Letters

Dear Prof Beenhakker

I write to tell you with what interest I have read the S A Journal of Physiotherapy particularly during my term as Honorary Vice President of your Association and as a Medical Council Representative on your Professional Board.

So I was naturally perturbed to read your editorial in the latest issue (Feb 97 Vol 53 Number 1). You raise many relevant concerns which I hope every physiotherapist in South Africa will consider seriously.

The Australian article on Perceived inhibitors to rural practice among physiotherapist students is of relevance to all health care professionals in South Africa and Faculties too should take note as should employing authorities.

It is important to consider ongoing counselling and the creation of opportunity to discuss career prospects with all those in training as health professionals: physiotherapists, occupational therapists, radiographers, nurses, doctors, etc.

The future holds enormous prospects for all South Africans, albeit in a different way from the past.

Good luck.

Yours sincerely

HANNAH REEVE-SANDERS

OBITUARY

ANNE HENDRY: 11/4/31 to 12/3/97

Anne passed away on 12 March 1997 after a short illness. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Anne matriculated at Pretoria Girls High School and trained as a physiotherapist at the Pretoria College of Physiotherapy. Unfortunately, whilst a second year student, she contracted polio in 1957. After a two year period of rehabilitation, Anne recommenced her physiotherapy studies and completed her training in 1960. She worked at Pretoria General hospital for two years and then trained as a physiotherapy teacher at Pretoria University.

Anne worked for the rest of her working life as a teacher and lecturer at the Pretoria College of Physiotherapy and subsequently at Pretoria University. She became acting head of the Physiotherapy College in the early 1970s and remained in this post for about five years. Due to her physical disability she relinquished this post but remained as a lecturer in the department until her retirement on medical grounds in 1989. During her years as a teacher she frequently acted as external examiner at most of the physiotherapy training centres in South Africa.

Anne had a keen intelligence and always sought after the latest knowledge in her profession. She attended many postgraduate and continuing education courses and read very widely. She always endeavoured to give of her best and as a perfectionist, sought the same high standards in others.

Anne also served the S A Society of Physiotherapy at both National and branch level. She was for many years a member of the national executive committee as well as an office bearer of the Lecturers group and of the Northern Transvaal Branch.

In her private life, Anne read widely, enjoyed crosswords and listened to music. She enjoyed travelling, although this was not easy because of her severe physical disability. She had a keen sense of humour as well as a tendency to sarcastic wit. The companions in her life were her daschund dogs on whom she lavished love and attention.

Anne’s passing for me, signals the end of an era in the history of the Pretoria Physiotherapy College as I have also learnt recently of the deaths of both Mr Jack Stockton and Miss Anne Savin, both previous lecturers and heads of training in Pretoria.

Margaret Beattie

CBR SERVICE DEVELOPER

Wits/Tintswalo (community rehabilitation worker training program) urgently invites applicants for the post of community based rehabilitation service developer.

This internationally recognized program is expanding and a CBR service developer is needed to:

- Develop and coordinate existing CBR service sites
- Develop management systems for qualified Health Therapy Assistants (community)/CRWs and their supervising therapists
- Develop a continuing education program
- Act as a consultant in developing district CBR services
- Teach Health Therapy Assistants (Community)/CRWs

This is an exciting new development in the field of CBR and the service developer will work closely with the training program and the Northern Province Government to pilot the role and function of the CBR Service Developer.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Knowledge and a qualification in the field of rehabilitation
- Interest or experience in CBR
- Computer literacy and knowledge of an African language would be an advantage
- A drivers licence is essential

Salary: R34 464 - R86 880

Benefits: Bonus and Medical Aid

INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM:

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Interested applicants should submit a written application including a CV and the names of two references to Professor M Concha at the above address.

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