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Rats and lollipops on the grad podium

Martin West reflects on his many, many, many graduation ceremonies as he caps his career at UCT



HELEN THÉRON

One of the more vivid graduation incidents Deputy Vice-Chancellor Professor Martin West recalls involves a pet rat.

Due to officiate at his last graduation ceremony on Friday 13 June (yes, it's fittingly auspicious), West has viewed grad from both sides of the podium. (Professor Njabulo S Ndebele also officiates at his final ceremonies as vice-chancellor and principal this week.)

West's first sniff of grad pomp and ceremony was his own graduation (BA) in 1966, some 42 years ago. master's degree in 1969, and a PhD in 1972.

Graduations also became family events. In 1966 his wife, Val, also graduated (BA), though there were no coy glances across Jameson Hall. They hadn't yet met. But by 1969, when West received his master's degree, they were, as they say, an item.

And when Val received her LLB in the mid-1980s, West, then a lecturer in social anthropology at UCT, made sure he was on the podium to cap his wife.

He did the same for their children, Paula (BSc) and Adam, who had three UCT graduations, BSc, BSc him and hooded him for his master's degree."

West has been officiating at grad since 1991, the year he became a DVC, and has done almost 100 ceremonies. He has witnessed a startling metamorphosis.

'There were hardly any students of colour back in 1966. We've had a huge demographic change and it's wonderful to see the graduation classes today."

There's also a greater sense of diversity and participation. Mothers ululate, and classes of students give standing ovations when their favourite teachers receive Distinguished father stood on his chair, shouting "That's my boy!" as his son was capped.

"Though grad has retained its structure, the diversity and liveliness of it – and internationalisation - reflects an extraordinary transformation," West endorses. "We didn't sing the national anthem in the past. Now we do."

Oh, the rat incident. At one grad, seconds before the incumbent Vice-Chancellor, Dr Mamphela Ramphele, was due to cap a woman student, West was able to warn her that things were not as they seemed.

The student was notorious in the

podium, West remembered this and quickly warned Ramphele.

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As she capped the student, the rat popped out from under the student's gown, onto her shoulder, determined to share the moment of glory.

It might have floored anyone without prior knowledge.

Then there was the over-excited student who handed the Vice-Chancellor a lollipop.

Sadly, there have also been occasions when West has awarded degrees posthumously. The ceremonies that have moved him most have been those involving students who had clearly overcome enormous challeng-

Three more trips to the podium followed: BA Honours in 1966, a

Honours and MSc. "The unique thing is that I capped Teacher Awards. And there's more parental involvement. One exuberant

humanities faculty for carrying a pet rat with her. As she stepped up to the es, such as blindness, to graduate. Beyond tragedy lies triumph.

June graduands by the score

HELEN THÉRON

The mid-year graduation may lack the blistering sunshine and the week-long round of ceremonies, but it will spell the start of a new season for the graduands, 1 113 students who will receive degrees and diplomas when they assemble in the Jameson Hall to be capped or hooded this week.

In June last year, 1 092 graduands attended the mid-year ceremonies.

For many, it will signal the end of a chapter at UCT as students.

Deputy Vice-Chancellor Professor Martin West will also close a chapter. He will preside over his last ceremony, having officiated at almost 100 ceremonies (see story on this page).

Leading the way to the platform is the faculty of commerce with 484 graduands followed by Humanities with 228, Science with 117, Law with 78, Engineering & the Built Environment with 89 and Health Sciences with 70.

The June graduations are usually marked by higher numbers of postgraduate students, senior students whose theses and dissertations stretch over the academic seasons.

The provisional PhD tallies for the various faculties are: five for Engineering & the Built Environment; 10 for Health Sciences; one for Law;13 for Humanities, one for Commerce and 17 for Science.



Ayogu honours best students

PPS boosts UCT Chemistry Dept

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The Dean of the Faculty of Commerce, Professor Melvin Ayogu, paid credit to some of the faculty's best undergraduate brains at an elegant Awards for Excellence celebration recently.

In addition to class medals for all undergraduate courses in the faculty, prizes were handed over by representatives from sponsors Accenture, Deloitte, Foschini, KPMG and PriceWaterhouseCooper, among others.

Kyle Martin won the best student prize in Information Systems II and Lori Berelowitz took the award for best student in Financial Accounting II, while Maurice Has-

The Professional Provident Society

f South Africa (PPS) handed over

The funds will be used to boost

the Chemistry Refurbishment Project,

which is aimed at strengthening the

a cheque for R250 000 to UCT at a

function on 21 May.

son was awarded the prize for best student in second-year BCom. The top students in the first and second years in economics were Johannes du Plessis, Caitlin Miles, Evan Bradley and Julian Grieve. Kate Oakley was the top retail student.

Simiso Ngidi collected the Herman Rhoda Prize as the top Financial Accounting II student on the BCom Commerce Academic Development Programme (CADP).

PricewaterhouseCooper awards for the best academic results and most versatile students on the CADP were won by Mbalenhle Ngcobo, Naledi Makiwane, Nomthetho Tshongweni and Precious Dlamini.

resources of UCT's Chemistry Depart-

group of graduate professionals in the

world, is a regular donor to UCT. Be-

tween 1993 and 2008 PPS has donated

just under R700 000 to the university.

PPS, the largest multi-disciplinary

Beijing exhibition for Van der Schijff, part of Dak'Art prize

HELEN THÉRON

Johann van der Schijff, artist and senior lecturer in new media at the Michaelis School of Fine Art, will wing his way to Beijing in July to participate in an exhibition of African art, a prelude to the 2008 Olympic Games.

The trip is part of the Zuloga Corporation Award prize he won at the International Exhibition of Dak'Art 2008, the 8th Biennale of Contemporary African Art, in Dakar, Senegal.

In fact, Van der Schijff won two prizes at the exhibition. The second was the European Union Award, which includes a possible exhibition of his work, or a workshop, in Senegal.

He exhibited three works at Dak'Art: Peerbal, Hangbal and Staansak, interactive objects that invite the viewer to play.

"Artwork has a playful interaction



Prize art: Johann van der Schijff's award-winning work will be exhibited in Beijing in July, part of an African art exhibition in the build up to the 2008 Olympic Games.

with its audience," is Van der Schijff's philosophy. It reflects his penchant for Dadaism, and his eye for absurdity and humour. Van der Schijff was one of six South African artists among the Dak'Art exhibitors, chosen from 17 African countries and the diaspora.

Woodwind festival



The South African College of Music hosted its annual Woodwind Festival recently, designed "to bring the woodwind community together" and to teach everyone about these much-adored instruments.

Over two days, fans and players of the instrument were treated to master classes, lectures, woodwind ensembles, live performances and instrument repair workshops, among many other activities.

Fred Kuit and Kopano, as well as the UCT Flute Ensemble, were among the entertainers lined up, and woodwind instruments such as saxophones and flutes, as well as mouthpieces and books, were on show.

Festival organiser Professor Mike Rossi says Cape Town has no access to a big woodwind market, unlike cities such as New York and London, where there are big shops and aficionados are spoilt for choice. "It is important to bring the woodwind community together and inform them about this valuable asset."

Takes your breath away: one of the instruments on show at the SACM festival.

UCT students dominate Olympiad

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Two UCT students, Mark Danoher and Saadiq Moolla, have been selected to join a South African team to participate in the International Olympiad in Informatics, to take place in Egypt in August.

The duo forms part of a fourstrong team, which also includes Moolla's younger brother, Harron, and Schalk-Willem Krüger from Potchefstroom.

They all came through a rigor-

ous four-stage selection process that started in April 2007, with 34 000 participants at the first round of the Standard Bank/CSSA Computer Olympiad.

Danoher brings some experience to the team as he takes part in the international competition for the second consecutive year.

"Last year we did not do well, but I expect us to do better this time around," he says.



Representatives from HIV/AIDS Coordination - UCT (HAICU), the National Institute for Crime Prevention and the Reintegration of Offenders (NICRO) as well as the Children's Institute and other HIV/AIDS organisations were also invited to help spread awareness.

All proceeds from the day will be donated to Bishop Paul Verryn of the Central Methodist Church, who feeds and provides

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 Office. The office can still be reached at telephone number 021 650 2822, fax 021 650 5667 and via email, int-iapo@uct.ac.za.



Tradition: Dancers from the Ubuntu Theatre, all part of UCT's Africa Day celebrations.

S everal celebrations took place at UCT in the run-up to Africa Day on 25 May.

The Faculty of Commerce's programme on 23 May included visual, verbal and musical arts. Titled Making a Difference, the faculty's celebrations focused on social conscience, respecting diversity, celebrating unity and reclaiming humanity. shelter to displaced and victimised refugees. An anti-xenophobia and violence petition was circulated for signatures and will be sent to the President, and the Ministers of Foreign and Home Affairs.

The International Academic Programmes Office also held celebrations on 23 May. Their programme was student – centred, with UCT students participating in entertainment such as praise singing, poetry and Marimba music.

In turn, the Centre for African Studies hosted a concert featuring music, poetry and dance performances, as well as a seminar on the Timbuktu library.

UCT reaches out

s foreign nationals fled vio-Alence-stricken areas, UCT staff and students were doing their bit to help out. Leading the university's efforts were the Students' Health and Welfare Centres Organisation (SHAWCO) and the UCT Law Clinic.

Over that first dramatic weekend when violence first broke out in the Western Cape, SHAWCO marshalled scores of student volunteers to collect food, clothing and other supplies from residences and departments,

channelling this to camps and safe havens via the Treatment Action Campaign. Similarly, bands of medical students were called in to help Médecins Sans Frontières, aka Doctors Without Borders, going out to over 33 refugee centres to conduct an audit of facilities, services and needs.

"This was invaluable to developing an integrated health response," says SHAWCO's Jonathan Hoffenberg. SHAWCO continued discussions with officials from both the province and the City of Cape Town

to find the best way to help.

The Faculty of Health Sciences was also rallying other medical students with clinical experience to offer their services to SHAWCO.

In turn, staff at the Law Clinic have counselled and continue to counsel and give legal support to refugees, seeing some 500 people at the offices on Monday alone.

UCT has also given of its other resources. The Jammie Shuttles bussed close on 2 000 people to refugee centres and other places of

safety. The university has also set up an online site, through the Centre for Educational Technology's Vula system, for debate and discussion, already thriving on other forums. Last week, discussions continued on all these sources, with regular updates.

Scores of other initiatives are also under way to help staff and students who fear for their safety or need help as exams loom. In addition, the university has published numerous statements condemning the violence and attacks on foreign nationals.

And last week, the vice-chancellor's Crisis Response Task Team called for marks of visible solidarity - white ribbons - with the victims of xenophobic violence, at the same time making a commitment to contributing to interventions and informed policy positions that address the causes of the crisis.

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"Such visible solidarity will also signify our recognition of the contribution that nationals of other countries make to UCT as a university of, and in, Africa," said a release.

UCT researchers shine at NSTF awards

HELEN THÉRON

TCT's Professor Johann Lutje-U harms of the Department of Oceanography walked off with the Individual Over a Lifetime award at the 10th National Science and Technology Forum (NSTF) ceremony on 27 May.

Lutjeharms is UCT's fifth consecutive award winner in this category. Dr Virna Leaner of the Division

of Clinical Laboratory Sciences collected the Distinguished Young Black Researcher award. Professor Dan Stein was UCT's

third finalist at the awards. Lutjeharms' award recognised

his dedicated and innovative research on oceans and how they affect our weather and climate.

"The effect of changes in the physical environment, including climate change and environmental degradation



Winners: Dr Virna Leaner and Prof Johann Lutjeharms with their NSTF awards, Lutjeharms won the lifetime achievement award, Leaner the Distinguished Young Black Researcher Award.

on the well-being of the South African people, is being increasingly recognised, and he has provided decision makers with knowledge to inform their activities. He was one of the pioneers of the use of satellite remote sensing techniques in combination with in situ observations.'

Leaner's citation pays tribute to her widely-published research, which addresses the molecular biology underlying the development of cancer, particularly cervical cancer, one of the major diseases affecting South African women.

"The main objective of her work is to characterise markers of cervical cancer and the role of transcriptional regulation in the development of the disease "

The awards were presented by the Minister of Science and Technology, Mosibudi Mangena.

Prof moots fusion as way forward



Red-letter day: In his inaugural lecture, April spoke of the need to mix traditions and knowledges.

s Professor Kurt April set out to Aanswer the question, "Is Business a Discipline?", in his inaugural lecture, he drew the answer from his own melting-pot experiences and research.

April recounted how he started as a technikon student in engineering, was inspired by his girlfriend's studies at UCT in the mid-1980s to complete an education degree here, then stayed on for both a bachelor's and master's degree in electronic engineering.

Then he changed direction sharply, opting for an MBA at the Graduate School of Business (GSB). Much to the horror of his mentor, the late Professor John Bell, a physicist who frowned at the "corrupting nature and superficiality" of business.

The GSB would become April's home - he is now professor of business administration - and over time learned more of the complexity of boundary-crossing systems, of the need to marry specialists with generalists, of the value of interdisciplinarity and hybridisation.

He talked of "crossvergence", the "blending of values" and opportunities that spring from the meeting of cultures. Such as when a Western scholastic approach - based on facts and logic - merges with African humanism, embodied in storytelling, symbolism and myth.

April's answer to his initial question, partly a response to his late mentor, is that business is indeed a discipline, but one that is hybrid in its sense-making and influences.

"In everything in life, there is a place of balance," he said.

Council voting done

 \mathbf{V} oting's wrapped up and ballots have been tallied, and Professor Kit Vaughan and Gary Gabriels have been named as the representatives for, respectively, the academic & professional and administrative support staff on UCT Council.

This will be the second term on Council for Vaughan, deputy dean in the Faculty of Health Sciences, who represented Senate between 2002 and 2004. Gabriels, principal technical officer in the Division of Clinical Pharmacology and an executive member of the Employees' Union, will make his first appearance on Council.

Vaughan cites as his mantra a question by Sir John Carruthers Beattie, UCT's very first vice-chancellor and principal: What provision are we making in South Africa for using the intellectual ability of our people to best advantage? "To build



Emissaries: Professor Kit Vaughan and Gary Gabriels will represent the academic and professional & administrative support staff, respectively, on UCT Council.

key to success is to pay attention to scholarship, people and funding," says Vaughan.

nity to serve," adds Gabriels. "I will efficiently and optimally-managed

contribute and strive to ensure for an

Second Keswick prize for dance school graduates

HELEN THÉRON

nglish and dance graduate LAlexa le Chat has won the 2007 Keswick Prize for Lucidity, an essay competition sponsored by Sir Chips Keswick to encourage clear, jargonfree prose in writing on technical subjects.

Le Chat's essay was an analysis of dance musicologies, based on the ballet Nomvula: After the Rain, which



a successful academic enterprise - whether at an individual, faculty or institutional level – I believe the

"My decision to stand for Council was based on the assessment of the current climate and the opportuuniversity, with adequate diversity provisions at all levels."

Council starts its term on 1 July.

used the music of South African rock group Freshlyground. The production was a fusion of various influences, including ballet, contemporary and African dance, and united the city's prominent artists, musicians and choreographers.

"Zoplani Mahola's singing is also a fusion of styles," Le Chat wrote. "The African tradition of scooping to find a pitch rather than hitting the note directly is clearly audible.

"She seems to meander through a melody rather than take the listener directly to the point. Mahola also uses scatting, an influence of American jazz. Another jazz convention is the linking of chorus and refrain passages. Western instrumental arrangement is noticeable in some of their

Alexa le Chat, winner of the 2007 Keswick Prize for Lucidity, awarded to a third- or fourth-year student for lucid technical essays.

melodies.'

Le Chat is the second winner from the School of Dance in the past 10 years. Former winner Kerry van Blerk was also taught by senior lecturer in dance musicology, Daniel Fourie, who submitted Le Chat's essay. "This is remarkable, considering the size of our school," Fourie said.

Safety of medical students highlighted at crime forum

HELEN THÉRON

ver the past weeks, UCT has hosted three of four forums on issues of crime and crime prevention on campus and beyond. These were held on the upper campus, at the Medical School and at the Hiddingh Campus in Cape Town

A fourth forum takes place at the Graduate School of Business this week. The fora present a platform for staff and students to raise concerns

about crime in the wake of the recent murder of Prof Kevin Rochford (off campus) and an armed robbery on middle campus.

Before the first meeting, vice-chancellor and principal Professor Njabulo S Ndebele had met with two police commanders from nearby stations to establish a mutually supportive relationship, aimed at reducing crime in the immediate precincts.

The spotlight at the Medical School meeting was on the safety of medical

students in areas of high crime, where they can be at risk travelling to and from clinics and hospitals, often after dark

"We're presenting these fora at different campuses because we appreciate that the needs are different," Deputy Vice-Chancellor Professor Martin Hall said

Those who are unable to attend the fora can present their crime-related questions via email to crimeprevention@uct.ac.za

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GRADUATION:

First PhD 1

Fatty findings

MEGAN MORRIS

Play what you may, carbo-loading has become the watchword of competitive sportspeople, sensible enough as carbohydrates are the body's main source of energy.

But the findings of doctoral graduate Lize Havemann of the Medical Research Council/UCT Research Unit for Exercise Science and Sports Medicine may give purists food for thought. In her study on different nutritional strategies for ultradistance cyclists, Havemann mixed things up.

For six days, she plied her subjects with a fat-rich diet of seeds, cheeses, salami, creams and the like - meals some found hard to stomach - followed by a day of carbo-loading.

The idea, says Havemann, was to train the body to use more of its fat sources. Which it did, but, alas, with no significant overall improvement in performance over 100- and 200km "races" in the lab

deep interest in both psychiatry

Aand anthropology were perhaps

the sparked Lauraine Vivian's PhD

CHRIS MCEVOY



Results did show, however, that the new diet hampered cyclists' sprinting ability in shorter races where sprints are more common - but revved up climbing performance over the 200km cycle.

One of Havemann's conclusions is that her experiment did not alter "metabolic phenotype". Meaning that

Mental health and

circumcision

those used to high-fat diets anyway (call them fat-burners) adapted better than their carbo-burning counterparts.

Havemann's not ready for any sweeping statements just yet - one of her articles sparked some debate - but says further study may well show that fat-loading prior to a race could give fat-burners a leg-up.

CHRIS MCEVOY

The National Astrophysics and Space Science Programme (NASSP) has produced its first PhD graduate. Bob Osano of the Department of Mathematics and Applied Mathematics has made the grade with his thesis, titled Beyond the Standard Model of Cosmology of Cosmology: A perturbative approach.

In his thesis Osano developed new techniques for studying gravitational waves generated by non-linear effects in the very early stages of evolution of the Universe

Beginning his postgraduate studies in 2003, Osano, who is part of the UCT Cosmology and Gravity Group, intended to graduate with a master's - but ended up going the whole hog.

The NASSP is a consortium of South

Integrate planning resources in smal

C mall towns in the western parts of South Africa will be particularly vulnerable to the drier conditions expected in the wake of climate change, says Pierre Mukheibir.

His DPhil thesis in the Department of Environmental and Geographical Sciences examines the inter-relationship between water, climate change and small towns by asking three questions: can climate change be integrated into existing planning frameworks? Can small towns build resilient strategies against projected climate change impacts? And, is adaptation to climate change an economic issue?

Mukheibir used Bredasdorp as a case study as it is typical of small towns in South Africa's semi-arid regions.

He says it's evident that there is little strategy of synergy between the various sectors for dealing with water access. His thesis introduces a framework, Water Resources Adaptation Planning (WRAP), designed to take municipal and water planners through a process of identifying the hotspots in terms of both climate and



PhD graduand Steve Lamberth's thesis places a value of R490 million a year on the contribution of estuaries to marine fisheries.



Water wise: DPhil graduand Pierre Mukheibir's thesis examines the interrelationship between water, climate change and small towns.

social vulnerability, to develop a suit of options to cope with the impact of climate change on their water resources.

Mukheibir suggests that small towns should develop their water adaptation responses by including an assessment of existing climate variability responses.

By screening these against quantita-



thesis.

Titled Psychiatric Disorder in Xhosa-Speaking Men Following Circumcision, Vivian's study takes an interdisciplinary path in exploring the mental histories of five young men who each suffered from an acute psychotic episode after their circumcision, performed during an initiation ceremony.

The thesis examines how stress and anxiety related to personal, social, cultural, environmental and age factors possibly triggers the onset of psychotic illness in these vulnerable men. .

"Adolescence in itself is difficult enough," comments Vivian, who is based in the Medical School's Primary Health Care Directorate.

There is also evidence that a lack of family support may exacerbate their feelings of anxiety. All five men in Vivian's study went through the initiation ceremony without the support of their fathers.



In all cases, the men developed psychotic illnesses within one year of their circumcision. Two suffered brief psychotic episodes, which improved when their cultural experiences were addressed therapeutically.

"I am very privileged to have done this work," says Vivian, "but it was also very distressing to see what some of these men went through."

Men who became mentally ill were often marginalised, receiving little care from their communities. Vivian promotes culturally sensitive practices in mental health care, as well as stressing the responsibility of families for the

wellbeing of initiates.

Estuaries have become vital refuges for fish from otherwise catastrophic sea conditions, such as periodic low-level events.

Lamberth's thesis demonstrates how a Multi-Criterion Decision Analysis can prioritise line fish for research and management. It also identifies biogeographic situation and estuarine size as the most important factors influencing fish composition.

This research underpins his thesis on the status of nearshore and estuarine fish and fisheries and their responses to environmental change.

Lamberth has worked for Marine and Coastal Management for 10 years and was a commercial fisherman earlier in his career.

HELEN THÉRON

Jater is an increasing challenge in Africa, not only the quantity, but the quality, says DPhil graduand Lindah Mhlanga, whose doctoral thesis examines water quality in Zimbabwe's Lake Civero.

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African universities and national facilities that has been based at UCT since 2003 and is the premier postgraduate training programme for studies in astrophysics and space science in Africa. It provides students with the opportunity to do collaborative, combined honours and master's programmes under the wings of some of the South Africa's finest scientists.

There are currently about 50 NASSP postgraduate students around the country, and about half are involved in PhD programmes. It is expected that within the next few months a further five students will complete their PhDs.

Now lecturing mathematics to first-year commerce students at UCT, Osano remains involved with the Cosmology and Gravity Group and furthering his research.

And as for the future?

"When I grow up I want to be a farmer," he quips

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for water l towns

tive and qualitative criteria, planners can identify robust strategies for ensuring sustainable water supplies.

Looking at Bredasdorp, Mukheibir demonstrated that within 30 years, even under a conservative scenario of a modest reduction in rainfall and static levels of poverty, the costs of matching water demand and maintaining safe access to safe water for the urban poor will exceed the resources usually available to small municipalities.

"In order to meet the same water demand under climate change conditions, as compared with normal climate conditions, the investment cost quadruples over a 30-year period."

This, in turn, would result in an increase in the average unit selling price of the water increasing by 25%.

He believes the framework developed in his thesis is a tool that can be used by water managers.

"It is hoped that it will be considered by planners when undertaking future water-service development plans."



management." For the past 12 years, the University of Zimbabwe has employed Mhlanga at the University Lake Kariba

Chefs turned celebrities

MYOLISI GOPHE

While Signe Hansen was pursuing a cooking course in Denmark, she realised that most of her classmates were there



she saw one of Jamie Oliver's promotional shows on television, where he was performing to a

stadium full of people in London, "all screaming as if he was a rock star'

"I couldn't help but be fascinated (and mildly disturbed), mostly because of how 'normal' it had become for a chef to behave and to be treated in this way," she says

The spectacle of the performance and the fact that no one else seemed to think it was bizarre, prompted Hansen to do her doctoral work on the subject.

Her thesis, From Chef to Superstar: food media from World War 2 to the World Wide Web, explores the cultural mechanisms that mobilised the paradigm shift, "from chef to superstar".

"I thought there must be something unique going on here, and very likely related to mediatransformations in recent decades that have allowed for exposure and consumption of food celebrities on a scale as yet unseen," says Hansen.

SA history teachers challenged by past



Engelbrecht transforms orchestra into piano

MYOLISI GOPHE

began singing and playing piano as a child, little did she realise that she would be setting out on a career that would see her travelling far and wide. She has worked and studied in the UK, France,

When Lisa Engelbrecht



CHRIS MCEVOY.

 \mathbf{S} outh African history teachers are in a rare position when teaching about apartheid, as many of them are both teachers and first-hand witnesses of history.

Sofie Geschier of the Department of Historical Studies focused her thesis, titled The Empathy Imperative: Primary narratives in South African history teaching, on this much neglected dynamic.

Geschier's thesis presents a case study on how grade-nine history teachers and museum facilitators use their personal experiences, for example in the form of first-hand accounts in teaching subjects such as apartheid and the Holocaust.

During her five years of research, Geschier took two years to interview 12 museum facilitators and 26 gradenine teachers from 19 schools. She spent many months in classrooms, observing teachers interact with their learners.

"It's not about judgment," Geschier stresses. "It's about examining how people teach."

The central finding of Geschier's study is that interactions between teachers and learners are far more complex than theories suggest. Unsurprisingly, teachers expressed their personal experiences of apartheid. This took various forms - and was not always to the benefit of their learners, or to the "never-again" imperative.

The study examines the possible reasons for these complexities, and argues that history educators may benefit through interaction with each other, and addressing the challenges they face.

"We must remember that teachers are people too," says Geschier.



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Research Station where her research has focused on aquatic ecology. Her thesis was conducted through UCT's Freshwater Research Unit and examines a system under extreme pressure,

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Her research helped to locate the end of World War 2 as a loose starting point for the phenomenon. That was the start of various economic and industrial booms, and also triggered the rapid growth of the convenience food industry, an industry often blamed for the current food crises.

"In short, the thesis is not about food as much as it is an examination of the economic, social, and cultural consequences of five decades of the commodification of appetite," added Hansen.

Italy and the US, and after her return to South Africa, she decided to do doctoral studies, in which she focused on her interests: the piano and opera.

Now she's completed her PhD in music by performance and thesis, the latter component of which is titled The Operatic Piano Reduction as an Art Form: a critical evaluation.

An operatic piano reduction is an arrangement for piano of the full orchestral score of an opera, Engelbrecht explains. There is a perception that the piano reduction is merely a stopgap for the full score and cannot truly represent its essence.

Engelbrecht, a vocal coach for Cape Town Opera and the UCT Opera School, said the idea was to establish whether the piano reduction was able to stand on its own terms artistically, and whether it was possible to formulate a set of principles or guidelines applicable to the performance of piano reductions.

"Many piano reductions are haphazardly arranged and are often carelessly performed," she says. "I wanted to show that it is possible to produce piano reductions which are artistically sound and which, when properly performed, faithfully reflect the full orchestral score."

Her study analyses reductions of Mozart's Le Nozze di Figaro, Verdi's Rigoletto, Strauss' Der Rosenkavalier, as well as Huyssen's Masque. The results? "You can play the piano orchestrally, and the operatic piano reduction can indeed stand on its own terms artistically," she concludes. MP

GRADUATION

Pillay's small piece a big step

CHRIS MCEVOY

Master's graduate Sirika Pillay may see her work as "a very small part of a big puzzle" but her HIV vaccine research has earned her a distinction, as well as a scholarship for her future PhD studies.

Pillay began her laboratory work in 2007, by optimising the production of two potential vaccines, and testing these vaccines on mice. One of the vaccines produced particularly impressive results, and is likely to be used in future vaccine studies at UCT.

"While the conclusions of my work are promising," notes Pillay, "HIV vaccine research has to be a collaborative effort on a large scale if we hope to achieve any success."

As a result of her work, Pillay was awarded the Commonwealth Scholarship, which is awarded to candidates who are involved in research that will benefit their home country. She will use the comprehensive scholarship for her PhD studies



at Imperial College in London.

Pillay's PhD will continue her research into HIV vaccines, but she intends to shift her focus from molecular biology to the immunology aspects of the work. "I hope to continue my research so that we, as an international community of HIV researchers, can eventually piece together an effective way to eliminate HIV for good," she says.

To Protest or Not To Protest



About protest: In his master's dissertation, Glen Mpani looked at popular protest in Zimbabwe.

MEGAN MORRIS

Zimbabwean Glen Mpani, who graduates from the Department of Political Studies this week with a distinction for his master's dissertation, didn't have to look far for inspiration.

In his study, Mpani described the levels of popular protest in Zimbabwe

and then developed a model to explain who protests and who doesn't.

"My interest was motivated by an unprecedented political and economic crisis which has existed over the last eight years," says Mpani.

He also wanted to understand why Zimbabweans were not taking part in protests – defined as anything from stay aways, boycotts and closing

UCT leads programme evaluation studies

businesses to attending demonstrations or marches – "despite what would seem like a conducive environment".

Contrary to standard models, it was not the unemployed or the working class who protested in Zimbabwe, but rather the urbanised, the young professionals, the educated and the economically secure, says Mpani. Added to this, skilled professionals have become part of the diaspora, stifling the protest potential even further.

This raises questions about the strategies of civil society and opposition in the country to mobilise Zimbabweans, notes Mpani.

Also, stated unwillingness to take part in protests has jumped from 50% in 1999 to 65% in 2006. In fact, only 8% professed to participating in protest action in 2006.

"Yet the declining trend in protests stands in sharp contrast to increasing levels of popular dissatisfaction with the economy and political system," he says.

Mpani is currently working on his PhD.

Teachers become students



Three from one: Dr Geney Gunston, Dr Charles Slater and Elmi Badenhorst, all staffers in the Department of Human Biology, will graduate with higher degrees in education.

MYOLISI GOPHE

Three UCT academics swapped their teaching roles to become students, and learnt the hard way of the difficulties encountered by their own students.

Lecturers Elmi Badenhorst, Dr Geney Gunston and Dr Charles Slater of the Department of Human Biology all graduate with master's degrees in education this week.

"I am very pleased to be graduating," says Gunston. "The whole process of being a student again has deepened my empathy for the students I teach: the challenges they face related to academic reading and writing, and time management, combined with the joy of learning and the elation of success."

Badenhorst added that in her eight years in the academic development programme she has encountered many disheartened first-year students who experienced learning difficulties during that telling first semester. "These students were not academically prepared enough to thrive in a tertiary environment," she explains.

Six years ago, Badenhorst was involved in the design of an intervention programme for the Faculty of Health Sciences, and witnessed firsthand the improvement that students showed.

"To find an explanation, I read the theories of Vygotsky and Feuerstein, and became interested in the role of guided assistance in education. So here I am, a master's degree later."

Slater, who graduates with distinction, says the introduction of a problem-based learning curriculum in the faculty has been challenging, and a valuable way of engaging with the change has been to study further.

"The challenge now is to use this knowledge to enhance the learning experience of our students," he says.

All three agree: their studies were demanding but fulfilling.

Skills manager picks up a few of her own

MEGAN MORRIS

Joanne Uphill, manager of the UCT Staff Learning Centre, will feature among the seven graduates from the master's programme in organisational psychology, offered by the School of Management Studies.

It's easy enough to see why Uphill, given her job, would be drawn





Two students from the School of Management Studies are set to make history when they become the first graduates to obtain the new master's degree in monitoring and programme evaluation.

Karolyne Beets and Carol-Ann Wright have finished the one-year course, and will be among the nine organisational psychology master's students to graduate this winter.

The programme is aimed at people who have to do monitoring and programme evaluation in their work, and students who wish to use their social research methods knowledge in practice.

It is only offered at UCT and is set to meet the need for competent monitoring and evaluation specialists Front runners: Carol-Ann Wright and Karolyne Beets are the first graduates of the new master's degree in monitoring and programme evaluation.

in the country.

Professor Joha Louw-Potgieter, UCT's head of organisational psychology, says the programme was started because of a need in identified government departments.

"Our programme deals with the

assessment of social programmes like housing and health, to see if they achieve their objectives," Louw-Potgieter explains. "We need to find out whether the big programmes, in which a lot of taxpayers' money is spent, are working or not." to the programme. The flagship in the School's organisational psychology suite, the master's degree views "the human resource practitioner as a strategic partner".

Uphill, more specifically, wanted to back up her years' of experience - and an honours degree in human resource development - with some more formal learning.

"I wanted a theoretical framework for the work that I already do," she says. "And what the programme showed me was what other opportunities and possibilities there are, what other models there are to work with."

In her thesis, Uphill looked at instruments to measure and assess people's values, be they traditional, moral, or even around hedonism and Getting organised: Staffer Joanne Uphill graduates with a master's degree in organisational psychology this week.

achievement.

The year-long master's took some organisational skills for Uphill herself, then expecting her second child. Katherine was born just two months after Uphill completed the programme, in fact.

"It meant having a good support system, both at work and home," says Uphill about 2007. "Also, you have to be motivated, and I really wanted to do the programme."

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LECTURES & MEETINGS

The Darwin Seminars by Professor Barry D Schoub (Executive Director, National Institute for Communicable Diseases). Topic: Global Climate Change. (In this lecture Barry Schoub will discuss Climate Change's potential influence on the epidemiology of human infectious diseases with special reference to Africa.). Wednesday, June 11th 2008 @ 18h00. Student Learning Centre, Anatomy Building, Faculty of Health Science, UCT, Observatory. R.S.V.P:Latiefa. Jattiem@uct.ac.za by 9th June 2008

The UCT Graduate School of Business and our partners Deloitte and Old Mutual PFA are proud to present: "The Grindrod Success Story "Presented by Ivan Clark, Chairman of Grindrod Limited. Speaker: Ivan Clark, Venue: Exhibition Hall, The UCT Graduate School of Business, Breakwater Campus, Portswood Road, Green Point, Date: 11 June 2008, Registration: 17:15, Start Time: 17:30. RSVP: Email: events@gsb. uct.ac.za

PROTEA PACIFIC'S UPCOMING SEMINARS FOR JUNE 2008 lain MacLeod a Director of Protea Pacific will be presenting seminars in June at the following venues followed by consultations. Johannesburg: Seminar 3 June at the Hotel Hilton, 138 Rivonia Road, Sandton at 7.00 p.m. Consultations: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, June. Cape Town: Seminar, 11 June at the Commodore Hotel, Portswood Road, V & A Waterfront at 7.00 p.m. Consultations: 12, 14 & 15 June. Durban: Seminar, 16 June at the Riverside Hotel, 10 Northway Drive, Durban North at 7.00 p.m. Consultations: 17, 18, 19 June. Durban - Please note that lain will be consulting at the Beverley Hills Hotel, Lighthouse Road, Umhlanga Rocks. For those people wishing to register for the 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. For those people wishing to make an appointment for a consultation, please tick the "Yes" box when you register for the seminar and Kay Yukich (kay@proteapacific.co.nz) will respond to your request.

Wellness can be defined as the pursuit of a healthy and balanced lifestyle."This comprehensive seminar, presented by a panel of experts, provides information and tips to achieve sustainable weight loss. Knowledge is power and understanding the risks associated with being overweight and learning how to reverse these through effective weight loss strategies is imperative. The Sports Science Institute of South Africa will be hosting a free talk on "Weight Loss & Wellness - the practical recipe" by Shelly Meltzer (Registered Dietician), Kasha Dickie (Registered Biokineticist) & Clinton Gahwiler (Psychologist) on Thursday the 12th June 2008. DATE: Thursday 12th June 2008, TIME: 18h30 for 19h00, VENUE: Conference Centre - Sports Science Institute of South Africa Seating is limited to 200, so book early! For more information or to book your place, call (021) 659 5600, e-mail info@ssisa.com or visit www.ssisa.com

"Ancient Egypt's Middle Kingdom - from the Peasants to the Pyramids" - is the title of an illustrated lecture by Jean Smith at The Egyptian Society of South Africa on Tuesday 24 June 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.

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Fogarty International Clinical Research Fellow, The Desmond Tutu HIV Centre, The Institute of Infectious Disease and Molecular Medicine (IIDMM), Closing date: 13 June 2008, Email: jobs@hiv-research.org.za or Fax: 021 650 6963

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Monday Paper

Thanks: I wish to express my and my sons' thanks and appreciation to the members of the UCT community for the kind messages of sympathy and support on the untimely death of my husband Tzvi on Sunday 4th May. Sally Frankental, Dept of Social Anthropology.

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GRADUATION

Three to receive UCT honorary degrees







Advocate George Bizos, Dr Lillian Cingo and Dr Eric Goemaere. (Pictures: www.cnn.com, www.mhc. org.za, www.health-e.org.za)

UCT will be award honorary degrees to Advocate George Bizos, Dr Lillian Cingo and Dr Eric Goemaere this week. Bizos will receive the degree of Doctor of Laws (LLD). He

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 50year-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. Born in 1938, she is a dedicated health professional who has integrated her vocation in nursing with an ever-increasing focus on development among, especially, isolated communities.

Goemaere will receive a Doctor of Science (Med). Among his many achievements, Goemaere initiated the first comprehensive HIV treatment programme in the primary-care public health sector in Khayelitsha, funded by Medecins Sans Frontieres (Doctors Without Borders), through which he forged strong links with UCT.

Lord Leonard Wolfson received an honorary degree of Doctor of Science (DSc) at a special ceremony at South Africa House in London on 14 May. 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.

Honorary degrees will also be presented to Professor Jonathan Dorfan and Professor Claire Palley in December.

"These honorary recipients have 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."

Students' software sheds light on dark energy



Shedding light: The trio of Jacques Kotze, Renee Hlozek, and Yabebal Fantaye have been working closely together.

MYOLISI GOPHE

Three UCT students have worked together on a group assignment that led to the development of a tool to evaluate the power of future cosmology surveys.

Renee Hlozek, Jacques Kotze and Yabebal Fantaye, with the help of their supervisor, Professor Bruce Bassett, used the Fisher Matrix Formalism to produce the Fisher4Cast

software package.

According to Fantaye, this can be used to predict how well future experiments or surveys will do in the quest to understand the nature of dark energy, an elusive form of anti-gravity that appears to be driving the acceleration of the Universe.

"In this way we can compare planned surveys against each other, and look at which surveys will answer certain questions most effectively,"

explains Hlozek.

Fisher4Cast has been well received and suggestions have been made for further extension.

The students also developed a graphic user interface to make the tool easy to use.

"This opens the way for students and researchers to understand some of the complex issues associated with survey design," says Kotze. "This will impact on our ability to shed light on dark energy."

They each brought unique skills to the task, and benefited from Bassett's guidance.

The three part ways next year, as Hlozek and Fantaye head to the UK and Italy, respectively, to pursue their PhD studies, while Kotze, who is completing his PhD, will be extending his career in the US.

The trio agree that "given the quality of our interaction, we would be eager to keep collaborating in future". Fisher4Cast is OpenSource software, and can be downloaded from www.cosmology.org.za.

USHEPiA goes from strength to strength



Jim Ayorekire, Charlotte Karungi, James Manchisi and Faith Okalebo are the latest graduates from the USHEPiA programme.

This week, Jim Ayorekire, Charlotte Karungi, James Manchisi and Faith Okalebo will bring the total number of graduates from the 11-year-old University Science, Humanities & Engineering Partnerships in Africa programme (USHEPiA) to 38.

Ayorekire graduates with a PhD in environmental and geographical science. His thesis was on planning for sustainable tourism development in the Lake Victoria Shore region of Uganda. Ayorekire is a lecturer at Makerere University in Uganda.

Karungi graduates with a PhD in political studies for her thesis on *Interventionist Foreign Policy: Uganda's Security Challenges.* She is a lecturer in the Department of Political Studies at Makerere University.

HELEN THÉRON

UCT this week honours Matthew Breier, whose MCom in Economics will be awarded posthumously on 13 June. He died suddenly from a rare Manchisi will graduate with an MSc in chemical engineering. A staff member at the School of Mines, University of Zambia, Manchisi's thesis is titled An Investigation of the Feasibility of Bioleaching Cooper from the Ores of Nchanga Mine of Konkola Cooper Mines PLC, Chingola, Zambia.

Okalebo will graduate with a PhD in pharmacology. In her thesis, she looked at the antimalarial and pharmacokinetic properties of synthetic derivatives of the natural product, curcumin. She is based at the Department of Pharmacology at the University of Nairobi.

The USHEPiA Office congratulates these graduates on their hard work over the past years, and wishes them every success in their future academic endeavours.





MYOLISI GOPHE

A fter finishing school, Morna Cornell hopped from job to job searching for a career that would be "meaningful". Then, 16 years ago, she landed employment in the field of HIV/AIDS.

Cornell worked as director of the



projects. She developed an interest in public health and decided to take up formal studies in the field.

Despite her lack of formal undergraduate qualification, she was allowed to register for non-degree purposes.

"Prof Rodney Ehrlich (head of the School of Public Health) said that

AIDS Consortium, a network of over 600 HIV/AIDS organisations, and was a founder member of the Treatment Action Campaign, among many other initiatives.

"Till then, I didn't take my work seriously because I wasn't happy with what I was doing," she says. "In HIV/AIDS, I found my passion."

In 2001, Cornell co-authored the book *AIDS in Context*, based on 90 diverse papers from a conference held the previous year.

"The book is about what it means

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Leading the way: Morna Cornell had no undergraduate qualification when she first came to UCT, but will graduate with a Master's in Public Health (Epidemiology), with distinction, this week.

to be a man or woman in South Africa, and how this affects your behaviour and ability to respond to HIV," she says.

The next few years saw Cornell managing a further number of collaborative HIV/AIDS research if I excelled in my first year, he would argue for this to be converted to a full degree."

Ehrlich was as good as his word and Cornell became the first person in the department to be accepted for a master's degree with no undergraduate qualification.

This week, Cornell graduates with a distinction for her master's in public health, her thesis dealing with gender and mortality among HIV-infected individuals at an antiretroviral clinic in Gugulethu. form of leukemia on 8 May 2007, aged 25. His mother, Dr Mignonne Breier, will accept the degree on his behalf, attending with her husband, Dave. Despite a hearing impairment, Matthew completed his BCom at UCT in 2003, and an honours degree, in economics, with a first-class pass in 2004. He also won the Economic Society of South Africa's ABSA prize for the best honours essay in economics in South Africa in 2005. "Matthew was considering an academic research career. He was strongly committed

An MCom in Economics will be awarded posthumously to Matthew Breier on 13 June.

to doing research that would benefit the poor in South Africa," his mother says.



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