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EDITORIAL

MEDIC NIGHT

Students nowadays are enthusiastic over reforms. They want to annihilate any old tradition which is standing in the way of their ideals. However, it is a pity that no such attitude existed towards our Medic Night. The Editors are not trying to be iconoclastic. Neither are we intending to be censoriously 'hounding' after the Society function. It is merely that time has come for revolutionary sublime changes in our Medic Night.

Year after year, we have witnessed that the five classes put on their plays. To our dismay, some of them repeatedly turned into wanton abuses of the blessed knowledge we have acquired. *Double entendre* is a commonplace. Scurrilous jokes coloured with indecent gestures are far from a rarity: for example, the "Vitasoy joke" this year. In fact, if one were present in the Lok Yew Hall that evening, one might have wondered whether or not one had been thrown back into the time of ancient Rome to face the jesters making their *scurrilitas*. Although the jokes are more refined than most of those found in the Second Union Night, we nevertheless reprehend such ignominious performance to be found among the doctors-to-be. It is not because we lack a sense of humour, but because we conceive that medical students should start cultivating a character of sobriety and high integrity once they have landed on the rim of the medical profession.

The world is still full of hunger, starvation and diseases. Instead of making further indecent assault on human dignity with such vulgar jests, we may as well start commiserating with the patients on their sufferings, which we hope we can eradicate in the future. Then we shall have more room in our heart for meaningful and decent themes, along which future plays in the Medic Night can follow. Let us hope that we shall have the determination and integrity to bring forth such a change in our future Medic Nights!

"Awake from your drunken stupor and
Return to sober sense and your right minds,
And stop your transgressive ways,
I say this to your shame . . ."

— Corinthians

CLASS NEWS

C.E.

Final Year Class Committee

Class Representatives:

Mr. Michael Mak

Miss Rebecca Woo

Hon. Treasurer:

Mr. Wong Wing Fai

Fourth Year Class Committee

Class Representatives:

Mr. Yeung Ho Yin

Mr. Cheng Shun Kun

Social Convener:

Mr. Tsang Siu Ming

Sports Captain:

Mr. Yue Ping Hui

First Year Class Committee

Class Representatives:

Mr. Daniel Chiu Cheung Shing

Miss Angela Ng Wing Ying

Hon. Secretary:

Mr. Wong Wai Kung

Hon. Treasurer:

Miss Harpaul Kaur

Social Convener:

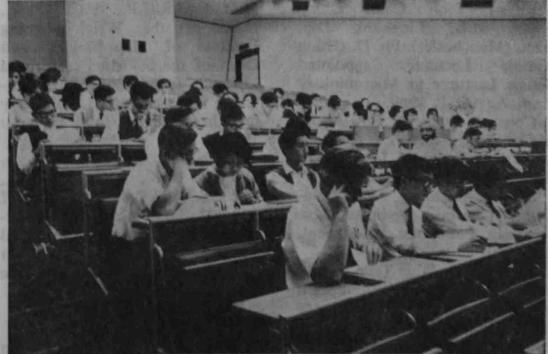
Miss Cynthia Cheung Chi Shin

Mr. Melvyn Chu Mau Yuen

Sports Captains:

Miss Amy Cheung Hung

Mr. Lee Tze Yuen



23rd AGM moderately congested!



The 23rd A.G.M. chaired by the outgoing chairman. Inset: Our new chairman, Mr. Stephen Ng.

CAMPAIGN SPEECH DELIVERED DURING THE 23rd AGM OF THE MEDICAL SOCIETY

It is always my conviction that the medical profession is respectable not only in the sense that it is a science that can cure diseases but because it is an art wherein the greatest of human virtues, the love of one's fellowmen, is manifested. A good doctor, therefore, is not only a physician that restores physical health, but also a humanitarian who relieves mental, emotional and spiritual sufferings as well.

Thus in the training of a medical student, not only should he be taught in the various specialised knowledge in the combat of diseases, but what I consider more important is the love, care and concern for the sick, underprivileged and unfortunate. However, this latter aspect of our education seems to be neglected, and we medical students are often criticised as

being arrogant and selfish and think of nothing but our own fame and fortune after graduation.

This I must say is only partly true; for among the medical students there are those who really understand the holiness of their profession and care for the sorrows and sufferings of the less fortunate. Thus we see in the medical society such activities as Christmas carolling to hospitals and the establishment of the Elixir loan fund for needy students and in any work camp or social service group one can always find medical students.

However these are not the only ways we can serve society. As members of the unique medical school in our community, there are a lot more which we medical students should do, and I think it is the responsibility of

the medical society to organise and arrange these social services.

As we are trained to restore health, it is in this respect that we can render our greatest service to society, and it is our proposed plan for next year that the medical society should turn its attention to community health projects. I personally would favour a mass blood donation campaign. But this is not the only project we can take up. From the experience gained by this first attempt we can embark on other projects which we have listed out in our proposed plan. This is the first-time the medical society takes up such large scale projects and the effort of every single member is needed for its success. However it is not so much the success that we are concerned as the arousal of social consciousness in our members so that during their stay in this university they learn not only the science to cure but also the art to love. (S. N.)

THE HONG KONG OTORHINOLARNOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The 1st Biennial General Meeting of the Hong Kong Otorhinolaryngological Society was held on 9th October, 1969 at 9 p.m., with Dr. George Choa in the chair.

The following Office bearers were elected for the years 1969-1971:

President: Dr. C.T. Tang

Vice-President: Dr. S.K. Lee

Hon. Secretary-cum-Treasurer: Dr. John P.K. Lau

Council Members:

Dr. Daniel K.F. Wong
Dr. K.Y. Cheung

Some amendments of the Society Constitution were made. Followed by the past Hon.

LECTURE NEWS

The First Digby Memorial Lecture entitled

"Retrospect and Prospect: Reflections on Surgical Practice and Education"

will be delivered by Professor Sir John Bruce, C.B.E., M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S. Regius Professor of Clinical Surgery University of Edinburgh on Tuesday, November 18, 1969 at 5.20 p.m.

in the Pathology Lecture Theatre Queen Mary Hospital Compound, Pokfulam Road Hong Kong

Executive Committees, 1969-70 of the Medical Society, H.K.U.

Chairman Stephen Ng
General Secretary Ambrose Ng
External Affairs Sec. Wong Shou Pang
Financial Secretary Vincent Leung
Social Secretary Grace Tang
Sports Secretary Wong Chun Chung
Internal Affairs Sec. Andrew Ho

UNDER THE SUN

The circulation of Caduceus is not confined among medical students. The other day, I saw a secondary school girl displaying it in a public vehicle. Professors and lecturers alike read it. There is also solid evidence that even Police Forensic Pathologists read it.

There is a host of words that many medical students cannot spell correctly e.g. vomiting, pruritis, sympathectomy and porto-caval shunt. (This may even persist to their days of internship.) The names of their tutors are not immune to this insult, e.g. adding an extra 'h' to an eminent surgeon's name.

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This year's Medic Nite left us with a memory of cold, tasteless and unidentifiable food. The wits and ingenuity which students displayed in dragging their tutor's 'affairs' into the plays wrung out laughter from all those present. However, it is ridiculous for some students to make a ridicule out of their own classmate and still consider it as a brilliant feat.

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Preclinical students are often disappointed on finding books that suddenly present themselves on the shelves out of the blues for the very first time years after publishing because they have been on permanent loan to various departments. Whether they should belong to the library or to the department, we do not know. In this respect, the re-

served collection in the library counter is more useful than those on the other shelves, as no one can take them out from the library for more than a very limited period of time.

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In a recent issue of the Under-grad, we learn that the Union tie is the latest rage to hit the local fashion world. However, the Union canvas bag with its mammoth-sized badge has been an old flame, dating back many years. There is quite a number of people walking around town with this bag slung on their shoulders, who, by age, personal acquaintance or otherwise, are not in the least likely to be Union members. Indeed, I was deeply impressed by the sight of a 'carrier' who wore shoes but with no socks in a busy street. If he were indeed a University student, had had certainly disgraced the University. Since everything is possible under the sun, the Medic tie may be the next to fall victim to fashion designers. When that day comes, the streets will be flooded with Medic-tie-clad individuals and you can easily identify people as junior medical students by the

simple observation that they wear no Medic ties.

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Contrary to general belief, lots of things are happening in Social Medicine, including the imminent examination. After a visit to the Abattoir, Medical students emerged blood-stained, with the danger of being identified as insane choppers on the loose in the streets. A visit to the Incinerator is something very different from a Turkish bath — it fumigated you with heat, dust, steam and the smell of garbage. Comparatively leisurely are home visits and visits to ice-cream factories. Even in lectures, a few lecturers can possess a high sense of humour — as exemplified by the case of the Ambassador to India.

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Medical students entering the threshold of the University Clinic are almost invariably automatically labelled as people who make a big fuss out of minor ailments. Whether this coronation is justifiable or not depends on the individual cases. However, it is this very sensitivity among the lay public that allows a general

practitioner to thrive prosperously (and also early detection and treatment of serious illness).

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During the anti-cholera campaign, some students were shocked to find the nurse in the University Clinic trying to needle them with the same syringe. She must have strong reasons behind her, especially when facing people who are aware of the complication that may well follow this. However, if the students are really scared of hepatitis, they have every right to refuse injection. If they are dying to get that shot, they can get as much as they can tolerate at the Q.M. casually where there are no queues and where disposable syringes do not get out of stock. Moreover, there, those who are afraid of fiery nurses can get a dresser to do it.

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Students who attend OPD without putting on their 'butcher's' coats (I hope the Cat don't mind my borrowing this expression) must be prepared for embarrassment. They may be treated by mistake as patients. This has happened before.

YOUNG MAN

Luckily, that one got only a warm welcome, not a haemorrhoid injection.

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Some months ago, a foreign magician appearing on television asked a young lady victim to imitate his trick of inverting a bottle without allowing the water to splash out. As expected, she failed flatly. Upon this, the magician remarked, "This young lady can't hold her water." It doesn't take an eminent urologist to guess what was flashing through his mind at that moment.

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Housemen have always been described as the lowest animal in the hospital. However, this raises one important problem: Where do Medical students belong — parasitic bacteria or sucking leeches? So whenever any breakage is discovered, it is automatically considered a student's fault, no matter whether there is any sound evidence or not. One fine afternoon, a voice cackled very confidently in the OPD, "It was done by a s-TUDENT!"

SPORTS NEWS

KNOW OUR FACULTY TEAMS

The following players have been chosen by the respective team captains to represent the Faculty in the interfaculty competitions.

Soccer: 1. Chan Kwok Ping, 2. Kwan Po Yuen, 3. Yeung Chan Yin, 4. Wong Chun Kuen (Capt.) 5. Paul Yip, 6. Lee Pui Yin, 7. Lam Kwong Ming, 8. James Hwang, 9. Ambrose Ng, 10. Cheung Kui Sing, 11. Godfrey Man, 12. Wong Chun Chung.

Hockey: 1. Laurence Lai, 2. Yeung Chan Yin, 3. Timothy Teoh, 4. Lim Thuan Lot, 5. Abbas Victor, 6. Gan Tong Eng, 7. Harpaul Singh, 8. James Hwang, 9. Godfrey Man, 10. Yeung Kwok Ping (Capt.), 11. Tan Kwok Thye, 12. Wong Yin Wai, 13. Wong Chun Chung.

Squash: 1. Paul Yip (Capt.), 2. York Chow, 3. Chung Hon Wai, 4. Chan Kuen Yuen, 5. Yeung Wah Hin.

Badminton: 1. Roger Pan, 2. York Chow, 3. Tan Kwok Thye, 4. Paul Yip, 5. Tao Shau Ying, 6. Chan Kwong Fai (Capt.), 7. Choi Wai Wan, 8. Lee Pui Keung, 9. Allen Heng.

News From The University Gazette

Appointments

Rosie Young Tse Tse, M.D. (Hong Kong), F.R.C.P. (Edinburgh), M.R.C.P. (London), Senior Lecturer, appointed Reader in Medicine from July 1, 1969.

(Mrs.) Huang Chan Shuk-Tse, M.B. (National Chung Cheng Medical College), Lecturer, appointed Senior Lecturer in Anatomy from July 1, 1969.

Lai Kai Sum, M.B., B.S. (Hong Kong), Ph. D. (Edinburgh), M.R.C.P. (Edinb.) Lecturer, appointed Senior Lecturer in Medicine from August 1, 1969.

(Miss) Liu Hin-Ching, B. Sc. (Sun Yat-sen), Ph. D. (H.K.), Lecturer, appointed Senior Lecturer in Anatomy from August 1, 1969.

(Mrs.) Teoh Chan Ching Haan, M.B. (Lingnan), Dip. Bact. (Manchester), Ph. D. (Hong Kong), Lecturer, appointed Senior Lecturer in Microbiology from August 1, 1969.

Constant Cheng Po Kong, M.B., B.S. (H.K.), Assistant Lecturer, appointed Lecturer in Physiology from August 1, 1969.

Shih Chi-Ching, M.B. (National Taiwan), appointed Lecturer in Pathology from Sept. 29, 1969.

(Miss) Lee Wai Tsun, M.B., B.S. (H.K.), F.R.C.S. (Edinburgh) appointed Lecturer in Surgery from September 20, 1969.

Mohankumar Adiseshiah, M.B., B.S. (London), M.R.C.P. (London), F.R.C.S. (England),

appointed Temporary Lecturer in Surgery for one year from October 15, 1969.

Luke Chu Ping-chong, Dip. Med. (Chekiang, China), Demonstrator, appointed Assistant Lecturer in Anatomy from August 1, 1969.

Susanna Wong Siu-Chun B.Sc. (H.K.) appointed Assistant Lecturer in Biochemistry from January 1, 1970.

External Examiners

Professor John R. Anderson, B.Sc., M.D., M.R.C.P., F.C. Path., Professor of Pathology in Glasgow University at the Western Infirmary, appointed External Examiner in Pathology for three years from 1970 to 1972.

Professor R.E.O. Williams, M.D., M.R.C.P., F.C. Path., Head of the Wright-Fleming Institute of Microbiology and Dean of the St. Mary's Hospital Medical School, appointed External Examiner in Microbiology for three years from 1970 to 1972.

Professor Sir John Bruce, C.B.E., M.B., Ch.B., D.Sc., F.R.C.S., Regius Professor of Clinical Surgery at the University of Edinburgh, appointed External Examiner in Surgery at the Final Examination to be held in November, 1969.

Prize

The Mun Gold Medal in Psychiatry has been awarded to Andrew Hua Sui-Ping.



MORE SELECTIVE

No side effects have been reported with therapeutic doses of Ventolin Inhaler. In studies comparing Ventolin with isoprenaline, a major difference found was that Ventolin did not stimulate the heart or affect the blood pressure, even after inhalation of a relatively large dose.

MORE ACCEPTABLE TO PATIENTS

Patients expressed a marked preference for Ventolin Inhaler in double-blind studies comparing Ventolin with aerosols containing isoprenaline or orciprenaline.

SAFETY IN USE

Past experience suggests that misuse of aerosol bronchodilators by asthmatic patients may lead to dangerous effects on the heart or give a false sense of security to patients with incipient status asthmaticus. Ventolin Inhaler has no effect on the heart in therapeutic dosage and has a long duration of action. Both these properties provide additional margins of safety; the lack of cardiac effects should reduce any likelihood of deaths due to ventricular fibrillation and the long duration of action makes it possible for patients to realise in time if the drug is becoming less effective. Because an effective treatment with Ventolin Inhaler should last for at least four hours, patients have been advised to consult their doctor immediately if the effect lasts for less than three hours, so enabling the doctor to take timely action.



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