Herman van Dyk

Drr. Johan de Beer en Louis van den Bergh van Bloemfontein skryf:

Johannes Hermanus (Herman) van Dyk, gebore op 25 Julie 1941, het groot geword op 'n plaas in die Keetmanshoop-distrik in die destydse Suidwes-Afrika. Hy matrikuleer aan die Hoërskool P K de Villiers in Keetmanshoop in 1960. Hierna gaan hy na die Universiteit van Pretoria en behaal die MB ChB-graad in 1968. Hy was ook intern in die H F Verwoerd-hospitaal in Pretoria. Daarna gaan werk hy as mediese beampte in die Staatshospitaal in Windhoek en tree in algemene praktyk in Usakos vanaf 1972 tot 1978.

Ons het Herman as kollega en 'n vriend leer ken in Bloemfontein waar hy vanaf 1978 tot 1982 aan die Universiteit van die Oranje-Vrystaat nagraadse studies in otorinolaringologie gedoen het. Hierna werk hy as konsultant in die Departement Otorinolaringologie vanaf 1982 tot 1984 en begin in privaatpraktyk in Bloemfontein in Januarie 1985 tot en met sy dood op 22 Junie 1994. Ons sal Herman altyd onthou vir sy innemende geaardheid, sy positiewe lewensuitkyk ten spyte van baie gesondheidsprobleme die afgelope ses jaar, waaronder tel dat hy twee hartomleidings gehad het. Ten spyte hiervan was hy altyd reg om 'n grap te maak en om enige iets waarin hy belang gestel het aan te pak saam met sy kinders en vriende. Ons wat bevoorreg was om saam met Herman in die jagveld te kon kuier, sal sy onderhoudende geselskap rondom die kampvuur altyd onthou en sal altyd terugdink aan die wonderlike potjiekos en wildslewergeregte wat hy daar vir ons voorberei het.

Herman word deur sy pasiënte gemis as innemende, toegewyde geneesheer wat veral die slag gehad het om enige kind met 'n seerkeel dadelik op sy of haar gemak te laat voel. Langs hierdie weg wil ons ook ons innige meegevoel betuig aan sy vrou Ina, sy seun Pieter, ook 'n geneesheer wat tans in dieselfde rigting as sy pa studeer, Daan, 'n ingenieur in elektronika, Marlise wat arbeidsterapie studeer en Johan wat nou voltyds met sy studies gaan begin. Ons groet 'n geliefde geneesheer, 'n aangename kollega en 'n getroue vriend.

Books

A Matter of Choice. Abortion Law Reform in Apartheid South Africa

By June Cope. Pp. ix + 176. R45,99. Pietermaritzburg: University of Natal Press. 1993. ISBN 0-86980-887-7.

The issue of abortion law reform has recently surfaced again in South African media, whilst in the USA the subject remains a hotly debated topic. 'Debate' is probably an inappropriate term, as those involved rarely have an open mind on this emotive issue.

A Matter of Choice has come on to the market at an opportune moment, when the constitution and laws of this country are coming under close scrutiny and will be rewritten.

Whereas there is no denying that termination of pregnancy is a matter embedded in morals and ethics, it can be expected of health professionals and other stake-holders to inform themselves on all aspects impinging on the subject. Regrettably the response of the medical profession to the question of abortion has been largely governed by fear — fear of severe sentences and a ruined career should they in any way infringe on the law. All the more reason then to inform oneself of the far-reaching ramifications and the innumerable tragedies of unwanted pregnancies.

The book illustrates the many falsehoods and hypocritical attitudes which underpin current legislation regulating abortion. The historical facts related to attempts at abortion law reform during the past half-century had to be laid bare to the public. June Cope presents these facts in a sensitive yet unemotional manner, writing in a style which makes for easy reading. At the same time one is reminded of the tragic regression in the health care inflicted on the less privileged by apartheid legislation causing untold grief.

It becomes apparent that accurate documentation and extensive research carried out by the Abortion Reform Action Group (founded by the author) form the basis of this book. Detailed accounts of failed attempts to have pregnancies terminated by women, personally known to June Cope, cause one considerable embarrassment and shame; these women were legally entitled to the termination but a combination of fear of the law and hardened, arrogant attitudes prevented appropriate action by health professionals.

A Matter of Choice is a book which should be read not only by doctors, nurses and other professionals likely to be faced with the problem of a mother bearing an unwanted pregnancy, but also by legislators, those championing the cause of law reform and, not least of all, by the pro-life group.

Walter Loening

Laparoscopic Hysterectomy and Oophorectomy. A Practical Manual and Colour Atlas

By Jeffrey H. Phipps. Pp. 78. Illustrated. Edinburgh: Churchill-Livingstone. ISBN 0-443-04929-7.

This is a well-written book by an experienced endoscopic surgeon with vast experience of laparoscopic surgery.

The chapters are well set out, read with ease and are well illustrated with drawings and colour photographs. Subjects covered include virtually all aspects of laparoscopic surgery from patient selection, instrumentation and equipment, anaesthesia, techniques as well as complications.

The techniques described are well set out with minimum frills. Staples, monopolar diathermy scissors and bipolar coagulation are almost exclusively used. A few alternative methods of performing a particular stage of a particular operation will be found.

This book can be recommended to laparoscopic surgeons to broaden their skills.

A. van Rooyen
J. P. van der Merwe

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION OF SA HELD AT MASA HEAD OFFICE, PRETORIA, AT 08H00 ON FRIDAY 19 AUGUST 1994.

NOTULE VAN DIE BUITENGEWONE ALGEMENE VERGADERING VAN DIE MEDIESE VERENIGING VAN SA WAT OM 08H00 OP VRYDAG 19 AUGUSTUS 1994 BY DIE MVSA-HOOFKANTOOR, PRETORIA, GEHOU IS.

1. PRESENT / TEENWOORDIG

Office Bearers / Ampsdraers

Dr P. H. B. Maytom	*President: MASA/MVSA*
Dr B. B. Mandell	*Chairman: Federal Council and Representative: Border Coastal Branch*
Dr P. J. Schutte	*Visevoorsitter: Federale Raad en Verteenwoordiger: Tak Vaalrivier*
Dr H. A. Hanekom	*Sekretaris-generaal/ Secretary-General*

Other Branch Representatives / Ander Takverteenwoordigers

Dr E. M. Barker	*Natal Coastal Branch*
Dr P. S. du Toit	*Tak Outeniqua*
Dr O. Frielingsdorf	*Tak Tygerberg-Boland*
Dr C. J. Krüger	*Tak Soutpansberg*
Dr V. I. McCusker	*Cape Western Branch*
Dr G. A. Smith	*Tak Noord-Transvaal*

Other members / Ander lede

Dr T.-L. Eastman	Prof. D. F. Morrell
Dr H. du P. Hoffman	Dr M. J. Redfern
Prof. R. E. Kirsch	Dr O. M. Rosenzweig

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Dr O. M. Rosenzweig	1
Dr P. J. Schute	1

3. CONSTITUTION OF THE MEETING / KONSTITUERING VAN DIE VERGADERING

3.1 The President confirmed that in compliance with Sections 180, 186, 187 and 199 of the Companies Act, 1973, and Articles 16 and 30 of the Articles of the Medical Association of South Africa, the Secretary-General had duly notified the members of the Association that in accordance with a recommendation by the Board of Trustees, which the Federal Council had accepted at its 1994 session, an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association would be held at 08h00 on Friday 19 August 1994 at MASA Head Office, Lynnwood, Pretoria, to consider the adoption of a special resolution, with or without further amendments, amending Article 4.5 of the existing Articles of the Association — the said notice having been circularised on 30 June 1994 to the members of the Federal Council, the Honorary Secretaries of Branches and Groups and published in the August 1994 issue of the *South African Medical Journal*.

3.2 Die Voorsitter verklaar dat aangesien meer as drie volle lede van die Mediese Vereniging persoonlik aanwesig is en nagenoeg 6 761 lede deur verteenwoordigers en gevolmagtigdes verteenwoordig word, 'n kworum van lede soos bepaal deur Statuut 20.2, naamlik 50 lede, geag teenwoordig te wees, en dat die vergadering derhalwe behoorlik gekonstitueer is vir die afhandeling van sake.

4. OFFICIAL NOTICES / AMPTELIKE KENNISGEWINGS

AGREED

That the official notifications circularised on 30 June 1994 and published in the August 1994 issue of the *South African Medical Journal* be considered as having been read.

5. PROPOSED AMENDMENT: ARTICLE 4.5 / VOORGESTELDE WYSIGING: STATUUT 4.5

The President put the proposed amendment to Article 4.5, namely:

That Article 4.5 of the existing Articles of the Medical Association of South Africa be amended as follows — proposed deletions enclosed in brackets and proposed insertions in italics:

4.5 **Any** [medical] **student *who*** [in his fourth, fifth or final year of study at an approved educational institution and] **is registered *as a medical student with the South African Medical and Dental Council*** [in terms of Section 18 of Act 56 of 1974 or any later succeeding enactment], **shall qualify for Student Membership.**

4.5 **Enige student *wat as 'n student in geneeskunde geregistreer is by die Suid-Afrikaanse Geneeskundige en Tandheelkundige Raad*** [in die geneeskunde in sy vierde, vyfde, of finale studiejaar aan 'n goedgekeurde opvoedkundige inrigting en wat kragtens Artikel 18 van Wet 56 van 1974 of enige latere plaasvervangende wetgewing geregistreer is], **sal kwalifiseer vir Studentelidmaatskap.**

Debate ensued.

Dr T.-L. Eastman proposed — seconded by Professor R. E. Kirsch:

That the proposal be withdrawn.

AGREED.

6. CLOSURE / AFSLUITING

Die President sluit die verrigtinge om 08h35 af.

DATE / DATUM PRESIDENT