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## A retreat from the hospital

The Faculty of Health Sciences has officially launched a new student learning centre in the Cape Flats suburb of Retreat, where students will work and learn in the kinds of health-care conditions they will probably run into often during their careers.

The new Retreat Student Learning Centre is just the second such teaching and learning facility set up by the faculty's Primary Health Care Directorate in surrounding Cape Town communities. It follows in the wake of the Vanguard Student Learning Centre in Bonteheuwel, while a third will shortly be opened in Hanover Park. (UCT students are also placed in Mitchell's Plain and Khayelitsha, although there are no learning centres there.)

By comparison with the spacious Vanguard set-up, the Retreat centre is modest; a small, revamped wing of the Retreat Community Health Centre, it holds four consultation rooms and a fifth room, kitted out with three PCs, that acts as a resource centre.

If the centre is short on space and frills, not so are the faculty's ambitions for it.

With most training opportunities confined to large hospitals such as Groote Schuur, the faculty has to look elsewhere for students to get more appropriate clinical training. And in such community-based learning centres they not only learn from their immediate tutors, but also from the patients and other staff.

"We need these kinds of learning centres because we cannot train our future health professionals only in hospitals without them being able to work with patients at community level, and with communities around

Cape Town and beyond," says Frank Molteno, clinical-teaching platform co-ordinator at the directorate. "With a health care system slowly but surely re-organising itself along primary health care lines, it is vital for students who are being prepared in the first instance as generalists to gain experience, both in clinical and public health terms, of working at a primary level in and with communities – particularly those less well-served by state and private health care services."

One tenet of UCT's model of community-based education is that students must be versed in the health needs of entire communities, not just of those of selected groups of patients they might see at tertiary or secondary hospitals.

"We want to make the community the focus of learning, the equivalent of the lecture venue for students," notes Professor Steve Reid, director of the Primary Health Care Directorate and holder of the UCT chair in primary health care. "And we want them to be able to work across the whole spectrum of health facilities in the teaching platform."

The service is also a boon to the community centres that they are based in. "This partnership with UCT is a plus for the Retreat Community Health Centre," says Cyril Jacobs, chairperson of the Retreat Community Health Committee. "And we really appreciate any investment that can benefit the community."

And with the directorate planning more such learning centres, soon a few other communities may also benefit from having young health-professionals-in-training within reach.

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Room to grow: The Primary Health Care Directorate's Frank Molteno in one of the consultation rooms in the new Retreat Student Learning Centre, where health sciences students will learn their craft.



## Hands-on zoology for young Manenberg scholars

The Department of Zoology took its drive to keep high school learners interested in mathematics and science up a notch when it hosted an Open Day on 14 July.

Stars in the making: Leadership College learner Yusrie Joseph tries to remove a tapeworm from a snoek, while his classmate Aslam Hendricks watches.

Scores of Grade-8 learners from the Leadership College, a Manenberg-based maths and science school for top achievers, were given lessons on diverse topics, from insects and sharks to Marion Island, home to a renowned meteorological and biological research station. Learners then put those lessons into practice when they helped top dissect sharks and moles, removing parasites from snoek and birds.

Event organiser, Andrea Plos, said the goal was to show learners that keep-

ing maths and science as fundamental subjects can lead to fascinating careers in science and, specifically, the biological sciences.

"It is imperative to address the learners at Grade 8 level, showing them the wealth of opportunity both maths and science opens," Plos explains. "Once learners decide to drop maths or science, so many opportunities and doors slam shut. If we can catch their curiosity before they make a decision like that, we have won."



Cuba to Cape Town: The South Africa-Cuba Health Co-operation Agreement has produced another cohort of new doctors.

## New doctors to boost public health

Health Minister Dr Aaron Motsoaledi has urged medical graduates to be the “agents of change” and uphold a high moral and caring ethos to help South Africa turn the ailing health care system around.

At the graduation (at UCT on 7 July) of 40 medical students who were part of the South Africa-Cuba Health Cooperation Agreement, Motsoaledi described the current health care system as “expensive, destructive and unsustainable”, saying the government was unapologetically trying to overhaul it.

The South Africa-Cuba training is one of its initiatives to do so. The programme began after 1994 as an attempt to address the dwindling number of doctors in the country, and because medical schools were not producing enough black graduates, in particular. Candidates for the programme are drawn from under privileged communities, and undergo eight years of medical training in Cuba and locally, and graduates serve in the most under-resourced areas. So far 246 students have graduated from the programme, and a further 388 are in training. Every South African university has an oppor-

tunity to host a graduation ceremony for qualifying students, and this year it was UCT’s turn.

Motsoaledi told the graduates: “The fact that you have endured long periods of separation from your families in order to build a better future for yourselves and your country indicates your commitment to development, and I am confident that you will make your contribution to our public health system in as robust a way as possible.”

UCT vice-chancellor Dr Max Price noted that the graduation represents a remarkable collaboration between the government and South African universities, and between the country’s different medical institutions.

Price said the South Africa-Cuba training programme is a unique system to increase the number of medical graduates and to increase opportunities to students who want to study medicine.

Graduate Bongile Mabilane said her experience in the programme was “priceless and irreplaceable”, and she is committed to rendering quality health care service to everyone, irrespective of class, colour or creed. **MP**

## UCT welcomes new USHEPiA Fellows

A new cohort of six USHEPiA (University Science, Engineering, Law and Humanities Partnerships in Africa) Fellows received their awards in late 2009, and will spend time at UCT on their way to completing their PhDs:

Ruby Magosvongwe of the University of Zimbabwe, PhD in African languages, supervised by Dr Abner Nyamende;

Juliana Masabo of the University of Dar es Salaam in Ethiopia, PhD in labour law, supervised by Professor Evance Kalula;

Peggoty Mutai of the University of Nairobi in Kenya, PhD in Chemistry, supervised by Professor Kelly Chibale;

Muarice Mutowo of the University of Zimbabwe, PhD in business management, supervised by Professor Kurt April

Vincent Nyau of the University of Zambia, PhD in molecular and cell biology, supervised by Professor Wolf

Brandt; and

Amani Lusekelo of the University of Dar es Salaam, PhD in African Languages, supervised by Professor Herman Batibo of the University of Botswana. Lusekelo is the first Fellow to be registered at a partner university other than UCT.

Through offering full-degree, split-site postgraduate fellowships, USHEPiA promotes collaboration among African researchers and builds institutional and human capacity in cash-strapped African universities. Its ultimate goal is to develop a network of African researchers capable of addressing the developmental requirements of sub-Saharan Africa.

Since USHEPiA’s inception in 1996, 47 degrees (40 PhDs and 7 master’s) have been awarded. Not one graduate has left the continent to work in other universities abroad, and most have returned to their home universities.

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## Conference grooms student leaders

You cannot be a leader without followers or without goals – this was the prevailing theme at UCT’s Emerging Student Leaders Programme.

On 11 July, UCT’s Department: Student Affairs, together with the Centre for Higher Education Development (CHED) and the Career Development Programme (CDP), welcomed more than 100 UCT students to the annual Emerging Student Leaders Conference.

The vision behind this programme is to contribute to the university’s mission of producing well-rounded graduates able to face the challenges of an inter-connected society.

Central to this programme is the promotion of the values of good citizenship, human rights, sensitivity to human impact on the environment, building a culture which promotes and respects diversity, and the development of students’ internal capacity through role modelling and peer learning.

Throughout the week the students attended presentations that promoted participation and interactive learning. Presenters included distinguished speakers from various disciplines, including deputy vice-chancellor Professor Crain Soudien, and Professors Francis Petersen and Pamela Schwikkard, deans of the faculties of Engineer-



Among those who attended the Emerging Student Leaders programme were (from left) Mica La Vita, Matlebyane Kudumela, and Roy Morrison

ing & the Built Environment and Law, respectively.

Also presenting was Clem Sunter, world-renowned professional speaker, scenario planner and author of the best-selling book *The Mind of a Fox: Scenario Planning in Action*.

Schwikkard, the first female dean of law at UCT, addressed the issue of gender equality in leadership positions. She reminded the students that “the biggest barrier to our progression is our own prejudices”, adding that “as a leader, one must continuously engage in and evaluate these to ensure that they aren’t a barrier to you or to others”.

Sunter, drawing on years of experience as a scenario planner as well as from his bestselling book, urged the students to combine the aspects of having ‘the mind of a fox’ – full of ideas and stretching the boundaries of imagination – with the single-minded focus of the ‘hedgehog’, in order to pursue one of many ideas until it succeeds.

Professor Richard Calland of the Department of Public Law addressed issues of leadership within the context of the South African constitution. He challenged students to “be careful in our leadership to think across classes”, and added that “what seems a very powerful idea for us, very much through our eyes as the middle class, can at times be exclusive of other views”.

Participants were recruited from diverse backgrounds, ranging from first-year to senior postgraduate students. The group included two PhD students and four master’s students. All of UCT’s six faculties were represented, as well as both residence-based and off-campus students, international and South African students, with women making up 55% of the 2010 intake.

Additionally, 20 mentors were selected to assist the students on this journey. The mentors are senior student leaders at UCT.

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## Business as usual after ICTS move

In early June, the Information and Communication Technology Services (ICTS) moved to a refurbished building on Main Road, Mowbray as part of the university’s plan to free up space for academic use on upper campus.

Considered to be one of the biggest moves in recent campus history, the carefully synchronised move took place over a week and a half, with the IT Helpdesk consultants being the first to take up residence in the new building on Monday 7 June.

Interruptions to IT Helpdesk services were kept to a minimum by ensuring that furniture was moved over the weekend. The Helpdesk consultants were unpacked, settled in and answering support calls by that Monday afternoon. The rest of ICTS moved into the new ICTS-on-Main



New home: Information and Communication Technology Services staff settle in after their move to a new building on Main Road, Mowbray.

building in stages over the next few days.

So how does the ICTS move affect UCT staff and students? The

straightforward answer is that it shouldn’t affect them in any way, says ICTS. Clients can still collect and drop off equipment, borrow installation disks, get assistance, use the fax services and access other convenient walk-in services as usual from the ICTS Front Office on Upper Campus – they haven’t moved!

A number of people have already come down to Mowbray looking for the Front Office, but have had to be redirected to upper campus. “As much as we love to have you visit us, the Front Office walk-in services have not been duplicated down here,” says ICTS’s Steff Hughes. “Please continue to log your calls in the usual manner (online, by email or by phone) or visit our friendly consultants at the ICTS Front Office on Upper Campus.” **MP**

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# International ethics prize for Stein



Winning ethics: Professor Dan Stein is the winner of the CIMP Ethics Prize in Psychopharmacology.

The world's largest global psychopharmacology organisation, the Collegium Internationale Neuro-Psychopharmacologicum (CIMP) has awarded its CIMP Ethics in Psychopharmacology prize to Professor Dan Stein, head of UCT's Department of Psychiatry and Mental Health.

Stein, who also received the prestigious Alan Pifer Research Award this year, will be presented with the CIMP prize in Hong Kong, China, for his work on the philosophy of psychiatry and psychopharmacology. Stein has published a range of articles on the subject, and his recently-released book, *Philosophy of Psychopharmacology*, is arguably the first extended text to focus on the intersection between philosophy and psychopharmacology.

As the founding editor of *Philosophy, Ethics, and Humanities in Medicine*, one of the first open-access academic journals in the

field, Stein helped encourage interest in this area from readers around the world.

With his colleagues, Stein collected some of the only empirical data available on psychiatric disorders in those who testified before the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC). This work argued that although the TRC may have had certain benefits, it did not mean that provision of clinical care for psychiatric disorders in survivors of gross human rights violations during apartheid could be ignored. Recently, Stein and colleagues published findings from a national survey of attitudes towards the TRC.

"Advocating for equitable resources for psychiatry, whether in services, teaching, or research, is not always a successful process, so this encouragement is welcome," said Stein.

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Heading north: Profs Bongani Mayosi and Karen Sliwa will continue their work with long-time collaborators at the Population Health Research Institute, to which they've been invited as international scholars.

# Two take heart from international honour

DAVID CAPEL

UCT's Professors Bongani Mayosi and Karen Sliwa have been named as international scholars to the Population Health Research Institute (PHRI) at McMaster University, Canada, paving the way for further research in the population studies of heart disease in South Africa.

Mayosi, head of the Department of Medicine, and Sliwa, director of the Hatter Cardiovascular Research Institute, are among the latest recipients of the PHRI award, made to "highly productive and successful researchers of international distinction, and long-standing collaborators of the PHRI".

Mayosi has been collaborating with executive director Professor Salim Yusuf and his "wonderful team of researchers" at the PHRI – one of the world's leading research institutes in cardiovascular disease – for five years. In addition, several of Mayosi's colleagues, including Professor Patrick Commerford of the Cardiac Clinic, have been working with that group even longer.

The award, Mayosi said, cemented a vital relationship with a highly

respected international organisation, and is beneficial to UCT's ongoing ambitions to play a key role in global health. For example, the two teams have worked on tuberculous pericarditis and rheumatic heart disease, both associated with poverty.

"The area of poverty-related heart diseases has been completely neglected," Mayosi noted.

Sliwa, meanwhile, looks forward to the access that UCT researchers will have to the particular skills of the population study centre in Canada, which will allow them to set up very large, high-quality research projects in low-resource areas.

Sliwa has been working with Yusuf, one of the world's most distinguished researchers in population studies, for more than a decade. They collaborated on the renowned Interheart study, among others, one of the landmark studies on risk factors leading to myocardial infarction, or heart attack.

Ultimately, this led her to her own population study, the Heart of Soweto Study, a registry of more than 12 000 men and women with heart disease from this Johannesburg community. **MP**

# HIV kidney ops grab world attention



Cut above: Dr Elmi Muller and her team of surgeons made history with their transplants.

DAVID CAPEL

UCT surgeon Dr Elmi Muller and her team received world attention following their historic transplants of kidneys from HIV-positive donors to HIV-positive recipients.

Since carrying out the world's first such transplant in October 2008, the team has performed nine similar procedures. The surgery was recently featured in *The New England Journal of Medicine*.

Muller, based in UCT's Department of Surgery and a full-time surgeon at Groote Schuur Hospital, is the clinical researcher who initiated and drove the project. For the transplants, she worked with Professor Marc Mendelson of the Division of Infectious Diseases, Professor Del Kahn of the Department of Surgery and Dr Zunaid Barday of the Division of Nephrology to ensure that all clinical aspects of this complicated procedure were covered.

The chief concern in the transplantation of a kidney from an HIV-positive donor to an HIV-positive recipient, explains Muller, is the potential risk of 'superinfection'. This is when a strain or subtype of HIV triggers a more rapid progression of HIV in the transplant recipient.

Every care was taken, however, says Muller. All organs came from donors who had died of unspecified causes, and who had received no antiretroviral therapy. They also had no history of opportunistic infections or cancer, and had no evidence of kidney disease on biopsy.

In all cases the transplant recipients enjoyed good renal function after the transplant, without the need for dialysis.

"We have the biggest HIV population in the world, and therefore we have a lot of HIV-positive donors," says Muller.

They are mostly ART-naïve, which means they have a low chance of carrying an ART-resistant strain of the virus.

The transplant was prompted partly by her own research interest, and partly by the need, says Muller.

"We have a lot of HIV-positive patients with end-stage renal failure in South Africa." **MP**

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## Academic Freedom Committee

### TB Davie Memorial Lecture 2010




The Academic Freedom Committee of the University of Cape Town invites students, staff and members of the public to attend the annual TB Davie memorial lecture, to be presented by **Robin Briggs**.

**"The Knowledge Economy and Academic Freedom"**

A Senior Research Fellow at All Souls College in Oxford, Robin Briggs is an historian of early modern Europe who has written extensively about the history of witchcraft and the persecution of witches and heretics. Most recently, he has been an important contributor to debates about the future of higher education in the UK and is one of the leading commentators in English on the reform of higher education in France.

**Date:** Thursday 12 August 2010  
**Venue:** Lecture Theatre 2D, Leslie Social Sciences Building, UCT Upper Campus, Rondebosch  
**Time:** 13:00 – 14:00

**PLEASE NOTE: Seating will NOT be reserved and will be on a first-come-first-served basis.**



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## Fossil fame for UCT zoologist

A UCT zoologist has had a fossil named after him, in recognition of his “major contributions” to understanding the biology of Africa’s endemic and enigmatic golden moles.

The Department of Zoology’s Dr Gary Bronner says he feels “rather bemused” at the honour.

“Naming new fossil species after someone is not rare, and it is always great to have your research efforts acknowledged. But having a five-million-year-old fossil named after you when you are in your forties tends to make you feel rather like a fossil yourself.”

The fossil, named *Chrysochloris bronneri*, was discovered recently at the West Coast Fossil Park in Langebaanweg by Professor Rob Asher of Cambridge University.

Asher is an expert on the evolution of insectivora (insect-eating) mammals; in particular the ancient African lineage, including the Malagasy tenrecs (small burrowing insectivores that hail mostly from Madagascar) and their closest living relatives, the golden moles.

The fossil mole – dating back to the early Pliocene, at least 5.2 million years ago – is closely related to the living Cape golden mole *Chrysochloris asiatica*, which is common in the south-western Cape, including the



Namesake: Dr Gary Bronner with a Cape golden mole, a close living relative of the five-million-year-old fossil mole *Chrysochloris bronneri*, recently named in Bronner’s honour by a Cambridge colleague.

Cape Peninsula, and the Northern Cape coastal plain.

Bronner explains that the characteristics that set the new fossil species apart from other golden moles are

subtle. So, for example, the lower jaw bone of *C bronneri* is more strongly developed than that of extant *C asiatica* (its closest living relative), or another fossil species (*C arenosa*), with which it lived at Langebaanweg.

*C bronneri* also shows a stout, enlarged lower second incisor lacking a posterior cusp, unlike other golden moles. The upper arm bone (humerus) is also proportionately longer (relative to its breadth) than in *C asiatica*.

Bronner is a member of an international research team that includes Asher, as well as researchers Professors Nigel Bennett and Paulette Bloomer and Dr Sarita Maree, all from the University of Pretoria. They are deriving a robust phylogeny (evolutionary tree) for the poorly-studied African family Chrysochloridae, comprising 21 golden mole species.

The team recently published the first phylogenetic estimate for golden moles based on both molecular and morphological data, and a fully-resolved phylogeny based on more species and data suites will be published later this year, reports Bronner.

(The other author of the paper describing the new species is Dr Margaret Avery, formerly a palaeontologist at Iziko Museums in Cape Town and now retired.) **MP**

## Time for alternatives, say energy engineers

DANIELLA POLLOCK

The Department of Electrical Engineering’s June seminar, *Renewable Energy in South Africa: Initiatives, opportunities, challenges and innovation*, spotlighted the urgent need for a diversity of electricity-generation technologies in South Africa.

The recent energy crisis and ESKOM’s difficulties in securing funding from the World Bank for the completion of Medupi (a giant coal-fired power plant with an estimated price tag of R120 billion), as well as the government’s decision to withdraw funding from the pebble-bed modular reactor nuclear programme, emphasise the need for alternatives to fossil-fuel-based electricity generation.

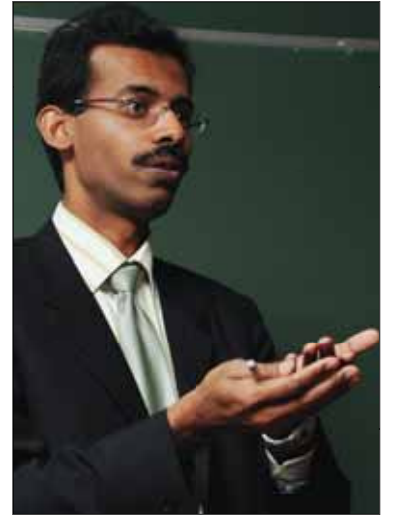
“South Africa is facing serious issues over the next year and next 20 years,” said Kannan Lakmeharan, managing director of the System Operations and Planning Division at Eskom. The country needs about 50 gigawatts of new energy – 10 gigawatts to replace plants decommissioned by Eskom, added Lakmeharan.

Several alternative-energy research projects are under way that can readily be implemented without much effort.

“The challenge here is in turning lab-scale research into the implementation of technology,” said Kadri Nassiep, CEO of the South African National Energy Research Institute.

Nassiep added that there is a need for a vast number of special skills, and investment in human capital, with a focus on the role of universities in training those individuals.

In his opening remarks Professor Thandabantu Nhlapo identified the role of universities, and more specifically UCT, in addressing



The writing’s on the board: South Africa’s growing energy needs have triggered a greater need for alternative-energy resources, said Eskom’s Kannan Lakmeharan.

South Africa’s energy crisis. “A university shouldn’t only teach, but should establish within South Africa an opportunity for institutions of higher learning to apply their minds and research know-how to solve these challenges and problems.”

UCT, one of the foremost PhD-producing universities in South Africa, has a large cohort of researchers working across disciplines on energy-efficient and renewable-energy technologies.

“Renewable energy is a hot topic on undergraduate and postgraduate levels,” said Professor Barry Downing, head of the Department of Electrical Engineering. “It affects our intake of students and how learners see the discipline.”

Some of the novel technologies being developed by UCT researchers include paper-thin solar panels and a South African wind atlas.

The workshop was co-hosted by UCT, the Institution of Engineering and Technology, and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. **MP**

## Partnership yields ground-breaking invention

A partnership between Sasol and AUCT’s Centre for Catalysis Research has yielded the invention of a device that will add great value to research in a variety of fields, including nano-technology.

The device, called a magnetometer, is fully computer-controlled and is the first of its kind in the world.

The magnetometer enables scientists to examine ferro-metallic catalysts in situ. Catalysts such as cobalt are used in the production of fuels and play a key role in terms of product performance.

The purpose of this area of research is to examine the physical

changes that catalysts undergo during process situations which have an effect on catalyst performance. The magnetometer exploits the magnetic properties of these catalysts to obtain the required information.

The research team – Professors Michael Claeys and Eric van Steen of UCT, and Jan van de Loosdrecht and Kobus Visagie of Sasol Technology – filed a joint international application to patent this product of the long-standing collaboration between Sasol and UCT in the field of catalysis research.

The study team has already performed several experiments, which



Inventive: Research team members (from left) Profs Michael Claeys and Eric van Steen.

have produced a number of important conclusions.

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## Business supports UCT’s copyright campaign

The South African Federation Against Copyright Theft (SA-FACT) and the Business Software Alliance (BSA) came up trumps when asked to support the “UCT respects copyright” quiz. Both organisations immediately approached their members, who have offered a range of amazing prizes.

The quiz will be run on Vula ([www.vula.uct.ac.za](http://www.vula.uct.ac.za)) from 2 to 13

August and is open to all UCT staff and students. Participants will be asked to look at 12 scenarios to identify whether or not copyright infringements have taken place.

Only correct entries will be eligible for the main prizes, but spot prizes will also be awarded – just for taking part! All prize winners will be notified on 31 August.

The fantastic prizes, generously

sponsored by Symantec, Microsoft, PlayStation, Sterkinekor Theatres, Next Entertainment and Nu Metro Cinemas, include flash disks, pokens, cool desktop backup software, DVDs and computer accessories, as well as games for computers, PlayStation, Xbox, Nintendo Wii. Keep an eye on the ICTS website for the competition details.

South Africa has a high rate of

piracy which directly affects local film and music industries as they then find it difficult to get financial backing for new projects. In 2005, pirated films made up 50% of South Africa’s DVD market, costing the South African film industry ±R500 million.

Not all piracy is the wilful flaunting of the law or is perpetrated only by criminals. In many

instances, individuals are simply unaware that what they are doing is illegal. There are a number of myths surrounding what can or can’t be copied or shared. UCT has tried to dispel these myths in the respect copyright quiz, so go on – test your knowledge and see if you can identify the correct behaviours. You could be walking away with one of those amazing prizes.



EDUCATION NEWS FROM AFRICA AND THE WORLD

(Sources: *Times Higher Education*, *AllAfrica*, *Chronicle of Higher Education*..)

A worldwide trend of falling state investment and rising tuition fees will prompt intense competition in the “globally traded commodity” of higher education – and the sector must prepare for the global advance of private providers. This was the message from presentations at the **UK COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AFFAIRS** annual conference.

Former UCT deputy vice-chancellor and current vice-chancellor of the **UNIVERSITY OF SALFORD**, Prof Martin Hall (@VCSalford), is the first UK-based VC to personally use Twitter. *The Times* Higher Education reports. Following on his heels is **DE MONTFORT UNIVERSITY’S** VC Dominic Shellard (@DMUVC) who joins university heads from around the world

in the twittersphere.

Ireland’s prime minister, Brian Cowen, has announced the largest single investment of **FUNDING FOR RESEARCH** ever made in the country. It will amount to EUR360 million over five years, comprising EUR297 million from the state and a further EUR63 million from private sources.

The recent discovery of oil in Uganda has prompted the **KENSON SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY**, a Trinidad and Tobago-registered organisation, to train Ugandans in soft skills required for the industry. This initiative is expected to address the lack of technical skills among Ugandans.

The **HOUSE OF TRADITIONAL LEADERS** in South Africa has welcomed the stricter rules at Limpopo’s initiation

schools, which have resulted in not one initiation-related death being reported in the province so far this winter. Last year, six youths died at one of the province’s legal initiation schools.

**SOUTH AFRICA** should introduce US-style community colleges at which youths could be prepared for further study, said senior Human Sciences Research Council official Michael Cosser. He argued that community colleges would remove the pressure on universities to spend increasing portions of their budget to bridge the gaps between university and high school education.

The presidential campaign in Rwanda this month sparked a campus-wide ban on all forms of political activity at the National **UNIVERSITY OF RWANDA**. The rector,

Prof Silas Lwakabamba, explained that the measure was taken to ensure a peaceful election period.

**DUKE UNIVERSITY** in the US has suspended assoc prof of medicine, Anil Potti, after learning that he falsely claimed to be a Rhodes scholar. Potti, a cancer-genomics researcher, listed the prestigious scholarship in an application for a research grant from the American Cancer Society.

One in 20 essays submitted by applicants for medical residencies at a prestigious **HARVARD** teaching hospital in the US contained evidence of plagiarism, according to a study published in the *Annals of Internal Medicine*. The authors studied nearly 5 000 personal statements from hospital residency applicants.

# Council report – June 2010

## Annual financial statements

The focus of the June meeting of the University Council was finance.

An annual audited set of financial statements, with a report by the Council on the work of the university in the reporting year, must be submitted to the Minister of Higher Education by 30 June each year. UCT's report and financials for the year ended 31 December 2009 show a strong balance sheet, an income statement reflecting revenues of R2.9 billion, including R1.2 billion for specific purposes (mainly research) and R187 million for student and staff housing.

As the report showed, this meant a small surplus on the Council-controlled operating budget of R24 million (recurrent income R1.511 billion and expenditure R1.487 billion). The report contained a comprehensive set of notes on accounting policies and disclosures. These are public documents and may be found on the finance department's website at [www.uct.ac.za/about/finance/](http://www.uct.ac.za/about/finance/).

## Chair of Council's Report

The Chair of the Council, Archbishop Njongonkulu Ndungane, wrote in his Chair's Report of the achievements and challenges facing UCT. He commented on the 2009 enrolment, on improved pass and throughput rates, and on the university's sound financial position.

Among the challenges he identified were ensuring that UCT has a fair and defensible admissions policy that makes provision for redress, and identifies the applicants who have the potential not only to succeed, but to do well; ensuring that our fee policies, financial aid policies and budgets meet UCT's and students' needs; and that



Council chair Njongonkulu Ndungane outlined challenges facing UCT in his annual report.

UCT addresses the 25% of students entering as undergraduates who leave without a degree, a challenge that lay largely with the Senate.

He concluded by emphasising the Council's responsibility for governance, which must be effective in ensuring that the university's finances are sound and that UCT's resources are properly applied to its needs.

## UCT's financial strategy

The Council is giving attention to financial strategy. The UCT Financial Plan – which has guided financial decisions for the past decade – is being reviewed, and at the June meeting Council devoted some time to reviewing an interim report on an integrated financial plan.

Among the challenges and complex questions facing Council are: the university's capacity to fund capital work (the projects approved for 2010 to 2013 exceed R1 billion); the level of

free reserves and the need for a subsidy equalisation fund; oversight of and the financial risks associated with rapidly increasing research income and expenditure (with as yet uneven overhead-cost recovery) and the increasing stresses that this is putting on the university's infrastructure.

In addition there is the all – important set of questions that has to do with the levels of tuition and residence fees, of financial aid and of salaries: tuition fees represent the only variable Council-controlled source of income (R577 million in 2009); for many, financial aid is a necessity for ensuring access to UCT (in 2009, R86 million); and salary and related expenditure is by far the biggest cost (in 2009, R1.3 billion out of R2.55 billion).

The University Finance Committee (which is chaired by Trevor Peterson, a member of Council and the former managing partner of Price-WaterhouseCoopers in the Western Cape) is continuing to give attention to the details of a new integrated financial plan, and is expected to bring a draft to Council's Exco in September 2010.

## UCT's endowments

The UCT Foundation, an independent trust chaired by UCT alumnus Jock McKenzie, holds the university's endowments in trust for UCT. The value of the permanent designated and undesignated endowments stood at R1.48 billion on 31 December 2009. The Council received reports on the endowment and the investment of the endowment at the June meeting. The investment return on the endowment for the 12 months to 31 December 2009 was 14.7%, and the Council congratulated

the Joint Investment Committee, chaired by UCT alumnus Shams Pather, on its stewardship of the endowment.

## Fundraising

The final finance-related issue to come to Council in June was the report on fundraising for 2009. Though donations were affected by the economic difficulties South Africa and most of the world faced in 2008 and 2009, once again the level of support given to the UCT was impressive, and totalled over R158.5 million. Of this, R3.8 million (2.4%) was for designated or undesignated endowments, and the rest (97.6%) for current projects.

The top ten donors were foundations, with the Andrew W Mellon Foundation (R20.276 million), the Atlantic Philanthropies (R17 million), the Carnegie Corporation of New York (R14.74 million), and the Hasso Plattner Foerderstiftung (R13.56 million) at the top of the list.

## Shape and size

Growth policy and the size of UCT has been an important preoccupation of both Senate and Council (and the Building & Development Committee, in particular) this year. Deputy vice-chancellor Professor Jo Beall has been given the task of reviewing growth strategy and the implications of growth strategy options.

At the June meeting Council had to deal with the short-term question of the Senate's proposals for enrolment targets and limits for 2011. These were approved as recommended by Senate, and faculties will be asked to try to manage admissions to these enrolment limits.

In 2006/2007, the then-Department of Education set UCT an aspirational enrolment target of 24 000 students in

2010. The university's own projections for enrolment envisaged reaching the target only after 2010. In fact, enrolment in 2010 has already exceeded the numbers projected for 2010; for 2010, UCT will have over 24 500 students, and student numbers have grown by one-third in the decade 2001 to 2010, as they did in the decade 1991 to 2000.

This growth is the reason that Council has approved the proposals by the Space Allocation and University Building and Development Committees to build a new, large (over 350-seater) lecture theatre on the upper campus. This is needed for existing student numbers; should numbers grow beyond current levels, considerably more investment in teaching facilities will be needed. This new lecture theatre will be at the southern end of the campus, and is expected to be provided for in the capital budget for 2011.

## Institutional Forum

The Institutional Forum (IF) – comprising 10 students appointed by the Students' Representative Council, 10 staff members appointed by recognised trade unions and other staff bodies and groupings, and 10 people appointed by Council, Senate and the vice-chancellor – advises Council on a wide range of matters relating to transformation. The IF and Council have asked Council member Vuyiswa Doo, who also chairs the Council's Human Resources Committee and who sits on the Remuneration Committee, to report on behalf of both bodies (IF and Council) to the other.

The June Council meeting had before it a formal report from the Institutional Forum on the work it performed in 2009.

(Prepared by the Registrar, Hugh Amore.)

## VC cements overseas partnerships

Whoever compiled the whirlwind, two-country, four-city – London, Manchester, Washington, New York – trip for the vice-chancellor, Dr Max Price, at the end of May didn't leave much room for him to catch his breath. Instead, Price had to criss-cross the cities via air, river and rail for a succession of meetings, functions, talks and conferences.

The occasion was the VC's annual – or, sometimes, twice a year – alumni visits and fundraising expedition in the UK and the US. His seven-day stopover in London, for example, was crammed wall to wall with meetings with established and prospective donors and funders, some influential UCT graduates among them. (He was joined on most of these gatherings by former vice-chancellor Dr Stuart Saunders and Angela Ross of the University of Cape Town Trust [UK], the registered UK charity that raises funds for UCT there.)

Tucked in between these were a meeting with the charity's board of trustees, as well as a couple of get-togethers with alumni and 'friends of the university' in both London and, in a first for the university, Manchester. These events included a trip on the Thames Clipper to the Old Royal Naval College, where Price and Professor Walter Baets, director of the Graduate School of Business, teamed up to address alumni and other guests.

The aim of the trip, says Price, was firstly to maintain contact with and the enthusiasm of alumni, keen to keep abreast of the goings on at their alma mater and in South Africa. Ditto for the meetings with donors, some with whom Price negotiated the rollover of grants, others with whom he had to broach new projects.

"Maintaining the relationship with funders is absolutely critical even in periods when, due to the wider financial environment, they are unable to give," he says.

Price then crossed the Atlantic for New York in the US where, after touching base with Holly Lawrence who works for the UCT Fund, Inc, which mirrors the fundraising work of the London trust, Price met up with a number of donors, including four new prospects, ie organisations that have not previously supported UCT.

From New York it was a hop, skip and a jump to Washington, this time for the annual general meeting and conference and of the Worldwide Universities Network (WUN), which UCT joined in late 2009. UCT is the only African university in the network.

The VC was not the only UCT delegate at the conference. Also there were deputy vice-chancellor Professor Jo Beall, who had negotiated UCT's place on the network; and Dr Loveness Kaunda and Lara Hoffen-



Contact: Dr Max Price (middle) in London with Profs Shula and Isaac Marks, and Paul Wilhelmij and Maria Callias.

berg of the International Academic Programmes Office, in the US for another conference later that week of the National Association of Foreign Student Advisers (NAFSA): Association of International Educators, and visits to three partner universities.

WUN was chosen because it focuses on international collaborations in research and graduate education. For Price, one of the highlights of the WUN conference, which explored collaborations in key areas such as climate change and global public

health, was the paper that showed that the increase of research papers published jointly by WUN collaborators exceeded the increase in research papers published by individual universities.

"The conclusion of the paper is that there is indeed significant benefit in research productivity from the collaboration and from investing in this particular network," says Price.

Is there a link between the WUN meeting and fundraising?

"We've ended up over the years

working with a subset of donors whose focus is on excellence, and who believe that South Africa and the continent need a handful of truly world-class universities," says Price. "They recognise the value of that for economic development, and for reproducing the academic profession of the country and of the rest of the continent."

And going by the successes of the trip, many are matching that recognition with their cheque books.

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# Obituary: Lord Wolfson

Lord Wolfson, founder-trustee of UCT benefactor the Wolfson Foundation, died on 20 May, aged 82.

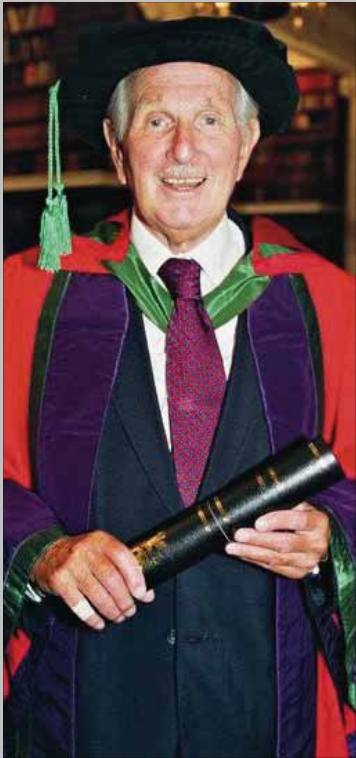
Born on 11 November 1927, Leonard Gordon Wolfson was a British businessman, the former chairman of the family business, Great Universal Stores Limited (GUS), and son of GUS magnate Sir Isaac Wolfson, First Baronet. He was raised to the peerage as Baron Wolfson of Marylebone in the City of Westminster in 1985, and was a member of the Conservative Party.

On his father's death in 1991, Lord Wolfson succeeded as Second Baronet of St Marylebone in the County of London. He was granted a leave of absence from the House of Lords from 2008.

The Wolfson Foundation, a charity that awards grants to support excellence in the fields of science and medicine, health, education and the arts and humanities, has awarded over £600 million in grants, funding over 8 000 projects around the globe.

The foundation's recent donations to UCT funded the scanning electron microscope for the Electron Microscope Unit; the refurbishment of the chemistry laboratories; and the Wolfson Pavilion.

"Lord Wolfson's philanthropy was an inspiration to us all, and we always appreciated the foundation's major donations to UCT's strategic



initiatives," said vice-chancellor Dr Max Price.

In May 2008 UCT conferred an honorary doctorate on Lord Wolfson.

"The opportunity for us to add Lord Wolfson to the long list of distinguished UCT degree holders was one that we cherished, and one that added great lustre to the reputation and standing of this university," added Price.

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# John Moss remembered

The UCT community and particularly the Department of Chemistry, has been dealt a blow with the passing of Emeritus Professor John Moss, aged 66, on 30 May 2010. Moss had been an academic staff member at the department since his appointment as a senior lecturer in 1979. In 1995, he was appointed as the Jamison Professor of Inorganic Chemistry, a position he held until his retirement in 2008.

Professor Allen Rodgers, head of the Department of Chemistry, notes that Moss was a person with rare attributes in terms of his strength of character, work ethic, commitment, dedication, collegiality and courage. When faced with what most people would regard as an insurmountable challenge, he never saw it as such, said Rodgers.

"To him, these so-called challenges were merely hurdles which had to be faced, negotiated, surmounted and resolved," Rodgers explains.

Moss's professional achievements in teaching, research and



administration, as well as his sporting achievements in mountaineering and sailing, bear testimony to a remarkable strength of character with which few people are blessed. He was awarded Fellowships from the Royal Society of Chemistry and the Royal Society of South Africa, and a Lifetime Fellowship from the University of Cape Town. His research work has been published in nearly 300 scientific papers, review articles, book chapters and conference proceedings, all of which have attracted over 2 000 citations.

# Hospitals to get school's Lean treatment

The Lean Institute Africa (LIA) at UCT's Graduate School of Business (GSB) has been awarded a tender by the National Department of Health to do 18 best-practice workshops in priority health districts across the country.

The workshop programme is the first step in creating a continuous process-improvement approach in public healthcare, according to institute head Professor Norman Faull.

"This is an ambitious endeavour with ambitious possibilities," he said. "I also believe this is a great opportunity for internationally significant cutting-edge research."

The Lean Institute Africa (LIA) will run week-long best-practice workshops at health facilities in several of the priority health districts in South Africa, after the final game of the soccer world cup. The contract will run until the start of October.

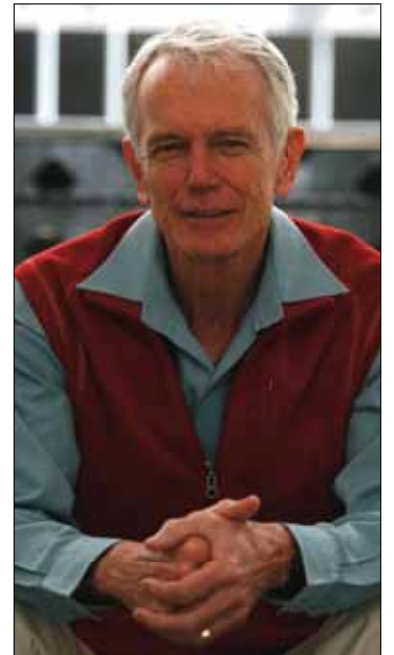
LIA research associate Chipu Mupure says that Faull has been championing the Lean cause and working with the Department of Health for a number of years.

"One of our more recent projects at a Northwest Province hospital drew a lot of attention," says Mupure. "We reduced outpatient waiting times by 84% and were then invited to run a few more workshops. That gave us a platform to apply for this tender."

She adds that this is the biggest development since the creation of the Lean Institute Africa, and that there is a growing body of evidence to prove the effectiveness of Lean in the South African public sector.

"The only way to convince people is through evidence, and we are making progress with each successful project."

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Health tender: Prof Norman Faull, head of UCT's Lean Institute Africa.

# Reshuffle as HR executive resigns



Caretakers: Margie Tainton (left) and Miriam Hoosain (right), with deputy vice-chancellor Prof Thandabantu Nhlapo, will step in as acting executive directors until a successor to Khotso Raphoto is appointed.

UCT announced in June that, after lengthy discussions, Khotso Raphoto, executive director: human resources, had submitted his resignation, effective on 30 June 2010.

In discussion and in his letter to the vice-chancellor, Dr Max Price, Raphoto had indicated that a combination of factors influenced his deci-

sion. One of the most important was that he felt he did not have sufficient support within the HR department and from certain key stakeholders in the university to bring about the changes that are required in HR at UCT.

He wrote: "Having taken these concerns into account, given the dif-

ficulty in continuing to work under such conditions, and in the best interest of all concerned, I have decided to tender my resignation."

Price noted in a recent message to staff that Raphoto had put the interests of the university first. "The executive is, and we should all be, grateful to him for his contribution over the last two years, and the enormous integrity with which he has dealt with the current difficulties in HR," Price wrote.

Margie Tainton, remuneration and HR administration manager, will serve as acting executive director: HR until 31 July. Miriam Hoosain, currently senior HR advisor in the Faculty of Health Sciences, will step in as acting executive director from 1 August, until a successor to Raphoto is appointed.

Speaking at the PASS Forum on 22 July, deputy vice-chancellor Professor Thandabantu Nhlapo announced that the executive is currently reviewing this and other developments in the HR department. **MP**

# New temp staff providers

UCT's Human Resources (HR) Department hosted a presentation on 28 June to introduce the employment agencies that were recently selected as preferred providers of temporary staff for the university.

After a formal tender process, a selection panel comprising key UCT stakeholders appointed Ayanda Mbanga Communications, Corporate Placements, Kelly Group, Shamrock Recruiting and the Tower Group to service UCT from 1 July.

The agencies are mandated to assist UCT in meeting its employment equity targets, and the appointment of five agencies will give the UCT community a wide choice when sourcing temps.

Yvonne Macdonald, manager of staff recruitment and selection at HR, said: "This was a successful tender process and the agencies chosen will offer a professional recruitment service, with particular emphasis on placing suitably-skilled black candidates in temporary assignments."

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Temp service: Attending the HR event were (from left) Ilse van Vuuren of Shamrock Recruiting, Athena Wilson of Kelly Group, Samantha Prinsloo of the Tower Group; Pruniel Thornes of Ayanda Mbanga Communications; and Katerina Wright of Corporate Placements.

## EVENTS

**Philosophy Society Meeting:**

Title: The Political Power of Sexual Preferences, Mr. Nathaniel Coleman (PhD student, Philosophy, University of Michigan, USA). Date: Tuesday, 27 July. Time: 20H00. Venue: Room LS2B, Robert Leslie Social Science Building. For more details: Contact 021 6503316

**African Centre for Cities Seminars**

**Title:** Caroline Skinner, Challenging City Imaginaries: Street Trader Struggles in Warwick Junction, Durban', WIEGO (Women in Informal Employment Globally). Date: August 4. Time: 3pm. Venue: Davies Reading Room 2.27 Engeo Building, Upper Campus. Title: Mark Swilling, Stellenbosch, Rethinking Urbanism (Just Transitions: Explorations of Sustainability in an Unfair World). Date: September 1. Time: 3pm.

Venue: Davies Reading Room 2.27 Engeo Building, Upper Campus. Title: Melissa Steyn, The City's Other: Small Towns in post-apartheid South Africa, Sociology and Director of Intercultural and Diversity Studies, University of Cape Town. Date: October 6. Time: 3pm. Venue: Davies Reading Room 2.27 Engeo Building, Upper Campus. Title: Steven Robbins, Urban social movements, rights talk and mass action in Cape Town, Department of Sociology, University of Stellenbosch. Date: November 3. Time: 3pm. Venue: Davies Reading Room 2.27 Engeo Building, Upper Campus

**Department of Medicine Thursday Forum July:**

29 July 2010 - Dr Laura Roden - "Circadian rhythms and health". • August: 05 August 2010 - Prof Peter Zilla (Rheumatic Fever Week). • 12 August 2010 - Prof Zephne van der Spuy - "The Polycystic Ovary Syndrome: A Pandora's Box". • 19 August 2010 - Prof Paul Brink - "Discovery of a Novel Biological Pathway for Heart Diseases in South Africa". • 26 August 2010 - Prof Keymathri Moodley - "Medical Mistakes"

## VACANT POSTS

**EXECUTIVE AND ACADEMIC POSTS:**

**Deputy Director:** African Centre for Cities, School of Architecture, Planning & Geomatics, Faculty of Engineering & The Built Environment, Closing date: 31 July 2010

**Lecturer/Senior Lecturer,** Department of Accounting, Faculty of Commerce, Closing date: 10 August 2010

**Dean, Faculty of Science, Closing date for nominations:** 13 August 2010, Closing date for applications: 23 August 2010

**Senior Lecturer/Lecturer,** Department of Electrical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering & The Built Environment, Closing date: 13 August 2010

**Associate Professors (X2),** Department of Physics, Faculty of Science, Closing date: 13 August 2010

**Lecturer:** African Languages & Literatures, School of Languages & Literatures, Faculty of Humanities, Closing date: 13 August 2010

**Lecturer:** Biomedical Engineering, Department of Human Biology, Faculty of Health Sciences, Closing date: 31 August 2010

**Lecturer/Senior Lecturer:** Joint position in Observational Astronomy, Department of Astronomy & The South African Astronomical Observatory (SAAO), Closing date: 01 September 2010

**RESEARCH, PROFESSIONAL,****ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPPORT POSTS (PASS)**

**Senate Committees Officer:** Legal Services & Secretariat, Office of the Registrar, Closing date: 26 July 2010

**Administrative Officer,** Department of Surgery, Faculty of Health Sciences, Closing date: 28 July 2010

**Departmental Manager,** Department of Accounting, Faculty of Commerce, Closing date: 30 July 2010

**Brain & Behaviour Initiative Manager,** Department of Psychiatry & Mental Health, Faculty of Health Sciences, Closing date: 30 July 2010

**Senior Scientific/Technical Officer,** Department of Chemical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering & The Built Environment, Closing date: 30 July 2010

**Administrative Assistant,** The UCT of Graduate School of Business, Closing date: 30 July 2010

**Principal Technical Officer,** Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Science, Closing date: 10 August 2010

**Information Services Librarians,** UCT Libraries, Closing date: 10 August 2010

**Technical Officer (Artisan),** Department of Mechanical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering & The Built Environment, Closing date: 18 August 2010

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**Research Officers (X3),** IIDMM, Faculty of Health Sciences, Closing date: 26 July 2010

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# UCT scores with World Cup accommodation

UCT proved to be a hit with the visitors who were looking for lodgings over the FIFA World Cup.

More than 2 500 bookings (or bed-nights) were sold and UCT played host to hundreds of visitors from 33 foreign countries and other parts of South Africa as it opened up some of its student residences to World Cup visitors during the recent semester break, at the request of local government and tourist authorities. The project, Campus Accommodation 2010 (CA2010), was led by Emeritus Professor John Simpson, whose team included experts in the hospitality industry.

Among the local visitors were volunteers from FIFA's local organising committee. In turn, many of the foreign guests were visiting South Africa for the first time, and they commented on the professionalism

and warm welcome provided by UCT.

"The student volunteers who served as marshals and receptionists became excellent ambassadors for the university, often working beyond the call of duty," said vice-chancellor Dr Max Price.

The campus also served as one of the city's largest transport hubs, with more than 2 150 cars parked on UCT property every match day, and thousands of people made use of the City's Park & Ride services. These services were also available to CA2010 guests.

There was even a smart viewing area on campus for staff, students and guests who could not make it to the live matches or the fan parks in town. Catering company Fedics fitted out the Graça Machel dining hall with high-resolution TV screens and an offering of hot meals and drinks.

The occasion put several lasting legacies in place at UCT: new systems that will contribute over the long term to the management of the residence sector in general, and to the development of the university's vacation accommodation in particular.

The university also picked up some unexpected tips, reported John Critien, executive director of Properties and Services, at a PASS Forum last week. "We learned that we have the capacity in our departments – and in our students – to run a small hotel here," said Critien.

"I would like to congratulate and thank Professor Simpson and the CA 2010 team members for their superb accomplishment," said Price. "CA2010 has enhanced the UCT brand internationally, and strengthened our relationship with the City of Cape Town and Cape Town Tourism." **MP**



Pride: Some of the staff and students that made CA2010 such a blast. Samantha Payne, Anja du Plessie, Qingping Liang, Wei Mao, Eva Gumbie, Hilda Phatswana, Johnny Oriokot (at back), Mpho Raboane, Vhahangwele Masutha, Errard Sullivan, Snigdha Basu and Emer Prof John Simpson.

## Campus struck hard by footie fever

UCT was not spared the soccer fever that gripped the country during the recent FIFA World Cup. Well before the first kick-off, staff and students were dressing up in national colours and makarapas, blasting their monotonic vuvuzelas (yes, we know it got a bit much towards the end), enjoying impromptu games of footie or staging more elaborate events (hats off to you, DSA and health sciences). Our academics got into the act, too. Here, then, is our little photographic montage of how UCT got the gees. (For those who didn't make it into this Monday Paper, why not check out UCT's Flickr site, following the link from the UCT homepage.)



There was some filling food to go with the footie at Graça Machel Hall.



Just before the tournament-opening game, staff at the Communication and Marketing Department were having a hoot.



Staff at the Development and Alumni Department wore black. Yes, sure, they looked cool, but we're

still wondering, why black? We hadn't played Uruguay yet.



Department: Student Affairs hosted a little World Cup of their own. Bafana Bafana won. If only John Donald and co had been called up for that Uruguay game.



They're small, they're adorable. And even though some lost interest in the middle of the game – follow the ball, honey, follow the ball – they still played better than England.



They tried really hard, but not a peep came out of them.



Prof Marian Jacobs made everyone else green with envy at the Faculty of Health Sciences.



Okay, so they don't look excited. But it was match 49, and these staff in the Department of Chemical Engineering were more enthralled by the hydrogen fuel cell that powered their big-screen telly, courtesy of

clever colleagues Nabeel Hussain and Marc Wüst.



David Maralack of the School of Management Studies didn't just join the fan walk on the last match day in Cape Town, but also a project of the Cape Higher Education Consortium to evaluate the impact of the FIFA World Cup on the city and its residents.



No sooner did ICTS move to a new building in Mowbray than they got disorientated and came up with new ways to locate their PCs – some resorting to a chant-and-vuvuzela tracking system. **Morgan.Morris@uct.ac.za**



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