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## High take-up expected to hike first-year numbers



The 2009 academic year has begun at full throttle with a larger-than-expected first-year student intake. In addition, Vice-Chancellor Dr Max Price has begun a debate on a strategic plan for the university, and the impending appointment of a UCT Ombudsman



### HELEN THÉRON

There has been a run on UCT this year. As part of its admissions process, the university made 7 000 offers to undergraduate applicants, expecting anything between a 55% to 70% take-up rate – as past history showed – depending on the programme. That would come to approximately 4 100 students.

But early reports by registrar Hugh Amore at last week's PASS Forum suggest that take-up will be much higher, and would likely exceed the 2008 tally of 4 500.

In previous years between 75 000 and 85 000 learners would leave school with university exemption. But in the first year of the National Senior Certificate, that number jumped to around 107 000 at the end of 2008.

A recent newspaper report on bulging numbers at Gauteng universities hinted that all South African universities are likely to see a rise in student numbers.

At UCT a noticeable trend is the spike in interest among first-years in engineering and commerce programmes.

Similarly, UCT expects a higher take-up of residence offers. The university made some 3 300 offers for approximately

1 900 places for first-year students.

**Developing a new plan**  
Strategic planning fora of UCT executives in January and February have debated strategic goals for the university.

These ideas will be presented to heads of departments, deans and PASS departments, after which they will be put to Senate and Council.

Six strategic directions have been proposed:

- transformation and institutional culture;
- UCT's research-led identity;
- its Afropolitan approach;
- the nature of the UCT graduate;
- the shape and size of the institution; and
- social responsiveness.

Vice-Chancellor Dr Max Price has suggested that UCT should be involved in five areas where cross-campus expertise could be harnessed to make a difference:

- violent crime
- the school system
- the defence of democracy in South Africa
- climate change and sustainability
- HIV/AIDS.

Also under review is UCT's 12-year-old mission statement. This will be looked at to see how it can reflect the key challenges UCT is expected

to encounter in the next five years.

### Deputy Vice-Chancellors

Two new DVCs begin their terms this year: Professors Danie Visser and Jo Beall. They join Professor Thandabantu Nhlapo on the executive team.

Earlier this month Council agreed not to appoint a fourth DVC. The selection committee argued that the three appointed DVCs should settle in their respective portfolios. The situation will be reviewed after six months.

In the interim, Council has agreed to appoint Professor Crain Soudien of the School of Education as Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor. He will serve from 1 April to the end of 2009.

Acting DVCs Professors Cyril O'Connor and Daya Reddy will complete their contracts by the end of March this year.

Speaking at the PASS Forum last Thursday, Price said the DVC portfolios were currently under discussion. He foresees that the six strategic areas will be divided among the three DVCs.

Reporting lines between DVC, deans and executive directors would be realigned.

"We need a much flatter structure. For example, DVC's

portfolios will not be defined around line function, but around the university's strategic goals," Price said.

### Ombudsman

Price has also approved the appointment of a UCT Ombudsman and the position will soon be advertised.

### Fee increases

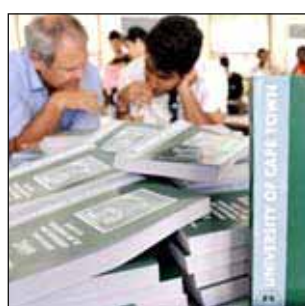
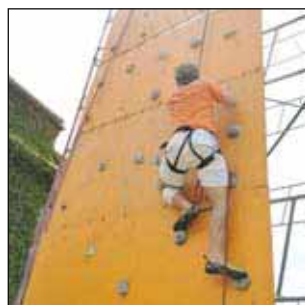
The new academic year also heralded a 13.2% average rise in tuition fees. The increase was announced by Council late last year, part of a transformation initiative to help more needy students and to effect a once-off catch-up following three successive years of lower fee increases.

"In the current economic environment we are facing significant hike in recurrent operating costs," Price said.

"Financial support to students is a critical transformation imperative. We cannot speak about transformation through education without dealing with the issue of providing financial support for students."

The additional income will assist a group of lower-income students who do not qualify for financial assistance from the national Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS).

Bursaries for the financially needy have been increased by over 50% from 2008.





# Kalula to sound out Zim

**MYOLISI GOPHE**

Professor Evance Kalula, director of the Institute of Development and Labour Law at UCT, has been appointed to a commission of inquiry to investigate complaints of non-observance of freedom of association by Zimbabwe.

The three-member commission was constituted by the International

Labour Organization (ILO), and will be sworn in at its headquarters in Geneva next month. It is expected to complete its work in July.

Other members are Judge Raymond Ranjeva, senior judge at the International Court of Justice and former Chief Justice of Mauritius, and Dr Bertrand Ramcharan, a member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration and former commissioner of the Inter-

national Commission of Jurists.

Kalula said the complaints relate to two conventions (ILO treaties) that Zimbabwe has ratified, that is to say the Freedom of Association and the Right to Organise Convention No. 87 and the Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention No. 98.

"The task of the commission will be to examine the complaints by hearing and gathering evidence, and

to make recommendation to the ILO's governing body," explained Kalula.

He added that the commission is similar to the one that was appointed for South Africa in 1992. The 1992 Fact Finding Commission was appointed to probe complaints by COSATU and in retrospect has been seen as a factor in the galvanising of negotiation towards the 1994 democratic settlement in the labour sector. **MP**

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CHED winners Kalil and Grant

Terri Grant and Claudia Kalil of the Professional Communication Unit have won a prestigious R40 000 CHED award for their innovative collaborative educational practice. This award recognises outstanding collaborative approaches by UCT staff, which enhance the teaching and learning environment. The team won the award for two courses: a computer science course using scenarios based on the ISIS and SupaTsela Projects at UCT, and a commerce course that examined a recent sustainability project at UCT. As these are real projects, students got first-hand information and experience in investigating real-time problems and issues. "The students appreciated the authenticity of this collaborative learning experience," Grant said. Grant and Kalil have been invited to present the concept at a UK conference in 2010.

and was published in leading cancer journal *Oncogene*. The importance of Davis' work was underscored by her supervisor, Dr Sharon Prince, who said it would play an important role in the development of new cancer drugs.

The full-time MBA programme offered by UCT's Graduate School of Business (GSB) has been ranked the best value for money MBA in the world in the latest Financial Times (FT) of London's Global MBA Top 100 Ranking. The GSB remains the only business school in Africa in the FT MBA Top 100, and this is the fifth consecutive year that the School has featured in the rankings. The school was also ranked 15th in the career progress category, seventh in the international mobility of MBA graduates category and fourth in the international experience category. The 2009 rankings place the GSB in the top five business schools based in BRICS emergent markets: Brazil, Russia, India and China and South Africa. "The GSB is delighted with this Top 100 ranking for the fifth consecutive year – it testifies to the high quality of our programmes and the exceptional quality of our MBA in particular," said Professor Frank Horwitz, director of the GSB. Horwitz said that it was pleasing to see the GSB and its reputation continuing to rise and that this is reflected in the fact that the 2009 MBA numbers have met the school's targets, with the business school attracting increased applications for this year. The school has been particularly excited at the interest shown in its MBA from people from the rest of Africa.

Dillon MacDonald-Thomas, Dave Watson and Emma Webber will represent the country at the international round of the Jessup International Law Moot Competition in Washington in April. The trio, all UCT law students, won the South

African round of the prestigious competition, administered by the International Law Students Association. The international round is sponsored by Shearman & Sterling, White & Case. Working in teams of three to five members, students from participating higher education law institutions are required to submit written pleadings and present oral arguments to a panel of top judges in a simulated International Court of Justice, provid-

ing them with legal experience in a courtroom setting. organisations, including the Social Justice Coalition. Further scholarship recipients from other institutions also intend continuing their studies at UCT this year. They include Khanyisa Mtombeni of the Tertiary School in Business Administration, Musa Nzimande of Mangosuthu University of Technology, Hapiloe Maranyane of the University of Johannesburg, and Elias Phaahla of the University of the Witwatersrand. The Mandela



Jessup's MacDonald-Thomas, coach Shing Mazuzu, Webber and Watson

ing them with legal experience in a courtroom setting.

All three UCT graduates nominated for the Mandela Rhodes Scholarship last year won the award to continue their studies. Zerene Haddad finished her BA, majoring in English literature, Spanish and history, and will be continuing her studies with honors in history. Christopher Holdridge (below) will begin his history master's, writing his dissertation on the role of humour in colonial society. Thembi Luckett, a researcher at the Centre for Early Childhood Development, will continue her studies at UCT with a master's in social justice. Luckett is also an activist involved in several



poverty, which are experienced in a globalised information society. The colloquium was organised by the university's African Gender Institute and the Department of Environmental and Geographical Sciences, in conjunction with the Gender and Development Network and GADNET, based at the Centre for Global Gender Studies at Goteborg University in Sweden.

UCT hosted the Gender Justice and Body Politics Colloquium from 4 to 6 February, which included presentations by 30 researchers in the field. The colloquium set out to address the challenges of promoting gender justice in a globalised world. Factors affecting scholars and activists include increasing class differences and widespread persisting

poverty, which are experienced in a globalised information society. The colloquium was organised by the university's African Gender Institute and the Department of Environmental and Geographical Sciences, in conjunction with the Gender and Development Network and GADNET, based at the Centre for Global Gender Studies at Goteborg University in Sweden.



Rhodes Scholarship, which includes full tuition fees and living expenses for postgraduate study, is awarded to students who excel academically and show leadership skills.

UCT's International Academic Programmes Office (IAPO) and the US Institute for the International Education of Students (IES) welcomed about 30 visiting students (above) from North American institutions at their collaboration launch event on 29 January. As part of this collaboration initiative, the Chicago-based IES Abroad organization, which enrolls more than 5 000 students annually, will open its first centre on the continent at the univer-

Invest in the Future: Old Mutual handed a cheque for R200 000 to sponsor the free distribution of the quarterly *Mathematical Digest* to 500 schools for the next three years, at a function on 10 February. The journal is published by UCT. **MP**



PhD student Emily Davis has won the international Roche Young Researcher Award for her research into novel treatments for cancer. Davis, a postgraduate student in the Department of Human Biology, investigates how Tbx2, a protein that plays an important role during the embryonic development of many species, causes cells to become cancerous. Her work reveals one of the mechanisms by which the Tbx2 protein contributes to oncogenesis

# A-rating for Farrant a first in the natural sciences



Survival mechanisms: Prof Jill Farrant (Chain in molecular Physiology of Plant Desiccation Tolerance).

## HELEN THÉRON

UCT's newest A-rated scientist, plant physiologist Professor Jill Farrant, has the same tenacity as resurrection plants, her stock in trade.

Resurrection plants appear to die in drought but recover dramatically within 24 to 48 hours after rain, even after a year in the dry state. These plants have complex 'protection' mechanisms, involving the activation of genes that produce protectant chemicals. These switch on as the plants sense their tissues being affected by the dry environment.

Farrant's success - she is UCT's second woman to get a coveted National Research Foundation A-rating, and the first in the natural sciences - came after a time of tragedy.

Last year she slipped on a bath mat, and with the clock ticking, underwent surgery for subdural brain bleeding. While her physical recovery was slow, the mental and emotional process was quick. The only permanent damage was the loss of taste and smell. But to top it all, she was burgled at gunpoint while recuperating.

For Farrant the experiences were akin to a rebirth. The news of her A-rating came in December while she was in Madagascar - her first holiday in 12 years - redefining her priorities.

With a PhD from the University of

Natal (ironically, on mangrove seeds, which grow in water), she has a raft of medals and awards: best MSc thesis in the country, NRF President's Award (1993), the South African Association of Botanists award for the best PhD thesis in botany (1994), and their Silver Medal for Excellence in Botany (2008).

"But I'm no Einstein. I work with unique Southern African plants, which makes me a big fish in a little pond. I know what I'm good at, but I also know I'm not an expert in all the fields. So I collaborate with people who are."

Beyond her laboratory, Farrant has worked tirelessly to establish collaborations in France, Italy, Brazil, Cuba, Hungary, the UK and the US.

"You have to sell yourself abroad. Your peers must be able to put a name and face together."

Of the world's 300 angiosperm species that show desiccation tolerance, 90% occur only in Southern Africa, under her nose. As a child, she'd noticed one species on the family farm. The plant looked dead, but turned green overnight after rain.

"It was like magic."

Now there is a crop of them in the greenhouse at UCT, some cultivated from the same plant, as well as many others - different species with the same 'resurrection' ability - collected from around South Africa.

Working at subcellular levels, Farrant characterises the proteins and metabolites that protect the plant tissue in extreme conditions. She's also investigating why some plants can switch on their desiccation-tolerant genes and others can't.

"Plants can't escape predators or extreme conditions. To survive, they've developed remarkable survival mechanisms that scientists are only just beginning to glimpse - and understand."

Some produce natural sunscreens for their leaves, or chemical turn-offs (bad tastes and smells) to protect them from herbivores.

Farrant's work has been widely published and featured. What pleases her particularly about the A-rating is that the period of NRF review included the years she was head of department (Molecular and Cell Biology), when her publication count dropped from between 10 and 15 a year to eight.

But the accolade belongs as much to her colleagues, Farrant says, people who have published and worked with her: Associate Professors Nicci Illing and Wolf Brandt, the late Professor George Lindsey, Professor Jennifer Thomson, and Dr Suhail Rafudeen.

(In the latest ranking cycle Prof William Bond retained his A1 rating, Prof Kit Vaughan his A2 rating, and Prof George Branch was re-rated A2.) **MP**

## Curb climate change, leaders asked

African leaders have been urged to recognise the severity of challenges posed by climate change, and value the role of research in meeting these challenges.

Closing the 5th Humboldt International Conference on climate change in Africa, which was hosted by UCT recently, university students from 17 African countries signed a student declaration, demanding that leaders commit themselves to improving the situation.

"We call for a unified African voice in the face of the challenges before us and urge our African leaders to make a firm and lasting com-

mitment to address climate change challenges and to support research in Africa," said the declaration.

It was one of the resolutions taken at the weeklong event, attended by scores of top international researchers, including Nobel Laureate in chemistry Professor Paul Crutzen.

The declaration appeals to the leaders to invest in research capacity, promote a unified policy across African institutions on data acquisition, access and sharing, and develop a unified African view on climate change, which would contribute to the new round of the Kyoto Convention. **MP**

## Conflict resolution centre is leading think tank

The Centre for Conflict Resolution (CCR) is sub-Saharan Africa's leading think tank, according to a survey conducted by the University of Pennsylvania's Think Tanks and Civil Societies Programme.

It is the first survey of its kind, and includes 5 500 organisations in 170 countries.

The CCR was established in 1968 and is affiliated to UCT.

The results of the Think Tank Index survey were published in the Foreign Policy magazine in Washington DC.

"This is a great honour, as we had set out to become the leading pan-African organisation in our field five

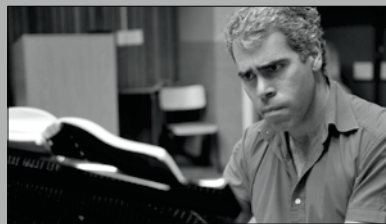
years ago," said Dr Adekeye Adebajo, who joined the CCR as executive director in October 2003.

The CCR is also the only African organisation listed among the top 50 think tanks globally.

In an article in Foreign Policy, Dr James McGann, director of UP's Think Tanks and Civil Societies Programme, wrote: "Far more than simply churning out endless papers, think tanks generate and fine-tune solutions to some of the most complex and vexing issues of the day."

Of the survey, he says: "Think of it as an insider's guide to the competitive marketplace for ideas that matter." **MP**

## Khan sets sights on the world



"I'm here to build on what I've already been impressed with," Kamal Khan, the new director of UCT's Opera School.

Khan has taken over from Professor Angelo Gobatto, who retired in 2008, and is already at work planning the school's future events, such as the Kaleidoscope concerts, which take place from 1 to 6 June. He is no stranger to UCT, having served as guest conductor in collaboration with Cape Town Opera for several years.

Originally from the US, Khan studied at the Manhattan School of Music and worked with the Metropolitan Opera in New York for a decade. His work took him all over the world, from South America to Europe, before he took up his new post at UCT.

"I've seen some very fine singing and performing," he says, "but there also needs to be an emphasis on structure and quick thinking."

He stresses the importance of singers communicating with modern composers, where possible.

There are plans to premiere the

works of modern composers in 2010. He hopes that future projects like these will give young singers the experience in agility and flexibility they need to sing professionally on any stage in the world.

Khan acknowledges that the

local demand for opera singers is limited, so he aims to develop young singers who meet international standards.

"But there's still untold potential for local growth," he notes. "We haven't even begun to tap the market."

### Centre of Criminology Faculty of Law



#### POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS

Applications are invited from graduates, from any African university, who have achieved their Doctoral degree within the last 5 years for the National Research Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowships in Security and Justice at the Faculty of Law, University of Cape Town.

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:** The Postdoctoral Fellowships are tenable for 1 year, renewable for up to 2 years contingent on satisfactory academic progress and the availability of funds.

**Disciplines:** Criminology, Sociology, Psychology, Anthropology, Political Science, Law and other related disciplines.

**Value:** R120, 000 per annum. Publication top ups are available.

#### Application process requirements:

- A letter of application outlining the applicant's research interests
- A Curriculum Vitae
- Certified copies of all academic transcripts
- An example of written work
- Contact details of two proposed referees. The referees must be academics who have taught or supervised the applicant

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# Call to action

The following opinion piece was penned by Vice-Chancellor Dr Max Price and Prof Marian Jacobs, dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences, and appeared in the Sunday Argus of 8 February.

Zimbabwe is facing unprecedented levels of economic and political turmoil, resulting in intolerable human suffering, disease and death. We as South Africans cannot sit by and watch while this massive disaster unfolds. We all need to act together to assist in alleviating the humanitarian crisis, apply pressure on our politicians to monitor the fair implementation of the joint government agreement for a peaceful transition to a new political order and, where possible, assist those Zimbabweans who have sought refuge within our borders.

The impact of the crisis in Zimbabwe is being felt across Africa, and particularly in South Africa; from the steady stream of refugees; to additional strain on an overstretched health service as a result of cholera-infected people coming across the border for treatment, following the complete collapse of the Zimbabwean healthcare structures; to impassioned pleas from students to be allowed to continue their studies in South Africa as many of their educational institutions are not functioning at all.

The University of Cape Town strives to be an Afropolitan institution, with its roots in South Africa, but its branches spreading across the SADC region and Africa as a whole. In this African institution of higher learning – where we teach young

adults about human rights, social responsiveness and accountability – we condemn those responsible for the human rights catastrophe that is playing out in Zimbabwe.

Physicians for Human Rights (PHR), an international health non-governmental organisation, headquartered in Cambridge, Massachusetts, has presented a report with hard evidence of the devastating situation in Zimbabwe. It was drawn up by independent investigators who visited several provinces in Zimbabwe in December 2008 and states that the government of Zimbabwe has effectively presided over “the dramatic reversal of its population’s access to food, clean water, basic sanitation and healthcare”.

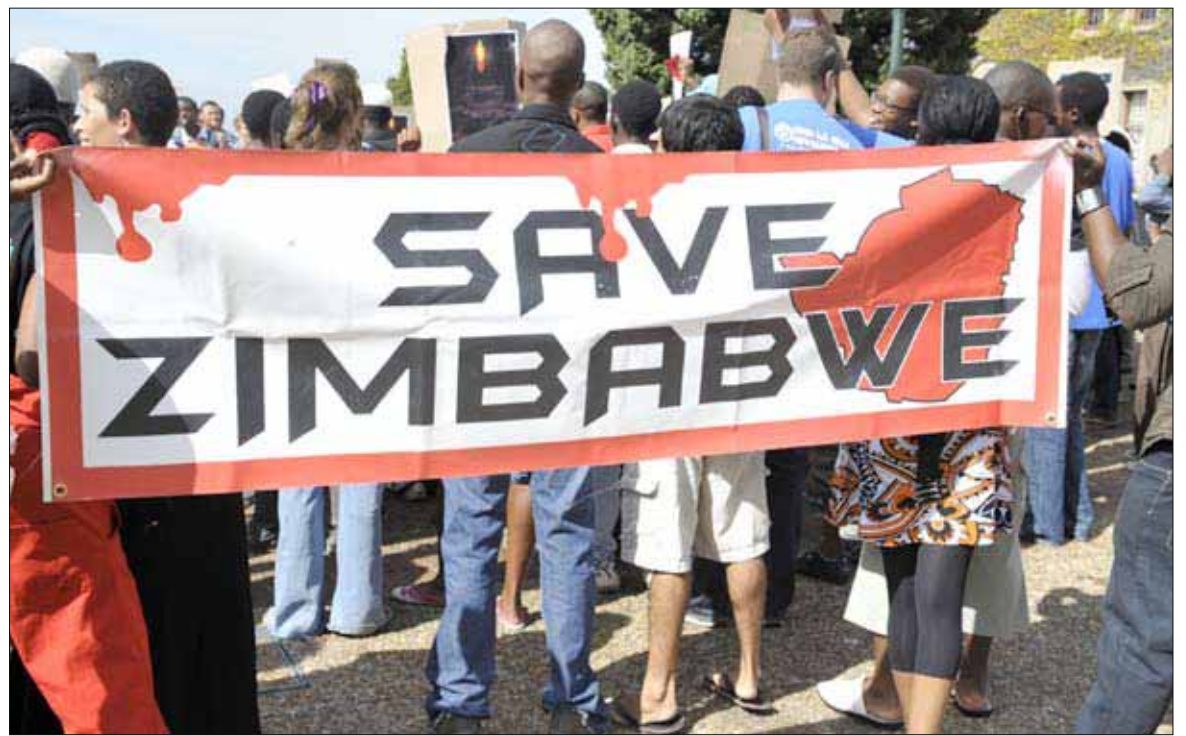
It is a shocking story of the destruction of a country and its people. The report contains evidence of the horror stories heard for some years now. It records the traumatic experiences of sick, injured and dying human beings – many of whom will lose their lives as a result of treatable medical conditions.

Mothers, fathers and children are watching one another suffer and die because the system has failed. Medical practitioners face dying patients without access to water, electricity or basic facilities like toilets. Equipment is desperately lacking and the most basic services are no longer available.

ately 880 Zimbabwean students, of whom 303 are postgraduates.

There will be a campus-wide collection of donations, to be sent to Zimbabwe to alleviate suffering.

In a communiqué to students and staff prior to the assembly Dr Price said: “The enormity of this disaster is especially shocking as it consists of interlinked crises including an imploding economy, hyperinflation and severe unem-



Marching on: Students at a UCT gathering last year.

The very system that exists to protect the basic human rights of every citizen has collapsed and its failure is undoubtedly the responsibility of President Mugabe and his government. It is untenable that they have allowed this. It is even more disgraceful that evidence suggests that this collapse is directly linked to their misguided, selfish actions to remain in power.

The report recommends that President Robert Mugabe should face the International Criminal Court. They argue that he is committing a crime against humanity – the results of which can be seen in thousands of deaths in that country following the utter collapse of its health service.

International statute allows the UN to intervene politically, through sanctions and even militarily in a country whose government is systematically killing large numbers of its own unarmed, defenceless citizens.

The PHR report also recommends that a United Nations-led emergency health response should be enforced in Zimbabwe. It is time for us, the ordinary citizens of South Africa, to call for this to happen.

President Mugabe must be pressured into allowing international health NGOs immediate, full and unfettered access, in effect, to take over the running of the health system, particularly in communities facing health crises. These NGOs should be given funding by UN agencies and donor governments to re-establish medicine and equipment supply chains. Further, the UN should employ local health workers who want to work, but have no salaries, no food and no petrol in their cars, or taxi money to get to work; no medicines or surgical equipment to offer patients and no hope that their efforts will be appreciated.

While it is well and good to call

on other bodies to take these actions, the university has also decided to take action. Firstly, we have undertaken to see how we can support the ongoing training of some of the advanced medical students in Zimbabwe where universities have collapsed. We call on the South African government to facilitate the issuing and renewal of study visas. We have made various concessions to assist Zimbabwean students who are struggling to release their available funds from Zimbabwe to enable them to register for study at UCT. In addition to making UCT funds available to assist these students, we are implementing a range of other practical ways to assist Zimbabwean students who face particularly difficult situations while studying at UCT.

Finally, we will mobilise staff and students at UCT to support humanitarian efforts and do what they can to assist those in need. <sup>MP</sup>

## Calls to alms and support at Zimbabwe assembly

At the time of going to press on Thursday UCT had begun mobilising help for its beleaguered Zimbabwean students by planning an assembly in the Jameson Hall on Friday 13 February, following the humanitarian crisis in that country.

Many Zimbabwean students are struggling to get money out of the country and cannot pay for food and tuition. UCT has approxi-

ployment; extreme poverty, starvation and malnutrition; the collapse of education and healthcare; and a cholera outbreak that has claimed the lives of over 3 000 people.”

He said the impact had rippled across the continent and had hit the Southern African region hardest.

“UCT prides itself on being an institution that values justice, human rights and social responsive-

ness,” he said. “I therefore encourage as many of you as possible to support our humanitarian efforts and to do what you can to assist.”

Speakers at the assembly were to include Deputy Vice-Chancellor Prof Thandabantu Nhlapho, SRC president Chris Ryall, Zimbabwean student Faith Chirunda of the International Students Forum and secretary-general of ZimSoc, Brian Raftopoulos of the Crisis

in Zimbabwe Coalition Board, Kumi Naidoo, honorary president of CIVICUS: World Alliance for Citizen Participation, and Nomboniso Gasa of the South African Commission for Gender Equality.

The Faculty of Health Sciences was also planning a campaign to collect food, clothing, bedding and stationery. UCT intends linking up with NGOs like Gift of the Givers to distribute goods to Zimbabwe.



## VC marches

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Friday 6 February saw the opening of Parliament, and Vice-Chancellor Dr Max Price joined hundreds of Social Justice Coalition (SJC) supporters in a march to condemn corruption and demand that South Africa’s leaders be held accountable for their actions.

“We need a government that is open to the type of scrutiny that will ensure that political and other leaders are called to book immediately if there is proof of impropriety,” he said in a communiqué to staff and students.

“If anyone among us is not called to account for their actions, the social and moral fibre of society is endangered.”

He also called for an independent prosecutorial and judicial system and a free press.

“It is our responsibility as citizens to defend the independence of the press and courts, and to hold leaders to account. This is a citizen’s responsibility when living in a democracy.”

Price said he had been proud to march alongside others who supported the SJC’s call to action.

“As a nation and as a university, we have a long and proud tradition of activism and standing against injustice.

“This is what thousands of our compatriots and academic colleagues did during the fight against apartheid, and we need to remember their courage and conviction during these turbulent times of nation-building.”

It is particularly exhilarating to finally have a Vice Chancellor who is an activist at heart; who is not too detached to leave his jacket and tie in his office, wear a plain T-shirt and join in picketing about a particular area of concern, as has happened recently. What we have been lacking in this university is a show of astute leadership when it comes to matters of activism and working towards making this country a better place for all. Hopefully, we can now look forward to a new era of making the university community more involved in activities of developing and shaping this country into one that is abundant with equitably distributed prosperity. However, it goes without saying that it was gravely disappointing to note the fact that the VC’s recent call for activism in social justice had almost nothing to do with true social justice, in my understanding. Until proven wrong with hard, substantive facts, it is my belief that social justice is about ensuring the delivery of justice to ordinary citizens at the grass-roots level of our society who are faced with a multitude of socio-economic injustices on a daily basis.

*This excerpt is taken from a letter by student Tende Makofane. For the full missive, visit the online edition of this Monday Paper at [www.uct.ac.za/mondaypaper](http://www.uct.ac.za/mondaypaper).*

# UCT study describes paradoxical deterioration in those taking HIV and TB medication



New study: UCT's Dr Graeme Meintjes, a Wellcome Trust Fellow at the Institute of Infectious Disease and Molecular Medicine, has presented the largest case series ever reported of a complex and increasingly common condition, TB IRIS, which affects people taking combined medication for HIV and TB.

## HELEN THÉRON

Dr Graeme Meintjes, a Wellcome Trust Fellow at the University of Cape Town, has published a study on the largest case series ever reported of a complex and increasingly common condition, TB IRIS, which affects people taking combined medication for HIV and TB.

TB IRIS, or the HIV-tuberculosis immune reconstitution inflammatory syndrome, refers to the recurrence of tuberculosis symptoms in HIV-positive individuals with TB who are taking a combination of antiretroviral therapy and medication for TB.

Meintjes' study has just been published in the highly cited journal *Clinical Infectious Diseases*.

The study, conducted from 2005 to 2006 at the community-based GF Jooste Hospital in Manenberg, evaluated 100 individuals with suspected TB IRIS.

The study describes a paradoxical deterioration in patients being treated for both HIV and TB with drugs that are otherwise lifesaving.

The TB IRIS syndrome is common in the Western Cape, linked to the triple coincidence of a very high tuberculosis notification rate (preceding the HIV epidemic, the Province had – and still has – the country's highest TB rate.), an expanding HIV epidemic, and widespread access to treatment for both conditions.

Many are reporting a recurrence of TB symptoms such as glandular swellings and abdominal abscesses.

"ARVs cause an improvement in the immune function, which drives inflammation at the site of TB," Meintjes explained.

"Both [drugs for HIV and TB] are necessary but there are complications to do with metabolism in the liver when the medications are combined," Meintjes said.

"A further twist is that TB-IRIS can also complicate drug-resistant tuberculosis, which makes for a very complex situation indeed," said UCT's



Robert Wilkinson, a Wellcome Trust Senior Fellow and Honorary Professor at the Institute of Infectious Disease and Molecular Medicine.

In 2003 Meintjes and colleague Dr Kevin Rebe established an HIV/TB unit at GF Jooste Hospital. With a huge catchment area, spanning Khayelitsha and Mitchell's Plain, it's the city's busi-

est hospital, with a high burden of HIV and TB.

For example, 25% of patients from Khayelitsha and Guguletu who start on antiretroviral treatment for HIV are already taking medication for TB.

The TB IRIS phenomenon is not new. It has been described elsewhere in the world, where ARVs have been available globally since 1994. In South Africa, where the government's roll-out of ARVs begun only in 2004, the syndrome is only now becoming apparent.

"Since 2007 we have seen cases of TB IRIS syndrome growing as more and more people started getting access to ARVs. At GF Jooste we've seen about 300 cases of people with this syndrome."

"Because of the overlap between HIV and TB in treating both simultaneously, we have greater expertise here in managing the condition than elsewhere."

The important message is that despite the recurrence of TB symptoms, individuals taking ARVs and TB medication should continue taking both.

Meintjes said people seldom died from TB IRIS, though hospitalisation rates increase when patients find their TB symptoms returning.

"Our study shows it usually resolves on its own in two to three months."

His study also raises an important management question: the role of corticosteroids such as Prednisone for treating TB IRIS. This week Meintjes was in Montreal to present the results of an important clinical trial on the subject

at the CROI conference on retroviruses.

The editorial in *Clinical Infectious Diseases* reports: "The collision of TB and HIV infection has resulted

in an estimated 12-14 million people co-infected with both HIV and *M. Tuberculosis*, the majority of whom live in sub-Saharan Africa." <sup>MP</sup>

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# Mintek and UCT cut through red tape for student

A top Limpopo learner with no identification document or birth certificate, and with a Mintek bursary signed and sealed, Hlayisi Baloyi of the Vhembe District, Limpopo, was a happy young man this week.

He was fortunate enough to be one of the few 2008 matriculants registered to study chemical engineering at UCT this year. Baloyi had almost resigned himself to staying at home, despite achieving 100% in mathematics and 99% in physical science in matric last year.

The reason? Every university he applied to turned him down because he did not have an ID or a birth certificate.

"My dreams were almost crushed," said Baloyi. "I worked so hard for my marks, and was so disappointed that I had to wait until 2010 to start studying."

But his fortunes changed dramatically after Mintek, a parastatal organisation that conducts research in to minerals and metallurgy, heard about his plight. "There was no way we were going to let Hlayisi become a sad statistic and slip through the cracks, so we made a determined effort to get him into university this year, come what may," said Shokie Bopape, Mintek's general manager for corporate services.

South Africa desperately needs skilled people with science and engineering qualifications to drive our economy, said Bopape. Mintek duly granted Baloyi a Mintek bursary of R71 000 after UCT agreed to register him, even though registrations had officially closed.

Baloyi flew down to Cape Town after Mintek approached Kulula, and asked the airline to waive their requirement for him to have proof of identity for travel. "They were so understanding and supportive, and not only allowed Hlayisi to travel without ID, but also sponsored his flight," added Bopape.

Mintek also managed the nigh-impossible after one of its staff members secured temporary accommodation for him in Claremont during February. "The university residences were all full, and private accommodation for students close to the university is snapped up the moment it becomes available, so we were indeed fortunate."

Baloyi has nothing but praise for everyone that helped him.

"I just want to thank everyone at Mintek, UCT and Kulula for coming to my rescue. My dreams have been re-ignited, and I will make sure I will study hard this year to prove to everyone that their effort was worth it." **MP**



All signed up: Hlayisi Baloyi, who'd all but given up on studying this year, with two fellow students during UCT's registration week.

## Uys's humour comes to UCT



The team: Associate Prof Christopher Weare and Pieter-Dirk Uys (front centre) with the young cast of Macbethi.

Ambition, intrigue, gossip, rumour and political manipulation will be the order of the day as the Department of Drama premier Pieter-Dirk Uys' new work, *Macbethi*.

The play kicks off on 25 February and runs until 21 March, and will open the department's 2009 theatre season.

Satirist Uys has taken his main

inspiration from Shakespeare's *Macbeth* and structured a satirical play around it, with the focus on a familiar political setting, enriched by many laughs.

Unlike Shakespeare, Uys does not spill blood in his play, but spills the beans. He makes the audience laugh at the transparency of the ruling elite who lie to protect themselves at all

costs.

*Macbethi*, a farce to be reckoned with, is directed and designed by UCT's Associate Professor Christopher Weare, with a cast of 10 from the Department of Drama. Tickets are from R30 per learner/scholar to R60 per adult. For more information and bookings, please call 084 395 8381. **MP**

## Botany student's hard work bags two awards

A passion for his work and the ability to convey this to audiences has landed UCT student Simon Power two awards at a recent conference. The master's student in botany won the Hannes van Staden Prize for Best Oral Presentation by a Master's Student, and took third prize in the Best Oral Paper by a Young Scientist category at the annual conference of the South African Association of Botany in Stellenbosch in January. Power presented a chapter, *Does phosphates acquisition constrain legume persistence in the Cape Floristic Region?*, from his master's thesis, titled *Factors Constraining Legume Persistence*. **MP**



## Public lecture

As part of its Summer School on mathematical finance, taking place from 19-21 February, the African Institute for Mathematical Sciences will present a public lecture by Professor Tomasz Zastawniak of York University on 20 February. The lecture will be titled *Mathematics of Fair Dealings*. Zastawniak will talk on division of inheritance; the allocation of workloads, and the sharing of resources, among other topics. The lecture will take place in the AIMS building at 6 Melrose Rd, Muizenberg, and will start at 19h00. The lecture is open to members of the public. To attend please send an email to [info@aims.ac.za](mailto:info@aims.ac.za) or phone 021 787 9320.

## EVENTS

**The Vice-Chancellor** Dr. Max Price has a pleasure in inviting you to the Inaugural Lecture of Professor Karen I Barnes Division of Clinical Pharmacology, Department of Medicine on A quest without borders: Improving malaria treatment in policy and practice. Wednesday 18 February 2009 at 17h30 Student Learning Centre Lecture Theatre, Anatomy Building, Faculty of Health Sciences, UCT. Guests to be seated by 17h15 Refreshments will be served after the lecture. RSVP to: Centre for Extra-Mural Studies Tel: 021 6502888 Fax: 021 650 2893 or Email: ems@uct.ac.za

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# UCT cricketing stars for WP amateur league

HELEN THÉRON

Four promising stars from UCT Cricket Club's first team have been selected for the Western Province amateur side, news that should boost the young side ahead of their big Western Province Premier League game against the University of the Western Cape on 22 February and 1 March.

The game will be played over two consecutive Sundays at the UCT oval, and should decide who wins the league.

The players are leg spinner Chris Arkell, who has a haul of 17 wickets this season, regular no 4 batsman Martin Walters, Peter Laing, captain of the Western Province amateur side, and Chris Cook, who represented Western Province in the 20/20 league.

Coached by former national cricket team coach Eric Simons, the amateur side is just one step below franchise team, the Cape Cobras.

Cook has also been named in the Cape Cobras squad.

As things stand, the UCT club is second in the Western Province Premier League and will want to finish the season on a high. The first team lost their coach, alumnus Gary Kirsten, when he took on the job of coaching India.

During the off-season, administrator Kobus Olivier approached another veteran to fill the gap, former South African first-class cricketer Hylton Ackerman.

Ackerman had spent eight years coaching at the Plascon Academy, which fast-tracks South Africa's best young players into first-class and international cricket.

"Hylton is unbelievable," Olivier said. "He's the best coach I've worked with."



Oops: UCT opener Travis Townsend has his heart in his mouth as his cut shot flies to a Durbanville fielder in their one-day clash on 7 February. Townsend survived, but was out shortly afterwards, his score still in single figures, as UCT – successfully – chased down Durbanville's 184. Despite his early exit, Townsend remains UCT's top scorer this season, amassing more than 500 runs over the league season and averaging 48. Against Durbanville, though, it was Martin Walters (59) and Lloyd Moore (66 not out) who saw UCT home.

Besides Arkell, Walters, Laing and Cook, there are other players 'bubbling under': opening batsman Travis Townsend (chair of the UCT Cricket Club) and Dean "Biff" (he's a dead ringer for national captain Graeme Smith) Forward.

Townsend, who averages 50, has notched up 386 runs this season and a highest score of 114.

Collectively the team has knocked five centuries this season,

and have won three of their five games. But it hasn't been an easy ride.

In 2002 the UCTCC won the SA Club Championships, won the WP league, and hosted and won the SA universities league.

Since then the club has lost a generation of players.

"The UCTCC doesn't have the advantage of really bleeding players," Olivier said. "They leave

when they graduate or perhaps play one extra season. UCT used to field five teams in the premier league, but now only three.

"The average age of our side is 21/22, playing against older, more experienced cricketers in the league."

The club hovered around relegation for the first part of the 2006/2007 season before rallying to finish in third spot in the

premier league.

At the nets during a recent practice was Charl Langeveldt, placed with the UCTCC by Western Province Cricket Union. Graeme Smith, still a registered member of the UCTCC, played two games for the side last season.

"He's [Charl] just fantastic to have around. The younger guys look up to older professionals," Olivier said. **MP**

## Ikey Tigers rampant against TUT

The UCT Ikey Tigers showed glimmers of last year's impressive form when they bagged a whopping five log points after their 39-21 win against TUT (Tshwane University of Technology) last Monday.

Coming on the back of a defeat in their first game against Maties (Stellenbosch won 12-10), UCT rugby club manager Gavin Sheldon said this time the Ikeys had created some "fantastic" tries, convincingly beating the Pretoria outfit in a high-scoring affair.

Western Province fullback Tiger Bax, who was "tested" at centre by coaches John Dobson and Robbie Fleck, created plenty of opportunities for his team - and countless problems for the TUT defence.

Fullback Therlow Pietersen, who featured in Maties' Varsity Cup winning team last year, scored twice for the blue and white visitors.

TUT were up 6-0 after two kicks early in the game, but the Ikey Tigers soon found their rhythm and scored, going ahead 18-11 at the break. The



home side fought back with two tries after the break, but it was UCT who finished stronger, scoring a total of five tries to three.

Flyhalf Matt Rosslee had a much improved showing with the boot and added 14 points to the tally. UCT flyer 'Marvellous' Marvin Christians and hooker Mark 'The Goose' Goosen also put themselves on the score sheet.

Bax put the result beyond any doubt when he showed some great running to find his way over the line, untouched, with barely a minute to go. He was also named Man of the Match.

Next week UCT hosts the University of Johannesburg at home on the Green Mile, and the team needs a return of the blue and white tide.

"Make sure you're at the ground by 16h30. It's going to be a biggie," Sheldon said.

(For more information visit [www.uctrfc.co.za](http://www.uctrfc.co.za)) **MP**

## O-Week



Taekwon-Do's Sinelizwi Songca goes all Van Damme on two boards



Onkemetse Paledi of the Botswana Students' Association looks to catch a few new signatures



Keegan Ziady gets the wheels rolling for the Cycling Club



Dean Harrison of the Scuba Club shows that there are some fun times on the cards for new members