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# Kersgroete van die Dekaan

## Christmas Greetings from the Dean

"THE ESSENCE OF EXCELLENCE  
IS THE THOUSAND CONCRETE, MINUTE ACTIONS  
PERFORMED BY EVERYONE IN AN ORGANISATION  
TO KEEP A COMPANY ON COURSE"

- TOM PETERS -

1994 was 'n "hoë-spannings" jaar wat buitengewone druk op almal geplaas het. Weens u positiewe gesindheid en u bydraes op duisende wyses het ons Fakulteit tog vorentoe beweeg en nader aan ons doel van uitnemendheid gekom. My opregte dank en waardering aan u almal vir dit wat u bygedra het om ons Fakulteit op koers te hou.

My vrou Pauline en ek wens u almal saam met u families 'n *RUSTIGE en GESEËNDE KERSGETY* toe. Mag die Nuwe Jaar wat voorlê vreugdevol en voorspoedig wees.

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1994 has been a "high tension" year which placed exceptional pressure on everyone. Your positive attitude and your contributions in a multitude of ways nevertheless made certain our Faculty moved forward and closer to our goal of excellence. My sincere thanks and appreciation are extended to you all for everything you did to keep our Faculty on course.

Pauline and I wish you all a *PEACEFUL and BLESSED CHRISTMAS* together with your families. May the New Year which lies ahead be filled with joy and success.

**PROF R I COUBROUGH**  
**DEAN**

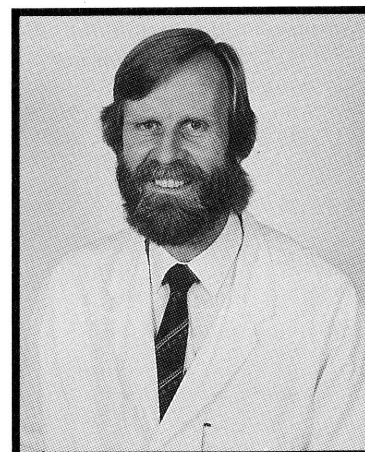
## From the Dean's Desk

As the year draws to a close one inevitably begins to look back on the events which have taken place during the year. To say that 1994 has been an incredible and momentous year in the history of South Africa is probably still an understatement. The first true "general" election and the subsequent inauguration of a new State President were amazing events which appeared to almost miraculously emerge from a state of confusion and high tension and against the predictions of many commentators. That they happened peacefully and that the whole process of the shift in power occurred without a protracted, bloody conflict is an unique achievement which was a privilege to witness and be a part of. Truly liberating events for our whole nation out of which flowed, and continue to flow, many other significant happenings. Rejoining the world and Africa through the United Nations and through re-acceptance into the Commonwealth, the Organization for African Unity and other bodies were each milestones in their own right. Many of these events happened so thick and fast that their significance may only now be filtering through. Perhaps winning medals at the Commonwealth Games (well done the bowlers!) and smashing the English cricket team on their own hallowed turf at Lords in the first test on English soil for many years did help to bring home some of the enormity of the year's achievements at national and international level!

Op Fakulteitsvlak het ons ook gedurende 1994 veel sukses behaal. Voor- en nagraadse asook voortgesette opleiding het vlot verloop. Prestasies op navorsingsgebied is uitgelig tydens 'n uiters suksesvolle Fakulteitsdag. Hoë vlak opleiding deur middel van diens is gehandhaaf in alle afdelings van die Veterinêre Akademiese Hospitaal asook buite die fakulteit met kuddebesoeke ensovoorts. 'n Nuwe opwindende element van dienslewering en opleiding het ook hier bygekome in die vorm van uitreik-klinieke in woonbuurte waar basiese veterinêre dienste tot nou toe uiters beperk of nie beskikbaar was nie. Die stigting van 'n Fakulteits Uitreikkomitee onder voorsitterskap van prof Tammi Krecek (geluk Tammi met die dosent van die jaar toekenning!) sal sonder twyfel hierdie aspek van die Fakulteit se aktiwiteite nog verder uitbrei. Skakeling met ouers deur middel van 'n besonder suksesvolle ouerdag, met die professie deur die Veeartsraad, SAVV, OVI en Medunsa, met georganiseerde asook die ontwikkelende landbousektor en die Stigting vir Navorsing en Ontwikkeling, en met streeksfakulteite in Mozambique, Zambië, Tanzanië, Kenia en die Namibiese Veterinêre Vereniging het deur die jaar plaasgevind. Strategiese beplanning, kurrikulering op voor- en nagraadse vlak, navorsingsbestuur en ontwikkeling van die fakulteit se rekenaar infrastruktuur het ook deurlopende aandag geniet. En na 12 jaar se harde werk loop die Onderstepoort bouprojek ook nou plus minus tot 'n einde! Voorwaar 'n produktiewe jaar.

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As we begin to close the book on 1994 we must however begin to look ahead at 1995. The changes of 1994, as momentous as they are, have brought uncertainties and challenges. Veterinary education has come under the spotlight through investigations by commissions of the Advisory Council of Universities and Technicians and the African National Congress. While the final report of the AUT has now been released the ANC report is not yet available. The non-appearance of this report is both frustrating and counter-productive while the reasons for its non-appearance remain obscure. There is no doubt however, that these reports, when they do both see the light of the day and are fused through consensus, will have a significant impact on the current state of veterinary training. Pre-veterinary training, para-veterinary training and fusion of the two existing faculties could be part of the changes. The keys to the successful implementation of these changes will be relevance and the maintenance of standards. While the latter aspect has negative connotations in the minds of some they are vital to the success of any program. No matter how relevant, sub-standard training is meaningless. In implementing these changes while keeping what is good, we shall have to call upon all our resources and all our resourcefulness to be successful. Those of you with the chronically overdeveloped work ethics will no doubt come up trumps once again while the rest will also have to rise to the occasion. Let's approach the future as a team with faith, pride and confidence. We can do it!



Have a wonderful end to 1994 and a great 1995! ☉

**P Bland-van den Berg**

**ASSOCIATE DEAN : FACULTY OF VETERINARY SCIENCE**

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**Cover photo**  
Rhino female with calf  
(Courtesy of  
National Parks Board)



## OUERDAG '94

**D**ie 5de Ouerdag vir BVSc II-studente en hulle ouers is hierdie jaar op 26 Augustus gehou en was, soos in die verlede, 'n dawerende sukses. Hierdie jaar is die ouers van die Verpleegster-studente ook genooi.

Ouers van so vêr as Harare, Namibië en vanoor die hele land het die dag bygewoon. Die program het begin met registrasie en koffie, waarna hulle op hartlike wyse verwelkom is deur ons Dekaan, prof Coubrough. Prof Bland was daarna aan die woord en het vir die ouers 'n oorsig gegee van die veteriniêre- en verpleegsterskurrikulum en aan hulle verduidelik waaraan hulle kinders vir die studiejare wat voorlê blootgestel sal wees. Johnny Kriek,



*BO : DIE SEKRETARESSSES BEDIEN TEE EN VERVERSINGS  
AAN DIE OUERS OP DIE GRASPERKE VOOR DIE  
SIR ARNOLD THEILERGEBOU*

Voorsitter van die OPVSK het ook vir die ouers 'n kykie gegee in die studente se bedrywighede op ons kampus. Voor die ouers in groepe verdeel en op 'n kampoer geneem is, is hulle eers getrakteer op tee en koffie en *"the best koeksisters I have ever tasted"*, soos 'n ouer in haar bedankingsbrief sê, op die grasperk voor die Sir Arnold Theilergebou. 'n Besoek is aan elke Departement gebring waartydens die departemente se werksaamhede aan die ouers verduidelik is. Disseksies en post mortems is nou nie meer vir die ouers net iets waarvan hulle in hulle kinders se briewe lees nie! Na ongeveer 3 ure se rondstap, uitvra en vele ontdekkings, was dit vir almal 'n lafenis om in die kafeteria te kon aansit vir 'n heerlike drie-gang maaltyd; seker die grootste ete wat nog in ons kafeteria aangebied is. 300 mense het saam geëet!

Elke ouer is hier weg met groter gemoedsrus oor sy kind se doen en late op Onderstepoort en met die Dekaan se goeie wense dat hy hulle oor 4 jaar weer sal sien by die gradeplegtigheid.

Die terugvoer van die ouers was oorweldigend en dankie-kaartjies met kommentare soos *"You and your staff made us so welcome and spoil us with such delicious teas and lunch"*, *"You have created a unique place of learning where the students work hard, play hard and thrive in your environment"* en *"Meeting my child's classmates and lecturers was an added bonus; up to now they were only names, now they have faces and personalities as well"* is by die talle ontvang. Dit het al die harde werk die moeite werd gemaak en aan al die personeel wat betrokke was by die Ouerdag, baie, baie dankie vir julle aandeel aan die sukses van die dag! ☉

## A DREAM COMES TRUE - A VISIT TO THE MECCA OF GENETICS

- Prof D R Osterhoff -

**EDITOR'S NOTE :** PROF OSTERHOFF IS RETIRED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERINARY ETHOLOGY. HE CONTINUES TO BE A REGULAR CONTRIBUTOR TO THE NEWSLETTER.

After the Conference of the International Society of Animal Genetics in July 1994 in Prague a visit to the Abbey of Brno (earlier named Brunn) was a real "Must".

Every Veterinarian remembers Mendel's Laws either from his school days or from the lectures in the first semester of the Second Year.

By way of repetition : Gregor Johann Mendel (1822 - 1884) Abbot of Brunn, Moravia : his experiments in the cross-fertilization of garden peas led to the formulation of Mendel's Laws of heredity, showing that certain characters, i.e. height, colour, etc., depend on the presence of hereditary determining factors (later called genes) which may be either dominant or recessive.

Mendel's original paper "*Versuche euber Pflanzenhybridben*" describing the results of his experiments was published in the journal of an obscure Austrian natural history society in 1866. His paper was ignored and indeed entirely forgotten for thirty-four years. Then in the year 1900, three botanists working independently - De Vries, Correns and Tschermak - rediscovered the principles of segregation and independent assortment of hereditary characters and Mendel's earlier work was piously desinterred from the archives of Brunn. Later, it was proved that "Mendelian inheritance" - as it was called - could also be applied to animal breeding.

It was a great experience to wander in Mendel's experimental garden, to admire the statue of Mendel and to roam around in the MENDELANIUM, as the museum is called. What is usually not known is the fact that Mendel tried to prove his laws on many plant species and they should be listed here : *Antirrhinum*, *Aquilegia*, *Calceolaria*, *Campanulla*, *Carex*,

*Cheiranthus*, *Cirsium*, *Dianthus*, *Ficaria*, *Fuchsia*, *Geum*, *Hieracium*, *Ipomoea*, *Linaria*, *Lychnis*, *Malus*, *Matthiola*, *Mirabilis*, *Plaseolus*, *Pirus*, *Potentilla*, *Prunus*, *Verbascum*, *Veronica*, *Viola*, *Tropaeolum* and *Zea*.



ABOVE : PROFESSOR OSTERHOFF  
"SHAKES HANDS" WITH GREGOR MENDEL

It should also be noted that Mendel's laws and Mendelian inheritance were completely scrapped in school and University Curriculae in Czechoslovakia from 1948 to 1965 because Modern Genetics did not agree with the ideology of the rulers of that country. In the meantime several institutes in the new Czech Republic are closing the gap and can be regarded as leaders in the field of biotechnology. ◻



## WHO LEFT US?

### VETERINARY ACADEMIC HOSPITAL

Sr R C M Harteveld het bedank met haar laaste werksdag op 30 Julie.

### VETERINARY TROPICAL DISEASES

Ms Jenny Spencer resigned and accepted a lecturer post at Medunsa. We wish her all the success in her new post. ☉

## WHO'S NEW?

### VETERINARY ACADEMIC HOSPITAL

Sr Hildegard Mentz is aangestel in die Teater vanaf 1 Mei en Sr Camilla Goodhead is oorgeplaas vanaf die Kleindierkliniek na die Intensiewesorgeenheid.



### VETERINARY TROPICAL DISEASES

A new Head of Department, Prof Koos Coetzer, was appointed. A warm welcome Koos and we wish you much success in your new post.

A hearty welcome to Ms Eleanor Stylianides who is heading up our Immunology Laboratory.

Visiting from Montana is Professor Stu Knapp. Stu is with our Department for four months. Thus far his visit has been very productive. Weekly there have been new findings in the rhino parasite material with which he has been busy. ☉

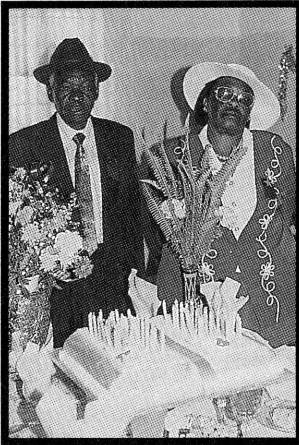
### EDITORIAL TEAM

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| <i>Correspondent</i> | : | <i>Esther Nkuna</i>   |

# PERSONAL NEWS



## ADMINISTRATION



Congratulations to Mr George Ramokolo on the birth of a son during June.

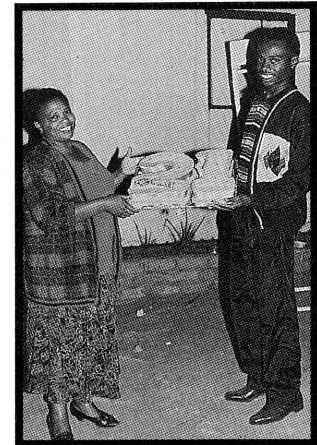
Our sympathy to Ms Evelyn Sofuthe in the loss of her brother during September; to Mr John Makondo who lost his father in the same month and to Mr Johannes Masombuka (Theriogenology) who lost his mother in July.

On Spring Day, the Onderstepoort and Hammanskraal women won prizes in Netball and Toutrek. Well done!

The Onderstepoort Choir was established in June. They are meeting and practicing regularly. We look forward to hearing them perform.

Congratulations to the parents of Mr Rodwell Mithi who celebrated their 44<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in September. They are blessed with 8 children and 15 grandchildren (photo above).

Mrs Alina Golele celebrated her son, Oscar's, 21<sup>st</sup> birthday in September (photo right).



## ANATOMY

Our sympathy is extended to Mrs Lettie Oberholzer, secretary of this department, in the loss of her husband.

## KUDDEGESONDHEID

Dr Thys Snyman het sy 10<sup>de</sup> Comrades Marathon voltooi en sy groen nommer verwerf. Ms Amanda Olivier het haar 2de Comrades Marathon suksesvol voltooi.

## MEDICINE

Congratulations to Peter and Jeanette Thompson with the birth of their baby daughter Amé. Peter is also devoting his annual leave to doing some mission work in the Slovak Republic.

## VETERINARY ACADEMIC HOSPITAL

Sr Linda Muller en haar man word geluk gewens met die geboorte van hul seuntjie. Mev Sarie Jacobs is twee kleindogters ryker en Sr Corrie van den Berg het ouma geword van 'n pragtige dogtertjie.

Mnr Johannes Setshedi was gekies om vir Noord-Transvaal aan die SA-Half Marathon in Durban deel te neem. Sy vliegtuigkaartjie asook gratis verblyf is aan hom verskaf en volgens Johannes was dit vir hom 'n heerlike ondervinding.



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## VETERINêRE ETOLOGIE

Mnr Johan Wessels van die Voedingslab en sy vrou Adriana het gedurende Augustus 'n seun ryker geword en dr Schultheis en sy vrou, Madaleen, se dogtertjie Anja is gedurende September gebore. Baie geluk aan beide egpare!

Ons innige simpatie word betuig aan Mnr Simon Mnonyane met die dood van sy broer gedurende Oktober.

## VETERINARY TROPICAL DISEASES

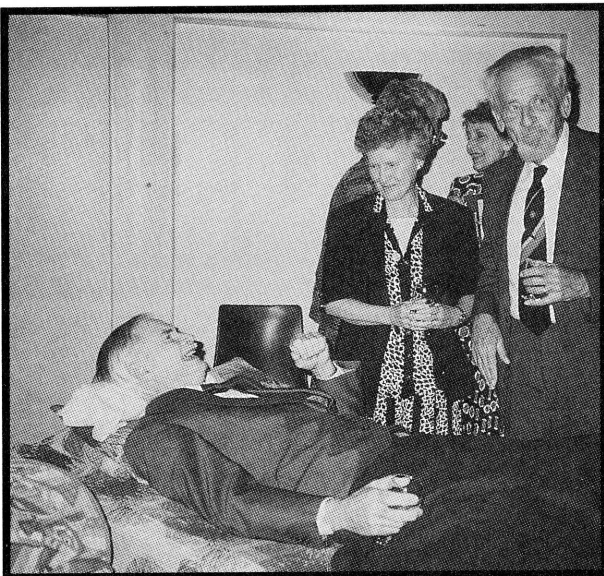
Congratulations to Dr Estelle Venter and Mrs Madeleine Nieuwoudt on the recent births of their babies.

## SPECIAL NOTE :

Prof Roy Tustin, formerly Head of the Department of Pathology and now retired had back surgery recently. We wish him a speedy recovery. ☉

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## BOOK LAUNCHED ON AFRICAN LIVESTOCK DISEASES



A highlight of the year was the launch of *Infectious Diseases of Livestock* edited by Prof Koos Coetzer, Dr Gavin Thomson, Prof Roy Tustin and Prof Nick Kriek. Sales of the book have been good and requests for copies are being received regularly from all over the world. ☉

*LEFT : RECOVERING FROM BACK SURGERY  
AND THEREFORE RECLINING AT THE  
BOOK LAUNCH IS PROF TUSTIN.  
STANDING (FROM LEFT) IS PROF MALIE SMUTS  
AND PROF DE BOOM*

## RENOSTERS NEEM FAKULTEIT OP HORINGS

- Prof Banie Penzhorn : Sekretaris SAVV-Wildsgroep -



**I**n samewerking met die Wildnavorsingsprogram van die Fakulteit het die SAVV-Wildsgroep op 9 & 10 September 'n uiters geslaagde simposium oor **Renosters as Wildplaasdiere** by die Fakulteit aangebied. Daar is 34 referate gelewer, die meeste deur plaaslike sprekers, maar ook deur sprekers van Zimbabwe, Namibië, en die VSA. Die kroon is gespan deur sy eksellensie I-cheng Loh, ambassadeur van die Republiek van China, wat gepraat het oor die maatreëls wat sy land tref om die onwettige handel in renosterprodukte hok te slaan.

Daar was altesaam 170 deelnemers aan die simposium, vanuit die RSA, Zimbabwe, Namibië, Kenia, die VSA, Duitsland en Italië. Die belangstelling was so groot dat die oplaag handeling van die simposium uitverkoop is, en ondertussen herdruk moes word.

Mev Erica van der Westhuizen van ons biblioteek het 'n bibliografie oor Afrika-renosters voorberei en tydens die simposium bekend gestel. Mnr Francois Nel en sy span het die foyer en hooflesingsaal van die Theilergebou mooi met inheemse plante versier en het gesorg dat alles agter die skerms vlot verloop.

Deur hierdie goeie spanwerk is 'n bedrag van nagenoeg R12 000 vir die Wildnavorsingsprogram ingesamel.

## NEW EDITOR IN '95

In 1995, Dr Peter Turner will become the new editor of the Faculty Newsletter. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the editorial committee and staff members who have contributed during my five years as Editor. I wish Peter all the success as the new Editor.



Best wishes to all!

TAMMI KRECEK

## IN MEMORIAM

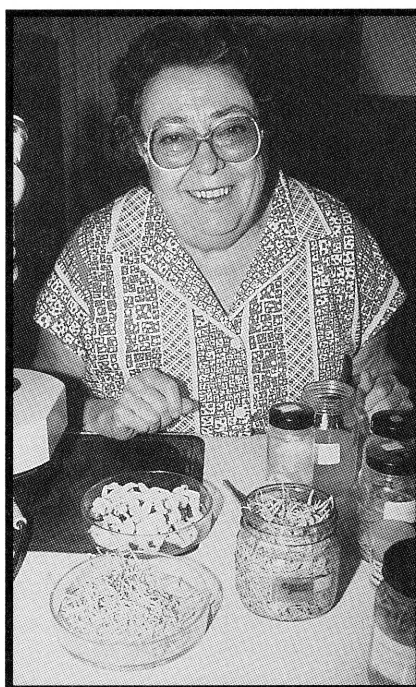
On 1 September 1994 Professor Anna Verster, passed away. Anna had been ill for several months from a respiratory condition.

Anna was born in 1931 in Bethulie in the Orange Free State. After receiving her BSc and MSc degrees she accepted a research post at the Helminthology Division, Onderstepoort Veterinary Institute and moved up the ranks to Chief Specialist Officer. In 1985, she accepted a senior lecturing post at the Faculty of Veterinary Science, University of Pretoria and received several promotions to that of full Professor. She retired on 31 July this year due to poor health.

During the past 34 years, Anna was a guest of top scientists in the field of veterinary parasitology in many countries in the northern and southern hemispheres. Most recently, in August 1993, she was invited to speak on veterinary education at a world congress of

veterinary parasitologists in Cambridge, UK.

Anna's academic achievements are numerous. Many of her publications remain classic works, especially those on tapeworms which af-

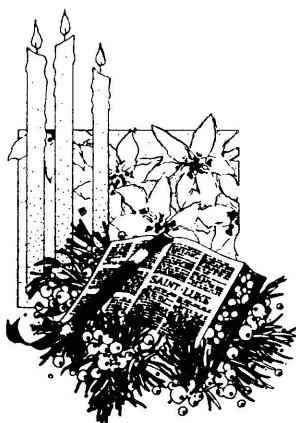


fect man and animals. In recognition of Anna's achievements she received the Cap-

tain Scott Medal of the South African Biological Association and in 1992 the Elsdon-Dew Medal of the Parasitological Society of Southern Africa. These awards acknowledged the contributions she made to our knowledge of disease in Africa and the world.

Anna was a naturalist in every sense of the word. Her affinity for animals was demonstrated in the many wild animals which she "adopted", often into her home. Her love for the flora was legendary. It was not unusual to see her visitors arrive with seedpods in hand to be assisted on the identification of a plant or tree.

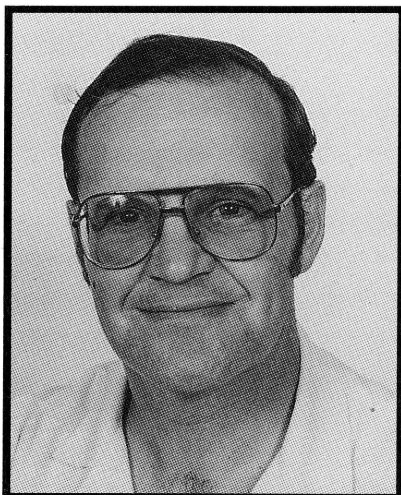
Many a meal was shared with Anna in her home. She loved cooking and her hospitality had no bounds. Ultimately it was Anna's caring for people which made Anna Anna. Her door was always open, at work or at home, to lend a listening ear or be helpful in any way that was needed. ☉



*There is a great man  
who makes every man  
feel small;  
But the truly Great Man  
is the Man  
who makes every man  
feel great*

*- Submitted by Esther Nkuna -*

# PROF SAKKIE TREE AF



Sakkie van Rensburg, Vrystarter van geboorte, se verbintenis met Onderstepoort begin in 1962 wanneer hy as tweedejaar student die Veeartsenykunde kursus voortsit. Hy ontmoet ook hier vir Annette Laubscher, destyds ontvangsdame by buitepasiënte en later Laboratorium-Assistente by Drs van Drimmelen en wyle Charlie Howell - voorwaar liefde met die eerste oogopslag. Na verwerwing van die BVSc-graad in 1965 sluit hy aan by die Departement Patologie by die Navorsingsinstituut te Onderstepoort met die aanvanklike gedagte om vir twee jaar Patologie te doen ter wille van goeie ondervinding. Die samewerking met groot gees-

te soos Prof Daan Smit, Roy Tustin, Piet Basson, Pine Pienaar en Jean du Plessis wat die lokale talent uitmaak het, asook Bob McCully, Gene McConnel en George Imes wat as gasnavorsers vanaf die A.F.I.P. tye in Patologie kom spandeer het, maak die wêreld van Patologie so interessant dat dit 'n lewenslange loopbaan word.

Op 1 April 1967 tree Sakkie tot die dosentekorps van die Fakulteit Veeartsenykunde toe as deeltydse dosent in Patologie. In dieselfde maand tree hy ook in die huwelik met Annette. Uit die huwelik word drie seuns gebore waarvan een 'n prokureur, een 'n BSc-Boubestuur student en die derde nog 'n skolier is.

Met "uitlywing" op 1 April 1974 sluit hy as voltydse Senior Lektor aan by die Departement Patologie waar hy saam met Prof Louw van den Heever van Voedselhygiëne die Departement gelei het tot Prof Tustin as Departementshoof weer by die Fakulteit aangesluit het. Sakkie verwerf die MMedVet(Path) graad in 1977 en word daarna bevorder tot Mede-Professor en later Volle Professor in die

Departement Patologie. Sy belangstellings is uiteenlopend, maar is veral in die Patologie van toksiese plante gesetel. Hy het deur die jare aan verskeie nasionale en internasionale kongresse deelgeneem en voordragte aldaar gelewer. Hy het 43 wetenskaplike publikasies tot sy krediet waarvan hy in 22 daarvan die senior outeur is.

Gedurende April 1994, na 27 jaar diens in die Departement Patologie van die Fakulteit Veeartsenykunde, moes Sakkie egter sy loopbaan beëindig. Swak visie van genetiese oorsprong - horingvliesoorplantings op beide oë en die dra van 'n bril sedert 2-jarige ouderdom ten spyte - het dit vir hom onmoontlik gemaak om sy beroep as Patoloog verder suksesvol te bedryf.

Tuis is hy gesinsman by uitstek met 'n groot liefde vir houtwerk. Hy stap ook graag wanneer die tyd dit toelaat - veral as die omgewing die Natalse Drakensberge is. Sy gunsteling ontspanning is kampeer en is hy op sy gelukkigste in sy karavaan in die Drakensberge of langs die see. Hopelik sal hy genoeg hiervan kan inpas in die toekoms! ☐

## BOODSKAP VAN 'N STUDENT AAN SR MULLER BY BUITEPASIËNTE OOR 'N KLIËNT :



*"Couldn't pay, no cash, no cheque book, no credit card, etc!!!!  
Should have said no dog, but only thought of that later. Sorry!!!!  
Client also went through outies before saying he had no money.  
DAMN THESE PEOPLE!!!"*



# ACHIEVEMENTS

## ANATOMY

Dr Herman Groenewald was elected Secretary of the Anatomical Society of Southern Africa. Herman and Dr John Soley presented papers at the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress of the Anatomical Society in March this year. John also visited Australia in September/October where he visited several universities prior to presenting a paper on "*Ostrich sperm ultrastructure - evidence of a close link between the ratites and tinamous*" at the 7<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Spermatology in Cairns, North Queensland.

Herklaas Els visited Paris during July where he presented a poster on "*Electron Microscopy of Tail-Stump and Short Tail Spermatozoa in Two Patients with Asthenozoospermia*" at the 13<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Electron Microscopy.

Christine Janse van Vuren has also recently been overseas. She visited the Gastro-intestinal Unit at Cornell University and also met the resident biomedical illustrator. She then attended the World Congress on Biomedical Communication in Orlando, Florida where she participated in workshops on ordinary animation, 3D animation and interactive media, as well as technique boutiques on biomedical illustration.



ABOVE : CHRISTINE IN FRONT OF THE ENTRANCE TO DISNEY MGM STUDIOS

Dr Marius Hornsveld will be on an extended private visit to South America where he will visit three of the five Veterinary faculties in Chile.

## PHARMACOLOGY & TOXICOLOGY



ABOVE : ALL THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE 7<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL CONSULTATION ON VETERINARY DRUG REGISTRATION. GERRY IS SEEN AT THE BACK SECOND FROM RIGHT.

Prof Gerry Swan, as Chairman of the Veterinary Committee of the MCC participated in the 7<sup>th</sup> International Technical Consultation on Veterinary Drug Registration in Paris during May. In August he attended the 6<sup>th</sup> Congress of the European Association of Veterinary Pharmacology and Toxicology in Edinburgh, Scotland and presented two papers and one poster. Gerry was also invited as a Visiting Professor to the Veterinary School of Louisiana State University in the USA.

Dr Jonathan Taylor has been appointed as a member of the Veterinary Committee of the MCC.

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## **KUDDEGESONDHEID**

Dr Moosa Ameen is vanaf 1 Augustus aangestel as Lektor by Kuddegesondheid.

Dr Dave Roberts is verkies as Voorsitter van die Vark Veterinêre Vereniging.

Dr Danie Odendaal is verkies as die Voorsitter van die VGPG en het ook die VGPG verteenwoordig by die "World Buiatrics Congress" in Italië gedurende September.

Prof Gareth Bath is herverkies as President van die SAVA. Gareth het ook die Australiese Vereniging se konferensie in Maart/April bygewoon, asook die ZVA kongres in Zimbabwe gedurende September.

## **MEDICINE**

Good news is that Prof Wayne Berry passed the qualifying exam of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine which he wrote earlier this year.

After negotiations with the SAVA, the traditional area serviced by the Production Animal Clinic has been extended to include the greater Pretoria area. Full SAVA rates will be charged. A second panel to provide an after-hour service for the extended area has been formed. The objective is to increase the production animal case load.

## **VETERINARY ACADEMIC HOSPITAL**

Sr M F Muller (Buitepasiënte) is permanent aangestel in haar pos.

Sr Anette van Veenhuizen is deur die 1994 BVSc finale-jaar studente aangewys as die "Favourite Sister of the Year". Baie geluk, Anette!

Srs Kenyon en Erasmus en matrone Whittal het die S A Veterinêre Verpleegstersvereniging Kongres bygewoon en sr Roenel Kenyon het ook die kort kursus in narkose by die HF Verwoerd Hospitaal bygewoon.

'n Werkswinkel, aangebied deur 3M oor die Wet op Steriliteit is bygewoon deur srs Kok en van den Berg, matrone Whittal, Alina Golele en Samuel Khoza.

Mnre Jacob Masha, Nelson Mapaya, Wilson Baloyi, Holliday Ngobeni en mev Alina Golele het 6M kursusse bygewoon.

Srs Stadler, Kok, Williams, Muller en mnre Langley, Maboela, Setshedi en Khoza het Veiligheidskursusse bygewoon.

'n Noodhulpkursus is bygewoon deur Srs Maree, van den Berg en Erasmus en mnre Langley, Maboela, Khoza en Mahlhalane.

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## VETERINÊRE ETOLOGIE



*BO : PROF ODENDAAL BY SY EKSTERNE EKSAMINATOR, PROF JAN BOUW VAN DIE RIJKSUNIVERSITEIT, UTRECHT, WIE HY VIR DIE EERSTE KEER ONTMOET HET TYDENS SY ONLANGSE BESOEK AAN DIË UNIVERSITEIT*

Prof Johannes Odendaal het 'n ere-lidmaatskap van die Studiegroep vir mens-dier-kontak ontvang en het ook die Annual General Meeting of the International Congress of Human-Animal Interaction Associations in Geneve gedurende Augustus/September bygewoon.

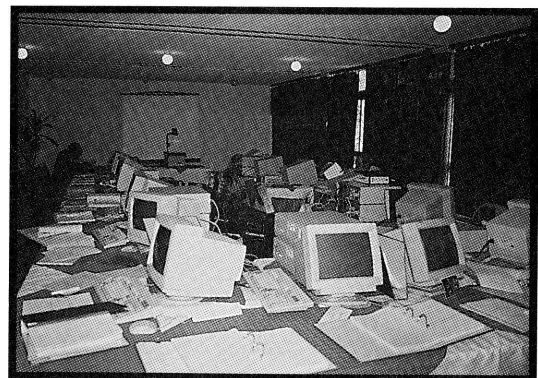
Dr Enette van Dyk het die International Society of Animal Genetics te Praag en 'n Werkswinkel te Wenen gedurende Julie bygewoon.

Drs Schultheiss en Wandrag het 'n Ruminant Physiology Congress te Willingen gedurende September/Oktober bygewoon.

## VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH

The Department presented a highly successful two day course, entitled *"Understand your Food Act"* at the Faculty during May in conjunction with the Department of Health. The course was aimed at familiarising veterinarians and environmental health officers with the contents and background of the regulations under the Foodstuffs, Cosmetics and Disinfectants Act. Also included in the programme was a guided tour of various departments and the Veterinary Academic Hospital. The response of the course was overwhelming. Approximately 290 delegates from as far afield as Ballito to Beacon Bay and Keimoes to Koffiefontein attended.

Dr Bruce Gummow was one of 27 delegates selected to participate in a post-graduate programme presented by the Wageningen Agricultural University in Nairobi, Kenya. The workshop was entitled *"Animal Health and Economics - Principles and Applications"* and involved hands-on experience in basic and advanced methods of economic analysis, decision analysis for risky choice in animal health management, and national policy development in animal health. After the workshop he presented a paper at the 7<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Veterinary Epidemiology and Economics also held in Nairobi, Kenya. Both the workshops and symposium enabled stronger ties to be made with internationally recognised experts in the field of epidemiology and economics. The knowledge gained by the experience will enable a new dimension to



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A VIEW OF THE VENUE WHERE THE  
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be added to the post-graduate course in epidemiology next year.

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Prof Tubby Veary organised a parallel session, *Healthy Animals - Safe Food - Healthy People* during the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Congress of the Community Health Association of Southern Africa, "*CHASA in Action*", at Gallagher Estate in August. Dr Berndt chaired one of the sessions and Mrs M Olivier presented a paper. The Department hosted Dr Samuel Arimi of the Department of Public Health, Pharmacology and Toxicology, University of Nairobi, Kenya, who presented the keynote address at the CHASA Congress.

We hosted two Dutch exchange students from Utrecht University, Jean-Louis Koebrugge and Ton Nolte for six weeks during June/July. This interesting programme included a week in Natal based at Allerton Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory and a week in the Kruger National Park assisting Dr Roy Bengis.

Mev M Olivier het in Junie die 8<sup>ste</sup> Tweejaarlikse Kongres van die Suid-Afrikaanse Vereniging vir Mikrobiologie in Grahamstad bygewoon. Sy het 'n referaat getiteld "*The Microbiological Status of Chicken Carcasses at Selected Critical Control Points in a Poultry Processing Plant*" gelewer in die sessie Voedselmikrobiologie.

#### **VETERINARY TROPICAL DISEASES**

Dr Johan Louw received his PhD in September. Well done Johan!

Congratulations to Mr Frans Magwai for 25 years service to the University. It appears that Frans is the member of the Department who has been here the longest.

Prof Tammi Krecek was co-opted to the Steering Committee of the Southern African Network of Animal Traction (SANAT). ☉

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### **A SHORT COURSE IN HUMAN RELATIONS**

**The 6 most important words :**

*"I admit I made a mistake"*

**The 5 most important words :**

*"You did a good job"*

**The 4 most important words :**

*"What is your opinion"*

**The 3 most important words :**

*"If you please"*

**The 2 most important words :**

*"Thank you"*

**The 1 most important word :**

*"We"*

**The LEAST most important word :**

*"I"*

