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Tributes to Dominic



“Dominic got life right. He understood it at another level. To him, life was about love, honesty and genuineness. Living every moment as if it were everlasting and making every person he came in contact with feel like they were special. I will always look up to him. I am so proud to be his sister. Greatest big brother, best friend, teacher...my hero. Love you Dom.” **Isabelle**

★ “The happy, free-spirited role model in my life, I will always cherish the time I was honoured to have shared with Dom.” **Love Lauren**

★ “Good Samaritan.” **Love Jared**

★ “Dominic was the kind of person to whom adjectives like peaceful, gentle and loving simply don’t do justice because he was so much more beautiful than that.” **David Braz**

★ “Being colour blind when it comes to people and having the ability to start and end every day with a huge smile is a gift that not many people have. Our close friend Dom was one of them.” **Matthias Kroenke**

★ “Dom was one of the most caring and compassionate people I have had the privilege of knowing. He always put others before himself and he will be sorely missed.” **Candice Sparks**

★ “He was a wonderful guy and an even better friend.” **Ashwin Venkat**

★ “You hardly ever heard the word ‘Glenres’ without Dom’s name following soon behind. Dom, your compassionate and

friendly nature, your unique hippy way and your trademark guitar compositions are already missed so much!” **Alison Midgley**

★ “Dom could inspire all with his smile and positive attitude.” **Shaun Katz**

★ “Dom was perhaps the most chilled, gentle, peaceful person I ever met; he was widely loved and had a laugh that would brighten the day of everyone sitting at the lunch table.” **Douglas James Coltart**

★ “Meeting Dominic was a life event for me as those like him come around once in a lifetime.” **Lerato Ramolahloane**

★ “He had an amazing ability to walk up to a stranger and make them a friend.” **Jessica Hogg**

★ “Dom was a ray of sunshine. He spread only light and love. He was the type of person to play guitar in front of PD Hahn and if you saw him on campus, he would never fail to run from across the way and give you the biggest hug and brightest smile. He was a genuine and open person, who would never fail to brighten your day.” **Anna Dreyer**

★ “Dom was like a brother to me. I never understood how a person could be so selfless and compassionate. I will love him for as long as I breathe.” **Matthew Alves**

★ “Dominic was the kindest and most caring person that I have ever met in my life. His death saddens me greatly because I was only just starting to realise what a remarkable person he was; yet I cherish the time I was able to spend with him.” **Geoffrey Kukard**

★ “Dear Dom, I know you are still here but somewhere better. You will hold my hand and show me the stars. *Dich zu kennen ist die groesste Ehre*. Love you. Deine Jenny.” **Jennifer Pack**

★ “The most helpful, loving, compassionate, romantic and happy young man ever. Without a care in the world other than to make others happy, to give his beautiful sister and all his friends enthusiastic hugs and smiles and to just love life, plants, animals and the universe. Dom, his pink shopping bag and his green photosynthetic car will be missed by all. Love, light and peace.” **Amy and Crystal**

WE SAY: ENOUGH!

UCT community joins to protest murder of student Dominic Giddy

Staff and students of the university will march from the Jameson Hall at 13h50 today, 22 February, to protest the “senseless attack and killing” of UCT student Dominic Giddy (21) in Observatory on 13 February.

A memorial assembly in front of the Jameson Hall will precede the march. The assembly will begin at 13h00 and will be addressed by vice-chancellor Dr Max Price and a representative of the Giddy family, among others.

Giddy was the second UCT student to die violently in the past five months and the third member of the UCT community to have been murdered in the past three years.

First-year medical student Benny Pakiso Moqobane (19) was shot dead near his digs in Observatory in September 2009. His killers have never been apprehended. Commercial law professor Mike Larkin was murdered in Rondebosch in November 2007 while walking home in broad daylight.

Price said: “It is my intention to lead university staff and students in a protest to show our concern and anger at the sense-

less attack and killing of yet another person.”

Giddy, a third-year BSocSc student, was stabbed to death near his Glenres digs. He registered at UCT in 2008 for a BSc in mechanical engineering but changed degree at the start of this year, registering for a bachelor of social science degree.

In a statement Price said: “Our hearts go out to the Giddy family as they face this tragic loss. I spoke with Dominic’s father, Mr Patrick Giddy, and offered the condolences of the UCT community. We have offered counselling services to Dominic’s family and friends, and to students who wish to avail themselves of help in coming to terms with the loss, the insecurity, and associated anxiety.

“We are also doing all we can to assist the South African Police Services in their hunt for the attackers.

“We spend millions on campus security to safeguard our staff and students against crime, and we have been successful at driving crime down. We are a relatively safe campus, yet our students and staff become vic-

tims in the areas around campus where they live.

“This year we are leading the way in establishing the Groote Schuur Central Improvement District [see ‘Safety’ story on pg3], which I hope will reduce crime in the areas bordering on UCT and covering most residences and digs.

“We are also beginning a discussion with the SAPS about how we can assist in upgrading the three police stations that serve the UCT community, namely Mowbray, Woodstock and Rondebosch.”

March route

At 13h50 the march procession will follow a route from the Jammie Plaza down the stairs, through the tunnel under the M3 and then turn left into Cross Campus Road. At the intersection with Woolsack Drive, the march will turn right into and proceed down Woolsack Drive to the Main Road. At the bottom of Woolsack Drive the marchers will be asked to disperse both left and right along the Main Road to hold a placard demonstration. (Details correct at time of going to press.)

Colourful pillar of evolution



Light up: Electrical engineering lecturer Samuel Ginsberg was one of the creative minds who contributed to putting up the exhibition.

The glittering lights on a pillar in the Leslie Social Science Building make for a spectacular sight, more in keeping with Christmas lights in Cape Town's Adderley Street over the festive season than with an academic occasion.

But unlike the Christmas lights, the *Bits, Bites and Tweets* artwork is not seasonal, and will flash permanently to commemorate the Summer School's 60th anniversary.

The exhibition is a collaboration

between the Centre for Extra-Mural Studies, organisers of the annual Summer School, and artist Gwen Van Embden, and was built by a multi-disciplinary team of engineers, computer scientists, professional exhibition creators, artists, and anybody who could be persuaded that this would be an interesting way to spend their time.

Built around the tallest pillar in the building, the "living electronic artwork" is made up of 10 000 LED tiles or lights.

Each light represents one of Charles Darwin's finch species, and each species has its own colour. Lights flashed different shapes and colours whenever a Summer School student swiped their student card through a card reader.

"It's amazing how complex behaviour is achievable with such simplicity when applied over a large area," says computer science student Richard Baxter, who wrote the computer program for the LED display.

The circuit boards were assembled by a contract assembly company, and were set up by electrical engineering lecturer Samuel Ginsberg and third-year electrical and computer engineering student Mallin Moolman. The project started in September last year.

Though the electronics aren't very complex compared to some other designs, says Ginsberg, there were challenges such as time and budget constraints. The pillar is also very tall, and much of the work was done from a scaffold. That was not all. "The appearance of the display is crucial, and so all potentially messy wiring had to be very carefully thought out so as not to be excessively visible, and the mounting of the boards had to be straight and neat."

Meanwhile, the Summer School once again lived up to its crowd-pleasing reputation, with many of the 2 600 attendees even learning to use Twitter.

"This is my 40+ Summer School – still love every minute of it. And I'm even tweeting now – wow!!" said one.

"My first Summer School and it is everything those who told me about it said it was, and more... I am definitely hooked!" claimed another.

The school was attended by participants from as far afield as England, Canada, Monaco and Swaziland, and some participants staying in Fuller Hall during Summer School were reminded of residence life in their student days.

(See story on pg 8.)

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Preserving history: Assoc Prof Goolam Vahed was the first speaker in a series of events commemorating the 150th anniversary of Indian history in South Africa.

Indian history celebrated

The history of Indians who came to what was then Natal in the late 19th century was explored in a lecture by Associate Professor Goolam Vahed of the University of KwaZulu-Natal's Department of Historical Studies, on 3 February.

The lecture, titled *Indentured Indian Workers on the Plantations of Natal and Beyond: 1860-1911*, was the first in a series of events commemorating the 150th anniversary of Indian history in South Africa, presented by UCT in conjunction with the 1860 Legacy Foundation.

The foundation was set up to acknowledge the Indian community's contribution to South Africa, while enhancing the building of a non-racial society.

Using surviving letters, photographs and official documents from the era, Vahed reconstructed the per-

sonal history – including marriages, separations and traumas – of several indentured Indians who came to South Africa seeking work. With their various experiences, Vahed has painted a broader picture of the life and times of Indian workers during that period.

Vahed is the co-author of *Inside Indenture: A South African Story, 1860-1914* with Dr Ashwin Desai of the Centre for Civil Society at the University of KwaZulu-Natal. He has also contributed to a number of other books, including *Blacks in Whites: A century of cricket struggles in KwaZulu-Natal* and *The Making of a Political Reformer: Ghandi in South Africa*.

A podcast of Vahed's lecture is available on the *Monday Paper* website at <http://www.uct.ac.za/news/multimedia/sound/>.

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Potential for Substantial Freelance Income

Folio Translation Consultants CC, Cape Town's oldest translation agency, is looking for mother-tongue speakers of the following languages to work as translators on a freelance basis:

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Colloquium set to enhance the arts



Convenor Jay Pather.

Artists, academics, curators and writers will converge on UCT's Gordon Institute for Performing and Creative Arts (GIPCA) for the Pre-Post-Per-Form, a colloquium to explore interdisciplinary and performance art.

The event will be the first of its kind in Africa, and takes place from 20 to 22 February on the Hiddingh campus in Cape Town.

Panel discussions, lectures, exhibitions and performances are scheduled throughout the three days. Topics include cities and interdisciplinary performance, visual arts and architecture, literature and visual arts, interdisciplinary arts and the curriculum, creating interdisciplinary and performance art and capturing it on page and film.

Participants will include interna-

tional luminaries such as the iconic Mexican-American performance artist Guillermo Gómez-Peña; Trevor Davies, director of the Metropolis Biennale; writer and artist Sue Williamson; curator Melissa Mboweni; award-winning architect/visual artist Doung-Anwar Jahangeer; renowned scholar and writer Sarah Nuttal; veteran journalist Adrienne Sichel and performance diva Mwenya Kabwe.

The institute was launched at the end of 2008 to enhance arts within UCT and in the broader community, and to facilitate collaborative and interdisciplinary projects. Pre-Post-Per-Form provides a platform to extend those aims.

"Interdisciplinary collaboration and performance art have long and chequered histories," says convenor Jay Pather. "Globally, these developments have been anarchic as well as institutional, embracing a paradox inherent in any attempt to formalise a process of breaking boundaries of discipline and transgressing the exclusive rules contained in hermetically sealed forms of expression."

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World cup to leave lasting legacy

UCT has pulled together all its resources to conclude a grand plan that will offer over 3 500 “secure and affordable” rooms to accommodate visitors during the 2010 soccer world cup.

But what makes the university’s contribution to the world’s single biggest sporting event even more worthwhile is not just the potential income, but the opportunity to promote the UCT brand, firm up UCT’s relationship with the City of Cape Town, and to leave a number of lasting legacies.

The latter will include an improved vacation accommodation system, which is being upgraded; training and employment opportunities for students; and Mr Delivery, one of UCT’s partners in the enterprise, has agreed to continue with a residence room delivery service system after the event.

This week, Cape Town Tourism welcomed UCT as a member, which will allow the tourism body to refer accommodation queries to the university.

Project manager Professor John Simpson is adamant that benefits are inevitable.

“Many UCT employees are giving their time towards the project, and students will be employed and learn more about the hospitality industry,” he says. “Directly and indirectly we will achieve a lot, and UCT will be a better place after the tournament.”

Marketing manager Murray Steyn says the university’s contribution is in

response to numerous requests from interested parties to provide affordable, safe, accessible and well-located accommodation during June and July 2010.

UCT also wants to add value to the experiences of visitors by offering the services of its large fleet of buses, the Jammie Shuttle, as well as other benefits such as access to UCT’s gym and other facilities.

“UCT’s campus is located below the slopes of Table Mountain and is relatively close to all that Cape Town and the Western Cape have to offer – including the City Bowl, the V&A Waterfront and the Green Point Stadium.”

The university has joined forces with hotel management company Urban Hip Hotels to manage and market Campus Accommodation 2010, which includes other universities in South Africa. To minimise costs, UCT is outsourcing various services to a range of suppliers such as Fedics catering company and Mr Delivery, Steyn says.

The variety of accommodation that is on offer between 9 June and 13 July will cater for individuals, families and large groups especially.

Clients will enjoy a comprehensive transport plan that has been put in place through the Jammie Shuttle service. This will include airport and match-day transfers, as well as local area and residence transportation. Also, UCT’s on-campus security system is being upgraded to include more security



A blast: Marketing manager Murray Steyn tries out some of the local kelp vuvuzelas being produced for the soccer world cup.

personnel and residence monitoring marshals. The disaster management system is in line with that of the City of Cape Town.

Other value-added services will include breakfast and other meals, food outlets, pubs with live and recorded television viewing, 24-hour medical emergency services, laundry and ATM

facilities, as well as general shopping services available in nearby Rondebosch.

In the end, it all boils down to marketing UCT throughout the world and hopefully making some money at the same time. “We want our brand to be well received by visitors,” Steyn adds.

Prices start from R550 per person

per night, excluding VAT.

(For reservations, contact: Urban Hip Hotels – Jackie Ardinois at 0861 226 787, res@campus2010.co.za; University of Cape Town – Celeste Gaskin at +27 (0)21 591 1260, celeste@tuskevents.co.za; or visit the UCT website at www.uct.ac.za.)

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Safety in UCT neighbourhoods

The murder of Dominic Giddy has raised concerns once again about the safety of students and staff in the neighbouring residential and business areas.

While theft – particularly of laptops and, in a resurgent trend, of cellphones – remain the most common crimes on campus (violent attacks are still few and far between), Giddy is the second UCT student to be killed in Observatory in the past five months. In fact, it’s only the Observatory Main

Road that separates the scene of his death from the spot where Pakiso Mqobane was killed in September 2009.

And if parts of Observatory appear to some to have become hotbeds of crime, it could have something to do with the success of a couple of Special Ratings Areas (SRAs) – or Community Improvement Districts (CIDs), as they used to be known – on opposite ends of that Main Road: the Cape Town and Woodstock Improvement Districts on the one side, and the Claremont

Improvement District on the other. (There’s also an Observatory Improvement District, but it covers only certain parts of the suburb.) These SRAs aim to create safer, cleaner and ‘rejuvenated’ environments by providing certain ‘top-up’ services, particularly security patrols and cleaning.

But tucked between these three CIDs lie chunks of Observatory, plus Mowbray and Rondebosch, where UCT students and staff roam.

“Crime is being squeezed from

these other CIDs into this area,” says Roland September, newly appointed risk services manager at UCT.

UCT, however, is leading the drive to establish an SRA – provisionally titled the Groote Schuur Community Improvement District (GSCID) – in partnership with commercial and educational institutions in this area. The GSCID would stretch from Anzio Road in Observatory, where the Medical School is found, to just beyond Newlands Station. (View a map of the

catchment area at www.gscid.co.za/map.)

As with other SRAs, the GSCID would take the form of a Section 21 company, with UCT and property owners contributing additional rates to pay for the top-up services. The company would be managed by a board elected by its members, and operated by a management team appointed by the board.

(Residential areas abutting the demarcated SRA – which covers commercial and educational properties – would benefit from these services as well, with UCT’s contribution covering residents’ contributions for the first three years.)

The university needs the approval of 50% plus one of business-property owners in the area for the SRA to be established. From the turnout at a public meeting in mid-February and UCT’s other communication with property owners, it appears very likely that the university will get that support when the matter goes to a vote at the end of February, reports John Tunstall, UCT’s former risk services manager who now serves as a consultant to the university.

Such SRAs, with property owners contributing towards initiatives that target “crime and grime”, have become commonplace around the globe, says Anthony Davies, co-ordinator for the establishment of the GSCID and founder and former executive manager of the Claremont CID. “It is international best practice because this is the situation around the world.”

What SRAs provide, more than anything else, is a bobbies-on-the-beat climate, explains Tunstall. “The visibility of foot patrols, that’s really what CIDs are all about.”

It’s that kind of visibility that UCT hopes will save lives. **MP**

Leadership & Transformation in universities

UCT Press invites you to a **discussion** between **Dr Max Price**, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cape Town, and **Professor Jonathan Jansen**, Vice-Chancellor of the University of the Free State, on **leadership and the transformation of South African universities.**

DATE Tuesday, 9 March 2010
TIME 18h00 for 18h30
VENUE Kramer Lecture Theatre 1, Kramer Law Building, Middle Campus, University of Cape Town
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All are welcome and entry is free. The book *Faith In Action: Njongonkulu Ndungane* will be on sale at the event. Kindly RSVP for seating purposes.



Collaboration milestone reached, thanks to ICTS and SAGrid

Recent work by members of the university's Information and Communication Technology Services (ICTS) Technical Support Services team, which is part of the South African National Grid (SAGrid) national operations team, has advanced scientific collaboration between South African researchers and their international counterparts.

Thanks to the deployment of SANREN and the connection to the SEACOM cable, the improvements in networking have meant that the country's grid computing infrastructure can now move from prototype to production phase.

Working with other sites across the country, UCT's SAGrid core services team has enabled their site to allow analysis jobs from two leading experiments, one in heavy-ion physics and in the other in the life sciences.

High performance computing (HPC) has enabled researchers to analyse data far quicker than before. For example, the creators of an experiment conducted by the UCT-CERN Research Centre at CERN's

Large Hadron Collider (LHC) recently published the first paper of the 'LHC era', within days of the data being taken and analysed. This groundbreaking feat was possible only thanks to the highly sophisticated computing infrastructure upon which the experiment relies, and of which UCT is a part, via SAGrid.

Similar HPC services have been deployed around the country, creating a gateway to computing resources that research groups could not access before. The HPC core services team at UCT plays a crucial role in ensuring that the resources at the various sites are properly published and that workloads across the grid are efficiently managed.

A further boost has come from the enablement of the e-Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Virtual Organisation. This project, funded by the European Commission to integrate and interoperate all nuclear magnetic resonance machines with the associated computing infrastructure, will see researchers having transparent access to the computational platforms required for various areas of



See here: Spokesperson Jurgen Schukraft (front right) and collaborators studying the events of the first collision run in the ALICE (A Large Ion Collider Experiment) control room.

research in the life sciences.

Researchers undertaking protein studies, folding simulations, structure calculations and drug discovery studies are now able to participate in the e-NMR collaboration, thanks to a memorandum of understanding between the project and SAGrid.

ICTS supplies the essential

personnel to deploy and manage the grid, providing transparent access and interoperability between sites to these virtual organisations. The department is making an ever greater commitment to research support on campus by investigating the requirements of scientific communities and feeding the requirements of

the South African user community to Enabling Grids for E-science (EGEE), Europe's leading grid computing project.

Through this commitment, ICTS is ensuring that UCT's academics, research projects and all staff scientists and students are included in the global collaboration space. **MP**

OpenContent Directory frees up UCT knowledge resources

UCT's OpenContent Directory, which allows easy, free online access to a selection of UCT teaching and learning resources, was officially launched on 12 February.

This is a first step towards developing OpenUCT, a far-reaching initiative to make a range of UCT's knowledge resources, including research, available to anyone with internet access.

UCT has joined the international OpenCourseWare Consortium, a collaboration of more than 200 organisations around the world using a shared model to create a body of open educational content. Their mission is to advance education and empower people worldwide by mak-

ing knowledge and information more freely available online.

Funded by the Shuttleworth Foundation and developed as part of the Open Educational Resources Project in the Centre for Educational Technology (CET), the directory showcases UCT's collection of open educational resources. The subsequent development of the broader OpenUCT initiative will increase the institution's participation in the global open research, teaching and social responsiveness environment.

"Launching the OpenContent Directory is a significant step towards making UCT's African knowledge more accessible to the world," says vice-chancellor Dr Max Price. "The



Opening cut: Deputy vice-chancellor Prof Jo Beall officially opens the new OpenContent Directory.

open movement is already giving Africans easier access to knowledge

from the world's top universities. UCT's OpenContent directory will enhance this endeavour by contributing South African resources to the global Knowledge Commons. I congratulate all involved in implementing this. As the OpenContent directory comes on stream, our continent's valued participation in global affairs will accelerate, and our continent and the world will be the better for it."

"Through this initiative, the university will provide a global platform for the rich body of research and knowledge that is coming out of Africa," says deputy vice-chancellor Professor Jo Beall. "Open content initiatives also enable universities across Africa to establish an online

connection to a wealth of resources from other continents: teaching materials, research findings, articles and statistics. These materials, from prestigious universities such as MIT, were previously out of reach because they were only available to those who could afford to pay for published materials. Today you don't even have to be part of a university to access open content – anybody can log in."

CET's Associate Professor Cheryl Hodgkinson-Williams said that making such materials available outside academic circles will help create a culture of lifelong learning in South Africa.

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UCT to crack down on copyright infringements

Last year, *Varsity Newspaper* caused the university a few tremors when it reported that there is widespread peer-to-peer file sharing of copyrighted materials on the UCT network.

As a recent memo from the registrar, Hugh Amoore, indicated, this exposes both UCT and those involved to risk of prosecution for breach of copyright. Amoore noted that UCT has a standing policy on copyright infringement (published in the university's *Handbook No 3*). Such infringement is grounds for disciplinary action, be it against students

or staff.

Such file-sharing also places a load on the networks, which slows down legitimate network activity (and consumes bandwidth).

In response, UCT's Risk Management Committee has decided to bring the issue to the attention of students – the rules appear prominently in the 2010 student *Handbook No 3*, for example – and staff. UCT has also been registered as an ISP, as a first line of defence under the Electronic Communications and Transactions Act, 2002. A series of posters making the point that this is a form of piracy are being

distributed on campus by Information and Communication Technology Services (ICTS).

While each case will be dealt with on its merit, ICTS will take steps against anyone found to be involved in peer-to-peer file sharing of unlicensed copyright material (eg movies, music or other media). These steps may include (but are not limited to) warning the user, referring the user for internal disciplinary action, or recommending prosecution.

It is expected that the outcome of such cases will be publicised around campus.

Negotiation teams working on revised offer

This is a joint statement from Associate Professor Ulrike Rivett, in her capacity as the President of the UCT Academics' Union (UCTAU), and me, to update you on the negotiations between management and the UCTAU.

Our respective negotiation teams had a lengthy meeting on 17 February (we finally broke at 23h30) and have made some progress. Through the facilitation of the CCMA commissioner, we have now reached a point at

which we are working together on the details of a revised offer. We hope to present this offer to UCTAU members at a meeting later this week.

Details of the schedule and venue will be available by Monday 22 February.

Sincerely,
Vice-Chancellor
Dr Max Price

Associate Professor Ulrike Rivett
UCTAU President

Online fynbos encyclopaedia launched

UCT has joined forces with the University of Regensburg in Germany to start a FynbosWiki that makes information on fynbos and fynbos ecology easily accessible online.

Researchers from the two institutions are using the site to collate and exchange knowledge of the fynbos biome and beyond, and to share this with others.

“The idea originated because we researchers within the Biodiversity Monitoring Transect Analysis (BIOTA) project were looking for a way to make our research accessible to a broader audience – not just to fellow scientists via papers and conference publications,” explained Dr Cornelia Krug, a BIOTA research associate based at UCT’s Department of Zoology.

Krug said they also wanted other people to share their knowledge, “and a wiki where people can add or edit articles and post comments seemed the best way to go for us”.

Other conservation agencies (for example, CapeNature and the City of Cape Town) often ask for current information, such as the latest student

research, and the wiki will address this.

The wiki features articles of the month, introduces projects and people working on fynbos ecology, provides a reference database in which scientific and other articles on fynbos are collected, and includes a news section, researchers’ blogs and links to other sites.

The site also contains contact details for principal researchers.

Krug said they had decided to focus on the fynbos region as much of their work is done there, and because three of the province’s four tertiary institutions have a long history of fynbos research. Their model could easily be extended to other plant biomes – or the wiki could be expanded, depending on interest.

Krug and her colleagues face some challenges, as climate change and land transformation (caused by housing and agriculture) pose a threat to the Cape Floristic Region.

“One of the vegetation types we worked in (Renosterveld) has only 5% of its original extent left. Many plants and animals in the lowland are



Flower power: Dr Cornelia Krug and her team have made information on fynbos easy to find, thanks to a new FynbosWiki.

threatened.”

The FynbosWiki may be viewed

at <http://fynbos.hallowiki.biz>, and the reference data base is at <http://www.fynboswiki.org/refbase>.

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Jowell delivers inaugural Rabinowitz lecture



UCT celebrated 150 years of the teaching of law in South Africa in 2009, the first lecture having been given on March 18th 1859. As part of the Law 150 celebrations, Ben and Shirley Rabinowitz established a Visitorship with the aim of bringing leading lawyers – academic or practising – to participate in the intellectual life of the faculty.

The first Visitor, alumnus Professor Jeffrey Jowell, spoke at the inaugural Rabinowitz Visitor public lecture on 17 February. Jowell obtained his LLB in 1960.

Dean of law Professor PJ Schwikkard thanked the donors for their “generous and innovative” gift, saying that the

Visitorships dovetailed perfectly with the faculty’s plans to develop a diverse learning and research environment.

“What is also so special to us, Jeffrey, is the close relationship that you have maintained with your alma mater, as Honorary Professor for a number of years and then as initiator of the exchange programme for talented black academics with your faculty at the University College, London (UCL).”

Schwikkard said that having one of the UK’s leading public lawyers as the first Visitor had set the bar very high.

Jowell, who studied further at Oxford and Harvard, has for the past 35 years been Professor of Law at UCL and

is a practising member of the English Bar.

In his lecture, *The rule of law and the power to prosecute*, Jowell identified two criteria in terms of which there was a discretion not to prosecute: where there was insufficient evidence, or where the public interest demanded no prosecution. There was, however, an increasing trend internationally to allow the courts to review such decisions in contentious circumstances, such as arms deals.

Jowell was also the guest speaker at the faculty’s student function to mark the opening of the academic year. He is also lecturing to LLB and LLM students in the Department of Public Law. **MP**

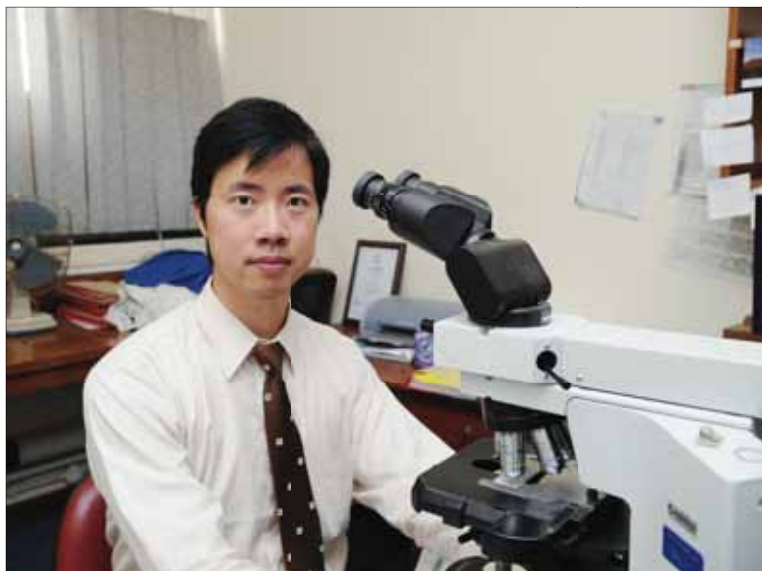
UCT pathologist scoops top award

Dr Hue-Tsi Wu’s excellent results in the Fellowship examination of the College of Pathologists of South Africa have earned him the prestigious Coulter Medal from the College of Medicine of South Africa.

The Taiwanese-born pathologist received top marks when he wrote the exams in anatomical pathology in 2009, part of his studies towards a Master’s of Medicine degree.

Wu said he had received a number of accolades before, but none as prestigious as the Coulter Medal. These include two Professor Kallichurum prizes, for best oral presentation at the PathTech Congress in Durban last year, and at the 47th International Academy of Pathology Conference in Bela Bela in 2007.

His work centres on diagnostic surgical and cytopathology at Groote Schuur Hospital, and he teaches undergraduates at UCT’s Faculty of Health Sciences.



Top marks: Dr Hue-Tsi Wu has won the Coulter Medal from the College of Medicine of South Africa.

For his success, Wu thanked his colleagues and staff at the laboratory, as well as his “mentors”, Professors Dharendra Govender and Helen Wainwright, Drs Maureen Duffield,

Deryck Taylor, Komala Pillay, and Michael Locketz.

“Without them I would never have come as far as I have.”
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Pioneer of liver research dies

Emeritus Professor Ralph Kirsch (69), a pioneer of liver research and medicine, died on 9 February after a battle with cancer.

Vice-Chancellor Dr Max Price said Kirsch was an icon in the medical profession, enjoying a brilliant career as a clinician, scientist and teacher.

“Professor Kirsch made a huge contribution to the field of medicine over many years, through teaching, research and participating in professional structures.

“He had a great love of science, which he pursued with hard work, indefatigable optimism and seemingly limitless energy. He was also a huge champion of transformation and was responsible for mentoring many black clinicians and academics.

“Professor Kirsch served UCT well over many years and in many different capacities. Although retired, he was a Convocation member of Council. He was an alumnus of whom we can be very proud.”

The Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences, Professor Marian Jacobs, said: “Professor Kirsch was a brilliant and caring doctor, scientist, teacher and mentor to many. He was leader in academic medicine, health care and



Creative mind: The late Emer Prof Ralph Kirsch helped unify the medical practitioners of South Africa after apartheid. His work contributed to the formation of the South African Medical Association (SAMA), of which he was president at the time of his death. His association with UCT spanned 50 years.

scientific endeavour in South Africa and beyond, and his wisdom and leadership will be sadly missed.”

The son of a fruit farmer from Wolseley, Kirsch was schooled at Rondebosch Boys’ High School before registering to study medicine at UCT. He obtained his MBChB in

1964, his MD in 1968 and a DSc in Medicine in 1993.

A highlight of his career was the creation of one of UCT’s first Medical Research Council units, the MRC Liver Research Group, formed in 1973 and co-directed by Dr Stuart Saunders and Profes-

sor John Terblanche. Kirsch took over from Saunders when he left to perform his ‘tightrope’ duties as vice-chancellor.

The awards Kirsch counted most dear were his Distinguished Teacher Award (1982, when he was one of the first three recipients) and his UCT

Fellowship (1983).

For his lifetime contributions to medicine and science in South Africa he received many – and varied – honours. Among Kirsch’s highest accolades was the South African Gold Medal, awarded to him in 2005 by the Southern African Association for the Advancement of Science.

Among his research interests were porphyria and cardiovascular and immune dysfunction in liver disease. His academic contributions include more than 500 papers (12 of his papers have more than 50 citations). He was a legendary mentor, training over 20 PhD researchers in 30 years.

“He had an extraordinary ability to understand and identify with another’s frame of reference, culture, ambitions and intellect,” said Professor Peter Meissner, head of the Division of Medical Biochemistry in the Department of Clinical and Laboratory Sciences. “He was unstinting in his support and enthusiasm for our ideas, research, ideas, hopes and dreams. He was a *mensch* in every fibre of his being.”

The university extends its condolences to Kirsch’s widow, Beverley, and his sons David, Richard and Derek, and their families. **MP**

In memoriam: Professor Alan George Rose, 1940-2009



pathology in 1969, and his MD in 1984. He was also made a fellow of the Royal College of Pathologists in the UK in 1983. Rose served as professor of pathology at UCT and Groote Schuur Hospital from 1988 to 1994.

Says Dr Deryck Taylor of the Division of Anatomical Pathology, formerly a medical registrar under Rose: “Perhaps it is fitting, in view of the field of his contribution to world knowledge, that the first word that should come to mind to describe him is ‘sanguine’. He considered the people who worked for and studied under him as individuals, and many of us have reason to be grateful to

UCT graduate and former staffer Dr Alan Rose has died of pancreatic cancer, aged 69. Rose was in South Africa at the time of his death, but had been based in the US, where he had been director of the teaching programme at the University of Minnesota’s Medical School of Pathology since 1994. He completed his MBChB here in 1964, his MMed in

him for his guidance, friendship and faith in us, and to life for having had the privilege of knowing and working with him.”

“His passing is a great loss to the pathology community at large, for he was a true expert in his field and an excellent pathologist in general,” adds another former student, Dr Runjan Chetty of the University of Glasgow. **MP**



So much more: (From left) Hilary Buchanan, Prof Phil Hockey and Dr Rob Little of the FitzPatrick Institute – with Melissa Stander, the institute’s webmaster (seated) – helped redevelop the institute’s website.

New website for Fitztitute

UCT’s FitzPatrick Institute, the only ornithological research institute in the Southern Hemisphere and one of only a handful in the world, has revamped its website as part of their 50th anniversary this year.

The site will raise awareness of the institute’s invaluable contributions to science, conservation, education and outreach.

In 2004 the institute was named a Centre of Excellence in Science and Technology by the South African Department of Science and Technology and the National Research Foundation, one of only six such Centres of Excellence in the country.

Institute director Professor Phil Hockey said that the site is part of a number of 50th Anniversary activities to increase the public profile of their operations and consolidate their financial security.

The home page now includes

new features on the histories of the Fitztitute, the Niven Library and the master’s in conservation biology course. The institute’s scientific publications section on the website now goes all the way back to 1960, and a complete list of dissertation theses is also included.

The website also includes .pdfs of all full-length, semi-popular Fitztitute articles published in *Africa Birds & Birding* since the magazine’s inception in 1996. This collection totals more than a hundred articles.

The site includes a special alumni feature that acts as a virtual reunion template and a point of access to the institute’s graduates. An extensive, dedicated 50th Anniversary fundraising page focuses on donor opportunities and offers facilities for donors to contribute to student bursaries, research projects and bequest contributions. **MP**

Letter to the Editor

In November last year, Professor Geroge Ellis sent a letter to the *Monday Paper* complaining about the voicemail system. Before publishing it, the *Monday Paper* sent Prof Ellis’ letter to ICTS and asked for comment.

“We checked our call-logging system and saw that Prof Ellis had made no attempt to log a call regarding his concerns.

“We immediately contacted Professor Ellis who agreed to withdraw his letter to the *Monday Paper* and to offer us a chance to investigate his complaint. He did, however, ask us to wait until he returned from an overseas trip. He did not contact ICTS on his return, and instead asked the *Monday Paper* to print his original letter.

“ICTS is disappointed that Prof Ellis didn’t give the department an opportunity to work with him to investigate his complaints, and chose instead to go ahead with publishing his original letter.

“Having seen his published letter, we have again contacted Professor Ellis in order to meet with him regarding his concerns.”

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Erratum

In the last edition of *Monday Paper* (Vol 29#01) it was reported that Dr Kathy Burgers had received a Wellcome Trust Intermediate Fellowship in Public Health and Tropical Medicine. It was in fact Dr Wendy Burgers. We apologise for the misnomer.

Herrington joins international board



Dr Mike Herrington, director of the UCT Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CIE) at the Graduate School of Business, has been appointed to the board of the most authoritative and comprehensive study on entrepreneurship in the world today, the Global Entrepreneurship Monitor (GEM). The CIE has been conducting the South African leg of the GEM study – the country’s largest on entrepreneurship – since 2001. The research forms part of a global research body that included 43 countries by 2008. “The outcomes influence many government policies in a number of countries, and our South African GEM report is now being used by parts of government to formulate small, medium and micro-enterprise policy in our country,” says Herrington. (Morgan.Morris@uct.ac.za)

Villa sculpture finds new home

A striking two-metre golden-yellow steel sculpture was recently donated to the Graduate School of Business (GSB) by alumnus Miles Marsh, who graduated with an MBA from the School in 1972. The abstract sculpture, by the famous Italian/South African sculptor Eduardo Villa, has many on the campus speculating about its meaning and relevance to the GSB. Marsh, now a retired businessman who lives in Chicago, US, was moving his South African art collection, and wanted to give the Villa sculpture (titled *Energetic Figure 12*) a new home; the GSB, he thought, would be just the place. “I imagined that the GSB would be the ideal home for the sculpture, because of the synergy between a work of art depicting human energy and purposes, and the GSB’s philosophy,” said Marsh. (Morgan.Morris@uct.ac.za)



Outreach to Addis Ababa receives recognition



Prof Irwin Brown of the Department of Information Systems is part of the international team that has been hailed by the Association for Information Systems (AIS) for its contribution to building research capacity at Addis Ababa University (AAU) in Ethiopia. In 2008 the team had a hand in drawing up AAU’s new doctoral programme in information systems. Brown returned to AAU in 2009 to run one of the programme’s core modules in information systems (IS), specifically on systems thinking and sustainability. The PhD is a strategic initiative to retain IS professionals in Africa.

EVENTS

Department Of Medicine 4pm Forum Roster: Venue: Lecture Theatre 2 (Upper), New Groote Schuur Hospital • 04 March 2010 - Prof Jo Beall - (“Internationalisation of Higher Education: Opportunities and Challenges for UCT”) • 11 March 2010 - Prof Janet Seggie - (“Education of Doctors for Africa... a captivating ‘alchemy’”) • 18 March 2010 - Dr Joel Dave - (“Metabolism consequences of ARVs”) • 25 March 2010 - Prof Derek Yellon (Visitor) - (New strategies to protect the heart against ischemia-reperfusion injury")

Aboriginal Theatre and the Native literary movement in Canada The SA Association of Canadian Studies invites you to a talk by Tomson Highway, playwright, novelist, pianist, songwriter and multilingualist. Date 24 February 2010. Time 5.30 for 6.00 pm. Venue: Lecture Theatre 1E, Leslie Social Science Building, Upper Campus, UCT.

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Hair-raising: Not distracted by either his own mane or his teammates' skirts, Francis Moullet lets rip.

Greenies bowl 'em over

Despite their hardest efforts and their very arresting greening campaigns, the student-run Green Campus Initiative (GCI) has not yet become the household name members would like it to be around UCT, especially among their fellow students.

Also, it would appear that some think of them as radicals and extremists. And as the GCI's initiative is to win hearts as well as minds, they thought they'd shatter that stereotype.

So on the evening of 10 February, the Initiative hosted the self-proclaimed "first-ever UCT Green Bowls Championship" at the Mowbray bowling grounds. The emphasis

wasn't so much on the competition – the pros may perhaps have frowned on the students' technique, and some of the scorekeeping was downright suspect – as it was on fun, with many adorned in colourfully green costumes. (There were generous prizes for the best-dressed teams.)

"We wanted students to know they can party and still recycle and be environmentally friendly," says GCI member Terence Goldberg. "And we wanted to show that we're just normal people."

Going by some of the outfits, "normal" may be stretching it a bit... (Morgan.Morris@uct.ac.za)

FNB UCT's win honours former flanker and student

If FNB UCT lock Michael Ledwige was looking for an auspicious occasion, last Monday night's Varsity Cup game against Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (NMMU) was it.

Not only was Ledwige part of a memorable victory – the Tigers crushed NMMU 65-9 – but he found himself the first recipient of the Monte Taljaard bursary.

This fixture doubles up as the annual Monte Taljaard Trophy match between UCT and NMMU, and is played in honour of the late UCT

flanker Monte Taljaard who died in a car accident in 2008. Taljaard was born and raised in Port Elizabeth and his father, Sydney, was on hand to award the trophy to the victorious Ikey Tigers.

Head coach John Dobson said he felt the FNB UCT side had produced a performance that honoured Taljaard, especially in the second half.



Victors: The FNB UCT team with the Monte Taljaard Trophy, presented by the late Monte Taljaard's father, Sydney (in picture) after the team beat NMMU 65-9. Monte was a talented UCT flanker who died in a car accident in 2008.

"This, for us, was what it was all about," Dobson told varsitycup.co.za.

The coach was "even happier" with other aspects of the Ikey Tigers' performance. The team now lies in second place on the log and, along with the Maties, is the only other unbeaten side in the 2010 Varsity Cup, scoring nine tries to nil in their third successive win over NMMU.

that with some frontliners resting was great, but last night for us was not about the result... (but) rather about something far more fundamental."

Next up on the Varsity Cup fixture list for the Ikeys are the Tshwane University of Technology's Vikings at the Green Mile today, February 22 (kick-off 16h30), in a Round Four clash. **MP**

UCT drew with Free State University's Shimlas in the opening game, then saw off North West University by 18-11 on 8 February.

"At one stage, with 'Hurricane Edna' looming in the build-up to the game, we thought that we might be in for a very long night at the office, but we managed to find some rhythm eventually, and I was happy with the end result," Dobson added.

"To get a result like

School's in for student assistants



Keen supporters: (From left, back) Olugbemileke Oluwole, Celeste Jansen, Stanley Ndinga-Kanga, Nandi Dlelapantsi, Dimasi Kawani, VC Dr Max Price, Edmund Dlamini, Stephanie van Heerden, Maryam Nordien, Tsitsi Magaya, Takudzwa Makotore, and EMS director Medee Rall. (From left, front) Arlene Bowers (senior administrative officer), Meagan Peters, Jeanne Coomer (senior secretary), and Stacey Bowers.

Extra Mural Studies' evergreen Summer School turned 60 this year and the anniversary programme drew over 2 600 people to the campus in January.

'Oldies' mingled with the newbies, students who'd turned up for various faculty orientation programmes.

Lending a hand at this year's milestone Summer School were 14 student assistants who joined the Extra Mural Studies (EMS) team from mid-November 2010, pitching in until the final days.

In addition to the in-house training they received from senior administrative office Arlene Bowers, Terrill Nicolay and others in EMS (customer care, door and telephone training), they also underwent Peoplesoft training, primarily to learn the registration system.

"Through training and employment, these students not only learnt valuable skills, which included punctuality and team work while at university, but are also able to put this experience on their CVs," said EMS director Medee Rall.

"We have acted as referees for students many times in the past, and believe that the training they receive as well as the practical experience does play an important role when they begin looking for work." **MP**



Digging for information: Students Brittany Arendse, Steve Ingram, Isabelle Giddy and Jason Donaldson excavate roots and examine the soil profile to determine the causes of plant death.

Ecologists take the classroom outdoors

Well before the academic year kicked off officially, students on the third-year ecosystem ecology course were hard at work collecting data and attending lectures in De Hoop nature reserve outside Bredasdorp.

The course, which is run jointly by the Departments of Botany and Zoology, covers the ecology of both marine and terrestrial ecosystems. Students are involved in a wide range of practical activities on topics such as the assembly of intertidal algal and animal communities.

While conducting practicals, lecturers continually supplied students with relevant information about the environments they were in.

"There is something intricate and amazing going on with every organ-

ism, that without the lecturer's guidance, you might otherwise overlook," remarked student Jason Donaldson.

In the final few days students worked on their own projects, and were given licence to study almost anything pertaining to the local flora and fauna. This introduction to the challenges of experimental design, data collection and analysis often results in innovative and creative project ideas.

The course continues to be a key part of the ecology undergraduate syllabus.

"Going into the field to do practicals really brings the ecology alive," said student Rogan Fouries. "You can see in front of you the patterns and processes you have just heard about in lectures." **MP**