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UCT scores green for Soccer World Cup

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South Africa aims to host a green 2010 FIFA World Cup thanks to a comprehensive set of greening guidelines produced for the event by UCT's Environmental Evaluation Unit (EEU).

Commissioned by the national Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEAT), these guidelines provide strategies for incorporating sustainability principles and practices into the planning, organising and hosting of large sporting events. The 2010 FIFA World Cup will be the biggest sports event this country has yet hosted, a highly resource-intensive operation.

With all the infrastructural demands and the thousands of soccer fans expected to pour into the country, the ecological footprint will be substantial.

"We've not only focused on 'green' issues, but also on broader sustainability issues such as climate change and energy conservation, waste management and sustainable procurement," says Associate Professor Merle Sowman, director of the EEU.

The document and accompanying CD, produced under the slogan *Come play GREEN with us*, targets local authorities and, in particular, the nine host cities: Cape Town, Johannesburg, Port Elizabeth/Nelson Mandela Bay, Durban, Mangaung/Bloemfontein, Nelspruit, Rustenburg, Tshwane/Pretoria and Polokwane. These guidelines will also be of value to other government departments, service providers and organising committees involved in planning and organising large sporting events.

Over the past decades, environmental principles have increasingly been incorporated into the planning of major sports events such as the Olympic Games, where the concept of Green Games has already become a reality.

Close to 70% of the greenhouse gas emissions generated by the 2006 Winter Olympics were offset by both local and international energy-efficient and renewable energy projects to compensate for these emissions.

"The FIFA World Cup in Germany in 2006 was the first in the history of football where environmental sustainability concerns were placed at the forefront of preparations for the event," said Sowman.

The event produced 92 000 tons of "unavoidable emissions", compensated for by projects in India and South Africa. One local project saw the replacement of a coal furnace on a citrus fruit farm with a new boiler than runs on sawdust.

Strategies for greening of mega sports events were further cemented at the United Nations Environmental Programme 7th World Conference on Sport and the Environment in Beijing in 2007.

"Our purpose was to consolidate the lessons learnt in the greening of sports events around the world to provide guidance for large sporting events in South Africa," adds Sowman.

These lessons have been included in the greening guidelines that provide objectives and strategies, and will assist organisers, service providers, and specifically host cities of major sports events – and particularly the 2010 FIFA World Cup – to "green" these events.

With the capacity, infrastructure and climate to host big sports events like world cups for soccer, rugby and cricket – even unscheduled events such as the second series of the Indian Premier League (IPL), South Africa is likely to host more and



more of these events.

"Large sports tournaments have environmental impacts," says Sowman. "With these guidelines we can mainstream these sustainability issues into these events."

The document was developed by a team of EEU researchers, working with environmental consultants Grace Stead and Sandy Rippon. Each thematic area was 'peer reviewed' by leading environmental consultants in the particular field.

Greening strategies in eight thematic areas were developed. These include:

- Climate change and energy

- Waste reduction and management
- Water conservation and management
- Sustainable procurement
- Biodiversity conservation
- Transport
- Design and construction
- Related areas such as accommodation and health and wellbeing.

Team members Sowman, Rippon and Vuyisile Zenani have just returned from Johannesburg where they conducted a series of capacity building workshops with government officials from host cities, as well as provincial and national government departments involved in the FIFA World Cup.

Although the officials were concerned about lack of dedicated budgets to ensure sustainability, issues were addressed into the 2010 games. Sowman stressed that an enormous amount could still be achieved if officials were creative and found ways of mainstreaming sustainability principles into core functions.

"It's about doing things 'smarter', not necessarily about large budgets," Sowman says. "Although money invested in greening now will have long-term benefits for the environment and society."

The DEAT is also considering using student volunteers at the 2010 FIFA Soccer World Cup to assist with awareness-raising about sustainability issues. Sowman and Dr Kevin Winter, also of the ENGeo Department, are currently liaising with tertiary institutions around the country to look at the possible role of senior environmental students at the event.

"We think various aspects of the event could be linked to certain university curricula, and that the World Cup event could yield some interesting honours projects. Environmental topics are currently very popular with students." ^{MP}

The Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEAT) Greening Business Plan includes the following guidelines:

- Waste management: Waste minimising, sorting at source, waste avoidance, recycling and re-use, redirection, composting, job creation, art from waste;
- Transport and mobility: Use of non-motorised transport, cycling and pedestrian-friendly routes;



Green goal: UCT's Sandy Rippon and Assoc Prof Merle Sowman are among those at the EEU advising SA cities how to keep the 2010 World Cup green.

- Employment and business opportunities: Waste collection and sorting, catering services, accommodation, sight-seeing, energy services;
- Water and waste-management: Management of water usage in stadiums, use of waterless urinals, use of grey water, rainwater harvesting, water recycling;
- Energy efficiency: Energy-efficient stadiums, fitting street lights with

- energy-efficient bulbs, solar-powered fan parks;
- Biodiversity conservation and management: Protection of flora and fauna and natural habitats, marketing and branding conservation areas;
- Awareness and communication: Branding Greening 2010, posters, greening video clip, local radio programmes, training service providers, billboards.

Talking his way to the top



UCT social sciences first-year student Daniel Kaliski is the first South African to win the top spot in the individual speaker category at the 2009 World Schools Debating Championships.

Kaliski competed in the international competition, which was held in Athens, Greece, in February, as part of the four-strong South African team, who made it to the octofinals (16 teams competing) to

Talking points: Daniel Kaliski was judged top speaker at the 2009 World Schools Debating Championships.

finally take ninth place. The winning team was New Zealand, who defeated England 6-1 in the finals.

"It always helps when the topic is something that interests one personally," says Kaliski. "In one of the debates we had to argue in favour of vegetarianism, and since I'm a vegetarian, I was quite helpful."

But debaters often have to argue points of view contrary to their own, and topics are often controversial social, political and moral issues, such as terrorism, immigration and nuclear energy.

"Part of the challenge in

debating is questioning your own assumptions and opinions about the world," says Kaliski.

Debaters speak four times in each round, and are awarded a score from 60 to 80. Kaliski took the best speaker trophy with a top score of 75.13.

He plans to use his debating skills as an active member of the UCT Debating Society, and will no doubt be more than helpful in the forthcoming Judge Edwin Cameron Invitational Tournament, which will be hosted by the University of Stellenbosch Debating Society in May. **MP**

Partying for the planet

UCT student and Miss Earth SA finalist Chanel Grantham organised an Earth Hour event at Graça Machel Residence on 28 March, featuring give-aways and live music.

Performing at the event, which was attended by hundreds of students, was local afro-rock act jac-sharp, Bang Bang, as well as UCT Radio DJs Al Postman and Pags, who were the MCs for the evening.

Grantham says headline act jac-

Sharp was the perfect complement to Earth Hour. "This band has an amazing commitment to the environment with their go green initiatives, including their new album, which is being packaged in recycled material.

The university's Green Campus Initiative squad came dressed in their green overalls, and Students' Representative Council members also attended to show their support.

"The atmosphere was great,"

says Grantham. "Students brought blankets and cushions for an evening under the stars. With good music and a good crowd the scene was set for students uniting together for a great cause and having fun. The bands really got the crowds going with a massive electric slide at one stage - and those who didn't know the moves to the electric slide were forced to learn fast!"

Giveaways included Earth Hour

T-shirts, glowsticks and wristbands.

"I'm passionate about making valuable contributions to our Earth," says Grantham. "Putting this event together was a challenge and I gained a huge amount of strong experience from it. My key learning throughout this initiative is that if your heart is in the right place, you can make anything possible!"

For more information, visit www.missearthsouthafrica.co.za. **MP**



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A gigantic Spongebob Squarepants was the showpiece of this year's annual RAG Floats Parade (right), which took place in Adderley Street in Cape Town on 28 March. Twelve floats took part in the parade, which also included a "Where's Wally" float, dancing men in diapers and a marching band. The RAG floats procession is an established Cape Town event, dating back to 1925. As the parade rolls through the city streets, passers-by throw spare change at the floats and student "panhandlers". It was originally known as Hospital RAG (Remember and Give), and all funds raised went to Groote Schuur Hospital. These days, these funds, which can amount to anything between R5 000 and R12 000 (this year's collection is still to be tallied), are then passed on by RAG to UCT's Students' Health and Welfare Centres Organisation (SHAWCO). The theme of this year's parade was "Where in the World...?" and featured floats from



UCT residences and societies. MSc graduate Dorit Hockman's thesis has been awarded the prestigious S2A3 Bronze Medal, the South African Association for the Advancement of Science's top honour for South African master's theses in all science fields. Hockman won the medal for her work on the evolution of bats' flying limbs. Hockman and her colleagues, fellow MSc student Mandy Mason, and supervisors Professors David Jacobs and Nicola Illing in the Departments of Zoology and Molecular



Biology, linked the evolution of bats' flying limbs to changes in gene expression of the Sonic Hedgehog gene (Shh), named after a character in the Sega Genesis video game. The master's graduate is now at Cambridge's Trinity College for a four-year PhD, funded by a prestigious Wellcome Trust Scholarship.

UCT graduate Alide Dasnois has made history by becoming the first woman to be appointed as the editor of the 133-year-old Cape Times newspaper. Described as "an outstanding journalist" by Chris Whitfield, editor-in-chief of Independent Newspapers Cape, Dasnois replaces Tyrone August at the helm of one of Cape Town's biggest daily newspapers. Dasnois, 59, completed her bachelor's

degree in economics at UCT in 1970, and honours in the same field a year later. "The challenge for us at the Cape Times is to ensure, despite all difficulties, that our paper continues to play its role in building democracy in South Africa, that many voices are heard, not just those of the powerful."

At the Alumni Leadership Forum on 6 April, UCT graduate, strategy consultant and futurist Guy Lundy painted a picture of Cape Town in 2030 - bustling, thriving, efficient, green, and a drawcard for international business. In his talk, Lundy, CEO of Accelerate Cape Town, talked of that business initiative's vision to "develop and implement a long-term vision for sustainable, inclusive economic growth" for the Cape region. Their vision is to turn Cape Town into the "Southern Tiger" by 2030. "We need to take that idea of Cape Town as Africa's global city and turn it into a branding and marketing plan," said Lundy.

The Institute of Infectious Disease and Molecular Medicine (IIDMM) at UCT has launched an African-based website, Vaccines for Africa (www.vacfa.com), to increase awareness and promote the uptake of vaccines in Africa. This forms part of the Vaccinology Initiative of Professor Gregory Hussey, director of the IIDMM. The initiative's vision is an Africa free of vaccine-preventable diseases, explained Hussey. "There needs to be a co-ordinated advocacy effort from within Africa to change this, and much of this is about access to information." The site aims to



be an interactive forum for the exchange of accurate, up-to-date and evidence-based information on vaccines and immunisation practices relevant to Africa. Dr Charles Shey Wiysonge can be contacted at charles.wiysonge@uct.ac.za for comment.

Hundreds of Western Cape learners honed their powers of logic when they gathered to talk, read and write philosophy. For three nights in March, more than 300 Grade 10, 11 and 12 learners - a more than 50% increase on last year - from 19 schools in the Cape metropolitan region participated in the Foundations in Philosophy course, established by Dr Greg Fried of the Department of Philosophy. The theme for this year's course was religion, and



the young philosophers were introduced to the writings of Plato, Anselm, and Pascal, among others.

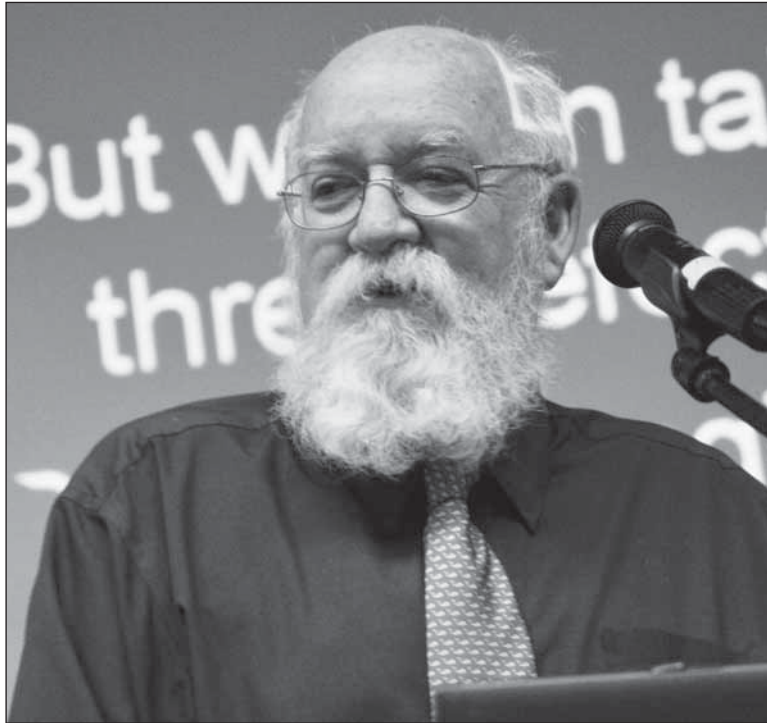
Juta's & Company bookshop, the official publisher of the UCT Press imprint, has opened a new flagship bookstore in Claremont. Vice-Chancellor Dr Max Price was a guest speaker and did the ribbon-cutting honours. Price said Juta's should be commended for

identifying a niche in the book-selling market. UCT students are a key target market for the store. **MP**

HERS-SA Academy turns seven

This year the annual HERS-SA Academy for university women will celebrate its seventh anniversary. The academy, the only event of its kind in South Africa, focuses on women who are currently in senior management positions in higher education institutions, or those who aspire to management positions. This carefully crafted seven-day event takes place from 13-19 September at UCT's Graduate School of Business. It is a residential programme and provision is made for delegates to stay at the adjoining Protea Breakwater Lodge hotel. For more information about this year's academy, visit the HERS-SA website at www.hers-sa.org.za. Those interested in attending are encouraged to contact their institution's Human Resource Department, which will have received all the necessary documentation.

Religion: Social misfit or morality prosthesis?



Free of religion: Eminent philosopher Prof Daniel Dennett delivered the Academic Freedom Public Lecture.

HELEN THÉRON

The Academic Freedom Public Lecture drew throngs to the Robert Leslie Building on 31 March, on a dual bill of entertainment and religion.

Speaker Daniel Dennett is not only an eminent philosopher, but an engaging speaker, especially on the subject of his lecture: *What should you be free to teach your children about religion?*

Dennett is co-director of the Centre for Cognitive Studies and Austin B Fletcher Professor of Philosophy at Tufts University. He is also author of *Breaking the Spell*, *Freedom Evolves* and *Darwin's Dangerous Idea*.

Religion, he says, has changed more in the past 100 years than it did in the previous 1 000, and more in the past 20 years than in the 100 before that.

"The pace of cultural evolution

is speeding up."

Religion should be steered in "benign directions" until society is ready to dispense with its "morality prosthesis", he said.

But what if religion is the "magic feather" that helps people "be all they can be"?

"We're standing at the brink of a profoundly secular age. We need to prepare institutions ... We will need to provide the moral prosthesis that will support that community that so many people need."

Religion is just not good for society, he says. Benign religion provides protection to toxic movements. It's also a vehicle for systematic hypocrisy.

"Could atheists be elected to high office?"

His policy proposal for religious education is simple: Offer compulsory religious education at all public and private schools, as well as home schools.

Children would learn about the world's religions, such as Islam, Hinduism, and Roman Catholicism, and their histories, key figures, and philosophies.

"As long as you teach them this, you may teach your children whatever you want."

He suggests keeping the curriculum "non-threatening" for young children, just the basic facts about the various faiths. But when they're older, introduce the "great good and evil" of religion.

Dennett believes this will go a long way to inoculating society.

"And elders who know that their children have been taught these facts will have to adjust their religious teaching."

How would this curriculum be created?

Dennett proposes a national congress of religious groups, who would decide what every child [in America] should know about their religion. **MP**

AIDS archive a valuable resource

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UCT Libraries has joined forces with the Community Health Media Trust (CHMT) to house the archives of video tapes and transcripts documenting the history of HIV/AIDS in South Africa.

The archive, touted to be the first of its kind in the Southern Africa Development Community states, contains policy, stories, and people's personal testimonies on AIDS during its manifestation.

Jack Lewis, CHMT director, said the resource would become increas-

ingly valuable as society moves away from "the heat of the epidemic".

"By 2030, people caught in the heat of the epidemic (in the 1990s and 2000s) will have died, and this information will then be (even more) useful to students, researchers and academics," he explained.

On 25 March, the two parties signed a memorandum of understanding, allowing UCT to house the archives as part of the institution's broader commitment to developing archival resources on HIV/AIDS.

Most of the footage was shot during the production of *Siyayinqoba*

Beat It, a television show for people living with HIV/AIDS, their support networks, and health workers.

The value of the archive has been recognised by UNAIDS, who provided the funds for CHMT to establish an online database. Three hundred hours of footage were created in 2008, and the project is set to continue for four years.

Further information about CHMT can be found at www.beatit.co.za.

Binding: Part of the CHMT's AIDS archive will now be housed at UCT Libraries.



Party candidates face off in Jameson Hall

HELEN THÉRON

It didn't take much to get the Minister of Finance Trevor Manuel splashed across the city's press after the pre-election debate, hosted by the Faculty of Humanities, the Students' Representative Council and other student bodies, in the Jameson Hall on 26 March.

The Dalai Lama was all it took.

Manuel's response, citing the government's reasons for not granting the Nobel Peace Laureate a visa for the (now scratched) peace conference, was



Phillip Dexter - COPE.

met by derision from the student audience that had packed the hall, in the full glare of TV cameras.

Refusing the "feudal" Dalai Lama had been a tough decision, the "equivalent of trying to shoot Bambi", Manuel said.

The Congress of the People's (COPE) Phillip Dexter was quick off



Ryan Coetzee - DA.

the mark, a neat parry to Manuel's earlier barb about COPE not being in government.

"This shows the government's foreign policy is determined by the highest bidder."

To which the Democratic Alliance's (DA) Ryan Coetzee added: "South Africa's foreign policy seems to be made in Beijing."

The Independent Democrats' (ID) Lance Greyling suggested the government had at least been consistent; there



Lance Greyling - ID.

was that inaugural vote against the UN Security Council on Myanmar, and the Robert Mugabe affair.

There was a spat between the Minister and Coetzee over whether Manuel had blue flashing lights on his car, in addition to his two bodyguards.

"I have been a Minister for 15 years and I have never had blue lights," shot



Trevor Manuel - ANC.

back Manuel.

Manuel demanded to know from Coetzee why, despite the DA's two-state stance on Israel and Palestine, he had "not ever heard a statement for the people of Palestine".

Not one chair took flight – it was a pre-election debate – but most of the heat was onstage with host Professor Paula Ensor, Dean of Humanities, and question-master Zwele Jolobe settled between the candidates.

For a longer version of this story, see www.uct.ac.za/dailynews. **MP**

Public display of plans for burial ground development

On 2 April UCT hosted a poster display of heritage indicators and building plans for the proposed new developments on the former Rustenberg Burial Ground on Middle Campus. The display was part of the Heritage Impact Assessment, which is required by the National Heritage Resources Act. Various consultants were on hand throughout the day to hear feedback and respond to questions from the public. A new student administration building and a new school of economics building are planned for the site, where hundreds of slaves were buried in the 17th and 18th centuries.

German universities keen to enhance internationalisation

HELEN THÉRON

German higher education institutions are seeking foreign students from countries like South Africa to boost their internationalisation initiatives, says Dr Helmut Blumbach of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).

Blumbach was speaking at a meeting between UCT representatives and a high-ranking delegation from 19 leading German higher education institutions, under the DAAD umbrella, at UCT on 1 April.

The delegation started their day-long tour of the campus by meeting with Vice-Chancellor Dr Max Price and senior executives. They also toured specialised research centres, including the Institute of Infectious Disease and Molecular Medicine and

the c* Change DST/NRF Centre of Excellence in Catalysis.

Blumbach explained that DAAD has an annual budget of €350 million, and has 55 000 scholarship-holders, 2 800 of whom are from Africa. They also have 17 000 DAAD alumni in Africa, and 1 900 in South Africa.

Through their programmes they support 35 300 foreign students. Some 70% of DAAD's foreign graduates return to work in their home countries, Blumbach said.

DAAD is also a national agency for the European Union's mobility programmes. Among their goals is the development of educational co-operation with developing countries and to provide scholarships to foreigners. They also foster greater internationalisation at German universities. **MP**

Role of DVCs revised

In a recent message to faculty and staff, Vice-Chancellor Dr Max Price announced the new portfolios for deputy vice-chancellors, which include some fundamental changes.

Firstly, executive directors will have final accountability for their respective areas, and not, as had until now been the case, the deputy vice-chancellors. For purposes of academic oversight and for ease of managing reporting lines, most executive directors will, however, still have a line report to a DVC for operational management. In this regard, a DVC's duties will include signing leave forms, claims, resolving conflicts, and sitting on selection committees.

Secondly, the DVCs will each have - as their main responsibility - one or more key strategic goals (such as internationalisation or achieving 'graduateness').

As the strategic goals have not yet been fully canvassed with all constituencies, the DVC portfolios are provisional, based on the likely strategic goals. Some may still change.

Where there is a natural alignment between an executive director's department and a DVC's key performance areas, a link has been made through the reporting line.

The allocations below reflect an appropriate clustering of executive reporting lines and portfolios, based on their likely composition.



Vice-Chancellor, Dr Max Price

As Vice-Chancellor, Dr Max Price will be accountable to Council for the leadership of the university as a whole, and for determining the university's key objectives, ensuring their implementation. This includes accountability for transformation. Price will

chair the Senate, the Senate Executive Committee, the University Strategy Forum, the University Development Committee, the Vice-Chancellor's Management Advisory Group, the Senior Leadership Group, the Transformation Management Advisory Committee, and the Risk Manage-

ment Committee.

Price will focus his efforts on representing the University to key external parties such as donors, senior government officials, alumni, other universities, and community and business partners. Price is a member of the board of directors of Higher Education South Africa (HESA) and a member of the Southern African Regional Universities Association (SARUA), the Association of African Universities, and the Commonwealth Universities Association. He remains a trustee of the University Foundation and of the Ukukhula Trust.

The following staff report to the Vice-Chancellor:

- Deputy Vice-Chancellors
- Registrar
- Executive Director - Finance
- Executive Director - Communication and Marketing
- Director - Office of the Vice-Chancellor's Ombud



Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Danie Visser

Visser's portfolio relates to the strategic goal of increasing UCT's research profile and implementing the university's mission to be

research-led.

He has executive oversight for: faculty matters, academic staffing, research, innovation, and postgraduate affairs.

Visser will chair the Doctoral Degrees Board, the Board for Graduate Studies, the University Research Committee, the Visiting Scholars Fund, the Academic Heads of Department Working Group, the Fellows Committee, the Postgraduate Funding Committee and the Boards of the Centres of Excellence at UCT. He will be a co-chair (with the Head of Health) of the UCT/PGWC Department of Health Joint Standing Advisory Committee.

The following staff report to Visser:

- Faculty Deans
- Dean - Centre for Higher Education Development
- Director - Graduate School of Business
- Director - Research Support Services
- Director - Research Contracts and Innovation
- Director - Postgraduate Funding Office



Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Jo Beall

Beall's portfolio addresses three strategic goals:

- Improving the quality of teaching and learning, including the idea of 'graduateness'
- Internationalisation
- Social responsiveness

Her portfolio includes executive oversight for: university libraries, Information Communication Technology Services, the Institutional Planning Department, quality assurance, social responsiveness, and government and external liaison.

Professor Beall will chair the Cape Library Consortium (CALICO) board, the University ICT Committee, the Internationalisation Management Advisory Group, the

Senate Academic Planning Committee, Examinations and Assessment Committee, the Quality Assurance Working Group, and the University Social Responsiveness Committee. She will fulfil the role of the university's trustee on the Cape Higher Education Consortium (CHEC) as well as various local and regional government structures on which the university is represented.

The co-ordinators of certain proposed new institution-wide social responsiveness projects, such as those addressing violent crime, climate change and sustainability (in some cases co-ordinated by pro-vice-chancellors) will report to Beall.

The following staff report to Beall:

- Executive Director - Libraries
- Executive Director - Information Communication & Technology Services
- Director - International Academic Programmes Office
- Director - Institutional Planning
- Co-ordinators of institution-wide projects



Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Thandabantu Nhlapo

Nhlapo will function as the senior DVC. He will act for the Vice-Chancellor during periods of absence and he provides direct support to the

Vice-Chancellor in the management and co-ordination of the university's special projects.

Nhlapo's main portfolio is to address the strategic goal of making UCT an Afropolitan university. His portfolio in-

cludes Africa links and the University Science Humanities & Engineering Partnerships in Africa (USHEPIA) initiative.

He will also have executive oversight for: human resources, properties and services, and development and alumni affairs. Nhlapo will chair the Operations Management Advisory Group, the PASS Forum, the Senior Staff Management Group, the Senate Nominations Committee, the Distinguished Teacher Award Committee, the Staff Development Committee, and the USHEPIA Management Committee.

The following staff report to Nhlapo:

- Executive Director - Human Resources
- Executive Director - Properties and Services
- Executive Director - Development and Alumni
- Project Manager - Office of the Vice-Chancellor



Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Crain Soudien

Soudien's portfolio is to support the Vice-Chancellor in the area of institutional transformation. This will include accountability for the social justice portfolios (such as HIV/AIDS and discrimina-

tion), the staff experience (institutional climate), student demographic change, and the student experience as it

affects transformation. His portfolio includes executive oversight for the broad area of student life (Department of Student Affairs).

Soudien will chair the Admissions and Progression Committee, the Joint Consultative Committee for Employment Equity/Transformation Forum, the Undergraduate Student Funding Committee, and the University Student Affairs Committee. He will be a member of the Institutional Forum and may be a co-chair of it.

The following staff report to Soudien:

- Executive Director - Department of Student Affairs
- Director - Discrimination & Harassment Office
- Director - HIV/AIDS Co-ordination - UCT
- Transformation officer/manager

UCT honours education legend

At a small ceremony this week, Vice-Chancellor Dr Max Price presented Richard Dudley, an educationalist whose involvement with the Teacher's League of South Africa over the apartheid years galled both the authorities and his immediate supervisors, with 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.

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.

Dudley 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. In fact, in the 1980s

two Teacher's League schools, Harold Cressy and Livingstone, ranked tenth and eleventh among UCT's feeder schools, ahead of many of the "elite white schools in the city", recorded Peter Kallaway in *The History of Education Under Apartheid, 1948-1994*.

"Richard Dudley has given his life to teaching and politics, and affected and influenced thousands of people who continue to work for democracy in South Africa and abroad," noted Alan Wieder in his 2008 biography on Dudley, *Teacher and Comrade: Richard Dudley and*

the Fight for Democracy in South Africa. "Whether it was students, comrades, or opposition, life was always teaching and relational for Dudley," reads the blurb on the volume.

On 7 April, Price and other members of the university's executive met with Dudley, in poor health at the moment, and his family and friends to present him with his doctorate.

Dudley holds five other qualifications from UCT - a BSc (1943), MSc (1944), BEd (1963), BCom (1964) and a Certificate in Secondary Teaching (1966). **MP**

We remember

Cecil Skotnes, supreme South African artist whose pioneering African modernism inspired many of this county's leading artists, died after a short illness at the age of 82. He received honorary degrees from Rhodes University, the University of Witwatersrand and the University of Cape Town. He exhibited prolifically both locally and internationally including representing South Africa many times at the prestigious Venice and Sao Paulo Biennale. His countless awards for art include the Order of Ikhamanga (Gold). As a young man he saw service in the South African

Army Italian Campaign. He ended up in Florence, where he remained after the Allies' victory to study painting under Heinrich Steiner. On returning to South Africa he completed a BA Fine Arts at the University of Witwatersrand. His experience of war and subsequent exposure to the magnificence of Italian Renaissance art must have forever shaped his passions for beauty, justice, good wine, generosity of spirit and hospitality. These values guided a full life that touched many, including staff and students at the Michaelis School of Art where he occasionally taught, to the delight of students. His prolific multi-media output includes prints, paintings, incised painted woodblocks, graffiti murals and commissioned works in seminaries and churches. It is safe to say that no single artist influenced late twentieth-century South African art as profoundly as he.

Besides being active as an artist, it was as an educator that he freed the creative spirit of many oppressed during the height of apartheid. He is survived by his wife Thelma, son John and daughter Pippa (Professor at UCT's Michaelis School of Fine Art). A memorial service will be held at the South African National Gallery in the Gardens, Cape Town, at 14h30 for 15h00 on Tuesday, 14 April.

UCT alumnus William Ritchie passed away on Thursday, 2 April. Ritchie, a retired partner of architecture firm, Revel Fox & Partners, was a key player in the development of UCT's Kramer Building, among others. Since his retirement, Ritchie was a member of UCT's Building & Development Committee. He is survived by his wife, Joce Kane Berman, a member of Council for many years.

Paying attention to rehabilitation

Doctoral researcher Leigh Schrieff is breaking new ground with her work on traumatic brain injury among children. That work has also spawned a raft of new programmes and interests

What began as a concept for her thesis has developed into a full-blown research programme for psychology doctoral candidate Leigh Schrieff.

Schrieff started her PhD in 2005 on the implementation and evaluation of a cognitive rehabilitation programme for children following traumatic brain injury.



"My initial plan was to focus on three main areas for cognitive rehabilitation - attention, memory and executive function - but this proved too broad a subject for one person, given the limited resources and time."

But instead of setting her sights lower, Schrieff expanded and developed her idea even further. She is now second-in-command of UCT Child Neuropsychology's Head Injury Research Group, which she runs with her supervisor Dr Kevin Thomas, a member of the Brain-Behaviour Initiative (BBI) and the Cross-University Brain-Behaviour Initiative (CUBBI).

Schrieff is investigating the feasibility of a dedicated paediatric neuropsychological rehabilitation programme for South Africa, given the country's specific socio-economic climate.

"The goal of my doctorate and the programme is to address both the dearth of recent published research on paediatric traumatic brain injury (pTBI) in South Africa, and the need for formal neuropsychological rehabilitation programmes in this country," explains Schrieff.

"At the moment formal paediatric neuropsychological rehabilitation programmes for kids following TBI



are scarce in the country. There are rehabilitation centres, but often these do not include the neuropsychological aspect."

Her research is focused on attention rehabilitation, with researchers in the group taking on other areas.

As a result of this work, the Department of Psychology launched five honours projects in 2007. These included projects on the neuropsychological profiles of TBI-affected children, an epidemiological demographic profile study of TBI admissions to the Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital, and the challenges facing their families. In 2008, three of these were expanded to master's projects and one new honours student

joined the research programme, focusing specifically on the rehabilitation of executive functions using goal-management training.

In 2009, several new postgraduate students and another department staff member, Susan Malcolm-Smith, joined the ever-expanding programme, extending the research focus to include the effects of pTBI on the



theory of mind function.

Schrieff has already presented some of the data from these projects at two national and one international conference.

Ultimately, Schrieff hopes to establish a full, holistic, multi-disciplinary rehabilitation programme with individualised treatment.

"No two injuries are the same, and the range of factors and possible outcomes differ from one child to the next."

Schrieff's research is about to enter the testing phase. Approximately 20 children with pTBI will undergo the eight-week rehabilitation programme, which includes child-friendly games aimed at attention



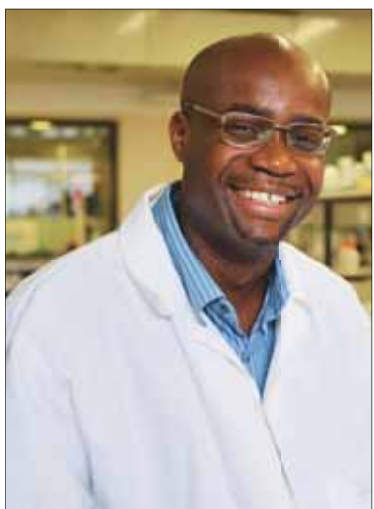
training.

But Schrieff will have to work fast - she is already scheduled to present her findings at the CUBBI/BBI Symposium Series at Valkenberg Hospital in November.

For further information please contact Leigh on 021 650 3708 or email her at l.e.schrieff@gmail.com.

The team's website, www.ptbi.uct.ac.za, is currently under construction. **MP**

New technology takes the laboratory into the field



Researchers using plants to find novel compounds for drug leads have been given a technological leg-up, thanks to the Screens-to-Nature (STN) project.

Conventional procedures for the first step in the discovery of lead compounds from plants involve collecting materials from the field for

laboratory analysis.

"This approach is laborious, expensive, and destructive because of the need to over-collect biological materials, transport these across countries, and then re-collect materials that demonstrate activity," said Professor Kelly Chibale of UCT's Department of Chemistry and the Institute of Infectious Disease and Molecular Medicine, and collaborator in the Global Institute for Bioexploration (GIBEX).

The STN concept allows novel portable diagnostic kits to be taken to the field, where they are tested on plants for the detection of specified classes of bioactive compounds with organismic or target-specific activity, or both.

"The procedure is non-destructive and eliminates the need to collect plants from the field without knowing the potential for bioactive principles," Chibale said. "It also accelerates the detection of lead compounds and provides an opportunity to streamline

the product-discovery process."

He said alternative approaches are essential to facilitate the exploration of the huge biodiversity in South Africa for human health benefits.

The United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity discourages the movement of biodiversity across countries. Innovative approaches must allow ethical exploration of bioactive compounds from natural resources in efficient and inexpensive ways.

Among various approaches to reduce this problem, the STN concept was initiated at Rutgers University.

GIBEX developed an efficient and simple technology for field extraction of biological materials (soft or woody plant tissues and fungi, both fresh and dried) that takes less than two minutes, and requires basic equipment and less than two grams of wet biomass.

Currently available STN assays target the following infections: bacterial, protozoan, fungal and helminthic

(parasitic worm) infections. Clinical targets for the cell-free STN assays include parasitic infections, metabolic disorders (such as diabetes), age-related diseases, cancers, nutritional deficiencies, and disease prevention.

GIBEX works globally with partners who are the backbone of the operational successes of the organisation around the world. They include GIBEX-Africa with its 12 partner institutions. (Chibale has been the chief co-ordinator of GIBEX-Africa since 2006, a position he will be vacating at the end of this year.)

Chibale has been instrumental in bringing African scientists working in traditional and other general biodiversity to the fore to employ these technologies.

Last year, training courses were run for African scientists by Rutgers scientists, co-ordinated by fellow UCT chemist Associate Professor David Gammon.

Similar training has been provided in Botswana and Tanzania, and

workshops were held for all GIBEX-Africa partners at UCT last year.

"The UCT training on STN technologies has facilitated a welcome cross-disciplinary approach to research in plant-derived medicinal agents," said Chibale.

Using technology now available at UCT, he is working with Gammon, who earlier teamed up with botanist and director of the Plant Conservation Unit, Professor Timm Hoffman, to deploy STN screens in the Namaqualand region.

They will conduct their first field-work in June.

"The key aspect of this UCT-based project is the understanding of the use of natural resources by people in the region," Chibale said. "Prof Hoffman has a long-standing interest and relationship with communities in the Namaqualand region from the viewpoint of land use and land use impacts."

The use of STN would add much value to Hoffman's work. **MP**

Note from the editor

One of the things we've fretted about over the years is that Monday Paper, as an internal newsletter, lacked some fun staff stuff. While we did start our Day in the Life feature a while back - a step in the right direction - we thought it's time to go the whole

hog and dedicate a full page to staff work and social matters. That includes just about everything, from appointments to weddings, babies to recipes. Everything you see on this page, and more, you have tasty recipes you'd like to share, let us know. Stork made a recent delivery?

Ditto. We ask only that you send us your pictures and text, which can be emailed to me at megan.morris@uct.ac.za. (While we'll help out when we can with images of new appointees, we probably won't be able to do the same for those baby or wedding shots.) Or if you would

like to be featured in our Day in the Life profile, drop me an email. Keep in mind that space, as always, will be limited, and we may not be able to use everything we get. For now, I hope you enjoy the page.

Morgan Morris

A DAY IN THE LIFE of Abdu Mohamed, technical officer in the Division of Chemical Pathology in the Department of Clinical Laboratory Sciences

When Abdu Mohamed came to UCT in 1995, his duties as a technical officer were to look after all the laboratories in the Division of Chemical Pathology, and perform experiments with Professor Mervyn Berman, as well as sorting out technical problems and helping students with their work in labs. But soon after his arrival he found that the campus was changing dramatically. Old buildings were being demolished and new ones were sprouting everywhere. "Because I like taking photographs, I saw an opportunity to record these changes," he explains. Now his photographs are freely available to UCT staff and students. For this singular achievement, Mohamed was one of around 300 staff members féted by Vice-Chancellor, Dr Max Price, at a formal recognition ceremony recently.

How did he get into photography?

Mohamed is a self-taught photographer, having learnt the trade through good old-fashioned trial and error. Over the years, he has studied manuals and magazine articles on different cameras, and feels he is still on a learning curve. "But when I look through my pictures, I see improvement all the time."

What kind of a camera does he use?

At first he was using a manual Panasonic film camera, but upgraded to a digital Panasonic in 2000. His wish, however, is for a professional-level camera, with zoom lenses and the works.

What kind of pictures does he take?

Buildings and laboratories,



Lensman in action: Abdu Mohamed has been taking pictures of almost every event at the Faculty of Health Sciences since 1995.

including the before and after pictures of those that have been renovated. He also photographs students and functions, such as inaugural lectures, special

events, conferences, memorial services and talks, often after hours and over weekends. "The bottom line is that I enjoy doing this regardless of what time of

the day or night it takes place," he says.

How does he archive the pictures?

He has taken so many pictures that he ran out of space on his PC long ago. Now he has two boxes spilling over with prints, and the faculty has offered him a larger hard-drive on his machine. "But my dream is to develop an easily-accessible website that will make all pictures available to UCT students and staff."

Any highlights?

Mohamed enjoys taking pictures of students in the laboratory, "because they get so excited and appreciative that they leave joy in my heart". And his favourite photograph is that of Professors Weiland Gevers, David McIntosh and Iqbal Parker posing as construction workers on the site of one of the new buildings.

UCT hail staff donors



Good will: VC Dr Max Price, centre, with some of the staff donors. From left are Dr Ian Mackintosh, Prof David Aschman, Emer Assoc Prof June Juritz, Tasneem Salasa, John Donald and Jerome September.

MYOLISI GOPHE

Vice-Chancellor Dr Max Price has saluted staff members who have pledged donations to UCT, saying their contributions have "multiplying effects", encouraging others to give as well.

"Your support benefits the university because when we speak to other donors it is encouraging to show what commitment our staff have made," Price said during the Vice-Chancellor's Staff Donor Recognition Luncheon on 25 March. Price said staff's support was a clear indication of their commitment to the institution.

At the event, UCT thanked around 300 staff members who, over the years, have made different kinds

of donations. Staff received certificates of recognition.

Abdu Mohamed, technical officer in the Faculty of Health Sciences, has been taking photographs of almost all staff functions and physical changes at the faculty since 1995. He has created a free archive from this collection of images.

Emeritus Professor of Medicine Ralph Kirsch began donating while he was in the funding committee for the same faculty, "because I could not ask others to give without first committing myself".

"As alumni our reputation is as good as our current graduates," he said. "Our job is to do all we can to maintain the high standards of the university." ^{MP}

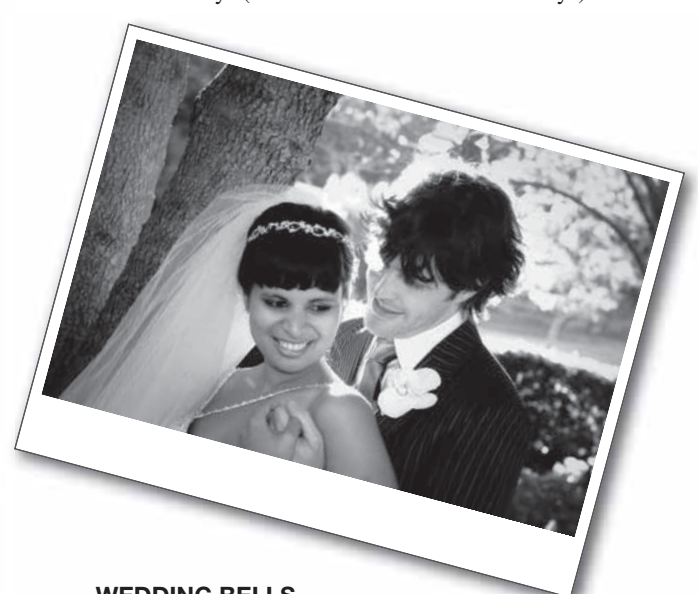
APPOINTMENTS

Raymond Hartle joined the Communication and Marketing Department as manager: media liaison at the beginning of March. Hartle comes to UCT off a stint running his own communications company. He enjoys sitting on mountaintops contemplating the ethereal, but acknowledges that real life happens in the valleys below.



GAMES AND THINGS

Admin team SOS (Khalied Abdullah, Naadir Daniels, Elroy Felix, William Kayser and Willem Petersen) took the honours at a fun five-a-side soccer tourney hosted by the Health Sciences Postgraduate Student Association (PGSA) at the Medical School recently. The event was a fundraiser for the UCT Medical Alumni Club, aka The MAC, which the association manages. The MAC is open every week on Thursday and Friday evenings, and for lunch on Fridays (a hot lunch is served most Fridays).



BABY BOOMERS

Nico and Chantél Badenhuis gave birth to Ethan Ferdinand on Monday, 26 January at 14h00 Baby Ethan tipped the scale at 3.5kg. Nico works in the Communication and Marketing Department.

WEDDING BELLS

UCT staffers Kimi and Rob Keith were wed at St Dominic's Chapel, Springfield Convent (Kimi's old school), on 8 November last year. The reception was at the Bay Hotel Rotunda. Kimi (née van der Byl) is a planning officer in the Institutional Planning Department, while Rob works for the Department of Drama in administration. (Picture by Mark Engelbrecht.)

EVENTS

Department of Medicine

Thursday 4PM Meetings
16 April 2009 MEDMICRO-
(Melissa Jansen van Rensburg)
– Getting to know you: MRSA
from Hospitals in Cape Town
23 April 2009 Dr S Cochrane
– Bioclones – Raising the
Count in the South African
Biotechnology Industry

ICTS Training schedule

for April 20-24 (09:00-12:00)
Project 2003 Level 1 • 20-21
(13:30-16:30) GroupWise
Basic • 24-24 (13:30-16:30)
GroupWise Intermediate

ART Lecture at the Old

Town House On Saturday 18
April 2009 at 14h30 Virginia
MacKenny, Senior Lecturer in
Painting at the UCT Michaelis
School of Fine Art, will present
a talk titled “Contemporary
Painting: Confronting
Tradition”. She will examine
how contemporary painting
re-presents the tradition of
painting - deconstructing,
co-opting, resisting and
remaking it. The event is
hosted by the Friends of the
Michaelis Collection at the Iziko
Old Town House Museum on
Greenmarket Square. Tickets
cost R30 for students, R40 for
members and R50 for visitors,
and include refreshments.
Booking is not required and
tickets will be sold at the
door. Enquiries: Lila Komnick
0214032123

VACANT POSTS

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Health Sciences, Closing date:
15 April 2009, Tel: 021 650
5405, E-mail: Rodney.martin@
uct.ac.za

Senior Lecturer/Lecturer,
Sedimentology and Structural
Geology (2 posts), Faculty of
Science, Closing date: 17 April
2009, Tel: 021 650 2192

Glaxo Wellcome Chair of
Primary Health Care, Primary
Health Care Directorate, UCT
& the Department of Health,
of the Provincial Government
of the Western Cape, Closing
date: 30 April 2009, Tel: 021
650 2220, e-mail: Roslyn.
Daniels@uct.ac.za

**RESEARCH,
PROFESSIONAL,
ADMINISTRATIVE AND
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Education Development Unit,

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Student Wellness Centre,
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Manager: Communication &
Marketing, Closing date: 17
April 2009, Tel: 021 650 5405,
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2009, email: Val.Bruce@uct.
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Faculty of Health Sciences,
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Technical Officer, UCT Marine
Research Institute, Closing
date: 21 April 2009, Tel: 021
650 3613, email: Gilly.Smith@
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Faculty of Health Sciences,
Closing date: 30 April 2009,
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Sheina.Josias@uct.ac.za

**Director: Baxter Theatre
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2009, Tel: 021 650 5405,
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GENERAL

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Swiss scholar clocks record times



It didn't take Professor George Schoenbaechler long to make his mark at UCT. Since arriving with his wife and two sons from Collegium Helveticum in Zurich, Switzerland, in August last year, he's broken all of three records at the Athletics Club. Schoenbaechler, 45, a visiting scholar with the Department of Psychology, started rewriting the record books with his half marathon time of 1:19:53 in the men's 40+ category in the Hewat Classic last year. This year, he finished the Bay to Bay in 2:01:29, a new best in the 30km (men 40+) run, before clocking the best UCT time of 3:02:47 in a marathon (men 40+) at the Peninsula Marathon. Those runs earned him top spot in his age category in the Hewat race, and fourth places in both the Bay to Bay and Peninsula Marathon. We asked him a few questions.

Who do you run for back home?

In Switzerland I run for the ASVZ, the Academic Sports Club of Zurich, where I'm the marathon coach for students as well.

How long have you been running?

I did my first competitive race in 1985.

In Cape Town, you've done both road races and some trail running. Do you have a preference?

I have a slight preference for trail running as I like to be in natural surroundings. My daily training in the late afternoon leads me from UCT up

to King's Blockhouse over the mountains to Kloof Nek, and then around Lion's Head to Sea Point, where I live. It's such a stunning route!

What's different between running in Zurich and running in Cape Town?

Silly answer: the competitions don't start so early in the morning! Seriously, there is no big difference. There is a lot of fun to running, and good friendships between runners both here and there. In Switzerland there are a lot of mountain running events, but only uphill. As I'm struggling with downhill running, I miss those kinds of events a little bit. But on 18 April I'll have the opportunity to compensate as I'm going to participate in the Platteklip Charity Challenge, an event to raise money for a crèche in Samora Machel. The aim is to summit Table Mountain as many times as possible between sunrise and sunset. If somebody wants to sponsor me they can go to www.charitychallenge.co.za.

Any Cape Town race stand out for you?

I really liked the Three Peaks Challenge in November. The combination between running in the city and running in the mountains was fascinating. It was very special to see how the atmosphere of the city changed on a Saturday morning. Coming back from Devil's Peak at 7 am the city was very calm. After Table Mountain at 9 am, life came back to town slowly, and at 11 am the city appeared lively and vibrant. **MP**

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SPORTS wrap

ATHLETICS

The Athletics Club commemorated the lives of Merrilyn Smith, Isavel Roche-Kelly, Prof Lindsay Weight and Assoc Prof Kevin Rochford at the CAPESTORM UCT Memorial 10km race on 15 March. All four were talented and dedicated UCT athletes who died tragically, Rochford less than a year ago. The race attracted a record turnout of 1 045 runners and walkers. UCT's Amy Aronson was the fifth woman in at 40:13, her last race in UCT colours before she moves to the UK. Tanya Scott was the second junior woman home, clocking in at 42:30.



CRICKET

Martin Walters and Richard Lotter (in picture) did duty for the Nashua Cape Cobras in their SuperSport Series match against bizhub Highveld Lions from 25-28 March. In doing so, the two became the first

UCT players to represent the province's professional outfit for a good five or six years (Brian Murphy was the last). After a top-order collapse, and chasing just over 100 runs, Walters joined with Richard Levi for an unbroken 70-run fifth-wicket partnership that guided the Cobras to their first SuperSport Series win of the season, and only their fourth in three seasons.



RUGBY

So, yes, Stellenbosch University's Maties took a deserved second Varsity Cup title and, rightly so, picked up most of the other awards, including that for the team that played the best rugby ("Rugby that Rocks", viz the competition's byline). But UCT didn't walk off empty-handed. Fullback Therlow Petersen, one of the Ikey Tigers' most consistent performers, was named Back of the Tournament. He also scored the most tries in the tournament,

six. (For the record, Maties got the better of North West University's Pukke by 11-6 in a blood, sweat and tears final in Stellenbosch on 30 March.) **MP**