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Top scientists for executive team

Three A-rated scientists and very experienced former UCT Deans were recently appointed by Council as Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellors, pending the selection and appointment of permanent incumbents into those positions.

Professor Cyril O'Connor, Professor Daya Reddy, and Professor Danie Visser will serve during the last months of Professor Njabulo S Ndebele's term as UCT's Vice-Chancellor, but also for at least the first six months of Dr Max Price's term as Vice-Chancellor. Price takes office on 1 June.

The rest of the executive team for

the first six months of Price's term will include Professor Thandabantu Nhlapo, who currently has responsibility for student affairs, development and international matters, and Professor Martin West, long-serving Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Vice-Principal, who will step down as DVC on 30 June but will remain as senior advisor to Price until 31 December.

"We simply could not have appointed a stronger, more experienced team," said Ndebele. "These are excellent temporary appointments that will be complemented by Professor Nhlapo, Professor West, and the rest

of the Senior Leadership Group. I have no doubt we are well prepared for what will be an exciting new phase in the history of this great institution."

The exact portfolio distribution is still under discussion, but in broad terms it is the intention of the Vice-Chancellor Designate to assume the transformation portfolio himself, for Nhlapo to continue with his current duties (students, development and international matters), for Professor O'Connor to be responsible for operational matters including planning and budgeting, for Reddy to be responsible for academic matters including the

faculties, and for Visser to continue with his responsibility for research and innovation and postgraduate matters.

The process to appoint the permanent Deputy Vice-Chancellors will begin in earnest later this semester and will be led by Price.

Some Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellors will serve as Pro Deputy Vice-Chancellors for short overlap periods to deal with the statutory limitation that there may not be more than four Deputy Vice-Chancellors. Pro Deputy Vice-Chancellors are not UCT Council members.

Farewell to Cheryl de la Rey



UCT formally bid farewell to Prof Cheryl de la Rey, who leaves at the end of April - after 12 years at UCT - to take up the reins as CEO of the Council on Higher Education. At a farewell last week, Vice-Chancellor and Principal, Prof Njabulo S Ndebele, commended De la Rey for her role as deputy vice-chancellor in the university's Emerging Researcher Programme, the upward trajectory of UCT's research performance, and the development and implementation of a number of signature research themes, among other initiatives. He also sang the praises of her more personal qualities - her keen strategic sense, her sharp eye for processes, and her attention to detail. "I've often told her that most of us have just one of these qualities," said Ndebele. "To possess all three is a gift." In turn, De la Rey thanked her erstwhile colleagues in the Department of Psychology - her first stop when she joined UCT in 1995 - and the Research Office, as well as her fellow DVCS, for their support over the years. She also singled out her PA, Julia Novella, and, finally, Ndebele, for his "great intellectual depth" over their many official and more-informal discussions.

For information

- Prof De la Rey leaves UCT on 30 April to take up the position of CEO of the Council on Higher Education.
- Prof Martin West stands down as DVC & Vice-Principal on 30 June but will remain as a professor and special advisor to the Vice-Chancellor Designate until his retirement on 31 December.
- Prof Martin Hall leaves his DVC position on 31 August 2008 to take up a professorship at the Graduate School of Business.

As far as the new appointments are concerned

- Prof Danie Visser will serve from 1 February to 31 December 2008.
- Prof Cyril O'Connor's contract will run from 31 May/1 June 2008 to 31 May 2009.
- Prof Daya Reddy's contract will run from 15 July to 31 December 2008.



Professor Cyril O'Connor is the former dean of the Faculty of Engineering & the Built Environment. He was recently awarded an A2 rating by the National Research Foundation (NRF). O'Connor obtained his PhD at UCT and his senior doctorate (DEng) from Stellenbosch University in 2005. He was appointed Dean of Engineering in 1998 and subsequently Dean of the new Faculty of Engineering & the Built Environment in 1999. His research interests are catalysis and flotation. The Catalysis Research Unit, of which he was director and remains an active member, focuses on the synthesis, characterisation and testing of catalysts, his own particular area of interest being catalysis by zeolites. The Centre for Catalysis Research is now a national centre of excellence. He recently stepped down after nine years as dean of the faculty but will return to the faculty as director of the Minerals Processing Research Centre, after a short sabbatical in Germany. He will also take up the new Anglo Platinum Chair in Minerals Processing. A Fellow of UCT, O'Connor is also a Fellow of the Royal Society of South Africa and of the South African Institution of Chemical Engineers. He is a founder member of the Academy of Science in South Africa.



Professor Daya Reddy is the former Dean of Science, a position he was appointed to in 1999. A graduate of UCT, Reddy obtained his PhD in mechanics from Cambridge University in 1977. He conducted postdoctoral research at University College London in 1978. Reddy was appointed to the South African Research Chair in Computational Mechanics in 2007. A National Research Foundation A1-rated researcher (since 2001), he is a UCT Fellow and holds the distinction of being the only South African to be elected a Fellow or member of the country's four national academies. He was also awarded the National Order of Mapungubwe (Bronze). Reddy serves on numerous councils and professional societies and has been a member of the board of the National Research Foundation since 1999, and its chair since 2002. He has been director of the Centre for Research in Computational and Applied Mechanics since 1999. He has held visiting positions at universities in Germany, Italy, the UK, Canada and the US, and is a member of national and international professional societies in the areas of mechanics and applied mathematics. He has over a hundred peer-reviewed publications to his credit, and has supervised or co-supervised 34 master's and PhD students to graduation.



Professor Danie Visser is professor of private law at UCT and a recent recipient of a National Research Foundation A2 rating. He was educated in South Africa and the Netherlands, obtaining doctorates in law from Pretoria University in 1980 and the University of Leyden in 1985. He is a former dean of the Faculty of Law at UCT (1996-1998) and a sometime holder of the Huber C Hurst Eminent Visiting Scholar Chair at the University of Florida. At UCT, he teaches comparative law, comparative legal history, the law of delict, and unjust enrichment. For the past five years he has taught comparative law in the Juris Doctor programme at the University of Melbourne, Australia, as a visiting professor. He is chair of the South African chapter of the International Academy of Comparative Law, and a former president of the Southern African Society of Legal Historians. He has also been chair of the specialist committee of the National Research Foundation's rating panel for law. He serves in various editorial capacities on numerous publications, including the *South African Law Journal* (as editor) and the *UK Restitution Law Review*. He has formal associations with many international universities, including the University of Tübingen and the University of Regensburg in Germany, and Scotland's University of Aberdeen. He is member of the Academy of Science of South Africa, the World Academy of Art and Science and an associate member of the International Academy of Comparative Law.

New paper on “bizarre-looking” reptile



New light on old bones: Prof Anusuya Chinsamy-Turan and her co-authors have published a paper in *Biology Letters* on *Pterodaustro*.

Palaeobiologist Professor Anusuya Chinsamy-Turan (Zoology) and two co-authors have published the first detailed palaeobiological examination of the now-extinct creature, *Pterodaustro* guiñazui, in the Royal Society's prestigious *Biology Letters* on 29 February.

A team of international scientists has been doing detective work on one of the more bizarre-looking creatures to grace the planet.

"This creature was called *Pterodaustro* and had a mouth that looked like a hairbrush, because of the thousand narrow teeth which were probably used to scoop microscopic organisms out of the water,

much like modern flamingos," said Chinsamy-Turan, a dinosaur bone microstructure specialist.

"It belonged to the pterosaurs, the first group of vertebrates to evolve the ability to fly. It lived 140 million years ago in what is now Argentina. It had a wingspan roughly the size of a surfboard and would have flown over the herds of dinosaurs.

"*Pterodaustro* is a very unusual flying filter-feeder which we've known about since the early 1970s. Now, for the first time, we understand it as a living animal, its lifespan, whether it was more like a reptile or a bird. We know that it

grew more slowly than a bird, but it stopped growing at a certain size, unlike most reptiles, which just keep getting bigger and bigger," said co-author Laura Codorniú, who is based in Argentina.

Co-author Luis Chiappe said: "That's interesting because until now most people thought these flying reptiles would be like modern birds, which grow very quickly and become mature in a matter of weeks. Yet we see many different sizes of *Pterodaustro* in the fossil record and this shows that they grew a lot slower – and now the bone microstructure has verified this." **MP**

Distinguished Teacher Awards

Students and members of the academic staff are hereby invited to submit nominations for Distinguished Teacher Awards in 2008. All members of staff who teach students are eligible for the award.

The Distinguished Teacher Award Selection Committee would like to draw the university community's attention to the fact that outstanding "junior" lecturers may be considered for nominations provided they have been teaching for a minimum of three years.

Nominators should note that, all things being equal, the Committee finds it difficult to make an award to someone who has been teaching at the university for less than three years, as the award is made in recognition of a continued record of excellence in teaching.

The Distinguished Teacher Award acknowledges the fundamental place of teaching and learning in the work of the university. It is a singular honour and is announced formally at the appropriate graduation ceremony in December. A Briefs purse of R20 000 is attached to the award. The Distinguished Teacher Award Selection

Committee may recommend up to a maximum of four recipients.

Recognition in the form of a "Vice-Chancellor's Medal" will be awarded to a nominee who clearly stands out. This form of recognition will be awarded to one of the four DTA awardees, from time to time and at the discretion of the committee.

Nominations must consist of a detailed statement making the case for the award. Where possible, evidence of excellence in teaching over a number of years should be included as well as some detail about the nominee's approach to teaching; for example whether the teacher's strengths lie in lecturing to large classes, in laboratory instruction, in less formal teaching activities outside the classroom, in some innovative teaching technique, and so on.

Such nominations are to reach the Senate Officer, Room 110, Bremner Building, by Monday, 14 April, (marked "Confidential", for the attention of Mrs D Wedel).

Please note that it is not necessary to provide all the supporting documents by the deadline for nominations.

Closure of Anzio Road

Staff and students will have become aware through the various media of the construction work due to commence at Hospital Bend on the N2. The objective is to resolve long-standing bottlenecks and ease traffic congestion. The works commenced on Monday, 3 March, and will run for 24 months. The university was consulted during 2007 and while it welcomed the City's efforts to ease congestion, UCT cautioned them on the

impact that the works would have on the Faculty of Health Sciences and the surrounding precinct during construction. As Anzio Road will no longer be a thoroughfare, it is anticipated that there will be very little traffic on it. However, traffic on the Main Road will, in UCT's view, increase, as vehicles that used the Anzio Road on-ramp will have to find an alternative. UCT will monitor the situation to see the impact not only on staff having to travel to

work but also between campuses, and the effect on the Jammie Shuttle and the transportation of students to and from the faculty. It may be necessary to review access to the faculty and options to ease access may be considered. However, the university is cognisant that multiple access points will reduce the levels of security presently enjoyed, and will work closely with the faculty to ensure that both access and security are not compromised. **MP**

BRIEFS



Vice-Chancellor and Principal, Prof Njabulo S Ndebele, and the president of the University of Michigan, Mary Sue Coleman, have signed a renewal of their student exchange agreement, further cementing the close links between the institutions. Coleman also delivered the Vice-Chancellor's Open Lecture on the expanding role of universities in a shrinking world. "There has never been a greater time for higher education to seek out new knowledge in new communities, because we share the language of ideas," she said.

Trustees of the Starr Foundation, Ernie Stempel and his wife, Brendalyn, mingled with some of the student beneficiaries of their sponsorship at UCT in an annual Starr donor recognition lunch last week. Since 1998, the Stempels have - through channels such as the Starr Foundation, the Ernest Stempel Foundation and in their private capacity - contributed more than R8-million to UCT coffers, much of this earmarked for the CV Starr Scholarship Fund.

The power crisis could drag on for several years and all sectors of the economy need to play a role to restore electricity supply in South Africa, Professor Anton Eberhard said at a presentation at the Graduate School of Business. "Eskom can't do it alone. Electricity savings, indus-

trial cogeneration and independent power projects are now essential for restoring electricity supply security," said Eberhard in his lecture, *South Africa's Power Crisis: understanding its causes and assessing prospects*. Eberhard is the director of the management programme in infrastructure reform and regulation at the GSB.

World-renowned astrophysicist Professor Jocelyn Bell Burnell visited UCT to deliver a public lecture on radio pulsars on 6 March. As a postgraduate student, Burnell discovered the first radio pulsars with her thesis advisor Antony Hewish, for which he won a Nobel Prize. "I find pulsars very hard to believe in," quipped Burnell. "But I suppose I must."



The Students Representative Council staged two protests at UCT to condemn the racist incident at the University of the Free State. "We stand against racism anywhere in South Africa, anywhere in the world," said Vice-Chancellor and Principal, Prof Njabulo S Ndebele. At the second protest on 7 March, students and staff signed a declaration and discarded red bands as symbolic of discarding racism.

South Africans must have equal rights, but at the same time have a right to be different, former cabinet minister Professor Kader Asmal said at a public lecture, titled *Multiculturalism Under Threat: Plight of the diaspora*, at UCT on 28 February.

At the talk, the former minister of education and of water affairs and forestry dispelled the belief that Afrikaans is losing its place in schools. "The 11 official languages should be treated as equitable, not equally," he said.

UCT hosted the academic field study component of international students on board the Scholar Ship, the "floating university" that dropped anchor in Cape Town recently. More than 200 students from 35 countries spent six days in the Mother City. The Scholar Ship immerses students and faculty in an intercultural living and learning environment, with students spending much of the 16-week academic programme on the vessel. They stop for port programmes at many spots around the globe.

A forum to debate the controversial planned development at the Sea Point Pavilion was held at the Centre for African Studies on 5 March. The forum, organised by Seafront for All, was a response to the announcement that the Cape Town City Council has awarded a tender to erect a 52-bedroom hotel and a multi-storey shopping centre at the pavilion.



On 6 March, the Department of Chemistry hosted Professor Donatella Taramelli of the University of Milan in the first talk in its Merck Seminar Programme for 2008. Taramelli's presentation was titled *From the Milano Malaria Network: the aminoquinoline ring, a versatile pharmacophore for new antimalarials*.



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The Brain and Behaviour Initiative (BBI) is a cross-faculty, multi-disciplinary collaborative initiative aimed at promoting research in the cognitive and affective neurosciences. The BBI is one of UCT's "Signature Themes", and seeks to bring together expertise on phenotyping, genotyping, cognotyping, imaging, and molecular signatures in achieving this goal. These methods will be applied to areas of particular relevance to the developing world and South Africa, with an initial focus on trauma and resilience.

Available fellowships: Post-doctoral Fellowship in Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis.

Requirements: Applicants for the post-doctoral fellowship, which will focus on the molecular neurobiology of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, must have completed a PhD degree in research relevant to this work. This includes research in molecular genetics, microbiology, human genetics/association and gene-silencing based studies (possibly involving DNA/RNA work), as well as previous experience in designing and working with shRNA and miRNA, PCR, sequencing, Western blotting, cloning, expression studies using a luciferase assay and tissue culture work (including the use of a confocal microscopy). Applicants must provide proof that they have completed the PhD degree.

Tenure of Fellowship: 1 year, with renewal subject to available funds and satisfactory academic progress.

Value of Fellowship: R130,000 per annum. Application for tax exemption will be made by the University on behalf of the successful candidate.

Applicants should send a copy of their CV, as well as a one-page outline of potential research directions, to Erica Nielsen at erica.nielsen@uct.ac.za. Successful applicants will be required to comply with the University's approved policies, procedures and practices. Other positions in the BBI and CUBBI come up from time to time - please see our website for details (www.psychiatry.uct.ac.za/cubbi).

Deadline for applications: March 18, 2008.

Six to receive UCT honorary degrees in 2008

UCT will award six honorary degrees this year, presenting these at its June and December graduations. The recipients will be Advocate George Bizos, Dr Lillian Cingo, Professor Jonathan Dorfan, Dr Eric Goemaere, Professor Claire Palley and Lord Leonard Wolfson.



Bizos will receive the degree of Doctor of Laws (LLD) honoris causa.

Bizos acted as an advocate in the 1950s for Nelson Mandela and Oliver Tambo's law firm, and had a part in all the major trials of

the 50-year-long struggle against apartheid. He is credited with helping craft Mandela's impassioned plea to the court in the famous Rivonia Trial, said to have swayed the judge from passing the death sentence on Mandela.



Cingo will be presented with a Doctor of Social Science degree, honoris causa. Born in 1938, Cingo is a dedicated health professional who has integrated her vocation in nursing with an ever increasing focus on development, especially

among isolated communities.

Dorfan will receive the degree of Doctor of Science, honoris causa. Dorfan spearheaded the historical transition of the Stanford Linear Accelerator Centre, traditionally a single-purpose particle physics research centre. Under Dorfan, the SLAC has branched out into many other areas, and its largest programme in 2009 will be in photon science.

Goemaere will receive a Doctor of Science (Med) degree, honoris causa. Among his many achievements, Goemaere initiated the first comprehensive HIV treatment programme in the primary care public health sector in Khayelitsha, funded by Médecins Sans Frontières,



through which he forged strong links with UCT.

UCT graduate Palley, to receive a Doctor of Laws (LLD) honoris causa,

played a pioneering role for women in the UK, becoming the first woman to be named a professor of law and the first woman dean of a law school there. Her writings are concerned with constitutional and human rights issues.

Wolfson will be awarded the degree of Doctor of Science (DSc) honoris causa. He is the founding trustee and current chairperson of



the Wolfson Foundation, which has made major contributions to higher education and medical and scientific research in the UK, Israel and South Africa.

"These honorary recipients have contributed and continue to contribute selflessly to the building of better societies in the social and economic areas, as well as areas of academia," said Vice-Chancellor and Principal, Professor Njabulo S Ndebele. "With these awards, we not only recognise them but applaud them for their exemplary and sterling contributions." **MP**

A fourth A-rated engineer for UCT

Professor Cyril O'Connor, former dean of the Faculty of Engineering & the Built Environment, has been awarded an A2 rating by the National Research Foundation (NRF).

The faculty now has four A-rated scientists. They also have the highest number of rated researchers of any South African engineering faculty.

A-ratings are awarded to "researchers who are unequivocally recognised by their peers as leading international scholars in their field, for the high quality and impact of their recent research outputs".

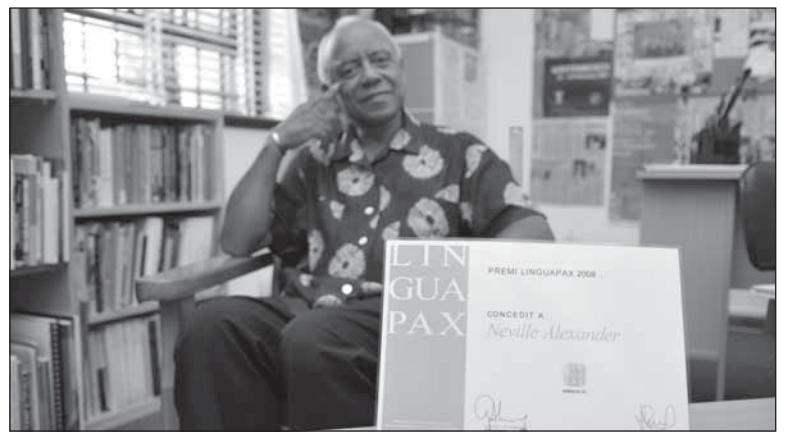
O'Connor enjoys an outstanding international reputation for his research in minerals processing. He is well respected both by his colleagues

and by leaders of industry.

He recently stepped down after nine years as dean of the faculty but will return to the faculty after a short sabbatical as director of the Minerals Processing Research Centre.

He will also take up the new Anglo Platinum Chair in Minerals Processing. **MP**

International acclaim



Honoured: Professor Neville Alexander has won the Linguapax Award.

MYOLISI GOPHE

Acclaimed linguist and anti-apartheid struggle veteran Professor Neville Alexander has won the prestigious Linguapax Award.

The annual award was presented to Alexander, director of the UCT-based Project for the Study of Alternative Education in South Africa (PRAESA), on International Mother Language Day, 21 February, at the Intercultural Week organised by the Ramon Llull University in Spain.

The Spanish-based Linguapax Institute awards the prize to linguists, scholars and members of civil society

to acknowledge their outstanding work in the field of linguistic diversity and/or multilingual education.

Alexander has done pioneering work in the field of language policy and planning in South Africa since the early 1980s, via organisations such as the National Language Project, PRAESA and the LANGTAG process.

His most recent work has focused on the tension between multilingualism and the hegemony of English in the public sphere.

Alexander was also honoured with the Steve Biko International Peace Award by the Umtapo Centre last year. **MP**

Burch makes history

HELEN THÉRON

Vanessa Burch is the new Professor of Clinical Medicine, succeeding Professor Solly Benatar and becoming the first woman to be appointed to an established chair in the Department of Medicine's 87-year history.

Burch completed her MBChB degree at Wits University and her specialist training at UCT. She was awarded a Fellowship of the College of Physicians in 1994 and in 1997 obtained an MMed from UCT. She has a PhD from Erasmus University, Rotterdam.

After completing her registrar training in 1994, Burch worked as a junior consultant from 1995 to 1997, and as a research fellow 1997 to 2001. She has been a senior consultant in the department since 2002.

Winner of a Distinguished Teacher Award in 2004, Burch now

co-ordinates clinical services across the academic teaching platform at the Groote Schuur Hospital teaching complex.

She will work closely with clinical staff in Level 2 hospitals in the metropole and will co-ordinate all the department's undergraduate and post-graduate clinical teaching activities.

"It is also my mandate to develop staff of quality and relevance, and provide leadership with regard to issues of diversity, transformation and equity," Burch said.

"The most significant challenge of the post is to strengthen the clinical teaching and service platform in collaboration with the provincial health services in difficult fiscal times."

One of the tasks she's looking forward to is developing clinical learning sites within the district health care system, sites that adequately prepare students for work in very challenging clinical settings.



Pioneer: Assoc Prof Vanessa Burch is the first woman to be appointed to an established chair in the Department of Medicine's 87-year history.

Burch is also dedicated to developing the profile of senior women in medicine at both teaching and clinical service levels. **MP**

Top prize for 'colossus' Solms

HELEN THÉRON

Professor Mark Solms, current Chair of Neuropsychology at UCT and Groote Schuur Hospital (Departments of Psychology and Neurology) has received the Arnold Pfeffer Prize for his contribution to neuropsychology analysis.

David Milrod, chair of the committee and of the New York Psychoanalytic Institute, described Solms as "a rare modern-day colossus" and a worthy recipient of this, the most prestigious award in the field.

Previous award winners are Antonio Damasio, Jaak Panksepp and Nobel Prize winner (Physiology or Medicine, 2000) Eric Kandel.

Solms' award lecture, *What is Repression?*, outlined the brain



Professor Mark Solms.

mechanisms underpinning this pivotal psychological phenomenon.

The summary reads: "From the outset, the concept of repression has been fundamental to psychoanalytic

theory. In recent years, scattered observations have accumulated in the neurosciences which seem relevant to our understanding of this concept. In this presentation, these observations will be integrated into a comprehensive formulation of what the neurological mechanisms of repression might be."

Solms has made his major contribution in the area of sleep and dream research and his previous honours include the 2002 American Psychiatric Association's International Psychiatrist of the Year Award.

He is best known for his discovery of the forebrain mechanisms of dreaming, and for his pioneering integration of psychoanalytic theories and methods with those of modern neuroscience. **MP**

The Centre for Conflict Resolution (CCR), Cape Town, South Africa, invites you and members of your organisation to the seminar

"THE ENIGMA OF CYRIL RAMAPHOSA"

to mark the launch the book, "Cyril Ramaphosa" by Anthony Butler

CHAIR and DISCUSSANT
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SPEAKERS

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Date: Wednesday 19 March 2008 • Time: 17h30 to 19h00
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All welcome and entry is free. The book will be for sale at the event.



Student applications well up

HELEN THÉRON

Comparative statistics show that UCT's 2008 application figures for undergraduate and postgraduate students in all categories are well up on last year's figures.

A total of 20 200 applications were received (2007: 18 000), 15 000 of these from new undergraduate students (transferring and first-time entering), a significant increase over last year's 13 000.

In all, over 6 000 offers were made, in all categories of undergraduate applicants, for 3 800 places, says director of admissions, Carl Herman.

"We expect a take-up rate of over 60% but final registration figures are not yet available."

Though UCT's physical resources are stretched to capacity in many areas, a large applicant pool remains important, Herman says.

"The more applications we get, the more strong students we get to choose from. This is important when you consider the shrinking pool of black South African applicants. Everyone is competing for them."

It's also important to remember that many of the 15 000 applicants are ineligible for study at UCT. Many don't make the grade.

"It's a question of finding the best applicants in the country, in all categories, and then converting offers into registrations."

"It is pleasing to note that applications are up from last year," Deputy Vice-Chancellor Professor Thandabantu Nhlapo added.

"UCT faces competition from other institutions, all of whom want



the best students from all kinds of backgrounds. I believe that the improvements to our system have contributed to this year's numbers. By improvements I mean the better co-ordination and synergy between recruitment, admissions, student housing and financial aid, which really kicked in this year.

"Further refinements will no

doubt be made, and when we do get it right, the process of applying to UCT will be significantly simplified. With PeopleSoft finally showing what it can do, UCT is poised to be as competitive as anybody else in the sector."

Herman also reports a smooth processing run this year, his staff working hard to provide a seven-day

turnaround on applications for nearly 100% of the admissions cycle.

In addition, faculty-based staff and staff in areas such as student financial aid and student housing contributed to a better experience for applicants.

However, the new matric system presents new challenges with regard to applicants at the end of 2008.

With higher grade and standard grade subjects now a thing of the past, this year's matrics will write the new National Senior Certificate.

"One of the challenges for the faculties after the end of 2008 will be to calibrate the old and new systems when making offers to students, many of whom will be returning after a gap year," Herman said. **MP**



LETTERS

The following is a copy of a letter sent to Vice-Chancellor and Principal, Professor Njabulo S Ndebele, from Gudrun Oberprieler

Dear Professor Ndebele

Your statement and thoughts on the events at the UFS are appreciated. So is the fact that our students have apparently organised protest action. I am sure that in many respects the atmosphere at UCT overall is very different from what still persists elsewhere in this country. However, there is no reason for complacency either. When I attended one of the early Khuluma workshops in 2006, I was quite horrified at hearing about the abuse and discrimination experienced by many, especially service and administrative staff on this campus, on a daily basis. It is not only racism, but also very much sexism and all sorts of other isms and phobias that people are subjected to at UCT, in more or less subtle ways, every day. The perpetrators are outsiders and members of the UCT community alike.

The Khuluma and Mamela workshops have been welcome initiatives at UCT. At the workshop I attended in 2006, I was the only academic staff member. The few

other academic colleagues I have spoken to reported similar trends at the workshops they attended. At the Mamela gathering in 2006 at which I was a facilitator there were very few academics. Are people still encouraged to attend the Khuluma workshops, especially academic staff? I haven't seen anything for a long time. What comparable programs are there to address these issues among students?

How are we really doing at UCT in terms of integrating diversity into all aspects of university life, into course curricula? Are we too busy with our everyday tasks to give much thought to how our actions might impact on others? Do we make the time to ask them? Where do humanity, ethical concerns and care for one another have a place? How integrated are our residences? – I don't know.

It is a time to protest and express anger at what still happens in our country, although it should not really come as a surprise. But it is also a wake-up call for all of us to examine ourselves, our thoughts and actions again, also at UCT.

Regards
Gudrun Oberprieler
Centre for Educational Technology (CET)

It is very clear that the action of the students responsible for the racist humiliation of black workers at the UOFS must be condemned. And it is enormously encouraging that we as a UCT community are actively standing up to do so, the recent protests being a case in point. However, we must be careful not to be too comfortable in our condemnation of these Free State students, without also turning the gaze on ourselves. Racism does not only occur in these horrific forms, it occurs in cloaked and insidious forms, and it does so every day, right here at our very own institution. A quick look at our recent institutional climate survey will tell you that many black people at UCT feel excluded and unwelcome. We absolutely have a duty to stand up to the actions of the Free State students, but we have the same duty to examine ourselves. The danger, otherwise, is that they become the scapegoats for our own shadow.

Claire Kelly, Intercultural and Diversity Studies

Slow day at the office



Sometimes, human error still trumps technology. On 28 February, UCT students and staffers were up in arms as the campus was hit with yet another leaden email delivery day. At one stage more than 500 000 messages were standing in a line.

The cause, it turned out, was one email account that continually sent out a single email message. Some sleuthing later and Information & Communication Technology Services traced the source of the message to a student account. They stopped all email from that account.

The message was also removed from the queue to prevent any further delay in mail delivery.

SHAWCO's community of learning extends to Saturday

HELEN THÉRON

Every Saturday morning, while many kids sleep in, scores of others in Khayelitsha, Manenberg, Nyanga and Kensington are opening their schoolbooks.

They're in classrooms with tutors from UCT, students who've volunteered their time and talents to SHAWCO (Students' Health and Welfare Centres Organisation).

SHAWCO has provided medical and social services to these communities for more than seven decades. But only in the past decade has their focus



shifted from the soup kitchen-social services image to youth development, "Education is the new focus," said executive director Varkey George.

George has been the driver of SHAWCO's singularly successful transformation, after taking the reins in 2004. Towards the end of 2003, storm clouds were brewing over the organisation, which ran over 20 outreach projects in these communities, including five mobile clinics.

Around R1-million in the red, the organisation was in deep trouble. It then appointed George, who had led the Wits Rural Facility at Wits University out of its financial woes, as its new executive director.

It has been the hallmark of George's administration that new projects have been launched with specific goals in mind.

"We took a holistic look at the lives of the children," George said. In addition to core school subjects to boost academic skills, students offer extra curricula sports and art classes, IT training and leadership skills.

The younger pupils get help with English and maths, and as they progress, biology, science, information technology and other subjects are added at senior grades.

With education in a declining state, Jon Hodgson, student president

of SHAWCO's education sector, said UCT students are well placed to assist.

"We're harnessing the capacity UCT has to benefit local communities."

The aim is to prepare pupils for matric and then tertiary studies. They are recruited for that purpose, their parents paying a nominal R20 for the service. They also sign an agreement, necessary "buy-in" to enlist support and reduce drop-out rates.

"We're not looking for A and B aggregate pupils. We're looking for potential," Hodgson said.

"We also teach them skills that will make them employable and responsible."

It's an all-round education model, Hodgson explains.

Most of the student recruitment takes place in O Week.

"We're picky," Hodgson concedes.

Afterwards they're interviewed for suitability. Already 850 students (SHAWCO has 1 200 student volunteers) are involved in these communities. All that's required is three hours of their week.

The demand is growing. Parents have been begging the organisation to expand. In Khayelitsha alone the education initiative has made space for 10 additional pupils in each of the four classes. **MP**



Making a difference: SHAWCO's Varkey George (centre) and Jonathan Hoffenberg (at back) with student volunteers, from left, Masouda Rahim, Precious Peter, Shahanah Surty, Rebecca Metz and Mabea Mashiane at the organisation's Saturday School in Khayelitsha.

SHAWCO empowers the needy with computer skills

MYOLISI GOPHE

Manenberg residents will get free internet access and learn computer skills as the Students Health and Welfare Centres Organisation (SHAWCO) opens a computer laboratory in the area in June.

SHAWCO, a student-run, non-governmental organisation based at UCT, received R300 000 from the Stempels Foundation to start the centre, to be housed at the Manenberg Primary School. The money went towards setting up a secure lab at the school, to be used not just

by schools, but also for the centre's adult evening classes. But SHAWCO still needs to raise funds for 32 computers.

SHAWCO's executive director, Varkey George, said they decided to add the computer skills programme to empower both young and old.

"It will be a combination of getting young people skilled so they are equipped for their careers, and providing the community with access to the internet," George explains.

The organisation has been running arts and sport programmes in Manenberg for many years. **MP**

Win-win as SHAWCO helps small businesses

MYOLISI GOPHE

When Nathalie Beugé and Joffrey Hintze arrived in South Africa from France last month, they had no clue how businesses are run in Africa, let alone how informal entrepreneurs in local townships go about their business.

Having worked for Nozibele Mkefa in her restaurant at the Nyanga taxi rank for the past five weeks, the students from the Business School of Amiens in France have gleaned not just invaluable insights, but have also picked up some kitchen skills, and can now cook and serve traditional African dishes.

In turn, Mkefa said their presence has attracted more customers, with some even insisting that they be served by the duo. Beugé and Hintze have also organised funds to improve Mkefa's business by building a shelter and adding more tables and chairs.

Beugé and Hintze are two of the many international students that are part of SHAWCO's international programme, which pairs international students with small businesses in the Western Cape.

SHAWCO's executive director, Varkey George, says this is a "win-win" situation as small businesses are growing while the international universities are benefiting from the service-learning programme.

The programme, which has drawn some 100 international students already, also raises funds for SHAWCO's many community projects.

"SHAWCO's been inundated with requests from universities abroad to be part of this programme," reports George. **MP**



Business partners: Nozibele Mkefa has been sharing knowledge with French students Nathalie Beugé and Joffrey Hintze.

Testimony

Zanele Lwana is a 16-year-old grade-12 learner at Bulumko Senior Secondary School in Khayelitsha. She's been attending SHAWCO's education programmes for the past three years. Lwana's written an essay to express her gratitude to SHAWCO and the students who have assisted her with her studies over this time. In the essay she writes:

"Our dearest teachers at the Saturday classes are like our parents. Some of us do not get the chance to talk to their parents, get love and tender care. The Saturday teachers' role is to teach us, but they all treat us like their own children, and would like to see us in better places.



For some of us, it's hectic during weekends at our homes, so at least we do get the chance to get out and invest in our future."

A DAY IN THE LIFE *of a Lab Assistant*



MYOLISI GOPHE

Ask any employee how his or her job is and more often than not you will get a “not too bad” or “so-so” answer. Not so with Charles Hendrickse, a laboratory assistant in the Department of Molecular and Cell Biology. For Hendrickse, his work is one of the best parts of his day.

That probably tells why he has worked in the department for 30 years – and is still going strong.

“This is the work I enjoy the most. I was longing to do it and I’ve never regretted it,” he says.

What do lab assistants do?

In a department that teaches and conducts research on areas such as health and disease, plant and animal pathogens, viruses, genetic engineering, new crops and agriculture, lab assistants come in handy to help scientific officers prepare chemicals for students. Hendrickse performs

his duties in two different rooms, the preparation room and the practical lab. He works with bacteria and DNA to prepare solutions for second- and third-year students.

The process

During the first semester things get hectic in the department, as a lot of preparation is required from Hendrickse and the two scientific officers he works with. So, they start three weeks before the beginning of the term so students don’t have to wait when they arrive. At that point they prepare their potions based on estimations of the number of students to be registered. Otherwise, it often takes about two days to grow the necessary cells. “We have to put a lot of planning, energy and time into the job,” he says. Hendrickse said he has learned how to make cells competent so they are active for use. “The cells have to be active and ready when students want to do their projects.”

The highs and lows of the job

Hendrickse enjoys his job so much that he gets irritated when things don’t go according to plan. That is the only low point of his work, but there are always back-up plans to overcome problems.

But working with students has kept Hendrickse going for three decades, having started at UCT as a cleaner and proceeding to work in the animals’ section before joining the lab. “I love students, it’s nice to work among them. They are everything to me, I feel great when I stand and show them how to molecule, to flame, the basic principles of the work.”

The job has its rare moments

Hendrickse said many years ago a student was flaming a loop next to a bunsen burner when his long hair caught fire. “The whole class burst into laughter. They felt sorry for him but that could not stop them from laughing,” he said. **MP**

Fleur du Cap award is Child’s play



Hurrah: UCT drama graduate Emily Child is the winner of the 2007 Fleur du Cap Award for the most promising student.

At a ceremony at the Baxter on 9 March, drama graduate Emily Child, 22, was announced the winner of the 2007 Fleur du Cap Award for the most promising student.

UCT was well represented among the winners, with several alumni walking away with awards. These included Chuma Sopotela for best performance by an actress; Alan

Committie for best performance by an actor (Committie was also the MC for the evening); Claire Berlein for best supporting actress; Lara Foot Newton for best new indigenous production; Claire Watling for best performance in a revue or cabaret (shared with Godfrey Johnston); and Luke Ellenbogen for best lighting design.

Monday Paper spoke to Child after the ceremony.

When and how did you acting bug bite you?

Well, to be honest, I think it was the boy bug that got hold of me first. I was super-shy at school and it was the realisation that the school play equals meeting so many gorgeous boys. At around 12 I decided to brave the stage and within about 10 minutes I was swept off my feet by a love that will never call you names and break your heart!

Is the Fleur du Cap your first acting award?

The Fleur du Cap is my first professional acting award. I won a couple at school and university but they never required an acceptance speech! This feels pretty huge. I mean VERY huge. It’s such an honour, and a real

confidence booster...

Did the year feel like an award-winning one while you were living it? What, do you think, made it special?

It was one of the busiest years I have ever had. As final-year performers we were in production from January to December. It’s special to start to feel three years of study, work its way into your bones and start to show in your performance.

Any favourite performances/roles – your own – from 2007?

Emilia in *Othello* will always be particularly special. Shakespeare toys with your emotions in many ways in that it really stretches your capacity to feel. I broke some huge barriers in my work during that process. I love playing a “baddie”, and boy, is she bad...

What acting/theatre projects are you involved with at the moment, and what do you have lined up for the year?

I am currently working on a show with Luke Ellenbogen called *Gone Dottie*. It’s a comedy based on the writings of American writer, Dorothy Parker. It’s a one-woman show so it needs my full attention. **MP**

Mr Mac has passed away

HUGH AMOORE

PG McDonald, known to many of his contemporaries as Mr Mac, has died in Knysna, aged 92.

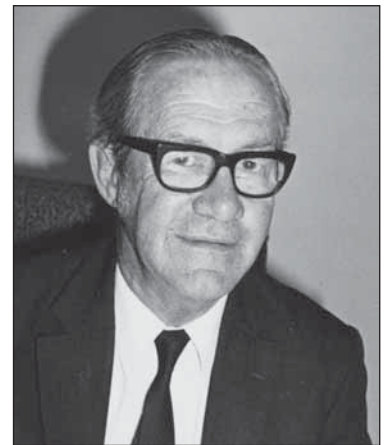
He was registrar at UCT from 1971 to 1978, at a time when the university had a unitary administration, all administrative departments falling under the registrar whose responsibility was to co-ordinate their work and ensure inter-departmental co-operation. McDonald joined UCT in 1946 as a senior clerk. He matriculated at Grey School in Port Elizabeth and though he won a bursary to Rhodes, his family’s circumstances prevented him from taking this up, and he enrolled with the University of South Africa, obtaining a BA degree in 1938. He had joined the public service in 1935 after leaving school, during World War II, and returned to work in the office of the Comptroller and Auditor-General. During this period McDonald completed the examinations of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries, obtaining first place in South Africa. He had an unshakeable belief in the value of night classes.

With him in 1946 came John Benfield, registrar from 1955 to 1971, and Len Read, who succeeded him as registrar from 1978 to 1983, all from the Auditor-General’s office.

McDonald became Assistant Accountant in 1957 and Accountant two years later, succeeding the legendary Mr Knott-Craig (the University’s Accountant headed the finance department and enjoyed the same salary as a professor – in 1961, after decimalisation, this was R4 500 per annum). Two years later the position was re-designated Finance Officer, and Len Read became the Deputy Finance Officer.

He retired at the end of June 1978, after 32 years in UCT’s administration.

McDonald’s term as accountant/finance officer from 1959 to 1970 and registrar from 1971 to 1978 was one of significant growth and significant challenge. At his retirement in 1978, acting chairperson of Council, Judge Marius



Diemont, paid tribute to “his long period of loyal and unstinting service to the University”, while Sir Richard Luyt said that “he had won the respect and affection of the University at large”. Among the major challenges with which he had to contend were the introduction of the first formula for State funding driven by student enrolment (the 1974 publication of the Van Wyk De Vries Commission’s report on state funding of universities) and the introduction of the Associate Institutions Pension Fund (AIPF) in 1961 or 1960, to both of which he made important contributions. In the 1920s and 1930s UCT (due to the energy of such people as Mrs Fuller after whom Fuller Hall is named) adopted equal pay for women; in the late 1950s, due largely to Mr McDonald’s influence, UCT admitted all grades of full-time staff to the new AIPF pension fund, at the time the only SA university to do so.

Mr McDonald and his wife Grace moved to Knysna in 1990 where he had the pleasure of family members. It will come as no surprise to those who knew him that until last year, at the age of 91, he meticulously completed his own annual income tax returns; that he did not do so this year in his 92nd year was an indication of failing health. He is survived by his widow Grace McDonald (to whom he had been married for over 60 years), their son and daughter, and their grandchildren. **MP**

A Goldin opportunity for two young actors

UCT graduates Thami Mbongo and Nicholas Pauling have been named as the winners of the 2008 Brett Goldin Bursary award, founded in honour of the actor murdered two years ago.

Mbongo is the winner of the 2007 Aardklop Best Actor award for Lara Foot Newton’s *Karoo Moose* – shared with the ensemble cast – and was also nominated as best supporting actor in the 2007 Fleur du Cap

Awards. Township Talks, which he wrote and directed, is currently at the Ikhwezi Theatre Festival in the Baxter Sanlam Studio.

Pauling was nominated as Best Actor at last year’s Fleur du Cap awards for his performance in the title role of *Amadeus*. He took over the role of Guildenstern in Shakespeare’s *Hamlet*, just days after Goldin was killed.

The two were chosen from a

shortlist of nine actors selected from 103 applicants countrywide. The adjudicating panel included Janice Honeyman, Cape Town-born Sir Antony Sher and Denise Goldin, mother of the late actor.

The Brett Goldin Bursary was founded by the Royal Shakespeare Company in England, the Actors Centre in Johannesburg and the Baxter Theatre Centre in Cape Town. **MP**

LECTURES & MEETINGS

UCT Inaugural lecture on "W(h)ither democracy in South Africa" by Professor Robert Mattes, Department of Political Studies, On 19 March at 18h00 in Lecture theatre 1, Kramer Law Building, Middle Campus, UCT. Please RSVP to the Centre for Extra-Mural Studies at telephone 021 650 2888 or email ems@ched.uct.ac.za

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The Cause Celebre: Nefertiti and Joann Fletcher - "What went wrong?" - is the title of an illustrated double lecture by Professor, Anthony Humphreys at The Egyptian Society of South Africa on Tuesday 18 March at 19h30 at St. George's Grammar School, Mowbray. Members free, non members R20. Booking not necessary. Secure parking in school grounds. Inquiries (021) 557 5082.

FREE LECTURE AT SACM An Introduction to Music Technology, a once-off lecture presented by multi-discipline researcher, lecturer and innovation specialist worker Annelies de Bruine, will be held in Room C18 at the SA College of Music on Tuesday 18 March between 1 - 2 pm. De Bruine currently holds a lectureship at the InHolland University in the Netherlands. Content:
 • A short history of electronic dance music
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New multi-million-rand soccer field for UCT

The Kopano Field is in the process of getting an extreme makeover



The grass will be greener: John Critien, executive director of the Properties and Services Department; John Donald, head of sport and recreation; and Chris Briers, project and engineering manager at UCT, check out the work on the Kopano soccer field, about to get a R5.5-million facelift.

CHRIS MCEVOY

In a project that will take 21 weeks at a cost of R5.5 million, a state-of-the-art artificial soccer turf is being installed. When complete, it will be the first FIFA-accredited artificial soccer turf in the country.

It's a long and complicated process.

After all the natural grass is removed, the ground is prepared and a drainage system is installed. A rough polypropylene base is laid, followed by a smooth top layer of crumbed rubber, which holds the artificial grass in place. The final effect is very similar to natural grass, but without the disadvantage of wearing out and

requiring constant maintenance.

"The advantage of having artificial turf is that it allows for extended use, particularly during winter," explains John Critien, executive director of Properties and Services.

"There has been a resurgence of the popularity of football as we approach 2010, and this is to be

encouraged.

"Unfortunately, we have only the one soccer field - Kopano - and if you ask around you will know that it becomes "played out" with sand patches in the goal areas and around the centre. When it rains it becomes a nightmare, with mud and pools all over."

The new artificial turf requires little attention, and is durable enough to be in constant use without damage. Twenty-four hours a day even, suggests John Donald, head of sport and recreation at UCT.

With some 35 soccer teams jumping and sliding and running across the turf, the field gets a thorough working over each year. "The field just gets kicked to pieces," says Donald.

The R5.5 million comes from the Notes Levy Fund, which is made up of money that accumulated over the years before the move to course-based fees.

"In the past, students paid a levy to cover the costs of the notes they would be given by a lecturer, such as course materials and lab notes, in the various courses," explains deputy vice-chancellor Professor Thandabantu Nhlapo.

"With the move to an all-inclusive, course-based fee, there is no longer a need to pay notes levies, but by this time quite a significant amount had accumulated in the fund.

"Council decided that these monies could, by application, be released only for projects that would strictly benefit students as a whole."

As well as the main field, a new five-a-side field will be

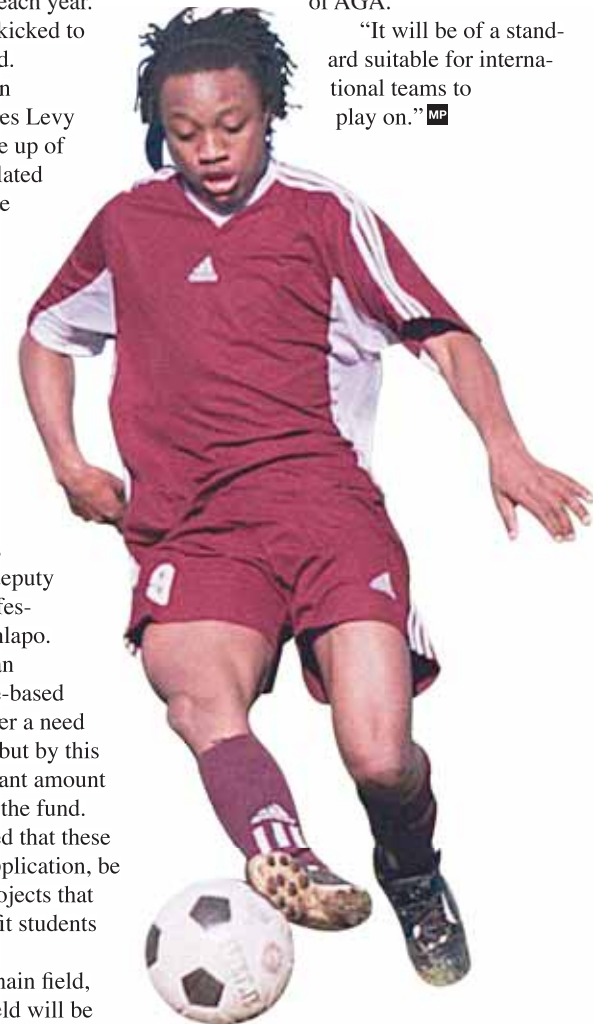
built where the old reservoir currently is, and a new underground water tank is being built above the field. The embankments, seating and fencing will also be overhauled.

Imported from Belgium, the artificial turf will be installed by accredited BEE company Artificial Grass Africa (AGA), who will be assisted by FIFA officials.

"This FIFA-accredited field will allow for a sixfold increase in playing hours, eliminate all natural grass maintenance, resting and repair, and of course it will not require the three million litres of water a decent grass soccer field needs every summer,"

says Pierre de Groot, CEO of AGA.

"It will be of a standard suitable for international teams to play on." **MP**



Women shine at Lighthouse race



Winning women: Nicola Collins and Amy Aronson steered the UCT women's team to its fourth consecutive win at the Men's Health Lighthouse 10km road race.

MEGAN MORRIS

There's obviously something about the Men's Health Lighthouse 10km road race that appeals to the women's athletics team. A four-strong team won the women's event in Green Point on 5 March – UCT's fourth win on the trot.

Which is surprising, says coach James Evans, as the UCT team has been chopped and changed just about every year. Nicola Collins, the Western Province 10 000m champion, has been the only common denominator over the four years.

Teammate Amy Aronson picked up her second winning medal, as she was part of the 2007 quartet. This year Collins and Aronson were joined by American exchange students Ariane Mohr and Caroline Ott. **MP**

Mighty Ikeys head for semis

HELEN THÉRON

The Ikey Tigers have retained their top slot in the inaugural FNB Varsity Cup after beating the Tshwane University of Technology (TUT) 52-16 in Pretoria last week, taking another step closer to the semi-finals.

Fresh from two consecutive wins, the team put together another fine display of running rugby, running in eight tries to one. Matthew Turner, who scored a brace in a 10-minute cameo against North-West University's Pukke, added a hat-trick against TUT.

Their second successive win on the road, it was a performance that drew praise even from TUT coach Jimmy Watt.

"I think they will go all the way,"

he said.

"We have seen that any side can beat any other side in this competition. They play a true student brand and they have adapted to the new laws."

He commended their high skill levels.

"It doesn't matter if it is a back or a forward, he can get his hands through the tackle and offload to a teammate. They move the ball around, and if you miss one tackle, you stand behind your own goal-line," said Watt.

UCT head coach John Dobson said TUT were the "most physical and the biggest of the teams" in the competition.

Arch-rivals Maties (Stellenbosch) are in second place on the log, the Pukke in third. **MP**