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# UCT's conservation biology research number one in South

A survey lists UCT as number one in the Southern Hemisphere for conservation biology and equivalent to the fourth highest North American university



Top-flight work: Quinton Hagens and doctoral student Genevieve Jones of UCT's Percy FitzPatrick Institute at work with a Wandering Albatross on Marion Island; and, right, doctoral student Nikki Raihani with a Pied Babbler in the Kalahari, Northern Cape.

### HELEN THÉRON

CT's international stature is shining after a University of Pretoria academic's survey ranked the university top among the Southern Hemisphere universities in terms of impact of research into conservation.

Dr Elissa Cameron's survey included English-speaking universities in South Africa, Australia and New Zealand, and followed a similar study of 315 institutions in North America.

Impressively, UCT scored the same as the fourth-highest North American university, UC Santa Cruz, outranking heavyweights like Stanford, Harvard and Berkeley.

"Our universities are often overlooked internationally but are actually very productive in making major research contributions," Cameron said. "I think it helps our students to know that they are working with world-leading researchers."

Cameron, who recently returned to South Africa from the US, is an associate professor and director of the Mammal Research Institute at Pretoria University.

Rankings were based on the *h-index* of papers published in six top conservation journals between 2000

and 2005. The *h-index* incorporates both the number of publications and their impact. UCT ranked third in terms of qualifying publications and was second for the number of citations.

"The *h-index* is a combination of publications and citations of those publications. It's supposed to represent an index not only of productivity but also of the relevance of the publications".

Fourteen of the 36 Southern Hemisphere universities that qualified for the survey had scores equal to the top 40 North American institutions. Of these, 10 were Australian, one from New Zealand, and three South African (UCT ranked first, Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University 10th and Pretoria 13th).

"We should have international recognition for our research contributions, and recognition that we are as productive as the top US universities is important for our international profile," Cameron added.

"Of course, in SA – although not in New Zealand or Australia – our research productivity is linked to National Research Foundation subsidies, so that is another benefit.

"We generally work with less funding than in the US, so I think our productivity is even more phenomenal."

Although there is no formal conservation focus at UCT, the Percy FitzPatrick Institute of African Ornithology (Department of Zoology) and the Plant Conservation Unit (Department of Botany) both have strong

conservation mandates.

"With local and international teaching and student supervision, the FitzPatrick Institute runs a highly successful coursework master's programme in conservation biology that has graduated almost 200 students from 34 countries since its inception," the FitzPatrick Institute's Associate Professor Phil Hockey said.

"The fact that students are required to produce a paper suitable for publication rather than a dissertation from their independent research project doubtless contributes to UCT's international success in the conservation field."



### Innovation award for international law course

### **HELEN THÉRON**

The Department of Public Law's international law course is the second of two winning entries in the inaugural Teaching with Sakai Innovation Award, sponsored by IBM.

Sakai is the open source software platform that powers Vula, UCT's online learning environment. The Sakai community, which includes over 100 universities world-wide, established the award to showcase uses of Sakai that "transform the learning experience by combining excellent teaching practices with innovative solutions".

UCT's international law course



World class: International law's Salim Nakhjavani delivering an international law lecture.

was chosen from 25 entries and four finalists, mainly from Europe and North America. It was the only African entry.

First place went to Dr Aileen Huang-Saad of the Department of Biomechanical Engineering at the University of Michigan.

"Both of us will have the opportunity to travel to Paris this July to present papers at the 9th Sakai Conference at the Université Pierre et Marie Curie," said international law lecturer Salim Nakhjavani.

The judges had considerable praise for Nakhjavani's course: "Elsner was impressed with the obvious 'impact on the larger African community'. Bain noted that it provided a 'robust learning environment by engaging students in the process of international law'."

Acting Vice-Chancellor Professor Martin West was delighted. "Brilliant – my congratulations to those involved – an extraordinary achievement!"

Nakhjavani praised the international law teaching team of Cathy Powell, Jewel Amoah, Chris Oxtoby and law student Shihaam Donnelly.

The development of the International Law site on Vula was supported by a Teaching with Technology Grant from the Centre for Educational Technology.





### Stakeholders gather

Andrew Bermann of Urban Design
Services, Tim Hart of the Archaeology Contracts Office, Noëleen Murray
from the Office of Deputy Vice-Chancellor Professor Martin Hall, Hennie van
Wyk of community group Gorachouqua
House and Rushdie Majiet were among
those at the 17 May meeting of the
Rustenburg Burial Ground Stakeholders'
Forum. The forum is part of the public
participation process currently under way
for the proposed development on middle
campus, and is made up of representatives
from various community and heritage
groups with an interest in the memoriali-

sation of the Rustenburg Burial Ground. The meeting considered the identification of a sensitive core burial area around which new buildings might be built, and also discussed exploratory archaeological approaches to investigating the extent of the burials before architectural design and construction take place. The planned buildings would skirt an area that's been identified as a burial site dating back to the Cape's slave period in the 17th and 18th centuries, on what was once the Rustenburg farm. The forum's proposals and suggestions will feed into UCT's heritage and development reports.

## Rangaka joins the league of extraordinary fellows

#### **MYOLISI GOPHE**

hen Dr Molebogeng Rangaka finished her medical degree at UCT, she could have followed any medical speciality, but she chose the highly challenging field of public health and infectious disease immunoepidemiology.

However, she is confident that she's made the right decision. "Given the scale of the HIV and TB problem in our society, and the fact that very few medical graduates follow this route, it makes sense that I chose this field," she says.

Rangaka's work received a boost when the Wellcome Trust, the UK's largest medical research charity, awarded her a research training fellowship recently. As a member of UCT's Institute of Infectious Disease and Molecular Medicine, she will do a three-year doctoral course at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, where she obtained her master's degree in



The difference: Dr Molebogeng Rangaka has won a training fellowship from the Wellcome Trust.

epidemiology.

In her work, she hopes to evaluate whether new blood-based methods of identifying TB infection can predict who will develop active TB.

"All of us have the TB germ," she says. "The only available test for tuberculosis infection (Mantoux), as recommended by the

government, makes diagnosis very difficult, especially in HIV-infected

"It doesn't accurately tell us who is likely to develop active TB and who is likely to benefit from TB preventive therapy. Hopefully, this research may give us something better than we have had thus far."

# Transcription project closes



Handing over: Maureen Rall, (left), and Illona Meyer, (right), hand the work of the TEPC project to Catharina Verkerk of the Dutch Embassy.

### **MYOLISI GOPHE**

The three-year, R3-million
Transcription of Estate Papers
and Associated Documents at the
Cape of Good Hope (TEPC) project
may have closed shop, but it leaves
behind a rich archive.

As part of the project, transcribers have produced a database,

available on the internet or CD, and guidebooks to researching hand-written manuscripts from the 17th to mid-19th centuries. These include descriptions of private belongings - from houses to crockery to, yes, slaves - as well as records of prisoners and exiles banished to the Cape by the Dutch East India Company (VOC), and VOC muster rolls.

"This has been a project about everybody, from Jan van Riebeeck to a blacksmith's assistant's assistant's assistant," says Dr Antonia Malan of UCT's Department of Archaeology.

The digitised records and guidebooks were formally handed over to the Head of the Western Cape Archives and the Royal Netherlands Embassy on 13 May.

While the project has closed, UCT's Professor Nigel Worden believes that it has opened new doors. Members of the transcription team have established the Tracing History Trust to promote further recording and digitisation of historical resources.

The multi-award-winning project was a joint effort between UCT, the University of the Western Cape, and the National Archives in The Hague, Netherlands, funded by the Dutch government and supported by the Western Cape Archives and Records Service (see www. capetranscripts.co.za).

### UCT join hands with CBE

### **MYOLISI GOPHE**

The African Centre for Cities, a UCT signature research theme, received a boost when it signed a memorandum of understanding with the Council for the Built Environment, an agreement that comes with an annual award of R350 000.

The council is a statutory body established by Parliament to provide sustainable built-environment professions that serve the public and national interest. The funding is to support master's and doctoral students who are undertaking research linked to the agenda of the centre, specifically to its core project of sustainable human settlements.

The signing of the memorandum on 9 May followed a similar

agreement with the City of Cape Town a few weeks ago, and another is being finalised with the Western Cape government. Each agreement is worth R350 000, funding for the employment of researchers.

Professor Vanessa Watson of the centre said cities and towns are under pressure from urbanisation, lack of services, and the growing threats of oil prices, climate change and food insecurity. "Finding different, and sustainable, ways to plan, build and service urban areas is no longer a 'nice to have', but probably the most critical issue of the 21st

Watson said one of the greatest drawbacks to achieving this is a lack of human capacity, and the funding would help to address that.



On the evening of Friday, 16 May, emissaries from the Students' Representative Council (SRC) and house committees, together with staff from Campus Protection Services, took to the streets of UCT to hand-deliver wads of crime-awareness pam-

phlets to residences. Firstly, the pamphlet alerts students to the increase in robberies on the university's fringes. It also, and very specifically, urges students to walk in groups at night, part of a Safe Walk initiative the SRC hopes to introduce. "We want to instil that mentality of always moving in groups," says Faith Chirinda, who holds the SRC's

health, safety and security portfolio. In the picture, Tugwell Hall's Jessica von Berg and Susan Tissiman receive pamphlets from Ellen Petuane of CPS and fellow Tugwell resident Thandekile Dhladhla.

### Double take for researcher

### MYOLISI GOPHE

CT staffer Marijke Geldenhuys has hit two birds with one stone, winning two prestigious honours in the US over one weekend.

First, she received the Outstanding Health Sciences Student Award from George Washington University, and then she heard that she'll soon be inducted into the Alpha Eta Honour Society, a US scholastic honour society for the allied health professions.

Geldenhuys, a quality assurance and professional development manager at the Worcester clinic of UCT's South African TB Vaccine Initiative (SATVI), completed her master's degree in clinical research administration at George Washington in 2007, becoming the top student in the health science faculty there.

The George Washington award

recognises graduating students who have demonstrated exemplary academic performance, promoted teamwork and collaboration among peers, and who participated in community service.

"This is quite amazing. I never thought I would do better than the Americans," Geldenhuys said before jetting to the US.

The Alpha Eta Honour Society landed Geldenhuys for her academic excellence, outstanding leadership, professional development and commitment during the course of her studies

Professor Gregory Hussey, director of SATVI, said Geldenhuys' involvement in the course forms part of the initiative's programme to develop clinical research administration capacity within South Africa and the rest of Africa.

### UCT honours Wolfson in London

**NEWS** 

Vice-Chancellor and Principal, Professor Njabulo S Ndebele, conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Science on Lord Wolfson of Marylebone at a special ceremony at South Africa House in London on Wednesday, 14 May.

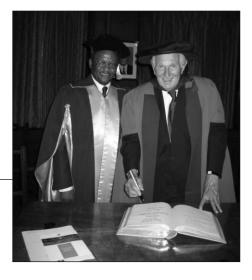
Dr Stuart Saunders, former vice-chancellor and President of Convocation at UCT, acted as orator for the day and paid tribute to Lord Wolfson's acumen and generosity of spirit. Saunders talked of the major contributions that Wolfson had, made to many universities and, in particular, to UCT, through the Wolfson Foundation.

For example the foundation has supported the Wolfson Computer Labs, UCT Libraries, the Wolfson Pavilion that sits at the centre of the Institute for Infectious Disease and Molecular Medicine, and more recently the refurbishment of the chemistry laboratories in the PD Hahn Building.

The ceremony was attended by trustees of the Wolfson Foundation, including Lord (Randolph) Quirk, former VC of the University of London; Sir Eric Ash, former Rector of Imperial College London; Sir Derek Roberts, former Provost of University College London (UCL); and Lord Quinton, former President of Trinity College, University of Oxford.

Among the trustees of the UCT UK Trust who were present were Irene Menell, Sir Aaron Klug, Professor Jeffrey Jowell, Sir Frank Berman, Baroness Chalker and Jennifer Ward Oppenheimer.

Capped: Prof Njabulo S Ndebele with Lord Wolfson, who received an honorary degree from UCT at a ceremony in



## UCT and SAPS underscore commitment to reducing crime

#### **HELEN THÉRON**

UCT has underlined its commitment to reducing crime by holding a meeting with the station commanders of the South African

Police Services at Mowbray and Rondebosch and, later on the same day, hosting the first of several crime prevention forums for the university community.

Hosted by Deputy Vice-Chan-





Top: Superintendent Henry Hubbard of the Rondebosch Police Station and Marthinus Fourie of the Mowbray station meeting with Prof Martin Hall and Prof Njabulo S Ndebele. Below: Staff and students at last week's crime prevention forum had a chance to ask some hard questions.

cellor Professor Martin Hall, the forums provided a platform for staff and students to voice their concerns about crime, in the wake of the recent armed robbery on middle campus and the murder (off campus) of respected academic Professor Kevin Rochford.

Meeting with the station commanders, Vice-Chancellor and Principal Professor Njabulo S Ndebele said UCT and the SAPS had worked hard to establish a mutually supportive relationship, aimed at reducing crime in the immediate precincts of UCT.

Hall added that UCT's crime prevention efforts should be seen in the context of the multi-pronged civic improvement district plan.

Under discussion were possible plans to extend UCT's CCTV camera surveillance to crime hotspots just off campus.

On the eve of completing his last term as Vice-Chancellor, Prof Ndebele thanked Superintendents Henry Hubbard (Rondebosch) and Marthinus Fourie (Mowbray), for their commitment and co-operation.

The chief concerns expressed at the crime-prevention forum centred on UCT as a gun-free campus, the extension of protection to semester-abroad and other international students living off campus, patrols in poorly-lit parking areas, and enforcing the rule that students and staff carry their UCT cards at all times.

Those who were unable to attend the forums may present their crime-related questions via the email Crimeprevention@uct.ac.za.

### Awards for top African Studies students



Awarded: The Centre for Africa Studies awarded prizes to some of its top students. Pictured here (from left) are Ronen Agranat, Thokozani Mhlambi, Prof Brenda Cooper, Kende Kefale, Fabian Saptouw and Siona O' Connell.

### **CHRIS MCEVOY**

CT's Centre for African Studies held a prize giving for students at the centre on 16 May.

The 2007 Harry Oppenheimer Scholarship, and award for master's and doctoral African studies students, was awarded to BSocSc honours student Rumbi Goredema and master's student Fabian Saptouw, who received R10 000 each.

The Jack Simons Bursary, which is worth R10 000, was awarded to postgraduate Diploma of African Studies student Kende Kefale.

Top achiever awards were also given to Ronen Agranat, Siona O'Connell and Thokozani Mhlamba, who each received a book of their choice.

# New course on improving teaching

### **CHRIS MCEVOY**

CT will be offering a short course aimed at senior lecturers who want to hone their teaching skills.

The course is offered by the Higher and Adult Education Studies and Development Unit (HAESDU) of the Centre for Higher Education and Development (CHED). It will consist of individual consultations,

a series of lunchtime seminars, and observations on teaching.

"We noticed that there was not much support for experienced lecturers who want help in improving their teaching," explains Dr Jeff Jawitz of HAESDU.

The Short Course on Teaching will be designed around the individual needs of lecturers.

"We expect them to tell us what goals they want to achieve and the

course will be shaped around their intended objectives," says Jawitz.

At the end of the course, participants will write a report to assess their development and review their teaching in response to the challenges and concerns they have identified.

The Short Course on Teaching will take a maximum of 12 participants, and starts in the second semester.

# UCT students among the best

### **MYOLISI GOPHE**

A UCT business science team has finished third in the national finals of the prestigious L'Oreal Brandstorm international marketing competition. Cape Persuasion, comprising Celeste Adonis, Aletha Jaftha and Melissa Rassie, were beaten by winners

L'Afrique Mondiale from the Wits Business School and Team Wilde from Cape Town. L'Afrique will now travel to Paris for the international final. But the UCT team received a consolation prize of a year's supply of movie tickets for members and their partners, as well as a L'Oreal hamper.

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## Council meeting

The University Council met on 7 May. Here's a report compiled by Registrar Hugh Amoore.

Council reflected, as many at UCT have done recently, on the loss of Professors Kevin Rochford and George Lindsey.

Its first item of business was to ratify a series of proposals made by Council's executive committee in April. Several of these dealt with financial matters.

The Chair of the Finance Committee (UFC), in reporting the management accounts to Exco, described the actual performance against budget as "phenomenal". Council's chair has paid tribute to the work of the UFC and the discipline of management at all levels in achieving a small budget surplus when a deficit had been budgeted.



Prof Martin West retires from UCT at the end of 2008.

Three financial appropriations approved by Council were a further R7.2 million to provide emergency power for load-shedding and other power outages; R 4.1 million for the upgrade to the next version of the Campus Solutions Oracle/PeopleSoft ERP system that UCT uses for student administration; and R7.5 million in budget relief for the Faculty of Commerce.

The UCT Foundation reported on

its AGM. Irene Menell has retired as a trustee after 25 years and as chair, which she has been for the past decade, and will be replaced by Justice Craig Howie, who next month retires as president of the Supreme Court of Appeal.

Council has been concerned to ensure that where the university relies on third parties for outsourced services, two things are in place: firstly, that suppliers meet the standards of UCT's code of conduct, and, secondly, that UCT has rigorous contracts with these suppliers to protect the university's interests.

Council has therefore paid particular attention to ensuring that management has in place a contract with the Nashua subsidiary Campus Copy & Print, and noted a report at the May meeting that this contract has now been signed by both parties and has the backing of all involved at UCT. This contract provides the means of regulating on-campus printing services. Council has sought similar assurances in regard to the issue of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the 2009 and following catering services that are soon to be issued, and the contract process that will follow the selection of a caterer after evaluation of the responses to the RFP, and will be seeking reports from management on this process in the next few months.

Council has paid particular attention over the past few months to transition matters. Announcements have been made about the acting appointments (DVCs Professors Danie Visser, Cyril O'Connor and Daya Reddy). A selection committee has now been appointed to search for and make proposals for new DVC appointments to replace Professors Cheryl De la Rey (now at the Council on Higher Education), Martin Hall (who steps down at the end of August 2008), and Martin West.

Vice-Chancellor and Principal, Professor Njabulo S Ndebele, has reported to Council on visits he had made to major US foundations that support UCT, to say farewell to them, and, at the same time, to introduce Max Price. And Council has been given details of the interim portfolio



Council is looking at a comprehensive report on residence integration.

arrangements for the executive team from 1 July, 2008.

The Council has also welcomed the fact that Professor Ndebele will resume the De Beers Chair of English on 1 July, will be on leave for the next year, and will retire from the University on 30 June 2009. Professor West will vacate the office of DVC and Vice-Principal on 30 June, 2008, continue as a professor in anthropology, be seconded full-time for the rest of 2008 to assist the new VC in the role of special adviser, and retire on 31 December, 2008.

The Council itself is in a process of transition and elections are underway for a new Council.

A major concern of the Council over the past two years has been the need for a new joint agreement between UCT and the Western Cape Province for the partnership between UCT and the province's Department of Health. Council has recently received a comprehensive report on this, and has asked the Vice-Chancellor to do what he can to take the

matter forward with the authorities in the province and the national government.

Two important issues in the student sector have had Council's attention: integration in residences, and a concern that there may be a resurgence in instances of initiation.

A comprehensive report on residence integration was before the Council (Council had asked for this as it wanted to ensure that there was no possibility of incidents arising at UCT similar to those that had recently occurred at University of Free State), and the Council has taken note of this and referred it back to the Department: Student Affairs for circulation among leadership in the residence community (wardens and house committees as well as others), for the Student Affairs Committee (USAC) to consider responses to the report, and for USAC to submit proposals to Council on any matters requiring Council's attention.

The second report was on initiation. Here Council has made it quite clear that it will not tolerate initiation, and that all forms of initiation are prohibited. That is and will be the policy - and there will be no half measures or elliptical definitions of initiation that provide loopholes though which initiation can creep back into student life. Council has placed it on record that practices that constitute initiation cannot be voluntary; that the notion of voluntary initiation practices is simply indefensible; and that there can be no compromise on this position.

Finally, Council gave consideration to several important proposals from the Senate sector published in the *Principal's Circular*.

Prominent among these was the proposal for the academic year pattern for 2010. This has now been approved, and it provides, among other things, for an early start to term in 2010. The 2010 term dates will be:

• 8 February 2010 - first day of term

- Short vac 20 to 28 March
- Exams 20 May to 3 June
- Mid-year graduation 3 and 4 June
- Mid-year vac 5 June to 25 July
- Second term starts 26 July
- Short vac 4 to 12 September
- Graduation ceremonies 13 to 17 December



Justice Craig Howie joins the UCT Foundation as a trustee.

It will be a long year, but the early setting of the term dates will allow planning for the full range of academic activities to take place.

### **NOTICE**

The International Academic Programmes Office (IAPO) has moved out of the Kramer Law Building to 3 & 4 Lovers' Walk on lower campus, the offices previously occupied by the Research & Innovation Offices. The office can still be reached at telephone number 021 650 2822, fax 021 650 5667 and via email int-iapo@uct.ac.za.



Council has approved a further R7.2 million to provide emergency power during load-shedding and other power outages.

# UCT study spotlights youth entrepreneurship

South African youth are developing the confidence and potential to become entrepreneurship superstars, according to the latest Global Entrepreneurship Monitor (GEM) study

The key findings of the study, conducted by the UCT Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CIE) based at the UCT Graduate School of Business, show that the youth have a positive attitude towards opportunity-oriented business activities, and a willingness to work with others towards achieving their objectives.

According to Dr Mike Herrington, Director of the UCT CIE and research team leader of GEM South Africa since 2001, the window of opportunity is open and ready for accelerated youth entrepreneurship development.

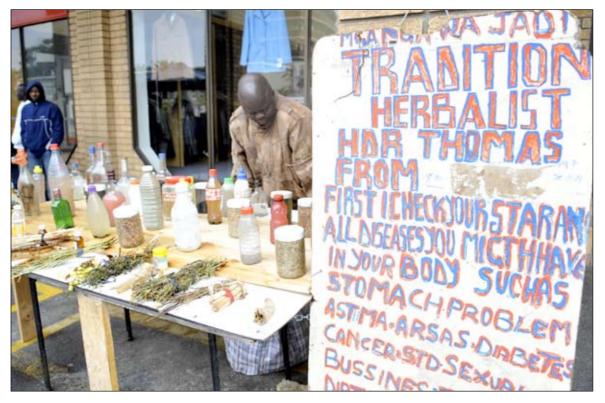
"The youth constitutes the majority percentage of the population and their importance in the current and future environment cannot be underestimated. With creative energy and willingness from South Africa's key players, youth entrepreneurship development can be accelerated to bring renewed socio-economic growth in South Africa," he said.

Herrington says the latest GEM report is an analysis of findings to date rather than a participation in the latest annual round of the global entrepreneurship assessment and rankings. However, new research was conducted in Gauteng, the Western Cape and KwaZulu-Natal to gain a deeper understanding of the trends among youth in these areas.

In the analysis, researchers identified six trends which point to the youth as being capable of generating much-needed socio-economic growth in South Africa.

The first shows that more youth are opportunity-seizers, rather than those starting a business because they have no other option.

The analysis focused on the Total Early-Stage Entrepreneurial Activity (TEA) rates - the primary measure of entrepreneurship used by GEM - of youth from 2004 to 2006. This showed the age group 25 to 35 years had the highest TEA rate of all the age groups researched in two of the three



years surveyed, reflecting an increasing trend of opportunity orientation - meaning they want to be entrepreneurs because of an opportunity they see rather than because they have no choice.

Secondly, more female entrepreneurs are entering the market. Male entrepreneurs exceeded females in 2004 and 2005, but were equal in 2006. This is in line with international trends.

Thirdly, an increase in the total number of students completing secondary school could be a positive trend which, if they acquire the correct skills, can eventually form a sound basis for more accelerated TEA activities. However, the quality of education will need to be carefully monitored to ensure that the youth are being taught the correct skills.

"In an environment characterised by high levels of innovation, technological change and increased global



Dr Mike Herrington led the GEM

competitiveness, education plays a major role. Higher levels of education are needed to compete in such an environment," says Herrington.

Fourthly, in addition to strong positive education trends for youth, the youth also believe that they have the right knowledge and skills to create new businesses. In both age categories the positive trend is evident between

2005 and 2006. In the 18 to 24 group, the percentage that believed in their abilities rose from 36.9% to 37.6%, and in the 25 to 34 group, an increase from 44.0% to 47.1% was seen. Aligned to this, it was found that "fear of failure" as a criterion for preventing young people from considering starting new businesses has decreased significantly.

Fifthly, the respondents felt that a culture for entrepreneurship is being created in South Africa. In the 18 to 24 group, 38.0% of respondents in 2006 felt strongly that a culture of entrepreneurship is created in South Africa. This is mirrored by a strong 41.8% in the 25 to 34 group. These strong sentiments are largely consistent from 2004 to 2006. There is a positive mindset regarding the possible creation of new jobs in the future.

However, there are a few worrying issues that need to be addressed. For example, there are social problems

such as drug abuse and unemployment. There is an impression that entrepreneurship is for someone else, or that the government will provide a job.

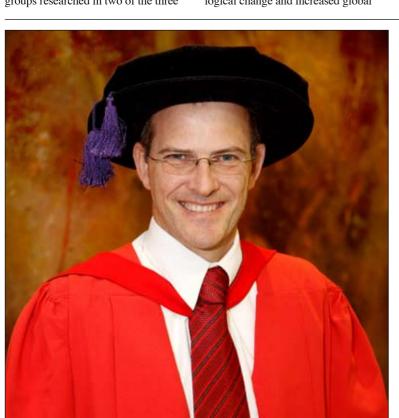
Innovation is very important in any knowledge-driven environment. If a country wants to become a leader then this is critical. Those in the 18 to 24 and 25 to 34 groups are clearly using less technology over the 2004 to 2006 period.

Finally, research shows that many of the early-stage businesses started by the youth are doing the same thing. This could indicate a negative trend regarding perceptions on innovation which can manifest in negative consequences for the economy over the long term if not properly addressed.

"The issue is therefore not whether youth entrepreneurship should be supported, but rather how. Although a positive base exists, more should be done in an accelerated manner to address national challenges and to form a basis from which South Africa will be able to compete on an international level with developed countries," said Herrington.

The 2007 South African GEM study was sponsored by South African Breweries, Standard Bank of South Africa, the Western Cape Youth Commission and the National Research Foundation.





# Inaugural lecture on parasite that persists

### **HELEN THÉRON**

Research by Professor Tim Egan and his colleagues in the Department of Chemistry may herald a new class of antimalarial drugs that are active against chloroquine-resistant malarial parasites.

Egan presented this research during his inaugural lecture, hosted on 14 May.

He prefaced his lecture, From a Black Discolouration in the Brains of Roman Cadavers to Modern Drug Target: The saga of malaria pigment and the search for antimalarial drugs, with sobering statistics.

The majority of malaria deaths

occur in children under five – the equivalent of about 13 jumbo jets full of children crashing every day.

Summarising the work being done in his laboratory, Egan said: "Our approach has been directed at making molecules similar to chloroquine to identify the role of different parts of the molecule in the activity of the drug."

To this end, Egan collaborates with colleague Professor Roger Hunter, a synthetic organic chemist. PhD student Catherine Kaschula's study illuminated much of the structure-activity relationships in chloroquine.

"These finding have been used to

design a new class of antimalarials related to chloroquine, but which contain a fragment that has the ability to reverse chloroquine resistance," Egan said.

This particular study is being conducted by PhD student Vincent Zishiri. It has produced three novel compounds which the researchers hope will perform better than chloroquine against chloroquine-resistant parasites, but which will also be active in reversing chloroquine-resistance in the parasites.

"Many steps are required to turn these into new antimalarial drugs, but this is a promising first step," Egan said.



### A DAY IN THE LIFE of UCT wardens

#### **HELEN THÉRON**

Neil Foster jokes that he's father to 628 children but only one belongs to him.

It's the kind of attention he gives his job as warden of two of UCT's bigger student residences, Clarendon House and Clarinus. Foster is one of



Dr Rosemary Exner, former warden at Fuller Hall.

many wardens and sub wardens who run UCT's many residences in partnership with their house committees and residence management teams.

It's a job with frustrations – but the rewards outweigh them.

"The most important thing is that I'm in a position to shape minds out of the classroom," Foster says.

It's a privilege he's enjoyed

since 1994, despite the occasional "disrupted nights" that resulted from the more sometimes festive aspects of student life.

Having taken the reins at a watershed time for the nation, Foster says aspects such as integration and democratisation have played out in the residences he oversees. This is where he believes residence life can play an important role.

"This is not a hotel. And wardenship is about helping students become responsible citizens."

But it can be taxing. He recalls the loss of two students in two weeks after accidents claimed their lives – and the time Clarinus had to be evacuated because of a fire from a

He would no doubt echo Dr Rosemary Exner's pronouncement: "This is a calling and not a job."

Exner is the former Fuller warden (2004-2008), now retired and working at Student Wellness Service as a consultant psychologist.

"It was an opportunity to share the living and learning lives of 240 wonderful young women, the privilege of mentoring and guiding, and in some instances, mothering those that needed it."

Being a warden can affect families. Foster's wife and daughter live off campus and he joins them over weekends. Exner's youngest son lived with her the year he graduated and then during his postgraduate

"My Portuguese Water Terrier was Fullers' mascot. My husband joined me (and 240 surrogate daugh-

ters) last year when he concluded his tenure at the University of Johannesburg.

The experience has added to her professional life.

"Having had my own children, lived in residence with other people's children, being in private practice and in the early part of my career, in the classroom, I feel that all these



Neil Foster, warden at Clarendon House and Clarinus.

aspects have combined to provide me with sensitivity to student issues.

Warden of Kopano, the law faculty's Professor Evance Kalula, says he "resisted" wardenship for over 15 years. His family, including three children studying at UCT, live at Kopano.

Kopano has a long history, with a who's who of former students,

including chair of Council Geoff Budlender and Dean of Law Professor Hugh Corder, Erstwhile VC Dr Stuart Saunders is a former warden.

"We like to think of ourselves as a more balanced residence. Lots of my boys are top achievers. But they also play hard. It's a showcase for integration and diversity."

Kalula's approach to wardenship clearly favours his academic background.

"This is not a bed and breakfast. It's a teaching and learning centre with a strong mentorship and tutoring system.

"It's a part of the mission where you link academic achievement and leadership."

He has high praise for former wardens Dr Ian Bunting and Deputy Vice-Chancellor Professor Martin West, the 'fathers of the modern residence system', run on co-operative governance.

But some aspects of wardenship call for plain discipline. Three Kopano students spent a weekend in the local cells after being arrested for streaking to neighbouring Graça Machel Hall. One phoned Kalula, asking him to bail them out. Their warden refused.

Afterwards the young man's mother phoned to thank Kalula for his unwavering stance.

"This is very fulfilling work," he says. "You visibly see change in the students as they learn to live with each other and it all reinforces one's vocation as a teacher."

From the student perspective, Scott Havemann, a member of the Kopano house committee said communication was the most important aspect of good wardenship.

"Good communication between the warden and the house committees and residence management team is essential."

Havemann, a second-year business science law student, says he appreciates having a warden who is



Prof Evance Kalula, warden of

a respected member of the academic community.

"He knows how the academic structure works and that helps when you're struggling with knowing who to talk to when you have a problem."

(Eight warden and four assistant warden positions are being advertised on the UCT website, with a closing date of 12 June.).

### HR is in the process of filling a number of warden posts over the coming months.

- Part-time warden Baxter Hall Residence
- Part-time warden Graça Machel Hall
- Part-time assistant warden Graça Machel Hall
- Part-time warden Forest Hill
- Part-time warden Leo Marquard Hall
- Part-time warden Glendower Residence (Glen Res)

- Part -time assistant warden Kopano

### Part-time assistant warden - Liesbeeck Gardens

- Part-time warden College/Kilindini
- Part-time assistant warden Leo Marquard Hall
- Part-time warden Fuller Hall
- Part-time warden 3rd Tier Residence

The closing date for applications is 12 June, and the contact number for information is 021 650 5429.

### frican music rocks

### **MYOLISI GOPHE**

While many local young people see African music as outdated, the African music practical course at UCT is fast becoming popular among international students.

This semester, 42 students from around the globe have enrolled for the semester-long programme, and loving it.

One of them is Evin Brege, an international relations student from the Washington University in the US.

"I was interested in playing African drums and experiencing the practicality that comes with it," he said.

The course saw Brege and his classmates learning how to play drums, xylophones and mouth bows, among other instruments.



The universal language: Assistant lecturer in African music Zweli Tukayi has developed a close friendship with his international students.

"The instruments are very different to the rock and roll type I'm used to," says Brege. "I'm hoping to take some of these instruments home."

Zweli Tukayi, who is assisting lecturer Dizu Plaatjies in the course, said the class had become a family of sorts, sharing and enjoying each other's company. MP

### SRC history reflects nation in flux





Pioneers: That first SRC. In 1962 Elizabeth Thaele, here with SRC president Roger Jowell, became UCT's first black woman head student. In 1974, 20-year old Laurine Platzky became the first woman to head the SRC.

**J**ust over a century ago, in 1906, the UCT Student Representative Council was born and work is underway to celebrate the centenary.

Back in 1906, the new SRC ran the South African College's (SAC) newspaper and arranged student functions.

Just out of the starting blocks, the Great War of 1914 saw many students enlisting for service, and the SRC experienced a substantial loss in the number of students they represented.

On 2 April 1918 the legal tenure of the SAC drew to a close with the University of Cape Town taking the reins. The SRC was now positioned to attract much larger student volumes.

Many accounts of the SRC's accomplishments in the decades immediately after the Great War appear in Varsity, the university's student newspaper.

The edition of 6 May, 1943, details a mass protest by the SRC regarding the suspension of five students and the serving of fines, punishment for the theft of grapes from the Minister of Finance and Education, Mr JH Hofmeyer.

He owned the vineyards at the Woolsack Estate. Over 500 students attended the protest, voicing their dissatisfaction with the University's Disciplinary Council.

In 1944 Mr RA Lawrence, an Indian medical student, became the first black person to be elected to the SRC. Two emergency meetings were held by the SRC, which was deeply divided over the matter of "non-Europeans" occupying positions on the

In 1950 Varsity reports on organised meetings between various South African SRCs. The so called "non-European" universities, Sastri and Fort Hare, were not invited to attend. As a result, Wits and UCT did not send delegates to the gathering.

In 1953 two black students were elected to the SRC: science student Mr J Hlaba, and social sciences student Mr J Mutambikwa. In 1962 Elizabeth Thaele became the first black woman head student.

In the mid-1960s, the era of Martin Luther King, the SRC joined the Cape Town Civil Rights League, an organisation that protected civil rights.

Eight years later the SRC adopted a new constitution in which apartheid practice in clubs and societies within the university was prohibited.

In 1970, SRC president Paul Theron launched his door-to-door campaign against the Nationalist government. He believed it was criminal to stand by while the apartheid system prevailed.

Geoff Budlender, current chair of the UCT Council, held the SRC presidency in 1972. He rallied students saying the education system supported an unjust political system.

In 1974 20-year old Laurine Platzky became the first woman to head the SRC. She was followed by Sarah Cullinan in 1980.

The decades after 1970 were characterised by political upheaval as the SRC sought to mobilise students against apartheid. Many SRC members were arrested by security police.

In the watershed years after 1994, the SRC busied itself with transformation, launching their transformation campaign in the same year.

UCT will be hosting an SRC centenary celebration over 14-15 June. Watch this space. MP



### **LECTURES & MEETINGS**

"Imhotep Museum - Saqqara" - is the title of an illustrated lecture by Keith Grenville followed by "The Scarab of Dendera" by Dr. Cyril Hromnik at The Egyptian Society of South Africa on Tuesday 27 May 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.

Cape Town: Seminar: 26 May at the Commodore Hotel, Portswood Road, V & A Waterfront at 7.00 p.m. Consultations: 27 & 28 May, To register for the seminar: Please note that to register for our seminars please go to our website www.proteapacific.co.nz - go to the main site and on the right hand side you will see "What's New" click on "click here" and that will take you to the registration page. Cost is \$15 per head. Re Consultation: Any one who would like to have a consultation please contact Kay Yukich at kay@proteapacific.co.nz Cost is R950

**Centre for Conflict Resolution** Executive Director, Professor Adekeye Adebajo speaks on his new book Gulliver's Troubles which addresses the challenges and achievements encountered in the regime of former President Olusegun Obasanjo's administration between 1999 and 2007, highlighting the Giant of Africa's role as a leader on the continent in the past half century as well as its interactions with key world powers, Britain, France, the US, and China. Venue: All Africa House, Middle Campus, Date: Thursday, 29 May 2008, Time: 5:50 RSVP: Cally (021) 650 4152 or e-mail: Cally.DeWaal@uct.ac.za

Wednesday, 28 May: 12.30 to 2 pm. Academics' Association AGM This AGM is an 'historic' one! We will make the transition from being an 'association' to becoming a 'union'. A resolution on the dissolution of the AA will be put to the meeting and setting up the UCT Academics' Union (UCTAU) discussed and acted on. Your attendance and voice at the meeting is therefore very crucial! Definitely, not to be missed! Venue: Seminar Room, Chemical Engineering Building (ground floor), Upper campus. A finger lunch will be served from 12.00 to 12.30. Please RSVP or contact for further information: Roger Arendse (0216502418 or roger.arendse@uct.ac.za).

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Chief Operating Officer, The Africa Earth Observatory Network (AEON), Faculty of Science , Closing date: 30 May 2008, Tel: 021 650 2220

Research Nurses (9 posts), South African Tuberculosis Vaccine Initiative (SATVI), Faculty of Health Sciences, Closing date: 31 May 2008, Tel: 021 406 6014

Study Co-ordinator, South African Tuberculosis Vaccine Initiative (SATVI), Faculty of Health Sciences, Closing date: 31 May 2008, Tel: 021 406 6014

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Sciences, Closing date: 31 May 2008, Tel: 021 406 6014

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Library Conservator, UCT Libraries, Closing date: 6 June 2008, Tel: 021 650 2192

Manager: Undergraduate Student Administration, Faculty of Health Sciences Closing date: 9 June 2008, Tel: 021 650

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New flats to let or for sale 10 minutes drive from UCT. Parking, gym, pool. Call Nadia, 082 573 1262 or 0216864348.

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For Sale: single bed with cover R400 desk and chair R450.two oil heaters R125 each. two sun chairsR100 each, one corner piece white with a shelf inside R400. All prices negotiable. Telephone number is 082 552 6218 or office 2115 (Kenilworth area)

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A young man studying Electrical Engineering in Zimbabwe is looking to buy second-hand copies of the following books: Discrete Mathematics: Mathematical Reasoning and Proof with Puzzles. Patterns, and Games by Douglas E. Ensley & J. Winston Crawley; Network + Guide to Networks by Tamara Dean; Systems Analysis & Design for the Global Enterprise by Whitten, J.L. and Bentley, L.D.; and Elementary Linear Algebra; Applications Version by Anton, Howard & Rorres, Chris. Contact: Paul 0216504633. Call Nomawethu 0843039607. Reference: Martin & Jessica Firer 0214488257a/h.



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### UCT on the back foot UCT student



Going for glory: UCT's JJ Gagiano tries to dodge SK Walmers' Brent Stevens (8), with Pieter Engelbrecht in support. UCT lost 20-30.

#### **MEGAN MORRIS**

RNB UCT's defeat at the hands of SK Walmers on 17 May may well sum up their season in the Western Province Rugby Super League thus far.

They came close – 20-23 towards the end after trailing 8-23 at half-time, and piling on the pressure – but they couldn't clinch the deal.

Yet another "should-have-won" game, according to the team's match report.

Including that game, the UCT side has played six and lost four,

and now find themselves in seventh place, well off the pace set by – need we say it? – the University of Stellenbosch's Maties. Although two of those four defeats have been by the narrowest of margins – 14-15 against Durbanville/Bellville, and 23-24 to Maties.

But it's been a gruelling season, says captain JJ Gagiano.

Counting the Varsity Cup, UCT's already contested 15 games in 2008. That's just three less than the 18 the side normally plays over an entire year, with more than half the league games still to go. (And, for good

measure, they only had a three-day break between the Varsity Cup final and their first league match.)

"The guys are beginning to feel tired," says Gagiano. "Especially around the shoulders."

There's no panic about the results yet, though.

"We definitely know that we can play better and get the results," says Gagiano.

There's also a little light at the end of the tunnel. The side has three games left for this half of the year, followed by a month's break over which they can recuperate.

### Tight finish to UCT staff golf competition



Birdies of the same feather: Prof Kevin Bennett, wearing the winner's "rather vile green jacket", receives Ron's Mug from 2007 winner Professor Jeremy Midgley (left) and Prof Martin West.

On Sunday, 18 May, six four-balls took part in the annual staff (and spouses) Ron's Mug competition at the Rondebosch Golf Club, an event that's been run since the early 1990s.

The late Ron Allen, a UCT staffer, donated a silver mug in 1991 for this event. Professor Kevin Bennett of the Department of Mechanical Engineering beat Professor Del Kahn of the Department of Surgery in a countout. UCT auditor Guy Murcott was third on 37 points, one behind the winners.

Kate Brown (aka Mrs Hugh Amoore) retained Kate's Jug (for non-UCT employees) for the sixth straight year.

Deputy Vice-Chancellor Martin West, a previous winner, played the most golf on the day and has also done so over the years, having played in all 17 competitions.

Bennett also gets the dubious pleasure of winning a "rather vile green jacket". [Editor: That's a direct quote.] He also gets to choose the venue for next year's competition.

Any staff interested in playing in the 2009 event may contact Bennett.

# UCT student leads SA team

### **MEGAN MORRIS**

ugene Pelteret, an honours-year Estudent in business science, has been named captain of the South African under-21 hockey side to compete in the All Africa Games in Egypt in July. Pelteret has his first taste of leadership in the recent series against Pakistan in Durban. It was a baptism of fire, South Africa losing four matches and drawing one against one of the world's top-ranked squads. "They're a very quick, very pacey side," says Pelteret, "and very different to what we're used to in South Africa." But those lessons can feed into the team's All Africa campaign, South Africa going in as defending champions. Pelteret expects their stiffest competition to likely come from the host nation. "But our aim, at the end of the day, is to win the tournament." MP



Point man: Eugene Pelteret will lead the SA under-21 hockey team at the All Africa Games in July.

## Society draws anime fans



Anime lover: Samantha Orange shares her love for anime with members of the Genshiken.UCT student society.

### MYOLISI GOPHE

CT is a university with many cultures, but Genshiken.UCT, a society for the appreciation of the animation art of anime, has taken it further by throwing the Japanese culture into the melting pot.

At Genshiken.UCT, students are taught about Japanese comics, watch films, listen to music and share information about anime on an internet forum (visit www.genshiken.uct.ac.za), among other things – all for fun.

With its distinctive look, anime has been around for a good long time-over 70 years-springing from its comic-book roots of manga. Over the past

decades it's also taken on cult status in the West, and series like Robotech, Samurai X and Naruto became major hits in the US, for example.

Samantha Orange, Genshiken organiser, says the association was started in 2007 but officially launched this year; its purpose, to educate people about anime.

"It's just different to anything we're used to in the West," she says of anime.

Genshiken.UCT boasts a diverse group of about 150 people, who meet regularly for activities. A group from the society is even planning to visit Japan.

"They would not have met if not for the association," Orange says.



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