutcliffe on the head.

Bertie Doe says no he didn't see that because Mrs. Doe told him not to forget to have morning tea and he was just looking for sardine sandwiches at the bottom of the basket, and he didn't see when Adcock hit old Sutcliffe on the head, but he NEVER stopped watching the cricket to-day and it was wonderful.

Mr. Doe says exactly what he thought that he buys twelve-and-sixpenny tickets in the

in the reserved stand, and for all the use Bertie Doe makes of them, Bertie Doe might as well be watching tiddlywinks for all he saw of the morning's play, but surely Bertie Doe did see Sutcliffe hit all those sixes in the afternoon.

Bertie Doe says no he didn't see them, because he felt thirsty after lunch, and went to get some Gingerbeer, and then that sneak Freddy Schnull tried to steal his corned beef sandwich, and so he scrapped Freddy Schnull and beat him, and he didn't see old Sutcliffe's sixes, but he NEVER stopped watching the cricket to-day and it was wonderful.

Freda Doe says that comes from not giving her the ticket, and how does Mr. Doe expect her to make an impression on Marmaduke Brown if Mr. Doe doesn't give her a chance to watch cricket when he know that Marmaduke just loves cricket and always watches cricket, and now she can't go to the cricket.

Bertie Doe wants to know why Mr. Doe doesn't want to give him the ticket for to-morrow, 'cause he NEVER stopped watching the cricket to-day and it was wonderful, and he thinks its not fair that Mr. Doe doesn't give him the ticket because he NEVER stops.....



Do You Know?

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Foreign Universities like Edinburgh and the United States National Student Association have cabled their support for our stand against Government interference.

Repeated failures to break down the system of Academic non-Segregation have led to the latest example of fascist technique.

Every mind that supports progress supports the liberal policies of U.C.T. and Wits?

Eligibility for University education CANNOT be decided by a political party.

Direct attacks, such as those made by the Prime Minister, must make everyone see the dangers with which we are faced?

Only a determined stand NOW can save us from the fate of the German Universities under the Hitler regime?

Machinery for Freedom lies in our hands? A wholehearted and united resistance by students cannot be ignored!

In my opinion

Sir, MR. BHENGU AGAIN!!
I would like to correct some misconceptions which are apparent in "Student's" letter of last week concerning Mr. Benghu's talk on "The Future of Africa".

Firstly, there is a misconception that must arise in the minds of those reading his letter on the theme of Mr. Benghu's talk. The emphasis was definitely not "that the Africans should remain resigned to their present conditions", but that, with these conditions prevailing, the only way to a bright future is for the African people, as a whole, to turn to God - with a resultant change of attitude from one of hatred to one of love.

Secondly, there are some misconceptions in "Student's" own mind as to the real nature of Christianity. For example, according to him, following the teachings of Christ (i.e. turning the other cheek) is the very antithesis of Christianity; as far as I know, love, which embraces this principle, is one of the fundamentals of Christianity, and one of the basic reasons for its survival and expansion.

Yours etc.
"Another Student"

FRIDAY 19th C.B. 38 1p.m.
Adv. Slovo
ON
Govt. attacks ON UNIVERSITY
FREEDOM.

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Editors' Opinion.

The term is now well and truly under way, and students are beginning to turn to their books - and more particularly their notes - with more rapt attention, and attempt to decipher the hidden message therein.

However, we are all too aware of the fact that students are notoriously lax in their notetaking - and furthermore due to pressure of the curriculum, lecturers are forced to go at an incredible pace.

It is precisely for this reason that a great advantage accrues when the lecturer can be persuaded upon to publish in book or leaflet form, the text of his lectures.

Most of us, who have passed through second year, are familiar with Dr. M. Arnold's Anatomy notes, and the clinical year students are supremely indebted to Professor Elliott for presenting his unique Medicine lectures in book form. This latter 160 page book, was produced at the incentive of the S.M.C. with the full approval of Professor Elliott, who revised and systematised his lectures to produce this excellent and concise book.

Students in other years, however, are not so fortunate. In the 2nd year, for instance, we feel that there is an urgent need for either the respective departments or certain individuals therein to publish booklets on a) embryology
b) anthropology.

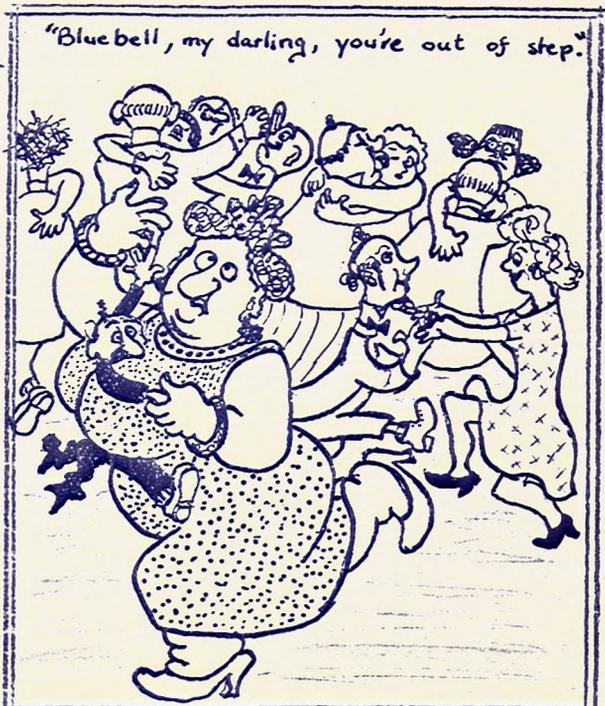
With regard to the former subject students are forced to wade through massive reference

books in order to find an answer to their problems. We suggest the Department publish something along the lines of Prof. Drennan's notes.

With regard to 3rd years, we feel that over and above the great value which would be provided for students, it would be a great pity if Dr. Bekker's excellent Pathology lectures were not put on record. These lectures contain a good deal of original material, brilliantly presented, and the S.M.C. would be doing all students a great service by attempting to have these notes printed.

A scheme of this nature, furthermore, aids the departments in that more time can be devoted to discussing tricky problems.

We strongly urge the S.M.C. to take this matter up with the various departments.



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Professor Elliott:

Medical Ethics

SECRET REMEDIES

"That I will not employ any secret method of treatment that I may consider beneficial." - Declaration of our Graduates.

"Making use in the conduct of his practice -

a) Any form of treatment, apparatus or technical process, which is secret or is claimed to be secret;

b) of any apparatus which proves on investigation to be incapable of fulfilling the claims made in regard to it." - Rule 20 of Rules of Conduct of S.A. Medical and Dental Council.

The rule regarding the use of secret remedies is often held against the medical profession as an indication of its lack of enterprise, its "Closed shop" of practice, and its pigheadedness. Why are we not permitted to use a remedy, the composition or formula of which is not disclosed to us? The risk is that the remedy, if a drug, may contain a habit forming drug such as an opiate, a haematotoxic drug such as amidopyrin, or other toxic substance. The fact that the "discoverer" of the remedy refuses to disclose the formula means that either disclosure will reveal a commercial secret, or that the remedy is no more than a standard remedy such as aspirin at a higher price. Experience has furthermore shown that the majority of such remedies are ineffective, or if effective, can be bought as the basic active substances, such as aspirin, phenacetin and caffeine.

This rule is also intended to prevent medical scientific

workers from refusing to share their knowledge with their colleagues, with the object of "cornering the market" in fame or wealth. It is a tradition of the profession that there shall be no secret list of remedies.

EXPLOITATION

"Permitting himself to be exploited in a manner detrimental to the public or professional interest". - Rule 26 of the Rules of Conduct of S.A. Medical and Dental Council.

Exploitation is a term that has displaced the term "farming out", but has virtually the same meaning. The term is defined as follows:

'A practitioner shall not act as a medical officer in any capacity to a society, company, association, hospital or other institution, incorporated or unincorporated, public or private, in which fees for his services are charged against or in respect of patients, unless such fees are paid over to him.'

A full-time employee of a hospital behaves ethically when he attends to the hospital patients under his care in the hospital, as no fees for professional services are passing from the patient to the hospital. If, however, a case falling under the Workmen's Compensation Act is admitted to the hospital, a full-time employee acts unethically if he attends to it (except in case of emergency) because he is being "exploited"; according to the Act, a fee is paid for every service rendered

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By R.E.W.N.



Went to see a FRIEND OF THE STUDENTS yesterday and if the Ed. would allow I could fill 100 Auricles with brief resumé of life-track. However take grip on yourself and get a load of this. Qualified Univ. Utrecht → general practice 4 yrs → '38 Sourabaya, Indonesia → Royal Dutch Navy '39 (Vounteer Res.) → captured by Japs → '42-'45 spent in 4 different camps. In charge Camp Hosp. → connected with underground resistance → trouble with Jap Milit. Police → 3rd degree → hospital for 6 months → up again (can't keep a GOOD MAN DOWN) → in charge camp work shop → manufactured paper etc. from waste prod. → end of war → released → weighed 42½ kgs! (work that one out).

Director Med. Div. Tjandgong → 35 yrs of age → in charge of Pre → cautions on behalf of 40 × 10⁴ people → Melbourne → Med. Officer Royal Dutch Naval Hdqts., and then LT. COMMANDER DE BOER went home for REPAIRS.

Hospital → Pharmacology '47 Jnr. Assist. Univ. Utrecht → thestis '48 → M.D. → back to Indonesia → Snr. Assist. Univ. Djakarta → '50 Prof. Pharm. & Physiology Univ. Bandung. 1951 arrived in S.A.

And if you think at this stage that I managed to condense everything very nicely - forget about it - I left half out. The part played in the Revolution in 1945 (Far East of course), the anxiety concerning wife and family (and talking of wife Mrs. De Boer's story would take a volume to reproduce as well) etc. etc.

The family consists of two boys. The elder is 18 years of age - his name is Huib - he is doing 1st yr M.B.B.Ch. but he never went to a primary school! He learnt to read and write with STICKS and SAND in a Camp. It took him 2 years to master English & Afrikaans and last year he passed his Matric. Hope he's a chip off the old block

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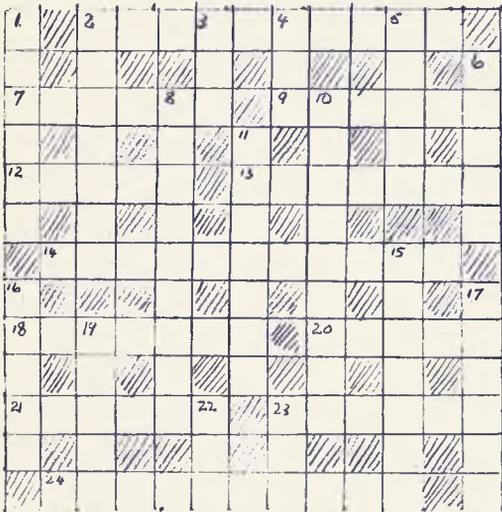
Miss A.J. Buchanan	4th year
Miss J. Krohn	5th year
Miss P.M. Harrison	6th year

WELL DONE AND GOOD LUCK

THE AURICLE⁻⁸⁻ CROSSWORD

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by DAVE AND EDEL



Across

2. Vehicle for carrying whisky? (6. 4.)
7. Do they march down a poor street? (6)
9. Prides (anag) (6)
12. Cheek! (5)
13. Thrift (7)
14. Absorbing with sting at the end (11)
18. Spins (7)
20. Age about 49 (5)
21. Holding
23. Strict (6)
24. Heap of radiant energy (6.4)

Down

1. Rag about a tin? (6)
2. Worn by a Scotsman (7)
3. It definitely is! (3)
4. Possesses (3)
5. Wireless (5)
6. He'd be an ass if he did this! (5)
8. He leads the singing (9)
10. Lying at full length (9)
11. Free (7)
15. Simplicity (7)
16. Commonplace (5)
17. Does it concern the sound of bells
19. Palindromic belief (5)
22. Boy's name (3)
23. Undermine - a trench (3)

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Answers to last Week's
Crosswords

Across

1. Dollshouse
8. Oboe
9. Torsion
11. Arrests
12. Purse
13. Anyhow
15. Astern
18. Light
20. Estates
22. Noggins
23. Maul
24. Charioteer.

Down

2. Liberty
3. Seems
4. Obtuse
5. Scrapes
6. Tenderness
7. Bier
10. Casablanca
14. Ostrich
16. Extrude
17. Censor
19. Gags
21. Tempo

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MY LOVE
FOR YOU!

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Happy
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By
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JACK'S

CORNER.



Teacher: Johnny if I lay one egg on the table and two on the chair, how many will I have altogether?

Johnny: "Personally, I don't think you can do it! "

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"Did you make the debating team?"

"No, they s-s-said - I-I-I w-w-w-w-w-wasn't tall enough".

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Never employ a dumb blonde as your secretary as she won't mail the circulars, because she doesn't know where you keep the round envelopes.

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Irate Diner: "Waiter there's a twig in my soup".

Calm Waiter: "I'm not surprised Sir. We have branches all over town!"

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A doctor went hunting and came home complaining that he hadn't killed anything.

"That's what you get" said his wife, "for neglecting your practice."

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Ode to Kronik

Rebecca, in a fit insane,
Thrust her head beneath a train,
All were quite amazed to find,
How much it broadened Rebecca's
mind.

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Happy's Humourettes.

1st mama: "And how is your little daughter, Rachel".

2nd mama: "Fine".

1st mama: "And how is your son, David".

2nd mama: "Oh, he wasn't too well, so I took him to a psychiatrist, and he said he had an Oedipus Complex".

1st mama: "Oh, it doesn't matter - as long as he loves his mother."

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Psychiatrist: So you say your son thinks he's a chicken. How long has this been happening.

Mother: Six years.

Psychiatrist: Well, why haven't you brought him in before.

Mother: Well quite frankly, doctor, we needed the eggs.

Medical Ethics. ctd. from

under the Act, but since the⁵⁶ full-time officer is not permitted in terms of his contract with the hospital to accept a fee, the fee must be paid in to the hospital. In terms of the rule, this constitutes "exploitation". Furthermore, a fee is being withheld from some practitioner who is entitled thereto. This is the explanation for the whisking away of groups of WCA cases from the Casualty of the Johannesburg General Hospital by practitioners not in full-time employment of the hospital. Exploitation problems are a not infrequent source of difficulty between private practitioners, institutions, and Drs. associations, but further discussion is outside the scope of these articles.

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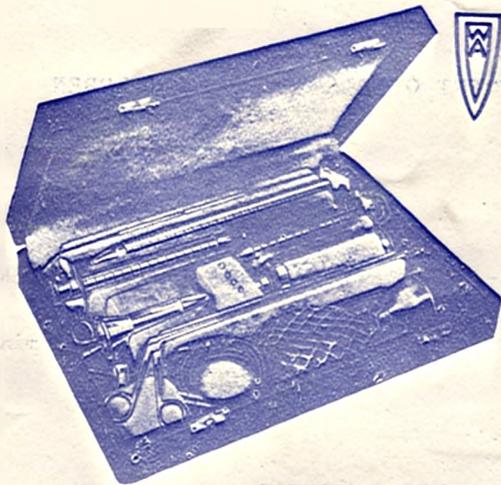
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