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## Top prize for physics duo



Taking charge: (From left) Profs David Britton (right) and Margit Härting of the Department of Physics made significant advances in the field of printed electronics, netting them an IDTechEx Academic R&D Award. They were photographed with VC Dr Max Price.

At the gala dinner for the IDTechEx Printed Electronics Europe Awards 2010 in Dresden, Germany, on 13 April, UCT's Professors Margit Härting and David Britton were the butt of some gentle but pointed barbs, mostly about the long odds of them collecting any prizes that evening. A few minutes later, the dark horses stunned their dinner companions when they were named winners of the competition's Academic R&D Award, beating out competitors from some of the world's most illustrious universities.

Their rivals would perhaps not have been so dismissive had they read the pair's nomination form, or been aware of Britton and Härting's breakthroughs in the ever-burgeoning field of printed technology. Here, in printing techniques akin to traditional

printing, electronic ink is printed onto a substrate (the material on which an electrical circuit is built) where it works as a semiconductor that can carry electrical charges.

The potential applications for printed electronic products are enormous. These range from use in solar cells (where engineers are keen to use thinner and cheaper materials) and animated billboard posters (imagine a paper-thin poster that lights up or runs videos), to packaging (that can guarantee freshness) and smart fabrics (such as shirts that monitor muscle fatigue during sports training).

"The commercial potential is dangerously broad," says Härting.

Starting with the very basics and working on printed technology in the solid-state and materials physics group in the Department of Physics

from the early 2000s, the two have made envelope-pushing advances from the get-go.

Among the first – and this breakthrough would underpin the rest of their work – was the production of semiconducting inks using silicon nanoparticles. Capping that, they became the first scientists in the world to print that nanoparticle ink onto paper and other substrates, and have it work as a semiconductor at room temperature.

Until Härting and Britton's discovery, engineers were stumped by the problem that silicon nanoparticles would react with oxygen in the air and become unstable. They would then have to resort to further processes such as sintering, in which particles are bound together by heating them in a furnace. This leads to

worries about which materials are suitable as substrates.

For good measure, Britton and Härting's nanoparticle ink was stable in air for a period exceeding two years.

"We could do that because we understood the basic physics and material science of our nanoparticles," explains Britton.

Given the ink's countless potential uses, it's little wonder the two have attracted the attention of hordes of potential investors and industrial partners. They've already collected an impressive wad of non-disclosure agreements, reports Britton.

And all this at a smallish university at the foot of Africa.

The pair may have been short on resources, but location counted in their favour, argues Härting.

"In a so-called first-world environment, you see things differently," she says. "You go into the stream where everybody else is going. In another environment, there are no such influences, and you can go for your own ideas."

And while they are pursuing very specific commercialisation options – but can't say what – they're willing to share their knowledge with others in Africa. In partnership with the United States Agency for International Development, they're hoping to collaborate with universities in Rwanda and the rest of Africa to begin work on those paper-thin solar panels, for example.

Watch them drop a few more jaws at gala dinners over the coming years. **MP**

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE: Applications for undergraduate study at UCT close on 30 September 2010.**

# Competition is manna to budding mathematicians

The UCT Maths Competition, attended by thousands of high school learners on 20 April this year, brought back fond memories for Dr Mark Berman.

As a high school learner Berman, now a maths lecturer at UCT, took part in the competition every year, and finished in the top three from grade 8 to grade 12.

"I was quite competitive then, but what matters to me now is how the competition stimulated me to develop my mathematical skills," he said.

Berman still believes that the event is a wonderful way to get young school-goers interested in maths,

"and it certainly played a big role in leading me to the career path that I eventually chose".

Many of the learners, who came from as far as Citrusdal, Vredendal and Worcester to compete individually or in pairs, agreed with him.

Jaco du Plessis of De Kuilen High School in Kuils River was participating for the third consecutive year, having finished 11th and 17th in the past two years. This year he aimed to break into the top 10 and win a gold medal.

But for Xolisani Jikijela from Pinelands High School, taking part is a path to UCT, where he is keen to do a degree in actuarial science next year.

Event director Professor John Webb of the Department of Mathematics and Applied Mathematics (with strong support from the Faculties of Science and Engineering & the Built Environment), said the competition, which popularises mathematics in high schools, ran as smoothly as ever.

Webb, who has been organising the event since UCT took it over from schools in 1980, remembers that apartheid forbade black and white schools from visiting one another, but the university's involvement allowed all to participate.

He noted that participant numbers have swelled from about 3 000 in 1987

to over 6 000 this year; a clear indication that learners love the competition, as its approach is different to that of a classroom setting.

"They get to develop their maths skills in a different way," explained Webb.

The competition has had several spin-off activities, including the UCT Invitational Mathematical Challenge, the UCT Mathematics Series and the UCT Mathematics Circle. **MP**

(The competition's main sponsor is Aurecon. Prizes are also sponsored by Casio, and Oxford University Press Southern Africa.)



Brainstorming: High school learners came in droves to compete in the annual UCT Mathematics Competition.

## Go rural, say medical students

Long-running student society Rural Support Network (RSN) held its Rural Health Awareness Week (RHAW) from 12 to 16 April, part of its campaign to educate fellow students about health care needs in South Africa's often-neglected outlying areas.

As it did back in 1996, when it was first launched, the RSN ran a packed agenda. For one, members (all students in the Faculty of Health Sciences) visited schools in townships and rural areas (often their own neighbourhoods) to encourage learners there to consider tertiary education and, more specifically, medical training at UCT. In addition, the society runs an ambitious placement programme, which includes arranging individual and group placements for UCT students at rural hospitals.

The latter initiatives, just like the Rural Health Awareness Week, aim to expose students to the plight of rural health care in South Africa, and perhaps pique their interest in working in such communities, says RSN chairperson Itumeleng Ntatamala.

"A student from the suburbs would not really have thought of



Calling cards: (From left) Samkelwe Majola of the RSN, guest speaker Marije Versteeg and the RSN's Itumeleng Ntatamala at the Rural Health Awareness Week.

going into the deep rural areas. But once they've done it, they'll start thinking that maybe this is an option for community service."

So over the five-day RHAW, run with financial and moral support from the faculty, the Department: Student Affairs and the Students' Representative Council, the RSN lined up a host of speakers to address topics such as rural health education at UCT and the role of the UCT graduate in rural health, and to speak of their own experiences as health-

sciences professionals working in rural communities.

"There is a huge need for more students to go to rural areas for their community service," says Marije Versteeg of Wits University's Rural Health Advocacy Project, one of the organisations that took part in the RHAW. This, she adds, would be one way to address the many shortcomings (fewer resources and medical professionals chief among them) in rural health care. **MP**

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## Arms race in bird kingdom

Brood parasitic birds, such as cuckoos, are cheats that lay their eggs in other species' nests, exploiting them to raise their young. Over time, host species have evolved defences against this, such as rejecting foreign eggs from their nests. In turn, the parasitic birds have evolved counter-adaptations, such as egg mimicry, says Dr Claire Spottiswoode.

An ornithologist, Spottiswoode presented a talk on 7 April on the evolution of the colour of birds' eggs part of the 50th anniversary seminar series of UCT's Percy FitzPatrick Institute of African Ornithology.

Spottiswoode, a research associate of the FitzPatrick Institute and a Royal Society Dorothy Hodgkin Research Fellow at the University of Cambridge in the UK, presented her findings in a talk titled Arms Races Through Colour Space: co-evolution and the Cuckoo Finch.

"The two parties can thus become locked in a co-evolutionary struggle," said Spottiswoode, "each to stay one step ahead of the other, as



New colours: Dr Claire Spottiswoode presented a talk on brood parasitic birds as part of the 50th anniversary seminar series of the FitzPatrick Institute.

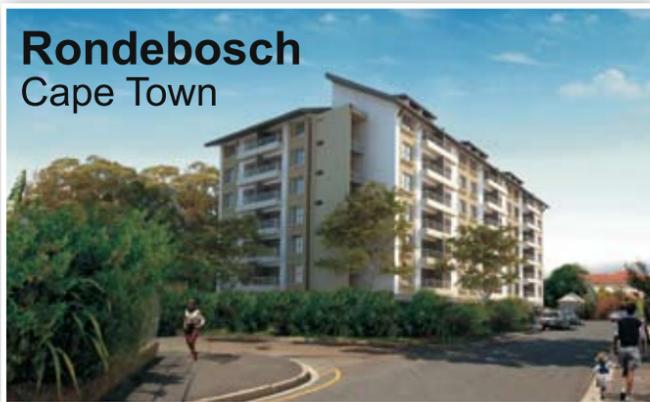
parasites evolve ever better manipulation of their hosts, and hosts respond with ever more refined defences to evade parasitism."

This co-evolution is an "arms race", which "has led to remarkably rapid changes in egg appearance within the time scale of a human lifetime". **MP**

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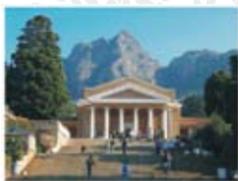


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## Kentridge explores satirical opera

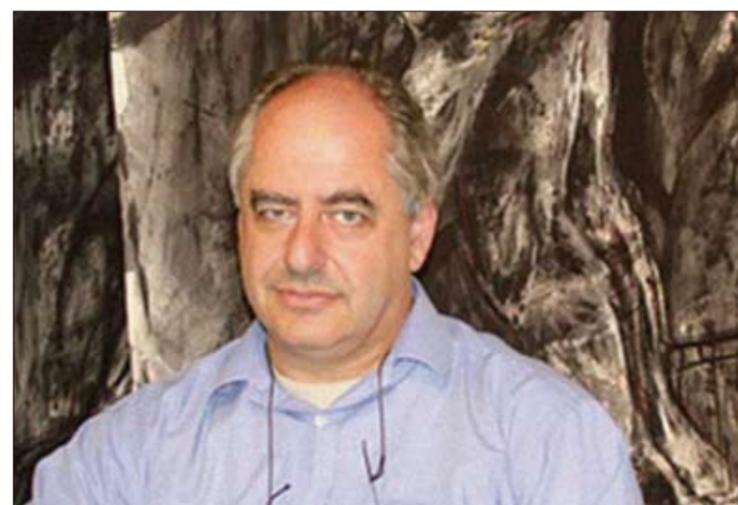
Renowned South African artist William Kentridge was the guest lecturer at UCT's Gordon Institute for Performing and Creative Arts (GIPCA) Great Text/Big Questions public lecture on 8 April.

Titled *Putting the S into Laughter*, Kentridge's lecture focused on his recent production, *The Nose*, a satirical opera composed by Dmitri Shostakovich, based on the short story of the same name by Nikolai Gogol.

Kentridge worked on the opera for three years, producing etchings, drawings, small bronzes, tapestries, films, and a theatrical monologue in which he performed. The production premiered to rave reviews at the Metropolitan Opera in New York on 5 March.

In his lecture, Kentridge explored his re-interpretation of Gogol's absurd, surreal and darkly comical story, written in 1836, and of Shostakovich's music, which was first performed in Leningrad in 1930 before being suppressed, and was not seen again until 1974.

In addition to the opera, Kentridge also produced an accompanying series of prints to elaborate on



Dark comedy: Artist William Kentridge's GIPCA lecture, *Putting the S into Laughter*, focused on his recent production of *The Nose*, composed by Dmitri Shostakovich and based on the short story of the same name by Nikolai Gogol.

the themes explored in the story, now published in the book *William Kentridge Nose* by David Krut Publishing.

"Part of what GIPCA intends to achieve in South Africa is to highlight interdisciplinary art and make it accessible to a broader audience," said Dr Rob Baum, director of GIPCA. "To

host an artist of Kentridge's stature, an artist who has raised the profile of interdisciplinary work to such a level, with so global an effect, and with such joyous imagination, is a great privilege."

(Download a podcast of the full lecture at [www.uct.ac.za/news/multi-media/sound](http://www.uct.ac.za/news/multi-media/sound)) **MP**  
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# Relaxers may cause bad hair days

Hair relaxers may elevate young school girls to the in-crowd but, as UCT dermatologist Associate Professor Nonhlanhla Khumalo has shown in a recent study, they may lead to a rash of embarrassing hair and scalp conditions, including hair loss.

Frustrated by the dearth of academic material on hair conditions and disease, especially those affecting black Africans, Khumalo, based in the Division of Dermatology at Groote Schuur and Red Cross Children's Hospitals, got the ball rolling herself with two lay-of-the-land population studies conducted in the nearby Langa community and published in the *British Journal of Dermatology* in 2007. The articles showed that some 70% of school girls and 60% of adults were using hair relaxers to straighten their hair.

For black women, the most worrying causes of hair loss are traction alopecia (TA), most common on the hairline and the result of pulling on hair into a tight ponytail, braids and weaves;

and the tongue-twistingly named Central Centrifugal Circatrical Alopecia (CCCA), which leads to messy bald spots that spread from the crown of the head. The highest risk of TA occurs when traction hairstyles are performed on relaxed hair.

The link between relaxers and hair loss was becoming clearer for Khumalo. Relaxers are known to straighten hair by breaking down the sulphur bonds that hold together the hair protein chains.

But the question that still begged to be answered – at least for those Khumalo saw filing into her hair clinic at Groote Schuur – was how relaxers actually cause the hair loss. She now has some answers.

Her latest study, published in the March issue of the *Journal of the American Academy of Dermatologists* analysed the amino acid content (the building blocks of protein) of natural and relaxed hair. The study showed that relaxers change the levels of four of the

16 amino acids that make up a strand of hair.

The changes in three amino acids have been associated with inflammation, and may be the way by which relaxers contribute to permanent hair loss and CCCA. This link however requires confirmation and is currently being studied further. The fourth change in relaxed hair was a dramatic reduction in cystine the amino acid directly responsible for hair strength.

Even more worrying, Khumalo's research revealed, was that the levels of cystine in oft-relaxed hair was comparable to that in people who suffer from a genetic condition called trichothiodystrophy, which is associated with fragile hair.

"The end result is that the hair is fragile and brittle compared to the original, un-relaxed hair," says Khumalo.

Adding extensions, weaves or braids to the hair compounds the problem by putting further pressure on the already weak strands. No surprise, then,



Relax: Assoc Prof Nonhlanhla Khumalo has shown that the use of relaxers is weakening hair, leading to hair loss.

that the hair breaks off or falls out.

Khumalo also found that cystine content was lowest in hair furthest from the scalp (distal hair) than in hair closer to the scalp (proximal hair), suggesting that the damage increases with more frequent relaxer use. A possible solution that needs industry investigation is to protect the distal hair with a barrier cream or by wrapping it up in foil during the relaxing procedure.

The best solution, says Khumalo,

would be to go natural – it is healthier, especially for children. (It is disturbing that many schools forbid natural hairstyles such as dreadlocks – like hers, but, admits Khumalo, natural hair (like all hairstyles) requires good grooming.

Khumalo has other tips: if you do use a relaxer, stay clear of (or limit) braiding and extensions. Any hairdresser that painfully pulls hair (natural or relaxed) should be avoided, she adds. [Morgan.Morris@uct.ac.za](mailto:Morgan.Morris@uct.ac.za)

## HEU celebrates 20 years of research, teaching and policy contributions

Health economics is more about saving and improving lives than about Rands and cents, Dr Susan Cleary said at the Health Economics Unit's 20th anniversary celebration last week.

Cleary is the head of the HEU, which is widely recognised as the leading health economics institution in Africa and one of the most well-established and respected medical units in low- and middle-income countries.

Initiated in 1990, the HEU used its research powers to advocate against apartheid in health care, and as a result, the ANC government welcomes HEU's research, Cleary said.

Its concern for equity in health and health care has continued, for example, resulting in research findings on HIV/AIDS being used to influence and even form the basis of government policy. Right now, key research by the HEU is playing an important role in the current debate on the National Health Insurance.

The health economists' slogan is 'health economics saves lives', said Cleary.

"While many think that health economics is only concerned with costs, it's really about finding ways to save more lives and improve health through the better use of the health care budget. The longevity of the HEU presents a unique opportunity to demonstrate the importance of health economics to health systems."

Professor Di McIntyre, one of the



Celebrating the Health Economics Unit's 20th anniversary were director Dr Susan Cleary, Prof William Pick, Prof Di McIntyre, Dr Steve Taylor, dean of health sciences Prof Marian Jacobs, and VC Dr Max Price. (Pick, McIntyre and Taylor founded the unit.)

founders of the unit, added: "Without a shadow of a doubt, the HEU has contributed extensively to the development of health economics in South Africa and in Africa more generally."

Vice-chancellor Dr Max Price said he felt privileged to have seen the unit grow since its inception.

"Social responsibility is something UCT aims to instil in its students, academics and researchers alike," he said. "The HEU was founded on a commitment to social justice in health care in South Africa, and has affected millions of lives over the past 20 years. I am proud to congratulate the HEU on its many notable milestones, and I hope to see you grow for another 20 years at least."

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## New book explores freedom of information in developing countries

Professor Peter Underwood, director of UCT's Centre for Information Literacy, and Dr Colin Darch of UCT's African Studies Library are co-authors of the recently published *Freedom of Information and the Developing World: The citizen, the state and models of openness*. *Monday Paper* spoke to Underwood about the project.

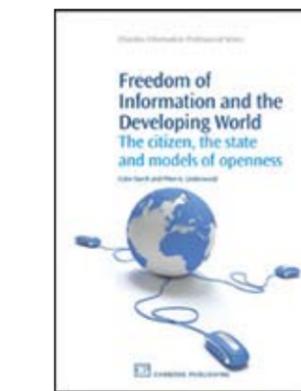
### How would you sum up the book?

We discuss Freedom of Information (FoI) and the argument that it is a human right. We then consider the development of FoI in several developing countries, to decide if there is a general model or reason for adopting FoI. We conclude there isn't, and that reasons for adoption tend to be specific to a country.

### What prompted you to write it?

We were commissioned to write a paper about the introduction of the Promotion of Access to Information Act in South Africa in 2000. This prompted our interest, and we realised that the standard model used to explain adoption was deficient in several important respects. We sought to refine the model, but concluded that there is no 'meta-narrative' that unites the explanation for FoI developments in Africa.

### How does FoI affect economic development?



FoI is a consequence of economic development. External investors require adequate demonstration of financial and other forms of probity.

### What impact does it have on democracy?

FoI legislation Acts provide the opportunity, but an appropriately trained administration and a broad societal understanding are required.

### So how has FoI affected South Africa?

We have what is widely regarded as the 'gold standard', but effective use of the legislation Acts is the arbiter of success. So far, the effect has been muted because of the lack of societal awareness and a lack of adequately trained staff. There are several examples where applications for access to information have been blocked by administrative difficulties.

### And how does the lack of FoI affect other African countries like Zimbabwe, now celebrating 30 years on independence?

Actually, Zimbabwe has FoI. The Access to Information and Privacy Act was signed by President Mugabe in 2002. Is it being used for societal development in Zimbabwe? We rather believe not.

### What limitations are placed on FoI in South Africa?

There are many restrictions, as in most countries. Examples of purposeful destruction of records, such as the "Muldergate scandal", abound in our history. But any bureaucracy can limit access if it so decides. An alert citizenry, proper use of investigative journalism, scrutiny by independent bodies, and persistence are needed. We must not be naive: information can be a powerful tool, and no government or organisation gives it up willingly. Legislation provides the potential to acquire information – but it must then be used responsibly.

### Are countries in transition really helped by FoI?

We would like to believe that FoI is an enabling legislation for which all societies should clamour, but showing that it helps (or hinders) countries in transition is a very difficult matter. Perhaps we shall tackle that as our next project!

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## Students' needs catered for in world cup accommodation plan

In line with UCT's annual practice, students will vacate the residences during the semester break, and approximately two-thirds of residence accommodation will be available for world cup visitors. But other residences will accommodate students with academic commitments over that period.

Students in exceptional circumstances, who cannot return home due to circumstances beyond their control, should contact the vacation accommodation office.

At the request of local government and the tourism industry, UCT and other universities will make residences available for visitors to the soccer world cup, which kicks off in less than 50 days. The UCT Council agreed to do so only after extensive discussions and consultation with a range of UCT stakeholders, including the 2009 Students' Representative Council.

In making this decision, UCT considered the lasting legacies that

could be catalysed by this initiative; in particular, the opportunity to improve and upgrade UCT's vacation accommodation infrastructure, which has the potential to grow into a much-needed source of revenue for the university. Profit from Campus Accommodation (CA) 2010, for instance, may be used to upgrade residences, for general improvements to the campuses, and for increasing student financial support funds.

Emeritus Professor John Simp-

son heads CA 2010 and has assembled a task team of experts in the hospitality industry. In the process, UCT has become an official member of Cape Town Tourism, strengthening relationships with the City of Cape Town and Western Cape local government. It is expected that the university's international profile will benefit enormously from CA 2010's worldwide media exposure.

UCT is making up to 3 000 rooms available to visitors from 6

June to 9 July 2010. The average rate per person sharing is R370.50. Most visitors are expected to stay in the middle campus residences and in Woolsack, Smuts and Fuller. The CA 2010 package includes transportation to the games, as well as translation services offered by student volunteers. Campus tours will be offered by the Visitors Centre.

Although not all CA 2010 accommodation is rented out yet, UCT anticipates a high take-up rate. [Chris.McEvoy@uct.ac.za](mailto:Chris.McEvoy@uct.ac.za)

# UCT's e-Waste Project kicks off

Unseasonal rainfall on 9 April may have soaked many in Cape Town, but that didn't dampen the spirits of staff and students who launched the UCT e-Waste Project.

The project aims to dispose of the university's redundant electronic equipment (e-waste).

At the launch, visitors dropped by to learn more about the project, or be given quick tours of the e-Waste Alliance's re-use and recycling process.

The Alliance, which aims to minimise waste and maximise resource use and job creation, is made up of independent businesses working in an environmentally responsible and safe manner. It acts as a one-stop recycling shop, looking first at the re-use of received equipment. If this is not possible, then an attempt is made to optimise recovery of materials for further downstream recycling and re-work options.

The majority of e-waste brought in during the launch took the shape of old computer parts and PC monitors. Other items included the odd kettle and telephone – including an old, wind-up ship's telephone!

All the e-waste will be removed by Waste Plan, an alliance member. The project will be phased in at UCT over the coming months. **MP**



Dump site: UCT staff and students responded positively to the launch of the e-Waste Project by dumping various electronic equipment.

# Report from UCT Council

The first full Council meeting of 2010, held on 27 March, saw new faces and a new meeting format: six vacancies had been filled (see Monday Paper Vol 29#05) and five of the new members were attending their first meeting; and Council had gathered for a day-long meeting on a Saturday for the first time.

Highlights of the agenda were: the Vice-Chancellor's objectives for 2010, and a review of strategy; a report on transformation; the Finance Committee's report on the management accounts for 2009; the appointment of auditors to UCT, following a competitive tender process; a debate and decision on outsourcing selected services as a strategy; the appointment of a deputy vice-chancellor; the reports of the Remuneration and HR Committees of Council; a motion calling for a review of the student registration process; and preparation for the Minister's Higher Education Summit on 22 and 23 April 2010.

Max Price's objectives and performance goals for 2010 related first to six strategic goals and performance indicators under five headings: governance and leadership; attracting and retaining excellent staff; financial sustainability; positioning UCT in a leadership role in civil society; and meeting key operational challenges.

The strategy review involved reviewing the strategic plan for 2010 to 2014 adopted in December 2009, and plans for achieving the goals set then. Recent debates in Senate and in the Building Committee, which had questioned what the medium term (ie, to 2020) growth trajectory should be, were reflected in a report by the chair of the Building Committee, and Council has asked ExCo to review this strategy.

Council accepted a comprehensive report on transformation, dealing with the goal of transforming UCT towards non-racialism, providing redress, promoting inclusiveness, and ensuring the recognition of African voices. Progress was reported towards recruiting a Director of Transformation Services and appointing a University Ombud.

The management accounts for 2009 showed positive results in the General Operating Budget, where the consolidated income statement reflected a turnaround from a budget deficit of 1.9% (R28 million on planned expenditure of R1.532 billion) to a surplus of 1.6% (R25.7 million on expenditure of R1.538 billion). The self-contained student housing budget reported a similar result, with revenues before meeting capital

repayments totalling R161 million and costs of R154 million. While the margins are small, and bearing in mind the major capital programmes planned for the next three years, the Council was nonetheless pleased at the financial strength reflected in these management accounts.

Council's policy on the appointment of auditors is to seek competitive tenders from the four major firms every eight years (or more frequently, if necessary). Ernst & Young has been re-appointed as auditors to the University for 2010, with the expectation of annual renewal for three years.

Other matters discussed and already reported in Monday Paper (Vol 29#05) included outsourcing, the appointment of a fourth DVC in Professor Crain Soudien, and the orientation and registration process.

Council's HR Committee and Remuneration Committee presented annual reports at the meeting. The Remuneration Committee – which sets the mandates for salary negotiations, and determines salaries for the VC and the members of the senior leadership group (SLG) – reported the outcome of the 2009/2010 negotiations with the three trade unions (NEHAWU, the Academics' Union and the Employees' Union) and put before the Council the pay decisions for the SLG. (These are reported, and placed in the public domain, in the University's annual financial statements, which will be submitted to Council in June.)

The orientation and registration process – and in particular, students' perceptions of the process – was the focus of a motion put by the Students' Representative Council (SRC) member of Council, and adopted by Council, for the appointment of a task team to review registration processes. The hope expressed in the motion is that UCT will move towards self-service, online registration, and provide more effective curriculum advice for those who need this. This task team will be convened by DVC Crain Soudien.

The Minister of Higher Education & Training, Dr Blade Nzimande, called a higher education summit for 22 and 23 April 2010. Each of the public universities was invited to send a delegation of five, and the make-up of the delegation was determined by the Ministry. Council was represented in this delegation by Council member Graeme Bloch, who is an education specialist with the Development Bank of South Africa. **MP**

Reported by the Registrar, Hugh Amore

## Protect your computer, data and personal information – antivirus protection

This is the first in a series of articles by Information and Communication Technology Services outlining easy steps that you can take to protect your computer, your data and your personal information. We begin by looking at antivirus protection.

It isn't good enough simply to install an antivirus package and leave it at that. New viruses are discovered every day, so you need continuous protection. As each new virus is found, McAfee adds its telltale signs to the antivirus signature (sdats) file. UCT receives these updates every night, and distributes them to servers (called repositories) on campus.

So how do you know if your computer is receiving these daily updates? If you're connected to the UCT network and your McAfee installation is in working order, then you don't even have to think about it – your sdats file is updated automatically every day. When you log in to

the network, an agent on your workstation 'talks' to the ePO server, detects that a newer version of the sdats file is available, and silently downloads it to your computer. Similar automatic update systems are available for both Linux and Apple Mac workstations. If you are in any doubt about your virus protection while on campus, then try out the Test your McAfee tool located on the ICTS website home page ([www.icts.uct.ac.za](http://www.icts.uct.ac.za)).

If you own a personal laptop or home computer then you will receive the sdats file updates directly from the McAfee.com website each time you connect to the Internet. If you installed your home version using the ICTS installation disks, this should be set up by default. You can also manually copy the sdats file (from the ICTS Downloads page) to a flash disk each day and then install it yourself when you get home.

How does McAfee work? Apart from receiving the latest updates,

McAfee stays active in the background and scans for infections each time you access (open) a file. This is known as 'on-access' scanning and means that you don't have to remember to scan for viruses or malware regularly. This saves time and processing power, as your machine doesn't scan your entire hard drive or flash drive each time you start up your computer.

Nevertheless, it's good practice to run a weekly or monthly scan on your hard drive and any removable drives, just to be sure. The articles under the Antivirus & Security menu on the ICTS website will show you how to set this up as a scheduled task.

And finally, don't install more than one antivirus program on your workstation – this effectively 'breaks' them both, leaving you unprotected. Instead, use McAfee, which is free to staff and students for both home and office use. **MP**

## Pithy pointers for PhDs

In all likelihood, doctoral researchers are going to make up the next generation of scholars at the university, so it's essential that they get the right preparation for this phase of their academic careers. Welcome, then, to *Starting the PhD journey*, an all-day workshop hosted by the Centre for Educational Development on 15 April, at which first-year PhD students were introduced to the resources available to them. So, for example, they heard about the services and support offered by the Writing

Centre, the Numeracy Centre, UCT Libraries, the Postgraduate Centre and Funding Office, and Student Development Services, among many others. In turn, Associate Professor David Gammon of the Department of Chemistry talked them through the PhD Memorandum of Understanding, which outlines the critical relationship between student and supervisor. Other speakers included deputy vice-chancellor Professor Crain Soudien, who encouraged the students to get to grips with all facets of life in their departments.

Longstanding UCT students may be familiar with the campus, but for the likes of Johannesburg-born New Zealander Kate MacIntyre, based in the Department of Social Anthropology, the event was an eye-opener. She learnt, for example, that Vula is a thing, not a person. "It was fantastic," MacIntyre says. "The best thing was getting to know other PhD students, and seeing all their frightened little faces as well." Hopefully, by the end of the workshop some of those fears will have been calmed. **MP**



Helping hand: Faith Chirinda of the Postgraduate Student Association introduces herself to PhD student Kate MacIntyre, one of the students attending the Starting the PhD Journey workshop.

# P-rated researcher wants to make climate-science count

When she heard that she'd been awarded a P-rating by the National Research Foundation – and was one of only two researchers in the country to earn the distinction in the recent ratings cycle – Dr Gina Ziervogel felt just a tinge of pressure.

The P-rating singles out young (under 35), up-and-coming researchers as potential national and world leaders in their fields. How, Ziervogel wondered, would she live up to such lofty expectations?

By just pressing on with what she's been doing already, a colleague advised her.

What she has been doing is building up an already impressive résumé of work in the Climate Systems Analysis Group (CSAG), operating out of UCT's Department of Environmental and Geographical Science. Specifically, on climate change adaptation and how institutions and communities respond to climate change events. (See sidebar for her latest project.)

Ziervogel's interest is at the intersection of science and broader society, and in how to make science applicable in society. Her doctoral thesis, for example, looked at whether smallholder farmers in Lesotho found any value in some very sophisticated and – on paper – useful seasonal climate forecasts.

"It's clear that we need to respond



Getting her work boots on: Dr Gina Ziervogel, UCT's newest P-rated researcher, is looking at how communities can respond to looming challenges around climate variability.

better to current climate variability and climate risks," she says, "and we have information that can help us to do so, but we're not using it very well at the moment."

It's a problem she's tackling on many fronts. That includes working with and in communities, with municipalities and international partners, speaking at conferences and meet-

ings, getting involved in outreach projects, and teaching.

"Arguably, one of the single biggest challenges around climate and society is enabling an informed and wise response to impacts from climate variability and climate change," says Professor Bruce Hewitson, CSAG head. "Gina's work directly contributes to this challenge and is of

substantial value to society."

As for that whole pressure thing, Hewitson is among those who hold that, given Ziervogel's pioneering work in Africa and her impressive international standing, the P-rating is a deserved recognition of her already impressive track record.

Now she just has to stick at it. **MP**  
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## Come high water, a plan is needed

Dr Gina Ziervogel is the principal investigator in a just-launched three-year initiative of UCT's African Centre for Cities (ACC) that will explore options for a collaborative response to urban flooding and sea-level rise in the Western Cape, with Cape Town's Philippi (a high flood-risk area that's been hit hard by storms in recent winters) as a case study. Ziervogel and ACC staff will work closely with a range of stakeholders – the City of Cape Town, and community groups in Philippi among them – to see how risk management and response may be strengthened by getting all these stakeholders to work off the same script. And as equals. "At the moment, the response to floods and climate-variability risk is managed in a very technical, top-down way by the City of Cape Town," says Ziervogel. "And we believe there's room for a multi-level, interactive response." The study will involve examining flooding issues related to climate change, urban development, vacant land and housing. The project is funded by Canada's International Development Research Centre and the UK's Department for International Development, and falls under its Climate Change Adaptation in Africa programme. Other partners at UCT are the African Security and Justice Programme in UCT's Centre of Criminology, the geomatics department and the Cape Urban Observatory that fall under the ACC, while external partners include the City of Cape Town, Shack-Dwellers International and the Stockholm Environment Institute.



## POSTDOC PANEL: Dr Federico Settler

### National Policy on Religion to reduce prejudice and increase tolerance?

Postdoctoral research fellow Dr Federico Settler is very deliberately breaking personal new ground with his recently-launched project in UCT's Institute for Comparative Religion in Southern Africa.

It was while finishing off his doctoral research and picking up a handful of courses on public policy at ivy league Harvard University in the US that it occurred to Settler (39) that most of his academic work – on black studies, religion and identity – had been of a documentary nature. Which translates to countless hours in libraries.

"I suppose I was struck by the fact that I had this gap in my educa-

tion, that I hadn't done any empirical or applied research," he says. "That I'd been reading books about books, and more books about those books."

Over the next two to three years, Settler plans to put that right. He's just launched his postdoctoral study on the implementation of the country's National Policy on Religion and Education, and will aim to answer a few questions – how has it been implemented, and has it achieved its goals of reducing prejudice and increasing tolerance?

The work, with honours student Lee Scharnick, mailing, will involve following up on and making sense of reams of questionnaires; interview-

ing teacher educators, trainee teachers, practising teachers and learners; and performing classroom observations in three provinces.

Settler's work follows in the footsteps of colleagues at the institute, notably Professor David Chidester, who has made an enormous contribution to religion education policy in the country. And religion education – as opposed to religious education – is a minefield of extremes. Some schools, for example, still oblige their learners to recite the Christian prayer, while others simply haven't bothered to teach the subject at all.

Both practices, says Settler, are

in violation of the policy, which aims to educate learners about diverse cultures and religions – and, accordingly, about diversity and tolerance and good citizenship – without privileging any particular religious tradition.

In a few years, Settler hopes to be able to tell if and how the introduction of this policy in South African schools has been able to contribute to a more critical and tolerant citizenry. **MP**  
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Higher ground: Dr Federico Settler will explore the implementation of the National Policy on Religion and Education.



## EDUCATION NEWS FROM AFRICA AND THE WORLD

(Sources: Independent Online, All Africa.com, Chronicle for Higher Education.)

**Stranded by the volcanic eruption in Iceland**, Dr Ambrose Field, who was due to perform an audio-visual piece based on fragments of work by the 15th-century composer Guillaume Dufay, composed an entirely new version of the piece that was sent electronically to the Chicago Early Music Festival organisers. The faculty of modern and medieval languages at the **University of Cambridge** in the UK postponed oral examinations due to take place last week because many students and examiners were stranded

abroad, also due to the volcanic eruption in Iceland. **Robert Gordon University in Scotland** became the latest institution to scrap its homeopathy course after coming under pressure from a campaign against 'pseudoscience'. It was also attracting too few students. **Police seized more than 900 photographs** from the offices of James Madison University's student newspaper, *The Breeze*, as part of their investigation into an off-campus event that turned into a riot. A number of **Rotary Clubs**

**in Rwanda** have pledged to support genocide survivors through education and health. The club said this was a way of getting close to the survivors and playing a role in their healing process. During an **Independence Day celebration**, Zimbabwe president Robert Mugabe said that the government is working hard to ensure the country's education system regains its status as one of the best in Africa. The alleged unilateral implementation of an advanced English course for senior **Uni-**

**versity of Namibia** students is being resisted. Students say they did not budget for the course, and it is not part of the curriculum. In a joint initiative, **Coca-Cola South Africa and the University of the Witwatersrand Business School** launched the Africa Centre of Excellence in Marketing, a R4-million project to raise African marketers' skills and enhance the continent's business sustainability. An assistant professor of biochemistry at **Rush University in Chicago, US**, is facing

felony charges after police officers who were called to his home during a domestic dispute found more than a dozen homemade explosive devices, which he claimed he had made for the country's Fourth of July celebrations. **NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory** employee David Coppedge has filed a complaint in Los Angeles Superior Court, saying that his advocacy of intelligent design led to his demotion. The lab is managed by the **California Institute of Technology**, which is also a defendant in the lawsuit.

# Doyen of adolescent health and psychiatry dies

Professor Alan Flisher, head of the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry in UCT's Department of Psychiatry and Mental Health, died of leukemia on the morning of Sunday 18 April. He was 53.

Flisher held no fewer than seven degrees from UCT, including an MSc in clinical psychology, an MBChB, an MMed in psychiatry, an MPhil in child and adolescent psychiatry, and a PhD in psychiatry. He also held a Diploma in Child Health and a Fellowship of the College of Psychiatrists from the Colleges of Medicine of South Africa.

He joined UCT in 1998 in a joint appointment with the Provincial Administration of the Western Cape. He was the first incumbent of the Sue Struengmann Chair in Child Psychiatry and Mental Health.

His principal academic interests were adolescent health and mental-health services research. He has served as principal investigator for a number of school-based epidemiological and intervention studies that addressed a range of aspects of

adolescent risk behaviour including substance use, violence and unsafe sexual behaviour.

Flisher had made many telling contributions as a scholar, says Professor Dan Stein, head of the Department of Psychiatry and Mental Health. As the first incumbent of the Sue Struengmann chair, he strengthened public and community perspectives on child health; he bolstered patient services in a number of areas; and he guided dozens of senior students through their work.

"Alan was a giant in African child and adolescent psychiatry," said Stein.

Flisher had authored 214 papers in peer-reviewed journals, 70 books or chapters, 17 editorials, 25 research-based consultancy reports and 400 conference presentations.

He also conducted extensive policy development consultancies, both nationally (for the South African Department of Health) and internationally (for the World Health Organisation and the United Nations Compensation Commission). At the

time of his death he was the director of a large study of Mental Health policy development and implementation in Ghana, South Africa, Uganda and Zambia.

He had held visiting appointments at Columbia University, the University of Oslo and Harvard University.

"In Professor Flisher, UCT has lost a fine scholar whose work clearly demonstrated a deep concern for the plight of children and adolescents in South Africa and beyond," said UCT vice-chancellor Dr Max Price. "He also served on several UCT committees, including UCT Senate and the Senate Executive Committee."

"He was not just an outstanding academic, but also a modest, gentle and generous person who will be sorely missed."

Price also expressed UCT's condolences to Flisher's family.

Flisher is survived by his wife, Mehrunisa; their nine-year-old twins, Adam and Khaleila; and his stepsons, Sirhan and Zubin. **MP**



Farewell: UCT's Prof Alan Flisher has died at the age of 53.

## Chomsky's contributions speak for themselves

Few can deny that Noam Chomsky turned the study of linguistics on its head in the 1950s and 1960s, or underestimate the sway his theories have had on the field for the past 60 years.

So argued Professor Raj Mesthrie – by his own admission no "strict Chomskyan" – in his 22 April public lecture, *Syntactic Structures: Noam Chomsky and the colourless green revolution in language studies*, the most recent in the *Great Texts/Big Questions* series of UCT's Gordon Institute for Performing and Creative Arts.

The "Chomskyan revolution", Mesthrie began, started with three of Chomsky's pioneering texts: his first book, the 1957 *Syntactic Structures* ("not a great book" but often underappreciated, said Mesthrie); his long review of BF Skinner's *Verbal Behaviour* in 1959; and *Aspects of the Theory of Syntax* in 1965. What made these writings and their impact all the more impressive is that they arrived in the heyday of structural linguistics, with its focus on the phonetics of languages and the structure of words, and behavioural linguistics, which suggested that language is learned through repetition.



Chomsky's revolution: Noam Chomsky would forever change the face of linguistics, said Prof Raj Mesthrie.

Then along came Chomsky, who proposed that humans have a built-in set of linguistic principles that underpin the acquisition of all languages.

"Chomsky really overturned linguistics, from being a descriptive science whose business was to describe languages, to accounting for how it is that humans know language, how it is that humans use language with such facility," said Mesthrie.

In addition, his interest in how

children acquire language was a far cry from that of his contemporaries.

In time, Chomsky's groundbreaking works would influence the psychology of language, child language development, the study of sign language and, critically, the nature versus nurture debate.

(Download Mesthrie's full lecture at [www.uct.ac.za/news/multimedia/sound](http://www.uct.ac.za/news/multimedia/sound)) **MP**

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## Open Day gives learners a glimpse of their future



Figuring it out: (From left) Nkosumi Matyni, Methuli Mathimba, Xolisile Pato and Sibongiseni Mayeki, all in grade 12 at Masiyile Senior Secondary School, were among of the 6 000 students who attended this year's Open Day.

UCT's international reputation and its wide range of study programmes were cited as key attractions for thousands of high-school learners who flocked to the annual UCT Open Day on 17 April.

The grade 10 to 12 learners and their parents came from far and wide to view the exhibitions by faculties and departments, listen to the talks on the variety of programmes, and tour the university.

They were also afforded an opportunity to speak with representatives from different academic programmes and student services. By and large, it seems the mission was accomplished.

Shaun Raqa, a grade 12 learner from Manyano High School in

Khayelitsha, had to take a break from playing soccer to focus on his studies, and says he will "definitely" come to study at UCT next year.

"I meet all the criteria for my preferred BCom degree, and I will no doubt be here come next year," he said, clutching application forms.

Wendy Green of Kuils River Technical High School noted that all the UCT alumni she knows enjoy successful careers. For her, that was a big drawcard.

Margo Coetzee of Buren High School said that besides the university's wide range of study options, she also loved the eye-catching buildings on the upper campus, adding that they make UCT the place to be. **MP**

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### Parking free-for-all?

It would seem that UCT's parking policies are not being enforced, at least for red disc holders. I am a red disc holder in P10, and have parked there for many years. Recently, a number of other red disc holders have simply moved in – using up bays intended for legitimate users. This is no one-off event – these cars have been parking in their new-found home for more than three

weeks. I understand that occasionally one may be forced to park in another area due to bay over-subscription, but that is no excuse for simply disregarding the rules and parking where you wish, day after day.

I have complained repeatedly to the UCT traffic department. I was told that they had ticketed cars in the area. If they did ticket these vehicles, their owners have simply ignored those fines. When I asked about penalties, I was told that one might be denied a disc upon application in subsequent years. I know that such leniency is

not extended to students, for example – I regularly see wheel clamps and the like. So, clearly there is one set of rules for them, and another for senior staff – who seem to be entitled to do as they wish.

I was told that I should contact the traffic chief via email – he didn't bother to respond. Are we to understand that as far as red disc holders are concerned, there is no policy; and we can simply park where we wish? If this is not the case, then the rules need to be enforced. There should be a set number of fines before your car

is clamped. Rules with no penalty can safely be ignored as has been illustrated by these serial offenders.

*Disgruntled law-abiding citizen*

### Good Samaritan

My sister, Beverley Adams, who is temporarily employed at SALDRU, had a nasty fall on her way to the Jammie Shuttle stop in Claremont early on Monday morning. Beverley was taken to Groote Schuur hospital by ambulance, with

a dislocated shoulder as well as injuries to her face and head. A young gentleman, Oscar Scheepers, whom she now refers to as her guardian angel, kindly assisted her and kept her safe. He accompanied her to hospital and stayed with her until her family arrived. Oscar is employed at UCT, in human resources. We are eternally thankful to this compassionate young man for his kindness.

*Kind regards  
Brenda Adams*

## EVENTS

**Department Of Medicine.** 4pm  
Forum Roster: Venue: Lecture Theatre 2 (Upper), New Grootte Schuur Hospital:  
29 April 2010 – Dr Fierdoz Omar (Chempath): "Improving the interpretation results: new information for the clinician"  
06 May 2010 – Prof Eric Bateman: "Lung Disease – the BIG Questions"  
13 May 2010 – Prof Michael Kew: "The First Anti-Cancer Vaccine"  
20 May 2010 – Prof Bernard Gersh (Dept of Medicine Visitor): An update on Stem Cells  
27 May 2010 – Prof Marc Blockman: Talk on "CPC'S"

**Philosophy Society Meeting:**  
Title: Being responsible for our mental life  
Dr. Jeremy Wanderer (Philosophy, UCT)  
Date: Tuesday, 11 May 2010  
Time: 20H00  
Venue: Room LS6C, 6th Floor, Robert Leslie Social Science Building.  
For more details: Contact 021 6503316

**The Centre of Criminology, Urban Security Seminar Series in 2010: Faculty of Law**  
The Centre of Criminology at the University of Cape Town is hosting a security and justice public seminar series during 2010. The seminars will focus on urban safety, security and justice and will address various themes affecting public life. The next seminar is:

Title: Fatalism and Politics: A look at the Daily Sun's coverage of crime and the versions of living with crime that it depicts and enacts.  
Speaker: Deborah Posel: Director, Institute for Humanities in Africa (HUMA) and Professor of Sociology, UCT  
Respondents: Prof. Ian Glenn: Director, Centre of Film and Media Studies and Professor of Media Studies, UCT Prof. Jeremy Seekings: Director, Social Surveys Unit in the Centre for Social Science Research and Professor of Political Studies and Sociology, UCT.  
Chairperson: Taririo Mutongwizo  
Date: Thursday, 29 April 2010  
Time: 18h00 to 19h30 (light snacks will be available from 17h30)  
Venue: Moot court, 5th Floor, Law Faculty  
RSVP: kim@distinctiveglobalevents.com by the 26th April 2010

## VACANT POSTS

## EXECUTIVE AND ACADEMIC POSTS:

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**Chair of Comparative African Law,** Faculty of Law, Closing date: 15 June 2010

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**Administrator:** Research, Faculty of Law & Centre for Legal and Applied Research, Closing date: 30 April 2010

**Faculty Research Administrative Manager,** Faculty of Health Sciences. Closing date: 30 April 2010

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# Clean sweep for UCT Apprentices

Three UCT students – Mangaka Meso, Simisani Moyo and Duduzile Lunga – took top honours in the first national Student Apprentice Challenge, hosted by AIESEC South Africa and Procter & Gamble South Africa in Johannesburg at the beginning of April.

The competition pitted students from UCT, the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, the University of Johannesburg, the University of KwaZulu-Natal, the University of Pretoria and Wits University in a week-long succession of tasks, punctuated by talks and skills-boosting seminars. Assignments included coming up with a launch event for a Hugo Boss flanker fragrance for women, developing a business plan for the 2010 FIFA World Cup that would be sustainable beyond the event itself, and marketing the suite of Childline services other than its well-known helpline.

The three UCT students were among the top five to go into the competition's gala finale, where – before a panel of judges made up of top-flight corporate executives – they each had to answer a set of three questions.

In the end UCT hogged the limelight, and the awards, when Meso was named the overall winner, Moyo earned the runner-up spot, and Lunga took third place.

AIESEC is an international organisation formed to help young people discover and develop their leadership potential. It's billed as the largest student-run organisation in the world, and is active in over 1 700 universities across more than 107 countries and territories. **MP**  
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Top trio: The UCT team of (back row) Frank Karigambe and Simisani Moyo, and (front row from left) Phenny Nyamunga, Mangaka Meso and Duduzile Lunga made their mark at the recent AIESEC Student Apprentice Challenge.

# Sober celebration for Zim students

UCT's Zimbabwe Student Society forwent the traditional party and braai celebrations for the the 30th anniversary of their country's independence on 18 April, and recognised the milestone in a more sober manner at an event held on 15 April.

The society hosted a talk, titled *A look back on the last 30 years of Zimbabwe*, in which guest speakers shared their views on Zimbabwe's gains and losses in the past three decades of independence.

The speakers were Professor Brian Ratopoulos, director of Research and Advocacy in the Solidarity Peace Trust, an NGO dealing with human rights issues in Zimbabwe; Zweli Jacobs, lecturer in politics at UCT; and Braam Hanekom, chairperson of People Against Suffering, Suppression, Oppression and Poverty (PASSOP), a community-based organisation which fights for refugee rights in South Africa.

Ratopoulos, in outlining the political development of Zimbabwean independence, noted that born-free students might not remember the "exhilaration"

that abounded when Zimbabwe won its freedom.

"We have the problem of transition between an opposition party that has won an election and a ruling party that refuses to recognise this transition," he said.

Ratopoulos analysed possibilities for Zimbabwe's future, such as the opposition Movement for Democratic Change pulling out of the Global Political Agreement in order to de-legitimise it, a quick election, or a more extended period of power sharing – which he concluded was the most likely scenario. "It's very difficult to remove a liberation movement from power," he said. "It usually takes about 20 years for its legitimacy to start waning, as we have also seen in South Africa.

"But liberation movements can't run their countries only on the legacy of the past. They have to find ways to become modern political parties which allow for the possibility of defeat."

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# Don't stigmatise HIV-positive people, says UCT leadership

"The thing is, they may not treat me as they are treating me now if they find out that I am HIV-positive."

This was one of the comments (from a UCT student living with HIV) read out at the Candlelight Memorial Concert on 15 April. The concert was hosted to commemorate those who have died of HIV/AIDS, to support those living with the virus, and to recommit the university to eradicating the stigma surrounding the disease.

Another student broke down the word "disease" to "dis-ease", explaining, "relationships are not at ease; families are not at ease; communities are not at ease. The media has stories in which people hurt each other because of this dis-ease".

The fact that HIV-positive students were not comfortable addressing the audience themselves indicated clearly that they don't have a voice, said Students' Representative Council (SRC) president, Sizwe Mpofo-Walsh.

He said that while the university was making strides in the fight against the pandemic (a newly-released National Higher Education HIV prevalence study indicates that HIV prevalence at UCT is lower than 0.2%), people should not be complacent, and should set an example – not only for South Africa, but for the entire world.

Another SRC member, Michell Mpike, urged students to watch their language and avoid stigmatising words.

Deputy vice-chancellor Profes-

sor Crain Soudien reminded staff and students that they are privileged to work and study at a university where people think about the betterment of society. Everyone bears the responsibility for combating stigmatisation, he said.

Vice-chancellor Dr Max Price said it was concerning that in the survey, some students reported having concurrent sexual partners, and not using condoms.

But the study also carried good news for the country in terms of infection rates and the number of students who have been tested, Price said. Two faculties at UCT have compulsory, examinable courses on HIV/AIDS in their curriculum, and two more are set to introduce these courses this year. **MP**

# Fashion week ends with a bang



The UCT RAG Fashion Week ended on a high note when students-turned-models strutted their stuff on the catwalk at a packed FVT Dining Lounge in Cape Town on 10 April.

A total of 29 models donned local and international designs at the show. UCT student and designer Oliver Strange was named the winner, and was awarded an internship with Nkhensani Nkosi of Stoned Cherrie. The show followed on the heels of the UCT RAG Dance-Off, which took place at the Baxter Theatre Hall on 7 April. The dance competition is a

platform for aspiring dancers in Cape Town who want to showcase their talent. The Uniq dance group won the competition.

About 800 people attended the fashion show, while a further 500 made their way to the after-party.

Other events during the fashion week were a photography competition, which was won by Jade Howell, who went home with a Nikon D3000 camera courtesy of Orms; and the Boss Model Search competition, which was clinched by Senzo Luthuli. Luthuli won a contract with Boss Models worth R35 000. **MP**

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