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## New orator takes the podium

Professor Alison Lewis doesn't like the colour yellow – at least, not in clothing. But the striking mustard-coloured gown is about the only gripe she has with the job of University Orator, which she will take on formally when she delivers the citations for UCT's five honorary graduates at the upcoming June graduation ceremonies.

Lewis is taking the other tasks in her stride – from the deep background research (she's a leading, internationally-rated scholar, after all) and the writing (she did her fair share of student and political tracts in the 80s) to the actual oration (okay, she has some pre-emptive stage jitters, but she found at a recent awards ceremony that she quite relishes the duties of an MC).

Lewis, head of the Crystallisation and Precipitation Research Unit in the Department of Chemical Engineering, is (at 47) probably among the youngest (if not the youngest) of the university's recent orators. She is also the first woman to be formally appointed to the position. (Although, reports Registrar Hugh Amoore, a few women have donned the gown on ad hoc occasions.)

Overall head count for orators is tricky to come by, but records show that the university has formally appointed four or five since the 1970s. Lewis is turning to the most recent

in that line – her direct predecessor, Emeritus Professor Francis Wilson – for guidance and advice.

Wilson, 71, has had the job for the past four years; he figured it was time to pass on the gown, so he nominated Lewis for the position.

"I wanted the job to go to someone who's younger, and interested, and understands (especially) the scientific stuff," he says. "Also, as a woman she brings a different perspective."

Lewis is picking up a few tips from Wilson (always keep a glass of water to hand, for example!). Also, delivering the final citation is but "the tip of a very big iceberg", he says – it's all about finding as much information as possible, and then bringing it all down to a memorable citation. (Bonsai biographies, he calls them.)

Putting that lesson into practice for the first time can be demanding. Lewis, a keen part-time writer, had to dedicate most of a recent weekend to her first two citations. And she's learning that it's a far cry from the more formal, passive-tensed and technical writing she practices as an engineer.

"I think the goal is to create something that's serious and dignified, but also quirky and interesting and not boring," she says.

Just like that gown.

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On stage: Prof Alison Lewis dons the University Orator's gown, which she is taking over from Emer Prof Francis Wilson.

## UCT's Edulab to map activities in Khayelitsha

In his 2008 inauguration speech, vice-chancellor Dr Max Price referred to the crisis in public schooling and the knock-on effects for the country, and universities in particular. The impact is felt acutely at UCT, where the ongoing under-achievement and failure of black learners in the National Senior Certificate exam (particularly in township schools in and around Cape Town) results in relatively small numbers qualifying for entrance to UCT.

Price also acknowledged that tertiary institutions like UCT could no longer say the problem is not theirs to fix.

To this end, Price appointed Special Advisor John Samuel on contract for the last five months of 2009. Consulting widely across the institution, Samuel gathered information on all UCT's initiatives at schools in the Western Cape.

A consultative forum was also constituted, chaired by

Samuel. After Samuel's contact ended, deputy vice-chancellor Professor Crain Soudien took the helm of this project. Subsequently, the EduLab initiative, as it became to be known, proposed that UCT focus its attention on a single geographical area. After consideration, Khayelitsha was chosen.

"It is important to stress that from the outset Edulab has understood the need to take a holistic approach to working in schools, with a number of organising principles that go beyond simply seeking to impact positively on teaching and learning in the classroom," said Soudien.

"For instance, it has been agreed that the over-arching goal is to promote democratic citizenship; that schools themselves have to be considered 'in community', and crucially, there are no education 'quick fixes'."

It is also recognised that the Edulab initiative has important transformative potential for institutions.

Meetings have been held with Western Cape Education Department officials responsible for schools in that area, and with the Khayelitsha Development Forum and its education sub-structure.

The next step for Edulab is a comprehensive mapping of the university community's initiatives in Khayelitsha. This will involve an extensive survey of all academic departments and PASS units. Edulab is also keen to hear from individuals, independently of their departments, who are involved in community-related work in the area and who would be interested in the discussions.

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

# Africa's development needs a quantum leap

“Africa must run while others walk.”

Former Tanzanian president Julius Nyerere's words were echoed by Professor Thandika Mkandawire of the London School of Economics and Political Science when he delivered the VC's Open Lecture at UCT on 10 May.

Mkandawire's address, titled *Running While Others Walk: The challenge of African development*, tackled the issues and obstacles facing the continent on its path of progress.

“Africa is a continent with seven time zones, one billion inhabitants, 53 nations and thousands of languages,” said Mkandawire. “One can't speak about Africa without bearing in mind that it's a very diverse continent. But there are issues that concern us all.”

These concerns include political conflict, ethnic diversity, the continent's



Running forward: Professor Thandika Mkandawire's VC's Open Lecture dissected development in Africa.

geographical distance from developed nations, and the lack of adequate social capital.

Mkandawire argued that a key factor affecting Africa's development is the perception of Western governments,

notably in their “anti-elite bias”, which prompts the world to focus on grass-roots issues at the expense of higher education.

In the mid-1980s, the World Bank published a study showing that the rates of return on higher education were lower than those for secondary and primary education. The bank then went on a campaign to persuade foreign donors and African governments to stop funding universities, and to channel the funds into primary education instead.

“Most economists believed that African countries had to go through a tough period of hardship and suffering before achieving development,” said Mkandawire. “Some countries went so far as to want to close the only university they had, because of this pressure.”

According to Mkandawire, this populist view of Africa from people of

all political persuasions resulted in the building of barriers to knowledge on the continent.

He noted that many academics were disheartened by the “African failure”, prompting them to abandon African studies because it had become too disappointing.

Mkandawire also argued that technology has become an important part of African discourse. “Africa must make huge efforts in developing technology to manage water, energy and the movement of people. It must also respond to climate change.

“There is a sense of urgency,” he continued. “Now Africa, more than any other place, must make a quantum leap in its development efforts.” (Download the lecture at [www.uct.ac.za/news/multimedia/sound](http://www.uct.ac.za/news/multimedia/sound)).

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## Science makes the day in Khayelitsha

Baby sharks, crayfish, mathematics puzzles and chemical experiments brought the natural sciences alive for hundreds of grade 11 and 12 pupils from Khayelitsha, who converged on host school Harry Gwala for the Faculty of Science's Science Day.

The faculty believes it is imperative to address the skills shortage in science, and annually hosts Science Day in a different community.

Holding the annual event on a Saturday was a first for the faculty – and there was plenty to do. In the

astronomy workshop they made telescopes. At The Sound of Music workshop they used test tubes with different levels of water as musical instruments, and played the tune of *Nkosi Sikelel' iAfrika*. In the Chemical Kinetics workshop they combined chemicals to create new substances; and at The Princess Earth and her magic coat workshop, discussion was all about global warming, oceanic robots and climate change.

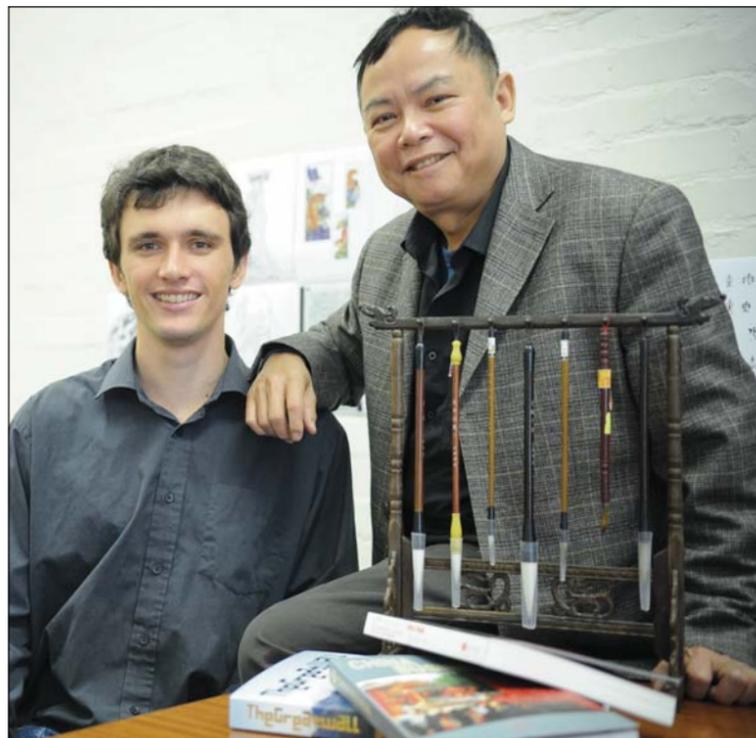
Deputy vice-chancellor Professor Crain Soudien addressed the group, encouraging them to set goals, think

about the future and find opportunities in their areas. He said it was encouraging to see the growth in the number of students coming from Khayelitsha.

“In 2003, UCT had only one student from Khayelitsha, and in 2009 there were 73 students at UCT who came from Khayelitsha schools.”

Pule Hlahane, a UCT PhD student, told the pupils how science had been his passport to opportunities: earning a good living, and making a difference to the country through ground-breaking research. **MP**

## Double boost for Chinese at UCT



Collaboration: George Calder-Potts had a helping hand from Prof Qianlong Wu at the South African leg of the 9th Chinese Bridge Competition.

Two recent occasions gave a well-timed boost to the activities of the UCT Confucius Institute, set up with the Chinese Language Council International (or Hanban) in China to champion Chinese-language studies here.

The first was the appointment of Professor Qianlong Wu as the institute's deputy-director. Wu, from China's Sun Yat-sen University, UCT's partner university in its Confucius agreement, will be working with the Centre of Higher Education Development and the School of Languages and Literatures to set up a suite of non-credit and credit-bearing Chinese-language courses that will be launched here in 2011.

It's early days yet – Wu's spending most of his time dealing with infrastructural issues – but he got here in time to help a UCT student to a noteworthy achievement.

George Calder-Potts, a 24-year-old master's student on UCT's National Astrophysics and Space Science Programme, took one of the third places in the South African leg

of the 9th Chinese Bridge Competition, held at Rhodes University in April. Here South African students vied for the two top spots that would take them to the competition's international grand final in China in July.

UCT and the Confucius Institute can't take too much credit for Calder-Potts' third place, although Wu, who attended, did assist him with his presentation, a reading from a self-penned play. Calder-Potts' interest was piqued by a high-school friend, and he's taught himself Chinese over the past five years with a selection of language guides and online programmes, as well as a year-long stay in China.

But the institute hopes Calder-Potts' infectious enthusiasm will convince other UCT students to sign up for Chinese courses.

“There's a lot of interest in China, and I think UCT entered into a Confucius agreement at the right time,” says Wu. “How many students register for the courses will depend on how hard we push Chinese.”

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# African dress competition part of Africa Day celebrations

Don your most eye-catching African attire on 25 May – Africa Day – get a colleague to take a picture for a university-wide competition, and you and your photographer could each be R1 000 richer.

The competition is part of UCT's Celebrating Africa programme of events, lectures, exhibitions and discussions that celebrate our African heritage, UCT's growing connections with other African universities, and the university's commitment to shaping the continent's future.

The best picture will be judged later by a panel. Alas, the R1 000 prize for best-dressed does not increase for group photos. There should also be evidence that the picture was taken on 25 May, between 08h30 and 21h00. Entries should be sent to Nan Warner at the International Academic Programmes Office.

Africa Day also offers many other events. At 12h30, there will be a panel discussion on *The State of Democracy in Africa: Advance or retreat?* with Professor Robert Mattes, the director of the Democracy in Africa Research Unit of the Centre for Social Science Research at UCT, a co-director of the Afrobarometer survey of public opinion in 20 African countries, and a co-director



Eye-catching: Deputy vice-chancellor Prof Thandabantu Nhlapo with his wife, Mathokoza, at last year's Africa Day celebrations.

of the African Legislatures Project; Professor Joel Barkan of the University of Iowa in the US, who has a long association with UCT and is co-director of the African Legislatures Project, as well as a senior consultant on governance for the World Bank;

Professor Kwesi Prah, an Associate at Cambridge University's Centre for African Studies, and currently the director of the Centre for Advanced Studies of African Society in Cape Town, where he promotes a pan-African literacy movement as a way

of increasing access to learning; and Dr Somadoda Fikeni, a consultant at the Human Sciences Research Council, chairperson of the Council of the Walter Sisulu University, and former chief operating officer of the National Heritage Council.

At 17h30 on the same day, Dr Marta Lahr, a Reader in Human Evolutionary Biology and the director of the Duckworth Collection at the University of Cambridge, will speak on *African Origins and the Evolution of Diversity* at the Vice-Chancellor's Open Lecture. Dr Lahr is a Fellow of Clare College and a co-founder of the Leverhulme Centre for Human Evolutionary Studies in Cambridge. Among her publications is *The Evolution of Human Diversity*.

From 21 to 26 May, IAPO will host an exhibition titled *UCT Connections*, highlighting many of UCT's dynamic linkages with other African institutions. Please visit the Leslie Social Sciences Building during this time and take part in the various activities. UCT faculties are also participating, and many will host their own events to celebrate Africa Day.

The UCT Connections exhibition, panel discussion and Vice-Chancellor's Open Lecture are part of the Celebrating Africa campaign, which UCT is undertaking in collaboration with Iziko Museums.

For details of venues and times of events please go to [www.uct.ac.za/about/iaपोsections/links/acl/africaday/](http://www.uct.ac.za/about/iaपोsections/links/acl/africaday/) MP

## SAX Appeal exhibition mirrors country's history

Seventy-eight years of satire, censorship and controversy are on display in a new exhibition of *SAX Appeal* covers at UCT's Centre for African Studies.

The magazine covers showcase the many changes made to UCT RAG's largest contributor since the first edition, published in 1933, "when men were men and women were so loose they rattled", according to a 1940s *SAX Appeal* editor.

Selling at one shilling and weighing in at 32 pages, the 1933 edition featured cartoons, limericks, an advert for electricity – when many Capetonians were yet to learn the benefits of an electrified city – and an advert for Springbok cigarettes; which, true to the times, featured a confident doctor smoking the product before operating on a scantily-clad woman.

Established as a beacon of free speech, the magazine's penchant for ruffling feathers has resulted in several instances of controversy,

and two outright bannings, the first leading to the magazine's dissolution for several years.

*SAX Appeal's* first banning was in 1942, for the publication of a fictional, humorous story titled *Visit to a Nudist Colony*. It was banned again in 1971 after publishing a joke about St Peter, Jesus and God playing golf. This so incensed a student Christian society that they publically burned copies of the magazine. *SAX Appeal* was replaced by the short-lived *Boomalak*, which proved too tame for student tastes.

Speaking at the exhibition's launch on 13 May, deputy vice-chancellor Professor Crain Soudien praised the curator, Siona O'Connell, for spearheading the project from concept to exhibition.

"The archive of *SAX Appeal* covers serves as an accurate reflection of the moods, fancies and complexities of UCT life," he said. [Chris.McEvoy@uct.ac.za](mailto:Chris.McEvoy@uct.ac.za)



Moments in time: UCT staffers Cecelia Botha and Lovemore Nalube were entertained by the exhibition of *SAX Appeal* covers through the decades.

## Strategic partnership signed

UCT has joined forces with the London School of Economics and Political Science at the University of London to develop and enhance their academic, research, knowledge-transfer and fund-raising activities.

On 11 May the two institutions signed a memorandum of understanding that will benefit the Faculties of Humanities, Law, Commerce and Health Sciences.

Both parties reported a commitment to academic excellence which they said would be enhanced by working together. Future developments between the two institutions could include faculty and student exchanges and collaborative research projects, as well as knowledge-transfer activities such as jointly-branded public lectures, seminars, summer school offerings and training programmes. The school has nurtured a small but strategic partnership network, including Columbia University in New York, Sciences Po in Paris and Peking University in China.

Professor Sarah Worthington, Pro-Director Research and External Relations at the school, said the agreement is important, as her institution has long held the ambition to form strong links



Sealed: Prof Sarah Worthington of the London School of Economics and Political Science and VC Dr Max Price celebrate an agreement between their institutions.

with a Southern African university. UCT was a clear choice because of its academic standing, and because the two institutions share the same ambitions, commitment and imagination.

"This is the end of the beginning, and the beginning of the real work," she noted.

Vice-chancellor Dr Max Price said UCT had shifted from a mode of internationalisation characterised by multiple agreements with many partners – with few results – to a more

targeted approach. Now the university intends signing fewer agreements with a smaller number of strategic partners.

"Also, in selecting partners, we choose people we think will support certain areas of our work," he explained.

In this instance, humanities is an area under threat in South Africa, Price said, and partnerships like this will help strengthen it as a field, making it appealing and exciting to potential students, funders and the government. MP

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# Engineering services take maintenance into the boardroom

UCT's Engineering Services has seen more than its fair share of activity. In 2009, it fielded 18 221 maintenance calls, and completed 35 projects to the tune of over R13.5 million.

Responsible for the maintenance of UCT's buildings, services and infrastructure, the section's portfolio covers 175 buildings over about 655 000 square metres.

André Theys, head of Engineering Services – a section of the Properties and Services Department – explains that they manage reactive, scheduled and planned maintenance.

The reactive component covers day-to-day items, such as window, carpet and floor repairs, leaking toilets and roofs, and more. The scheduled component comprises regular servicing of equipment. The planned component is major maintenance, such as entire roof replacements and building upgrades.

In 2009, the 45-strong section's largest projects included upgrading the Jameson substation, the complete re-roofing of the Mathematics Building, and the refurbishment of the air conditioning plant serving the Arts Block.



Wired: An upgrade to the Jameson substation was recently completed by Properties and Services. Pictured here is a team of contractors installing the new main 400V distribution board.

Another unusual project was rebuilding the perimeter walls at Welgelegen, a heritage building constructed in 1902, says Theys. A vehicle had crashed into the wall, causing a partial

collapse. The remaining wall was unsafe and had to be reconstructed. This proved difficult, as the original wall was no longer viable, but the heritage had to be reserved. So the original

stones were recovered and stripped. While rebuilding, an inner wall and foundation, absent from the original, were constructed using modern methods. They were then clad with the

recovered stones and lime-washed to comply with heritage requirements.

Some of the many obstacles regularly faced by the section include budget and resources issues, and balancing timeous completion with safety standards, quality and convenience to UCT staff.

"Prioritising is a constant challenge," says Theys. "While every call logged is important to the caller, we have to weigh one building's needs against the other 174. Inevitably, we disappoint someone."

Engineering Services is currently completing its second Facilities Condition Audit, which will further enable the department to provide strategic advice on buildings maintenance. The goal is to install an equitable distribution of resources, and prevent buildings receiving attention purely because of lobbying.

"We are trying to change the perception that we are nothing more than glorified janitors," says Theys. "We are highlighting our strategic role in managing UCT's assets, and plan to take maintenance out of the boiler room and into the boardroom."

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## Back up your data –it's as easy as 1, 2, 3

*How often do you make a backup of your critical files? Are you put off by the thought of doing it? Once you understand the basics of backing up, you'll see that it is relatively easy to do, writes Steff Hughes of ICTS.*

Simply put, a backup is a copy of the data on your Personal Computer that you make onto another storage medium such as a flash drive, CD, DVD or external hard drive. It is a good idea to keep your backup copy in a fireproof safe in another office, or stored off-site (either at home or using a professional data storage company).

**1** Your first step is to determine which files or folders you need copies of, and how frequently you need to copy them. A good way to determine this is to think about how quickly you could recover from a crash. Taking daily or weekly backups ensures that you can continue working almost immediately after a crash by restoring the information from your latest backup copy. You don't need to back up everything on your hard drive, just what is most important for you to keep for personal or business reasons. For instance, you don't need to back up program files (e.g. Microsoft Office),

as they can easily be re-installed from the original disks.

**2** Select where to copy the data. The size of the folders you want to back up and how often you choose to back up will determine the medium you end up using. Sometimes saving a second copy of a particularly important file to your network drive or to a flash disk is good enough. For slightly bigger backups you can use either CDs or DVDs. There are two types of CDs and DVDs: those that are for single use (CD-R and DVD-R) and those that are rewriteable (CD-RW

and DVD-RW). The rewriteable options give you more flexibility, as you can use the same disk more than once. Compact and convenient, flash disks offer more storage and are faster than CDs or DVDs.

If you want something that is fast, robust and portable, with a lot more storage space, then use an external disk drive. They are particularly useful for disaster recovery backups. Depending on the level of recoverability you want and how important the files are, you may also want to write backups of the same information to DVDs, and store them separately

from your removable hard disk. The ICTS Acquisition Services Team in the Computer Science Building can advise you on the best storage media to suit your needs.

**3** Choose a backup method to suit the task. Once you have determined what folders you want to back up and how frequently, read our *Data backup at UCT* article for advice on which method to use, and a step-by-step guide on how to do the actual backup. ([www.icts.uct.ac.za/DesktopSupport/DataManagement/DatabackupatUCT](http://www.icts.uct.ac.za/DesktopSupport/DataManagement/DatabackupatUCT))<sup>MP</sup>



Cutting the ribbon: (From left) Dr Ian Mackintosh (director: Wellness Service and Disability Service), Moonira Khan (executive director, Department of Student Affairs) and Reinette Popplestone (manager: Disability Service) at the opening of the new flat.

### Accessible flat for disabled unveiled

The Disability Service's drive to make UCT buildings user-friendly to people with physical disabilities took a positive turn when the Service launched a revamped flat that will house UCT staff. The flat at Forest Hill residence will accommodate staff members who are resettling in Cape Town from elsewhere. As part of the flat's makeover, everything inside – from door handles and light switches

to stoves, cupboards and bathroom handles and grips – has been lowered or raised to suit occupants. Disability Service manager Reinette Popplestone said the launch was a symbol of all the work her unit has done in the last two years. Among the achievements by the unit's Barrier-Free Access Project is the installation of accessible toilets, lifts, doors and card readers in many buildings.<sup>MP</sup>

## The shape of the EU for 2010

A new face and new fees were the outcomes of the Employees Union's (EU) annual general meeting, held on 14 April.

During the AGM, the EU elected a new committee, announced new membership rates and provided contact information for consultants who will deal with members' medical aid-related queries.

Patricia Phillips is new to the committee, joining the team of nine. Andrea Plos has retained the position of president, and Frans Mamabolo retained the post of vice-president. One vacancy remains on the committee, and the EU has asked its members to let them know of anyone who would like to take up the position.

Membership subscriptions have increased by R2, from R30 to R32 per month – comparing favourably with the R45 charged by other campus unions. The EU also called on its members to recruit staff on their behalf.

NMG Consultants are now avail-



Union members: The new Employees Union committee is (from left, front) Patricia Phillips, Andrea Plos, Catherine Wynsculley, Yasmin Fazel-Ellahi, and Kwezi Bonani. (Back) Frans Mamabolo, David Horwitz and Eugene Williams. (Absent: Alfred Nqotole, Gianpiero Benincasa and Mongezi Mbebe.)

able to assist UCT staff with medical aid queries, such as problematic claims and issues; funding plan information; and explanation of current plan options and the benefits available to members and their dependants.

The consultants are Lauren Wallis, available at 021 486 8739 or [Lwallis@nmg.co.za](mailto:Lwallis@nmg.co.za); and Dominique Ortone, on 021 486 8748 or [Dortone@nmg.co.za](mailto:Dortone@nmg.co.za).

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# Joint venture to gather data on three oceans

UCT, the Nansen Environmental Centre in Norway and their partners are setting up a joint venture in South Africa to gather information about the three oceans around southern Africa, to better understand and deal with global change across the continent.

The Nansen-Tutu Centre for Marine Environmental Research aims to develop and implement operational oceanography and methods of data integration into models in the South Atlantic Ocean, the Indian Ocean and the Southern Ocean. They will focus on ocean state, marine environmental and ecosystem modelling, research and capacity-building, including the oceans' roles in climate and global teleconnections – the relationship between climate anomalies in different parts of the world.

“We have identified a gap that badly needs filling in order to understand and deal with global change in Africa,” said Professor John Field, the Director of the Marine Research Institute (MA-RE) at UCT. “There is a worldwide need to understand, model and predict conditions in the ocean, just as meteorological services do for the weather.”

The partners will develop a system to collect data routinely via satellite and direct observations in the ocean – what the team likes to call operational oceanography, explains Field.

The centre has been named to honour two men – a Norwegian and a South African – who have demonstrated a passion for the natural environment as well as humanity. Dr Fridtjof Nansen was honoured as a Nobel Peace Laureate for his humanitarian work in helping to resettle millions of people displaced by political boundaries after World War I. But he was also a noted sportsman, scientist, explorer and

philosopher, who led a successful expedition to the North Pole in 1893. He is widely regarded as one of Norway's greatest sons.

Similarly, Archbishop Desmond Mpilo Tutu, also a Nobel Peace Laureate and a “rabble-rouser for peace”, is one of South Africa's greatest sons. He campaigned peacefully against apartheid, chaired the Truth and Reconciliation Commission after South Africa's first democratic elections in 1994, and has worked tirelessly for peace in the world since his ‘retirement’ as Archbishop of Cape Town. The Nansen-Tutu Centre has been greatly honoured by Archbishop Tutu allowing his name to be associated with this partnership.

Africa juts into the Indian, South Atlantic and Southern Oceans with cool and warm oceans juxtaposed, giving rise to unique marine and land ecosystems with high biodiversity, rich fisheries and superb natural resources, that contribute not only to food production but also to South Africa's vibrant tourism industry. It is therefore important, from an economic and ecological perspective, to develop the capacity for understanding and predicting the state of the ocean and its ecosystems. The founding partners of the Nansen-Tutu Centre have complementary expertise and knowledge to address these challenges.

The partners include the African Centre for Climate and Earth System Studies; the South African Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR); the Nansen Environmental & Remote Sensing Centre, in Norway; the Institute of Marine Research/Centre for Development Cooperation in Fisheries, Norway; the University of Bergen, Norway; and Princeton University, New Jersey, USA.



At the signing were (from left, back) Tor Christian Hildan (Norwegian Ambassador), Dr Johnny Johannessen (Nansen Centre, Bergen), Prof Frank Shillington (oceanography, UCT), Dr Neville Sweijd (African Centre for Climate and Earth System Studies, CSIR), Dr Hans Erstad (Institute for Marine Research, Norway), Professor John Field (MA-RE Institute, UCT), and Dr Lasse Pettersson (Nansen Centre, Bergen). (Front) Prof Berit Rokne (pro-rector, University of Bergen), Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu and Prof George Philander (African Centre for Climate and Earth System Studies, UCT).

The Nansen-Tutu Centre will be directed by a South African and will employ local staff in order to help build capacity. A board of four South Africans and four Norwegians will oversee the programme. The centre

will be based in Cape Town and will complement the developing South African marine research framework. Activities are expected to be run by six scientists – three funded by Norway, the rest by South African

sources – and their students under the management and financial control of UCT. The initial phase will be for three years, with an option for renewal.

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The aims of the Nansen-Tutu Centre include:

- The generation of joint research and development activities between scientists and students from the partner institutions and the Nansen Group.
- The exchange of visiting scientists and students between the participating institutions.
- Co-supervision of post-graduate students.
- Coordinating and facilitating joint project proposals to be submitted for funding through national, EU and international bodies.
- Technical development, in-

frastructure and support for pre-operational production and demonstration of information and services.

- Developing capacity through joint courses, workshops, training and research schools.
- Ensuring integration with other operational components within UCT's OceanAfrica programme, to include the user community.
- Ensuring open and free access to the centre's resources, data, products and achievements.
- Cooperation in the fields of distance educational courses and research programmes.

- Joint participation in field campaigns.
- The stimulation of international collaboration and activities with the Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS), GOOS-Africa, relevant components of Group on Earth Observations, Phase2 of the Global Ocean Data Assimilation Experiment and the sustainable Marine Core Service (e.g. My-Ocean).
- Outreach, including development of a web page, public interface with research, media and the involvement of stakeholders and users.

## Marine research project kicks off two-year plan

Funding to the tune of R1.8 million per annum for 2010 and 2011 has been granted to UCT's Marine Research Institute (MA-RE) for launching a new programme under the Vice-Chancellor's Climate Change Strategic Initiative.

The ambitious MA-RE BASICS programme (the more manageable name for the Marine Research in the Benguela and Agulhas Systems for Supporting Interdisciplinary Climate-change Science programme) was officially launched on 11 May,



thanks to a proposal titled *Marine Multi-Scale Data & Models: The key to predicting climate variability in Africa and its biological & social consequences*, which was one of two proposals accepted for funding.

As a result, a number of BASICS postgraduates, ranging from master's students to post-doctoral fellows

Prof John Field, Dr Lynne Shannon and Prof Frank Shillington.

stand to benefit from the grant.

The goal is completely new for Africa. The MA-RE BASICS programme will develop a system of marine data collection and integration into models that will project biological and physical ocean conditions. This in turn will allow ocean-atmosphere models to improve weather and rainfall projections, and their consequences for society. A system of physical and biological indicators will be developed that will be of practical

use in ocean forecasting and fisheries management, with the prospect of better social and economic planning for coastal communities.

This undertaking meets several key objectives of the Vice-Chancellor's Strategic Initiative group, such as positioning UCT as the premier node in African academic networks, promoting social justice and global citizenship, and increasing post-graduate studies to develop the next generation of academics.

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EDUCATION NEWS  
FROM AFRICA AND  
THE WORLD

(Sources: Iol.co.za, AllAfrica.com, Chronicle of Higher Education.)

Dylan Evans, a science lecturer at the UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, CORK, IN THE UK, who was accused of sexual harassment after showing a female colleague a research paper on oral sex between fruit bats, has been ordered to undergo a two-year “monitoring and counselling” programme, despite being cleared by his university.

The original FOUCAULT'S PENDULUM, which was used by French scientist Léon Foucault to demonstrate the rotation of the Earth, was irreparably damaged after its cable snapped and its sphere crashed to the marble floor of the Museum of Arts and Industry in Paris.

EDGE HILL UNIVERSITY in Lancashire in the UK and the SOUTH CHINA UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY in Guangzhou have sealed an official partnership to offer 10 scholarships for British students to travel to China for a four-week immersion programme in Mandarin.

LIVERPOOL HOPE UNIVERSITY will launch Britain's first MA in contemporary Muslim studies in September 2010.

Computer students at the UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE in the UK have set up a website offering an analysis of how closely politicians are sticking to their promises, according to the comments the politicians make on

Twitter, the social networking site.

The Journal of Blacks in Higher Education, a 17-year-old quarterly publication that chronicles the African-American experience at AMERICAN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, has announced that its spring issue will be its last in print.

Citing steep declines in revenue, Nylink, a non-profit library cooperative that serves most of NEW YORK STATE'S COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES as well as the New York Public Library, will phase itself out over the next year.

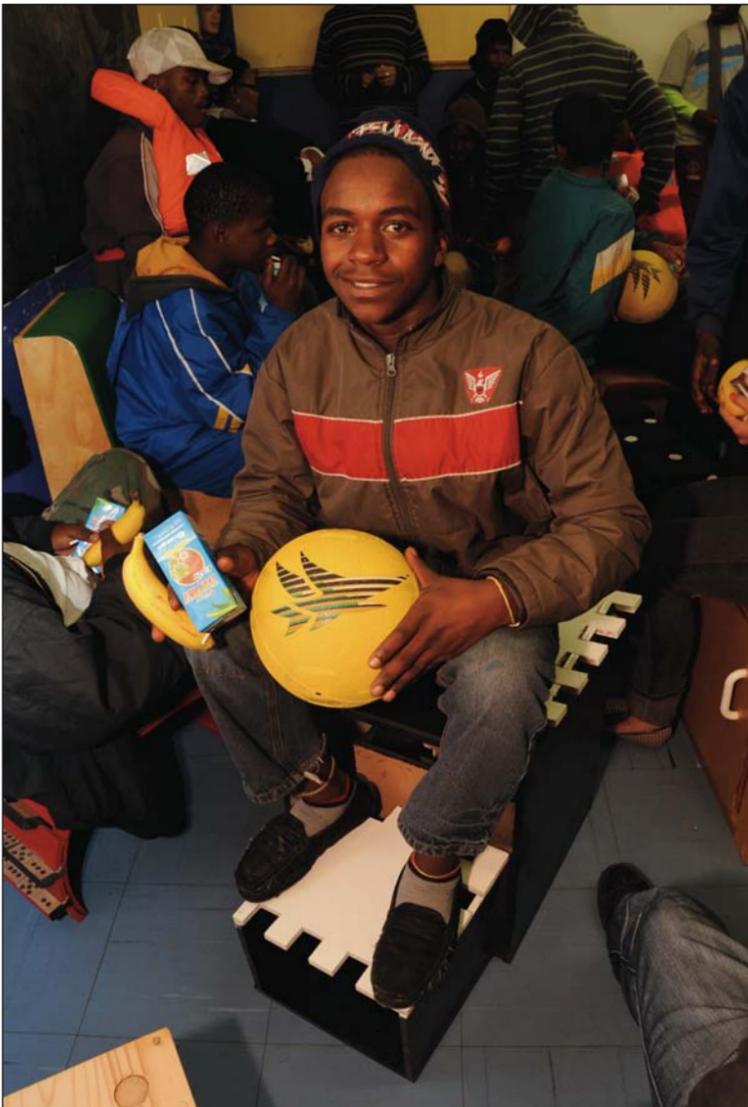
Presidents, directors and representatives of SEVERAL UNIVERSITIES from Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco,

Mauritania, Libya, Egypt and Japan gathered in Tunisia for a state-hosted meeting to promote co-operation between Japanese and North African universities.

Sixty-five percent of students in TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS IN ZIMBABWE have no access to information on sexual and reproductive health, says non-governmental organisation The Student and Youth Working on Reproductive Health Action Team.

The SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL UNION OF MINEWORKERS has committed R250-million over the next five years for training doctors, engineers, and IT and agricultural specialists.

## UCT architecture students put cheer into chairs for homeless kids



Sandile Sinyodo tries out the game chair.

On 10 May, third-year architecture students donated 15 unique chairs to The Bridge at Elukhuselweni, a children's home in Khayelitsha run by the Homestead Project for Street Children.

As part of their Studiowork design course, students in the School of Architecture, Planning and Geomatics were briefed to design and manufacture a chair for a TV lounge.

"Last year the class decided to bring an element of reality to the project, as well as create an opportunity to give back to the community," said project co-ordinator Adjunct Professor Anya van der Merwe Miszewski.

Jenny Sorrel, a part-time studiomaster, contacted the Homestead Project and offered to donate the chairs to their hostel.

Sandra Morreira, head of The Homestead Project, and Sorrel decided on chairs with a fun, built-in game element.

The Bridge at Elukhuselweni Children's Home houses about 55 boys, aged six to 18 years, who have been rescued from a life on the streets of Cape Town.

The children have few belongings of their own, and part of the brief followed by the UCT students was to create chairs that would enable the boys to assert their individuality.

The students made the furniture themselves in the School of Architecture workshop. The budget for each chair was no more than R250.

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## Students reach out



Happy times: (From left to right) Hayley Hilton (postgrad fundraising committee), Hazel Maposela (Emasithandane), Ian Corbett (guest lecturer), Mbuyisi Sithole (Emasithandane), Stuart Hendry (lecturer), Michael Tladi (Emasithandane), and Nick Fenton-Wells (postgrad fundraising committee) at the donation handover.

The determination to make a difference in people's lives has driven postgraduate students in UCT's Faculty of Commerce to raise thousands of rands for charity.

For three months, a group of 150 students cruised streets and malls, fundraising sheets in hand, asking for R50 donations from individuals and organisations. In the process they have raised R55 000 so far for the Emasithandane Children's Project in Nyanga, and are

still going strong, hoping to make R75 000 by the end of the project. The Emasithandane project is a home for orphaned and vulnerable children, and currently houses 40 children aged six months to 18 years. The money will go towards renovation work on the orphanage.

The fundraising project started when lecturer Stuart Hendry challenged his students to do something that will make a difference in this

country, citing in his appeal the Dinokeng Scenarios. This is a set of possible scenarios for 2020 drawn up by a team of 35 civil society, business and government leaders, in which they ask citizens to contribute to change in the country.

"They are citizens that don't sit back and wait for government, but rather work together to create a better future for all," he explained to students. **MP**

## Alumni pair are sole survivors

It all boiled down to self-motivation and endurance for two UCT alumni who finished the gruelling Life 2 The Limit challenge, an adventure that cut them off from the world for 30 days. Dr Jonathan Starke (MBChB, 2001) and Saul Kornik (BBusSc, 1999) were the only two of the 10 starters to complete the survival challenge, held on a deserted island in the South Pacific. Fellow alumnus Nick Bennett (BA, 2005) also took part in the challenge, but threw in the towel a few days before it ended. Life 2 The Limit challenged the adventurers to spend a month in total isolation, armed with only a camera, a journal

and whatever essentials they could cram into a five-litre bag – all to raise money for charity.

Starke said the group had expected the physical challenges and a degree of weakness due to lack of nutrition, but never imagined that getting food – fish, for instance – would be as difficult as it turned out to be.

But he stuck it out, and was grateful at the end.

"I was finding the time away from the world – to think, to write and just to sit and watch the nature – so valuable that I wanted to take full advantage of it, and not cut it short," he explains.

## Help for international students at UCT

The Students' Representative Council (SRC) and international students have decided to form a working group to deliberate and address issues facing foreign students at UCT.

The body is made up of Melvyn Lubega, SRC vice-president external, and the respective heads of each society representing foreign nationals. The decision to establish the group was taken at a recent International Students' Forum, which was organised by the SRC in conjunction with the International Academic Programmes Office. The aim of the forum was to let international students engage with each other, and offer feedback on how to improve their experiences at UCT.

At the event the point was raised that although international students make up a large proportion of the

student population, they are under-represented in policy-making groupings, and at times feel neglected. They are also battling to integrate with South African cultures and those of other nationals, and find that they are often discriminated against in the local labour market.

Lubega said that many international students (particularly those from African countries) were struggling to get internships, as some local companies will not take on foreigners. The group intends to find ways to address this problem, promote integration among students, and ensure that international students doing postgraduate studies are financially supported, among other issues.

"These are postgraduates who conduct research and raise the profile of UCT, and they deserve to be funded," said one student at the forum. **MP**

## College of Fellows Young Researcher Awards

Nominations are invited for the 2010 UCT College of Fellows Young Researcher Awards.

The awards are offered annually in recognition of outstanding scholarly work by young academics who have made significant independent contributions to research in their field, and who have been in full-time employment at UCT for not more than five years. A maximum of six awards will be made each year. Should there be no qualifying nominations, no awards will be made.

Applications should include the full CV of the nominee (including publications or equivalent scholarly outputs for the past three years); a one-page statement of the nominee's scholarly accomplishments; and

contact details of three individuals who may be requested to provide referee reports. One referee must be international, and only one referee may be from UCT.

The committee to select the Young Researcher Award will consist of current UCT Fellows (nominated by the UCT College of Fellows) who represent a broad range of academic disciplines, and will be chaired by deputy vice-chancellor Professor Danie Visser.

Nominations must be submitted by Friday 2 July 2010 to Essie Thomas, who can also be reached for more information on criteria at extension 5204, or email estrelita.thomas@uct.ac.za at the Department of Research & Innovation.

## Apology

Please note that Professor Pippa Skotnes (Michaelis School of Fine Art) and Professor Carolyn Hamilton were joint recipients of the strategic bid for the Archive and Curatorship project. **MP**

## EVENTS

**Department Of Medicine 4pm**

**Forum Roster:** Venue: Lecture Theatre 2 (Upper), New Grootte Schuur Hospital: 27 May 2010 - Prof Marc Blockman - Talk on "CPC'S"

**Teaching and Learning Symposium**

Title: Celebrating and learning from achievements made through innovative teaching practices at UCT. Date: Tuesday, 1 June 2010 • Time: 09h00 • Venue: Centre for African Studies Gallery • RSVP: Zone.Mdledle@uct.ac.za

## VACANT POSTS

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**Associate Professor/Senior Lecturer/Lecturer** (3 Posts), Centre for Social Science Research, Faculty of Humanities, Closing date: 14 June 2010

**Lecturer:** Arabic Language & Literature, School of Languages & Literatures, Faculty of Humanities, Closing date: 14 June 2010

**Chair:** Comparative Law in Africa, Faculty of Law, Closing date: 15 June 2010.

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**Senior Lecturer,** Percy FitzPatrick Institute of African Ornithology, Department of Zoology Science, Closing date: 30 June 2010

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The Brain and Behaviour Initiative (BBI) is a cross-faculty, multi-disciplinary collaborative initiative aimed at promoting brain-behaviour research. The BBI is one of UCT's "Signature Themes", and seeks to bring together expertise on phenotyping, genotyping, cognotyping, imaging, and molecular signatures in achieving this goal. These methods will be applied to areas of particular relevance to the developing world and South Africa.

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**Deadline for Applications:** 31 May 2010

# International honour for student outreach

UCT student organisation Ubunye has won third prize in the second round of the international MacJannet Prize for Global Citizenship competition, which recognises exceptional student civic engagement initiatives.

Monday Paper spoke to Ubunye co-ordination committee chair Duncan Clough.

### What does Ubunye do?

Our primary function is providing support and accountability for our projects through joint administrative work and organising events. The

four projects are Inkanyezi, which improves post-school prospects for learners through mentorship and guidance; the Media School's provision of journalism classes and also their organisation of school newspapers, which serves as a creative outlet for students; TeachOut, which provides tutoring in English, maths, science and accounting; and the Township Debating League, which trains learners in debating and critical thinking.

### How big is Ubunye?

We have 45 committee mem-

bers and over 210 active student volunteers. During the first term, the Ubunye projects ran about 190 workshops at our schools. So Ubunye's projects fulfil a variety of needs through various after-school activities with learners in township schools.

### How is Ubunye different to SHAWCO?

Ubunye's projects are mostly independent. Each project manages their own operations and sources their own funding – whereas SHAWCO projects have a stronger influ-

ence from their steering committee. Ubunye is also entirely run by students, with no permanent staff, and we work only with high school learners.

### Why do you think Ubunye deserves this honour?

It is a tremendous achievement that Ubunye has a weekly impact on about 600 learners, considering that all our committee members are pursuing full-time degrees at the same time. I think the reward is an acknowledgement of the massive ded-

ication on the part of the leaders of Ubunye's projects. They have ensured their continued success, despite the transient nature of student leadership. I also think our growth over the past three years has been particularly inspiring. Four years ago Ubunye didn't exist – and now, during the Plaza O-week recruitment drive, we managed to get over 550 students to sign up. We have become a significant presence in student-based community service.

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## Nogapsbetween's career takes shape

Nogapsbetween, a four-member rock band, has won this year's UCT Launch Your Band competition. The group, made up of vocalist Aaron Jaffe, drummer Daniel Beck, guitarist Steve Kimmel and bass guitarist Adam Klass, won a R20 000 recording contract sponsored by Sound & Motion studios, as well as the opportunity to open the 2010 Rocking the Daisies Festival at the Cape Farmhouse, Scarborough in October. Nogapsbetween beat Stealing Larry in the final, and both had the honour of supporting Prime Circle in the final at the V&A Waterfront recently. The RAG-organised event is an epic music competition that provides a platform for unknown bands to showcase their work. The event also allowed RAG (aka Remember And Give) to raise funds for its major beneficiary, the Students' Health and Welfare Centre Organisation (SHAWCO).



## Robust Robinson runs wild

William Robinson once again proved his long-winded mettle when he clinched top spots in two endurance events – well, technically three.

Firstly, his times for the Cape Argus Pick n Pay Cycle Tour on 14 March (3:03:33) and the Two Oceans Ultra Marathon on 23 April (3:56:48) added up to the best combined time (7:00:21) over the two races, about 17 minutes better than his closest rival. This earned him his second Cape Argus Pick n Pay Cycle Tour & Old Mutual Two Oceans Floating Trophy, following on his first such win in 2008.

Robinson's overall time is about 27 minutes slower than that of his 2008 races, but the widely-reported windy conditions on the day of the Argus – a race he hadn't actually prepared for, but which "wasn't a problem", he says – were largely to blame for that.

And just a week after the 56km Two Oceans, Robinson headed for the Addo Elephant Park in the Eastern Cape, where he won the 50-mile race in the 6th South African Addo Elephant Trail Runs on 1 May. He took the lead at about the 20-mile mark, and finished in a time of 8:24:00, 12 minutes ahead of the next finisher. (A field of 48 started the race.)

But there was a surprise in store for the typically unflappable Robin-



Off he goes: William Robinson (left) is congratulated as he reaches the finish of the 50-mile race in the Addo Elephant Trail Runs.

son at the start of the event. The race wouldn't be exactly 50 miles (80km), runners were informed.

"I found out at registration that the organisers had extended the race by 4km," he noted in a report. "At least they added the distance on at the beginning and not at the end! So that made the race 84 km."

He finished second in last year's Addo 100-miler, which wasn't staged in 2010.

Robinson is currently a doctoral student with the Renewable Marine Resources Assessment and Management Group in the Department of Mathematics and Applied Mathematics.

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## Sports in shorts

UCT beat Stellenbosch University and the Cape Peninsula University of Technology in a Western Cape squash tournament (the University of the Western Cape didn't send a team) hosted in Stellenbosch at the start of May. After seeing off CPUT quite comfortably by 24-0, the tournament all came down to the final clash, in which the UCT first side faced off against the Maties first side. The teams tied at 10-10 going into the final of their six

matches. (Playing in a six-a-side format, a team wins a point for every game/set won in a clash, plus the winning team earns a bonus point for every match won.) A 3-1 win in that deciding match for Jeanae Dumas took UCT ahead 13-11, and the three bonus points for matches in the final game took the score to 16-11, and won UCT the competition. UCT's now earned the right to represent Western Province in an abbreviated – blame that on the Soccer World

Cup – University Sports South Africa national squash tournament, which it hopes to host in September.

UCT's Laura Barrett and Kim Kay have earned places in the women's national water polo team to take part in the World League Champs in France and Greece from 6 to 21 June. "The competition is extremely stiff and we are still developing as a team, so we have a big challenge going in there," says Barrett. **MP**

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