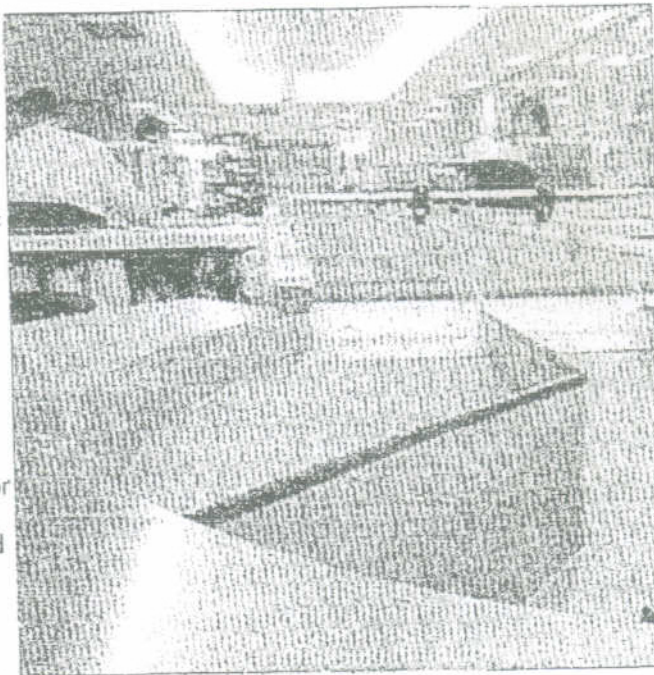


■ PathCare has opened a world class reference laboratory in Goodwood that places South African pathology at the forefront of automation technology worldwide. Dr Johan Kock, business partner of the new reference laboratory, said the main driver for installing the multi-million rand system was the worldwide medical technology skills shortage that also



affects South Africa. "It is the most automated laboratory in South Africa, and one of the most automated in the southern hemisphere," said Dr Kock. "As a result of automation, results are available more rapidly which means patients can be diagnosed, treated, and discharged from hospital earlier, providing all-round cost savings that benefit both patients and medical aids," said Dr Kock. The picture shows technologists at work in the gleaming laboratory.