



The Rise and Demise of South Africa's second Veterinary Faculty

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- Black preference/ Blacks only
- Separate facilities. Apartheid education ideology
- v/d Walt Committee (inter-departmental) (1955)
- Government Dept. Unisa degrees
- Public outcry

Van Dyk inter-departmental committee (1963 & 1966)



- Investigate agricultural training facilities for blacks
- Medical {Umlazi; UDW; UWC; Ga-Rankuwa (U North?)}
- Need for vets and other professionals
- Veterinary faculty/Univ. of Fort Hare/Onderstepoort

The Power behind the Throne..



- Jansen goes to America (reported Jan. 1968)
- Plugs doubling OP intake & training black vets.
- HO Mönnig. One-man committee (Vet education) April 1968
 - Inputs: Jansen; Lambrecht; UN; US; Fort Hare; OFS, Rhodes.
 - SAVMA (HP Steyn)

Mönnig report on veterinary education (21 March 1969)



- Double intake at OP faculty (45 to 90)
- Create vet school for blacks
- In homeland close to OP faculty
- Share teachers and facilities
- Jansen Committee (July 1972)

Jansen committee report (April 1974)



- +5 vets p.a.; animal health inspectors
- Autonomous inter-ethnic: vet + medical + dental institution.
- Vet faculty – separate campus: Zoutpan 104.
- Bophuthatswana
- OP 30 km. UP assistance: carbon copy of OP faculty

Van Zyl/Jansen Reports



- Ga-Rankuwa regional hospital
- 1500-2000 bed. Upgrade to academic std.
- Act 78 of 1976 (21 August 1976).
- Inter-ethnic autonomous univ. MEDUNSA.
- Faculties: medical, dental and veterinary.
- Deans appointed



Medunsa campus + hospital + “club house”



Building Program

- Medical faculty: BMS, Clin Path,
- Joint depts. Physiology + Pharmacology.
- Building: Library, residences, sports.



Veterinary faculty

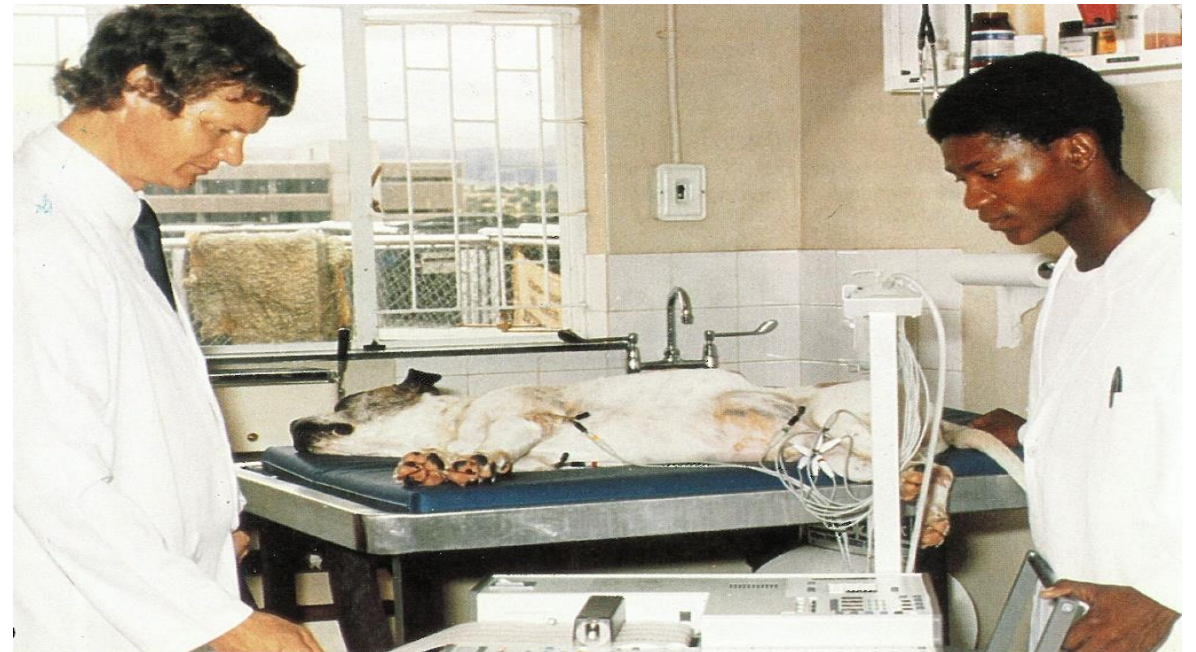
- Dean 1 July 1980.
- Advisory Faculty Board; 9 x depts. + curriculum
- HODs. Appointments, Student recruitment
- First students selected (1982)



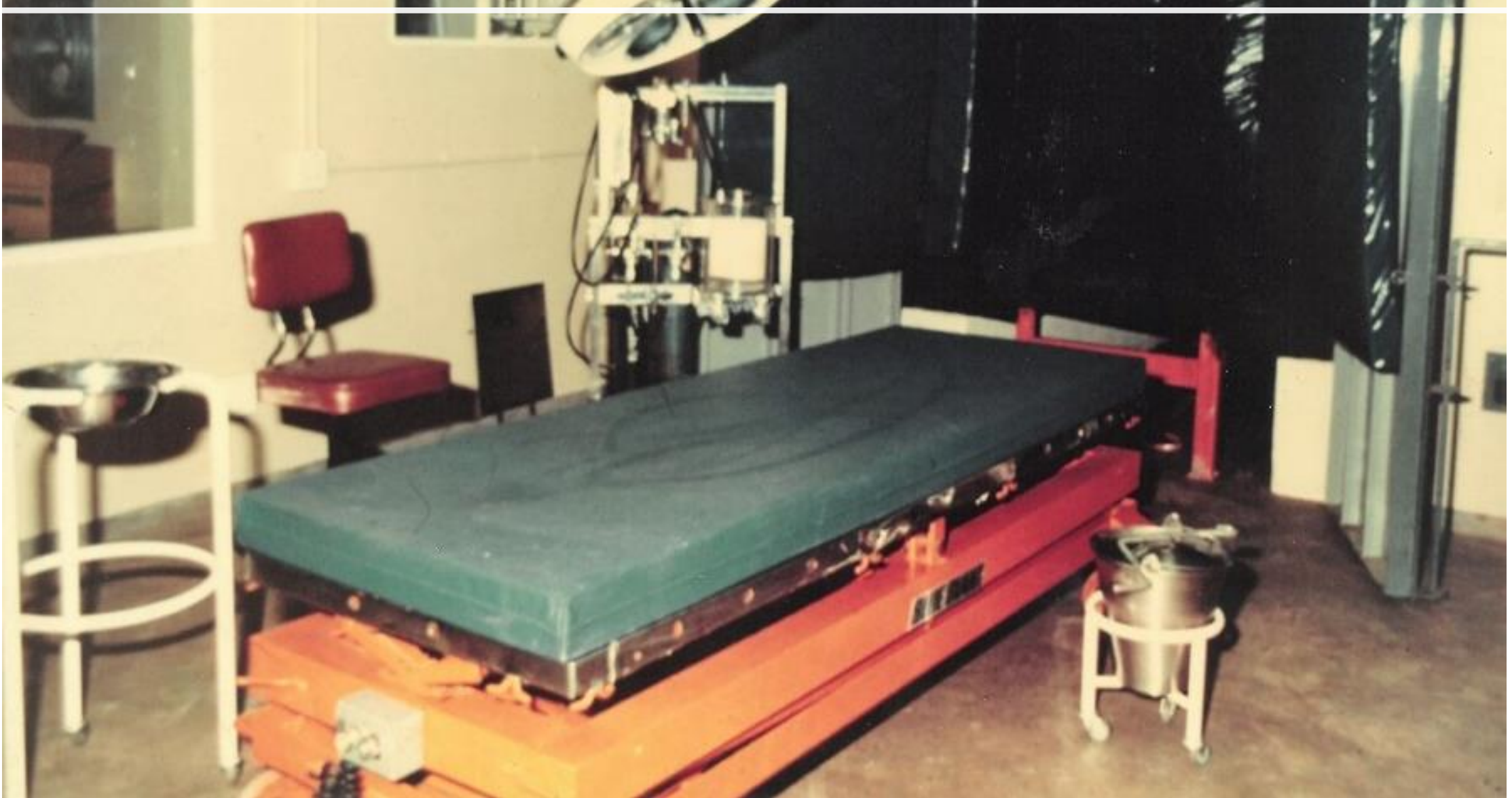
Clinical facilities and anatomy



- “Club House”; Anatomy
- Hospital (Temp.); (May 1983); L & S animal;
- Outpatients; ambulatory; referral; and autopsy
- Temporary offices



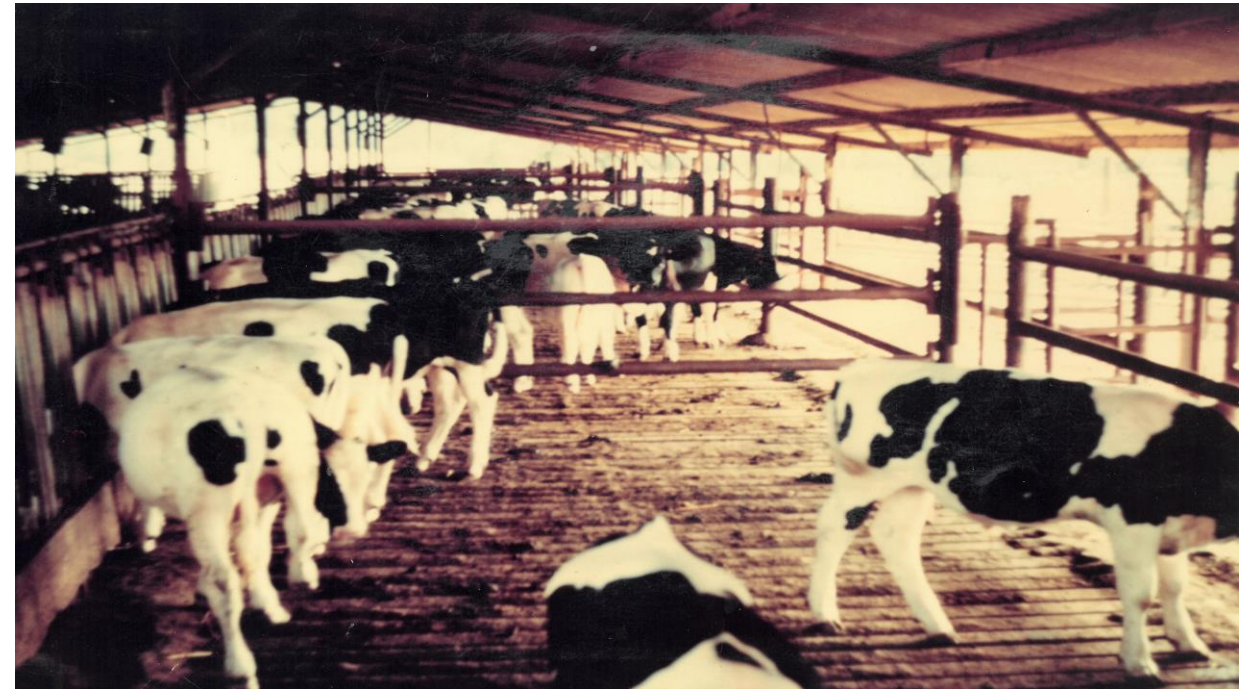
Large Animal Surgery



Farm animal production unit (1986)



- Compact production systems
- Demonstration; research
- Dairy, beef, horses, poultry, sheep, pigs



Curriculum syllabi, examinations



- External examiners
- SA Veterinary Council inspections
- Registration approval granted (1987)
- First graduates

Changing times..



- State reform initiatives: 1979-1986
- Rapid faculty growth and development
- Ongoing political unrest: 1986-1990
- Severe repression & “states of emergency”
- Apartheid rejection: Group rights
- Austerity and SAPSE 110

No Medunsa veterinary hospital..



- Sharing OP hospital
- Amalgamation (SAVC)
- LAPC (ANC) consultants
- Remain with UP



“in an age when falsification ..., is reaching exponential levels....”

“By patching together bits of unverified information..., we do not help to weave human history, but instead strip others of their dignity” (Pope Francis: 2020)



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