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Humanity at a crossroads

Speaking at the Vice-Chancellor's Open Lecture, Dr Ian Goldin asked: Are the world's leading thinkers anticipating the risks and opportunities of the 21st century, or will humanity be overtaken by its own medical, technological and scientific successes?



Thin line: Director of the James Martin 21st Century School, Dr Ian Goldin delivered the Vice-Chancellor's Open Lecture, titled Future Shocks and Opportunities: 21st century challenges and choices.

HELEN THÉRON

In the 21st century, humanity teeters on the edge of catastrophe, treading a narrowing line between development and disaster, said UCT alumnus Dr Ian Goldin in the Vice-Chancellor's Open Lecture on 9 March.

Will climate change precipitate our demise? A rampant new virus? Biological warfare? Or will it be imploding civilisation, increasingly at sea and rudderless without meaning and values, as suggested by Emeritus Professor George Ellis in the question-and-answer session?

"We're at the best point in human history, but it's not certain that we won't manage to blow ourselves up,"

Goldin commented.

The challenge, he said, will be to secure the future of the planet and make it a safer place for the double-digit billions that will inhabit it by 2050.

A former vice-president of the World Bank, Goldin is the author of 12 books, including *Globalisation for Development: Trade, finance, aid, migration and ideas*, which has been recommended as essential reading by Nobel Prize-winning economist, Joseph Stiglitz.

Now director of Oxford University's James Martin 21st Century School, Goldin has a unique vantage point for surveying the century's "unusually challenging" developments

in science and technology – and understanding why the world's great thinkers and leaders have to start grappling with them.

Founded in 2005, the James Martin 21st Century School is a collaborative think-tank for tackling problems of the millennium. It has succeeded in bringing together leading scholars and researchers, providing the resources and space for them to think imaginatively about the things that will enhance or threaten humanity's future: armed conflict, cancer therapy, emerging infections, migration, nanotechnology and stem cell research.

"The world is changing in such fundamental ways that the past is no longer indicative of the future," he said.

"Governments and companies should be thinking more about the future. We should all be thinking about systemic issues and major trends, and not trivial issues."

Population dynamics are also changing rapidly. People are living longer, with implications for pensions, retirement, dependency and migration patterns.

By 2050 the aged population bulge could herald a labour crunch, particularly in rich countries.

"Asia will absorb its labour force. Can migration be part of the solution?"

Goldin also outlined key elements in technological change; advancements in artificial intelligence, biotechnology and medicine; and the big ethical is-

ssues that accompany stem cell therapy, genetic research and even biological engineering.

"Should we worry about who's in the lab and what's cooking? I think so. We should be asking: "Who's in control? What access will there be?"

Similarly, nanotechnology offers great promise in the 21st century, especially in the medical field. But like many new technologies it's a field not yet fully understood.

"Is this the new asbestosis?" asked Goldin.

Another signature theme of the 21st century, the information Big Bang would have huge implications for education.

The idea of learning would also change fundamentally as people will work longer and evolve their skill sets.

With the future threat of pandemics, bio and nuclear terrorism, and climate change jostling for space on the radar, Goldin also showed how the nature of risk is undergoing fundamental change and that risk analysis requires new frameworks.

"There is a developing crisis for global governance structures such as the United Nations, the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, G8, North Atlantic Treaty Organisation and World Trade Organisation.

"These are not institutions of the 21st century. Can we transform them? How do we begin to get something new?"

Education and mass communication would play an important role in finding solutions, he said.

A collective awareness of global challenges would affect education and mass communication, providing "access to the ideas that will solve our problems".

Vice-Chancellor Dr Max Price has mooted the establishment of a South African counterpart to the school, through which local scholars can contribute to work concerning these pressing issues, and also introduce African perspectives.

Speaking at a breakfast hosted by Price, Goldin endorsed the idea, keen to get the Oxford school's researchers thinking about the continent.

"There's not a great awareness of Africa," he commented.

Download a podcast of the full lecture at www.uct.ac.za/news/multimedia/. 

Young Global Leader honour for Greene

UCT graduate Adria Greene has been selected as a Young Global Leader 2009 by the World Economic Forum. She joins Young Global Leader winners such as Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg, Skype CEO Josh Silverman, Digg founder Kevin Rose, Golfer Tiger Woods, Ferrari test driver Michael Schumacher, Coldplay lead singer Chris Martin and actresses



Leading light: Adria Greene has been selected as a Young Global Leader 2009 by the World Economic Forum

Zhang Ziyi and Jessica Biel.

Greene was selected for her start-up company, Lawpoint, an international legal process outsourcing company based in Cape Town, which has developed into a leading provider of services in English, French, German and Portuguese.

Drawn from a pool of about 5 000 candidates, the Young Global Leaders of 2009 were chosen for their professional accomplishments, commitment to society and potential to contribute to shaping the future of the world. Established in 2004, the Forum of Young Global Leaders is a unique, multi-stakeholder community of the world's most extraordinary leaders aged 40 years or less.

"I am humbled to be included among this year's Young Global Leaders and grateful for the recognition of my work on behalf of Lawpoint and the entire outsourcing industry in Africa," said Greene.

Greene previously practised law in New York, and is currently an active member of a number of charitable boards and professional organisations. **MP**

The science day of fun

MYOLISI GOPHE

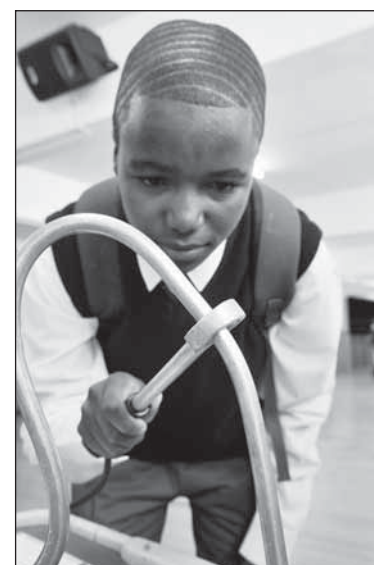
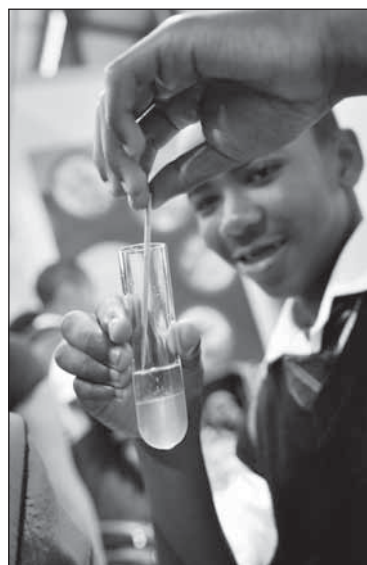
School children cheered, whistled and applauded at the Spine Road High School's sports hall in Mitchell's Plain – but not because their sports team was winning a tournament.

The buzz was inspired by a scientist who had just turned a cocktail of chemicals into a cola drink, all part of UCT's outreach Science Day on 4 March.

About 1 700 learners from 20 schools in Mitchell's Plain and Khayelitsha made their way to the outreach showcase of interactive exhibitions, hands-on workshops and presentations. These were presented by a score of departments from the Faculty of Science, as well as external organisations such as iThemba Labs, the MTN Sciencentre, Iziko Museums, the South African Weather Service, the Western Province Blood Transfusion Service and the Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens.

The idea is to take science to the community and expose learners to careers in the field, says the faculty's Katherine Thomson.

"We want to get them actively



Scientist in the making: Grade-9 learner at Spine Road High Antonio Swarts has some fun at the stand of the Department of Archaeology, while Yonela Vananda, a grade-10 learner at Bulumko High in Khayelitsha, tries to keep a steady hand at an MTN Sciencentre display.

involved in science and show them that science can be fun."

Vice-Chancellor Dr Max Price told the students that Dr Nashia Stellenboom, an ex-Spine Road learner and currently a postdoctoral fellow at UCT – she completed her BSc degree, honours and PhD here – is an example they should follow.

He said the university is not for the elite, and students don't need to be exceptionally bright to be accepted, but just need to work hard, as Stellenboom did.

"We want students from these communities, and we believe no-one is unable to afford to come to UCT," he said. **MP**

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Graduate Lewis Pugh, aka the human polar bear, spoke at the Faculty of Law's 'official' opening of the academic year recently. Pugh recalled his time at UCT, his after-lecture swims off Robben Island, and how his father had fired his imagination with stories of great explorers. He also told students of the changes he had witnessed – first-hand – in oceans around the world over 20 years. "I dream of coming back to this faculty in five years and seeing environmental lawyers being churned out," he urged. "I dream of a world that is safe, beautiful and sustainable."

The Making the Most from Commodities Programme (MMCP) in Africa kicked off with its first workshop at the Centre for African Studies on 2 March. The research venture is run by the Policy Research in International Services and Manufacturing (PRISM) research unit at UCT's School of Economics. Led by Professors Mike Morris and David Kaplan of PRISM, in collaboration with Professor Raphael Kaplinsky of the Open University in the UK, the MMCP will examine a selection of countries that are dependent on commodities, especially minerals, and investigate ways this could be used as a springboard for an industrialisation path for Africa.

The UCT Students' Representative Council (SRC) hosted a party political round-table discussion on 4 March. The discussion, titled *Foreign Policy Perspective in a Democratic South Africa: What should be the*

key pillars of South African foreign policy?, was attended by representatives of the Congress of the People (COPE), the Democratic Alliance and the Independent Democrats.

The annual Cancer Association of South Africa (CANSAs) Shavathon on 6-7 March proved to be a heady experience for many who succumbed to shears and colour sprays – all in the name of charity. Hosted at UCT by Kopano on 7 March, student Sean Rennie was among the 100 or so students and staff who shed their hair, helping the residence raise R1 700 for CANSAs. "We didn't do as well as last year because of short notice," said Kopano co-ordinator Lungelo Gumede, "but under the circumstances we did pretty well." Over 200 workplaces and 137 shopping centres hosted events as part of the national campaign.

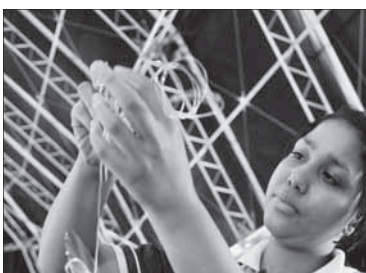


UCT's Faculty of Law ended its six-months-long celebration of 150 years of teaching law in South Africa with a series of lectures and a conference from 11 to 14 March. Highlights included the Inaugural Mike Larkin Memorial Lecture, which was given on 11 March by Professor Simon Deakin of the University of Cambridge on corporate governance, finance and growth. Further features of the celebrations were a public seminar on 12 March, the annual Ben Beinhart Memorial lecture on 13 March, and the Honore Conference on 14 March.

Professor Michael Kew, who joined UCT's Department of Medicine as an Honorary Research Associate after retiring from Wits, has retained his A1 rating. This follows the latest National Research Foundation rating cycle. Kew headed the Medical Research Council's Molecular Hepatology Research Unit (MHRU) at Wits, his career there spanning almost 46 years. The unit is one of only a few conducting research at the molecular level into liver disease that affects black Africans. The unit's research findings prompted the Department of Health to make it compulsory for all South African children to be vaccinated against the Hepatitis B virus.

PPS Insurance has granted R200 000 for bursaries, through the annual PPS Chairman's Scholarship and Bursary Award. This year, 20 bursaries, each worth R10 000, were awarded to students across the country. One of the successful candidates, Justin Floor, a fourth-year commerce student at UCT, intends to complete an MPhil in mathematics of finance and qualify as an actuary. Now in its 11th year, the PPS Chairman's Bursary Award has awarded more than R2-million to students studying towards professional careers.

Two hearing-impaired UCT students, Megan Holmes (below) and Lauren Burgess, lent a hand in organising the Sencity music concert for the deaf, which took place in Cape Town on 6 March. Holmes and Burgess were part of the TenSA team, who helped out with promo-



tion, organisation and decorating the venue. A feature of the Sencity concert is a vibrating floor, which responds to the frequency of the music. Sencity concerts have been held all over the world, and this is the first time the event has come to Africa.

Vuurwiel is the latest volume of poetry by Professor Joan Hambidge of the School of Languages and Literatures. This is her 21st volume. Hambidge has also published five novels and a book on postmodernism. A selection of her best poems, *Die Buigsamheid van Verdriet*, was published in 2004. The official launch of *Vuurwiel* took place on 11 March at the Woodfees in Stellenbosch. The volume is published by Human & Rousseau.

UCT's Faculty of Commerce has signed an agreement with the Chartered Financial Analyst Institute



(CFA), a global association for investment professionals that awards the chartered financial analyst designation. The partnership, signed (in the picture) by Professor Melvin Ayogu, dean of the faculty, and Dennis McLeavey, head of professional development content at the CFA, will allow UCT students to both complete the Bachelor of Science in Finance and prepare for the CFA programme at the same time. That puts them on the front foot when entering the industry. UCT is one of just three South African institutions that are among the CFA's 78 programme partners in the world. **MP**



ACADEMIC FREEDOM PUBLIC LECTURE

The Academic Freedom Committee (AFC) of the University of Cape Town invites staff and students to a lecture by **Professor Daniel Dennett**.

"What should you be free to teach your children about religion?"

Daniel C. Dennett is Austin B. Fletcher Professor of Philosophy and University Professor at Tufts University, where he is also co-Director of the Center for Cognitive Studies. He is an eminent philosopher who has made important contributions to the philosophies of mind, science and biology. He is the author of numerous influential books including *Brainstorms*, *Elbow Room*, *Consciousness Explained*, and *Darwin's Dangerous Idea*. Dennett's most recent book, *Breaking the Spell: Religion as a Natural Phenomenon*, is arguably the most sophisticated of the recent flurry of books criticizing theism and religion.

Date: **Tuesday 31 March 2009**
 Venue: **Leslie Lecture Theatre 2A**
 Leslie Social Sciences Building
 Upper Campus
 Rondebosch
 Time: **13h00 – 14h00**
 Enquiries: Denise Benjamin 021-650 2187
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Flemish expert in chaos and innovation is new GSB director

HELEN THÉRON

Walter Baets, Professor in Complexity, Knowledge and Innovation at Euromed Marseille, Ecole de Management, in France, will head the Graduate School of Business from 1 July, pending the allocation of a work permit.

He succeeds Professor Frank Horwitz, who has been appointed director of the Cranfield School of Management in the UK.

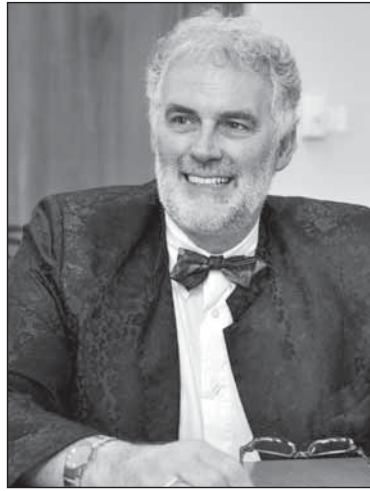
In the interim, the acting director of the GSB is Associate Professor Tom Ryan.

Belgian-born Baets is associate dean for research and social responsibility and MBA director at Ecole de Management, a top-ranked European Quality Improvement System-accredited business school.

While director of the school's graduate programmes (2003-2006), he designed and implemented an innovative pedagogical approach that translated a more holistic view on management into course design.

With 1 600 students and an operating budget of €7 million, the school catapulted into the country's top 10 business schools.

Asked what had drawn him to the southern tip of Africa, Baets said he'd been excited to find a business school with values that mirrored his own, and one that focused on systemic practices



"The school has values that are mine" – Prof Walter Baets, incoming director of the Graduate School of Business.

and action learning.

"I've found the school I wanted to create! It exists, a new kind of business school based on the paradigm of emergent economies. It's a precious gift."

South Africa is "a remarkable country with an amazing journey", he said.

"If we're talking uncertainty and complexity, there's lots of experience in this country. There's also more to be learnt from an emerging economy. There's more life and potential than in the old economies of Europe and North America."

After completing his MSc in operations research and econometrics at the University of Antwerp, Baets obtained his PhD in industrial and business studies at Warwick Business School in the UK.

The multilingual Baets (he speaks Dutch, French, English and some German and Spanish) is the author of numerous journal articles and more than 10 books.

Hot off the press is *Rethinking Growth: Social Intrapreneurship for Sustainable Growth*, co-written with his wife, Erna Oldenboom. Other titles include *Organisational Learning and Knowledge Technologies in a Dynamic Environment*, and *Complexity, Organisation and Learning: The quantum interpretation of business*.

In 1997 Baets won the Award for Excellence from MCB publishers for his paper *The Learning Organisation*. In 2000 he netted the Best Teacher Award for the course Complexity and Knowledge while Professor of Information and Communication Technology at Nyenrode University, a top Dutch business school.

Off-duty he practises Ayurvedic massage (Ayurveda is an ancient Indian healing system that addresses the spiritual, emotional, mental and physical processes of the human experience) and has a private pilot's licence. He has three children, one of whom is the current Miss Netherlands. **MP**

Schools going green

AUCT project that teaches high school learners how to 'live green' is being implemented in eight schools by the Cape Town Municipality.

Still in its pilot phase, the Green Change Room Audit Project is the brainchild of Pavs Pillay of the university's Marine Research Institute (MARE), in partnership with the African Centre for Climate & Earth System Science (ACCESS), the City of Cape Town, UCT's Centre for Criminology, the Embassy of Finland-SA and private company Steadfast Greening.

"The project is aimed at making learners aware that the environment is not something 'out there', but their immediate living space," explains

Pillay. "Learners need to be informed how climate change will affect their immediate lifestyles, which will hopefully create awareness that results in behaviour changes towards green and global living."

The Green Audit toolkit comprises a learner's information and activities booklet, an educator's guide, and "smart living" activity sheets. The toolkit focuses on sustainable living, explored through themes such as water, waste, energy and biodiversity. Learners are taught how to audit their schools and to calculate its carbon footprint.

"We want kids to see the impact they're making on the environment in their everyday activities," says Pillay.

In the project, advantaged and disadvantaged schools are paired, so that learners and educators from different backgrounds have the opportunity to learn from each other.

Pillay outlined the project at the



Go green: Pavs Pillay's Green Change Room Audit Project is meeting with great success in local schools.

second African Science Communication Conference in February in Midrand, where, she reports, it was very well received.

"I have been inundated with requests for the toolkit," she says.

Pillay hopes to involve the South African Agency for Science and Technology Advancement in the project when it extends its reach beyond the Western Cape. **MP**

HIV testing is fast and free



Know your status: Sister Denise Cooper in the new mobile VCT unit

The new mobile clinic offering free HIV testing to all staff and students on campus began its rounds on 16 February.

The voluntary counselling and

testing (VCT) on-wheels service was initiated by the Student Wellness and Disability Services as part of its wider VCT programme. The mobile unit moves from campus to campus from 12h00 to 16h00 daily.

The fully-equipped mobile clinic, which cost about R300 000, was made possible by a grant from the Higher Education HIV/AIDS

Programme (HEAIDS), an initiative of the Department of Education to develop and strengthen the capacity of higher education institutions to respond to the country's HIV/AIDS

pandemic. The ongoing service will be funded by the university, and it is expected to be a permanent feature.

"At the moment the VCT unit is still in its trial phase," says Dr Ian Mackintosh, director of Student Wellness and Disability Services. "It will be available for four hours every day during the first term, but this could be tweaked, depending on the demand."

The VCT unit is staffed by a professional nurse, outsourced from Quinhealth, who offers both testing and counselling. Test results are available in 10 minutes, and appointments are not necessary.

Student Wellness also operates a drop-in VCT service in the Sports Centre on Upper Campus from 10h00 to 15h00 from Monday to Thursday. **MP**

Kabwe takes the Fleur du Cap

UCT drama lecturer Mwenya Kabwe nearly didn't show up to accept her Fleur du Cap award for best actress in a leading role.

"I was seriously considering boycotting the awards," she says. "I saw that out of all the nominees in all the categories, I was the only black African on the programme. I have a problem with this, as there are many talented black Africans in this country who have been working in theatre far longer than I have."

In the end, Kabwe accepted the award for her performance in the local production of US playwright Dael Orlandersmith's *Yellowman*, co-starring David Johnson and directed by Lara Bye. The title refers to a derogatory label hurled at lighter-skinned African-Americans by those with darker skins. An emotionally charged two-hander, *Yellowman* tells the story of the relationship between the light-skinned Eugene and the dark-skinned Alma, exploring the different shades of racism and the complexities of internalised prejudice.

"Although some audiences



Exploring racism: Mwenya Kabwe won the Fleur du Cap award.

couldn't relate to the theme, there are many aspects of the play that are universal, like surviving a dysfunctional family, love and body issues," Kabwe explains. She wore a 'fat suit' to portray Alma, a character much larger than her player.

As a lecturer, Kabwe has also had the opportunity to try her hand at directing, but is open to her career path in the future.

"That's all up in the air," she says. **MP**

The Centre for Conflict Resolution (CCR), Cape Town, South Africa, and the Institute for African Alternatives in South Africa (ISAAF) invites you and members of your organisation to the seminar launch of the book

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UCT to award four honorary degrees in 2009

UCT will award four honorary degrees at graduation ceremonies this year, to honour people who have distinguished themselves in professional or social spheres.

The recipients are educationalist Richard Dudley, cosmologist Emeritus Professor George Ellis, health economist Professor Gavin Mooney, and astronomer Emeritus Professor Brian Warner.



Richard Dudley will be awarded an honorary doctorate in education.

An alumnus of UCT, Dudley's teaching career at Livingstone

High in Cape Town over 39 years is widely recognised as the foundation upon which hundreds of former pupils built success in a wide range of professional and academic fields, here and internationally.

He was the primary force behind

Livingstone High becoming one of the foremost high schools in the city and country and, significantly, one of the most important feeder schools to UCT.

By providing an alternative to the curricula of the Coloured Affairs Department, Dudley and his colleagues went well beyond what was required by the syllabus.

It was this philosophy that ensured that Dudley never became principal, even though he was eminently qualified for the job. He was banned in 1961, along with 200 other teachers, but was allowed to continue teaching.

Prof George Ellis will receive an honorary Doctor of Science degree.



An alumnus, Ellis is one of South Africa's most distinguished scholars.

His output over a period of more than 40 years includes well over 350 articles or chapters in books, and 12 books spanning disciplines as diverse as cosmology, complexity, neural development and the brain, science policy, and the relationship between science and religion.

In 2004 he was awarded the Templeton Prize, the largest monetary award made to an individual, for his contributions towards a better understanding of the relationship between science and spirituality.

He holds the Star of South Africa, the award of the National Science and Technology Forum for outstanding contributions over a lifetime in science, engineering and technology, the Mapungubwe Award (Silver), and honorary degrees from three universities.

Prof Gavin Mooney will receive an honorary Doctor of Social Science degree.

Mooney has been active in the field of health economics since the early 1970s. He has made an exceptional contribution to scholarship and the discipline of health econom-



ics, both internationally and at UCT. He was at the forefront of the development of techniques for applying economic theory and principles to the health sector, challenging the prevailing orthodoxy of prioritising efficiency over equity considerations in health care decision-making.

Mooney is regarded as one of the leading health economics educators in the world and has taught on postgraduate programmes in nearly 30 countries.

Prof Brian Warner will receive an honorary Doctor of Science degree.

In a career spanning some 50 years, his scientific output has been prodigious, including over 400 scientific papers and 12 books, of which at least one - on cataclysmic variable stars - is considered defini-

tive in its field.

The citations to his work are vast, and include some of his very early papers on lunar phenomena and astronomical seeing.

During his five years at the University of Texas, he worked with Edward Nather to publish the first accurate light curve of a visible pulsar, that found in the Crab Nebula.

That same type of observation - high-speed photometry - found its



mark in recording the rapid variations of stars we now term 'cataclysmic variables', where matter streaming from one star builds up around its compact companion.

He is respected as an academic historian, and before retirement served on various bodies that integrate science with society. **MP**

Staff and students urged to sign on to switch off

Climate change is one of the most serious problems facing our world today. On Saturday, 28 March, at 20h30, millions of people worldwide will switch off their lights to make a statement of concern about the future of our planet as part of Earth Hour, an event led by the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF).

UCT has pledged to support Earth Hour, and Vice-Chancellor Dr Max Price has called on all staff and student to take part in this historic event.

"Each signature will make a difference," says John Critien, executive director of Properties & Services. "By signing up, it shows that UCT staff and

students form part of a global community, and are as concerned about global warming as citizens of other nations."

Most UCT lights will be switched off as well, except in those areas where lights must remain on for security reasons.

Earth Hour got its start just two years ago, and is now the largest event of its kind in the world. Last year, more than 50 million people participated. The lights went out at the Empire State Building, the Golden Gate Bridge, the Sydney Opera House and the Coliseum in Rome, to name just a few.

Even Google's homepage went black for the day.

This year, Earth Hour will be

even bigger—already 500 cities in over 74 countries have agreed to take part. This includes Cape Town, Johannesburg, London, Paris, Rio de Janeiro, Sydney, Rome and Dubai, with more signing up every day.

Participating in Earth Hour is easy, fun and free. What you need to do is sign up now on www.earthhour.org.za.

Every name will be part of a larger petition of an expected one billion names that will be sent to Copenhagen at the end of the year to put pressure on world leaders to pass legislation on climate change.

Then just switch off your lights for an hour on 28 March at 20h30.



8.30pm Saturday March 28, 2009
See your world in a whole new light
www.earthhour.org



How to sign on

It's great that you'll switch your lights off on 28 March, but don't forget to sign up for the global petition. It's simple.

- Visit www.earthhour.org.za (with two h's in the middle).
- Click on any of the 'Sign Up' links scattered around the homepage. (They all work - we tried them.)
- Fill in the box that appears - it takes less than a minute, depending on typing skills (we timed it).
- Voila, you've added your voice to those of millions of concerned citizens around the planet.

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Earliest evidence of modern foot anatomy and gait



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For the past 11 years, UCT archaeologist Dr David Braun has braved soaring temperatures and spent many days off-road, travelling through deserts and boulder fields, while conducting research in Northern Kenya.

His efforts paid dividends recently when his team of international scientists revealed new evidence – the story made the cover of the 27 February edition of the journal *Science* – that one of our human ancestors, early *Homo erectus*, had essentially modern foot anatomy and function.

Fossil footprints provide the only direct evidence of a bipedal gait, but are very rare in the geological record. A lecturer in the Archaeology Department, Braun was part of an interna-



Digging deep: Dr David Braun of UCT's Dept of Archaeology is part of an international team whose discovery of a 1.5-million-year old footprint has made international headlines.

tional team conducting research at the National Museums of Kenya on a set of hominin (human ancestors and their relatives) and animal footprints at Ileret, in Northern Kenya, that date back 1.51 to 1.53 million years.

They found the footprints in 2005,

and it took three years of "painstaking" excavation and analysis to determine that they were, in fact, human prints, and that they were the oldest evidence of modern human gait.

The research team uncovered two distinct sedimentary layers in a single

outcrop at Ileret to reveal footprints preserved in fine-grained mud. These surfaces have been dated precisely via inter-bedded volcanic ash layers, and were scanned by the team to create three-dimensional digital elevation models of the prints, accurate to



within a fraction of a millimetre. The fossil prints show characteristics typical of prints made by modern humans, including a big toe in line with the other toes, a large and robust heel, a pronounced medial longitudinal arch, and short toes.

"The footprints are a unique snapshot in time, and represent one of the few instances where we can actually see evidence of the foot morphology of our direct ancestor, *Homo erectus*," explained Braun.

"We have really fantastic evidence of *Homo erectus*' skeleton, but unfortunately we don't have any evidence of their foot morphology because up until now we haven't found any *Homo erectus* foot bones.

"The footprints tell us that ancient humans 1.5 million years ago had a foot morphology much like ours, therefore they must have walked in a very similar fashion to us."

Previously, archaeologists had found footprints in Tanzania that were 3.6 million years old, and it appears that over the course of human evolution, foot morphology has changed significantly to allow for more efficient walking. **MP**

Gateway to good governance

LYNNE SMIT

The importance of knowledge-sharing and networks as vehicles for sustainable development was emphasised at the launch of the first regional African Sustainable Urban Development Network (SUD-Net) in Cape Town on 18 February.

As Professor Edgar Pieterse, director of UCT's African Centre for Cities, commented, "making networks work requires a subtle alchemy of science and art". If the commitment and enthusiasm shown by the nearly 50 delegates from 10 African countries at the three-day workshop are an indication of a successful network, then it would seem that the magic is already at work.

Guest speaker Andrew Boraine, of the SA Cities Network and Cape Town Partnership, was excited by the promise of SUD-Net.

"The urban question is still very under-recognised, particularly in Africa," he said. "In our own country, when we point out that most of the poor

live in urban areas, people still get up and ask about rural and agricultural development.

"There are still a lot of myths about urban areas. The emphasis on rural development means that cities are often seen as problems rather than solutions," he said.

According to Boraine, one of the problems was that the relatively high average wealth of cities masks the huge problem areas of urban poverty and unemployment.

"So the national policy tends to see cities as cash cows rather than as places needing investment," he said.

"We want to support initiatives that use a multisectoral approach to give people a platform to fulfil their dreams," said Thomas Melin, lead urban specialist for the Swedish donor agency SIDA, one of the hosts of the workshop. "We've noticed that many dreams are urban, but in Africa we haven't found many institutions we can work with that acknowledge the strength and relevance of cities." **MP**



Picture by: Bruce Sutherland, City of Cape Town

A DAY IN THE LIFE

of the Data Management Unit in the research section of the Development & Alumni Department

The office, situated in the Old Administration Building, is staffed by Mfundo Nyithana and Amanda Williams. To do their job you need to be a logical thinker, be task-driven – and be patient.

What does the unit do on a day-to-day basis?

The unit maintains contact with alumni. This often means finding a 'lost' alumnus on the internet or linking family members to form a history of learning at UCT. They also maintain the Kidz Alumni database. Any updated detail goes to Nyithana who captures the data, gleaned from within the university or via post and the website. Williams handles the bulk email process, using the database to contact, invite and inform

alumni about events, newsletters and lectures.

What are the challenges facing the unit?

The main challenge is keeping up with alumni. About 30% move every three to five years. Not all alumni have access to email, and sometimes the search extends far and wide, with Nyithana and Williams going to a lot of trouble to trace former students. Part of staying in touch means they must monitor the social networking landscape. The duo must also stay abreast of technology changes on the Kidz Alumni database.

What are the highs and lows of the job?

Some of the highs are bringing



alumni together for events or reunions. They liaise with alumni convenors in the UK, the US and Canada about

upcoming events, and use the bulk email process to keep national and international alumni informed of faculty

events and news. They invite alumni to lectures, talks, breakfasts and dinners. "We have a sense of achievement when we locate alumni using the internet, the databases or other sources," Williams said. Lows are when the communiqués (bulk emails or post) to alumni are returned for processing. "We have to process each and every piece of mail, and update the Kidz Alumni database," said Nyithana.

What is the strangest thing to have happened?

There was the time a widower wanted to get in touch with a former classmate, wanting to know if she was interested in marrying him, as she had been his sweetheart at UCT. "To this day we do not know the outcome!" Nyithana said. **MP**

Ikhwezi festival launches new work and young stars



Mike van Graan, Mbulelo Grootboom and Chuma Sopotela (Fleur du Cap 2007 Best Actress winner).

Thanks to the festival, several young talents have germinated, among them Thami Mbongo, winner of the 2008 Brett Goldin Bursary and Best Supporting Actor award for his role in Karoo Moose.

Last year a record number of 19 plays were staged for Ikhwezi's 10th anniversary.

Speaking at the festival,

Minister of Arts and Culture, Pallo Jordan, said the theatre initiative had been a "unique burst of hope".

"Ikhwezi is, a guiding North Star that has inspired hope and confidence in the hearts of our people."

Festival stalwarts Sopotela, Mbongo, and Molusi Omphile are part of the Baxter Theatre Centre and Royal Shakespeare Company collaboration of The Tempest, running to great acclaim in Stratford-upon-Avon. The show will travel to five other cities in the UK.

Festival director Itumeleng Wa-Lehulere said: "We are ready for the next wave of young guns as we enter our second decade." **MP**

On stage: The award-winning Ikhwezi Theatre Festival celebrates its 11th birthday in development theatre with 16 productions scheduled for March. Photographed here are eager festival participants.

A feast of 16 new productions will be staged at the Baxter from 12 to 28 March when the Ikhwezi Theatre Festival comes to town.

A premier platform for new and indigenous theatre, the festival is a Baxter Theatre Centre Initiative, winning the highest honour in its category at the 2004 Arts and Culture Trust national awards.

For 11 years this festival has showcased new works – 170 in all – featuring hundreds of actors, writers and directors who have attended festival workshops conducted by leading lights in the industry.

These include theatre specialists such as Mark Fleishman,

Goldin landscapes

New works will be Alice Goldin's third show at UCT's Irma Stern Museum, and go on exhibition from 4-28 March. Landscapes painted in and around Paris in 2008, during her residency at the Cite, will feature strongly, as they have done in the past. Her in-depth studies of trees are an outstanding aspect

of her recent work. Early graphics, including woodcuts from the 1970s and 1980s, will be exhibited, as many of these are popular images that some collectors will be happy to see again. The Irma Stern Museum is open from Tuesdays to Saturdays, 10h00-17h00. For more information, call 021 685 5686.

Council notes

The Council met on 4 March in the refurbished Mafeje Room, the first full-Council meeting of 2009.

Council took stock of 2009 student registrations. UCT made more offers this year, and first-year registrations (4 430) were 200 up on 2008, mainly in the Faculty of Engineering & the Built Environment and the Faculty of Science.

Undergraduate numbers at the end of the first week were 800 up on last year's total (200 first-years and 600 in the senior years). Council was briefed on the pressures this is putting on classroom and residence space, and on teaching, and noted the steps the executive is taking to address these issues.

The pressure on student housing was of particular concern to Council, which decided that existing services aimed at procuring third-party-provided student housing should be expanded to operate year-round.

The Higher Education Act, 1997, lays down Council's responsibility for the governance of the university. The Council has reviewed the way in which the Vice-Chancellor accounts to the chair and deputy-chair, and how Council exercises its governance and oversight functions.

Accounting by Senate (in the annual reports on teaching and learning,

on research and on social responsiveness) and by the Audit Committee (on financial and system controls) were identified as being important. Council has asked for more rigorous reporting. Among the reports considered at this Council meeting was one from the Audit Committee (Colin McClelland, though not a member of Council, has the right to attend Council meetings and does so whenever the Audit Committee reports) and one from the Remuneration Committee. The Remuneration Committee acts for Council in setting mandates for salary negotiations, determines salary ranges for staff that are not unionised, and decides staff salaries. It is required to report decisions to Council, which it did in this report.

During the 1990s the university outsourced many support and service functions. Over the past decade the Council has required contractors providing these services to adhere to a code of conduct, which sets minimum pay levels and standards of decency, among other things. Council reviewed the code, the way it is being implemented, and the compliance-reporting requirements under the code.

The long-term access and parking policy elements include park-and-ride facilities, the increased use of Jammie Shuttles and making car-users pay for

on-campus parking. The Council set 2009 parking prices ahead of the 2009 salary negotiations with trade unions, and has now formally rescinded this decision. Having done so, it has called for greater urgency in taking measures to encourage more car users to use the Jamie Shuttles and to establish park-and-ride facilities.

The Council gave attention to two capital development projects. The first was to receive a progress report on the plans for middle campus buildings and to accept the Building and Development Committee's conclusion that, for heritage and precinct-plan considerations, the scope and size of the plans should be reduced (as a consequence ICTS will not move to the middle campus, though new buildings will be put up for the School of Economics and for a cluster of student administration offices).

The second was a report on planned additions to residence stock, which Council recognised as an increasingly important factor in student enrolment. The plans for student housing involve an increase of some 800 places in the short term, but also involve the strengthening by Student Affairs of its capacity to broker and mediate the provision of student housing by third parties, from individual landlords to developers. **MP**

Calls for nominations

The Centre for Higher Education Development (CHED) is calling on UCT students and staff to nominate a secondary-school teacher who in their opinion deserves recognition for years of dedicated teaching to students from educationally disadvantaged backgrounds.

Stella Clark was a language development lecturer in CHED's Academic Development Programme from 1996 until her death in March 2005. Her family and friends established the Stella Clark Teachers' Award to honour her many years of dedicated service to teaching students from educationally disadvantaged schools in the Western Cape and at UCT.

The successful teacher will receive a monetary award of R5 000, and will

be expected to give a talk at an award ceremony. The school will receive R1 000 towards educational resources. The UCT staff member or student who nominates the successful teacher will receive an iPod or R1 500 cash equivalent.

The closing date for nominations is 31 March. Nominations must be sent to Kathy Erasmus, CHED, Hlanganani Building, kathy.erasmus@uct.ac.za. For further details, see notices at www.uct.ac.za.

Students and academic staff are invited to submit nominations for Distinguished Teacher Awards in 2009. All members of staff who teach students are eligible for the award. Nominations must consist of a detailed statement making the case for the award. Where

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

Such nominations are to reach the Office of the Registrar: Senate Office, Room 143.1, Bremner Building, by Friday 17 April (marked "Confidential", for the attention of Mrs D Wedel).

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

For further details, see notices at www.uct.ac.za. **MP**

EVENTS**Department of Medicine**

Thursday 4PM Meetings 19 Prof S Lawn – "Tuberculosis Within Antiretroviral Treatment Services" 26 Dr V Lambert – title to be advised Venue: Lecture Theatre 2 Upper, New Groote Schuur Hospital

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UCT cuts it close



In the end, the UCT Ikey Tigers got off lightly.

Despite the lion's share of possession in the first half and healthy leads halfway through the second, the side scraped through with a 23-20 win over Free State University's Shimlas in their FNB Varsity Cup clash at UCT on Monday, 9 March. But UCT was spared a few blushes by Shimlas, who missed a couple of easy kicks that would have swung the scoreline in their favour.

Handsomely ahead by 18-7 and the clock ticking, a Shimlas penalty and a try brought the Free State students, at 18-15, to within a whisker of UCT. Fullback Therlow Pietersen then touched down for UCT - after a telling break from nimble-footed winger Marcello Simpson - to put some daylight between them and the visitors again at

23-15.

But yet another Shimlas try at the death reduced the deficit to just three at 23-20. Luckily for UCT, the ref called it a day as yet another Shimlas kick flew past the posts.

UCT head coach John Dobson was not amused. "I feel particularly bad for our fans that, for the majority of the second half and even when we had all the ball and play in the first half, we served up that rubbish," he said in a no-mincing-of-words interview with varsitycup.co.za.

Despite the lapses, UCT, now in second place on the log, still well on course for a home semi-final. To secure that berth, however, they will have to best North West University's Pukke in their final round-robin clash in Potchefstroom on 16 March. **MP**

Hot on the heels: UCT's Marcello Sampson makes a beeline for the Shimlas tryline, but flyhalf Jaco Colyn has other ideas.

Hockey stars

Though the outdoor hockey season is still a month off, a number of UCT players have nonetheless impressed selectors enough with their form in 2008 and the 2009 start-of-season indoor tournament to earn themselves spots in the Western Province under-21 sides. Imogen Holland, Jessica Kew, Micaela Paterson, Keren Robertson and Nicola Walters have received call-ups to the A squad. In turn, Ashleigh Commins, Janet Moyle, Michelle O'Connor and Taryn Smith were named for the B squad.

Grad an ambassador to the highest court

UCT engineering graduate, 26-year-old Siyole Lusaseni of Western Province, has been named one of eight international ambassadors for Squash 2016, the sport's campaign to be included in the Olympic Games as from 2016.

Squash, played in 175 countries by over 20 million people, is bidding against six other sports for inclusion in the Games. The IOC Executive Board will meet in June to assess submissions from each of the sports, before the final vote by all of the IOC voting members in October.

Lusaseni, presently ranked number two in South Africa, joins an illustrious group of players on Squash 2016. These include the world's top woman player, Nicol David; leading Hong Kong player Rebecca Chiu; Saurav Ghosal, the Indian number one; and the current

World Champion, Ramy Ashour of Egypt.

Lusaseni represented South Africa at the Women's World Team Championships in Egypt in December, when she defeated the world number 22, Annelize Naude of the Netherlands, and finished the event unbeaten in the number three spot.

"As the newest member of the Women's Professional Squash Association, I am honoured to have been selected," said Lusaseni, "and am really excited about this opportunity and being able to make a contribution to this campaign." **MP**

Batting for squash: UCT graduate Siyole Lusaseni and others are making a bid to turn squash into an Olympic sport.



Rugby club cements relationships



Brick by brick: UCT students from the Rugby Club and Umbubo built houses in Mfuleni.

Last month, players from the UCT Rugby Football Club (UCTRFC) exchanged their boots for spades and hardhats to build houses in Mfuleni,

one of the Mother City's most impoverished suburbs.

Part of a team-building and community-outreach project, the 50 stu-

dents braved the heat to dig 12 trenches, paint four houses (inside and out), and finish the house that has given Petrus Plaatjies, who has lived in a shack since 1989, a place to call home.

Students playing for Umbubo, the UCTRFC's development team, also participated.

The work contributed to the Niall Mellon Townships Initiative, which has built houses in poor communities for a number of years.

The building expedition was coordinated by Barry O'Mahoney, the club executive responsible for outreach and transformation. (O'Mahoney was also first-team coach for a number of years.)

In 2006, club members helped build houses in Netreg. Now they plan to coach township teams for the Vuka tournament, which aims to establish a rugby-playing culture in over 50 schools where the sport is not played. **MP**

Student honoured in Denmark



An international conference in Denmark in December proved to be an eventful one for Muya Koloko of UCT's ju-jitsu club. In addition to taking part in demonstrations and presentations at the All Japan Ju-Jitsu International Federation (AJJIF) meeting, Koloko was also named a life member of the federation. With only South Africa and, since 2008, Mauritius representing Africa on the AJJIF, it's more than likely that Koloko is the first representative from the continent to be so honoured. The meeting, which Koloko attended with UCT's senior instructor Nigel Sessions, aimed to combine the various schools of ju-jitsu under one umbrella body. "Part of the beauty of the event was seeing all the similarities and differences in what we do," he says. In 2008, Koloko became only the country's 26th Shodan (the first in a series of black belts) in the discipline, the first African to achieve the ranking.