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National Orders for UCT four

The university was well represented when the President conferred National Orders last week, recognising important contributions to the country across a broad spectrum of endeavours

HELEN THÉRON

Four UCT stalwarts were among the 29 recipients (including five posthumous awards) who received National Orders from President Kgalema Motlanthe on Tuesday, 28 October.

The Order of Mapungubwe (Silver Category) was bestowed on Professor Doug Butterworth of the Department of Mathematics and Applied Mathematics, former senior deputy-vice-chancellor Professor Wieland Gevers, Professor Tim Noakes of the MRC/UCT Research Unit for Exercise Science and Sports Medicine, and Professor Pragasen Pillay of the Department of Electrical Engineering.

The Order of Mapungubwe is awarded to South African citizens for excellence and exceptional achievement. National Orders are the highest awards that a country may bestow, through its president, on its citizens and eminent foreign nationals.

The university has many alumni and staff who have received National Orders over the years, including luminaries such as Emeritus Professor JM Coetzee (2005), Hamilton Naki (2002), Emeritus Professor Peter Beighton (2002), Professor Allan Cormack (posthumously, 2002) and Professor Daya Reddy (2004).

Vice-Chancellor Dr Max Price endorsed the valuable contribution UCT academics and staff, some of them Nobel Laureates, have made to broader society, both at home and internationally.

"Their input has been across a wide spectrum, from great literature and pioneering medicine, to cutting-edge mathematics and sustainable technology.

"The group that received this year's Orders is again testimony to the span of disciplines in which UCT scholars continue to stand out."

This year Butterworth was honoured for his excellent contribution to the betterment of the environment and sustainability of the country's fisheries. He is an acknowledged world leader in the field of scientific fishery assessment, modelling and management. The nature of his research is deliberately applied and largely mo-



(Clockwise from top) Prof Wieland Gevers, Prof Tim Noakes and Prof Pragasen Pillay were three of the four UCT scholars to receive National Orders from President Kgalema Motlanthe last week. Prof Doug Butterworth (bottom left) could not attend.

tivated by the need to provide sound scientific advice in relation to current pressing issues in fisheries management.

"My thanks are extended to the university for the flexible manner in which they have allowed me to operate, without which I would not have been able to achieve what I have internationally in my field," he said.

Gevers, the former director of the Institute of Infectious Disease and Molecular Medicine (IIDMM) after he retired in 2002, was recognised for his excellent contribution to the field of higher education and medicine.

A former Rhodes Scholar at Oxford, where he obtained his DPhil under Nobel Laureate Sir Hans Krebs, Gevers was the driving force behind the establishment of the IIDMM. He was one of the first recipients of UCT's Distinguished Teacher Award and became a Life Fellow in 1984.

Noakes, a National Research Foundation (NRF) A-rated researcher, was honoured for his excellent contribution to the field of sport and the science of physical exercise.

The Discovery Health professor of exercise and sports science, Noakes established ESSM in the early 1980s. It is now an acclaimed research unit of the Medical Research Council.

"I am extremely proud that the importance of this discipline should be acknowledged," Noakes said. "I was overcome by the messages of congratulations that I received at the ceremony from a broad cross-section of South Africans from many different disciplines and interests, including politics, the arts and culture.

"All expressed their support for the value of sport and the way in which we at UCT and the Sports Science Institute of South Africa have used science to help South African

sport and to promote health and well-being for all South Africans."

Also an NRF A-rated researcher, Pillay was lauded for his excellent achievement in and contribution to the field of energy conservation. He is a specialist in renewable energy technology.

His research interests include the design and control of electrical machines, electric motor drive systems, traction and hybrid electrical vehicles, and renewable energy - including conservation and sustainability issues in power and energy engineering.

It is notable that the Order of Mapungubwe has been awarded to three members of the Department of Mathematics and Applied Mathematics: Butterworth, Reddy, and Emeritus Professor George Ellis.

Of the three, two have shared the same secretary, Di Loureiro, for two decades. **MP**

Graduation call

With a special graduation edition of *Monday Paper* planned for 8 December, we're putting out a call for leads; stories with a graduation focus. These might showcase cutting-edge research or high achievers. Or perhaps you have a first-generation or very mature student (septuagenarians, octogenarians, etc!) who has defied enormous odds or circumstances to get their degree. We'd like to hear from you. Please email Megan Morris at megan.morris@uct.ac.za with your ideas. We'll need a name and contact number or email address and a very brief gist of the story. Ask around. Put the word out.



SRC must be visible, says new president

MYOLISI GOPHE

When Chris Ryall accepted the nomination to be a member of the 2008/09 Student Representative Council (SRC), he decided to put his studies on hold.

Next year Ryall, who was elected as the new president of the SRC, will do just one subject towards his degree in business science, and dedicate most of his time to the council.

"I don't want to do things half-half," he says. "I don't want to do okay for my degree and okay for SRC. I want to be as good as possible for both."

He believes that his "fantastic" 14-member team would "bring the SRC back to students" and improve their lives.

Ryall is one of seven students from the Democratic Alliance Student Organisation (DASO) on the SRC,

which also includes five from the South African Students Congress and three independent candidates.

Ryall wants SRC members should be visible, and plans to avail himself for one-on-one meetings every week.

"This is the SRC students will see, hear and feel."

While the new members must still meet to draft priorities, Ryall believes that access, retention and throughput of students are some of the issues that need SRC attention.

"Access has been achieved, but UCT needs to be a place that takes responsibility for supporting students, and ensuring they acquire skills so their degrees benefit them and their communities."

He was concerned, however, that 14 years into democracy, the country had not arrived at a definition of transformation.

"When we talk about transforma-

tion, students are not sure what we are talking about, and that needs to be explored."

However, people were starting to look beyond the colour lines, he added.

The SRC, Ryall noted, should also be and transparent and accountable for its actions. To ensure this, independent audit and review bodies would be set up to keep them in check.

The rest of the SRC team is made up of Amanda Ngwenya (vice-president, external), Shannon Bernhardt (vice-president, internal), Portia Gama (secretary-general), Sabelo Mcinziba (deputy secretary-general), Dylan van Vuuren (chair of academics), and Ahmad Bana (treasurer). Co-ordinators are Mzwa Kweyama (transformation), Sara Reith (residences), Trevor McArthur (societies), Michelle Davy (sports), Anton Taylor (entertainment), Nevana Kostic (media and communications), Ayanda Dhladhla (day houses), and Babongile Mandela (health, safety and security). **MP**

Accessible: Newly elected SRC president, Chris Ryall, believes the group should be seen and heard.

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The Department of Information Systems at UCT presented their annual showcase of third- and honours-year systems-development group projects on 14 October. The honours' year first prize was taken by the group Cabal7. Their product, CipherStore, allows clients to digitise paper-based documents, upload them to a central server, manage and download them through a web browser. The third-year first prize was shared by teams Noesis and UnLeashIT. The Noesis product, Grootbos CRM, is a web-based Customer Relationship Management system aimed at increasing sponsor donations to the Grootbos Foundation through an interactive online donation system. UnLeashIT's project, KUSA CRM, aids the Kennel Union of Southern Africa in performing its many administrative tasks and provides an easy-to-use interface.

Dr Sean Field of the Centre for Popular Memory in UCT's Department of Historical Studies has been selected as the new vice-president of the International Oral History Association (IOHA).

Field was elected at a recent IOHA conference in Guadalajara, Mexico, and will serve as the association's vice-president until 2010.

The IOHA is a worldwide network of oral history scholars, professionals, and researchers, first established about 30 years ago.



Field's tasks as vice-president run from web development to moderating debates, but his primary goal is membership development.

"I'd like to expand participation of African, and especially Southern African, oral historians," he says.

Outreach projects received a boost when the Cape Town chapter of the Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE), an international enterprise and social responsiveness network, was launched at UCT on 16 October.

SIFE is an organisation of academics, business leaders and students operating in over 50 countries worldwide, offering students opportunities to begin their outreach projects with the support of an international faculty.

This gives the existing on-campus community responsive projects operating within societies, sports clubs and in residences opportunity to partner with UCT SIFE, and will provide students with the skills and knowledge required to find solutions to community problems.

UCT graduate Dr June Bam-Hutchison, an author, activist and international communities-development strategist, recently received the prestigious Achievement Through Diversity Award at the 10th annual GG2 Leadership and Diversity Awards in the UK.

The award recognises Bam-Hutchison's work in human rights, peace and development education in South Africa and abroad, and her roles in the South African History Project and with the Institute for Justice and Reconciliation.

"This award is as much a tribute to my primary school teacher Edith Sechaba, and role models and mentors like educators Jean Pease and UCT's Prof Peter Kallaway," she said.

On 3 October, Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, a trustee of the UK UCT Trust, hosted an event for UK-based UCT alumni at the Houses of Parliament.

Eighty-five alumni and their guests came to hear a talk by Cape Town's 2008 World Mayor, Helen Zille, also Leader of the Democratic Alliance.

She praised UCT's role in South African education, drawing attention to the innovative steps UCT had taken to help young students from disadvantaged backgrounds "bridge the gap", enabling them to study at a world-class institution.

Later, a question and answer session was chaired by the Baroness.

Two UCT architecture students were announced the winners of the CaesarStone Zero 2110 Design Award at Decorex 08 in Johannesburg.

Second year architecture students Duncan Fraser and Evans Lawuo scooped the top student prize for their gravity-defying design of a futuristic building suspended in mid-air. Their brief was to develop a new conference and exhibition space for the year 2110.

The brief was conceptualised by Jonathan Anstey of Stauch Vorster Architects to stimulate a response to the global initiative of environmental responsibility.

Judges looked for creative use of CaesarStone and innovative spatial and visual solutions break preconceptions.

Trevor Adams, UCT's Purchasing Manager, recently presented a paper at the 2008 National University Finance and Procurement Conference in Cairns, Australia, hosted by Higher Education Services. Titled *Collaborative Procurement in Higher Education – A South African Perspective*, the paper addressed changing trends in financial management and strategic procurement in higher education. This year the emphasis was on environmental sustainability in higher education, which refers to increased costs of energy and resources which will impact on the future of research, teaching and university management.

UCT's plans to diversify residences received a boost when scores of students completed the basic Xhosa communication skills course, Masithethe isiXhosa (Let's speak Xhosa).

This has given them an opportunity to learn more about the Xhosa culture, noted Associate Professor Mbulungeni Madiba, co-ordinator of the Multilingualism Education Project at the Centre for Higher Education Development.

"If you speak to a people in a language that is not their mother tongue, you are only speaking to their heads. But if you speak in their language, you are talking to their hearts and souls," Madiba explained to the 32 students who received their certificates on 22 October.

UCT's Employment Equity (EE) policy aims to have profiles of its academic, middle and senior support staff reflect national demographics, but it will take up to 60 years to catch-up, employment equity manager, Dr Sabie Surtee, has stated.

"But that does not mean we can't

try harder," she said at a panel discussion on employment equity, organised by the Faculty of Science's Transformation Forum on 20 October.

The event initiated discussion around employment equity issues and looked at where the university comes from, its current EE practices, policies and realities, and its new equity plan for the future.

Team Impilonhle ("Better Life") has won R10 000 and the UCT leg of Sanlam's new Inter-University Creativity for Progress Competition. The team, made up of civil-engineering students Tafadzwa Ncube and Mandisa Mazibuko, commerce student Mfaniseni Majangaza and computer science student Mangani Ng'wane, took top honours at the UCT round staged on 20 October. The R1-million Sanlam competition gives students an opportunity to come up with innovative concepts on how to improve the lives of people living in informal settlements. The winning team will bag R100 000, while R150 000 will also be awarded to the faculty they represent. **MP**

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

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The book will be on sale at the event. All are welcome and entry is free.



Two women among trio of new Fellows

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Vice-Chancellor Dr Max Price toasted a trio of new UCT Fellows on 16 October, two of them women.

Professors Vivienne Russell of the Department of Human Biology, Judith Sealy of the Department of Archaeology, and Igor Barashenkov of the Department of Mathematics and Applied Mathematics were inducted at the annual Fellows Dinner, the latter two in absentia. UCT Council established fellowships for members of permanent academic staff in recognition of original, distinguished academic work.

At the same occasion, Fellows Awards were presented to six academics younger than 40 who have made significant independent contributions to research in their field. This year's recipients were Dr David Braun of the Department of Archaeology, Dr Christopher Clarkson of the Department of Mathematics and Applied Mathematics, Dr Imraan Coovadia of the Department of English Language and Literatures, Assoc Prof Keertan Dheda of the Department of Medicine, Dr Anthony Figaji of the Division of Neurosurgery, and Dr Lindsey Gillson of the Department of Botany.



Prof Vivienne Russell.

A neuroscientist, **Vivienne Russell** joined UCT in 1997 and was promoted to associate professor in 2001 and full professor in 2004. During the past three decades she has supervised several MSc and PhD students and published extensively on topics in the neurosciences. Russell's reputation rests on her pioneering work in developing an animal model for attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). The first of a series of publications on ADHD in 1995 garnered 93 citations. In a ground-breaking paper published in *Behavioural and Brain Function* in 2006, she introduced a novel hypothesis - based on neuronal and glial energetics - for understanding ADHD. This paper drew a lot of attention, becoming the second-most-accessed paper from this journal. Russell has played a major role in promoting



Prof Judith Sealy.

neuroscience training in Africa, by organising international neuroscience schools for postgraduate students. She serves on the School's board of the International Brain Research Organisation (IBRO), IBRO's Neuroscience Programme Network and the IBRO African Regional Committee, which organises neuroscience training in Africa.

UCT-trained, **Judith Sealy** obtained her PhD in archaeology in 1989. She is also fully trained in analytical chemistry. Her research speciality involves the application of chemical techniques to solving problems in prehistory. Her major research interest has been stable light-isotope analysis of skeletal material to study the diets of Middle and Late Stone Age people in South Africa, especially those who included marine foods in their diets. In the proc-



Prof Igor Barashenkov.

ess, she produced ground-breaking evidence that coastal hunter-gatherers were territorial, with restricted access to specific marine resources. This challenged the prevailing views about hunter-gatherers, which were based on studies of Kalahari people. She published these views in *Current Anthropology*, initially in 1986, with a much fuller account in 2006. During her year at Oxford in 1985, she produced the first accelerator radiocarbon dates in South African archaeology, and did the laboratory analysis for the first radiocarbon date of pigment from a rock painting. This technique was immediately used by colleagues at the Oxford laboratory to date many of the famous rock paintings in Europe, including those at Lascaux. Last, but not least, the simplest and most popular method for the extraction of collagen from bone is widely known

as "the Sealy method".

Igor Barashenkov obtained his MSc (1983) at Moscow State University and his PhD from the Joint Institute for Nuclear Research in Dubna, Russia (1989). He came to UCT in 1992 as a senior lecturer in the Department of Mathematics and Applied Mathematics. He was appointed professor in 2002. His research centres on solitons, particle-like nonlinear waves arising on the surface of some fluids, in magnetic crystals, superconductors, fibre optical transmission lines, laser cavities, clouds of boson condensates, and other nonlinear media. Among his main achievements are the discovery of a new type of soliton with unusual properties (the so-called solitonic bubbles); the first demonstration of the stability of gap solitons in optical gratings; the discovery of the remarkable complexity of solitons in resonantly-forced dissipative systems; the explicit construction of topological solitons in two dimensions; and the prediction of a stable two-dimensional soliton on the surface of a ferrofluid. For his research on solitons, he was awarded an A rating by the National Research Foundation and the Harry Oppenheimer Fellowship by the Ernest Oppenheimer Memorial Trust in 2004. **MP**

Distinguished teachers named



Vanessa Everson, Dr Justin O'Riain and Leonard Smith are the recipients of this year's Distinguished Teacher Awards.



In one citation for this year's Distinguished Teacher Awards, the nominator writes: "The award of distinguished teacher is a once-in-a-lifetime award which the university bestows upon brilliant teachers who create conditions in which students become learners for life."

In a nutshell, this underpins the DTA award, presented this year to Vanessa Everson, Dr Justin O'Riain and Leonard Smith.

Everson, a senior lecturer in French in the School of Languages & Literatures, has transformed the teaching of French at UCT, creating "a model for French as a foreign language at tertiary level", reads her citation.

After modernising the syllabus and retraining and mentoring the teachers, she designed courses on French and the media, on the practice of translation, and redesigned the course teaching business French. She also pioneered a new honours-level qualification, Teaching French as a Foreign Language, the first of its kind in South Africa,

Her students praise her innovative teaching methods and approaches. A former student writes: "Ms Everson guided me through many moments of despair, opened the world of French literature and grammar to me and has also inspired me to become interested in translation."

A senior lecturer in the Department of Zoology, O'Riain's primary aim as an educator is to build intellectual confidence in his students and to provide them with the tools to forge their own scientific theories. Students have the status of partners in education, ensuring that they become the main drivers of their own education.

O'Riain reminds students that behind the complexity of accepted scientific ideas, (the finished product he calls it), lie years of floundering and an imperfect process. His citations reads: "This is important because as the world enjoys the fruits of the scientific enterprise, few are aware of the blood, sweat and tears behind every

scientific fact, vulnerable to testing and change as time moves along."

Smith, a senior lecturer in the School of Economics and the Centre for Higher Education Development, adopts a student-centred, active-learning style. He makes economics accessible and applies real-world examples. In a relaxed and open style, he acknowledges the challenges students face and supports them with innovative opportunities. He also works to improve their linguistic and communication skills, critical in a university context that is often overwhelming in the 'sink or swim' environment of huge undergraduate economics classes.

Smith has also shown that with the right rigour, care and method academic development students can outperform their mainstream counterparts. He has brought his innovative teaching methods to mainstream first-year economics courses, through improving tutorials and building tutoring skills in the school's first-year courses. **MP**

Gates funds TB research

Dr Anwar Jardine's project to develop treatment for multi-drug-resistant strains of tuberculosis has won a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation worth US \$100 000 (or R1million).

Jardine, who has only been with the Department of Chemistry in UCT's Faculty of Sciences since June this year, was chosen out of thousands of applicants to receive the foundation's Grand Challenges Explorations grant. Out of the 105 grants awarded by a blinded review process, Jardine is one of only three African recipients.

Only in its first stages, Jardine's research has targeted a relatively newly discovered pathway critical to the survival of TB-causing bacteria,

and protocols have been set up to test the hypothesis that blocking this pathway will kill the latent form of the bacteria.

"Much like humans, bacteria create molecules to protect itself from attack," explains Jardine. "By blocking this molecule's assembly pathway and subsequent use, the TB-causing bacteria's defence is weakened and it becomes more vulnerable to existing TB medication."

As well as understanding how this molecule is used by the bacteria to protect itself, Jardine's research is aimed at contributing toward finding new potential drugs that will minimise the chance of resistance, which is a common problem with current therapeutic regimens. **MP**

Centre of Criminology Faculty of Law



Scholarships in Security & Justice for Honours, Masters and Doctoral Students and Post-Doctoral Fellows

Graduates in Sociology, Social Development, Psychology, Anthropology, Political Science, Environmental Science, Law or other related disciplines may apply for scholarships in African Security and Justice.

Through the (NRF) South African Research Chair in African Security and Justice, attached to the Centre of Criminology, Law Faculty, University of Cape Town, a limited number of scholarships are available for students who are currently registered or who wish to register at the University of Cape Town for full-time study in 2009. Successful candidates will be expected to work within, and support, the activities of the African Security and Justice Programme (ASJP) which has as its key objective the development of research on multi-level physical security governance and environmental security governance with a particular focus on climate change.

Tenure:

- Full-time Honours – 1 year
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UCT celebrates a century and a half of law

It was on 18 March 1859 that the first law lecture was delivered in South Africa, following Act 12 of 1858.

The need for legal education was so pressing that a start was made in 1857 by the South African College (the predecessor to UCT) by Professor of Classics, Mr (later Sir) Langham Dale, according to an article in *Law Review 2008*.

What followed was a systematic establishment of scientifically organised law teaching and the publication of comprehensive textbooks.

The Faculty of Law recently celebrated this 150th anniversary with a full programme of class reunions and guest speakers. The celebrations will continue over the next six months at functions abroad.

In his formal address to mark the anniversary, Dean of Law Professor Hugh Corder examined challenges facing South Africa's constitutional democracy and the role of the faculty.

"Almost 15 years into democracy, the framework is soundly in place - but the honeymoon is over. Some



Law men and women: Graduates gathered at UCT to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the teaching of law in South Africa.

aspects work very well, but we need greater levels of accountability." Corder said the judicial branch of

government was a "striking example" of a branch of government that was functioning well.

"The judiciary has had an extraordinarily good record since 1994 of holding the legislative and

executive levels of government to account."

The law faculty is also in good shape, he said, with excellent facilities, particularly its library. Its graduates are sought after around the globe. Students are drawn from over 20 countries, particularly the SADC countries, and 55% of students in the faculty are black.

Corder's address followed a lecture, *Criminal Justice Revisited*, by stalwart Professor Solly Leeman.

The programme was capped by the formal dinner at Smuts Hall on Saturday 18 October. The guest speaker was law alumnus and environmental activist Gordon Pugh (1994), whose address was titled *From the North Pole to Capitol Hill*.

In addition, the full extra-mural programme included cricket, a Table Mountain hike conducted by Associate Professor Anton Fagan, and a walking tour from Japonica Walk below the Summer House to upper campus, followed by a drive to Hidding Hall in the company of UCT historian Professor Howard Phillips. **MP**

Suite of courses teaches the teachers

HELEN THÉRON

For the many academics thrust into lecture theatres and classrooms without a thorough grounding in teaching, the Centre for Higher Education Development (CHED) offers a Higher Education Studies Programme that aims to give lecturers a professional and theoretical foundation for their teaching in the higher education context. Courses can be taken as stand-alone or can accrue towards a postgraduate diploma or master's degree. Two UCT academics, Dr Brandon Reed of the Department of Mechanical Engineering and Ilse Lubbe of the Department of Accounting, spoke to *Monday Paper* about their experiences of the programme.

Although Reed has been teaching in his department for more than a



What we know now: CHED alumni Dr Brandon Reed and Ilse Lubbe.

decade, he wanted a more theoretical understanding of the teaching and learning in his classes.

The Learning and Teaching in Higher Education (LTHE) course is structured to do exactly that.

"One of the most important things I took from LTHE was just how important it is to recognise that students (and their backgrounds) play a central role in the development of an effective teaching and learning environment. As a consequence, I have taken a fresh look at the courses I teach to ensure that I account for these issues in my approach."

For Reed, a particularly useful exercise was recording one of his lectures. One of the fellow LTHE students sat in on the lecture and afterwards they reviewed the video footage to see whether Reed had

managed to achieve his outcomes.

A senior lecturer in accounting, Lubbe always wanted to further her studies, but what next? The Higher Education Studies programme answered that question.

"Having been in the business world for several years, and now lecturing commerce students to prepare them for the demands of the professional qualification, CA(SA), I realised that we can learn a lot about the way students learn, and our roles as academics to support student learning."

Excellent results by their students in the final exams of the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants pointed to the already sound pedagogic principles used in the department's teaching (their extended tutorial system, for example).

The course also gave her insights into the way lecturers assess students, she says.

"By setting exam questions that test understanding rather than repetition of the facts, students tend to adopt a deep approach to their learning as they are required to learn not only facts (which leads to a surface approach, based on short-term memory) but are required to apply the facts to practical, integrated scenarios."

The most valuable part of the programme? "The opportunity to grapple with education theory and its application in practice."

For further information on CHED's higher education programmes, contact Zeldia Carlse at Zeldia.Carlse@uct.ac.za or telephone 012 650 3478. **MP**

Retirees' dinner

The Chair of Council, Reverend Njongonkulu Ndungane, will host a dinner for retiring staff on Monday, 17 November 2008, in the Smuts Dining Hall at 19h30 for 20h00. All staff are invited to attend this dinner to support the retirees.

The cost of the three-course dinner, which includes a welcome cocktail and red or white wine, will be R130 per person.

Contact Rosina van de Rheede at 021 650 4468 or email rosina.vanderheede@uct.ac.za by 5 November 2008.

Intellectual property policies under the spotlight at USHEPiA partners

Many strides have been made since the establishment of the University Science, Humanities and Engineering Partnerships in Africa (USHEPiA) Intellectual Property Project in 2006.

The first development of its kind in Africa, the project has given muscle to intellectual property management at all UCT's partner universities: Botswana, Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology, Dar es Salaam, Makerere, Nairobi, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

USHEPiA intellectual property co-ordinator, Saudin Mwakaje of the University of Dar es Salaam, has visited the various campuses to present IP awareness seminars. Each of the member universities reported progress.

In 2006 a seminar was held at the University of Botswana, one that also attracted members

outside the university. The seminar raised awareness of the implications of the commercialisation of humanities subjects such as art, writing and the production of artefacts, in terms of intellectual property rights.

At the University of Dar es Salaam a review of their Intellectual Property Policy was put before their Council for approval in March this year. An agreement between the university and the World Intellectual Property Organisation was signed for teaching and researching on intellectual property, and a distance-learning programme launched in 2007. The university also established an intellectual property society for its students.

Mwakaje reported high levels of intellectual property awareness at the University of Nairobi. Three seminars were held at Jomo

Kenyatta, among the first of the USHEPiA partners (UCT was the first) to adopt an intellectual property policy.

Keen to promote technology transfer, Makerere University has established the Private Sector Forum to enhance joint research and technology development and to address private sector needs.

At the University of Zambia, where Mwakaje reported low levels of intellectual property awareness, a committee was formed to set up an intellectual property policy.

There was concern that the University of Zimbabwe's research output is at risk unless an appropriate intellectual property policy and management framework is established then. Mwakaje is helping them build an intellectual property policy and management infrastructure. **MP**



Prof Susan Bourne of the Dept of Chemistry, Prof Jack Fletcher of the Dept of Chemical Engineering and Prof Melvin Ayogu, dean of the Faculty of Commerce, discuss weighty matters.

UCT hosted its annual academic heads of departments' workshop on 29 October, where HODs and senior executives met to strategise on how to improve the university's business. Opened by Vice-Chancellor Dr Max Price, the event saw senior managers tackling issues such as enabling leadership, what practical steps UCT should take to work better and smarter, and how the university gives practical effect to and co-ordinates its African connections.

Race science dogs real value of forensic anthropology - Morris

HELEN THÉRON

Too often, the legacy of race science has overshadowed the valuable contributions made by forensic anthropologists to the origins and history of communities, Professor Alan Morris (human biology) said at his inaugural lecture, *The Politics of Old Bones*.

Morris explained that, though sometimes dogged by misunderstanding and political gamesmanship, their work provides clues to the sometimes unrecorded histories of local communities.

"Not everyone thinks that what I do for a living is respectable. For a significant and very vocal group here in Cape Town, anyone who studies the physical remains of humans is not a legitimate scientist."

For many, the work of forensic anthropologists remains tainted by the kind of race science that focused on racial differences, which was favoured by the Nazis and architects of apartheid.

Public knowledge of physical anthropology had not taken into account changes that had occurred since.

"There are still activist social scientists who believe schools like Wits and UCT are centres of 'racial science'. This came to a head during the excavation of the Prestwich Street remains in 2003 and 2004, and resulted in a situation where a whole series of archaeological skeletons were excavated but not studied," Morris said.

The fact grieves him still.

He said South African anthropologists had not been very successful in popularising their field.

He welcomed the new approach to dealing with human remains, embodied in the Vermilion Accord. This does not prevent the excavation of old human bones, but demands that archaeologists work in tandem with descendant communities.

"Researchers and relatives are asked to reach an agreement in which both the wishes of the descendant communities and the legitimate concerns of science and education are negotiated."

While praising the practice guidelines of the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA), which "look good on paper", Morris said the system is open to abuse by manipulative parties.

The excavation of the human bones at Prestwich Street is a case in point. An agreement was reached between the developer of the Prestwich site and SAHRA to store the human remains.

"But sadly, the one area excluded from this new agreement was the study of the human remains. The activists raised the old 'straw man' of the race scientists, and bluntly refused to allow even the most basic assessment of who was buried on the site."

"My students and I tried everything we could to show them how we could decipher a wealth of information about health, lifestyle and demography from the skeletons, but to no avail."

Morris said the loss of informa-

tion is the destruction of a heritage "that is mine as well as other people's".

Morris and his team have been involved in cases where they were able to identify missing people from TRC testimony. He referred to several cases of locating and identifying the remains of missing anti-apartheid activists.

"This ongoing project is quite different from the police forensics that is a more routine occupation of ours, because it aligns itself with human rights and restitution as much as with identification of the dead."

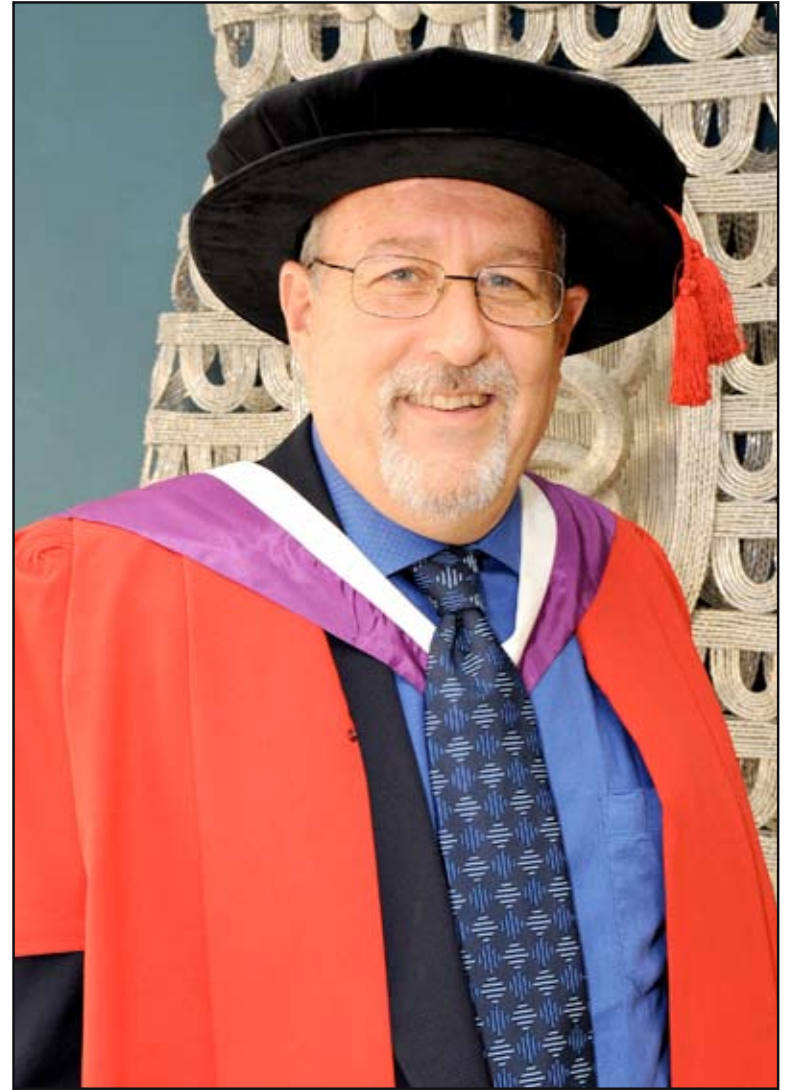
Morris said more students than ever were interested in physical anthropology. The group that has been working with the TRC is keen to join students from other institutions to establish an African Forensic Anthropology Team.

"They envision a group of expert forensic anthropologists who could be called upon to work on human rights cases throughout sub-Saharan Africa."

Tracing his academic evolution, deputy dean of research in the Faculty of Health Sciences, Professor Kit Vaughan, said Morris had been a major contributor to first-year human biology teaching.

"Over 3 500 doctors-in-the-making were exposed to varied topics such as human evolution, the search for man's origins and the concept of race in natural science. This was a major and sustained contribution to the education mission of our faculty."

Delivering a vote of thanks, HOD Professor Sue Kidson drew atten-



tion to the importance of science in all spheres of life, and paid tribute to Morris' courage.

"There is no doubt that Alan has the courage to speak out, when others

might have given up. We need to be acutely aware that long will our society rue the day where pseudo-science, or non-science, or nonsense rules. We need to support people of courage." **MP**

Crime under-reported in South Africa



CHRIS MCEVOY

How do the South African media report on crime, particularly when it involves racial differences?

This was the question posed by Ian Glenn, the first professor of Media Studies at UCT's Centre for Film and Media Studies in the Faculty of Humanities, in his inaugural lecture on 15 October.

After a welcome by Vice-Chancellor Dr Max Price and an introduction "with glee and some trepidation" by colleague Professor Henning Snyman, Glenn argued that in comparison with developed countries, the South African media under-reported violent crime, rather than over-reporting, because of dominant racist attitudes in the media, as has been claimed by former President Thabo Mbeki, among others. Glenn also spoke on how violent crime has created a state of "cultural trauma" for South Africans, particularly whites.

"Local television shows quite the opposite trend to the Americans in that the SABC plays down all crime, and particularly violent crime," notes Glenn. "This neglect is not benign, but has strong, sometimes fatal con-

sequences, particularly for black victims. Media failure to deal adequately with a range of violence against poor black South Africans has been evident in a range of cases."

Noting that the SABC employs about 1 000 staff in the news divisions, Glenn argues that the publicly funded corporation offers very little "bang for the buck".

Glenn argued that the general assumption that not covering crime is a sign of non-racial virtue has resulted in the media being unable to protect poor black victims of violent crimes such as serial killings, ethnic cleansing, or xenophobic violence.

"Under-reporting crime is not left wing," he says.

The effects of violent crime also came under the spotlight. According to Glenn, white South Africans are experiencing what American sociologist Jeffrey Alexander calls a state of "cultural trauma".

"Cultural trauma is suggested by the defining or story-telling about crime by major figures in South Africa, like author Andre Brink," notes Glenn. "Recent Hollywood films on Africa suggest that international Afro-pessimism now sees white Africans and South Africans as

traumatised victims of political and social violence, rather than simply as oppressors."

Finally, Glenn argued that South Africans have moved into what Zygmunt Bauman calls "liquid modernity". This means that educated, mobile South Africans are far less likely to see themselves as loyal to place or nationality.

"Liquid moderns are less likely to be tied to land and obligations," says Glenn. "Liquid moderns are typically highly educated, socially mobile, likely to emigrate."

Glenn concludes that the cultural-studies approach to crime and media has lost credibility, and generalising claims need to be replaced by further collaborative research. He also notes that the country would benefit from smarter, more aggressive crime coverage in the media.

Lesley Marx thanked Glenn for a lecture she described as "impressively well-informed, both theoretically and evidentially," and also "provocative and witty". She said that in the 34 years she had known him, she had always admired Glenn's ability to range widely across disciplines, also one of the strengths of his teaching. **MP**

A DAY IN THE LIFE of the Safety, Health and Environment Department

Based in Shell Court in Mowbray, the department is staffed by Michael Langley, (manager), Angie Ngalonkulu (administrator), Barry Platen (officer assessing physical areas, fire and public safety and contractor safety), Brett Roden (environmental risk officer), Sue Key (senior occupational health nurse), and Charlene Esau (occupational health nurse).

Skills needed for the job?

An occupational health and safety qualification, a caring spirit, good communication skills, good time-management skills and the ability to multi-task.

What does the department do?

It ensures legal compliance for processing and following up on injury-on-duty claims, and runs the Occupational Health Unit for staff and students working in hazardous environments. Team members do

hazardous chemical, fire, ergonomic, first-aid and general risk-assessments in all areas. They also visit departments to check on health and safety compliance, facilitate occupational safety and fire-safety talks, and investigate incidents. Other functions include: training in first aid and of safety representatives and fire marshals; safety inductions with staff, students and contractors; safety audits on all teaching and research as well as construction sites; and planning disaster exercises.

What are the challenges facing health and safety?

The seriousness of health and safety is often undermined and its central point in the person, home and work triad is often overlooked. People's perceptions are that they live and work in isolation, and getting them to accept that in the workplace each person is responsible for their own and others' health and safety is



Healthy ways: The staff of the Safety, Health and Environment Department, (back, from left) Barry Platen, Michael Langley and Brett Roden, with (front) Angie Ngalonkulu, Charlene Esau and Sue Key.

a big challenge. A health and safety mindset requires behaviour modification, as it is risky behaviour that results in unsafe conditions.

What are the highs and lows of the job?

The high point is working as part

of a team that is comfortable sharing their experiences and skills. Then, there is the positive feedback the department gets from safety, health and environment representatives and fire marshals after receiving training. Lows are having 'near-miss' incidents that are caused mostly by staff and students who do not consider health and safety a priority. The department seems to be 'preaching to the converted'.

What is the strangest thing to have happened?

Everything about UCT is strange! Puff adder bites, cranes falling over, batteries exploding in their cabinets, or waste chemicals exploding. But the officials believe these incidents make it an exciting working environment.

UCT community can reach the department via: www.ohs.uct.ac.za - or email at bas_healthandsafety@uct.ac.za.

Tribute to Amy Read



HELEN THÉRON

Amy Read, wife of the late former registrar, Leonard (Len) Read, died in October at the age of 90.

Read was born in Johannesburg in 1918 and after matriculating from Collegiate in Port Elizabeth, and a stint working at the Post Office, she took a job at UCT. She met Len in 1952.

Len wrote of this encounter: "I met Amy when she was working at the Jagger Library and I had quite a lot of business contact with her. I was impressed

with her abilities and responsible approach to her work - so I asked her to transfer to my office in the UCT administration. She was somewhat aloof for a while but thawed in the end!"

They married on 21 August 1954 and had two children, Amelia ("Jo") and George, both UCT graduates, Jo with a BA and Higher Diploma in Librarianship and George with a BSc in geology.

Recalling those early years, Jo said that her father and mother would tease each other by quipping that Amy went to work

for Len - and worked for him for the rest of her life. The couple celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 2004.

The two also played their part in the establishment of the Baxter Theatre Centre, which opened its doors in 1977, just a year before Len stepped in as registrar at UCT. While their father was the frontman for the couple, mom, a behind-the-scenes person, was always very supportive of the project, recalls Jo. (Dad Len even had George, between university studies and his first job, doing some menial labour on the building site.) A seat in the theatre bears a plaque with their names.

Read was also exceptionally proud of younger brother Allan Cormack's work to develop the technology that underpinned the development of the CAT scanner. It was in 2002 that she made the trip to Pretoria to receive the Order of Mapungubwe, awarded posthumously to Cormack, from President Thabo Mbeki.

Cormack's life and work is the subject of a recent book by deputy dean of research in the Faculty of Health Sciences, Professor Kit Vaughan. When the book was launched, the guest of honour was Read herself.

Speaking at her memorial service, Vaughan said he had met Read 25 years ago when Len was the registrar at UCT.

However, it had only been in the past 10 years that he had come to know her really well.

"When we decided to create a research unit in medical imaging at UCT that would honour the contributions of her younger brother Allan, Amy was our most enthusiastic supporter." ^{MP}

Yellowman comes to Baxter

Following its success at three South African arts festivals and a tour of Holland, acclaimed US playwright Dael Orlandersmith's love story, *Yellowman*, comes to the Baxter Sanlam Studio from November 4 to 29.

The play explores a different shade of racism and offers an examination of the complexities of internalised prejudice. It is about how ghosts of the past impact the future, set against the backdrop of the distinctive South Carolina culture known as Gullah. The title of the play refers to one of several derogatory childhood labels that have been hurled at lighter-skinned African-Americans by those with darker skins.

Yellowman was first performed in South Africa as part of the Baxter's 2006 Performed Play Reading season and went on to receive the 2008 Klein Karoo National Arts Festival Best Production award.

Yellowman previews on 4 and 5 November, opens on 6 November and runs until 29 November, at 20h15 nightly.

Booking is through Computicket on 083 915 8100, online at www.computicket.co.za or any Shoprite Checkers outlet. Discounted block, corporate or school bookings, charities or fundraisers can be made through Sharon on 021 680 3962. ^{MP}

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ICTS Training for October 2008 • 28-30 (09:00-12:00) PowerPoint Level 2 • 28-30 (13:30-16:30) Word Level 2

Department of Medicine Thursday 4PM Meetings'. 6 Nov 08 - Prof G Rook – "Darwinian Medicine and the Changing Microbial Environment: How broad are the Implications?" 13 Nov 08 - Prof A Kalla – "HIV and the Rheumatologist"

John F. Kennedy school of Government invites you to a reception on Tuesday, November 11 hosted by Alexandra Martinez, Assistant Dean and Director of Admissions between 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM at Commodore Hotel, America's Cup Room, Ports wood Road, Waterfront, Cape Town, South Africa Dean Martinez will discuss our degree programs in public policy and public administration, admissions procedures, and the latest news at the Kennedy School. Please RSVP to: SeYeom_Kim@harvard.edu.

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Robinson runs off with sportsperson award



Speedster: William Robinson, named UCT Sportsman of the Year for 2008, receives the Jamison Cup from Ray Mali, former head of the International Cricket Council.



In memory: Fatima Dramat receives the Chairperson's Award from Prof John Simpson on behalf of her father, the late Ish Dramat.

MEGAN MORRIS

William Robinson, enjoying a standout sporting year, was named as the UCT Sportsman of the Year at the university's annual Sports Awards Dinner on 17 October.

Robinson took home the evening's top honour for a string of wins and podium finishes in local trail races, including top spot, with teammate Dion Middelkoop, at the 2007 Cape Odyssey, and for clocking the best combined time over this year's Cape

Argus Cycle Tour and Two Oceans Ultra Marathon events.

Speaking after receiving the Jamison Cup from guest speaker Ray Mali, Robinson, now doing his PhD in mathematics, urged the younger students at the dinner to keep chasing their sporting dreams, and UCT silverware. "It took me nine years to win this trophy," he pointed out.

Robinson was not the only member of the Athletics Club to pick up an accolade on the evening. The women's distance running team, Western

Province cross-country champions again this year, received the Butterworth Cup as Team of the Year.

John Simpson, departing chair of UCT Sports Council, also presented the Chairperson's Award to the late Ish Dramat, the Rugby Club's legendary team manager, scorer, water-bottle carrier, rugby encyclopaedia and supporter of over half a century. (Ditto for the Cricket Club.) Dramat died on 27 May this year. His daughter, Fatima, received the award on behalf of the family.

Other winners were:

- Underwater Club – Club of the Year
- Stephan van der Watt – Transformation Trophy, for the hiking programme he ran with young, disadvantaged learners on behalf of the Mountain & Ski Club
- Angus James Morrison, Mountain & Ski Club – Turpin Cup for Service to UCT Sport
- Jacques Viljoen – Best First-Year Trophy, for his win at the Aldershot Senior International Fencing Open in England, among other highlights

- Rugby First XV – Landstem Trophy for Performance of the Year, for their memorable run in the inaugural Varsity Cup, for which they were named as the team that played the best rugby over the course of the tournament.

In addition, a number of students were honoured for winning provincial and international caps over the year. Another 16 students were presented with Merit Awards for their contributions to the administration of their clubs. **MP**

UCT medicine woman for SANAE base



Winter-over: Alumna Dr Joanna Thirsk is the doctor for the 48th South African National Antarctic Expedition.

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It's Friday night in the Trauma Unit at Groote Schuur Hospital and Dr Joanna Thirsk (MBCb, 2005) is intent on resuscitating a young accident victim. She's closed off to the mayhem around her. After almost a year here, she thinks on her feet.

It's a skill she'll need when she's thousands of miles down south at the South African National Antarctic Expedition (SANAE) base in Antarctica, responsible for the welfare of the 48th winter-over group.

She has also worked at Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital.

"There you learn big coping mechanisms," she quips.

The only woman on the skeleton team of 10 for the Antarctic, Thirsk will be away for 14 months, responsible for the mental and physical health of the group in the most inhospitable conditions imaginable.

She has been preparing for some time, reading up on polar medicine and bolstering her dental, X-ray and anaesthetics skills. The base is equipped with a fully fledged operating theatre.

At 26, Thirsk is also preparing to put her life on hold. This stint on the giant ice continent will mean a Christmas

and a birthday away from home and family.

But it's a season that comes once. It's something she has to do.

In December she will join the team for basic training in non-medical skills like fire fighting and, yes, cooking. Thirsk will also learn to handle heavy vehicles and master the basics of climbing and abseiling.

"I'm not very sporty," she says, "but I've signed up for boot camp for a month."

It's a weighty responsibility for a young doctor.

"The thing about Antarctica is that you can't evacuate anyone," she adds, "unlike Gough and Marion Islands where you can get away with having a paramedic."

Thirsk knows all the stories; the Russian medic who removed his own appendix under local anaesthetic and the doctor who removed a cancerous lump from her breast. You have to be prepared.

She leaves on 23 December, the journey aboard the SA Agulhas expected to take two weeks. The base will be busy then. In the summer season there are plenty of researchers about. After that, they're on their own. The return date is March 2010.

"This attracts me," she says. "I have a keen sense of adventure. I rise to a challenge. And the world will be waiting for me when I get back."

Emergency medicine has always interested her and she hopes to specialise in the field.

In Antarctica, medical conditions like polar T3 syndrome (T3 is a thyroid hormone), are common. It's a mental affliction that hits most winter-over crew. Lethargy, mood swings and forgetfulness are symptoms. A lack of vitamin D (daylight disappears as winter sets in) may be linked to the disorder.

"I must ensure the team is kept busy and socially active."

Socially active? Wares from sponsors like wine farms and book stores are being sought to add to the cache of goodies they're taking along to add some cheer. Thirsk has bought a single-lens reflex camera and intends teaching herself to play the guitar.

She will also tend to the team's nutritional health, ensure they wear the proper gear to stave off frostbite and that they use the right equipment to maintain safety.

"Polar medicine is a sub speciality in its own right. The psychiatric component is big."

Like Antarctica. **MP**