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## National research chair for customary law scholar

The National Research Foundation has awarded one of UCT's top law scholars, Professor Chuma Himonga, the Chair in Customary Law.

A delighted Himonga (LLB University of Zambia; LLM Kings College, London; PhD London School of Economics and Political Science) said the chair would create greater prospects for the development of research, the generation of knowledge and inclusion in the intellectual life of UCT of an area of law that regulates the lives of millions of South Africans.

"The challenges customary law faces and creates in relation to human rights and its application by the courts in changing social and legal contexts require serious investigation and scholarship. It is my hope that the award of this chair will create new inspiration for colleagues at this university and elsewhere to get to grips with this system of law through debate and collaborative research."

Her research will focus on the actual workings of customary law as a normative system and as part of the South African legal system, against the backdrop of legal pluralism. It will also examine

how customary law intersects with other components of the system, including common law and human rights.

"Within the pluralistic nature of African legal systems, and against the colonial historical backgrounds of African countries, customary law plays a very important role in the regulation of people's lives, especially in family, gender relations, traditional leadership and land matters," she added.

"The recognition of this law by the Constitution of South Africa has heightened its relevance and significance in the legal system. Moreover, the courts are constitutionally obliged to apply customary law and, if necessary, to develop it in accordance with the spirit, purport and objectives of the Bill of Rights.

Himonga said that although the Constitution also requires customary law, like any other law, to be aligned with the Bill of Rights, little is known of the field in its current form. This is due both to the dearth of research and the marginalisation of customary law in the colonial and apartheid legal systems.

"The research of the chair is intended to increase the understanding of customary law as a dynamic system, as

well as its actual workings within modern constitutional frameworks. At the same time, the chair will serve, firstly, as the nexus between research, capacity building and teaching in customary law, through undergraduate and postgraduate teaching, and, secondly, as a base for building a body of scholarship and a young generation of scholars in South Africa and the rest of the continent.

The announcement also has institutional implications, as the chair is positioned to enhance UCT's Afropolitan vision through the development of scholars from other African countries and the consolidation of the chair's involvement in regional postgraduate teaching and research, especially at the Southern and Eastern African Regional Centre for Women's Law (Himonga contributes to the teaching of a regional master's programme at the centre).

This was endorsed by law dean Professor PJ Schwikkard: "The award of the chair is tribute to Professor Himonga as a customary law scholar. The faculty is honoured to host the chair, which has a direct link to the faculty and university's strategic goals of being transformative and Afropolitan."<sup>MP</sup>



Going up: Prof Chuma Himonga, Department of Private Law.

## Plant physiologist goes gold



Going gold: Prof Jill Farrant with the gold medal that came with her Harry Oppenheimer Fellowship Award, which will fund her work on resurrection plants like *Xerophyta humilis*, here displaying its various stages.

If water stress is the Achilles heel of agriculture and climate change is just tightening the screws, it's a good thing that scientists such as Professor Jill Farrant are "working on the right thing at the right time".

The right thing, says Farrant, holder of a research chair in plant molecular physiology in UCT's Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology, is a species of plants known as 'resurrection plants', so called because they can withstand prolonged periods of near-total water loss by appearing to die. But, at the addition of a few drops of precious H<sub>2</sub>O, they spring back to life.

For some years, Farrant has dedicated herself to finding out how these plants are able to play possum like this. And if she can coax other plants – and crops – to do the same.

That work received a timely boost recently – other funds were drying up – when Farrant was named the winner of the prestigious Harry Oppenheimer Fellowship Award for 2009, which supports work that advances knowledge, teaching, research and development in South Africa. The generous €100 000 (around R950 000) purse – and an eye-catching gold medal – that comes with the award will go a long way towards keeping Farrant and her small squad of postgraduates in plants and pipettes.

All the way to the labs of some leading scientists in Switzerland and Italy, in fact.

At the Institute of Plant Biology at the University of Zurich, Farrant has spent time with "old-school perfectionist" Professor Felix Keller, who will now help her pinpoint the exact roles

played by the sucrose and raffinose family oligosaccharides (sugars) that protect the plants in their wilted states, and then fuel their recovery when they rehydrate.

Later, she'll join Dr Francesco Loreto of the National Research Council in Rome. Loreto has technology that allows him to identify (even in infinitesimal traces) a group of molecules known as lipids, which include fats and waxes. It's been found that these lipids play a key role in what's known as lipid-based signalling pathways, triggered by stress signals such as drought. Farrant wants to unpack these pathways, which probably switch on the dormant genes that make resurrection plants so drought-tolerant.

While she's not opposed to the genetic modification of crops, she believes that these triggers, pathways

and genes offer a more "natural" way to protect crops.

"All crops have these genes," says Farrant. "They just never switch them on."

It's the mechanisms used by resurrection plants, including the ones she's discovered on Table Mountain, that Farrant wants to tease out of other plants and crops.

Like *Eragrostis tef*, a tiny but high-protein seed that forms the basis for breads and cereals in Ethiopia and Eritrea, and is also digestible by the growing number of people with gluten intolerance. Tef is closely related to the resurrection grass *Eragrostis nindensis*, so it cries out for scrutiny.

"For me, to make a drought-tolerant crop out of tef is a priority," says Farrant. "It's got to happen."

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## Record numbers for UCT fundraising

UCT weathered the global financial storms well, according to fundraising tallies recently released by the Development and Alumni Department (DAD).

For example, the first quarter of the year, January to March, saw over R60.2 million come in from a broad range of foundations, corporations and individuals to support a wide variety of projects currently under way on campus. This record first quarter follows on the heels of a two-year (2008 and 2009) donation count of some R327 million, 39% higher than any previous two-year period. Not bad, given the economic downturn.

UCT kept up the impetus into the second quarter of 2010. The half-year figure came in at R88.8 million, a record for any half-year period in UCT's history.

"This is a real tribute to the work and reputation of our academics, and a mark of the high esteem in which they are regarded in the donor world," said Vice-Chancellor Dr Max Price.

Added Dr Jim McNamara, executive director of DAD: "Despite the dismal state of the world economy in recent years and the corresponding drop in donations to most universities and charities, UCT's academic leaders have nevertheless managed to continue to prove that they were worthy of significant donor support. That really is quite an impressive achievement on their part."

## Specialist is support group's hero

Gail Daniels could not heap enough praise on Dr Peter Nourse when the Cystinosis Support Group – which she started three months ago, after a gentle prod from Nourse – presented him with an award for service and compassion.

It's not that hard to grasp the reason for Daniels' lavish tributes. Her 16-year-old daughter Danielle suffers from a rare disease of the kidney known as cystinosis. After years of going from pillar to post, being passed from one hospital and doctor to the next, she finally found a patient ear and the relevant knowledge in Nourse. It was he who first diagnosed Danielle and suggested treatment. These days he also serves as medical advisor to the support group.

"It's nothing but a blessing to have a doctor who cares, who listens, and who empathises," said Daniels when the group made the award to Nourse, in collaboration with the international Cystinosis Foundation and the Western Cape Department of Health.

A paediatric nephrologist at Red

Cross Children's Hospital with a joint appointment in UCT's Division of Paediatric Medicine, Nourse first came across cystinosis while doing a fellowship in the Netherlands a few years ago. But cystinosis appears to be but one of many rare diseases (only some 2 000 people across the globe have been diagnosed with cystinosis) that can afflict the kidney, he reports.

Cystinosis, specifically, is a genetic metabolic disease affecting mainly children, and causes the build-up of an amino acid, cystine, in various organs of the body, such as the kidneys, eyes, liver, muscles, pancreas, brain and white blood cells. Without proper treatment, children with cystinosis develop end-stage kidney failure before age 10.

Despite being singled out for acclaim, Nourse credits the teams he had been working with at Tygerberg – his previous home base – and Red Cross. And with the number of children in the Western Cape suffering from cystinosis seemingly increasing (based on the number of patients on



Picture of gratitude: Dr Peter Nourse (second from left) with Gail (left), Colin and Danielle Daniels (front), members of the Cystinosis Support Group. Cystinosis sufferer Danielle presented one of her photographs to Nourse, who also received an award, held by Danielle, from the Cystinosis Support Group.

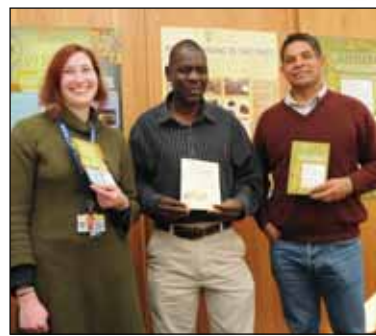
dialysis and who have had transplants), there may well be grounds for a research project or two.

In turn, Nourse praised Daniels and the newfound Cystinosis Support Group, which has proved useful for

patients, caregivers and the medical profession. "A parents' support group is important to doctors as well, especially because the family often know more than the doctors," said Nourse.

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## Pinup science for nation's schools



Pinups: With their winning posters are creators (from left) Gillian de Villiers (molecular and cellular biology), Dr Shadreck Chirikure (archaeology), and Prof David Jacobs (zoology).

Thousands of edu-taining posters and flyers are part of the UCT Faculty of Science's contribution to this year's National Science Week from 2 to 7 August.

The three posters, targeting mainly primary school learners, are fact-filled, full-colour sheets on the themes *The Secret Life of Viruses*, *Metal-Making in the Past*, and *Evolution: the Process of Natural Selection*.

Posters were conceived, researched and written by science faculty staff, who seized the opportunity to wax creative in their respective fields of interest.

Some found it easier than others. For archaeologist Dr Shadreck Chirikure, his *Metal-Making in the Past* poster was plain sailing, as he had already written a book on the subject – namely, *Indigenous Mining and Metallurgy in Africa*, published by the Cambridge University Press.

Chirikure says he was compelled to do the poster because so few South African learners realise that, although mining is so dominant in the country, there was a rich indigenous tradition in mining before industrialisation.

As well as the posters, a further seven glossy flyers based on posters from previous Science Weeks are tar-

geted at an adult audience, and will be distributed in public areas such as libraries and traffic centres.

The annual project started three years ago when the faculty produced posters for Western Cape schools. The initiative has become so successful that Science Week sponsors the South African Agency for Science and Technology Advancement extended the brief – and the budget – to include the whole country.

The Faculty of Science will also be contributing to Science Week through teachers' workshops, conducted at the MTN Sciencentre.

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## Mandela Day celebrated with giving



Nappies, clothes, toys and books went to the Red Cross Children's Hospital, and packages of books to the Nomzamo Children's Sanctuary in Langa, as part of the Humanities Faculty Office's Mandela Day charity drive.

The books will go to the hospital's newly-launched mobile library, to be operated by volunteers who will distribute

trolleys of books and magazines to children and their parents in the wards.

"We are very happy to have the opportunity to contribute to such a meaningful project," said faculty manager Laureen Rautenbach at the handover on 16 July.

After the formalities, UCT staff sat in on a presentation on volunteering at the hospital, and several showed interest in

becoming involved.

The next stop was the Nomzamo Sanctuary, a place of safety for abandoned children and babies.

As well as handing over their donation, staff also spent time playing, holding and reading to children and babies at the facility.

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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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# South Africa failing its children – report

The *South African Child Gauge 2009/2010* can probably be summed up as a damning report on the state of health of South Africa's young.

The *Gauge* is an annual publication of the Children's Institute at UCT, and tracks and reports the circumstances of the country's children. This latest edition – the fifth issue in the series – focuses on child health (previous editions covered education, social services, child poverty and HIV/AIDS).

The report notes that although South Africa is a middle-income nation, it ranks among the 12 worst countries in the world in failing to reduce child mortality since 1990. In fact, says the *Gauge*, the mortality rate for children under five in South Africa has risen from 56 deaths per 1 000 live births 20 years ago to

67 in 2008, according to modelled estimates by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). This has been attributed to the HIV pandemic, poor nutrition and living conditions, and a deteriorating health care system.

This indicates that the country is lagging behind the Millennium Development Goal to reduce under-five mortality by 2015. South Africa is also not on track to meet other MDG goals aimed at reducing poverty, hunger and disease.

But there is light at the end of the tunnel. At the launch of the 2009/2010 issue UNICEF's deputy representative for South Africa, Malathi Pillai, applauded the government's decision to overhaul the health system and said the report is a call to everyone to work harder and ensure that the country's resources are used to deliver concrete results for children

and mothers.

"We need to collect the right data, analyse it and use it to influence policies, and ensure that it reaches the end-users, the community workers," she explained. "We need to unpack the robust government policies and their robust plan of action."

Launched on 27 July, this edition was penned by child health experts from universities, NGOs and international agencies with the Minister of Health, Dr Aaron Motsoaledi, also contributing.

Deputy vice-chancellor Professor Jo Beall said the report exemplifies UCT's commitment to social responsiveness research, and is a good example of scholarly research that is presented in an accessible format to a broader audience

The full publication is available on [www.ci.org.za](http://www.ci.org.za). **MP**



In partnership: Lori Lake (commissioning editor, Children's Institute); Charmaine Smith (communication and knowledge manager, Children's Institute); Prof Maurice Kibel (Emeritus Professor of Child Health, UCT); Prof Shirley Pendlebury (director, Children's Institute); and Malathi Pillai, of UNICEF South Africa, at the launch of the South African Child Gauge 2009/2010.

## Scientific innovation combats lung diseases in children

The main cause of death and of morbidity in children globally is lung illness – predominantly childhood pneumonia, tuberculosis and asthma. African children bear the major brunt of this burden, which is largely preventable and treatable.

If the picture Professor Heather Zar (head of the Department of Paediatrics and Child Health, and director of the School of Child and Adolescent Health) painted of the current state of child lung health in Africa appeared gloomy at times, she was at pains to point out that medical scientists and clinicians have made impressive strides in turning the tide.

Yes, Africa's under-five mortality rate – a widely-used gauge for health status and socio-economic development – is on the rise. Yes, pneumonia is the leading cause of child deaths on the continent. (So shocking are the numbers that Zar drew a comparison to a packed jumbo jet crashing, every hour, 24 hours a day, every day.) Yes,



Innovation in crisis: The burden of respiratory diseases among children in Africa creates opportunities for innovation, said Prof Heather Zar.

sub-Saharan Africa – and, notably, the Western Cape – also bear the brunt of the world's tuberculosis burden, and of that "cursed duet", TB and HIV. And, yes, there is a growing preva-

lence of asthma among children aged 13 to 14 years in Cape Town and in Africa, making asthma the most common chronic illness in children.

But as Zar stressed in her inaugural lecture, *Child Lung Health in Africa: Challenges and opportunities*, delivered on 28 July, in the face of these challenges clinicians and scientists have developed many tools and treatments to prevent these illnesses, or treat them better.

Specialists and sub-specialists working in an academic centre can have a real impact on health care at all levels, far beyond that of a tertiary centre, said Zar. And some of these innovations have been rolled out across the globe.

For example, Zar and colleagues have developed better ways of identifying the causes of childhood pneumonia, so improving diagnosis, treatment and the use of preventative strategies. They have pioneered techniques for testing mucus from a

child's chest and nose. These samples can then be tested for the causes of pneumonia, using new and better laboratory tests.

Zar and colleagues have also shown that sputum induction – a technique that involves nebulising children with hypertonic (high salt-containing) saline and then asking them to cough, or suctioning their mucus – is more effective for diagnosing tuberculosis than the commonly-used gastric lavage, which involves passing a tube into the stomach and suctioning the stomach contents. (For obvious reasons, it is also more comfortable, and there is no need to hospitalise the child.)

This research, published in the prestigious journal *The Lancet*, has changed global practice in diagnosing TB in children.

More recently, Zar and colleagues have shown that use of isoniazid or INH (a cheap and readily-available drug for TB) is very effective in pre-

venting TB in HIV-infected children. Published in the *British Medical Journal*, this research showed that INH reduced mortality by more than 60% and TB by more than 70%. These are exciting findings, which may offer a potentially important public health intervention opportunity in areas of high HIV and TB prevalence, such as South Africa.

In addition, Zar has contributed to a number of national and international guidelines on child lung diseases. Such guidelines have the potential to influence clinical practices globally.

"We have a large number of vulnerable children in Africa," she noted. "But working in an academic centre, we have a real challenge and opportunity to advance care for children by developing new strategies and treatments."

(Zar's full inaugural lecture is available as a podcast on <http://www.uct.ac.za/news/multimedia/sound/>)

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## New award encourages young medical scientists

Young medical researchers were honoured for their outstanding output at the first Best Publication Awards held by UCT's School of Medicine on 26 July.

Opening the ceremony, deputy dean Emeritus Professor Greg Hussey said that he hoped the awards would become a regular event, and would encourage and retain young researchers at the faculty.

"We have many researchers out there, but we don't always know what they're doing," said Hussey. "We need to develop strategies to recognise their work, and keep them with us."

Guest speaker at the event was former UCT deputy vice-chancellor Professor Wieland Gevers, who spoke on the need for *consilience*, meaning the unity of knowledge, in approaching medical research.

"There are almost no new ideas under the sun, so researchers can't be too focused in their readings. They should be more open-minded, and read around their topic to generate new ideas."

Gevers also advised young researchers to avoid predicting their futures.

"You have no idea what the next



Attending the Best Publications Awards ceremony for young researchers were (from left) Prof Dave Beatty, Emer Prof Greg Hussey, Dr Susan Cleary, Nazma Mansoor, Dr Graeme Meintjes, Dr Thomas Scriba, Emer Prof Wieland Gevers and Prof Marian Jacobs.

ten years will bring, so you should never dwell on the idea that you won't be able to make an enormous contribution to science.

"But," he added, "it's vitally important to remember that great effort is essential in creating new opportunities."

The 21 entries were divided into three categories, namely basic, public health and clinical sciences.

Winner of the public health science category was Rory Leisegang for his paper, *Early and late direct costs in a southern African antiretroviral*

*treatment programme: A retrospective cohort analysis.*

Taking the clinical science award was Dr Graeme Meintjes for his work, titled *Novel relationship between tuberculosis immune reconstruction inflammatory syndrome and antitubercular drug resistance.*

The basic science award was won jointly by Nazma Mansoor and Dr Thomas Scriba for their paper, *HIV-1 infection in infants severely impairs the immune response induced by Bacille Calmette-Guérin vaccine.*

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# Council mirrors “complexity of university life” - chair

Archbishop Njongonkulu Ndungane has a soft spot for institutions of learning.

For example, since 2006 he has been the appointed ‘Champion’ and executive director of the Historic Schools Restoration Project. That is a government-endorsed initiative to transform, as the project’s strapline goes, “historically significant and under-resourced schools in South Africa into sustainable and aspirational centres of cultural and educational excellence”.

The project targets around 50 such historic schools in the country that have produced leaders who have made significant contributions, not only to South Africa but also to neighbouring countries. (For example, almost the entire first cabinet of Botswana were students of Tiger Kloof in the Northern Cape.) One of these schools is Ndungane’s own Lovedale High School in Alice, Eastern Cape, now the Alice campus of the Lovedale Public Further Education and Training College.

“Before apartheid, education was run by the churches,” says Ndungane. “When apartheid came, it destroyed significant institutions of learning that our greatest leaders attended.”

There’s a direct relationship between that project and his ‘voluntary’ service as chairperson of UCT Council, notes the archbishop. It’s

all about serving the needs of the country.

“Being of service to the nation through the university is the greatest contribution I can make at this time in my life. We should be making a significant contribution to the development of minds, which will bring lasting solutions for the wellbeing of people.”

His appointment as chair of Council in 2008 came just short of five decades after his first association with UCT. He studied here from 1960 to 1962, but it was his part in demonstrations against the Pass Law that sparked his interest in politics, which led to his imprisonment and, in turn, his move to the church. (He never got to finish his UCT studies, but holds a UCT degree – an honorary doctorate of philosophy awarded to him in 2003.)

These days, as chair of Council, he’s come to appreciate the “complexity of university life”, and loves sitting around the table debating issues with some “wonderful people”, all experts in their own right.

“My job is just to bring things to order.”

And lest anyone thinks that Council’s only function is to rubberstamp issues, the group has often demonstrated that it won’t brook slipshod work.

“We insist on excellence,” says

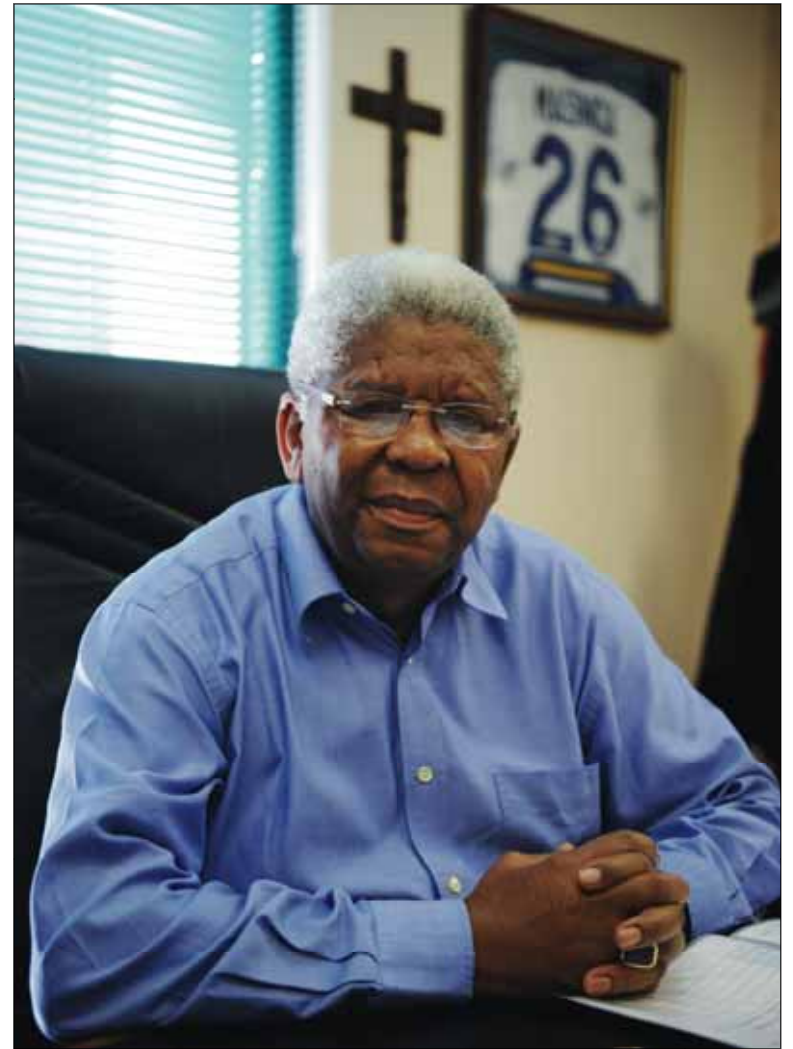
Ndungane. “If issues or documents have not been properly prepared, they’re sent back to the drawing board.”

Council duties add to the variety in his life, adds the archbishop, whose ‘day job’ – now that he’s retired from the Anglican Church – is founding-president of the African Monitor, a pan-African, not-for-profit body that analyses international aid to the continent and how that aid benefits communities and individuals. He also serves as patron to countless organisations and institutions.

Regarding his service to UCT, he insists on only one thing – that meetings do not clash with any “religious services” at the Newlands rugby ground. He’s a keen follower of the game, even though his loyalties are divided at times – his nephews, twins Akona and Odwa Ndungane, play for the Bulls and Sharks, respectively.

And while he agrees with Professor Tim Noakes that the South African side’s performances against Australia and New Zealand in the Tri-Nations suggest that the players are tired (although he predicts a Bok win against the All Blacks at Soccer City later in the month), it would seem that his own multi-tasking is far from exhausting.

As for continued service on UCT Council, he’ll cross that bridge when he gets there, he says. **MP**



Coming back: Variety - including his duties as chair of UCT Council - adds spice to the day of Archbishop Njongonkulu Ndungane.



Moving ahead: Staff listen intently while vice-chancellor Dr Max Price talks at the PASS Forum.

## Plenty to chew over at PASS Forum

As chair, senior deputy vice-chancellor Professor Thandabantu Nhlapo is usually a stickler for time, but even he allowed the 22 July open meeting of the PASS Forum – where university executives address topics of concern with Professional, Administrative and Support Staff (PASS) – to run on a little longer, probably because of the gravity of some of the items, and the number of issues.

It being the quarterly gathering of the forum, to which all PASS staff regardless of payclass are invited, the vice-chancellor, Dr Max Price, had a packed report-back. He touched on the outcomes of the Higher Education Summit in April, the upcoming review of the funding formula for universities and the need for differentiation between institutions, research and graduation successes at UCT, new fundraising highs (see article on page 2), a long-term size-and-shape plan for UCT, senior appointments over past months, staff and student ratios, how the formation of the Academics’ Union is changing the

dynamics at UCT, and the university’s revised strategic goals.

John Critien, executive director of the Properties and Services Department, spoke on the Special Rating Area (SRA) the university is setting up along the stretch from Anzio Road in Observatory right up to the breweries in Newlands. Critien noted that discussions have started regarding extending some of the SRA services into the surrounding residential neighbourhoods. He also updated staff on building work around campus.

The topic that drew perhaps the most interest was host Nhlapo’s presentation on recent developments in the Human Resources department, notably the resignation of executive director Khotso Raphoto. Both Nhlapo and the vice-chancellor spoke on the reasons for Raphoto’s departure, and how the university will move forward to appoint a successor and stabilise matters in the department. The next PASS Forum for payclass 10 and higher is scheduled for 12 August.

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## The knowledge economy, performance management and academic freedom

The UCT Academic Freedom Committee – which represents students, academic staff, management, Senate and Council – has planned a full programme for this semester.

A major event on the UCT calendar since 1959 is the annual TB Davie Memorial Lecture, which is to be presented on 12 August by Robin Briggs of All Souls College, Oxford, in Leslie lecture theatre 2D. Briggs has been a prominent contributor to debates on the restructuring of the university in the UK and a commentator on similar initiatives in France.

His lecture is titled *The Knowledge Economy and Academic Freedom*.

This theme addresses one of the main concerns of the Academic Freedom Committee (AFC). The AFC was established in 1959 in response to the threat of the apartheid state to university autonomy. The view of the

AFC is that today, in South Africa and globally, it is managerial rather than racial ideology that threatens the ideals of academic freedom.

“The managerial university arises mainly from pressures to commodify knowledge and to mimic economic productivity,” says AFC chair Associate Professor Andrew Nash of the Department of Political Studies. “But it’s hard to run a university like a factory. So performance management takes the place of the assembly line, and changes the whole character of teaching and learning in the process.”

The AFC will hold a lunch-hour debate on whether and how performance management impacts on academic freedom on Monday 16 August at 13h00 in Menzies lecture theatre 10. Briggs will act as discussant.

This debate is a sequel to a motion adopted at the AFC meeting of 17 May, after several earlier

discussions. The resolution expressed concern about the effects of performance management in pressuring academics into choosing research topics that lead to quick publication in accredited journals, rather than taking on research projects into more difficult topics or topics of great social importance which are not guaranteed to achieve success.

It warned that performance management may contribute to the erosion of democratic processes and free debate, and called for “inclusive and sustained deliberation over not only the details of Performance Assessment, but also over the implications of performance metrics for university governance and knowledge generation”.

A symposium on the impact of performance management will be held on 22 September from 16h00 to 18h30. Speakers and topics will be announced closer to the time. **MP**

## Fedics strikes a deal

In May, Fedics (an external contractor that provides catering services to UCT residences) signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with its employees, represented by the Independent Commercial, Hospitality and Allied Workers’ Union (ICHAWU). The MoA, negotiated through the Commission for Conciliation, Mediation and Arbitration (CCMA), brought to an end a nine-day strike. Despite the threat of disruption prompted by the strike, Fedics was able to provide near-continuous service to residence students over this period. There were some incidents, however, notably when a group

of Fedics employees illegally entered Tugwell and Leo Marquard residences, vandalised the dining rooms and kitchens, intimidated students and staff, and destroyed lunch-time meals. In addition to on-campus security services, members of the South African Police Service – which patrolled the ICHAWU picketing off campus – also had to step in. According to Moonira Khan, executive director of the Department: Student Affairs, Fedics is in the process of taking appropriate action. The MoA signed by ICHAWU and Fedics applies for the period 1 January to 31 December 2010. **MP**

# Revised Executive Portfolios - August 2010

This week *Monday Paper* features a round-up of the revised executive portfolios. These include departmental and individual reporting lines as well as committee responsibilities. The VC & DVCs serve on the VCMag, SLG, University Strategy Forum, Deans Strategy Meeting, Council, Senate & Senate Executive Committee (SEC). They may also serve on or chair: selection committees, committees of review, committees of investigation, and disciplinary & appeals committees.



Dr Max Price – Vice-Chancellor

#### Portfolio responsibilities relating to UCT strategic goals

- Overall Strategy & Executive Oversight
- Transformation
- Social justice policy intervention

#### Additional responsibilities and executive oversight

- Council accountability
- Fundraising & alumni initiatives
- External relations
- Financial oversight
- Risk management
- Ceremonial functions

#### Departments and individual reporting lines to VC and DVCs

- DVCs (4)
- Registrar
- ED Finance
- ED Communication & Marketing
- ED Development & Alumni
- Director Office of the VC
- Director Internal Audit

#### Committee membership ('Ch' indicates chair responsibilities)

- Council Executive
- VC's Transformation Advisory Committee (Ch)
- University Finance Committee
- Risk Management Committee (Ch)
- University Audit Committee
- University Development Committee (Ch)
- Alumni Association Management Committee
- Remuneration Committee
- Joint Investment Committee
- College of Fellows (Ch)
- Admissions & Progression Committee
- Appointments Committee
- Honorary Degrees Committee
- Baxter Theatre Centre Board

#### Committees outside UCT

- Higher Education SA (HESA)
- HESA Exco
- Southern African Regional Universities Association (SARUA)
- Association of African Universities (AAU)
- Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU)
- University Foundation
- Ukukhula Trust
- Worldwide Universities Network (WUN)
- World Economic Forum (WEF)
- UCT Fund: USA (Board of Trustees)
- UCT Fund: UK (Board of Trustees)
- Cape Higher Education Consortium (CHEC)
- Mauerberger Foundation – director



Professor Thandabantu Nhlapo – Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor

#### Portfolio responsibilities relating to UCT strategic goals

- Afropolitan niche

#### Additional responsibilities and executive oversight

- Senior support & acting for Vice-Chancellor
- Human resources
- Property and services
- Staff development
- Executive oversight: Physical infrastructure
- PASS staff & policy matters (UCTEU negotiations)
- Special projects e.g. UCT response 2010

#### Departments and individual reporting lines to VC and DVCs

- ED Human Resources
- ED Properties & Services
- Project Manager in VC's office

#### Committee membership ('Ch' indicates chair responsibilities)

- University Human Resource Committee
- Honorary Professors Standing Committee (Ch)
- EU Consultative Forum (Co-Ch)
- Staff Development (Ch)
- PASS Forum (Ch)
- Senior (PASS) Staff Management Advisory Group (SSMAG) (Ch)
- Operations Management Advisory Group (Opsmag) (Ch)
- Senate Nominations Committee (Ch)
- University Building & Development Committee
- Employee Relations Management Committee
- Space Allocation Committee
- USHEPiA Management Committee (Ch)
- University Development Committee
- University Human Resources Committee

#### Committees outside UCT

- Board Member – Sasol Inzalo (rep Ukukhula Trust)
- USHEPiA Advisory Board (Ch)
- USHEPiA International Steering Committee (Ch)



Professor Danie Visser – Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Research & Academic Affairs

#### Portfolio responsibilities relating to UCT strategic goals

- Research: profile, impact & engagement
- Climate change & sustainable development initiative

#### Additional responsibilities and executive oversight

- Faculty affairs
- Postgraduate matters
- Academic staff & policy matters (UCTAU negotiations)

#### Departments and individual reporting lines to VC and DVCs

- Deans (7)
- Director of GSB
- Director Research Office
- Director Research Contracts & Intellectual Property Services
- Director Postgraduate Funding Office

#### Committee membership ('Ch' indicates chair responsibilities)

- University Research Committee (Ch)
- Postgraduate Studies Funding Committee (Ch)
- Doctoral Degrees Board (Ch)
- Deans (Ch)
- Consultative Forum on Academic Staff Matters (Ch)
- Board for Graduate Studies (Ch)
- Joint Staff (clinical) Advisory Committee (Co-Ch)
- Academic Heads Working Group (Ch)
- Ad hom promotions (all faculties)
- College of Fellows
- College of Fellows Young Researcher Award Committee (Ch)
- University Finance Committee
- University Development Committee
- URC Committee on Research Reviews (Ch)
- IIDMM Management Board (Ch)
- Boards of Centres of Excellence:
  - 1) UCT/NRF/DST CoE in Catalysis (Ch)
  - 2) UCT/NRF/DST CoE in Birds as Keys to Biodiversity Conservation (Ch)
- Research Development Awards Committee (Ch)
- Honorary Degrees Committee
- Academic Freedom Committee
- University ICT Committee
- Vera Davie Study & Research Bursary (Ch)

#### Committees outside UCT

- CAPRISA Advisory Board
- Children's Institute Board
- UCT/CSIR Steering Committee
- Iziko Museums Advisory Committee (Co-Ch)
- UCT Press Editorial Board



Professor Jo Beall – Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Teaching: Learning & Internationalisation

#### Portfolio responsibilities relating to UCT strategic goals

- Quality of teaching & learning
- Graduate attributes
- UCT plan 2020: Size & shape
- Internationalisation

#### Additional responsibilities and executive oversight

- Quality assurance
- Institutional planning
- Academic staff development
- ICT initiatives

#### Departments and individual reporting lines to VC and DVCs

- ED University Libraries
- ED Information Communication & Technology Services
- Director Institutional Planning Department
- Director International Academic Programmes Office
- Chair EXCO African Centre for Cities

#### Committee membership ('Ch' indicates chair responsibilities)

- Senate Academic Planning (Ch)
- University ICT Committee (Ch)
- Internationalisation Management Advisory Group (Ch)
- Exams & Assessment Committee (Ch)
- Academic Staff Development Committee (Ch)
- Quality Assurance Working Group (Ch)
- Distinguished Teacher Award Committee (Ch)
- Admissions & Progression Committee
- Honorary Degrees Committee
- Board for Graduate Studies
- Library Working Group
- Timetable Committee
- Graduate School of Government: Steering Committee

#### Committees outside UCT

- CHEC - alternate director
- Calico (Ch)
- London School of Economics (LSE) Global Partnership
- Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU)
- Erasmus Mundus Consortium
- World Economic Forum (WEF)
- Worldwide Universities Network (WUN)



Professor Crain Soudien – DVC: Transformation & Social Responsiveness

#### Portfolio responsibilities relating to UCT strategic goals

- Transformation
- Public schools
- Crime & security initiatives

#### Additional responsibilities and executive oversight

- Social responsiveness
- Student affairs
- Staff experience
- Government & external relations

#### Departments and individual reporting lines to VC and DVCs

- ED Student Affairs
- Director Transformation Services
- Ombud (for co-ordination purposes)
- Director IPD (dotted line for social responsiveness)

#### Committee membership ('Ch' indicates chair responsibilities)

- Institutional Forum (Co-Ch)
- Admissions & Progression Committee (Ch)
- University Transformation Committee
- Residences Committee (Ch)
- Sports Council
- Undergraduate Studies Funding Committee (Ch)
- University Social Responsiveness Committee (Ch)
- University Student Affairs Committee (Ch)
- University Development Committee
- College of Wardens
- Undergraduate Student Funding Committee (Ch)

#### Committees outside UCT

- CHEC - director
- Independent examinations board (Ch)
- MSEP Board (Ch)

# Zimbabwean alumni gather in Harare

Meikles in Harare was the venue of choice for some 80 UCT alumni recently, and Professor PJ Schwikkard, dean of the Faculty of Law, hit the right opening note when she remarked that it never takes a new member of staff long to appreciate that a major source of academic prowess and interaction comes from the Zimbabweans in the class.

Collectively, the gathering represented over 50 years of UCT's history. In mentioning the amazing atmosphere in Cape Town during the soccer world cup, Schwikkard referred to the "great shame" of



Catching up: DAD's Lungile Jacobs (middle) with alumnae Tho Sithole (BA/LLB 2006), left, and Nqobile Ndlovu (LLB 2007).

xenophobic incidents in South Africa.

"Only since 1994 have we become part of Africa, and Africa has truly become part of us. UCT now talks about its Afropolitan role. In the law faculty, for example, our two new National Research Foundation Chairs are in African Security and Justice, and African Ubuntu and Jurisprudence, and in 2011 we will have a Chair in African Comparative Law. The overall student population also reflects this change; 3 200 of the total of 23 000 students are from Africa, and 700 are from Zimbabwe."

In his address, Judge Dennis

Davis referred to an earlier visit to Harare.

"In 1989 when a group of us met with the ANC, I never thought that in 2010 I would be talking to you about the first 15 years of our constitutional democracy."

He added: "While accepting that the realities of an economy have to be taken into account, and while also accepting that South Africa's experience is by no means perfect, the success of the Treatment Action Campaign and the Grootboom case are examples of where the socio-economic rights of our Constitution,

backed by strong civil society support, do meaningfully impact on the lives of the people."

The faculty's Professor Evance Kalula described highlights of the recent International Labour Organisation survey of Southern Africa, of which he had been a part. He referred to the work of "so many courageous people on the ground in Zimbabwe, including several alumni of the faculty, of whom we are so proud".

Judge Davis's talk at the legal function the following evening is available as a podcast at <http://www.uct.ac.za/news/multimedia/sound/> MP

## Youngest head takes the lead

Dr Suki Goodman has been appointed new head of organisational psychology in the School of Management Studies at UCT, becoming the youngest and only woman to head an industrial and organisational psychology department in South Africa.

Goodman succeeds her PhD supervisor, Professor Joha Louw-Potgieter, who witnessed Goodman's transition from student to lecturer.

"She has become the teaching mentor in the section, as she excels in instructional design and class presentation," Louw-Potgieter explains. "Apart from her academic and teaching leadership, she is also a meticulous administrator and compassionate convener."

The appointment has meant a reshuffling of priorities. A passionate teacher, Goodman (in picture) is sad



that her teaching load (numerous courses from first-year through to master's level) will have to be trimmed to free her up for section head responsibilities. She will retain her first-year teaching duties, however, as she believes it's important that senior staff members participate in teaching at this level.

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## Africa's best-dressed found at UCT

Staff of the Properties & Services Department were surprised by a special guest, deputy vice-chancellor Professor Thandabantu Nhlapo (middle in picture), who called to congratulate them on scooping the university's African Dress Competition, this for the colourful attire they donned on Africa Day, during UCT's Celebrating Africa programme.

They could have won an award for team spirit too. Their competition photograph, taken by Justin de Klerk, captured the spirit of Africa Day, and in particular both the themes of Celebrating Africa and African Connections, said the organisers.

"One can actually identify a number of African origins in the attire chosen by members of the group, and the total effect is quite a pleasing image of the UCT we hope to see in the future," noted Nan Warner of the International Academic Programmes



Office, who was among the competition organisers, and who accompanied Nhlapo.

The competition was part of UCT's Celebrating Africa programme of lectures, exhibitions, discussions and events that celebrated UCT's

African heritage and its growing connections with other African universities. People all over campus put on their most eye-catching African dress, persuaded colleagues to take pictures and entered the university-wide competition. MP

## Renowned visitor for human genetics department



Sir John Burn, Professor of Clinical Genetics at the University of Newcastle, and founder of the Life Centre, which he directed until recently, will visit the Division of Human Genetics from 15 to 20 August. He will join Professors Raj Ramesar (human genetics), Paul Goldberg (surgical gastroenterology, Groote Schuur Hospital) and their staff on the

regular field trip to the Northern Cape, where research has pointed to genetic factors that predispose their carriers to colorectal and related cancers. The team's research, funded by CANSA, the Medical Research Council and De Beers Mining, has led to the discovery of the disease-causing defects in many families, who now benefit from a programme of predictive genetic

testing, genetic counselling and clinical surveillance. The identification of pre-disease lesions and their removal has led to significant reduction in mortality in those at the highest risk. Among a wide range of ground-breaking research projects, Sir John has led an international study, involving the Western and Northern Cape populations who have been identified as high risk, investigat-

ing whether Aspirin and starch have any effect in reducing the development of disease.

Sir John will also talk about promising research and therapeutics for 'incurable' genetic diseases on 19 August at the Darwin Public Seminar, which will be hosted jointly by the Division of Human Genetics and the Africa Genome Education Institute. MP

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## EVENTS

**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 August: 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"

**GSB LUNCH-TIME RESEARCH SEMINAR.** Title: A look back at the FIFA World Cup 2010 in SA, with speaker, Andreas Henkel, the head of Adidas marketing in South Africa. Date: 11 August 2010. Time: 13h00 – 14h00 Venue: Lecture Theatre 4, Graduate School of Business, Breakwater Campus, Portwood Rd, Green Point. Please RSVP tamlyn.mawa@gsb.uct.ac.za

## VACANT POSTS

## EXECUTIVE AND ACADEMIC POSTS:

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**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/Senior Lecturer:** Engineering Drawing, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering & The Built Environment, Closing date: 27 August 2010

**Lecturer/Senior Lecturer:** Child Nursing, Department of

Paediatrics, Faculty of Health Sciences, Closing date: 30 August 2010

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

**Lecturer,** Department of Molecular & Cell Biology, Faculty of Science, 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

**Lecturer/Senior Lecturer:** Construction Economics & Management, Department of Construction Economics & Management, Faculty of Engineering & The Built Environment, Closing date: 17 September 2010

**Lecturer/Senior Lecturer:** Property Studies, Department of Construction Economics & Management, Faculty of Engineering & The Built Environment, Closing date: 17 September 2010

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

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

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**Admissions Officer,** Graduate School of Business, Closing date: 10 August 2010

**Part-time Senior Secretary,** Department of Physics, Faculty of Science, Closing date: 11 August 2010

**Research & Fertility Care Nurse,** Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Faculty of Health Sciences, Closing date: 13 August 2010

**Scientific Officer,** IIDMM, Faculty of Health Sciences, Closing date: 16 August 2010

**Pharmacist,** IIDMM, Faculty of Health Sciences, Closing date: 17 August 2010

**Invoice Verification Clerk,** Department of Finance, Closing date: 17 August 2010

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

**Quality Control Officer,** SATVI, Faculty of Health Sciences, Closing date: 22 August 2010

**Senior Manager,** Advancement Research & Information Systems, Development & Alumni Department, Closing date: 23

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**Binder,** UCT Libraries, Closing date: 23 August 2010

**Senior Scientific Officer,** Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Science, Closing date: 23 August 2010

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# Birdies galore at ornithology golf day

UCT's Percy FitzPatrick Institute of African Ornithology (the Fitztitute) took its 50th anniversary celebrations to the greens of the spectacular Steenberg Golf Estate to host a memorable golf day.

The 26 July event was also used to raise funds for part of the institute's 50th anniversary annual general meeting, scheduled for 11 August, and marked the initiation of a new birding relationship between the institute and the Steenberg Golf Club.

In this relationship, the golf club will establish an internal bird club that the institute will help to run by taking field outings there, offering students' presentations and by producing a bird-list leaflet for the club.

At the golf day, 48 golfers participated, notching up an impressive



Foursome: (From left) Karen Kearns, Sandy de Villiers, Sue Grace and Charmaine Michel, who won the four-ball at the Fitztitute Golf Day.

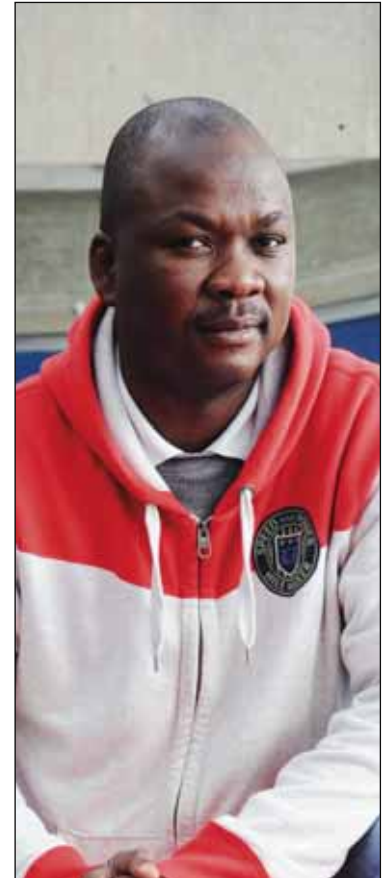
146 birdies and three eagles between them. Prizes were awarded for the top five four-balls, for the three clos-

est to the pins, and for the longest drive. The winning four-ball each received a signed copy of the VIIth edition of Roberts' Birds of Southern Africa – the most comprehensive handbook on birds of any region in the world. The book was compiled by the Fitztitute.

Project leader Dr Rob Little thanked the Steenberg Estate's Gary Lees and Ian Kennedy for hosting the event, as well as sponsors Sherry's Antiques, Naughton's Flight Wines, Excelsior Wines, Pick n Pay, Black Oystercatcher Wines and UCT.

Little expressed his gratitude to all the golfers who made the day "a fabulous success" and encouraged them to act as ambassadors for the institute during the remainder of 2010, and beyond.

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Badges of honour: Lydia Hall and Frans Mamabolo have been toasted by USSA, the national governing body for student sport.

# Lotto money good for sport

The development initiatives of four UCT sport clubs enjoyed a welcome boost in the shape of a grant worth R770 000 from the National Lottery Distribution Trust Fund (NLDTF). The grant – the first stipend in a four-year award – will go towards the development programmes of the rugby, rowing, tennis and yachting clubs.

The biggest slice of the pie, over R551 000, will aid the youngsters on a Rowing Club initiative. Started some years ago by UCT students and the late Keith Hart, then with UCT Sport & Recreation, the outreach programme works with some 100 school learners. Such have been the benefits that the programme has since been adopted by Western Cape Rowing as its official development programme. Well over half (around R320 000) of the grant will be spent on indoor rowing machines, aka ergos, while the rest will cover coaching and transport bills, as well as the purchase of a coaching boat.

The Yacht Club's windsurfing development school, a collaboration



Water wise: Some of the learners on the Yacht Club's outreach programme get the hang of windsurfing during a session at Shark Bay in Langebaan.

with Windsurfing South Africa and *Gust* magazine, will receive R127 000. That programme introduced 10 kids (aged between nine and 13) from local townships to the sport. With the kids improving all the time, new kit was required, so most of the funding will be invested in boards, sail rigs, wetsuits and a trailer, while transport and coaching costs will also be covered.

Just under R27 000 is earmarked for the Tennis Club's programme, revived in 2008 by graduate Jessica Ellis after joining forces with Michelle Whitehead, founder and trustee of the Growing Tennis initiative. By 2009, Ellis, Whitehead and UCT students were running coaching sessions with hundreds of learners at seven primary and high schools in Cape Town. Ellis had at one stage bewailed the lack of kit, a shortcoming that the NLDTF money will go a long way towards setting right.

The final recipient is the UCT Rugby Club, more specifically its Ubumbo team, initially established by the club for UCT students from the Eastern Cape. Apart from playing in the UCT internal league, Ubumbo players also coach and mentor school learners in Gugulethu, Langa and Nyanga. The R24 000 in NLDTF money will be used for kit, but around half of that money will foot some of the programme's costly transport bill.

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# Sporty two blaze to glory

Lydia Hall and Frans Mamabolo, sports administrators in UCT's Sport & Recreation section, were honoured recently by University Sport South Africa (USSA) for their service and commitment to student sport and their work within USSA in particular.

The governing body for student sport in the country, USSA made the *pro meritis* awards – winners receive special badges to go with their USSA blazers – at a recent national meeting.

Hall's association with USSA, then known as the South African Student Sports Union, goes back 25 years to 1986, when she first joined UCT. Since then she's been working with national and provincial bodies for a number of sports codes, including aquatics, basketball, hockey, netball, squash and (of late) rowing.

Mamabolo's a more recent USSA collaborator, but started his involvement in USSA structures at UCT as a student in 1998. In addition to repre-

senting UCT in chess and basketball at USSA, he's had a large hand in the organisation's karate committees.

Both Hall and Mamabolo have enjoyed some of the 'perks' of serving on USSA, such as travelling to student competitions across the globe, from Serbia to Thailand, Montenegro to Russia (Mamabolo perhaps more than Hall). But that's not the appeal, they say.

"It's about seeing students achieve something," notes Hall. "And if you don't serve on these committees, your students miss out."

Echoes Mamabolo: "The kick that you get out of working in student sport is creating opportunities for these kids. Without sport, many of them may not have seen the inside of an aeroplane or have gone overseas."

Sad then, says Mamabolo, that few students – and there may be good reasons – show an interest in the administration of sports clubs.

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