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Research put to work in local communities



Win-win outreach: Barbara Schmid addresses a mixed audience of students, scholars and newly-recruited community partners at the launch of the Knowledge Co-op.

Undergraduate Konke Mazwai's work with a Lavender Hill crèche probably best illustrates the ambitions of the UCT Knowledge Co-op.

A fourth-year student in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, it was Mazwai who was asked to help a crèche in the high-crime, working-class community of Lavender Hill identify suitable material – and a design – for a fence.

Not only did Mazwai have to muster his engineering know-how, but he also had to learn a lot about the community, if only to make sure the crèche's fence wouldn't be pinched again. (In the end, he decided on high-density polyethylene – strong and secure enough for a fence, but of little resale value.)

Unlike many other students who volunteer for outreach programmes around campus, Mazwai and supervisor Professor Rob Knutsen had instead been recruited by the UCT Knowledge Co-op.

As reflected in some of the plaques around campus and the multi-million rand research agreements the university regularly procures, UCT is grateful not to be short of illustrious corporate and industry partners.

But, as some have observed, there are many other opportunities to forge partnerships. These are with the many civil organisations and NGOs that have ready access to local communities; communities that UCT has committed itself to support – as befits a university in Africa – but not always to the desired extent.

And these organisations don't always have access to lots of funding or to the country's research community.

Enter the UCT Knowledge Co-op. This two-year project, funded by the Vice-Chancellor's Strategic Fund, hosted by the Institutional Planning Department and modelled on the 'Science Shop' concept developed in Europe in the 1970s, sets out to provide structure and support to the

university's social responsiveness involvement with local communities and the organisations that champion UCT's causes.

"The university always has to be asking questions about its identity," said Professor Crain Soudien, deputy vice-chancellor responsible for transformation, at the Knowledge Co-op's recent launch. "And what we are seeing from this project is what it means to be a university here, in this part of the world."

On a bread-and-butter basis, the UCT Knowledge Co-op allows such community groups to approach the university with proposals and requests for joint projects. The office, staffed by Barbara Schmid, in turn approaches departments to identify students and staff who can lend a hand.

But these projects are run on a shoestring. So, Schmid emphasises, by and large they will be based on work the students and academics are already doing, and so are easy to

mesh with the needs of the outside partners. As they were in the case of Mazwai's contribution. And in the case of the psychology students who conducted an analysis of exit strategies for sex workers, data used by the Embrace Dignity Campaign, the national initiative led by former deputy minister of health Nozizwe Madlala-Routledge.

The Co-op also supports the work of the Department of Social Anthropology with Eastern Cape residents who, during their tuberculosis treatment in Khayelitsha, are motivated by the idea of 'going home'. (That work provided the inspiration for the next research project of the department's Dr Helen MacDonald.)

These were the examples showcased at the Co-op's belated launch in August, a year after it kicked off its work in 2010. More projects are nearing completion, and many more are waiting in the wings.

It's a win-win arrangement, argues Schmid. Communities and or-

ganisations can tap into the expertise and resources available at UCT, and the university's scholars and students get to identify new avenues and outlets for their work.

"The UCT Knowledge Co-op enhances the university's social responsiveness," says Schmid. "And the new thing about the Knowledge Co-op is that the initiative comes from outside."

It also helps put to rest the notion of universities as ivory towers, a theme addressed at the launch by both the vice-chancellor, Dr Max Price, and the deputy vice-chancellor for research, Professor Danie Visser. Universities must be engaged with the communities that surround them, both agreed.

"Our core business is to be useful," said Price, "to both global and local communities."

For now, the UCT Knowledge Co-op is a two-year pilot project, designed to test the waters. Signs are that it could be around for a while. ■

Potter Fellows explore social concerns

The David and Elaine Potter Fellowships, awarded to those with an interest in issues of concern to civil society, are a staple of postgraduate life at UCT. So, too, are the seminars that the master's and doctoral recipients are asked to host.

And there's been plenty of activity on that front in recent weeks.

On 17 August, Matthew MacDevette, a master's student in economics, hosted his seminar, titled *Stimulating University-Industry and University-Community Engagement in Cape Town*. In particular, MacDevette wanted to explore an area that he'd discovered is still largely untapped, ie partnerships between universities, on the one side, and NGOs and community initiatives on the other.

A few days later, doctoral student in social psychology Buhle Zuma hosted his seminar, *On Transformation and Students' Interracial Relations at UCT: The contribution and limitation of academic disciplines*. Here delegates discussed transforma-

tion at UCT, and the need for diversity literacy, while Zuma presented the first strands of a social-psychological theory of interracial relations.

And, this week, the just-established Potter Fellowship Committee – a mix of UCT Potter fellows past and present – launched PotterTalks. This forum, explained committee member Naadiya Moosajee, is intended to share ideas and new areas of research with the greater community, "not just UCT".

Over the three PotterTalks seminars between 30 August and 1 September, the committee mustered some 12 speakers from academia and interest groups, who discussed topics that fall within three broad areas of interest: science, technology and medicine; education; and sustainable development.

Early signs are that the PotterTalks will be a hit. Within 48 hours of posting invitations, all the seats at the venue, the Fugard Theatre in Cape Town, had been snapped up. ■



Civil talks: Matthew MacDevette (above) and Buhle Zuma hosted Potter seminars.

Well-known anthropologist visits UCT

Renowned scholar Prof Akhil Gupta is visiting the Department of Social Anthropology as an AW Mellon Visiting Fellow from mid-August to mid-September. Gupta, who is widely published and cited, has focused his research on the anthropology of the state and post-colonialism. He delivered a public lecture, titled *Is India's Growth Sustainable: The paradoxes of progress*, on 31 August. In addition, he will be a keynote speaker at the annual Conference of Anthropology Southern Africa, and guest speaker at the annual Monica Wilson Memorial Lecture. For more information, see the events section at www.uct.ac.za. ■



South-South Research

"Africa's the big place that you fly over when you're on your way to London," is how Assoc Prof Shamil Jeppie began a recent seminar, hosted as part of the Doing Research in Africa – Africa-Centred Research series of the Programme for the Enhancement of Research Capacity (PERC). In his talk, Jeppie, senior researcher at the Institute

for Humanities in Africa (HUMA), looked at the ways 'the South' is sometimes conceptualised as a way of thinking, and the challenges of connecting with its intellectual resources. He identified two key ingredients for developing sustainable research relationships in Africa – the acquisition of more languages, and persistence. ■



New book on Africa's energy crisis



Power to the continent: Prof Anton Eberhard's new book takes a hard look at energy concerns in Africa.

Professor Anton Eberhard, director of the management programme in infrastructure reform and regulation at UCT's Graduate School of Business, is the lead author of a new book, *Africa's Power Infrastructure: Investment, integration, efficiency*.

The book states the facts boldly: Africa's energy infrastructure is vastly inadequate when measured against the continent's demand for energy.

"The gap is so significant that it requires that the ideological debate of public versus private be set aside, and that all mechanisms and resources to reduce the gap be mobilised," says Eberhard.

The book, based on data collected between 2006 and 2008 by the Africa Country Infrastructure Diagnostic, outlines six focus areas needing attention for Africa to make headway in correcting these deficiencies. ■

Top student bags conservation award

Sarah Lewis has been named the top student in the 2010/2011 class of the master's programme in conservation biology, run by the Percy FitzPatrick Institute of African Ornithology. Lewis, who was born and trained in England but has since discovered a passion for African conservation, is one of four students in the class who completed the course with distinction. In her project, supervised by Assoc Prof Peter Ryan, Lewis looked at the Boulders Beach colony of *Spheniscus demersus*, aka the African penguin, as an ecotourism resource. The class award is sponsored by the Johnson Family Trust, and is made in celebration of the FitzPatrick's 50th anniversary in 2010. ■



Merit: Sarah Lewis is congratulated by Prof Phil Hockey (left) and sponsor Peter Johnson.



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Reconciliation means speaking in new tongues

In the aftermath of their turbulent pasts, South Africans and Rwandans had to learn to speak in a new language, one that embraced and upheld reconciliation and forgiveness.

If the Holocaust is the reference point for scholars of human rights abuses and genocide, then the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of South Africa and Rwanda's Gacaca courts – a system of traditional village courts where victims and perpetrators could face each other – are seen as models for reconciliation. The thing is, Northern scholars have struggled to fit these structures, with their specific cultural frames, into their theses.

Hence *New Knowledge Systems in Post-Genocide and Post-Conflict Studies: An Afropolitan Dialogue*, a symposium hosted on 25 August by Professor Pumla Gobodo-Madikizela of UCT's Department of Psychology. At this high-level think tank, South African, Rwandan and US scholars set out to understand this

new approach to reconciliation, as suggested by the symposium theme, *Exploring New Avenues of Enquiry*.

"What struck me the most when I was in Rwanda was how effectively socially engaged scholars drew on traditional practices to develop strategies for reconciliation dialogue and for dealing with massive trauma; yet so little of this work is visible in the global scholarship on trauma and recovery, peace-building and reconciliation," says Gobodo-Madikizela.

The question, she adds, for her and others is, what insights do these contexts – such as Rwanda's Gacaca courts – have to offer scholars and practitioners interested in deepening understanding of the conditions that make the unique language of apology, forgiveness and reconciliation possible in countries where victims and perpetrators live together as neighbours after mass atrocity?

Language wasn't the only topic. The closing presentation by photographer Eric Miller of his shots from



Building bridges: Prof Pumla Gobodo-Madikizela and other delegates discussed reconciliation and forgiveness.

the last days of the 1994 genocide in Rwanda sparked debate about how such images must be presented for analysis and study.

The symposium was supported by the Vice-Chancellor's Afropolitan initiative, driven by deputy vice-chancellor for internationalisation

Professor Thandabantu Nhlapo, and the Project for the Enhancement of Research Capacity, co-ordinated by Professor Robert Morrell. ■

UCT women among the nation's finest

Four UCT scientists were named among the winners of the 2011 South African Women in Science Awards, announced and presented by the Minister of Science and Technology, Naledi Pandor, at a gala dinner at the Presidential Guest House in Pretoria on 19 August. Professor Renée Kraan-Korteweg, head of the Department of Astronomy, was named the second runner-up in the life, natural and engineering sciences category of the Distinguished Women in Science Award. Aisha-Bibi Pandor of the Division of Human Genetics won a

Department of Science and Technology (DST) doctoral fellowship for her work. TATA Africa Scholarships also went to UCT master's graduate Tozama Ogunleye, now doing her doctoral work at Wits, and master's student Neann Mathai of the Department of Computer Science. The awards form part of the DST's efforts to increase the number of women scientists and researchers in the country. ■

Honoured: Prof Renée Kraan-Korteweg (astronomy) is one of four UCT women honoured at the DST awards.



Ben Beinart lecture

Administrative justice is still something of a moot subject, according to Professor John McMillan of the University of Sydney, who delivered the Faculty of



Law's 9th Ben Beinart Lecture in August. It is common, said McMillan, for administrative lawyers today to "sidestep what it means, or to

agree that everybody's definition has substance". No matter the definition, however, a cardinal rule is that the individual must be "properly safeguarded in relation to the state", he noted.

In picture, McMillan (right) with Selwyn Hockey (left) of sponsors Webber Wentzel, and Dean of Law Prof PJ Schwikkard.

UCT in new TB trial



UCT is taking part in the Phase IIb proof-of-concept efficacy trial of a candidate tuberculosis vaccine, a study that will involve people living with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

Researchers from the Institute of Infectious Disease and Molecular Medicine will screen and test patients living in Khayelitsha, using the vaccine known as MVA85A. The patients are HIV positive but have not been infected with TB.

This is the first proof-of-concept efficacy trial in people infected with HIV using MVA85A, which is being developed by the Oxford-Emergent Tuberculosis Consortium (OETC), a joint venture between the University of Oxford and Emergent BioSolutions, and Aeras, a non-profit partnership focusing on TB vaccine regimens.

The MVA85A vaccine candidate is intended to boost the response of immune-essential T-cells already stimulated by the Bacille Calmette-Guerin (BCG) vaccine, also used against tuberculosis.

Previous clinical trials of MVA85A in adults in the UK, Gambia, Senegal and South Africa have demonstrated consistently high cellular immune responses in those who received the vaccine candidate following vaccination with BCG.

People infected with HIV living in countries with high TB prevalence are 20 times more likely to develop TB than those who are HIV-negative.

The UCT-based South African Tuberculosis Vaccine Initiative (SATVI) recently concluded its own study with MVA85A, in which it ran clinical tests with almost 3 000 infants in Worcester and surrounding communities. ■

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Inclusivity and participation key to health care - Reid

It was an inaugural lecture with a difference.

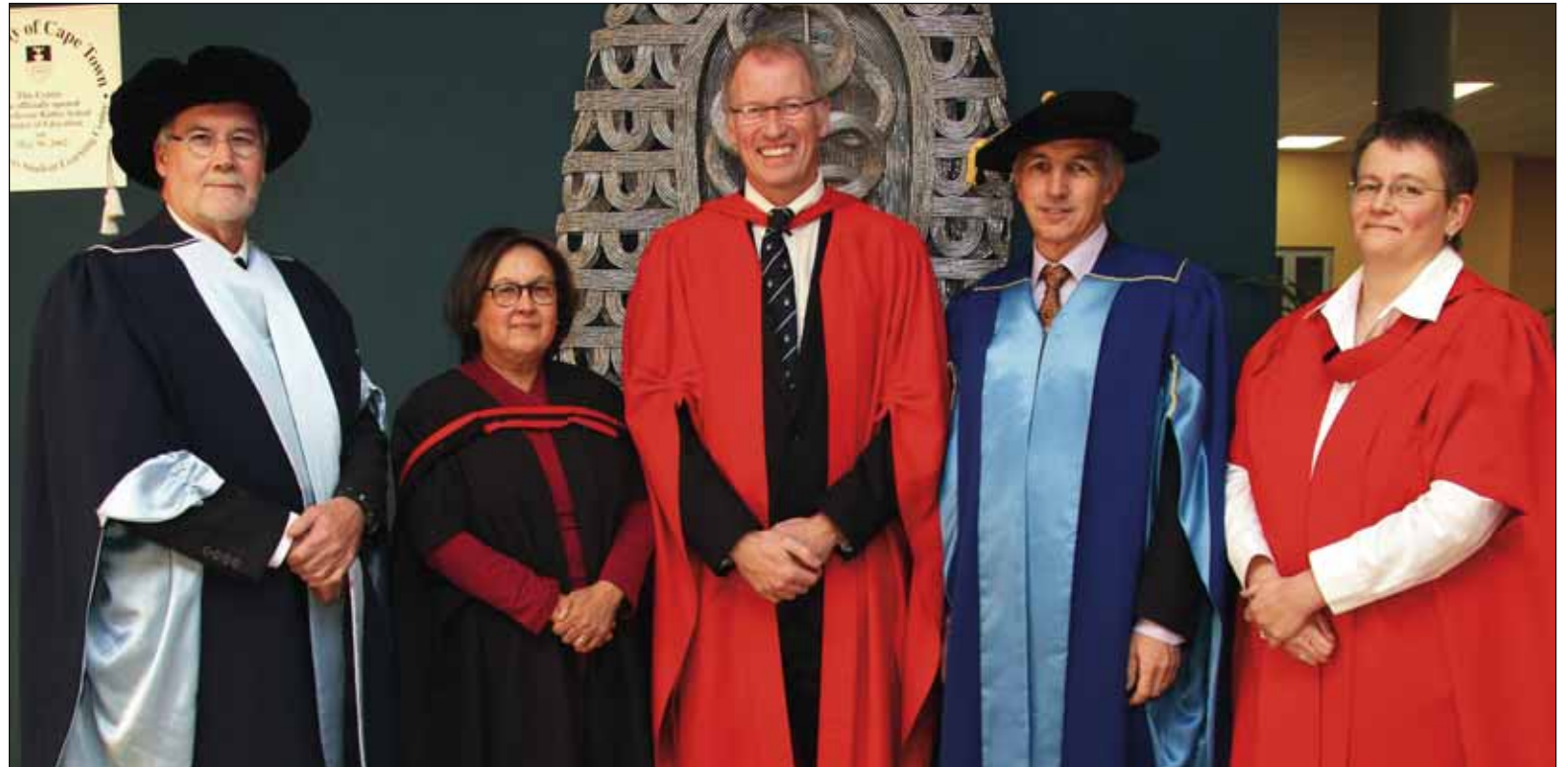
When he delivered his talk, *Music of Health for All*, on 24 August, Steve Reid, professor of primary health care, tapped into his other passion: music. Not only did he use music as an analogy for his theme, but also played the piano and even got the audience to take part in the performance – all to underscore his message.

Central to his argument was the “woeful” state of primary health care in South Africa, which, he says, in his view, continues to get worse. This while other middle-income countries such as Brazil and Thailand have improved on all their health status indicators, and are well on target to reaching the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) of the United Nations.

According to Reid, South Africa has the means, the resources, the knowledge and the understanding to prevent, cure or lessen much of the country’s burden of disease. But it founders on some basic principles of social justice and solidarity, and the collective will to actually make the necessary changes.

“In the context of a constitution that states that access to health care is a human right, this is quite unacceptable. Compared to the general standard of our clinical method with the individual patient, it is atrocious,” he noted.

When it comes to sickness, Reid explained that everyone falls into the “population at risk” category. So health practitioners should extend



Music of health: Prof Steve Reid's inaugural lecture called for a change of attitude towards primary health care. Reid (middle) was photographed with (from left) DVC Prof Danie Visser, Dean Prof Marian Jacobs, VC Dr Max Price, and Prof Vanessa Burch. (To view the video go to <http://www.uct.ac.za/news/lectures/inaugural/2011/>)

their work beyond the patient currently in the sick bed to the person who may fill the same bed in the future.

“We need to act in this population-at-risk area, proactively identifying those who are at greatest risk and providing them with access to prevention strategies, access to diagnosis, access to care when it is needed as soon as possible, and access to rehabilitation and follow-up when it is called for. It’s what I call Community Engagement, which is

also described as Community-Oriented Primary Care.”

If music is a collaborative act, so too is participation a central component of primary health care, as proven in Brazil, Reid argued. Brazil, he explained, has implemented a system of family health teams consisting of a doctor, a nurse, an assistant nurse and between six and nine community health workers, with each team responsible for 3 000 to 4 000 people.

“We cannot achieve any progress

in health without people taking responsibility for their own health, participating in their own healing in partnership with professionals – through a balanced diet, exercise and avoiding high risk or unhealthy habits, for example – and at a collective level through community participation.”

Borrowing again from music, Reid suggested that South African healthcare should be like jazz icon Abdullah Ibrahim’s compositions –

not just excellent, but also accessible to all.

“Other developing countries have shown that it is possible to reverse the trends towards greater inequality, and to actually achieve the MDGs, through courageous leadership, effective management and civil participation around a common vision. This is what the National Health Insurance, announced by the Minister of Health recently, sets out to do. And it deserves the full support of all of us.” ■

Act now to conserve energy – Winkler

“We don’t know all the answers, but we do know more than enough to take action now. It’s clear from a South African point of view that we need to take action in four big areas: electricity and liquid fuels on the supply side, and in transport and industry on the use side. It’s an energy problem and a problem of energy development. If we can change the quality of how we develop that energy and address both the challenges of poverty and reduced emissions, then we can have an economy and society that can work in the future.”

In sum, this was the key message from Professor Harald Winkler of UCT’s Energy Research Centre when he delivered his inaugural lecture, titled *Climate Change Mitigation in the Context of Development*, on 17 August.

“It’s a problem that has become too political for the technicians and too technical for the politicians,” he said about climate change. But politics aside, the realities of climate change and the urgent action it requires are irrefutable.

Scientists estimate that if climate change is ignored, temperature will increase by up to 6°C by the turn of the century. But following the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change’s (IPCC) Fourth Assessment Report in 2007, there is some political agreement to keep temperature increase below 2°C above pre-industrial levels, Winkler



In the red: We’ve already eaten substantially into our future carbon budget, explained Prof Harald Winkler in his inaugural lecture. Winkler (middle) was photographed with (from left) Prof Edgar Pieterse, DVC Prof Crain Soudien, VC Dr Max Price, Dean Prof Francis Petersen, DVC Prof Thandabantu Nhlapo and DVC Prof Danie Visser. (To view the video go to <http://www.uct.ac.za/news/lectures/inaugural/2011/>)

said. However, studies show that these actions (that countries have pledged to) add up closer to the 3.2°C mark.

“The problem we face with the lack of action is not due to a lack of information. We know that to have a 50% chance (depending on how risk averse we are) of keeping temperatures below 2°C, we can afford

another 1 440 gigatons of CO₂ to be emitted over the first half of the 21st century.”

If that sounds like an unimaginable amount, the problem is we’ve already spent 210 gigatons of that future carbon budget in the first seven years. If we keep going at that rate, we will blow the carbon budget – and pay with the resulting impacts.

There are areas ripe for quick action in South Africa, Winkler explained – energy efficiency, managing demand, and legislating for efficiency. A carbon tax can also be implemented without delay. Changing the fuel mix of our country will take a bit longer; and the most fundamental, long-term change is to our economic structure, from a

minerals-energy-intensive focus to a more carbon-resilient economy.

“Mitigation is at the heart of our economy,” Winkler said. “It is a big contributor to our GDP. We cannot address this problem without Eskom and SASOL, but we can’t address it by focusing on them alone.”

Smart changes reap great rewards. Talking on energy efficiency, he said that newly electrified houses use about 150 kilowatt hours (kWh) per month. If these increased to the consumption levels of middle-class houses, which use up to 1 000 kWh/month, that might increase emissions by only 0.3%. The big savings are in industry, transport and more well-off households, not among the poor.

But it’s not just about electricity. “It’s also about urban form. Gauteng is very dispersed. The numbers are similar to, say, London, and this has huge implications for the amount we spend on transport and emissions. We should look at safe, affordable public transport for all – and for those who can afford them, hybrid electric vehicles.”

In a nutshell, the bottom line is to read – and react to – the signs of the times.

“We need development that shares information, taxes the bad and incentivises the good; that keeps the climate safe for future generations and that accepts that we can be happy with less.” ■

VC's strategic funding round-up

In September 2010 the Institutional Planning Department issued the Guidelines for new applications to the Vice-Chancellor's Strategic Fund. The VC's Strategic Fund, worth R100 million over five years, had been set up at the end of 2009 to expand the range and impact of activities that would advance UCT's vision and strategic plan.

To implement a process more in line with the existing university reporting structures, a request

was issued to apply for funding through the Deans' and DVCs' offices. This was designed to draw on input from the broader university executive to promote better integration of strategic projects within the faculties.

A positive evaluation of the 2010 VC funded projects by the Review Committee resulted in R13 million of the available R20 million being committed to continuing the funding of these multi-year projects in 2011.

In the 2011 round, the VC's fund attracted 57 new proposals, requesting R50 million in funding for 2011. After careful consideration, 17 projects were selected and awarded funding of R7 million.

In addition to making awards in the faculties and PASS area, the Review Committee made funding available to the VC's focus areas of Climate Change, Promoting Afropolitanism, Transformation and the study of Safety and Crime. ■

Call for African-centred teaching

Neo Lekgotla laga Ramoupi of the Africa Institute of South Africa called for a genuine shift away from Eurocentric education, as the latter reflects a continuous marginalisation and exclusion of other knowledge production, particularly knowledge with an African focus. Ramoupi was presenting a seminar, *Deconstructing Eurocentric Education: Teaching African-centred curricula at the universities of Fort Hare & Cape Town*, hosted by UCT's Centre for African studies as part of its series on *Undisciplining Knowledge: Theories, practices & imaginaries*. "We must learn from Africa what happened in Africa," said Ramoupi (right in picture with Kylie Thomas of the Department of English Language and Literature). ■



Science meets journalism

At times, scientists and journalists don't see eye to eye, in part because of preconceptions they have of each other. But these two have to work together, as postgraduate students at UCT learnt when they attended a science communication workshop on 8 August. The event, facilitated

by renowned science journalist Adele Baleta, was organised by the Science Postgraduate Students' Association (SPGSA), in conjunction with the South African Agency for Science and Technology Advancement and the Public Understanding of Biotechnology, to help post-graduates effectively communicate

their work to peers, colleagues, the media and the general public. According to the SPGSA's Megan Beckett, writing in a concise and jargon-free style and using laymen's terms – not to 'dumb down' their work but to 'dress it up' – were some of the messages passed on. ■

Pupils present a united front on climate change

Learners from 20 local schools got to play United Nations on 13 August, this at the 2011 School Model United Nations conference, hosted by the United Nations Association of South Africa at the Parliament building in Cape Town. The learners, representing different countries, had to debate and discuss climate change, à la the UN Framework Convention

on Climate Change. Facilitators from UCT, the University of the Western Cape and the Peace Ambassadors Project had prepped the learners for the occasion. Kasselsvlei Senior Secondary (aka South Africa) took top honours, followed by Belhar Secondary (India), while Lyle Breda of Kasselsvlei and Amy Nayman of Belhar were named the best delegates. ■



Fullerites host former Miss SA



Former Miss South Africa Basetsana Kumalo dug deep into her own life story to inspire and encourage Fuller Hall residents to persevere in order to succeed in life. Kumalo (in white jacket), television personality, businesswoman and philanthropist, was the guest speaker at the residence's annual academic dinner, and related tales of moments when perseverance was vital to her current success. The dinner aims to celebrate those who have achieved academically in Fuller Hall, and to motivate Fullerites to excel beyond their boundaries. ■

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- The participation of postgraduate students/post doctoral fellows in their research project.
- That the composition of research teams reflects demographic diversity.
- Expected outputs that include *two articles* in accredited journals (or the equivalent).
- The intention to run *at least two workshops* open to participants across the campus.
- The interrogation of existing approaches to research and contribution towards assisting in *shifting the lenses from Eurocentric to African models of scholarship*, while recognising that both African and European experiences are multiple and mixed.

As much supporting evidence as possible needs to be supplied.

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Invitation



12TH ANNUAL STEVE BIKO MEMORIAL LECTURE



The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cape Town, Dr Max Price, in association with the Chief Executive Officer of the Steve Biko Foundation, Mr Nkosinathi Biko, invites members of the public to attend the 12th annual Steve Biko Memorial Lecture.

Guest Speaker: Sir Sydney Kentridge, internationally renowned advocate and lead lawyer at the Biko Inquest

Title of the lecture: "Evil Under the Sun: The Death of Steve Biko"

Best known for his role at the inquest into the death of Steve Biko, Sir Sydney Kentridge has been a practising advocate for some 60 years. Born in Johannesburg in 1922, he was educated at King Edward VII School in South Africa and obtained his first BA degree at the University of the Witwatersrand, but after war service with the South African forces he went to Exeter College, Oxford, graduating with a first in jurisprudence. He is a member of both South African and English Bars (the latter since 1977), a Bencher of Lincoln's Inn and has served as an appeal judge in Botswana, Jersey and Guernsey. A member of Brick Court Chambers, he has also served as an acting judge in South Africa's Constitutional Court.

In his early days, Sir Sydney became the leading lawyer for the defence in a series of political cases. He was counsel for the local community at the judicial inquiry into the 1960 Sharpeville massacre and also appeared for the accused (members of the ANC and other liberation organisations) in the notorious Treason Trial (1958-1961). He appeared for the Dean of Johannesburg in his trial for terrorism and the subsequent appeal. In his early days at the Johannesburg Bar he acted for the Garment Workers' Union and its secretary, ES "Solly" Sachs (father of Justice Albie Sachs). Sir Sydney counts among his clients three Nobel Peace Prize Laureates – the late Chief Albert Luthuli, former President Nelson Mandela and Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu.

He also appeared for Stella Madzimbamuto in her challenge to the legality of the Smith regime in Rhodesia. Cases in England include acting for the British Government (in the litigation on the Maastricht Treaty) and against it (in litigation citing the Home Secretary for contempt of court). Knighted by Her Majesty The Queen (KCMG) in 1999 and awarded the Order of the Baobab in Gold by President Thabo Mbeki in 2008, he has been described as "the advocate of the century", "the outstanding advocate in the Commonwealth", "one of the legends of the Bar", and by Lord Phillips, Chief Justice of England and Wales, as "the most brilliant advocate of his generation or perhaps of his generations".

Date: Monday, 12 September 2011
Time: 19:00 (doors open at 18:00)
Venue: Jameson Hall, Upper Campus, UCT

Please note that seating will not be reserved and tickets to attend the lecture will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis.

Tickets can be collected from Tuesday, 6 September to Thursday, 8 September from the UCT Communication and Marketing Department, Welgelegen, Chapel Road Extension, Rosebank. The office will be open from 08:00 – 16:00.

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Test your vitals at health fair

The Human Resources Department will present a Wellness Fair from 7 to 9 September, hosting wellness staples such as health screening, free eye screening, an array of massages, and stalls for the likes of Virgin Active, the Sports Institute of South Africa, Weigh-Less and the Western Cape Blood Transfusion Service. But in taking a holistic view of health, HR has arranged a suite of other services for staff as well. So, on hand will be financial advisors and addiction counsellors, as well as some 'locals' – UCT HR advisors, and representatives from the staff unions and the Discrimination and Harassment Office. The fair aims to encourage staff to take control of their health, says

Blanche Claassen-Hoskins, manager of value proposition and organisational health in HR. "We want staff to be able to access a range of services at the fair, anything that could, at the end of the day, impact on their physical and mental health." The fair will take place in Jameson Hall, and runs from 10h00 to 14h00 on the three days. For more information, visit the events section on the UCT website. (Look under Arts, culture & sport.) ■

Eat well: The Health Sciences faculty hosted their Wellness Fair recently. In picture are Lenore Fuller (left) and Dr Lauren Hill of the Division of Human Nutrition.



Long-standing supporters chip in again

UCT vice-chancellor, Dr Max Price, praised the "fantastic" work of the Hospital Welfare and Muslim Educational Movement (HWMEM) when the organisation handed the university a bursary cheque of R146 000 recently. And that wasn't all. Following government's decision that final-year students will have their National Student Financial Aid Scheme loans converted to bursaries, HWMEM promised to make a further R80 000 to R100 000 available for needy students at UCT. The organisation has been making an annual contribution towards student coffers since the late 1960s. In picture, Price accepts the latest cheque from the HWMEM's life president, 92-year-old Mohamed Tahir Sunday. ■

Law student pens winning essay

UCT student Timothy Fish-Hodgson was runner-up in the LLB Category of this year's Ismail Mahomed Law Reform Essay Competition, hosted by the South African Law Reform Commission and sponsored by Juta Law Publishers. With his essay, *Reasonableness as a comparative heuristic, polycentricity, separation of powers and socio-economic rights jurisprudence*, Fish-Hodgson took home an Incredible Connection voucher to the value of R5 000. Named in honour of the late Chief Justice Mahomed, the competition encourages critical legal writing by bachelor's (LLB) and master's (LLM) students to explore the links between law reform, human rights and the rule of law. ■



(From left) Sanita van Wyk (University of Stellenbosch); Henri Nkuepo (University of the Western Cape); Stuart Scott (University of KwaZulu-Natal); Justice Sandile Ngcobo, Chief Justice of South Africa; Timothy Fish-Hodgson (University of Cape Town), and Justice Yvonne Mokgoro, SALRC chairperson. (Picture Lynn Erasmus.)

Grogan exhibition at UCT



Acclaimed cartoonist, illustrator and artist Tony Grogan has donated a collection of some 9 000 original cartoons to the UCT Libraries, to be used for research or publication. An exhibition of the collection runs at the Centre for African Studies Gallery until 10 October. "Tony Grogan has been and remains a major social and political commentator in Cape Town and South Africa," observed Prof Ian Glenn. Grogan led a walkabout of the exhibition on 3 September.

Student joins leadership training in Ghana



Chemical engineering student Lebogang Mahlare joined 24 other young women for the Moremi Leadership Empowerment and Development (MILEAD) Summer Institute, a leadership training programme held in Ghana from 12 July to 4 August. The women, named MILEAD fellows for 2011, were selected from 25 African countries and came from a

Leadership material: Lebogang Mahlare and 24 other young women from Africa gathered for a leadership institute in Ghana.

range of academic, professional and social backgrounds. Mahlare was selected for her accomplishments as a community leader. These include her role as national media and marketing director for South African Women in Engineering (SAWomEng), an organisation founded at UCT by graduates Mabohlale Mampuru and Naadiya Moosajee to support women engineers in the country. "One meets 25 phenomenal women who are striving for a better Africa," said Mahlare of the MILEAD gathering. ■

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Become change agents, students urged

Caught up in the demands of their studies, students are often slow to volunteer for extra-curricular activities. To counter this, the university's student leadership hosted a week-long drive to foster a sense of social responsibility among their peers.

From workshops on social entrepreneurship and sports coaching sessions, to a concert featuring a community development arts group, The Change Campaign from 22 to 26 August showed students that no matter what their interests, skills or talents, they can make a difference in their communities. This was well underscored by Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu, who delivered a talk, *Fighting Apathy and Addressing Social Injustices in our Communities*, as part of the campaign.

The Change Campaign is run by the Students' Representative Council (SRC) and the Development Agency Sub-



Change is possible: Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu, photographed with UCT students at The Change Campaign event, believes that student apathy must be curbed to address social injustices.

Council, made up of representatives from SHAWCO Health, SHAWCO Education, Ubunye, RAG, UCT Radio and *Varsity* newspaper.

Kathleen Taylor, SRC vice-president internal, says the drive is all about encouraging students to identify with and take on social issues that concern

them to bring about change in their communities.

"Something had to be done to address student apathy and evoke a

passion among students to not only care about their communities and the problems they face, but to actually do something about these problems," said Taylor.

This is not to discount the efforts of the very many students who do roll up their sleeves to serve the community. Nyasha Kadandara, editor of *Varsity* newspaper, believes that many students either don't know how they can get involved, or are wary of taking on too much.

The Change Campaign, however, would show students that being involved in socially responsive activities is part and parcel of their educational experience.

"We also want to show that there are many ways one can get involved: volunteering for an hour a week, picking up litter, playing soccer in the afternoon, or contributing to the newspaper." ■



Wining winners: The UCT team of (back, from left) Lusanda Zibaya, coach Andrew Chigorimbo, David Beeton, captain Doug Hoernle, Nick Hoernle, Chido Chikumbu, Tom Njeru and (front, from left) Chris Parker and Caroline Murray celebrate their victory at the Bocksberg Vino Intersarsity 2011 Challenge.

Vino for victory

UCT stealing the Varsity Cup from Stellenbosch University is not going to be the intervarsity upset of the year. Not after UCT's Wine and Cultural Society travelled to Stellenbosch wine country and returned, triumphant, with the title of Bocksberg Vino Intersarsity 2011 Challenge champions.

The UCT students trounced Maties – yes, budding winemakers from the Institute for Wine Biotech-

nology and all – and a very game if small travelling party from Rhodes University in the event, hosted at the Bocksberg Estate Cellars on 19 August. The UCT victory was resounding, the team winning all three categories: a blind tasting, a general knowledge quiz, and a debate on which wine-grape variety should be South Africa's poster variety. (The UCT students championed Chenin blanc.)

And, no, the event isn't just an excuse to polish off a few bottles of fine local produce, explains Simon Back, the UCT alumnus who, as marketing manager at his family's Bocksberg Estate Cellars, launched the competition a couple of years ago. While the event aims to be fun, the students, aka the next generation of wine buyers, are also put through their paces on the day to test their credentials as connoisseurs in the making. ■

Faculty hails future leaders

The Future Health Leaders Programme (FHLP), a pilot initiative to groom junior health sciences students for leadership positions, hosted its inaugural awards and presentations evening on 19 August. The event marked the conclusion of the programme, funded by the Faculty of Health Sciences and run by student leaders, and allowed the 30 winners to present some of their research on student leadership at UCT. FHLP co-ordinator Itumeleng Ntamatama said the programme came into being when senior student leaders saw a gap in the recruitment of junior students into leadership roles. ■



Civil talk with employees

Civil engineering students at UCT rubbed shoulders with prospective employers when the South African Institution of Civil Engineering (SAICE) Student Chapter at UCT hosted its second annual networking cocktail party recently. SAICE is a society of civil engineers, technologists and technicians whose aim is to advance professional knowledge and improve the practice of civil engineering. At the UCT event, sponsored by Aurecon, H&I and HHO, students learnt more about a number of civil engineering companies. Guest speaker was 2011 SAICE president Seetella Makhetha. In picture, Justin Coetzee (right) of Aurecon speaks to SAICE UCT's Vafa Naraghi and Alice Chang. ■



Dancers on point at competition

The UCT Ballroom and Latin Dancing Society danced circles around everyone at the National Student Ballroom and Latin Dancing Competition, held at Stellenbosch University on 6 August. The team won 12 gold, four silver and nine bronze medals. That haul and other performances took them to 199 points, well clear of second-placed Stellenbosch (114) and the University of Pretoria (64). UCT also boogied off with the team trophy, the spirit trophy and the formation trophy. In picture, Richard Parry and Thandeka Cochrane show off their steps. (Picture by Arran Graham.) ■