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Scholars programme generates Afropolitan traffic to UCT

UCT's first fellow on the All Africa House Fellowship has settled in; setting the tone for UCT's Afropolitan aspirations

On the face of things the intimate seminar at All Africa House on 14 October was no more than that – a gathering of scholars and students, no different really from the multitude of such meetings that are conducted around campus every day.

But scholarly interest apart, the event was remarkable for one more reason. It was presented by Nehemiah Chivandikwa, a doctoral candidate and lecturer in the Department of Theatre Arts at the University of Zimbabwe, who also happens to be the first fellow on the All Africa House Fellowship programme, funded by the Vice-Chancellor's Strategic Fund.

Yes, sure, All Africa House has hosted a procession of visiting African scholars over the years, notably those on the University Science, Humanities and Engineering Partnerships in Africa programme, aka USHEPIA. This is the first time, however, that the House has welcomed a fellow under the auspices of the Strategic Fund and in direct implementation of the 'mobility' aspect of the Afropolitan strategy.

If one of the aims of Afropolitanism is to get scholars from the rest of Africa to visit the university for short periods for a range of different purposes, Chivandikwa's visit was the opening gambit.

"What is happening tonight is by no means the only example of Afropolitanism," says deputy vice-chancellor Professor Thandabantu Nhlapo, who launched the programme officially. "But it is the one aspect that, to my mind, is probably the easiest to institute and manage – the travel. The core idea of the Afropolitan goal is to accelerate traffic between UCT and the rest of the continent."

Traffic is exactly what Professor Chuma Himonga, warden of All Africa House and director of the School for Advanced Legal Studies, has in mind for the House. She's keen to see the programme expanded beyond the three initial fellowships being funded by the Strategic Fund.

The fellowships programme was established to offer fellowships to three young or mid-career Africa-

based academics to come to UCT for a stint of three months to develop their teaching materials or write up completed research for publication. The main aim of the fellowships is to build capacity for research and teaching in universities on the African continent.

"As the House is meant to link UCT with Africa, this is something I have envisioned for the House since I became warden here," she says. "This is really a fulfilment of that vision."

In the meantime, Chivandikwa, one and a half months into his three-month stay with the Department of Drama, is making the best of his time here.

"The department is one that has diverse and multicultural approaches – a lot of European practices and a lot of African sensibilities, which is good for an international university, as it were," he says. "And the department is very strong in the practice of theatre, where I stand to benefit a lot."

His UCT host, Associate Professor Gay Morris, believes the learning will go both ways. Like Chivandikwa she works in the field of applied theatre – theatre used in the service of social development, voter education, medical education and the like – and has been grappling with theorising a model for this kind of theatre in Africa, small as the discipline may be. A while back Chivandikwa's MPhil thesis – on theatre in Zimbabwe schools – crossed her desk, with a request for her to serve as external examiner.

"I found his thesis absolutely fascinating because it was dealing with the same issues; of how does he find the right theoretical template in which to talk usefully about theatre," she said at the seminar.

Chivandikwa is unlikely to come up with all the answers in his three months at UCT. But he and UCT scholars can now contemplate the questions in close proximity to each other, and put some mileage on UCT's Afropolitan engine.

"The fellowship gives us the opportunity to say to others who may not have picked up on the Afropolitan 'thing' that, at its best, this is the way it's going to be playing out," says Nhlapo.

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Off the blocks: Nehemiah Chivandikwa (second from left) is the first fellow on the All Africa House Fellowship. He was photographed with Prof Chuma Himonga, DVC Prof Thandabantu Nhlapo and Assoc Prof Gay Morris.

Nehemiah Chivandikwa is currently enrolled for a PhD in the Department of Theatre Arts at the University of Zimbabwe, where he also lectures. His doctoral work is titled *Disability Participation and Empowerment in Theatre for Development: A University of Zimbabwe project*. He has participated in a number of applied theatre projects, including Co-ordinating the *Chosen Nation: Theatre for Development* project on disabilities; and *Foreign Affairs:*

A community play on African diplomatic relations, commissioned by the Nigerian and Tanzanian embassies. For his All Africa House seminar, Theatre and/as Insurrection in Zimbabwe, he explored how the play Decades of Terror (director Sam Ravengai was in the audience) negotiated censorship, the use of symbols and signs, aesthetics, audience expectation, "reasoned persuasion" and propaganda, and the demands of protest theatre.

New lab for poverty research development

The Faculty of Commerce's South African Labour and Development Research Unit (SALDRU) has been chosen as the African base for J-PAL, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab, which aims to reduce global poverty by ensuring that policy is based on scientific evidence.

Supported by the Hewlett Foundation and seed money from J-PAL, SALDRU will set up the new programme to spearhead capacity-building and research in Africa.

Faculty dean Professor Don Ross says: "J-PAL is the hottest thing in development economics, and the fact that UCT has been chosen as the regional base sends an important signal to potential postgraduates. If students are interested in Africa or poverty or development, UCT is the logical place to do their research."

Deputy vice-chancellor Professor Thandabantu Nhlapo says winning the site of the new lab is a coup for UCT.

"I couldn't be more thrilled at this development. It's hugely significant

for UCT's Afropolitan vision. From its conception, the Afropolitan thrust was about positioning UCT as a place for global collaboration, providing African solutions to African problems."

For starters, the organisation will build new networks, facilitate visits and promote joint research ventures and training.

It will also work closely with similar programmes at universities in Latin America, South Asia, and Europe.

J-PAL Africa's executive director Kamilla Gumedde adds: "We are very well positioned to boost capacity to run randomised evaluations in Africa, and to partner governments and NGOs, helping them make policy decisions that are more evidence-based and therefore more effective." **MP**

Global collaboration: Kamilla Gumedde, executive director of J-PAL Africa.



Welcome: (From left) Joan Rapp of UCT libraries with Kresge's Rip Rapson and Dr Phil Clay, and Sarah Archer (Development and Alumni Department).

Kresge Foundation visits

A high-level Kresge Foundation delegation from the US visited UCT earlier this month to see how their work suits the South African context. The visitors included the foundation's president, Rip Rapson, and board member Dr Phil Clay. The foundation supports programmes and institutions that promote access and success for disadvantaged students. The foundation has awarded UCT R12.5 million to date, and has pledged a further R7.4 million in

the form of a challenge grant for the South African Labour and Development Research Unit (SALDRU) Summer Training Programme in Social Science in 2011. Vice-chancellor Dr Max Price spoke to the visitors about the challenges and opportunities in the South African higher education arena, and about how these relate to UCT. The work of SALDRU and the Centre for Higher Education Development was presented to the delegation, who also toured the main library. **MP**

Award for article on 'soft side' of evolutionary theory



Innovative: Dr Dionne Shepherd, a winner in the Young Science Communicators Competition.

Molecular biologist Dr Dionne Shepherd has landed a Young Science Communicators Competition award in an essay competition run by the South African Agency for Science and Technology Advancement (SAASTA), *the Saturday Star*, and SAFm. The partnership develops the communications skills of young scientists (aged between 20 and 35) so they can promote their work in innovative ways.

Though this is not her usual line of research (she focuses on plant virology and biotechnology), Shepherd chose epigenetics for its interest value; what she calls "the soft side of evolutionary theory". Entrants were asked to pen a 700-word essay in English on any scientific or science-related subject, to inform and entertain the readers of *The Saturday Star*.

"Epigenetics is an incredibly exciting and new research field with

potentially huge implications," she says. "It is about changes that occur in gene activity or expression, without any alteration to a gene's sequence or genetic code."

For example, in studies of mice, pregnant mothers fed a high-fat diet produced offspring that were prone to obesity and diabetes, even though they weren't fed a high-fat diet themselves.

"In other words, epigenetic changes brought about by the grandmother mouse eating a high-fat diet were passed on to her kids and grandkids even though they themselves never ate a high-fat diet. So it's not just 'you are what you eat' – your children are what you eat, and your children's children are what you eat."

The title of her article, *Epigenetics: The soft side of evolutionary theory*, is a play on words which she links to Jean Baptiste Lamarck, who came up with

the idea of evolution in around 1800, before Charles Darwin was born.

"But his suggested mechanism for adaptation and change was ridiculed, and has been considered wrong up until this day. His mechanism of evolution was called 'soft inheritance'. Basically, Lamarck believed that characteristics acquired during an organism's lifetime could be inherited by the offspring, and that's how organisms adapted and changed."

Shepherd's 'real' research is focused on a developing resistance in a maize virus (the maize streak virus) that can wipe out a farmer's entire crop.

She has already won the 2008 Department of Science and Technology's Best Emerging Young Scientist category at their annual Women in Science Awards, and was featured in *Cosmopolitan* Magazine as one of their Fun Fearless Females in the same year. **MP**

Social Anxiety and Your Brain!



Brain imaging study conducted by the Department of Psychiatry

About? This study aims to investigate which areas in the brain are involved in Social Anxiety.

Who? Men and women, between the ages of 18 and 30 years who are right handed and experience a great deal of anxiety in social situations (like speaking in public, or when dating).

What? This study involves talking with a clinician and undergoing a brain scan.

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"Garbage information" cripples climate change knowledge

Academia needs to get out of its ivory tower and communicate with society if it is to have any impact on climate change.

This was the message from Professor Alistair Woodward at a seminar hosted by the Faculty of Health Sciences as part of its Global Health Initiative, under the auspices of the Vice-Chancellor's African Climate and Development Initiative (ACDI), on 6 October.

Woodward, head of the School of Population Health at the University of Auckland in Australia, delivered a talk titled *Climatic Change and Health in the SADC Region: Review of the*

current state of knowledge, in which he discussed the problems with disseminating information in a useful way.

Woodward noted that information is often not being interpreted correctly, citing the "garbage information" widely available on the internet.

"We need to enable users to develop a robust message – in other words, a message that people are willing to put money behind," said Woodward.

This lack of public knowledge about global warming, Woodward suggests, might well be reflected in the fact that 48 out of the 49 Republican senators currently standing for election in the US have said on record that climate change

is either irrelevant or a hoax.

"There has never before in the history of science been such a level of multidisciplinary activity, such magnitude of international collaboration, such an urgent demand from society for information," said Woodward.

"Academia has to get out of its ivory tower and into society in a way that it never has before – and that's hard, because it's not what we're trained to do. We don't know how to communicate.

"The ACDI has a key role in developing a new generation of people who know how to talk from the tower into society."

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New Ombud endorses UCT's aspirations

Zetu Makamandela-Mguqulwa has been appointed to the newly created position of Ombud at UCT, taking office on 1 January 2011. A university Ombud – a position vice-chancellor Dr Max Price has touted since his installation – is a designated neutral or impartial dispute resolution practitioner, whose major function is to provide confidential and informal assistance to members of the university community, including students and staff. The role of the Ombud, said a recent announcement by the chair of Council, Archbishop Njongonkulu Ndungane, has a long and honorable tradition as a safeguard against abuse, bias and other improper treatment or unfairness. The Ombud deliberately assumes a neutral position with respect to the individual as well as to the university. In this position, Makamandela-Mguqulwa will be “an advocate for fairness”, acting as a source of information and referral; aiding in answering an individual's questions; and assisting in the resolution of concerns and critical situations. The office of the Ombud supplements, but does not replace, the university's existing resources for conflict resolution.

A four-time UCT graduate, Makamandela-Mguqulwa returns to the university with plenty of experience in the field of conflict resolution and transformation. From 2003 to 2006, for example, she served as transformation co-ordinator in the Faculty of Health Sciences here

at UCT. Makamandela-Mguqulwa specialises in facilitating change in organisations and in how people think about themselves in relation to their circumstances. Currently she is a change-management specialist at oil company PetroSA, where she provides counsel on transformation and change at all levels, including to company executives.

Monday Paper spoke to her briefly.

Monday Paper: How do you see the role that'll you play as Ombud?

Zetu Makamandela-Mguqulwa: Someone will come to the Ombud when they decide that they don't want follow the formal route around an issue, that they'd rather have it dealt with informally, they'd rather have a conversation. But even though it's informal, what I like about it is that the end result will influence the identity of the university – things that we hold as true. It might also influence policy, or lead us to rethink some of our values. I think the university is going out of its way to exercise fairness, and fairness is what it's all about. It's a quality I hold very close to my heart. It took many years for me to understand that fairness is not an attitude, but a professional skill that is acquired over time, and it needs to be exercised and developed. **MP: You're familiar with how UCT works, so how do you think the university structure – different, perhaps, from a top-**



down corporate structure – will influence how conflict will be resolved?

ZM-M: The flatter the structure, the better, I think, because that speaks to the informal nature of the role; that speaks to the whole issue of access. That gives you the strength to access the office.

MP: Some would argue that people with grievances, specifically around transformation, have plenty of avenues and structures they can follow or turn to, but then don't. How do you hope to encourage

people, some who are perhaps still scared of victimisation, to turn to the Ombud if they have issues?

ZM-M: It's about those safe spaces. People must understand why the position is there, and understand the quality of the intent of the university. That quality will show through the results, and those results can only be achieved if people take advantage of the services of the office, and really learn to find their voices.

MP: What about the job appeals to you?

ZM-M: This will be my third

time back at UCT. And I have seen, with a lot of appreciation, the attempts that the university has embarked on and is moving forward with in terms of integration, and in being open as an institution that welcomes all South Africans. Having worked on transformation at UCT before, I really see this as the ultimate attempt to actually realise the dream of being open, of being a changing and learning institution. And I can only be humbled to be selected as the person to be instrumental in having the university achieve that. **MP**

Two new UCT fellows welcomed to the fold

If being inducted into the ranks of UCT Research Fellows is a mark of scholarly stature, then perhaps Professor Dan Stein's research-minded responses to all of Monday Paper's questions – no matter what they were – on being named one of two new UCT Fellows for 2010 is understandable.

The interview, conducted at the College of Fellows' Annual Dinner on 14 October, went something like this:

Monday Paper: “What does it mean to you to be elected a UCT Research Fellow?”

Stein: “Brain-behaviour research is so exciting; it would be wonderful if more students and more postdoctoral and clinical research fellows became involved in this area.”

MP: (Flustered but resolute.) “Do you feel honoured at being named a UCT Research Fellow?”

Stein: “We are fortunate that in Cape Town, brain-behaviour students and fellows now have access to state of the art neuroimaging and neurogenetics facilities.”

MP: (Struggling, by now.) “What do you think of the table setting?”



Familiar fellows: Dr Max Price (middle) with husband-and-wife team Prof Heather Zar and Prof Dan Stein. Stein is one of two new UCT Fellows.

Stein: “Psychiatric disorders are now the third-largest contributor to our national burden of disease; we really need to advance basic and clinical research in order to make a difference.”

And so on.

The responses, it could be argued, were in keeping with an occasion at which scholars and scholarship took

pride of place. Stein and Professor Timothy Egan were joining 43 other fellows – there are also 12 Sometime Fellows and 63 Life Fellows – in UCT's College of Fellows, which brings together academics singled out for original and distinguished academic work.

An A-rated scientist, Stein (head

of the Department of Psychiatry and Mental Health and director of the Brain-Behaviour Initiative, a UCT signature research theme) has been hailed for his contributions to the study of the psychobiology of anxiety disorders. Stein collaborates widely in his attempts to develop integrative approaches to these conditions; his publications include works with neuroscientists, brain imagers, neurogeneticists, neuropsychologists, epidemiologists and philosophers.

(Stein's wife, Professor Heather Zar, was named a fellow in 2007.)

Likewise, Egan (of the Department of Chemistry) is a much-cited authority on the bio-inorganic chemistry of the malaria parasite. His original paper on haemozoin – or malaria pigment – and its role in the development of malaria ranks among the 10 most-cited papers on the subject, and his work has prompted renewed interest in haemozoin. As a result, his research has influenced pharmacology, medicinal chemistry and biochemistry, among other fields.

Stein, for one, believes his field is

still flush with opportunities. Thus his repeated rallying cry for more research and researchers.

“I'd really encourage students to consider working on brain-behaviour studies; this is an immensely exciting interdisciplinary area, and so relevant to the challenges facing the country.”

(Unfortunately, *Monday Paper* could not reach Professor Timothy Egan for comment, as he is on sabbatical.)

The College of Fellows also presented its Young Researcher Awards at the dinner. Six up-and-coming researchers were honoured on the night – Dr Shadreck Chirikure of the Department of Archaeology, Associate Professor Genevieve Langdon of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, Dr Elmi Muller of the Department of Surgery, Dr Jo-Ann Passmore of the Division of Medical Virology, Dr Amanda Weltman of the Department of Mathematics and Applied Mathematics, and Dr Gina Ziervogel of the Department of Environmental and Geographical Science.

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UCT in THE top 50 listing for life sciences

In the process of releasing further details in their 2010 rankings, the Times Higher Education (THE) ranking system has announced that UCT has been placed 45th out of the top 50 life sciences universities.

According to the recently released THE Life Sciences Universities 2010 listing, the Massachusetts

Institute of Technology heads the rankings. The top half of the institutions listed hail from the US, Canada and the UK.

A THE media statement reads: “MIT's triumph in this subject will come as no surprise to those familiar with the institution: about a third of its on-campus research

is in the area of life sciences and is supported by the US Federal Department of Health and Human Services.”

UCT is Africa's sole representative in the top 50.

A delighted Professor Danie Visser, the deputy vice-chancellor responsible for research, said that

although the THE website itself gives no clue as to what is included under the rubric ‘life sciences’, the Thomson-Reuter company (which collects the data for the THE ranking) does offer a broad definition of life sciences.

“What is included and excluded is given in great detail on their

website, but in essence it includes not only research that at UCT is located in the Faculty of Science – broadly speaking, botany, zoology and molecular and cell biology – but also includes a large component of the research done in the Faculty of Health Sciences, though seemingly excluding clinical research.” **MP**



Brick by brick: The new Student Administration Building going up on middle campus.

Brick and mortar snapshot of construction on campus

Clement weather and few administrative delays mean that building work on UCT's multi-million-rand capital-expenditure projects has moved along nicely on the university's middle campus, reports the Properties and Services Department. And the opening salvo – that of a wrecking ball – will soon be fired on a new wing for the Departments of Civil Engineering and Chemical Engineering at the back of the Snape Building. Here's a bricks-and-mortar snapshot:

The new Student Affairs building on middle campus – perched above the new Economics Building – is on course for completion, scheduled for the end of November this year – 26 November, to be exact. Occupation of the building is set to begin in early December.

Works completion on the new School of Economics Building is scheduled for 7 April 2011; meaning the builders will hand the building over to UCT on 7 April, and for all intents and purposes, people can start moving in the next day. There will be numerous naming opportunities for offices, laboratories and rooms inside the building.

Another big investment will be made in a new building on the south side of the Chemical Engineering Building, at the back of the Snape Building. This building will house the Department of Civil Engineering, as well as several research groups for the still-growing Department of Chemical Engineering. Demolition of the civil engineering laboratories is scheduled to start on 17 November 2010, with preparation work for this due to start on 29 October. Temporary workshops for the Department of Civil Engineering will be set up at the Maintenance Building, towards the borders of upper campus. Construction work on the building will start after the June 2011 exams.

Work on Obz Square, as the 6 000m², R485-million residence in Observatory is provisionally known, is going according to plan. Completion is scheduled for the end of 2011.

In addition, Properties and Services is doing major maintenance around campus, notably on the Computer Science Building and the section recently vacated by the Information and Communication Technology Services. **MP**

Slice of success for research paper authors

A recipe for entrepreneurial success has won a team from the Faculty of Commerce a Distinguished Research Award at the annual conference of the Allied Academies in Las Vegas, US.

Associate Professor Thomas Gstraunthaler (accounting) joined forces with Stuart Hendry, lecturer and course convenor of the Genesis Project in the School of Management Studies, to research effective learning processes for equipping budding entrepreneurs with the right mindset, skills and business tools.

Their research paper is titled *Entrepreneurial and Accounting Education through Action-based Learning: The Genesis Project*. Competition for the award is rigorous, the panel of judges awarding distinguished research status to authors only after extensive review.

Hendry has crafted a winning formula with the Genesis Project, an intensive, action-learning platform in a highly entrepreneurial environment in which students explore key aspects of entrepreneurship such as leadership, creativity, innovation and risk-taking.

Gstraunthaler, who joined UCT from the University of Innsbruck, immediately saw the huge potential for collaborative research that the Genesis Project could offer.

"It was a perfect opportunity to study the learning processes of entrepreneurs over a period of one year. The trial-and-error runs and the sense-making of both success and failure, particularly, were extremely interesting," he said.

The Genesis Project is at the heart of the popular Postgraduate Diploma in Entrepreneurship. The student entrepreneurs from this year's top Genesis business will each



Just desserts: Assoc Prof Thomas Gstraunthaler (left) and Stuart Hendry celebrate their Distinguished Research Award, made at the annual conference of the Allied Academies in Las Vegas, US.

graduate not only with a diploma, but with a R35 000 dividend from their business. Small wonder that the 60 places on the course are highly sought-after.

Students were interviewed throughout the academic year to track their learning processes in leadership, management, accounting and financial planning. These processes were analysed against the students' experiences in the course of running their business.

In their paper, the authors show

that to develop entrepreneurs, one must focus first on developing an entrepreneurial mindset, and the ability to think and act creatively, coupled with an ability to take risks. Only then do the technical aspects of entrepreneurship (for example, drawing up a business plan and cash flow statement) become relevant.

The paper concludes that entrepreneurial education should also prepare students for understanding the social and political dynamics of their environment. **MP**

Open Access a free-for-all

A new online platform allowing for free and easy access to previously hard-to-find academic information was launched by UCT Libraries to coincide with International Open Access Week, which took place from 18 to 24 October.

The launch of the DigiTool platform, which will be the primary platform for the UCT Library's archiving and preservation tasks, is another step in the OpenUCT initiative, a far-reaching project to make the university's knowledge resources available to anyone with internet access.

Developed by library management software specialists the Ex Libris Group, in collaboration with leading academic institutions, DigiTool enables easy access to theses, dissertations and other academic material produced at UCT as well as at other institutions around the world.

Users can also upload their own material and accompanying metadata (for searching and indexing) to share with other users.

Currently used by Boston University in the US, Leiden University in the Netherlands and the University of Melbourne in Australia, among oth-



ers, the highly customisable software can be accessed through institutional portals, e-learning systems, and custom-built interfaces.

As a local and global collaborative system, DigiTool streamlines archive management and encourages shared digital repositories across institutions.

In other words, UCT Libraries' new system is all about Open Access – the sharing of research. This is not to be confused with Open Content, which involves the sharing of teaching materials. (The UCT OpenContent Directory, which allows easy, free

online access to teaching and learning resources, was officially launched on 12 February.)

Michelle Willmers, programme manager of the Scholarly Communication in Africa Programme in the Research Office, Glenda Cox of the Centre for Educational Technology and Janine Dunlop of UCT Libraries' Special Collections combined their efforts to launch DigiTool and highlight International Open Access Week at UCT with events, including a workshop on how to use the repository system.

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The Chair of Council,

The Most Reverend Njongonkulu Ndungane, will host a Dinner for Retiring Staff on Thursday 11 November 2010 in the Smuts Dining Hall at 19:00 for 19:30. All staff are invited to attend this dinner to support the retirees.

The cost of the three-course dinner, which includes a welcome cocktail and red or white wine, will be R145 per person.

To obtain tickets for this prestigious event, please contact Edwina Kannemeyer at 021 650 5671 or email Edwina.kannemeyer@uct.ac.za, by 1 November 2010.

Communication & Marketing Department

Shining a light on African bats

Nearly 500 pages lie between the covers of an exhaustive study of African bats, recently published by Wits University Press and co-authored by UCT's Dr Fenton 'Woody' Cotterill.

Cotterill is the Eranda Research Fellow at the Africa Earth Observatory Network, and a researcher at UCT's Department of Geological Sciences and Department of Molecular and Cell Biology.

"This is a UCT product," says Cotterill. "Over five years of my work on the book has been from here."

Cotterill co-authored *Bats of Southern and Central Africa: A biogeographic and taxonomic synthesis* with Associate Professor Ara Monadjem of the University of Swaziland, Associate Professor Peter Taylor of the University of Venda and Corrie Schoeman of the University of KwaZulu-Natal.

It's a full-colour book, packed with information, including topics such as evolution, ecology and echolocation, and it accounts for the 116 known bat species in southern and

central Africa.

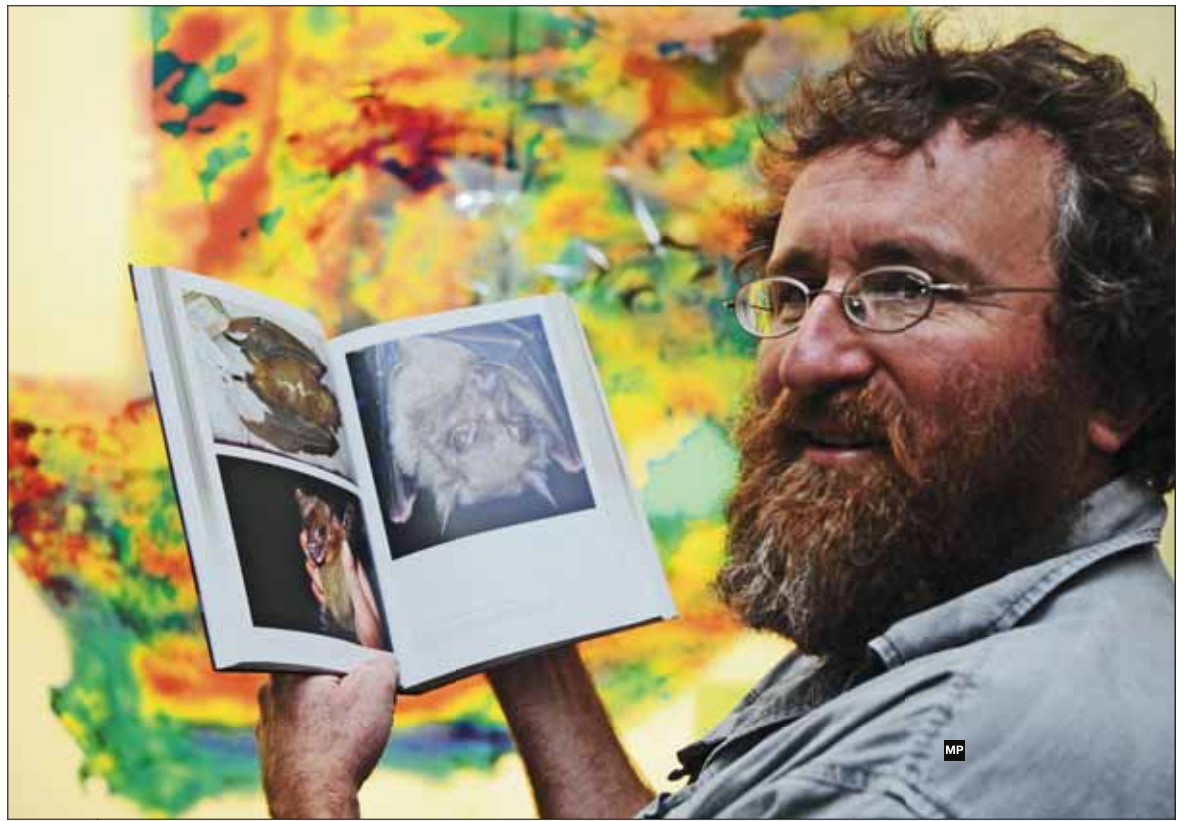
Each species study provides descriptions, measurements and diagnostic characters, as well as information on distribution, habitat, roosting habits, foraging ecology, and reproduction.

Photographs of the bats, including their skulls and dentition, and spectrograms – accurate time-expanded echolocation 'maps' – illustrate each account.

"*Bats of Southern and Central Africa* contains an extraordinary wealth of information" says field biologist Steven Goodman of the Field Museum of Natural History in the US.

"It is a synthesis of over a century of research, and the authors – some of the foremost scientists in the study of African bats – have done an exceptional job in making this information available to natural historians, bat enthusiasts, and scientists alike. The text reflects their intimate knowledge of these animals in the field and their detailed studies of specimens in museums around the world."

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Batman: Dr Fenton 'Woody' Cotterill is the co-author of *Bats of Southern and Central Africa: A biogeographic and taxonomic synthesis*.



Know your rights: Prof Hanri Mostert's inaugural lecture examined the challenges of South African property law.

Local property law is a two-way street

Although property laws from decades ago are still intact, the context in which they are applied has changed significantly.

This was noted by Professor Hanri Mostert of UCT's Department of Private Law in her recent inaugural lecture.

Titled *Accountability and Dependability as Pillars of Property Law*, Mostert's lecture argued that challenges faced in property law include the public's preconceived ideas, and the ability to manage contextual change in the field.

"Property law must be practised for the well-being of the community," said Mostert. "It can't function without a respect for freedom."

Quoting Nelson Mandela,

Mostert said: "To be free is to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others."

Mostert explained that property law has become intertwined with landlessness.

"Owner rights have never been absolute; and now, owners are expected to be more tolerant – especially with regard to unlawful occupants. The Constitutional Court expects more from owners."

Property law allows for the state to interact with the community, said Mostert, but this interaction often fails to materialise, such as in informal land transfers in townships.

"Here, people simply hand over their property deeds in exchange for payment. This is therefore an invis-

ible economy, as the transactions aren't adequately documented. Because they are informal, they can't be traced, which also means they can't be used as collateral when, for example, applying for a bank loan. This is a widespread practice that nullifies the protection the system provides to the people."

But how big a role must the government play to ensure that people are treated fairly?

"We should be expecting the state to fulfil its obligations to South Africans, but we must also have similarly high expectations of ourselves. This must come from both owners and non owners, if the law is to work as it should."

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Librarian's success is one for the books

Librarian Ingrid Thomson describes her contribution to her field in South Africa as "making the circle bigger".

Part of the Humanities Information Division at UCT's main Chancellor Oppenheimer Library, Thomson has dedicated herself to finding new ways to inform, educate and broaden the interests of her colleagues throughout the country. This has earned her the prestigious Library and Information Association of South Africa (LIASA) Western Cape Librarian of the Year award. She also finished third nationally, and received R10 000 from Sabinet towards professional development.

Thomson has already won several grants to attend national and international conferences, including the Ebsco-LIASA grant to attend the International Federation of Library Associations Conference in Glasgow, and the South African Library Leadership Programme, a LIASA and Carnegie/Mellon-funded programme that took her to the US for two months.

"I have shared the experiences and knowledge gained on those trips



Page turner: Winning librarian Ingrid Thomson.

with others, in the hope that they too will share further," she says.

Thomson has served as public relations officer and treasurer for LIASA, and continues to work on the organisation's LIASA-in-Touch magazine.

She is passionate and enthusiastic about the role that librarians can play.

"What is particularly rewarding is when you see other colleagues take what you have offered and shared, and run with it from there," she explains. MP



School of Management Studies

HONOURS IN TRAINING EVALUATION

This is the only programme of its kind in South Africa and focuses on how we use training to address the skills shortage in the country. However, to eradicate the skills shortage, training needs to be effective, otherwise we are wasting our resources. In this programme the main focus is on training that works and delivers the skills, knowledge, attitudes and values we need in our organisations.

If you have a B degree (any B degree) with statistics and research design, and are interested in human resource development, organisational learning or training, please go to <http://www.commerce.uct.ac.za/Managementstudies/Courses/BUS4100W/> and read more about it.



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UCT exchanges ideas with high schools

UCT strengthened its relationships with local high schools when vice-chancellor Dr Max Price hosted a lunch for principals from some of UCT's feeder schools on 12 October.

Price was accompanied by deputy vice-chancellor Professor Thandabantu Nhlapo, Schools Development Unit director Dr Jonathan Clark, and Admissions director Carl Herman; and met with representatives from Herschel, Wynberg Boys' High, Wynberg Girls' High, Camps Bay High, Hector Peterson Senior Secondary, Spine Road High and the Cape Academy of Maths, Science and Technology.

It was the third such meeting with schools this year. The aim is to cement relationships with the schools, to get feedback on how UCT is perceived by teachers, and to allow principals to raise issues relevant to the university.

Herman said afterwards that discussions at these meetings had centred on UCT's admissions policy, with principals expressing their views on the issues involved.

Price stated that UCT's goal is to be transparent with respect to policy, and that the university is working to move away from race as the sole proxy for disadvantage. **MP**



Policy matters: Vice-chancellor Dr Max Price (middle) met with principals of feeder schools.

Wise verse and laughter prescribed

General Tso's Chicken and the Seven Deadly Sins: A collection of rhyme and reason might not sound a very medical title for a book, but this collection of comic poems and songs is the latest release from paediatrician Emeritus Professor Maurice Kibel of UCT's Child Health Unit.

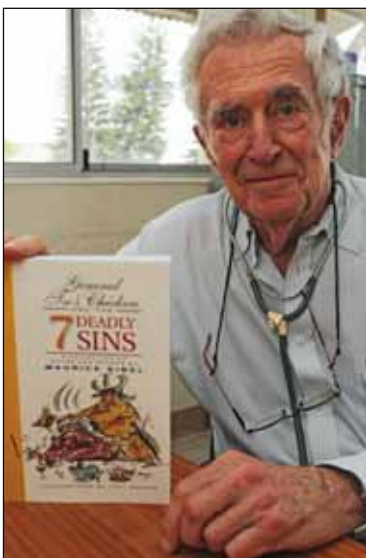
Illustrated by renowned cartoonist Tony Grogan, *General Tso's Chicken* is described as a celebration of a lifetime of words, music and medicine, written with good humour and an empathetic pen.

Kibel's poems-cum-songs, were often written and performed for special occasions, both with and without music. Many of his subjects will be instantly recognisable to those in the medical fraternity.

"Using onomatopoeia, alliteration and assonance, limerick and metaphor, his poetic commentary invariably sows discord among brethren," said dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences Professor Marian Jacobs.

"But this is discord of the most joyful kind, spread with generosity, and with a talent that is larger than life—for which we commend this very special man."

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Healthy humour: Emer Prof Maurice Kibel is the author of *General Tso's Chicken and the Seven Deadly Sins: A collection of rhyme and reason*.

This is a sample piece from Kibel's book:

STAN

There isn't a woman or man
Who can doctor as well as our
Stan;

Be it veins varicose
Or a boil on your nose
He's the best from Beirut to Japan.

He's good if you're needing a
shrink,
Or you're thinking of taking to
drink;

At the end of the day
With a cheque you will pay,
But be sure that there's plenty of
ink.

Breast cancer survivors in the same boat

For three UCT breast cancer survivors, dragon-boat racing is part fun, part workout and part group therapy.

Jennifer Heunis and Waleda Salie have been paddling for Amabele Belles (www.amabelebelles.co.za), a Cape Town-based dragon-boat-racing team made up of breast cancer survivors like themselves. A third staff member, Janet Butler, is still part of the team but has had to withdraw from paddling for now.

Amabele Belles was established in 2006 after dragon-boater Pam Newby heard of the 'pink ladies' (so-called because of their distinctive kit) in other countries, and convinced seven other women to launch the initiative. The group – a self-titled "floating support group", according to Heunis – now numbers about 45 women.

Salie, of the Department of Accounting, first heard of the team while undergoing chemotherapy at UCT Academic Hospital in 2007, and joined the club in August last year. Spurred on by her husband, she's thrown herself into the paddling over the past year.

"I take it very seriously," she says. "And I enjoy it – I enjoy talking to the other women, and just doing this together with them."

A founding member of the Belles and now one of the more seasoned paddlers on the crew, Heunis was able to join the Belles team that travelled to Ontario, Canada, for the third International Dragon Boat Festival in June. (<http://www.survivorsabreast.com/international-dragon-boat-festi->



Taking on the creek: Breast cancer survivors Janet Butler, Jennifer Heunis and Waleda Salie have found friendship and fitness aboard a dragon boat.

val-2010) Hosted by the International Breast Cancer Paddler's Commission, the festival brought together 73 teams from across the world.

Thanks to the FIFA 2010 World Cup happening at the same time, and their distinctive African team colours, the team – vuvuzelas held aloft – drew plenty of crowd and media attention in Canada. They were even able to raise C\$400 by selling their kit, and will invest that money into projects.

"We were a hit," Heunis reports.

And with October being Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the women will be kept busy. There are practice sessions, a regatta or two, and they're welcoming the women who are finishing the Journey of Hope Breast Cancer Ride on Harley-Davidsons.

The UCT women are keen for

others to join. Or just to come and watch a practice session at the V&A Waterfront. Not only do the participants improve their fitness and strength – essential after therapy or surgery – but the team also offers support, camaraderie and a whole lot of fun, says Heunis. "People tell us we look so happy." (The team practises twice a week at the V&A Waterfront, at 18h00 on Wednesdays and 09h30 on Saturdays. Participants of any level of fitness may join in.)

For Butler, of the Department of Geological Sciences, the Belles experience was something of an eye-opener. "I never thought that I'd be able to do something like that after cancer, but it's such a great feeling to be out there and physical," she says.

"It just lifted me to be able to do this." **MP**

Student Housing and Residence Life on the move

The Student Housing and Residence Life central administrative offices, including operations, finance, the directorate, residence life and commercial enterprises,

are moving from Grotto Mews in Grotto Road to Avenue House, Avenue Road, in Rondebosch (next to Cadboll and opposite Student Wellness) on Wednesday 27 October.

The Jammie Shuttle service runs past the building en route to Forest Hill from Tugwell Hall. Also, the Student Housing Admissions & Advocacy office will be moving

from the Kramer Law Building to a new Student Affairs building on middle campus on 15 December 2010. The telephone, fax numbers and email details will remain the

same. For emergency enquiries contact Nomso Mdlokovana on 021 650 1036 or nomso.mdlokovana@uct.ac.za, or Debbie Wedel on 021 650 1037. **MP**

EVENTS

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

GSB Research Seminar Environmental Governance Without the State – Can It Work??. Speakers Tanja A. Borzel & Thomas Risse (Freie Universität Berlin). Date: Fri 5 Nov, 13h00-14h30. Venue: Faculty Room, GSB, Breakwater Campus, Portwood Rd, Green Point. Contact: tamlyn.mawa@gsb.uct.ac.za

Department of Medicine Thursday Forum Professor Keertan Dheda - "Ordering one of the 5 new diagnostic tests for TB: how, why and when?" Date: 04 November 2010. Contact: liziwe.figlan@uct.ac.za. Prof Andrzej Okreglicki - ECG QUIZ. Date: 11 November 2010. Contact: liziwe.figlan@uct.ac.za

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EXECUTIVE AND ACADEMIC POSTS:

William P Slater Chair of Geriatric Medicine (joint position UCT and PGWC), Division of Geriatric Medicine, Faculty of Health Sciences, Closing date: 29 October 2010

Pro Vice-Chancellor & Director: African Climate and Development Initiative, Office of the Vice-Chancellor, Closing date: 01 November 2010

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Administrative Assistant,

Dean's Office, Faculty of Health Sciences, Closing date: 29 October 2010

Departmental Assistant, Department of Electrical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering & The Built Environment, Closing date: 29 October 2010

Team Leader: 1st Level Helpdesk Support, ICTS, Closing date: 01 November 2010

Professional Research Nurses (X2), Department of Clinical Laboratory Sciences, Faculty of Health Sciences, Closing date: 01 November 2010

Research Officer (Medical Officer), Department of Clinical Laboratory Sciences, Faculty of Health Sciences, Closing date: 01 November 2010

Research Officer, Health Economics Unit, Faculty of Health Sciences, Closing date: 03 November 2010

Research Officer, Department of Chemical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering & The Built Environment, Closing date: 07 November 2010

Health Sciences Faculty IT Manager, Faculty of Health Sciences, Closing date: 08 November 2010

Small Group Facilitators, School of Public Health & Family Medicine, Faculty of Health Sciences, Closing date: 08 November 2010

Binding Assistant, UCT Libraries Bindery, Closing date: 12 November 2010

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Ultimate throws down the gauntlet



Travelling to Johannesburg, UCT Ultimate celebrated the closing of their first year as a card-carrying UCT club with a second-place finish at Rocktober 2010, said to be the biggest Ultimate – aka Ultimate Frisbee – tournament in Africa.

UCT won their seven opening games, enough to pip defending champions Chilli for a spot in the final even though they would lose their final pool game against their fellow Capetonians 6-7. In the title clash they were up against sentimental favourites Long Donkeys of Pietermaritzburg, oft-losing finalists in previous years. And though the students

would put up a brave fight to take a 7-6 lead, they couldn't match the Donkeys for experience, height and speed, eventually succumbing 8-12.

Despite the defeat the young team earned the respect and praise of their rivals, reports Jon Luies, one of the UCT captains.

"We made the finals, which was my personal and our team goal," says Luies. "We played very sexy, very patient Ultimate – a brand that I hope UCT will carry into the future."

That "sexy, very patient Ultimate" also earned the team's Kyle 'McBad' Mchard the joint prize for best female defender at the competition.

(Anyone interested in joining the club can email Luies at jonno.lui@gmail.com or find the team on the Woolsack fields on middle campus at 16h00 on Wednesdays.)

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Flying high: The UCT Ultimate team that won second prize and praise at Rocktober 2010 – (back, from left) John McCoy, Tim 'Tadgh' Moore, Richard Gore, Zach Lou, Jon Luies and Laen Herschler; (middle, from left) Amy Chiang, Helen Gibb, Lucy Rosenbloom and Kyle 'McBad' Mchard; and (front, from left) Jon 'Chron Jon' Aronson, Tim 'The Toolman' Taylor, Nick Zaloumis and Amir Aschner.



Top of the crop: UCT Squash Club celebrates its eight trophies (don't count the table marker) – (back, from left) Shirley Whitmore, Lauren Dean, Leungo Matlhabane, Duncan Beckerling, Paul Kingston, Nick Georgiades, Bradd Lodge and Rodney Durbach (coach); and (front row, from left) Lisa Maxton, James Owen, Jeanae Dumas, Richard Colburn, Jacqui De Villiers and Gugu Moyo.

Squash team is a handful

The UCT Squash Club literally had their hands full at the 2010 Western Province Squash awards ceremony, walking away with no fewer than eight trophies.

Five of these were for league wins. Of the 12 UCT sides competing in WP competitions, men's teams finished top of the crop in the third, seventh, 11th and 15th leagues, while the UCT B-team won the women's third league.

In addition, the men's G-side won the RMS Cup for their victory in the knock-out competition for teams in the 11th and 12th leagues. UCT C, competing in the third league, then received the Ohlssons Trophy for

best league performance by a team in men's leagues one to eight.

The cherry on the top, though, was the Clive Corder Trophy, picked up by UCT for the best overall performance by a club in the men's competitions. This was the club's second consecutive Clive Corder Trophy.

(The UCT women finished third overall, so missed out on the Carolyn Guthrie Trophy, which went to Welgemoed.)

UCT's good showing is a boon to the sport in the province, given its largely youthful make-up, says WP Squash's Glenda Erasmus.

"The university has really become our breeding ground for squash." MP

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