

From the President's Desk

On Saturday 11th November, 1978, a most significant event in veterinary history took place with the inauguration of the Veterinary Nurses Association of South Africa. It was my privilege to be present on this momentous occasion, at which I was able to extend the sincere good wishes of the SAVA to these young ladies on the inception of their Association. A great responsibility rests on their shoulders as they launch out into the unknown. For now they essentially take their future into their own hands.

They will guide, mould and direct the growth and progress of a very noble occupation which has a most positive role to play in veterinary science in South Africa. In wishing the new executive and founder members of the Vet. Nurses Assn of S.A. good luck, I wish also to assure them that the SAVA will most willingly be of assistance whenever, wherever and in whatever way they may require our help in the years that lie ahead.

The first "home" trained Veterinary Nurses

received their diplomas a week later, and to these 18 young ladies go our every good wish for a most successful future. Be assured of a warm welcome to the Veterinary team.

By dieselfde plegtigheid het 35 nuwe BVSc-graduandi tot die professie toegetree. Namens die SAVV verwelkom ek hulle en wil ek hulle daarvan verseker dat ons uitsien na 'n lang en vrugvolle samewerking met hulle in hulle onderskeie loopbane. Vanjaar se graduandi het nog 'n era in die geskiedenis van veteriniere opleiding in Suid-Afrika tot 'n einde gebring : hulle was die laaste klas van 45 studente. Volgende jaar sal daar vir die eerste keer sedert 1924 geen studente in veeartsenykunde afstudeer nie omdat die volgende klas wat uit 90 studente sal bestaan, die eerste groep sal wees wat die verlengde kursus (nou 5½ jaar) sal voltooi. 1979 sal ook die eerste jaar wees wat vet. studente op grond van hulle matriekresultate gekeur word vir opleiding slegs aan die Univ. Pretoria.

En so word tradisie gewysig vir vooruitgang en ingrypende veranderings wat op sigself verreikende implikasies vir die vet. professie sal hê. Ons as 'n Vereniging met 'n intense belangstelling in die akademiese welvaart van studente in die veeartsenykunde en die bevordering van vet. opleiding, is steeds bereid en sal altyd beskikbaar wees om waar moontlik ons Fakulteit behulpsaam te wees met sy uiters belangrike taak

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