

VOORWOORD

FOREWORD

PROFESSIONALISERING

In haar artikel *Achieving Professionalism* beskou Prof R Thompson die vraag van professionalisering uit 'n praktiese eerder as 'n filosofiese oogpunt.

Dit is interessant om haar opmerking dat mens nie in isolasie 'n professionele persoon kan word of bly nie te oorweeg. 'n Professie is 'n versameling van mense wat elk hul eie unieke bydrae maak en terselfdertyd die professie as geheel beïnvloed deur wat hulle doen of nalaat om te doen. Hierdie invloed moet veral in aanmerking geneem word waar dit op die vorming van die student as toekomstige praktisyne betrekking het.

OPENING VAN DIE JOHANNESBURG-HOSPITAAL

Die Johannesburg-hospitaal op Parktown-rif is in 1968 deur die Transvaalse Proviniale Administrasie gekommitteer toe dit duidelik geword het dat die toe 82-jaar oue hospitaal uit sy nate bars.

Tien jaar later is die eerste pasiënte tot hierdie reusegebou toegelaat. Daar is ook vyf tehuise, wat huisvesting aan eenduisend-tweehonderd personeellede voorseen.

Wat verskeie lede van die publiek of mediese beroep ook al oor die geliefde "konkreet monster" te sê het, bly dit een van die mees opwindende konsepte in die geskiedenis van geneeskunde in die Republiek van Suid-Afrika. Die rede hiervoor is dat die mediese skool van die Universiteit van die Witwatersrand herbou moes word en dit so beplan is dat dit saam met en as deel van die hospitaal gebou word. Die hospitaal is dus geheel en al geïntegreerd — dit maak voorsiening vir 2 000 bedde asook al die fasilitete vir die opleiding van verpleegkundiges, mediese studente en verwante gesondheidsberoewe onder een dak.

Dit is nou vyf jaar sedert die ou Koningin Victoria-en Transvaalse Kindergedenkospitale in Julie 1978 na hulle nuwe tuiste getrek het en drie-en-'n-half jaar sedert die ou Algemene-hospitaal in Desember 1979 verhuis het. Op die sewende September 1983, sal die Staatspresident, mnr Marais Viljoen, DVD, die Johannesburg-hospitaal ampelik open en 'n gedenkplaat onthul.

Daar Septembermaand so 'n belangrike een vir die hospitaal is, word daar in hierdie uitgawe twee artikels oor besondere aspekte van verpleegsorg by die hospitaal gepubliseer.

PROFESSIONALISATION

In her article *Achieving Professionalism*, Prof R Thompson takes a practical rather than philosophical look at the question of professionalisation of the student nurse.

It is interesting to contemplate her comment that one cannot become or remain a professional on one's own. A profession is a collection of people, each making his or her own unique contribution and at the same time influencing the profession as a whole by what he or she does or does not do. This influence must be considered especially where it concerns the shaping of the student nurse as a future practitioner.

OPENING OF JOHANNESBURG HOSPITAL

The Johannesburg Hospital on the Parktown ridge was commissioned by the Transvaal Provincial Administration in 1968 when it was evident that the then 82 year old hospital was bursting at its seams.

Ten years later this mighty construction and its five residences, accommodating twelve hundred staff members was ready to receive its first patients.

Whatever may have been said by various members of the public or the medical profession about this beloved concrete monster, it remains one of the most exciting concepts in the history of medicine in the Republic of South Africa. The reason being that the Medical School of the University of the Witwatersrand was to be rebuilt and the plan allowed for it to be built continuous and contiguous with the hospital. Thus there is a totally integrated academic hospital, designed to provide 2 000 beds, with all the facilities for the training of nurses, medical students and the allied medical disciplines under one roof.

Five years have passed since the old Queen Victoria and Transvaal Memorial Children's Hospitals moved to their new home in July 1978 and three and a half years since the old General Hospital moved in December 1979. Now, on the seventh September 1983, the State President, Mr Marais Viljoen, DMS, will declare the Johannesburg Hospital officially open and will unveil a commemoration plaque.

Since the month of September is such an important one for the Johannesburg Hospital, two articles dealing with some special aspects of nursing care undertaken at the hospital are published in this issue.