

THE MEDICAL SCHOOL WE KNEW

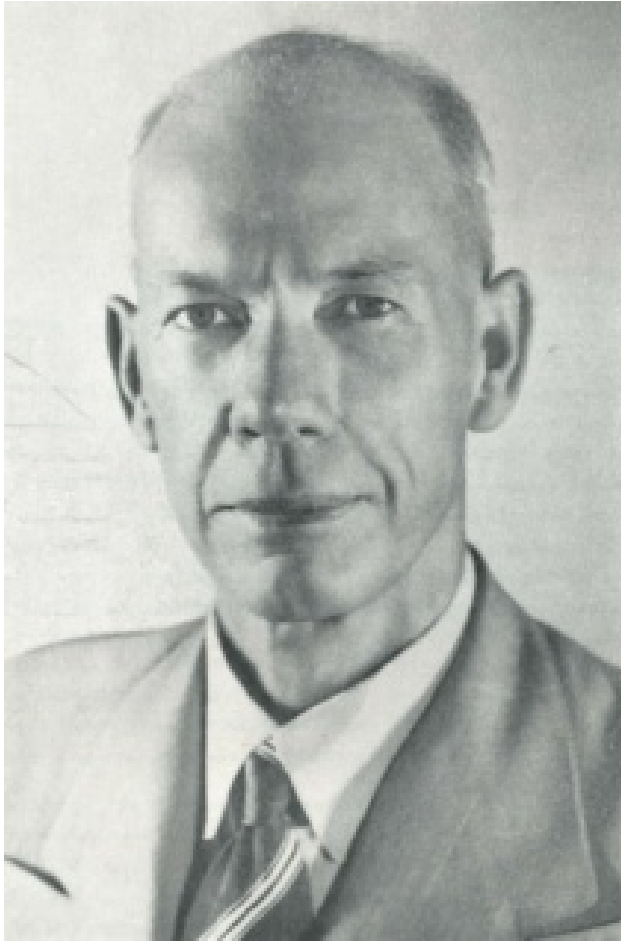
Portrayed through the pages of our
student journal, *Inyanga*

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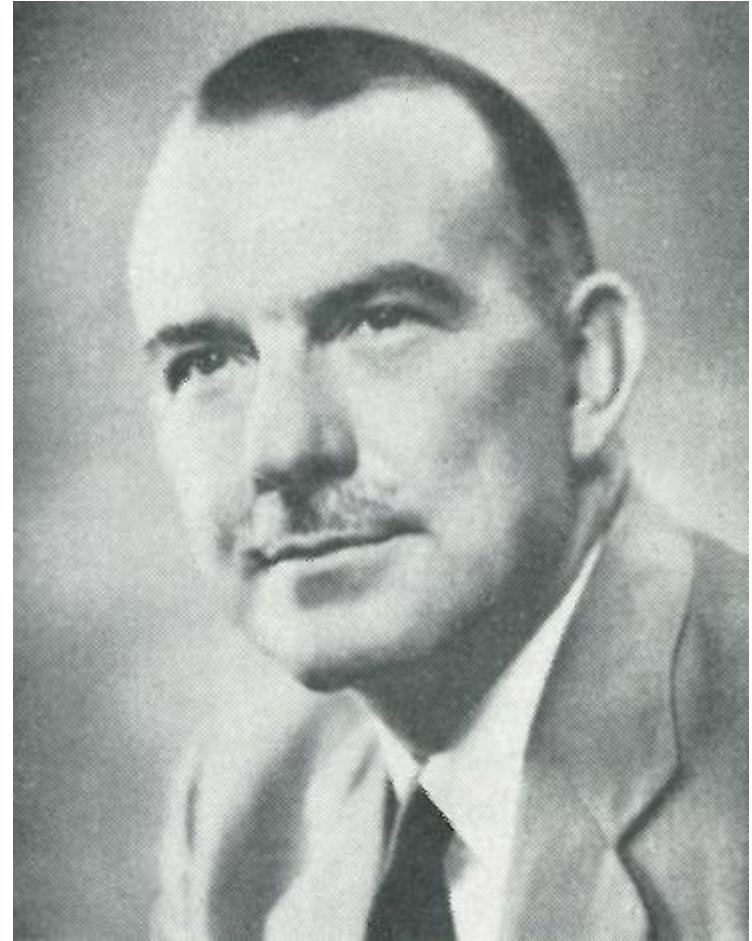
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OUR ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP AT UCT



Dr J.P. Duminy
Principal and Vice-Chancellor
1958-1967



Professor B. Bromilow-Downing
Dean of the Faculty of Medicine
1957-1977

Anzio Road as it looked in 1961





“HERE AT WHATEVER HOUR YOU COME, YOU WILL FIND LIGHT AND HELP AND HUMAN KINDNESS”
(Inscription on the hospital quay lamp at Dr. Schweitzer's hospital, Lambarene)



PMH: In our day a dynamic hub; now part of history

New Somerset Hospital



Opened in 1862 – and still going strong – it is the oldest hospital in southern Africa, and UCT and the country's first teaching hospital



"Alas, poor SIMOPITHECUS!"

Ronald ("Tubby") Singer, our Anatomy lecturer and a renowned physical anthropologist



“Which twin has the Toni?”

“Oom Daan” Coetzee (Anatomy Department) – curator of cadavers and author of *Living with the Dead*

Professor Zwarenstein



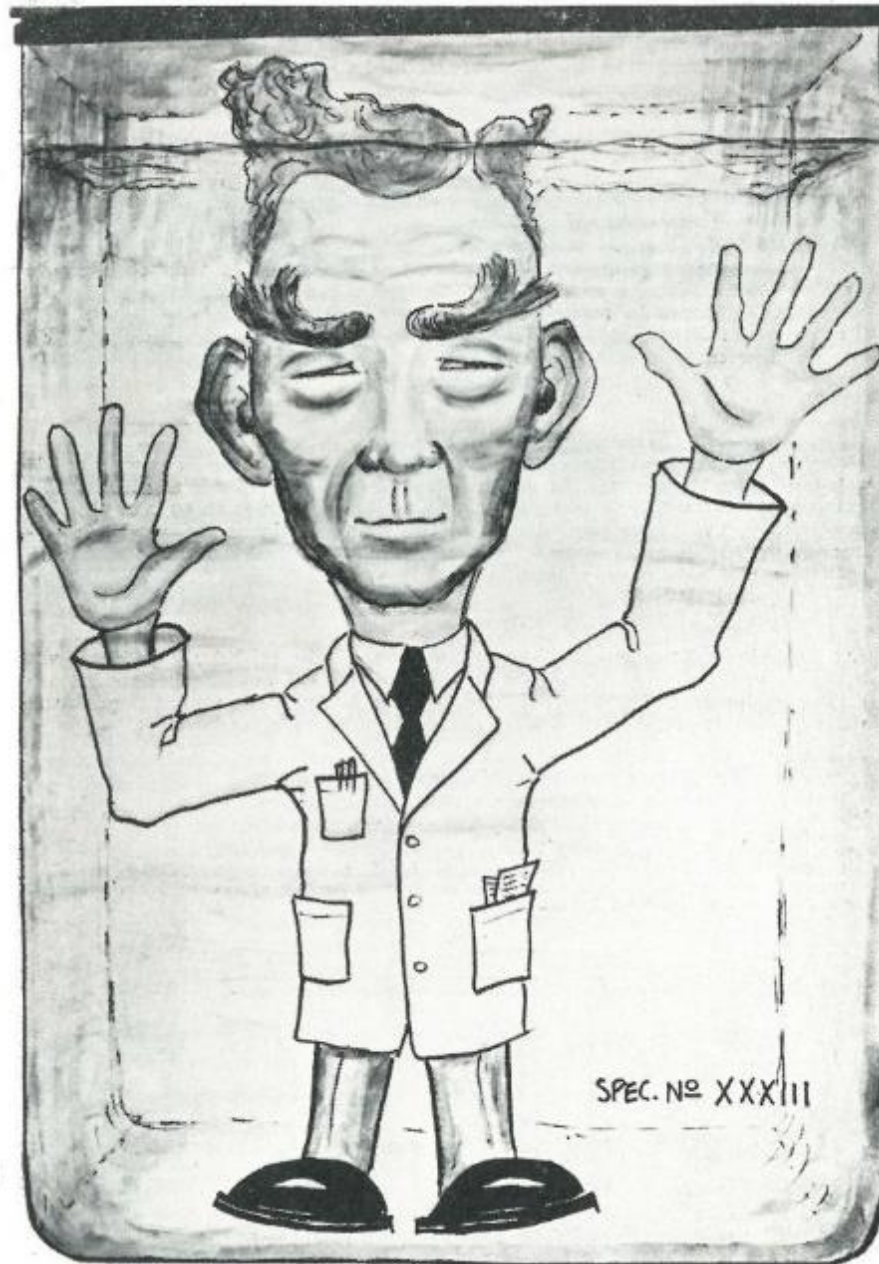
Zwarrie taught us biochemistry in 2nd year and ran the practicals. In 1933 he and Dr Hillel Shapiro discovered the *Xenopus* (frog) test for the diagnosis of pregnancy. This test, which was used worldwide for at least 25 years, was one of the two breakthroughs from UCT Medical School that made medical history – the other, of course, being the 1st heart transplant in December 1967.



Eureka! It's Norman Sapeika

Our Pharmacology professor, deftly captured by classmate Lex Boltman

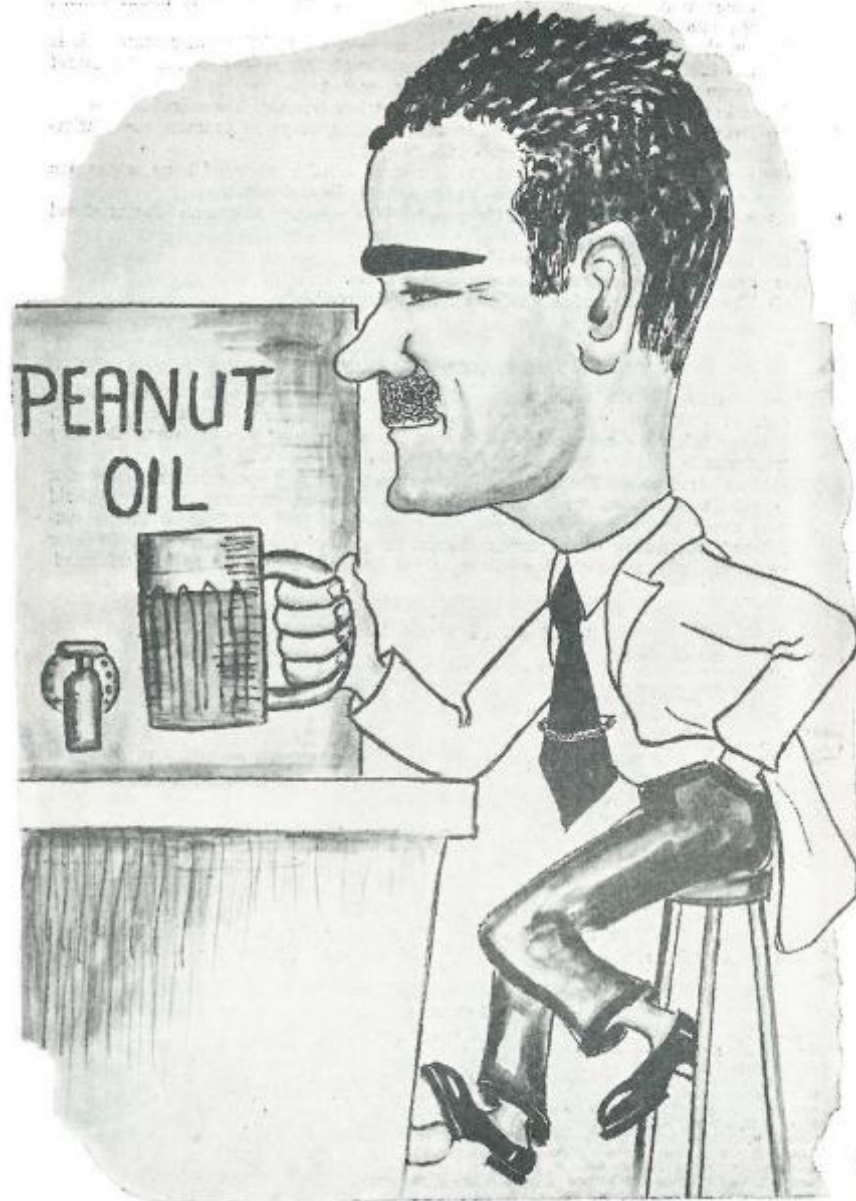
Eyebrows Thomson

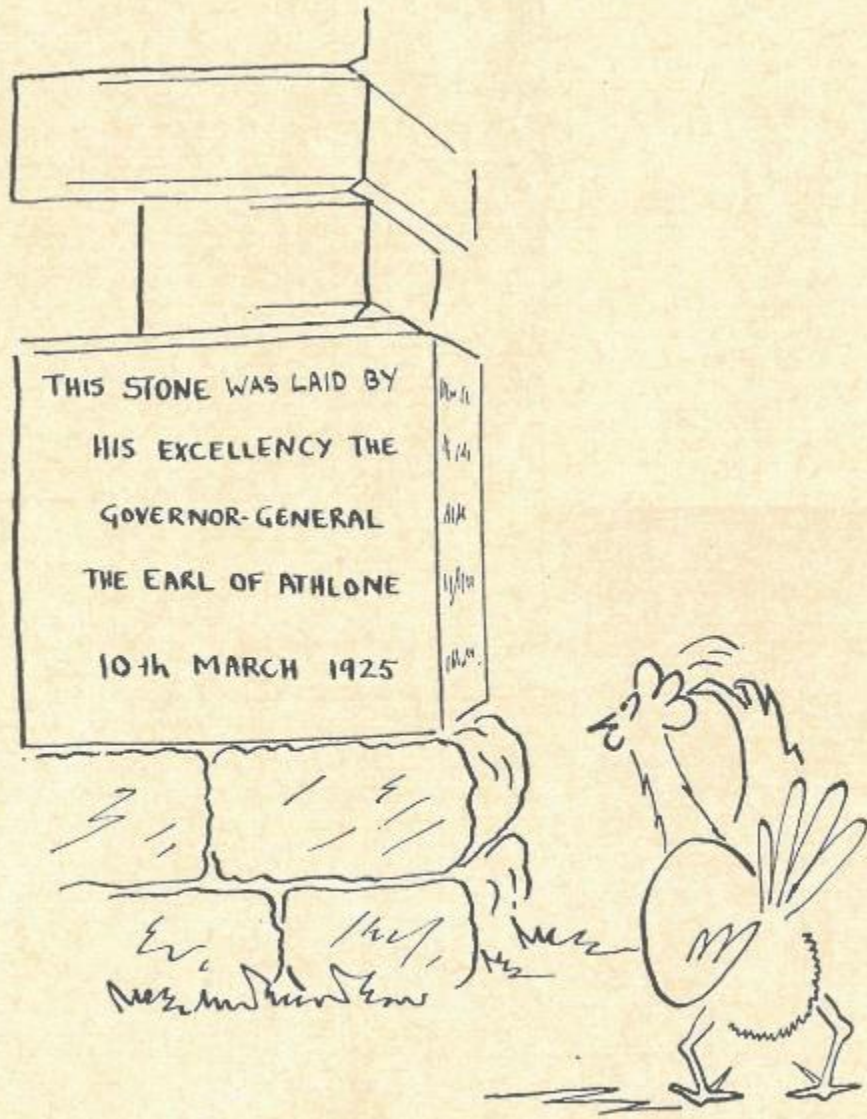




Dickie Lang, better known to the world as “Dr Lang of Africa”

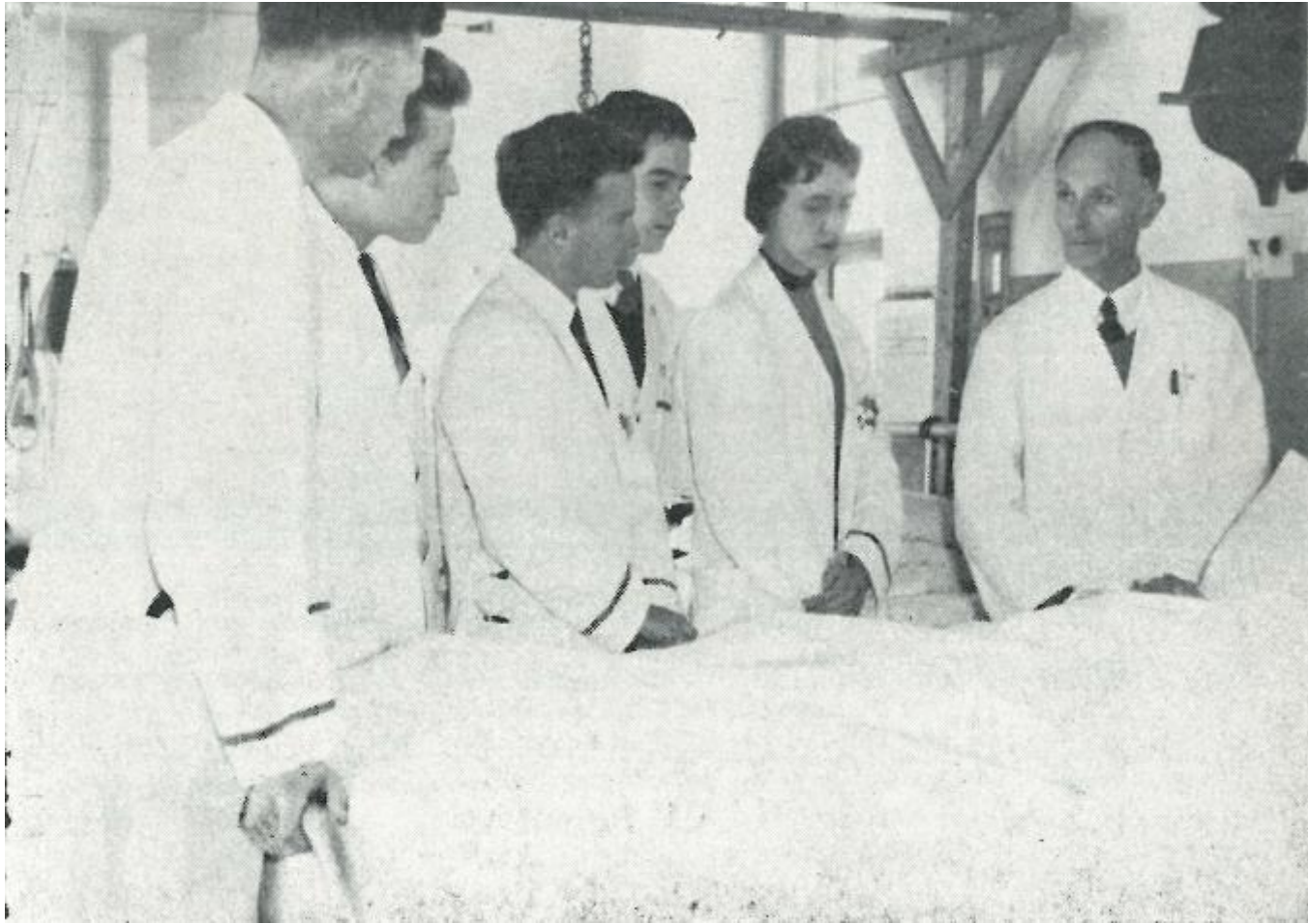
Nutrition Brock





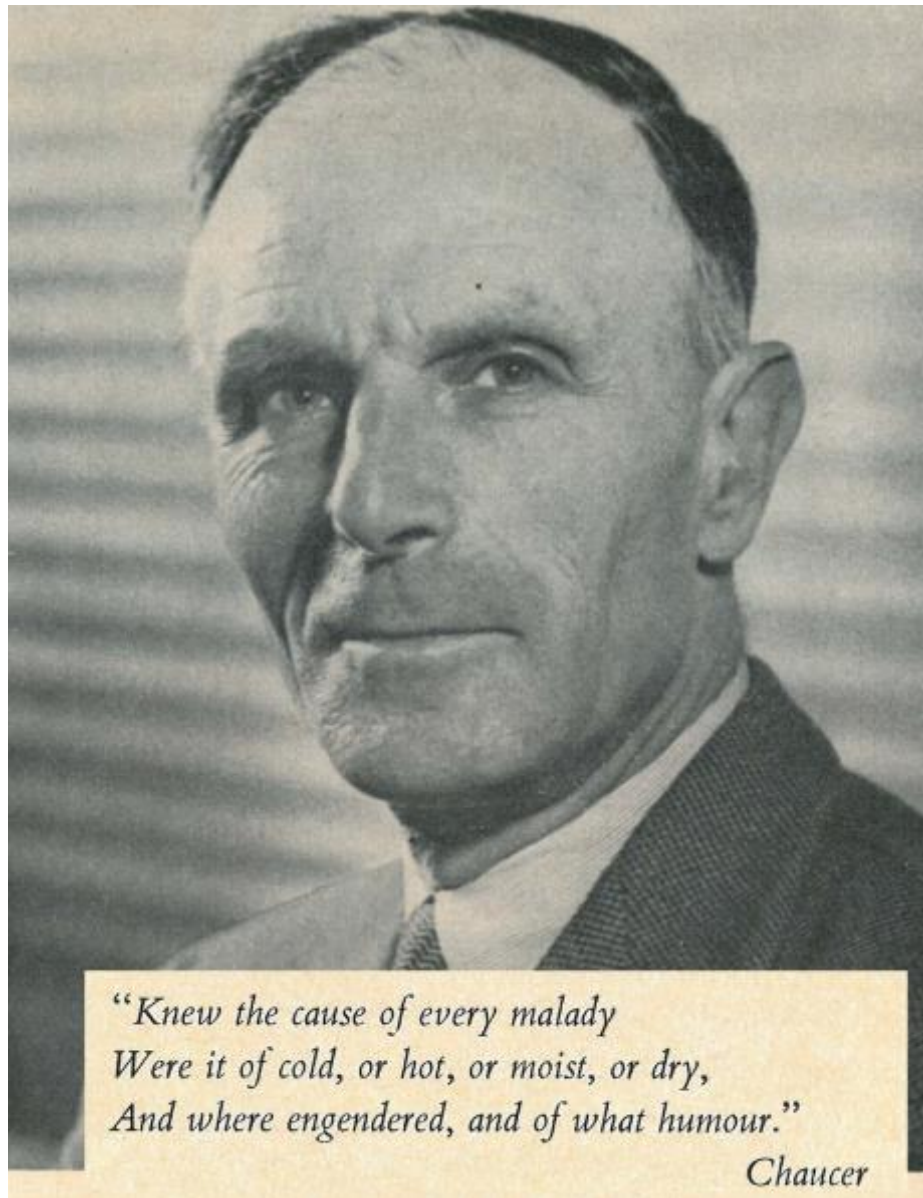
JUST SHOWS — THERE'S NEVER
A NEVER IN MEDICINE.

J. Koeslag



At the bedside with Professor Frank Forman

Professor Forman retires (December 1963)



*“Knew the cause of every malady
Were it of cold, or hot, or moist, or dry,
And where engendered, and of what humour.”*

Chaucer

Baby Ford



Professor Kench
Our Man from
Manchester

Bloimey! I've been
transaminated!





Prof. Jannie Louw

Masterly surgeon, superb teacher, hard taskmaster



Henry Walton lectured to us in psychiatry for a brief period (February –March 1962) before leaving to take up a chair at the University of Edinburgh.

Do you recall how he shocked the class by calling out two four-letter words during one of his lectures? He was succeeded by the far more discreet Lynn Gillis.

STAFF NEWS

WELCOME (APRIL 1962)

Dr L.S. Gillis M.D., D.P.M.

We take this opportunity of extending a very warm welcome to Dr Lynn Gillis, appointed Head of the newly created Department of Psychiatry at Groote Schuur Hospital. Before coming to Cape Town, he was Senior Psychiatrist at Tara Hospital, Johannesburg.





"Tsk! These hallucinations are getting a bit too much!"



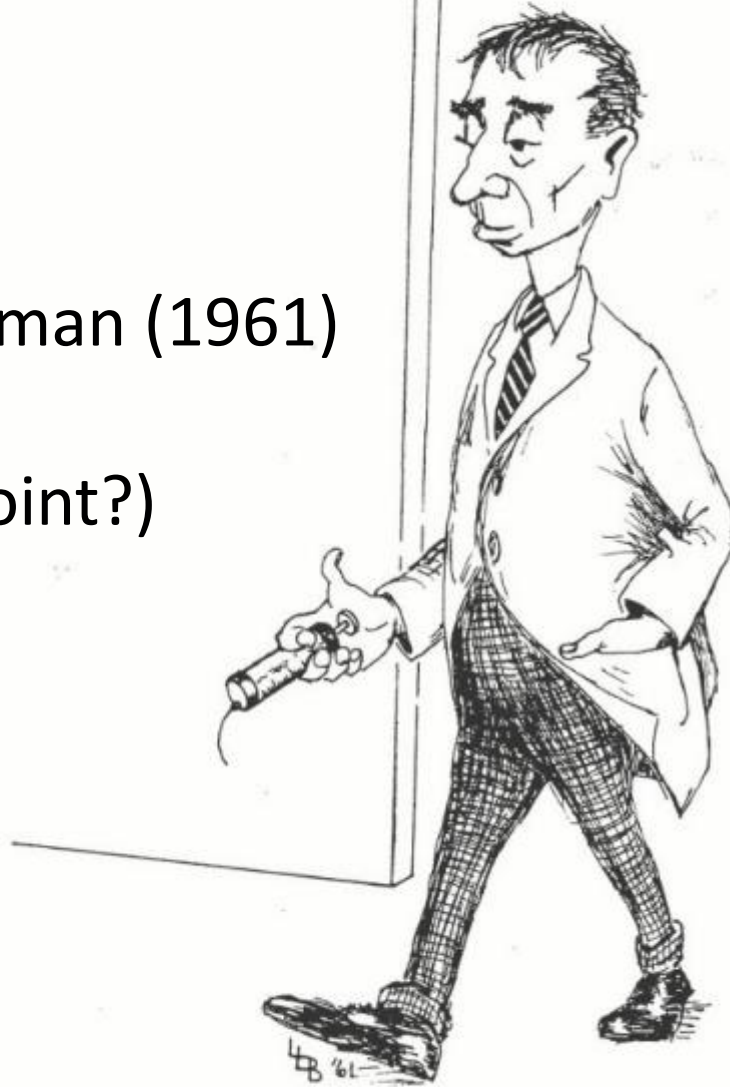
The “naming” of Groote Schuur’s new maternity block (1961) after the great man himself



The great man himself

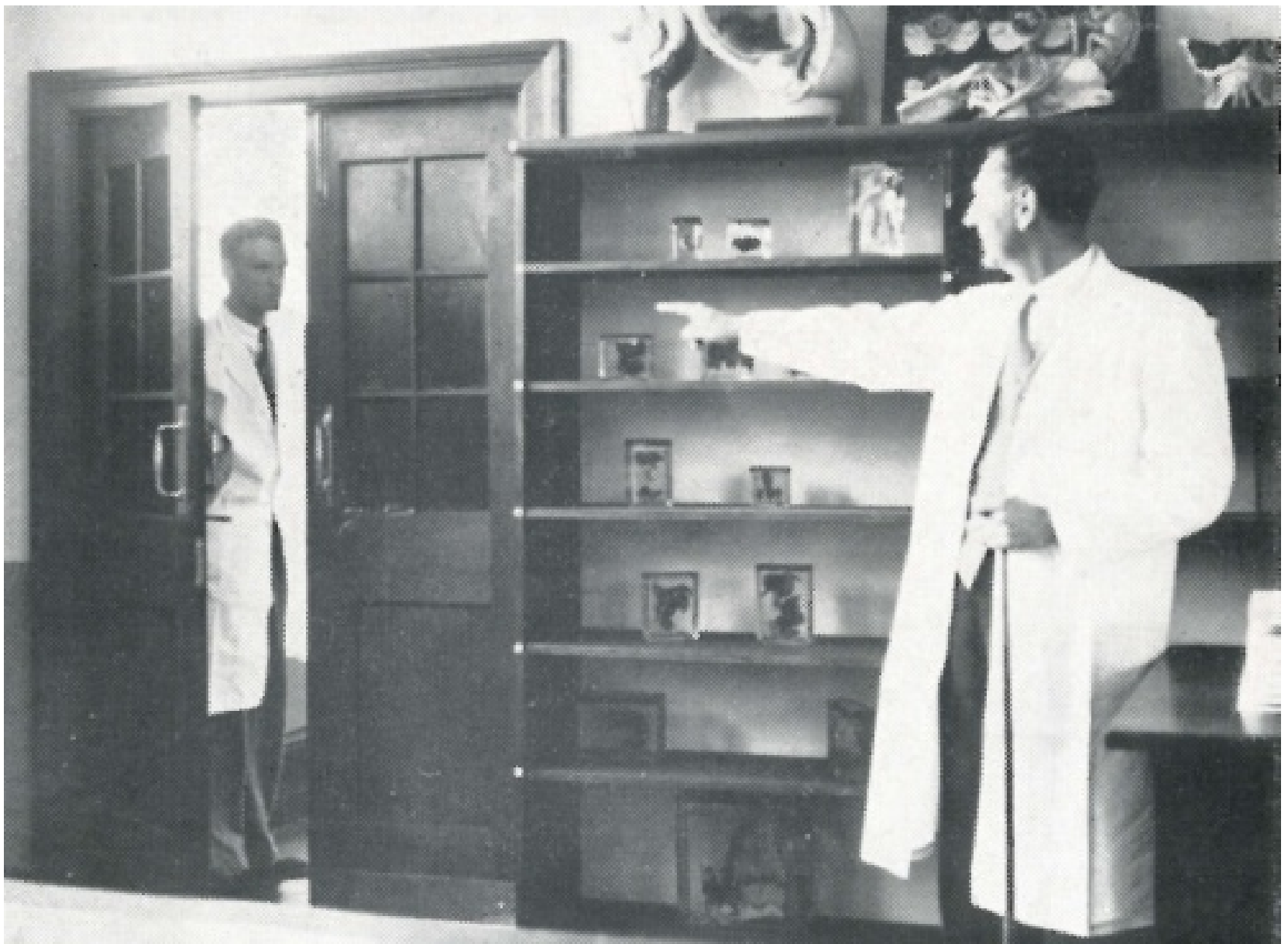
Appointed to the chair of
O&G at 35, James Louw
was the then youngest
professor at UCT

ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION WARD

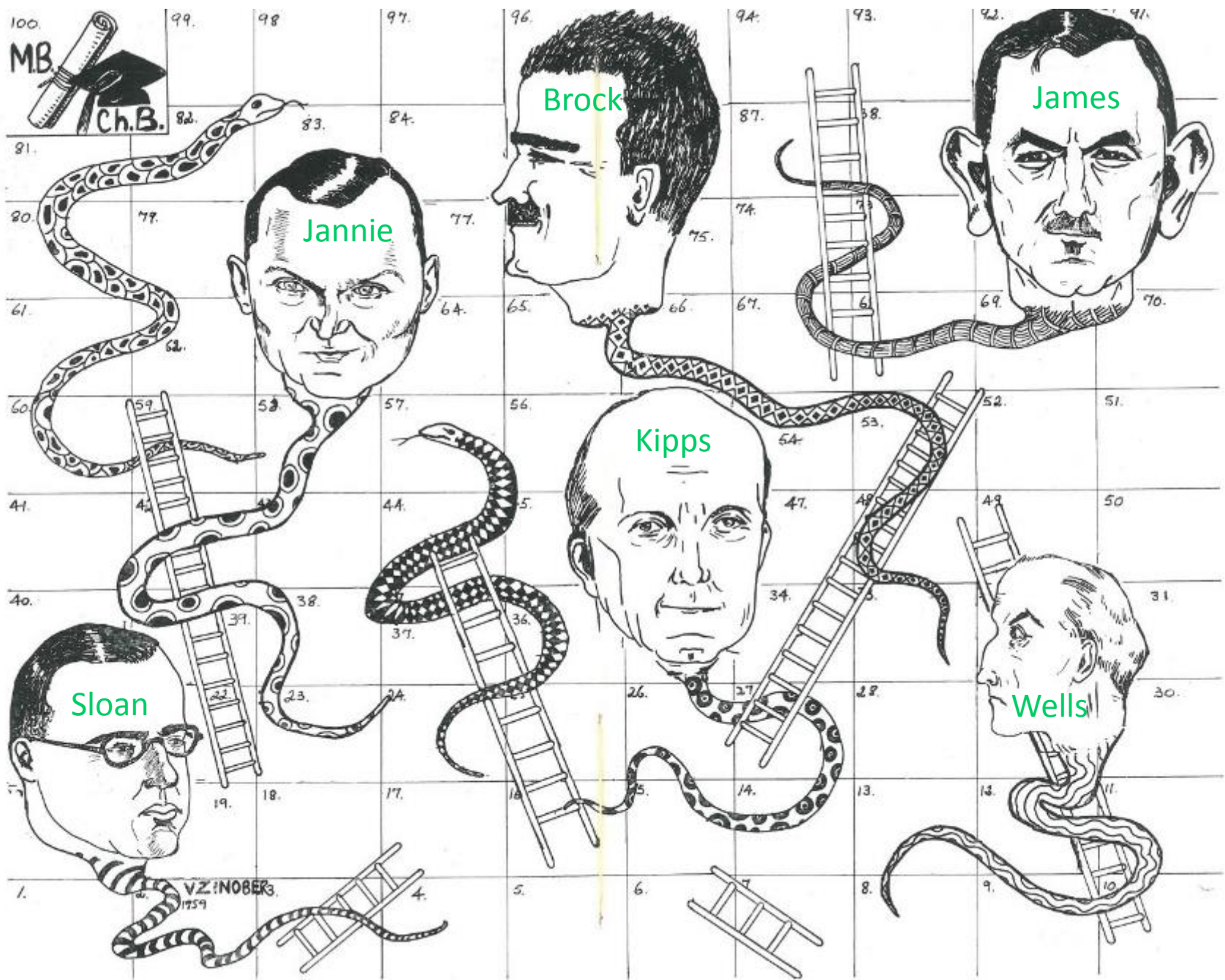


Drawn by Lex Boltman (1961)

(Do you see the point?)



“OUT!” Banished by James Louw for arriving a minute late for his lecture.



Snakes & Ladders: A Medical Student's Nightmare

Medical Students' Council (1961-1962)

Jane van Jaarsveld (5th Year Class Rep)

Donald Nuss



John Steer (President)

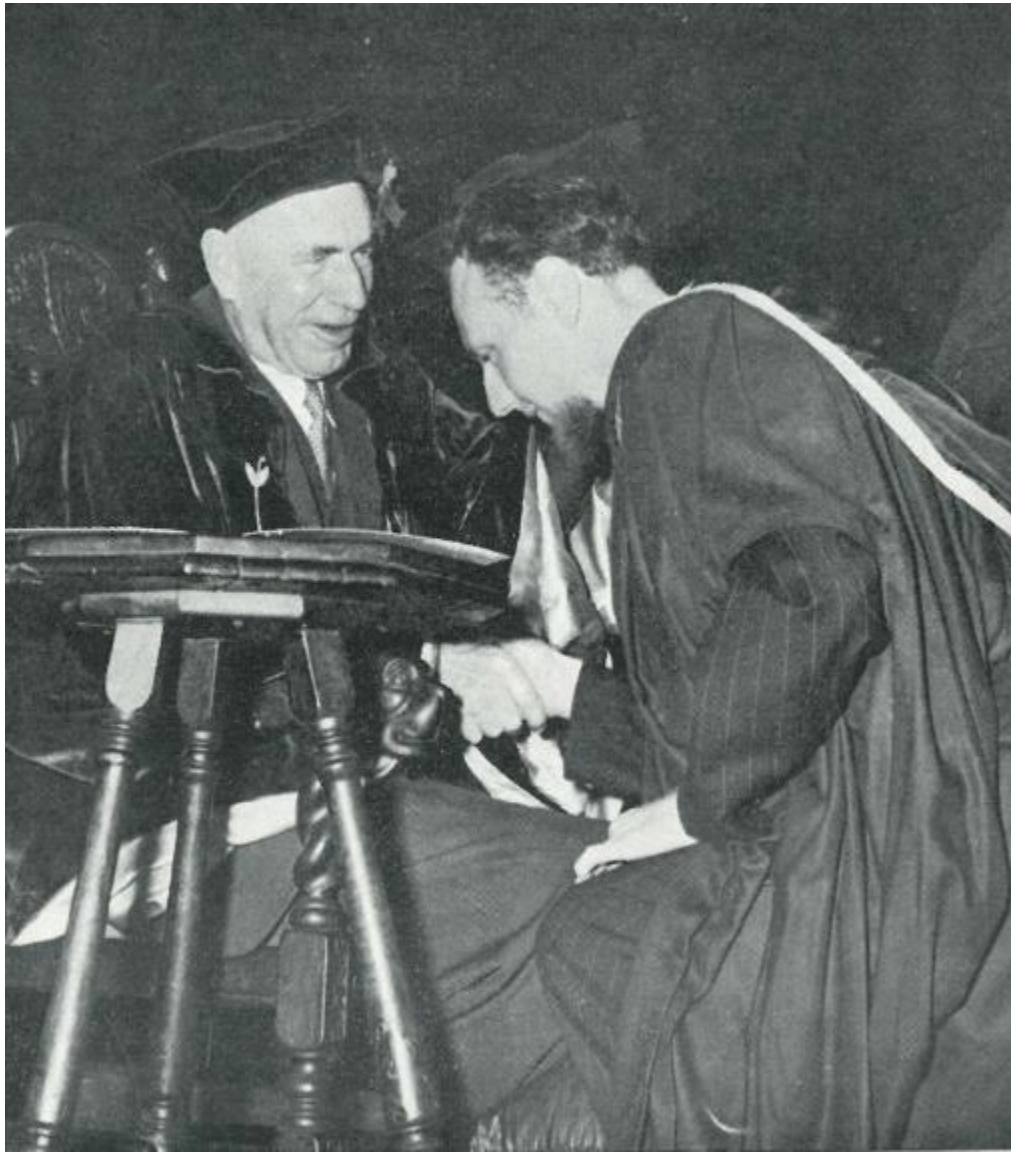
Lynne Heselson (Vice-President)

Members of our class identified



At our Final Year dinner: Lady Peel, Professor James Louw and Sir John Peel, visiting lecturer from London and the Queen's obstetrician. (Background: George Rosenberg and Fabrizio Casale).

Note: Four months after this photograph was taken, James Louw was dead – at the age of 48. John Peel went on to live to 101. Such is life!



AT LAST – THE MB ChB!

315 are capped in U.C.T. ceremony

IN a graduation ceremony lasting 1½ hours, 315 science, commerce, medical, art and architectural students of the University of Cape Town received degrees from the Chancellor of the university, the Hon. A. van de Sandt Centlivres, to-day.

More than 20 of the degrees were conferred *in absentia*.

The gallery and side bays of Jameson Hall were packed with visitors, many of them parents of students being capped.

The orchestra of the College of Music, conducted by Prof. Erik Chisholm, played as the academic procession entered the hall and moved slowly down the centre aisle. The opening prayer was offered by the Rev. T. Parker.

HONOURS

Among the biggest rounds of applause were those for Dr. Richard Cameron Fraser and Dr. Ronald Stewart Walls, who both achieved distinctions in their first, second and third professional medical examinations and were awarded their M.B., Ch.B. degree with first-class honours.

Another graduating medical student was Dr. Meir Herzl Melmed, a former president of the Students' Representative Council.

There was amusement among the audience when one flustered medical graduate walked away after being capped without waiting for Mr. Clive Corder, chairman of convocation, to invest him with his hood.

Sixteen of the medical students

who received their M.B. Ch.B. degree were non-White.

From *The Cape Argus*,
Thursday 12 December 1963

HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD WISHES

TO THE

DISTINGUISHED MB ChB CLASS OF 1963

ON THE

GRAND OCCASION

OF THEIR

GOLDEN JUBILEE