

NEW DAWN

UCT installs a new Vice-Chancellor
and new chair of Council



HOLY KAU!

Comedian David Kau
steps up to the big screen

INTELLIGENT DESIGN

Lindy Roy on clever designs for low-cost houses



Our mission

Our mission is to be an outstanding teaching and research university, educating for life and addressing the challenges facing our society

Educating for life means that our educational process must provide:

- a foundation of skills, knowledge and versatility that will last a life-time, despite a changing environment
- research-based teaching and learning
- critical enquiry in the form of the search for new knowledge and better understanding, and
- an active developmental role in our cultural, economic, political, scientific and social environment.

Addressing the challenges facing our society means that we must come to terms with our past, be cognisant of the present, and plan for the future.

In this, it is central to our mission that we:

- recognise our location in Africa and our historical context

- claim our place in the international community of scholars
- strive to transcend the legacy of apartheid in South Africa and to overcome all forms of gender and other oppressive discrimination
- be flexible on access, active in redress, and rigorous on success
- promote equal opportunity and the full development of human potential
- strive for inter-disciplinary and inter-institutional collaboration and synergy, and
- value and promote the contribution that all our members make to realising our mission.

To equip people with life-long skills we must and will:

- promote the love of learning, the skill of solving problems, and the spirit of

- critical enquiry and research, and
- take excellence as the bench-mark for all we do.

We are committed to academic freedom, critical scholarship, rational and creative thought, and free enquiry. It is part of our mission to ensure that these ideals live; this necessarily requires a dynamic process of finding the balance between freedom and responsibility, rights and obligations, autonomy and accountability, transparency and efficiency, and permanence and transience; and of doing this through consultation and debate.

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Vice-Chancellor's Foreword

Dear Alumni and Friends

As I write, the seasons are changing in the Mother City and although the famous ivy on UCT buildings has not yet appeared, we are fast approaching summer and heading towards the highlight of our annual calendar, year-end graduation.

In late August I was installed as Vice-Chancellor of UCT in Jameson Hall. Many alumni attended and I am grateful for the warm welcome extended by the university community, at home and abroad, since taking the helm on 1 July.

I was fortunate to have several months working in tandem with my predecessor, Professor Njabulo Ndebele, who is on a well-deserved sabbatical at Bard College north of New York.

During this transition period, I travelled abroad to meet alumni, donors and fellow practitioners in higher education. I am also making it my business to visit every UCT department personally and to meet as many alumni and friends of UCT as I possibly can.

An institution like UCT rests on a solid foundation, built on generations of alumni and custodians of academic excellence. Predecessors like Dr Stuart Saunders, Dr Mamphela Ramphele and Prof Ndebele who, during turbulent times brought stability, confidence in UCT, continued output and integrity.

I have inherited, if that is the right word, an institution with a community of some 21 000 students (20% come from 104

countries) and 4 000 staff.

We stand tall, with 30 of the country's 72 National Research Foundation (NRF) A-rated researchers, and 25 of the NRF research chairs in South Africa.

I've been impressed by UCT's assertive efforts to transform both student and staff profiles as well as the inspirational commitment of researchers, teachers and professional staff. The 2007 Social Responsiveness Report indicates that we've made promising progress in turning UCT into a community-focused institution.

But there are significant challenges facing UCT and higher education in general requiring complex solutions.

In my installation address I said that society expects universities to play a leadership role, to be a counterpoint to the state and religious authorities for knowledge, analysis and ethic guidance.

I have pledged that UCT will honour its responsibility to provide intellectual and moral leadership, will encourage our academic staff in their roles as public intellectuals, will welcome students in their questioning and challenging of the old and often corrupted way of doing things and not be afraid to speak out when other leadership and governance institutions in our society fail us.

What of the future of this institution?

I envisage UCT becoming an Afropolitan university. The 'Afro' element connotes an open, assertive engagement with the world from the standpoint of Africa. The world should know that if you want to understand



Africa and how to operate there, you must go to UCT.

'Politan' suggest cosmopolitan and signals a sophisticated and future-orientated approach to understanding Africa. It signals a community where one will find student and faculty from the rest of Africa, and from around the world.

To be a global university, UCT needs to be an African university.

I hope to meet many of you in the months ahead. Your alma mater values your thoughts and continuing support. The value of your degree depends on our ongoing reputation and our ability to be competitive internationally.

We must begin to fund initiatives beyond what government can afford, and for this, UCT looks to its alumni and friends for assistance (as do all of the world's leading universities).

UCT aspires to a level of excellence that simply cannot be attained if we rely only upon the state and student fees to fund our activities. We are most dependent on your support and urge you to use your networks to spread the word and to involve as many alumni as possible.

As always, UCT News is a tribute to you and your fellow alumni around the globe.

Wherever it finds you, I hope this edition brings you a little closer to your academic home.

Best wishes
Dr Max Price
Vice-Chancellor

Intshayelelo

Zi-Alumni kunye naBahlobo ababekeki-leyo

Njengokuba ndibhala, amaxesha omnyaka ayatshintsha kwiKapa Lodumo yaye nango- na ichakatha elaziwayo elikhula kwizakhiwo zase-UCT lingekabonakali, sesileqa ihlobo yaye sisondelela kowona mcimbi uphambili kwikhalenda yethu yaminyaka le, uthweso lwezidanga lwasekupheleni komnyaka.

Ekupheleni kuka-Agasti ndiye ndabekwa njengoSekela Nqununu wase-UCT e-Jameson Hall. Zininzi ii-alumni ezithe zazimasa eli theko yaye ndiyabulela ngendlela eshushu endamkelwe ngayo luluntu lwale yunivesithi apha ekhaya nangaphesheya, oko ndiqalile ngomhla wo-1 July.

Ndibenethamsanqa lokusebenza iinyanga eziliqela ngaxeshanye nalowo obengaphambi kwam, u-Professor Njabulo Ndebele, oye wathatha ikhefu alisebenzeleyo nelimfaneleyo, ngokuya e-Bard College emntla New York.

Ngeli xesha lotshintsho, ndiye ndatyelela phesheya ukuya kuhlanguana nee-alumni, abaxhasi ngemali kunye noogxa bam ngokomsebenzi kwimfundo ephakamileyo. Ndikwathatha njengomsebenzi wam ukutyelela isebe ngalinye le-UCT ngokwam nokuhlangana noninzi lwee-alumni kunye nabahlobo be-UCT kangangoko ndinako.

Iziko elinjenge-UCT lihleli kumgangatho ozinzileyo owakhelwa kwizizukulwana ngezizukulwana zee-alumni kunye nabagcini bogqweso kwezemfundo. Abaphambi kwam njengoo-Dr Stuart Saunders, u-Dr Mamphela Ramphele kunye no-Prof Ndebele abathe ngamaxesha onxunguphalo bazisa inzolo, ukwethemba i-UCT, imveliso eqhubekayo kunye nentembeko.

Ndifumene ilifa, ukuba elo ligama elililo, leziko elinoluntu olwenziwe ngabafundi

aba-21 000 (i-20% ivela kumazwe a-104) kunye nabasebenzi aba-4 000.

Siyazingca, ngama-30 kuma-72 abaphandi beli abaphambili be-National Research Foundation (NRF), kunye na-25 ezihlalo kwezophando ze-NRF eMzantsi Afrika.

Ndichazwe ngamalinge e-UCT athe qakatha okuguquka inkangeleko yabafundi neyabasebenzi kwakunye nokuzinikela okuvuselelayo kwabaphandi, kootitshala kunye nabasebenzi zi-ofisini. I-Social Responsiveness Report ka-2007 ibonisa ukuba sibe nenkqubela ethembisayo ukuguquleni i-UCT ibe liziko elijongene noluntu.

Kodwa kukho iingxaki ezinkulu zigx- eleshelene ne-UCT kunye nemfundo ephakamileyo jikelele nezifuna izisombululo ezintsonkothileyo.

Kwintetho yokubekwa kwam ndiye ndathi uluntu lulindele iiyunivesithi ukuba zidlale indawo yobunkokheli, zibe nguvimba wolwazi, uhlahlalo kunye nesikhokelo sokuziphatha kwamagosa elizwe nawenkol.

Ndiye ndafunga ukuba i-UCT iyayamkela indima yayo yokunikezela ngenkokhelo eqiqayo nenentlonipho, iyakukhuthaza abasebenzi bezemfundo kwindima yabo njengeengcali zoluntu, iyakwamkela abafundi xa bebuza yaye becela umngeni kwindlela endala nethanda ukumoshakala yokwenza izinto nokungoyiki ukuvakalisa iimbono zabo xa amanye amaziko ethu eenkokheli nolawulo esidanisa.

Kuzakwenzeka ntoni kwikamva leli ziko?

Ndiyibona i-UCT isiba yiyunivesithi e-Afropolitan. U-Afro lo umele intsebenziswano nelizwe liphela ngendlela ekhululekileyo nengenaxhala imele i-Afrika. Ilizwe liphela kufuneka lwazi ukuba ukuba ufuna ukuqonda i-Afrika nendlela yokuse-

benza khona, kufuneka uye e-UCT.

U-‘Politan’ umele iintlanga zonke yaye uphawula indlela yokuqonda i-Afrika echubekileyo nejonge phambili. Uphawula uluntu apho umntu enokufumana abafundi kunye nootitshala abavela e-Afrika nabavela kwilizwe liphela.

Ukuze i-UCT ibe yiyunivesithi yelizwe liphela, kufuneka ibe yiyunivesithi ye-Afrika.

Ndinethemba lokuhlangana noninzi lwenu kwezinyanga zizayo. Iinqobo ze-alma mater yenu, iingcinga zenu kunye nenkxaso yenu engapheliyo. Ixabiso lezidanga zenu lixhomekeke kwinkqubela phambili yembonakalo yethu nokukwazi kwethu ukukhuphisana namanye amazwe.

Kumele siqalise ukufaka imali kumaphulo angaphaya kwanokuxhaswa ngurhulumente, ukuze oku kwenzekwe, i-UCT ijonge uncedo kwii-alumni nabahlobo bayo (njengokuba zisenza njalo zonke iiyunivesithi elizweni).

I-UCT inqwenela izinga lokugqwesa elinganakuze lifikeleleke ukuba sijonge kwimali evela kurhulumente nakwiintlawulo zabafundi kuphela ukuze senze umsebenzi wethu. Sixhomekeke kakhulu kwinkxaso yenu yaye sinicela ukube nisebenzise abantu enibaziyo ukusasaza ezi ndaba nize nibandakanye ii-alumni ezininzi kangangoko ninako.

Njengesiqhelo, i-UCT News ibonga wena kunye noogxa bakho abazi-alumni kwilizwe liphela.

Naphina apho ikufumana khona, ndiyathemba ukuba eli hlelo liyakusondeza kwikhaya lakho lemfundo.

*Iminqweno emihle
Dr Max Price
USekela Nqununu*

Voorwoord

Beste Alumni en Vriende

Terwyl ek hier skryf, is die seisoene aan't verander in die Moederstad, en alhoewel die beroemde klimop teen UK se geboue nog nie verskyn het nie, is die somer net om die draai en daarmee saam die hoogtepunt van ons jaarlikse kalender, naamlik ons jaareinde-gradeplegtigheid.

Ek is in laat Augustus in Jameson Hall as vise-kanselier van die Universiteit van Kaapstad bevestig. Baie alumni het die geleentheid bygewoon en ek is dankbaar vir die hartlike verwelkoming deur die universiteitsgemeenskap, sowel plaaslik as oorsee, sedert ek op 1 Julie die pos oorgeneem het.

Dit was ook my voorreg om verskeie maande lank saam te werk met my voorganger, professor Njabulo Ndebele, wat 'n welverdiende langverlof aan Bard College, noord van New York, geniet.

Tydens hierdie oorgangstydperk het ek oorsee gereis om alumni, skenkers en mede-akademici aan hoër onderriginstansies te ontmoet. Ek maak ook tans werk daarvan om elke UK-departement persoonlik te besoek en om soveel alumni en vriende van UK as moontlik te ontmoet.

'n Instansie soos UK is op 'n soliede grondslag gebou, gerugsteun deur geslagte van alumni en bewaarders van akademiese prestasie. Voorgangers, soos dr. Stuart Saunders, dr. Mamphela Ramphele en prof. Ndebele wat, tydens onbestendige tye vastigheid gebied het, vertroue in UK gebou en volgehoe het om akademiese gehalte en integriteit na te streef.

Ek het 'n universiteit met 'n gemeenskap van 21 000 studente (20% is van 104 lande afkomstig) en 'n personeel van 4 000 geref, as u my die gebruik van die woord sal vergun.

Ons kan ons tereg daarop roem dat 30 van die 72 navorsers in die land wat met die Nasionale Navorsingstigting se A-gradering spog, aan die Universiteit van Kaapstad is, asook 25 van die Nasionale Navorsingstigting se navorsingstoele in Suid-Afrika.

Ek is beïndruk deur die UK se daadwerklike pogings om sowel die studentemas die personeelprofiel te transformeer, om nie van die inspirerende toegewydheid van navorsers, dosente en professionele personeel te praat nie. Die 2007 Social Responsibility Report het getoon dat ons belovende vordering gemaak het om UK in 'n gemeenskapsgerigte instansie te omskep.

Maar daar is aansienlike uitdagings wat die UK in die gesig staar, terwyl hoër onderrig in die algemeen komplekse oplossings vereis.

In my inhuldigingsrede het ek daarop gewys dat die gemeenskap van universiteite vermag om 'n leierskapsrol te speel, en om as kontrapunt vir die staat en godsdienstige owerhede te dien wat kennis, ontleding en etiese leiding betref.

Ek het onderneem om UK te help om sy verantwoordelikheid gestand te doen om intellektuele en morele leierskap te bied, om ons akademiese personeel in hul rolle as openbare intellektuele aan te moedig, en om ons studente te ondersteun in hul bevraagtekening en uitdaging van die ou en dikwels korrupte manier van dinge doen, en om nie te huiwer om hul stem dik te maak wanneer ander instansies van leierskap en regering in ons gemeenskap in gebreke bly om dit te doen nie.

Wat van die toekoms van hierdie instansie?

Ek stel 'n Afropolitaanse Universiteit van Kaapstad in die vooruitsig. Die 'Afro'-element kom neer op 'n oop en daadwerk-

like betrokkenheid by die wêreld, maar uit die oogpunt van Afrika. Die wêreld behoort te weet dat as jy Afrika en hoe dinge daar inmekaar steek, wil verstaan, jy by UK moet kom kers opsteek.

'Politaans' suggereer kosmopolities en dui op 'n gesofistikeerde en toekomsgerigte benadering tot 'n begrip van Afrika. Dit dui op 'n gemeenskap waar mens studente en personeellede van die res van Afrika en van regoor die wêreld sal aantref.

Om 'n globale universiteit te wees, moet UK eerstens 'n Afrika-universiteit wees.

Ek hoop om baie van u in die maande wat voorlê, te ontmoet. U alma mater stel u gedagtes en volgehoe ondersteuning hoog op prys. Die waarde van u graad hang van ons voortgesette reputasie af en ons vermoë om internasionaal mededingend te wees.

Ons moet begin om inisiatiewe te befonds bo en behalwe dié wat die staat kan bekostig, en hiervoor maak UK op sy alumni en vriende vir ondersteuning staat (soos alle toonaangewende universiteite in die wêreld ook maar doen).

Die Universiteit van Kaapstad strewen na 'n prestasievlak wat gewoon nie bereik kan word deur bloot op die regering en studentegelde staat te maak om ons aktiwiteite te befonds nie. Ons is baie afhanklik van u ondersteuning en moedig u aan om u netwerke te benut om hierdie boodskap oor te dra en om soveel alumni as moontlik daarby te betrek.

Soos altyd is UCT News ook 'n huldeblyk aan u en u mede-alumni wêreldwyd.

Maar waar u dit ook al mag lees, ek vertrou dat hierdie uitgawe u 'n bietjie nader aan u akademiese tuiste sal bring.

Vriendelike groete
Dr. Max Price
Vise-kanselier

Max Price takes the helm

In his installation address, UCT's ninth Vice-Chancellor said that UCT's contribution to the country's development and transformation would be through its graduates, a highly skilled workforce educated in "thoughtful citizenry"

STORY: Helen Théron PICTURE: Roger Sedres

Setting the tone for his term as Vice-Chancellor in his installation address on Tuesday, 19 August, Dr Max Price mooted the creation of pro-vice-chancellors to lead intellectual projects of national importance.

These would include safety and security projects.

In this regard, a pro-vice-chancellor would ensure that "... UCT brings all its intellectual resources to bear on the problem

of violent crime and the threat it poses to our survival".

Price was installed as UCT's ninth Vice-Chancellor in the Jameson Hall, in a ceremony attended by Minister of Education Naledi Pandor and Chancellor Graça Machel, and graced by the musical and choral offerings of UCT's South African College of Music.

In his address, Price also provided a clear indication of his leadership style.

"Transformative leaders value diversity, build self-esteem, nurture talent, mentor, listen and respect, along with the leadership they provide."

Speaking on the pomp and ceremony of the occasion, Price noted that they harked back to an earlier idea of a university as "a space of ideas, critique and the pursuit of truth".

"It means that a university requires that people respect each other and give them the benefit of the doubt that all are equally committed to seeking truth."

He committed UCT to promoting democracy by providing a highly skilled workforce educated in "thoughtful citizenry".

"This is the basis upon which UCT makes its most profound contribution to the development and transformation of our society."

Price described his vision of UCT as an Afropolitan university.

"The 'Afro' element connotes an open, assertive engagement with the world from the standpoint of Africa. It describes a growth in African studies, particularly the economic sociologies of different African countries and regions. 'Politan' suggests cosmopolitan, and signals, firstly, a sophisticated and future-oriented approach to understanding Africa, as opposed to a sentimental, naïve, often 'rural peasant and wildlife' view of what an African perspective is.

"Secondly, UCT will be cosmopolitan in the sense of the mix of staff and students, from Africa, Latin America, Asia and from the North."

UCT should replace SOAS in political studies, Oxford's Queen Elizabeth House in African government and post-colonialism, Johns Hopkins in public health, and Harvard's Kennedy School and Columbia in executive education and public administration "as it is understood for Africa", noted Price.

"To be a global university, UCT needs to be an African university.

In her congratulatory message, Minister of Education Naledi Pandor said: "We have been working at home and abroad with the African Diaspora initiative in an attempt to encourage African scholars to work with African institutions in expanding research and development. Working together with the Department of Science and Technology and other departments, we are creating conditions for real partnerships."

Price said UCT also had a responsibility to tackle four pressing national issues: threats to democracy and constitutionalism; HIV/AIDS and TB; violent crime; and a public school system that had "failed the country and the universities".

"Previously we took the view that this was not our problem to fix. We can no longer ignore it, for it will be our downfall. We will do our share."

Digressing from her prepared speech, Minister Pandor's response was to the point. "We are going to have interesting times with Dr Max Price in higher education."

For Dr Price's full installation address as well as video and sound clips, visit www.uct.ac.za/about/management/vc/installation, or simply follow the links from www.uct.ac.za.



New chapter: Chancellor Graça Machel invests Vice-Chancellor Dr Max Price with his robe of office at his installation in the Jameson Hall.

Uplift the nation

As a centre of excellence, UCT should produce top-class graduates who will uplift the nation, said Archbishop Njongonkulu Ndungane after his appointment as chair of the new 30-member UCT Council on 6 August

STORY: Helen Théron PICTURE: Katherine Traut

The new deputy chair is Thando Mhlambiso, managing partner of Seaview Partners.

Archbishop Ndungane is a past student of UCT, and was awarded an honorary doctorate (PhD) by UCT in 2003.

“In the 1960s I was a student here, but instead of graduating at UCT, I graduated at Robben Island,” he said.

“I am greatly humbled and honoured by the confidence that the Council has placed in me to elect me as chair. The challenge is to make sure that the policies of the university are implemented in a way that will assist the institution to achieve academic excellence for the various students as well as the staff.

“It is also to maintain the high standards that the university has set for itself, and also to improve where necessary.”

Vice-Chancellor Dr Max Price welcomed Archbishop Ndungane’s election.

“We’re delighted to welcome Archbishop Ndungane back to our campus in this new role. In him we have a formidable ally; a proven leader whose values and vision mirror the university’s so closely, and one who understands what needs to be accomplished and where our energies should be concentrated.”

Known for ploughing his energies into development and poverty alleviation, Ndungane said his appointment aligned squarely with the university’s principal notions.

“These are to change the world for the better through developing people. The university strives to build a future by shaping future leadership, which has been one of my primary objectives.

“My big vision has always been to give back time and energy towards nation-building and producing leaders, and this [appoint-

ment] aligns with our development work. The whole question of investment in human capital fits snugly with development ideals.”

Ndungane is founder and president of African Monitor. He also heads the Historic Schools Restoration Project (HSRP), which works to recapture the heritage of, and transform, historic schools (those that played a key role fighting apartheid) into “sustainable, aspirational” African institutions of educational and cultural excellence.

A graduate of Brown University and with a JD and an MBA from Columbia University, deputy chair Mhlambiso is a founding partner of Kagiso Ventures Private Equity Fund and of Genesis Capital Partners.

The Council governs the university and is constituted according to the provisions of the Higher Education Act, 1997, and the University of Cape Town Statute.

Its responsibilities include determining the mission, objectives, goals, strategies and policies for the progress of the institution. It must also ensure an environment conducive to efficient, effective, economical and ethical attainment of these goals.

In addition, the Council has a responsibility to maintain and ensure a financially secure, healthy and viable environment, and to account for all decisions taken at UCT, including the submission of the required reports and documents to the Minister of Education.

The Council consists of the executive officers, other employees of the institution, students and people who are not members of staff or students of the institution (who must make up at least 60% of the total membership). ■



Dr Max Price and Archbishop Njongonkulu Ndungane.

A year in the life of UCT

August – September 2007

August 2007

- **Chemistry:** Prof Sue Harrison (1) of the Department of Chemical Engineering nets the Department of Science and Technology's Distinguished Woman Scientist Award. Category winners have included Profs Vanessa Watson (School of Architecture, Planning and Geomatics), Anusuya Chinsamy-Turan (Zoology) and Lynette Denny (Gynaecology and Obstetrics).
- **First:** Prof Charles Merry is the first South African to be elected a Fellow of the International Association of Geodesy.
- **Noteworthy:** The new director of the South African College of Music is Prof Peter Klatzow, succeeding Assoc Prof Franklin Larey.
- **Tagged:** Prof Terry Hedderson (2) is part of an international team to develop genetic tools to identify and classify the world's land plants, a "huge contribution" to efforts to document the planet's botanical diversity.
- **Hip hip hooray:** The Baxter Theatre Centre celebrates its 30th birthday.
- **First Lady:** Chancellor Graça Machel opens a new 382-bed women's residence graced with her name.



September 2007

- **Unveiled:** President Thabo Mbeki (3) opens the Cape Town component of the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, based at the Faculty of Health Sciences.
- **Quoted:** Chemical engineer and honorary professor Mark Dry is named most quoted author in the journal *Catalysis Today* for his paper *The Fischer-Tropsch Process: 1950-2000*.
- **Highly rated:** The 2006 *Research Report* reveals UCT still has the highest number of National Research Foundation-rated researchers – 275 – and one-third of the country's A-rated researchers.



Fair game

UCT alumnus Dr Bool Smuts has swapped his medical practice for biodiversity conservation and is making a name for himself in the conservation of the ailing leopard populations in the Western and Eastern Capes

STORY: Helen Théron

PICTURES: Courtesy of Dr Bool Smuts

Medico-turned-conservationist Dr Bool Smuts is on the other phone to the UK.

“Can you phone back?” he asks.

It’s a day later when we catch up. The time has provided an opportunity to read about Smuts’ Landmark Foundation, formed in 2004 to build a conservation economy. It also develops conservation land uses to counter the ongoing destruction of natural resources.

Smuts’ environmental work is expansive, from recycling to thicket and forest restoration in the Baviaanskloof and beyond, to the conservation of renostervelt, to tourism and reserve development in the region.

There’s one thing that stands out: his work

to save leopards in the Eastern and Western Capes.

The uneasy confluence between man and beast has put local leopard populations under stress.

“We work to conserve all predators, including caracals and jackals. Predators are at the apex of the food pyramid, and represent a key biodiversity process to conserve for healthy and functioning ecosystems.”

Smuts (BSc; MBChB [UCT, 1992]; DCH [Otago], MPhil (Environmental Management) [UCT]) is talking from his bakkie, between Knysna and Wilderness, en route to a meeting.

Leopards, caracals and jackals all fall prey

to the gin traps, poison traps and hunting dog packs that Smuts is trying hard to eradicate. Landmark has focused a particular campaign against gin traps, even those with plastic parts, described as ‘soft’ devices.

“These are indiscriminate, killing 20 innocent animals for each culprit,” Smuts said. “They’re causing massive damage to our faunal species.”

He fights a lonely war against the traps, using dramatic methods to make his point. Among these was a public and symbolic bonfire of gin traps.

The entire community of farmers in the Baviaanskloof valley have joined his campaign, destroying all the traps that until re-



Ailing leopard populations are receiving aid from Dr Bool Smuts.

“While farmers and retailers may own their land and their businesses, and people may own and participate in their culture, the biodiversity of this country and these animals belong to us all.”

cently had been used to kill leopards.

The farmers partner Smuts in non-lethal predator controls, which have yielded dramatic successes.

In the skilful hands of renowned sculptor, Robert Leggat, the twisted cold metal of the burnt traps will become a figure of a leopard.

“This was the culmination of a four-year effort to rid the area of these predator control mechanisms, indiscriminate poisons and hunting dog packs,” Smuts said.

There’s scant information available on national leopard populations but they’re classified as a protected species. The government allows other predators to be caught in gin traps, but not leopards. But since the method is indiscriminate, it remains a loophole in the law, and many leopards (and several other animals as by-catch) do end up as victims of these devices.

“These traps have been banned in more than 90 countries across the world, but not here.”

Since 2004 Smuts has saved 17 leopards from gin traps. But there were 25 – that he knows of – that died in the area between Uniondale and Addo where Landmark does its field work.

The foundation recently increased its scope of fieldwork to an area covering the Western and Eastern Capes between Mossel Bay, Beaufort West, Graaff-Reinet and Grahamstown.

Smuts also worries about the genetic viability of the Southern group that lives mainly in the Cape Fold Mountains.

His call to the UK is part of the international platform he’s trying to build, through groups in the European Union, to boycott meat products, mohair and wool from farms that still use gin traps and poisons to control predation.

Advocacy has paid dividends. Many farmers have changed. Smuts is developing a wildlife-friendly green brand, Fair Game™, to reward those that do use humane ways to protect their livestock, and who encourage biodiversity on their farms, with a premium for their produce at the marketplace.

Many have opted to use Anatolian dogs (“huge animals”) that are natural herders of sheep and keep cats at bay. Leopards don’t like dogs – or the smell of their urine all over the pasture. The foundation has collared 13 000 sheep with protective wire-mesh collars as a means to non-lethal control (cats and jackal mostly catch by the neck).

“These have been fantastic deterrents from livestock losses to predation.”

The same goes for Andean alpacas, which have been introduced among the sheep flocks. They hiss and kick, and the cats and jackal shy away from them.

“Remember, the leopards we get here are smaller in the Cape, compared to their northern counterparts,” Smuts says.

The doctor turned from medicine to conservation years ago. His CV says he has a Diploma in Child Health from New Zealand. Is there a child there?

“I tried to emigrate three times but kept returning! I got drawn back to South Africa where I now follow a lifelong passion for conserving the environment.”

Conservation is not that different from medicine, he argues.

“Both involve problem-solving with similar thought process and logic - only now my patient is more important and sicker!”

Smuts has written a book, *Predators on Livestock Farms*, a comprehensive guide to switching to non-lethal predator controls.

Another question arises. There’s a picture on his website of a South African leader dancing in tribal gear of leopard skins.



Dr Bool Smuts.

Smuts mulls over the question of the balance between conservation and culture.

He has repeatedly targeted South African retailers that source their produce from those who use gin traps for meat and animal fibre products.

“While farmers and retailers may own their land and their businesses, and people may own and participate in their culture, the biodiversity of this country and these animals belong to us all. They are also my heritage and I will speak out against this slaughter.

“I do the things I think are right, even if it is an unpopular route to follow.

“Conservation is constantly on the back foot, and we need more people to take on the hard issues in a forthright manner.

“Sadly, that is a scarce commodity in conservation.” 🇷🇺

Grass only gets greener on this Kau's side

The first black South African comedian to do a one-man show, David Kau wants to make movies. "Stand-up and movies are my priorities right now."

STORY: Yvette van Breda

Mere hours before facing a 4 000-strong audience as MC of the country's biggest comedy show, *Blacks Only – Border Patrol*, comedian David Kau is understandably stressed.

But when the topic turns to his gorgeous African-Grecian wife, Thalia, he softens, and relaxes briefly to say their *Top Billing*-featured wedding on 15 December 2007 was not only the highlight of his year, but one of his most treasured moments.

Having met at the birthday party of a mutual friend two years before tying the knot, Kau says: "I love married life. It's made me grow up... be more responsible."

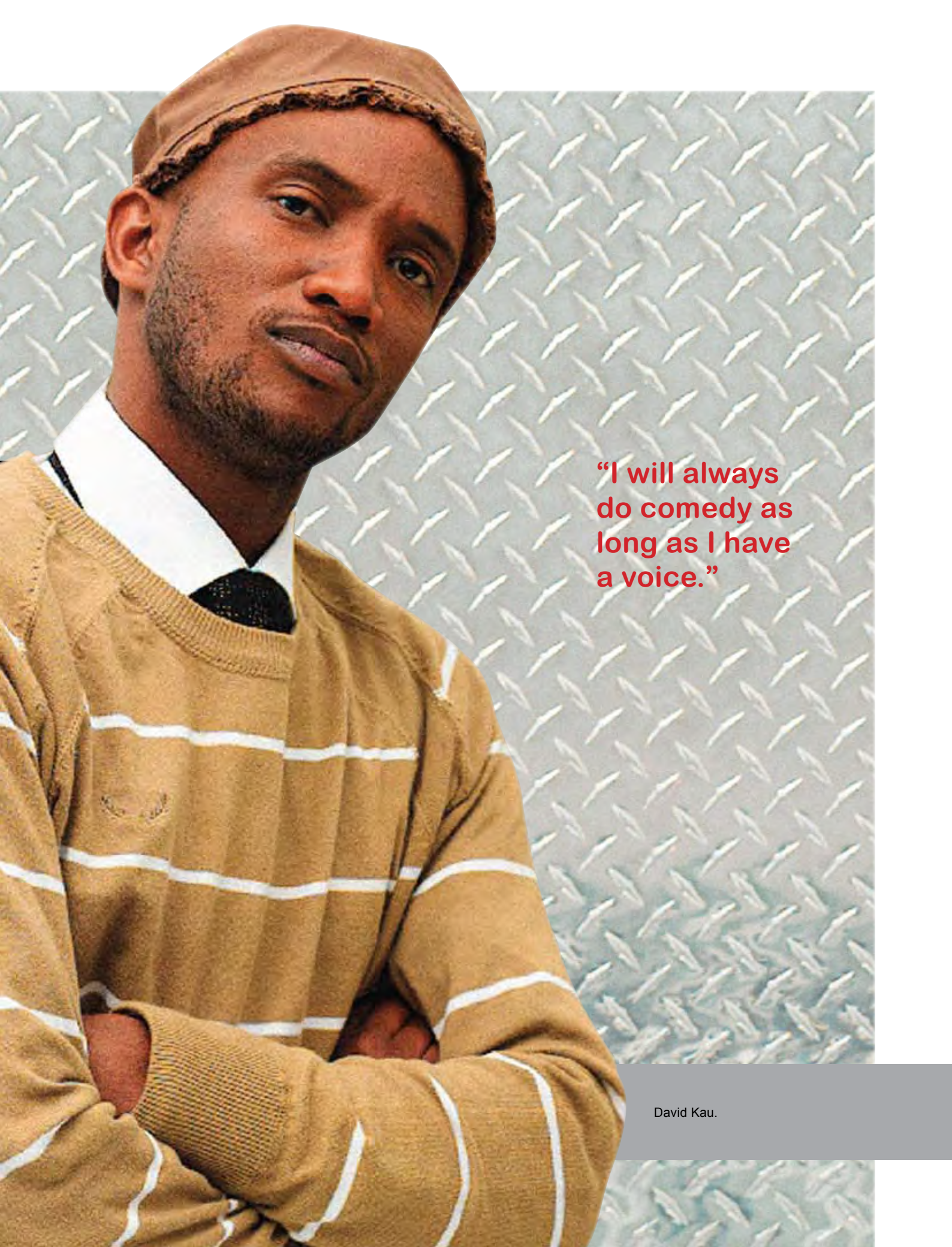
And expanding their family is on the cards.

"Yes, we plan to have a family and I plan to be a super dad," the teetotal and non-smoking 30-year-old Kau says.

Shortly after graduating from UCT with a Performance Diploma in Speech and Drama in 1998, Kau was South Africa's first black comedian to do a one-man stand-up show, *The Rainbow Nation Tour* in 1999.

It was the same year he headlined at the first week of the Smirnoff International Comedy Festival at the Baxter Theatre, alongside several of the country's top stand-ups.

"Thanks to UCT's drama school, I was inspired to write my first play for gradu-



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long as I have
a voice.”**

David Kau.

ation exams, and it developed into *The Rainbow Nation Tour*, which was the foundation for *Blacks Only*,” Kau says.

On 30 May 2008, he was again the face of *Blacks Only*, featuring a feast of funny people under the banner *Border Patrol*, watched by 4 000 at the Emperor’s Palace Casino, near Johannesburg.

In 2004, a thousand comedy lovers came to *Blacks Only*, and in the four years since, nearly 25 000 people have flocked to see the show – which started out as a stage for black comedians to be funny in their mother tongues.

“In 2007 we had three shows, each with about 2 700 in the audience, and this year we had 3 000 people at the show in March and 4 000 at the end of May,” a proud Kau says.

Blacks Only has come a long way, and one of Kau’s newer additions is big screens for viewing *Pure Monate Show* (PMS)-style skits. (Monate means vibe.)

“Many jokes work better visually without me having to tell you the story. If I was still on TV, I would be doing this kind of thing.”

He started the popular TV show *PMS* four years ago with comedian Kagiso Lediga, and although it no longer airs, “people are always asking me when *PMS* is coming back,” Kau says.

“But it’s been four years and I’ve moved on.”



And he has certainly gone from small to big... screens that is.

Last year he played a comedy MC in the feature film *Bunny Chow*, and by August he was shooting his movie *Dinner For 400*, which focuses on a foursome who go out to dinner and eventually feed 400 people.

Kau is thrilled to be making a movie with local film industry big names like Tebogo Mahlatsi, Akin Omotoso and Tony Kgoroge, “my mentors, and people I have always wanted to work with”.

“I’m doing a bit of everything on this movie, some writing, directing, producing, and acting.”

Being multi-talented has certainly paid off for Kau. Not only is he a comedy success with the *Blacks Only* franchise, he also gained radio popularity as Mr Maratahelele with Phat Joe on YFM, had TV success with the legendary sketch show *PMS*, and as a journalist with his column, “the black David Bullard”, in *The Times*.

“I want to make movies. Stand-up and movies are my priorities right now.”

Then adds hastily: “After my wife, of course, Thalia is my number one priority, but work-wise, it’s movies and comedy, my first love. I will always do comedy as long as I have a voice.”

It’s been a long haul from Mookeng township, Kroonstad, in the Free State, where Kau was born in 1978. His mother is a prison warder there. He does not know where his father is.

He says: “Although I’ve been in comedy 10 years, and I know I’ve come a long way, it feels as if I’m just starting out... I’ve got so much to look forward to. I can’t wait to add another 10 years to my résumé, especially with someone special in my life... and a whole new family of in-laws... no, not as good material.”

His inspirational advice to aspiring comedians across all boundaries is: “Be original. Don’t steal other people’s jokes. There’s always stuff going on in the country, so it’s hard to run out of material.”

A year in the life of UCT

October – November 2007

October 2007

- **Lion's share:** UCT hosts 35% of the 72 research chairs instituted as part of the Department of Science and Technology's South African Research Chairs Initiative.
- **Elected:** Business science student Thulani Madinginye (1) is the new SRC president.
- **Medallist:** Psychologist and author Assoc Prof Pumla Gobodo-Madikizela (2) wins the Eleanor Roosevelt Medal for her internationally-acclaimed work on forgiveness and reconciliation.
- **New broom:** Former University of the Witwatersrand Dean of Health Sciences, Dr Max Price, is named Vice-Chancellor-designate to succeed Prof Njabulo S Ndebele from July 2008.



November 2007

- **Meeting of minds:** Computer science's Agents Research Laboratory and mechanical engineering's Robotics Research Laboratory merge to form South Africa's first laboratory combining the mechanical engineering and artificial intelligence aspects of robotics.
- **Flower power:** The African Plant Initiative Project team digitises UCT's Bolus Herbarium collection of over 350 000 specimens for a unique online resource that is also free to African universities.
- **Whistle blower:** Jerome "JC" Fortuin is the Western Province Referee Society's Referee of the Year, a hat-trick for the UCT staffer.
- **Launched:** The Namaqualand Restoration Initiative harnesses UCT's botanical expertise to restore Namaqualand's mine dumps, roping in local communities and creating sustainable employment.
- **Women power:** Susan Bourne (3) is the first woman to be named as a full professor in the Department of Chemistry.
- **Top teachers:** Prof Jane Bennett of the African Gender Institute, Dr Ivan Joubert of the Department of Anaesthesia, Dr Jenni Case of the Department of Chemical Engineering and Francis Carter of the School of Architecture, Planning and Geomatics land Distinguished Teacher Awards for 2007.
- **Second wind:** Gold medallist in the Laser class at the 2007 All African Games, Gareth Blanckenberg (4), lifts the Jamison Cup as UCT Sportsperson of the Year and the Landstem Trophy for Performance of the Year.



Think 100 years ahead

UCT alumnus Duncan Saville believes in educating people for high returns, and has chosen to invest in South Africa for its key role in the revitalisation of Africa.

STORY: Carolyn McGibbon

If you give a man a fish, he will have a meal.

If you teach a man to fish, he will have a living.

If you think one year ahead, sow seeds.

If you think 10 years ahead, plant trees.

If you think 100 years ahead, educate the people.

This is the philosophy that led alumnus and Australian businessman Duncan Saville to sow more than R2.5 million in the groundbreaking Education Development Unit at UCT that offers a comprehensive range of business and life skills as an enhancement to the Bachelor of Commerce degree.

Saville, a BCom graduate who proudly acknowledges his debt to his alma mater, is

married to Julie and has two teenage daughters. He is backing his dream of introducing and implementing cost-effective education initiatives as a way of “giving back”, in gratitude for his own South African education.

His dream is consistent with the twin goals of the Faculty of Commerce: to achieve both excellence and transformation. Already 75 students from disadvantaged backgrounds have received such powerful mentoring from the unit that they have made the Dean’s Merit List.

“My focus on education is to enable individuals to help themselves,” says Saville. “I am also keen to encourage individuals to accept they have a moral obligation to help others once they are established. This assis-

tance can be in the form of money, ideas or time.”

One of the programme’s stars is Mpho Mashile, now a chartered accountant. His roots lie in the toughest of circumstances. “I stayed in a very small shack, four of us in the same shack,” he says. “We had only R5 to last more than a day. It was difficult for a human being to believe that my life would get better.”

Graduate Sapho Gwadiso, who received a distinction in financial reporting, tells a similar story. “I had to walk on a gravel road for more than an hour and a half to get to school. But I had a dream of studying at a university and going far some day.”

They would not have coped with the rigours of the BCom had it not been for the unit that was designed to address gaps in their schooling, help that would enable them not only to succeed, but to excel.

Dr June Pym, director of the Education Development Unit, says the programme became a magnet for great teachers, innovative teaching methodologies and a variety of courses. One of these, Skills for Commerce (which incorporates planning, goal setting, time management, referencing and communication) may be offered in a different format to mainstream students. It has become so successful that Saville has agreed to inject additional funding to support this.

A key element of the programme is constant monitoring of students’ progress, to check if they are battling and to intervene before it is too late. Personal consultations and group mentoring buttress the programme. Far from home, many of the students see Pym as a mother figure and her staff as extended family.

Says Ursula Bonokwane, a recent graduate: “The staff have always been more than willing to assist, particularly June. The



Students and staff of the Bachelor of Commerce Academic Development Programme, funded by Duncan Saville.



motherly love I received from her and the faith she had in me motivated me to walk boldly, like I can conquer any problems which lie ahead of me.”

Money from the donation has gone to three sources, which underpin Saville’s philosophy of sustainable growth. The first is a mentoring programme for first-year students, conducted with sensitivity to their home language. Integral is the concept of giving back: from their second year, students receive a leadership opportunity to become mentors, provided they have achieved scores higher than 70%.

A second prong is the link with businesses offering work experience, as many students have never experienced a corporate environment.

Finally, there are the Saville Awards, a celebration of dancing and praise songs - a moment of multilingualism and creativity in a truly African ceremony. Recognition has helped spur students to greater heights. Bonokwane recalls: “The Saville Awards encouraged me to work harder because it felt good knowing that my hard work was acknowledged.”

Saville created a structured programme of giving over a five-year period “because I believe I can obtain the most impact from my giving programme through focusing on education, where I believe the returns are high. I chose South Africa, as I see the country as playing a key role in the revitalisation of Africa.

Why did Saville decide to give back to UCT?

“I am a grateful beneficiary of a South African education and delighted to reinvest in UCT, my alma mater, to which I feel a personal debt.

“I wanted to help the commerce faculty as I was a beneficiary of an outstanding programme and believe the faculty is important to the development of the country, which needs to become more sustainable, self-sufficient and entrepreneurial.”

His greatest satisfaction is to see the programme working, and to see it run by dedicated and passionate individuals who are making a difference. He says: “Programmes such as these should be nurtured and expanded with the objective of passing them on to other education establishments.”

The challenge for the decision-makers at UCT is to expand programmes such as this to enable alumni to give freely in a transparent and fulfilling way, he says. 🇿🇦



Duncan Saville has opened his wallet to help disadvantaged students get a leg-up in business studies at UCT.

Sutin honoured

A festschrift to Dr Norman Sutin highlighted his research over five decades

STORY: Chris McEvoy & Jennifer Still

PICTURES: Courtesy of Caltech

Graduate Dr Norman Sutin was honoured by the *Journal of Physical Chemistry* in June 2007 when they dedicated a festschrift to his work.

After completing an MSc at UCT in 1950, Sutin moved to the UK, obtaining his PhD from Cambridge University in 1953. He spent two years as a postdoctoral research fellow at Durham University before joining the chemistry department at Brookhaven National Laboratory in New York.

Now “semi-retired”, he continues his research at the laboratory as a senior chemist emeritus.

Sutin’s research was primarily concerned with the determination of the rates and mechanisms of thermal and photo-induced electron-transfer reactions of metal complexes in solution, and the interpretation of

the results. In order to study very fast reactions, he developed several specialised techniques, including a laser heating process.

In recent years, Sutin’s work focused on the use of solar energy to split water into hydrogen, for possible use as a fuel, and oxygen.

The *Physical Chemistry* dedication was well-deserved, going on what Sutin’s colleagues had to say. “We in the field of electron transfers owe a tremendous debt to Norman,” wrote one, “not only for his pioneering developments but also for his high intellectual standards, his good humour, and his attitude, that have contributed to making research in our field such a pleasure.”

Sutin was certainly delighted.

“This honour was especially meaningful, for it meant that many eminent – and busy

– colleagues were willing to put time and effort into preparing articles for the special issue,” he says. “Although I have found doing research fun and exciting, which is sufficient reward in itself, coming as it did toward the end of my scientific career, the special issue made me very happy and grateful that my work has had some impact.”

Sutin has received numerous other accolades, including the American Chemical Society Award for distinguished service in the advancement of inorganic chemistry, the New York Academy of Sciences Award in Photochemistry, and Brookhaven National Laboratory’s distinguished research and development award. He was elected to membership of both the US National Academy of Sciences and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 1990. 🇺🇸



Dr Norman Sutin, left, at work with colleague Philip Gutlich. (Right) Sutin with his parents at his UCT graduation ceremony.

A year in the life of UCT

December 2007 – January 2008

December 2007

- **Honoured:** UCT awards honorary doctorates to Nobel Peace Laureate and Burmese democratic leader Aung San Suu Kyi (in absentia), musical maestros David Kramer and the late Taliep Petersen (in picture (1), Kramer appears with Jawaahier, Petersens' daughter), as well as oceanographer Prof George Philander, Lord Steyn (Johan van Zijl Steyn) and chemical engineer Prof Mark Dry.
- **High road:** The THES-QS World University rankings place UCT among the top 200 universities in the world, the first African institution to achieve this distinction.
- **Top notch:** Leading international criminologist Prof Clifford Shearing, specialising in security governance, is UCT's newest NRF A-rated researcher.
- **Progress:** UCT's *Teaching and Learning Report* says black African undergraduate success rates improved markedly between 2002 and 2006.
- **Ice man:** UCT law graduate and conservationist Lewis Pugh delivers a motivational talk at the Sports Science Institute, four months after becoming the first person to swim 1km at the North Pole in -1.7°C water.



January 2008

- **Discovery:** *Time* magazine's December 2007 edition lists the Hofmeyr skull (2) among its top 10 scientific discoveries of the year. The team of scientists includes UCT's Prof Alan Morris.
- **Bumper crop:** UCT gears up for a new academic year, hosting a community of nearly 30 000 staff and students (3).
- **In demand:** Comparative statistics show that UCT's 2008 application figures (20 200) are well up on 2007 (18 000). A total of 6 000 offers are made for 3 800 places.



Human polar bear's mission to put climate change on ice

Extreme athlete and conservationist Lewis Gordon Pugh swam the world's first kilometre at the North Pole in just over 18 minutes last year. His recent kayak journey to the Pole was intended to alert the world to the danger of the Arctic's collapse

STORY: Helen Théron

PICTURES: Courtesy of Lewis Pugh

With Puff Daddy revving him up at the edge of the ice at the Geographic North Pole, UCT alumnus Lewis Pugh shrugged his shoulders twice, took off his thermal jacket and prepared to jump into the sea.

The water was -1.7°C.

Freezing from the outside in, he began an epic swim of 18 minutes and 50 seconds in July 2007, the first person to swim 1km at the North Pole.

His story is compelling, even months after he stood on the pack ice, thinking of life and death.

Delivering a motivational talk at the Sports Science Institute months after the event, the UCT law graduate (BA 1992, LLB 1994, LLM 1996) described how burly Russian polar bear guards had stood watch as he laboured through frigid water, 4 200m deep and the colour of mercury, unable to see, his goggles frozen to his face.

Pugh is phenomenal. He is able to elevate his temperature from 37°C to 38.4°C before he hits water this cold. Once immersed, his skin temperature will drop from about 27°C to between 3°C and 4°C.

"Normally, this is enough to incapacitate – it causes gasping and such rapid breathing that swimming is impossible," said Professor Tim Noakes, Discovery professor of sports medicine at UCT.

Noakes and his team at the UCT/MRC Research Unit for Exercise Science and Sports Medicine have been studying Pugh for some time. They provided valuable medical support at the Pole.

"Lewis has adapted his brain and body so that he's able to dive directly into freez-

ing water without experiencing any such distress, and to begin swimming immediately with his face under water."

Footage shows Pugh stripping down on a bleak, grainy day, with frostbite on the wind and ice floes drifting on limp swells.

There's only one way to get into water this cold: jump. Nothing comes close, not the English Channel at 18°C, the sea off Robben Island at 14°C – or the 5°C water the Titanic sank in.

"He's an incredibly unusual person," Noakes said. "He has this great vision. He doesn't accept normal boundaries."

Pugh attributes this to an "incredible" father who told him stories of Arctic explorers.

"Since I was a small boy, I knew my destiny would lie in the polar regions."

Pugh first came to Noakes' attention when he swam around Cape Point in 4m swells.

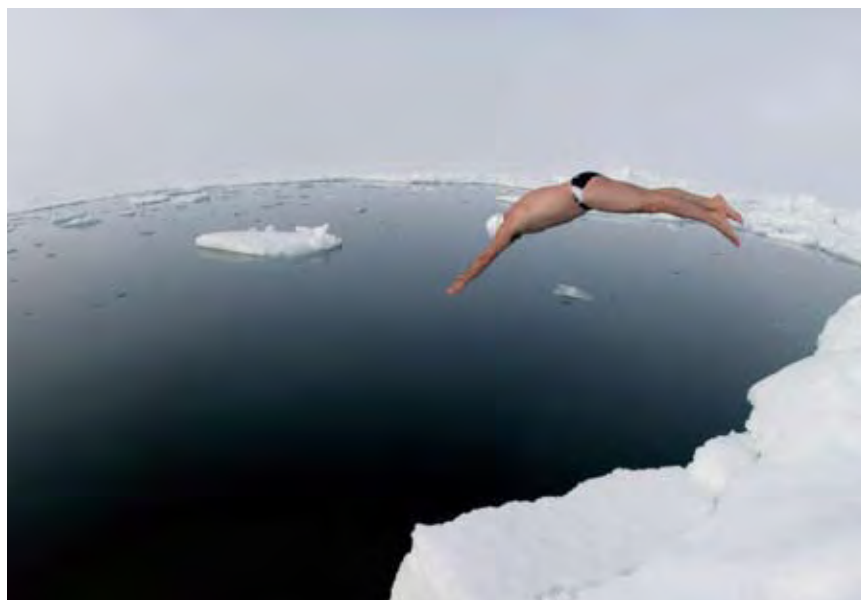
It was a tough entry to swimming. He nearly drowned coming onto the beach at the end.

"Then I already knew: this guy's unusual."

Unusual is good – for a sports scientist.

Pugh next swam around the Cape Peninsula from the Waterfront to Muizenberg, 100km in 13 days, and topped that with a 200km swim in a Norwegian fjord and then a 300km swim down the Thames River.

That's another thing about him. He's





Alumnus Lewis Pugh at the North Pole.

no porpoise. He's more like an icebreaker. Some call him a human polar bear. It's hard to believe he had his first swimming lesson at 17.

And then in December 2005 Pugh clocked up one of the "most remarkable" sporting achievements Noakes had ever seen.

With a monitor strapped to his back, he swam 1.6km in 30 minutes and 30 seconds at Deception Island in the Antarctic, in water of 2°C.

In the final 100m his body temperature dropped to 35°C and then to 34°C within three minutes of finishing.

A few days before the Geographic North Pole swim he'd managed only 400m in his test swim at -1.7°C.

It was an unmitigated disaster. His hands swelled up, the cells having burst from extreme cold.

"I felt they'd been hit with a meat mal-

let," Pugh said. "The pain was indescribable."

He retreated to a hot shower on the ship, close to despair.

Like any endurance athlete, Pugh knew the battle would be won or lost in the mind.

"We're going to break this beast down," his mind coach David Becker, also a UCT law graduate, told him when they began final preparations.

Ten nations were represented on Pugh's team. Tobie van Heerden of the sponsoring company, Investec, planted the national flag of each country in the ice along the route. The Norwegian flag was first; the South African flag in the middle. Among Pugh's team was the grandnephew of Arctic explorer Roald Amundsen.

Amundsen led the first Antarctic expedition to the South Pole between 1911 and 1912, and was the first to reach both

"Since I was a small boy, I knew my destiny would lie in the polar regions."

lewis pugh

the North and South Poles. His name is attached to the first traversal of the Northwest Passage. But in June 1928 he disappeared during a rescue mission.

“You never give up in front of a Norwegian with that lineage,” Pugh quipped.

Once he was in the water, Noakes monitored him from the Zodiac pattering alongside.

His muscles would begin to cool from the surface, and by the finish of the swim reach about 31°C.

“Such cold muscles slowly become less effective – by the finish of the swims he is unable to extend his elbow fully and can’t close his fingers.

“Remarkably, while in the water, Lewis is able to maintain the temperature in his brain and around his heart and lungs above 36°C. But when he stops, his temperature drops by 1 to 2°C within 15 minutes.

“Below 33°C he would lose consciousness.”

As Pugh turned for the final time at the 750m mark, his body and brain numbing, Noakes began to count down the last 250m, 1m at a time.

“There was no way I was going to allow him to stop once he was into the last 250m.

“I had watched him swim for more than 110 minutes in ice-cold water at both ends of the Earth and for every second of those swims my heart was in my throat!”

At the 1km-mark, video footage shows Pugh being pulled from the sea, barely able to talk except to exhort his helpers to get his goggles off. The only word on his lips is the single expletive he keeps repeating.

“He’s remarkable,” Noakes repeats. “He swims with a skin temperature of 3 to 5°C, which would incapacitate all the rest of us. But he has conditioned his brain to ignore the information telling him how cold the water is and that he should immediately get out.

“Then he is able to isolate the temperature at his core while allowing his arms and legs to become extremely cold. Yet he’s



Ice man commeth: Alumnus Lewis Pugh has completed numerous swims at climate change hotspots.

still able to generate work with his arms even as they begin to freeze.

“The complete physiology to explain how all this is possible is not known.”

They’ve coined the term anticipatory thermogenesis to describe how Pugh raises his core body temperature by up to 1.4°C before he swims.

But it’s not about swimming. Pugh’s on a mission.

He’s swum at climatic hotspots all over the world: the Maldives, Australia, the North Atlantic.

The Arctic ice has shrunk by 23%, a harbinger of massive changes in the environment.

“Through my swims I have a unique perspective on climate change,” Pugh explained. “I’m determined to do my bit to raise awareness about the fragility of our environment.

“I want to grab the lapels of the world’s leaders and show them what’s happening here.

“If we lose the Arctic to oil exploration and wholesale navigation, we will have lost the world.”

More than a year later, Pugh took on another extreme adventure. In September 2008 he started a kayak journey from the Norwegian island of Spitsbergen to the North Pole, the equivalent of Cape Town to Johannesburg.

His mission was to tell the world that the Arctic summer sea ice will soon be no more.

“I want to be the voice of the Arctic,” the maritime lawyer-turned environmentalist said at a press conference in July to announce his quest.

The plan was to paddle in sub-freezing temperatures, six hours on and six hours off, covering around 90km daily.

Before he set off, Pugh said he hoped he would be forced to turn back because of impenetrable sea ice.

“I was predicting that this would be the first time there would be no summer sea ice at the Arctic.”

Seven-time world kayaking champion, Robert Hedegus, started with Pugh to pace him on the journey.

But after a few days at sea, Pugh and Hedegus hit the edge of the ice wall, unable to paddle north of 81 degrees north.

There were plenty of ice floes but no break in the ice. On 5 September they turned back.

In his blog, Pugh reported mixed feelings.

But he did succeed on one count.

Back in Longyearbyen Pugh had a call from British Prime Minister, Gordon Brown, congratulating him on the expedition’s achievements.

“The PM is engaged, interested, and very well briefed,” Pugh wrote in his blog. “I explain to him what I have seen, and how important I believe it to be that we get the British public to rally behind bold and courageous steps to combat climate change. He agrees to a meeting.”

Pugh’s work remains a mission. 🇬🇧

Letter from abroad

Simon Chauke is a UCT graduate (MSc Eng, 1999) who now lives and works in the UK. Shocked after the attacks by South Africans on foreign nationals living in South Africa, he shared some thoughts on the matter

STORY: Simon Chauke

I was saddened to read about recent xenophobic attacks in South Africa, covered in British media on both television news and print media.

Having spent over five years in the United Kingdom, I have learned how much Africa means to me. I see myself as an African first and foremost and therefore believe that there is no room for racism and xenophobia in the modern world.

Ironically, I was a victim of xenophobia on two occasions in 1998 and 1999 while I was completing my master's degree at UCT. Unlike the current events, mine was by the overzealous police in Johannesburg.

My first experience – one I will never forget – happened one day when I arrived in Johannesburg from Cape Town at the end of university term. I was stopped by a policeman whose name I still remember at Park Station. He violently demanded my ID to prove that I was not an illegal immigrant.

Unfortunately, I did not have an ID except my UCT student card, which I showed to him. Coupled with the fact that I am poor with languages and only fluently speak XiTsonga (my mother tongue) and English, I was escorted to the nearby police station and forced to take off my clothes so that I could be searched.

As you can imagine, this was one of the most humiliating experiences at the hands of someone who was supposed to protect and serve me as a citizen of the Republic.

So, reading of Ernesto Alfabeto Nhamuave being set on fire alive on the streets of Jo'burg, only because he was Mozambican, brought back those memories of 10 years ago. My experience and those of others made me write a song about xenophobia in 2000, which my band Pamoja and I have been performing around the UK for over three years.



"It is indeed sad that in this day and age there are still people who feel threatened by people who cannot speak their language or whose skin is a little darker than theirs."

When I first played this song some people raised eyebrows and saw no need for such a song. The song urges all South Africans to unite and fight against xenophobia.

The song reminds us how so many South Africans took refuge in different African countries during apartheid and were treated well. Therefore, it does not make sense that after all these people have contributed towards our freedom, we can't reciprocate their hospitality now that we have democracy and stability.

The song also highlights the sad reality that xenophobia is about Africans-on-Africans.

It is indeed sad that in this day and age there are still people who feel threatened by people who cannot speak their language or whose skin is a little darker than theirs.

The recent attacks in South Africa have taught us it is time for us as Africans to unite and be proud of being Africans, regardless of whatever country we may be from. There is the same thread that runs through all of us, Africa belongs to all of us, and only through us standing together can we rid ourselves of unfortunate situations like the one South Africa experienced recently. 🇿🇦

A year in the life of UCT

February – March 2008

February 2008



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- **Academic family:** UCT hosts the annual Parents' Day, taking parents on tours of the campus and facilities like the Jamie Shuttle bus service.
- **Lifelong learning:** The renowned annual UCT Summer School brings a crop of mature students to campus and includes courses such as Chinese calligraphy.
- **Leader:** Prof Eric Bateman (4) of UCT's Lung Institute is appointed as the chair of the Global Initiative for Asthma, the first person from a developing country to lead the group.
- **New season:** A declaration of co-operation is signed between the Africa Earth Observatory Network and GeoForschungsZentrum Potsdam, marking the start of a second five-year phase of the Inkaba yeAfrica Earth Science project.
- **Excellence:** Prof Jill Farrant bags the South African Association of Botanists silver medal.



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March 2008



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- **First lady:** Research professor Drucilla Cornell of the Department of Private Law is UCT's first woman to receive an A rating from the NRF, for her work on people's law, or ubuntu.
- **Good words:** Prof Vicki Lambert, Dr Julia Goedecke and Assoc Prof Malcolm Collins (3) of the UCT/MRC Research Unit for Exercise Science and Sports Medicine are among the authors who penned eight of the 20 most cited articles in the British Journal of Sports Medicine in 2004 and 2005.
- **Kick off:** The FNB Varsity Cup, a new rugby league for university players under 25, is launched, the brainchild of 1995 Rugby World Cup captain Francois Pienaar.
- **Kids' stuff:** Paelaeobiologist Prof Anusuya Chinsamy-Turan (1) publishes the first children's book on African dinosaurs, a "stepping stone" into the world of science.
- **Quartet:** Prof Cyril O'Connor is the fourth A-rated scientist from the Faculty of Engineering and the Built Environment. He steps down as faculty dean and takes up the new Anglo Platinum Chair in Minerals Processing.
- **Pioneer:** Vanessa Burch (2) is the new professor of clinical medicine, the first woman at UCT to be appointed to an established chair in the Department of Medicine's 87-year history.
- **Dream prize:** Prof Mark Solms, who holds the chair of neuropsychology at UCT and Groote Schuur Hospital, receives the Arnold Pfeffer Prize for his contribution to neuropsychology.



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Neville Isdell

Alumni Leadership Forum, 5 June 2008

STORY: Melanie Jackson PICTURE: Katherine Traut

What do a rugby player, social worker and the CEO and chairman of the Coca-Cola Company have in common? They're all graduates of the UCT Faculty of Humanities ... and they're all Neville Isdell.

Isdell, guest speaker at an Alumni Leadership Forum at UCT in June 2008, obtained a Bachelor of Social Science in 1966 and was well on his way to becoming a social worker when, in his words: "I realised I wanted to see the world."

And see the world he did. He's lived in 11 countries, ensuring that wherever he lived, he got to know and understand the culture of that country – "trying to understand what makes people work," as he puts it.

The main thrust of his message? Don't underestimate the value of an education from UCT, and definitely do not underestimate the value of a degree from the humanities faculty. He described the opportunities that it presented to him as he made his way up the corporate ladder – from a social worker to a Coca-Cola executive in Zambia to vice-chairman of Coca-Cola, then a retiree in Barbados and, finally, brought back to Coca-Cola to bolster its ailing fortunes.

He stepped down as CEO at the end of June, and hands over the chairman's reins in June 2009.

A keen environmentalist, Isdell is championing efforts to reduce the company's environmental footprint, and serves on bodies such as the World Economic Forum and the International Business Leaders Forum. "Governments, business and civil society cannot solve the problems of the world, but they can take things forward together," he said.

Isdell believes that one of the secrets to his success is his ability to relate to the people in the employ of The Coca-Cola Company. And where did he learn how to do this?

Why, at UCT, of course. 🇿🇦



"I realised I wanted to see the world" – Neville Isdell.

High stakes in low-cost housing

UCT graduate Lindy Roy is fighting to have architects get into the design of low-cost housing

STORY & PICTURE: Courtesy of *Business Day*

Houston's Fifth Ward is a poor black neighbourhood rife with crime and drug problems. It was where a delinquent young George Foreman grew up before he set out on the path to becoming two-time heavy-weight boxing champion of the world.

In 1999 a local development body asked 16 architects each to design a low-cost house for the ward. The competition aimed to generate alternatives to the standard concrete box house in a humid city with an average summer maximum of 34°C.

One of these architects was Capetonian Lindy Roy (BAS, 1985). An architecture graduate of UCT, she left SA in the mid-1980s. In 1990 she graduated with a master's degree in architecture from New York's Columbia University.

In 2000 she founded New York-based firm RoyCo.

Roy, who mixes affordable and pro bono jobs with lucrative commercial work, is on

a mission to make good design a feature of cheaper work.

"Developers usually put up boxes with small windows and doors. And air conditioning units," Roy says.

"Poor families move in, but can't afford to pay for air conditioning all summer, and the design does nothing to help mitigate those costs by allowing passive airflow."

Her entry, with a raised roof to draw a current, large windows and ceiling fans, was a winner, and a prototype for the larger roll-out of houses under US\$75 000 – cheap in a country with a per capita gross domestic product more than three times that of SA.

Architects are hardly ever involved in low-cost housing – 98% of the market is built without architects, Roy told an audience at the 2007 Design Indaba in Cape Town, and this means endless clones of a building, whether they are practical for an area or not.

"When an architect gets involved, the perception is that design is expensive, that the value-add... is not essential," says Roy. "And hence developers will slap up the same thing over and over again with builders."

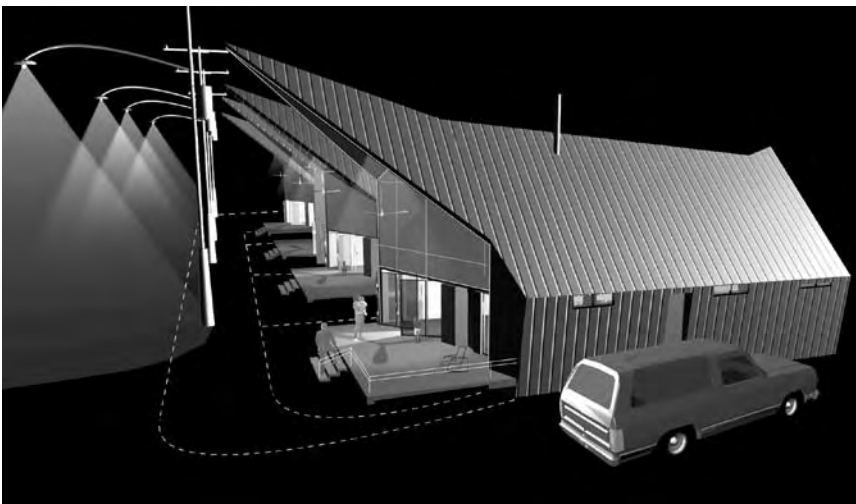
Roy says her Fifth Ward house could automatically improve community safety as well as being comfortable and cheap.

"The minute you have a row of houses with front porches looking onto the street, it becomes a secured street. That's where architecture has the power to change things."

Developers alone cannot see the big picture needed to make housing part of a safe, vibrant community. Roy has been working on a residential development in downtown Syracuse, a once-prosperous industrial city in upstate New York that has declined, but is starting to rejuvenate its city centre. With crime a concern, she says the project could succeed by combining accommodation with ground-level businesses such as supermarkets and laundromats. "The best way to have a safe area is to have it mixed use. If there's a way that could be found to have a 24-hour life on the ground floor."

But the project is floundering, because the developer cannot see how to produce the necessary structure and still make a return.

"The industry's set up to not allow a very efficient integrated housing system to be prefabricated and shipped onto site and constructed, because of the way the trades work. The sequence of how all that stuff (such as plumbing and electrical work) gets done is prescribed by industry."





“The other 90% have no access to those services” – Lindy Roy

There is great irony in the fact that the majority of the world’s poor do not benefit from design, when it can make such a great difference to shelter, transport, health and education facilities.

The power of design is understood in higher-level niches, says Roy.

She should know.

Some of her other projects include Gallery Met at New York’s Metropolitan Opera, and Cairnhill Circle Towers, a

complex of three 20-storey towers in Singapore.

“When a developer is trying to differentiate himself from everyone else, design is how it gets done,” she says. The global housing boom that is only now starting to slow has borne this out. “Over the last five years the boom has produced the most elaborate, exuberant design. It’s been understood that design sells.”

Roy is aware of the inequality. “Gener-

“The minute you have a row of houses with front porches looking onto the street, it becomes a secured street. That’s where architecture has the power to change things.”

ally in the design world, 90% of all design focus, energy and design, from infrastructure to new technologies to dealing with climate... these innovations are focused on 10% of the global population. The other 90% have no access to those services.”

Perhaps a turning economic cycle will change things. A report [in early December 2007] by ratings agency Moody’s says the US housing market is “awash in unsold inventory”, with house prices down more than 5% from two years ago. No measurable improvement is expected until 2010.

Roy says there are already signs of a downturn in New York. “You can’t get financing for condos now and the market is so overbuilt that there’s a shortage of hotels in the city.”

With less lucrative work around, lower-cost projects may benefit. Affordable and sustainable design – reducing environmental impact – is more understood. Designs exploiting natural airflow and needing less air conditioning, for example, are increasingly in demand. But as Roy’s experience shows, there is a long way to go.

Her 1999 housing project in Houston never got off the ground. “It was another tragic damn project,” she reflects. “We got permission, they managed to buy the sites inexpensively, but in order to get mains of water and electricity into that part of town, it was prohibitive. The project just died.”

If the political will grows, and developers and local planners are forced to consider new ways of doing things, the residents of the Fifth Ward and countless other neighbourhoods around the world may – just like Foreman – be in with a fighting chance. 🇺🇸

A year in the life of UCT

April – May 2008



April 2008

- **International honour:** VC Prof Njabulo S Ndebele receives an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Michigan.
- **Morphed:** The renowned Avian Demography Unit morphs into the Animal Demography Unit, moving from the Department of Statistical Sciences to the Department of Zoology to better reflect their research scope.
- **Child Rights:** UCT's Children's Institute launches the South African Child Guide 2007/08, celebrating the new Children's Act, which gives children a constitutional right to social services.
- **Food for thought:** Enhancing food security for the urban poor is the focus of a new R24-million, five-year project led by the Department of Environmental and Geographical Studies in partnership with Queen's University.



May 2008

- **One up:** Prof Danie Visser (2) is the Faculty of Law's second A-rated researcher. He teaches comparative law, comparative legal history, the law of delict and unjust enrichment.
- **Social art:** Profs Pippa Skotnes of the School of Fine Art and Mark Fleischman of the Department of Drama win the 2007 Alan Pifer Research Award for service to the community, with their art and drama projects in Clanwilliam.
- **Big bucks:** The Carnegie Corporation pledges US\$2-million towards UCT's transformation and employment equity programme.
- **Dedicated:** Irene Menell and Ken Geeling receive the Vice-Chancellor's medals (silver) for sterling service to the institution (4).
- **Pipped:** The Ikey Tigers go down to the Maties 16-10 in the final of the inaugural FNB Varsity Cup, but are voted team of the tournament (1).
- **Gridlock:** UCT's new Volvo Research & Educational Foundations Centre of Excellence for Future Urban Transport gives wheels to research on urban transport in Africa, harnessing knowledge from UCT, the University of Dar es Salaam and the University of Nairobi.
- **Getting ahead:** Prof Dan Stein (3), director of the Medical Research Council's Anxiety & Stress Disorders Unit, is UCT's newest A-rated scientist. He is part of the university's Brain Behaviour Initiative, a research signature theme.
- **Elbow grease:** Former executive head of strategy at Anglo Platinum and executive vice-president of research and development at Mintech, Prof Francis Petersen, is UCT's new Dean of Engineering & the Built Environment. He aims to consolidate the faculty's position as leader in Africa.
- **Prestige for Profs:** UCT luminaries Profs George Ellis of the Department of Maths and Applied Maths and Brian Warner of the Department of Astronomy are awarded prestigious Honorary Fellowships of the Royal Society of South Africa.
- **Green upgrade:** Mathematician and botanist Dr Peter Bruyns wins the UCT Book Award for his 600-page, two-volume monograph on *Stapeliads*. The tome is the first complete account of the plant group since American botanists Alain C White and Boyd L Sloane's three-volume *The Stapelieae*, published in 1937.

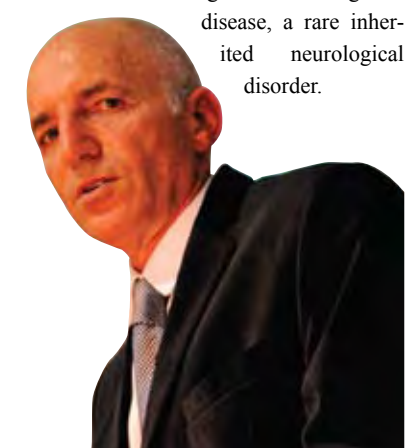


GUY LUNDY (BSocSc, 1991; BCom [Hons], 1992) is currently the CEO of Accelerate Cape Town, a business-led initiative aimed at bringing together stakeholders in the Western Cape to develop and implement a long-term vision for sustainable, inclusive economic growth. One of the organisation's main foci is one creating closer links between academia and business, so that Cape Town is able to retain its top graduates. Guy is also the author of *South Africa: Reasons to Believe* and co-produces *South Africa 2014: The Story of our Future*. After working on four continents, he resettled in Cape Town with his young family.



In April 2008 he was part of a Homecoming Revolution visit to America, while in May he chaired the international Location Branding Conference in Athens. He is also a much sought-after keynote speaker.

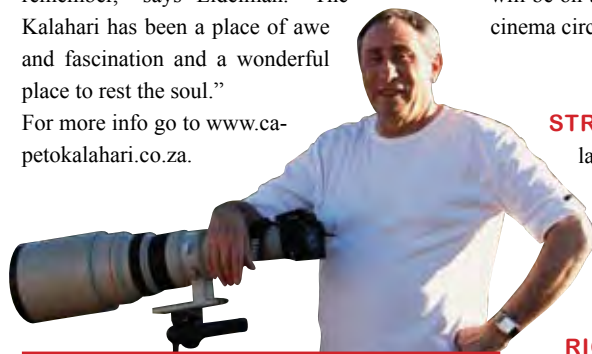
PROF MICHAEL HAYDEN (MBChB 1975, PhD 1979) has received the prestigious 2007 Prix Galien Canada, dubbed the "Oscar" of the pharmaceutical and biotechnology world. Hayden, now a professor of medical genetics at the University of British Columbia in Canada, won the accolade for his "pioneering, ground-breaking" medical research. The acclaimed geneticist pioneered the development of predictive



testing for Huntington's disease, a rare inherited neurological disorder.

DR IRVINE J EIDELMAN (MBChB, 1972) has published a collection of his photographic work of the Kalahari. Titled *Cape to Kalahari – The Irvine Eidelman Portfolio*, Eidelman's work pays tribute to the biodiversity of the barren Kalahari region and the creatures that inhabit this dry area. "An interest in photography and wildlife has been in my blood for as long as I can remember," says Eidelman. "The Kalahari has been a place of awe and fascination and a wonderful place to rest the soul."

For more info go to www.capepetokalahari.co.za.



DR ROBERT HIGGO has co-authored his second book, *Clinical Skills in Psychiatric Treatment*, which was published this year by Cambridge University Press. Co-authored with Rob Poole, the book is a practical and accessible exploration of the clinical skills that are increasingly assessed in training, postgraduate examinations, continuing professional development programmes and reaccreditation appraisals. This follows their first book, *Psychiatric Interviewing and Assessment*, published by Cambridge University Press in 2006. Higgs has worked as a consultant psychiatrist since 1992. He is currently a consultant with the Assertive Outreach Team in Liverpool, working with difficult-to-engage patients with severe mental illness.

TUCAN TUCAN, a world-music band that boasts four UCT graduates, was selected as a finalist in the world music category of the International Songwriting Competition (ISC) for their piece, *Esa Morena*. The



ISC is the largest international songwriting competition in the world, with finalists selected from over 15 000 entrants, representing all genres of contemporary music from all over the world. Tucan Tucan debuted with their album *Xiluva* in 2003. Two of their songs, *Conga Loca* and *Slow Jam*, are featured soundtracks for the South African movie, *Confessions of a Gambler*, which will be on the South African and American cinema circuit in 2008.

STREETWIRES, a project launched by UCT graduates, has been awarded the Entrepreneur of the Year Momentum Lifestyle award by *Top Billing Magazine*. The project was launched in 2005 by **PATRICK SCHOFIELD** (BBusSci, 1995) and **ANTON RESSEL** (BSocSci, 1993), along with **WINSTON RANGWANI**, to create not just fine African wire art, but also jobs. Schofield, representing Streetwires, accepted the award in recognition of the project's accomplishments as



both a social and entrepreneurial organisation. It has created over 120 full-time jobs for craft artists, while also leading design in the field of wire and bead craft development. Find out more about Streetwires on their website at www.streetwires.co.za.

UCT music graduates **CARA HESSE** (BMus) and **LAURA PAUNA** (BMus) competed as semifinalists in the Eleventh Dranoff International Two Piano Competition this year. The competition, which was held in Miami, US, is the only competition in the world dedicated exclusively to duo pianism. Ten semi-finalist teams were selected for competition from applicants representing more than 18 countries. Hesse and Pauna are the first piano duo team

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from South Africa to obtain a Bachelor of Music and a Performance Licentiate from UCT and UNISA respectively. Their recent awards include the IBLA Grand Prize, hosted in New York, in 2006, and third prize at the Valentino Bucchi two-piano competition in Rome in 2007.

Award-winning author **ANNE LANDSMAN** (BA, 1979; BA [Hons], 1980) was back in South Africa in 2008 for the local launch of her critically acclaimed second novel, *The Rowing Lesson*. Set in an imagined post-World War II South Africa, *The Rowing Lesson* is a portrait of a man and his daughter, recapturing the dreams and longings of a father and husband. Landsman's first novel, *The Devil's Chimney*, was nominated for four awards, including South Africa's most prestigious literary award, the M-Net Book Prize. She



has published in *The Washington Post*, *Poets and Writers*, and *The American Poetry Review*, among others. Landsman has taught fiction and screenwriting at the University of Wyoming and The New School for Social Research.

Battlefield surgeon **DR JONATHAN KAPLAN** (MBChB, 1977, ChM, 1989) has become the seventh recipient of the prestigious Robert Burns Humanitarian Award. Bestowed in honour of Scotland's 18th Century poet Robert Burns, the award recognises those individuals who put humanitarian concerns above all else. Kaplan was short-listed for the award alongside film-star and UNICEF ambassador, Ewan McGregor, and founder of the Ozanam Clubs for young disabled people, James Lynch. Kaplan studied medicine at UCT, then



went into exile after his internship. He has since worked in conflict situations in places as diverse as Angola, Burma, Baghdad and Kurdistan. Much of Kaplan's work has seen him perform life-saving surgery, with limited resources, against the backdrop of death, disease and poverty, while fighting his own extreme exhaustion. Now 50, Kaplan lives in London and works as a surgeon and GP for the UK's National Health Services, although he remains on stand-by to go to war zones.

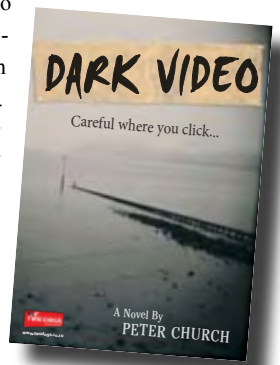
UCT alumnus **PROF SIAMON GORDON** (MBChB, 1961) has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Society, the United Kingdom's national academy of sciences and the world's oldest national scientific society. Founded in 1660, the society's early members included Sir Christo-



pher Wren and Sir Isaac Newton. Gordon follows in the footsteps of fellow alumni Profs George Ellis and Brian Warner, who was also elected this year. In the past decade, Gordon has been active in workshops at UCT dealing with AIDS and TB in Africa, and the ongoing South African educational project, *You, Me and HIV*.

POLLY COURTICE has been appointed a Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order in the Queen's Birthday Honours List. Courtice is the director of the University of Cambridge Programme for Industry (CPI) and chief executive of the Prince of Wales' Business & the Environment Programme. As the director of CPI, she focused on helping leaders in business and government around the world to address major sustainability challenges - both social and ecological. Courtice is an alumna of New Hall, Cambridge and UCT, where she received her first degree.

PETER CHURCH (BSc, 1984; BSc [Hons], 1985) has moved from the realm of science and into the world of fiction with the launch of his debut novel. *Dark Video*, an edgy thriller with a cast of UCT students, was very well received. It sold out at both



launches in Cape Town, and 60% of the first print run was sold in the first week of circulation. After graduating, Church joined the corporate world as an IT specialist, but took a break in 2006 to try his hand at writing. *Dark Video* is featured on Struik's website as a book of the month, and the first chapter is available online at www.darkvideo.co.za.

Compiled by Chris McEvoy

A year in the life of UCT

June – July 2008

June 2008

- **Top of the pops:** A survey lists UCT as the top university in the Southern Hemisphere for research on conservation biology, equivalent to the fourth-highest North American university.
- **Innovation:** The Department of Public Law's international law course is the second of two winning entries in the inaugural Teaching with Sakai Innovation Award, sponsored by IBM.
- **Prize art:** Michaelis senior lecturer Johann van der Schijff wins the Zuloga Corporation Award at the International Exhibition of Dak'Art 2008 in Dakar. Part of his prize was exhibiting in Beijing ahead of the Olympic Games.
- **Accolades:** Prof Johann Lutjeharms of the Department of Oceanography walked off with the Individual Over a Lifetime Award at the 10th National Science and Technology Forum ceremony. He is UCT's fifth consecutive winner in this category. Dr Virna Leaner of the Division of Clinical Laboratory Science collected the Distinguished Young Black Researcher Award (2).
- **Star struck:** The National Astrophysics and Space Science programme produces its first PhD graduate, Bob Osano (1), of the Department of Mathematics and Applied Mathematics.
- **Threesome:** UCT honours Advocate George Bizos, Dr Lillian Cingo, and Dr Eric Goemaere with honorary degrees.



July 2008

- **Farewell:** Vice-Chancellor Prof Njabulo S Ndebele says a final farewell after two terms in office. He leaves for a year's sabbatical at Bard College, a small liberal arts university north of New York, to work on "getting my writer's voice back" (3).
- **Legacy:** A final tribute to Prof Njabulo S Ndebele reveals that research has blossomed in his eight-year tenure, with UCT having produced 30 of the country's 69 National Research Foundation A-rated researchers and funding growing from R240 million in 2003 to R547 million in 2007.
- **Retired:** Deputy Vice-Chancellor Prof Martin West retires after a marathon 42-year association with UCT. West will be remembered for being the youngest academic to be awarded a chair (social anthropology), at age 30. He is lauded by many for his contribution to the university, and especially to its student community. (4)

Report from deputy vice-chancellor Prof Thandabantu Nhlapo

It is a great pleasure to communicate with you all again after a year of tremendous growth at UCT generally, and in respect of the Development and Alumni Department (DAD), in particular.

When we last chatted we expressed our excitement at a number of developments in our alumni operation, including the appointment of new staff, the formation of new chapters of alumni groups, the growth in the number of alumni publications and events and, in particular, the deepening of the tradition of Alumni Leadership Forums. Growth in all these areas was sustained in 2008, and we appear to be going from strength to strength.

But let us start with some happenings in the latter part of 2007, when the alumni net was expanded to Namibia in the form a very successful evening event in Windhoek. Activities in 2008 then came thick and fast.

A new initiative by the Alumni Office

kicked off in the Eastern Cape and KwaZulu-Natal in February, when for the first time we collaborated with the Admissions Office in reaching out to incoming first-year students in their home towns to prepare them and their parents for their trip to Cape Town. This intervention was so well received that we are making plans to expand its reach and frequency.

In March, Vice-Chancellor Professor Njabulo S Ndebele led an expedition to Johannesburg for a suite of three successful events, two in appreciation of our donors and the business community, and an alumni evening where the group that has the chutzpah to refer to themselves as the Darkies from the Eighties got down to the

business of committing some serious monies for bursaries.

In the spirit of the excellently managed and seamless leadership transition at UCT, the Vice-Chancellor Designate, Dr Max Price, attended all these functions and addressed the audiences together with Professor Ndebele.

The Alumni Leadership Forums continue apace. In May, Dr Michael Hayden travelled all the way from the US to address a full house on the capacity of predictive medicine to give hope to millions living in the shadow of degenerative diseases.

In June we were treated to an inspiring lecture by Neville Isdell, CEO of Coca-Cola worldwide, on what his UCT experience meant in his life. July saw Allan Knott-Craig, the retiring CEO of Vodacom, address an audience in the second of the Johannesburg forums on the future of telecommunications in Africa.

Over the Youth Day long weekend in June we celebrated 100 years of Students' Representative Councils at UCT with a programme of activities involving members of past SRCs, going back to the Fifties.

Kicking off with a tour of the campus and an alumni concert on the Saturday, the programme included a well-attended colloquium on student leadership (addressed by representatives of SRCs from all decades from the 1950s to the present) on the Sunday, culminating in a formal gala dinner.

With Dr Stuart Saunders, Dr Price and Prof Ndebele in attendance, I found the atmosphere quite heady, being in the same room with three UCT Vice-Chancellors (past, present and future), and literally dozens of SRC presidents and members. A



Prof Thandabantu Nhlapo with Dr John Dixon of Queen's University.

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rocking programme of music was presented by Melanie Scholtz, Gcobani Mhlabeni and Moreira Chonguica, all products of the South African College of Music.

As we promised last year, this gathering of home-grown talent in the performing arts will be an annual event.

Dr Price, Lungile Jacobs and I visited Australia and New Zealand in May and, among other aspects of the programme, attended alumni functions in Perth, Melbourne, Auckland and Sydney. This was all part of the process of growing the alumni

network worldwide. Dr Price also met university vice-chancellors at all these places. This followed his April trip to North America, when he and executive director of DAD, Dr Jim McNamara, met alumni in New York (where Prof Ndebele joined them), Philadelphia, and Toronto.

Pursuing our objective of sharpening our operations in the Alumni Office to better serve you, we sent out a survey in July asking you to tell us about our service and where you wish to see us go. By the time you read this, we will be analysing the re-

sults of the survey and preparing to implement your suggestions. Thank you for participating.

As I write this, Dr Price is into his third week as the Vice-Chancellor of UCT. Because of the carefully-crafted transition plan, his assumption of duty has been smooth, and the ship is on a steady course.

Dr Price's formal installation as Vice-Chancellor on 29 August 2008 marked a new chapter in the history of UCT. I know that he has your prayers and good wishes as he takes on this important task. 🇷🇺

Development and Alumni Department

Today there are today over 20 000 universities in the world. UCT's recent inclusion in the top 200 (the first African university ever to join that club) now presents its alumni and friends around the globe with a challenge. In an era of restricted levels of state support and practical limits on tuition fee increases, how can we find the resources to maintain that rank and improve on it in the years ahead?

The answer lies in your hands.

UCT, like all leading universities, increasingly looks to its supporters for assistance in pursuing its mission and goals. Whether that support comes in the form of modest annual donations as one's means allow, or that "big gift" that recognises the value of the UCT degree that has contributed to a certain level of success in one's life, or a bequest that remembers UCT as a beneficiary in one's will, the support from alumni and friends is more necessary today than it has ever been.

The Development and Alumni Department (DAD) serves to further UCT's goal of building sustained financial stability, and supports the strategic objectives and areas of primary focus as articulated by the Vice-Chancellor.

Working closely with our faculties and our overseas offices, DAD co-ordinates the alumni communications and fundraising programmes for UCT, and is your personal link to your alma mater.

Deputy Vice-Chancellor Professor Thandabantu Nhlapo, Executive Director Dr Jim McNamara, and the entire DAD team work to serve volunteer alumni leaders across the globe to build and grow support networks for the university. Priority areas for fundraising include:

- financial aid for needy students;
- leading-edge research that makes a difference in the lives of Africa's people;
- major capital projects to maintain and enhance the campus;

- the Vice-Chancellor's strategic academic initiatives;
- annual funding for UCT's operational needs, to free up funds for other priorities and spending on new initiatives.

Donations totalling more than R120 million were received during 2007 from more than 1 000 organisations and individuals, 23 of which contributed more than R1 million each.

The list was again topped by a number of major foundations that have consistently provided major support for UCT, such as Mellon, Atlantic, Ford, Carnegie, Crossley, Wolfson, Doris Duke, Kangra, Claude Leon, Discovery, De Beers, Gordon, and Rockefeller.

Added in 2007 to this list of largest donors are the Sigrid Rausing Trust and The Andreas and Susan Struengmann Foundation.

For many years, UCT has been fortunate to enjoy the support of alumni chapters in a number of countries, and of three legally independent entities that offer tax-beneficial ways of supporting UCT.

These are:

The University of Cape Town Foundation (Toronto, Canada) makes it possible for Canadian alumni and friends to support UCT activities through cash donations, gifts of shares and securities, and bequests. Di Stafford, previously the Development Manager at the Baxter Theatre Centre, has now joined the foundation as its first regional director. DAD considers the appointment of a regional director as vital for the Foundation to be fully effective in its alumni relationship-building and fundraising endeavours in Can-



DAD team: (From left) Prof Thandabantu Nhlapo, Dr Jim McNamara and Lungile Jacobs.

ada. We hope that all our alumni in Canada will get a chance to meet or chat with Di. She is based in Toronto, but will be travelling across the country in the coming months.

During 2007, the foundation hosted the Toronto gala of the Canadian premiere of *Sizwe Banzi is Dead / Sizwe Banzi est mort*, directed by renowned theatre artist Peter Brook. Through the sale of tickets, funds were raised for the foundation's scholarship support.

Recent notable donations include a Drama Department Scholarship, awarded to South African playwright and director Mike van Graan, and the newly established Henry & Marcia Blumberg Law Prize. Bursary support donations came once again from the Canada-South Africa Chamber of Business and, of course, the generous alumni via the Annual Appeal.

Visitors from UCT included Professor Hugh Corder, Dean of Law, who addressed Toronto alumni at a reception hosted by Marcia and Henry Blumberg, and former Vice-Chancellor Njabulo S Ndebele, who visited Vancouver and met alumni and university presidents there. Judge Albie Sachs also visited Toronto to address a joint meeting of UCT alumni and members of the Canada-South Africa Chamber of Business. Our thanks to Richard Cohen and his committee in Vancouver.

The Board of Directors - all UCT alumni/alumnae - are Les Kottler (president), Henry Blumberg (chairman), David Groll (treasurer), Dr Marcia Blumberg, Stephen Jennings, Dr Richard Cohen, Karen Eaton, Dr Stanley Jonathon, Dr Vivian Rakoff, and Susan Savage.

The University Of Cape Town Trust (London, UK): During 2007, its 16th year of operation, the UCT Trust raised some £750 000, and since its inception, the trust has raised almost £16 million for projects at UCT. The Trustees are Sir Aaron Klug OM FRS (chairperson), Lord Hoffmann, Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, Sir Franklin Berman KCMG QC, Professor Jeffrey Jowell QC, Nicholas Oppenheimer, Dr Stuart Saunders, Irene Menell, and Jennifer Ward Oppenheimer.

During this period, some 16% of gifts were aimed at UCT staff capacity building, the balance going to undergraduate bursaries and postgraduate fellowships for students from financially and educationally disadvantaged backgrounds. The Wolfson Foundation

Making contact with Convocation

In August, UCT Council approved the proposal that, hence, all notices to members of Convocation - on issues such as the election of Council members and the Chancellor - will be sent via email.

This will be UCT's default mode of contact with Convocation.

However, individual members will have the option to have such notices mailed to their postal addresses. But the onus is on members to notify UCT that they wish to receive their notices via post.

Members of Convocation can send their current email and postal addresses or any updates to alumni@uct.ac.za or Development and Alumni Department, University of Cape Town, Private Bag X3, Rondebosch, 7701, Western Cape, South Africa. They can also update their details at the self-help site, www.uct.ac.za/dad/alumni/update/alumni.

continues to be one of UCT's most loyal and generous supporters, and both the Nuffield Foundation and the Leverhulme Trust made gifts towards UCT's employment equity development programmes. Large gifts also came from the David & Elaine Potter Foundation and the Sigrid Rausing Trust.

Other major foundation supporters include Ove Arup, Eranda, John Ellerman, and Rangoonwala. Notable bursary support gifts came from Daimler Chrysler, CHK Charities, Johnson Matthey, NM Rothschild, Rio Tinto, Misys Foundation, Stephen Lawrence Trust, the International Bar Association, the Stevenson Family Trust, The Edward & Dorothy Cadbury Trust, Pearson plc, the Law Society and the PF Charitable Trust. UK alumni donated over £25 800 during 2007 to The Chancellor's Challenge appeal, for bursaries, the Faculty of Law and SHAWCO.

The University of Cape Town Fund, Inc (New York, NY), is an independent not-for-profit organisation whose directors are Trevor S Norwitz (chairperson), David Meachin (vice-chairman), Vincent Mai, and Kofi Appenteng. Thanks to generous support from UCT graduates, friends, foundations and corporations, direct cash giving in 2007 exceeded \$435 000, and other major gifts from US sources exceeding \$7 million were made directly to the university.

Since the fund's inception in 1984, the directors have supported UCT's commitment to enhancing student access and maintaining the university's standing as a world-class educational institution. Student bursaries remain a cornerstone of all UCT Fund giving. In 2007, 46% of all contributions were made in support of financial aid or scholarships. US donors support a number of endowed scholarships at UCT, including the CV Starr Scholarships and Klaus-Jurgen Bathe Scholarship in Engineering. New 2007 pledges of support for scholarships came from alumnus Dr John M Graham, United Therapeutics Inc, and Davis Polk & Wardwell.

The 2007 annual appeal to alumni and friends sought support for the Chancellor's Challenge at UCT. Other areas supported by individual donors included the Allan Cormack Book Fund, Avian Demography Unit, Baxter Theatre Centre, Faculty of Law, research by UCT's Department of Psychiatry & Mental Health on amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, and the Students' Health and Welfare Centres Organisation (including the Golda Selzer Memorial Centre). Major supporters included the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, the Judy & Howard Berkowitz Foundation, and the Baird Foundation.

Former VC, Professor Ndebele, DVC Professor Nhlapo, and DAD director Dr McNamara made several visits to the US in 2007, meeting with foundations, educators, and business leaders. During these visits, the UCT Fund hosted alumni gatherings in San Francisco, Los Angeles, and San Diego. Alumni events were also held in New York City, with Dean of Law Professor Hugh Corder, and Judge of the High Court of South Africa Dennis Davis. In a new development, the fund established a network of alumni co-ordinators in major US cities, in order to foster a greater sense of community among alumni and friends. ■

NEW YORK CITY

Former Vice-Chancellor Prof Njabulo Ndebele reflected on the growth of UCT's research profile and international reputation at a cocktail party for UCT alumni and friends at the Harvard Club in New York City on April 23. Over 60 alumni from six decades, from 1954 to 2004, joined Ndebele in welcoming Dr Max Price, the new Vice-Chancellor, to the UCT community.



Prof Ndebele (left) addresses guests at the alumni and friends gathered at the Harvard Club of New York City. Right are Trevor Norwitz, chairperson of the UCT Fund, Chris Yaffes and Roslyn Sulcas.



Fiona Jack, Oliver Link, Guto Barra, Maxine Lubner, Vice-Chancellor Dr Max Price and Janine le Sueur at the Harvard Club.

PHILADELPHIA



Vice-Chancellor Designate Dr Max Price addresses a group of alumni and friends at a reception hosted by alumnus Dr Michael Ezekowitz (MBChB, 1970) at the Lankenau Institute for Medical Research in Philadelphia.

SRC AT UCT

UCT hosted its Students' Representative Council centenary celebrations from 14-15 June. Events included a concert and dinner. (To view slide show of the occasion, visit the alumni section of the UCT website, www.uct.ac.za.)



Former SRC members take a look back.



(From left) UCT graduates Moreira Chonguica, Professor Maurice Mars and wife, and Gcobani Mhlabeni at the SRC concert.

EBE IN JOHANNESBURG

The Faculty of Engineering & the Built Environment hosted an alumni reunion, attracting graduates from 1959 to 2007, at the Johannesburg Country Club on 5 February. Prof Cyril O'Connor, the outgoing dean, hosted the event and updated the students on the status of the faculty and the exciting new developments. O'Connor also thanked Ntokozo Mthembu, who initiated the Postgraduate Alumni Scholarship Fund but couldn't attend the event.



Pamela White, Prof Cyril O'Connor, and Rex Zietsman.



Tony Anyimadu of AngloPlat, Prof Cyril O'Connor, Titus Mathe of SANERI and Noko Phala of Anglo Research.

HEALTH SCIENCES AT WILD FIG

The Faculty of Health Science's class of 1953 held a 50-plus reunion lunch at the Wild Fig restaurant on 5 March. Among the 22 "survivors", as the graduates affectionately called themselves, was former UCT Vice-Chancellor, Dr Stuart Saunders. As usual, the faculty hosted a number of MBChB reunions in December 2007.



Members of the 1957 medical class at their 50th anniversary reunion in December 2007.



Craig Birch, Pippa Macdonald, Dave Schaeffer, Hemanth Baboolal and Sandi Kuper of the 1992 medical class celebrated their 15th anniversary reunion.



Among those at the lunch were (from left) Giep Rossouw, Jeremy Sloan, Sid Cywes, Fana Malherbe, Tom Hugo-Hamman, Boet Heese, Boet Dommissie, Margaret Elsworth (Blagden), Stuart Saunders, Cecil Bloch, Koos Wahl and Chris Rainier-Pope.

PHYSIOTHERAPY 40TH

The Physiotherapy Class of 1967 renewed old friendships, enjoyed a few moments of nostalgia and laughed a lot at a 40th reunion event from 15 to 17 February.



Barbara Webb, Margie Morrell, Carol Cornell, Mary Faure, Elmari Spathelf, Breffney Fawcett, Barbara Varndell and Lorna Dryburgh enjoy a glass of vino and a sunset.

Mary Faure, Margie Morrell, Lorna Dryburgh, Barbara Webb, Carol Cornell, Breffney Fawcett, Barbara Varndell, Sandy LeFevre and Elmari Spathelf catch up.



LONDON

On June 4, UK-based UCT alumni joined forces with the SA Business Club to hold an event at the offices of Deloitte in central London, at which Professor John Simpson, head of management studies at UCT, gave a talk to around 100 UCT alumni and SA Business Club members. The SA Business Club Bursary was also launched. The bursary gives young South Africans from disadvantaged backgrounds the chance to study towards a business degree at UCT.



Prof John Simpson in London with UCT alumni (from left) Dr Ansuya Naidoo, Alayne Reesberg and Janine George.

NOAKES WOWS IN LONDON

Professor Tim Noakes, the Discovery Health Professor of Exercise Science and Sports Medicine at UCT as well as director of the UCT/MRC Research Unit for Exercise Science and Sports Medicine, gave a lecture, *Exercising Advocacy: Some personal views and experiences*, at South Africa House in London in October 2007. Some 120 UK-based alumni attended the talk that, by all reports, was quite a hit.



Dr Lisa Davies, Prof Mary Robertson, John Ludgate, and Prof and Mrs Victor Dubowitz at the Noakes lecture.



Juliet and Johnny Kipps with Dr Franziska Fischer at the Noakes lecture in London.



James Espey, Dr John Thing, Dr James Thing and Celia Espey.

RECEPTION IN WASHINGTON DC

Deputy Vice-Chancellor Professor Thandabantu Nhlapo and the South African Ambassador, Welile Nhlapo, co-hosted a reception at the South African Embassy in Washington DC on 29 May. The occasion took place during the annual conference of the North American Association for International Education (NAFSA), which celebrated its 60th anniversary this year. Here UCT also signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Queen's University of Canada.



Ambassador for South Africa to the US, Welile Nhlapo; DVC Prof Thandabantu Nhlapo; Dr Loveness Kaunda, director of internationalisation at UCT; and Dr Nicolette DeVille Christensen of Arcadia University, at the Washington occasion.



Dr John Dixon of Queen's University, Canada, and DVC Prof Thandabantu Nhlapo sign the MoU.

CIVIL ENGINEERING'S 50TH AT UCT

The Department of Civil Engineering hosted its 50th alumni reunion at UCT on 4 April. The group toured the facilities in the department and individual alumni made presentations about their interesting visits around the world.



Members of the class take a tour of some facilities in the Dept of Civil Engineering.

FREEDOM DAY CELEBRATION IN CANADA

Henry Blumberg received the Humanitarian Award, and Bruce Shapiro the Entrepreneurial Award at a function hosted by the South African Consul General in Toronto to commemorate Freedom Day in May. The event coincided with a visit by VC Dr Max Price and Dr Jim McNamara to Canada, where they met with alumni.



Dr Jim McNamara, Henry Blumberg, VC Dr Max Price, Pats Madikaza, and SA Consul General, Nolinde Njobe, during the visit to Canada.



Dr Jim McNamara, David Groll, Henry and Marcia Blumberg, Dr Max Price, Les Kottler and Di Stafford, who manages the UCT office in Canada.

WOLFSON HONOURED

Former Vice-Chancellor and Principal, Prof Njabulo S Ndebele, conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Science on Lord Wolfson of Marylebone at a special ceremony at South Africa House in London on 14 May. Dr Stuart Saunders, former vice-chancellor and President of Convocation at UCT, acted as orator for the day and paid tribute to Lord Wolfson's acumen and generosity of spirit. Saunders talked of the major contributions that Wolfson made to many universities and, in particular, to UCT, through the Wolfson Foundation.

Prof Njabulo S Ndebele and Lord Wolfson at the special graduation ceremony.



SOUTH AFRICA HOUSE, LONDON. AGAIN

About 115 UK-based UCT alumni made their way to South Africa House, London, in May, to celebrate UCT reaching the top 200 World University Rankings. Alumnus John Greensmith introduced former Vice-Chancellor Prof Njabulo S Ndebele, who then gave a well-received talk on the challenges and opportunities facing UCT and South Africa.



(Left) UCT Alumni who performed at the event were Pumeza Matshikiza, James Baillieu and Sarah-Jane Brandon.



Ben and Mary Peilow, Pippa Greensmith, and Barbara and Angus Scrace.

BAXTER RESIDENCE, UCT

Vice-Chancellor Dr Max Price welcomed UCT alumni to Baxter Hall's reunion, held from 25 to 26 July, in celebration of the residence's 50th anniversary. "It feels a bit funny welcoming you to UCT when you should be welcoming me," commented Price, addressing about 180 alumni, spanning five decades of the university's history.



Joan van den Ende, former warden of Baxter, with VC Dr Max Price.

MORE OCCASIONS OF NOTE

- In October 2007, alumni based in Namibia gathered for a reunion in Windhoek, attended by deputy vice-chancellor, Prof Thandabantu Nhlapo. Here graduates expressed their unanimous support to launch a Namibian UCT Alumni Association.
- The latest semi-annual meeting of the Jerusalem South African Alumni Association, which incorporates many UCT graduates, took place at the International Christian Embassy in Jerusalem on 9 July. The guest speaker was Professor Irving Spitz, a graduate of Witwatersrand University and Professor of Medicine and Endocrinology at the Weill Medical College of Cornell University and Ben Gurion University of the Negev.
- Several UCT Fund events were held during Pieter-Dirk Uys' US tour *Of Elections & Erections – A Memoir of Fear & Fun* in April & May. Alumni and friends enjoyed Uys' satirical take on of the US presidential elections and the next South African general election in 2009, as well as post-show gatherings in Cambridge and at La MaMa theatre in New York. 🇺🇸

Setting the record straight

A few errors crept into our 2007 updates. We apologise for these mistakes.

- We stated that Nuraan Karriem works for the SAPS, ie the South African Police Services. Alas, Karriem is in the employ of SAP, the business-software giant headquartered in Germany. (UCT also runs much of its administrative systems on SAP.)

- We left out much of the title of Dr Ronald Joshua (FRSC [London .Eng]; MBChB), and also stated that he retired after doing locum work as a surgeon. In fact, the only locum work Dr Joshua did was as a medical doctor in a nursing home. Most of his career, 1974 to 1997, was spent as a surgeon Northern Ireland and the Netherlands.

- We noted that Samantha Saevitzon of the class of 1993 works for the SABC. In fact, Ms Saevitzon works for the SA Ballet Theatre, which is the SABT.

CLASS OF 1920

Dr Harry Serebro (MBChB) has spent 24 years in the electronics industry with the Altron Group.

CLASS OF 1937

David Bateman (BSc Civil Eng) retired in 1981, and is now a member of the council and executive committee of the Cape Provincial Organisation for the Aged.

CLASS OF 1942

Mrs Norrie Webber (BA) retired as vice-president for Persons with Physical Disabilities in 2000, after 60 years with the organisation. She started her career as a social worker with the OFS Society, working with children with disabilities. She is still a member of the Rehabilitation International Honour Council.

CLASS OF 1944

Phryne Bouzanis (BA) is a pensioner living in Zimbabwe, London and Athens, where she is writing a historical novel based on the British occupation of the Ionian Islands, from which she was forced to withdraw in 1964.

CLASS OF 1945

Dr Liselotte Asch (MBChB) is a pensioner who has been studying through UNISA since 1992. Majoring in Latin Classical Culture, she is also doing courses in English, philosophy, Xhosa and Greek.

CLASS OF 1946

Joan Dichmont (BA) retired from Cape Town City Libraries in 1992, and more recently from active work in the Black Sash. She enjoys receiving emails, particularly about interesting lectures and excursions.

CLASS OF 1947

Emeritus Professor Leonard Gering (BCom/LLB) obtained his LLB with distinction in 1949. Early the following year he was admitted to the Supreme Court (now known as the High Court) as an advocate, and is still on the roll of advocates. He lectured at UCT for many years.

Herbert McKenzie started his BSc (Civil Eng) in 1939, but his studies were interrupted by the Second World War. He finished his degree in 1947. After lecturing in engineering at UCT for some time, he switched to law and obtained his LLB in 1952. He was an Advocate at the Cape Bar until his retirement.

CLASS OF 1948

Mrs Pamela Golding (BA) is the founder and chairperson of the Pam Golding Property Group. She also founded and directed Golding Commercial Estate Agents from 1961 until 1996. In recent years, she has taken on an ambassadorial role, as a global networker and facilitator.

CLASS OF 1949

Norman Abbott (BA) retired in 1993 after 12 years as founder director-general of the British Video Association.

Dr Hymie Davis (BSc) is in private practice as a psychiatrist in Vancouver, and a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of British Columbia.

Dr Ingrid Edington (MBChB) is sole director of Ethandune Investments (Pty) Ltd in Durban. The company is a donor to the READ Educational Trust.

Dr Edith Waldmann (MBChB) has worked as a medical practitioner in Zimbabwe, at the Jane F hospital in South Africa, and in Hong Kong. She was also involved in researching the growth and development of Chinese children at Hong Kong University as well as with the UK & International Mental Health Charity for Care in the Community. Dr Waldmann has also obtained a DTMH (Wits) and DCH (London).

CLASS OF 1950

Dr Edmund Rose (MBChB) left a successful private practice in Oudtshoorn to become a missionary surgeon in Thailand with the Overseas Missionary Fellowship and other organisations. He retired to the UK in 1998 to be near his children and grandchildren.

CLASS OF 1950

Mrs Grace Yon (BSc) taught secondary science in the former Rhodesia and Zambia between 1953 and 1968, and raised four children, two of whom have PhDs in chemistry and biotechnology.

CLASS OF 1952

Dr Robert Frater (MBChB) was medical director of St Jude Medical Incorporated and president of Glycar Incorporated. He was also a professor in both the Departments of Cardiothoracic Surgery and Paediatrics at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

Neil Jowell (BCom/LLB) attained an MBA at Columbia University in 1963 (appearing on the Dean's Honours List) before working in the UK. He returned to South Africa to join the family-controlled Jowell Transport & Motor Company, listed on the JSE. In 1973 he was appointed Chairperson of Trencor.

CLASS OF 1953

Emeritus Professor Stuart Saunders (MBChB) is retired after a long stint as Vice-Chancellor of UCT. He has been a trustee of the Claude Leon Foundation, the Fox Foundation and the UCT Trust (UK), as well as president of the UCT Convocation and chairman of TENET, a not-for-profit company that acts as an agent for higher education.

Dr Gerald Shapiro (MBChB) was head of the Department of Radiology at Hasharon Hospital in Petach Tikvah, Israel.

CLASS OF 1954

Emeritus Associate Professor Malcolm Bowie (MBChB) was Ad Hominem Associate Professor at UCT. He won the Dowie Dunn Research Prize in 1961 at the Case Western Reserve University of Cleveland, Ohio. He has been president of the South African Paediatric Society and the South African Nutrition Society, and a member of the Paediatric Faculty at the College of Medicine of South Africa.

Dr Daniel Danilewitz (MBChB) has been a volunteer at the Red Cross Hospital for the past nine years.

Mrs Naomi Hethy (née Lerner) (BA) writes: 'As the major part of my history over the fifty years since my graduation is irrelevant to your records, I shall omit my marriage, daughters, grand-daughters, domesticity and varied careers...'

Christopher Watermeyer (BSc Civil Eng) is involved in dam engineering.

CLASS OF 1956

Norman Lowenthal (BA) held the position of Chairman Stockbroker in the Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) from 1997 to 2000. He was also a member of the Securities Regulation Panel.

Emeritus Professor Peter Neame (MBChB) was a haematologist and Professor of Pathology at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, where he retired in April 2004.

CLASS OF 1957

Colin Bryan (CTA) retired to the historic 18th century Coast Farm in Hoogekraal, near George, after a career as a chartered accountant.

Mendel Kaplan (BCom) is a lawyer by training, industrialist by profession and a student of archaeology, with a consuming passion to better understand the origins of the Jewish people and the environment in which they were conceived, nurtured and developed.

CLASS OF 1958

Barbara Bernander (BA) lives in Sweden and has a summer home in Greece. She is married to Bernt Bernander, retired assistant secretary-general of the UN Development Programme and Office for Project Services. Duty stations included the Democratic Republic of Congo

CLASS OF 1959

Louis de Waal (BSc Civil Eng) is a retired civil engineer who now runs an NGO.

Brian King (BA/LLB) completed Law and Business qualifications at Oxford in 1964, before going into business in England. He returned to South Africa in 1969 and left

Remembering

The well-known and respected UCT graduate **Dr HA (Harold) Kalley** died in Pietermaritzburg in June, aged 95. Kalley was born in Cape Town and educated at SACS, where he was a top pupil. He obtained a medical degree at UCT, and did his housemanship at Grey's Hospital in Pietermaritzburg. After World War 2, during which he served in the Medical Corps, Kalley went into private practice in Pietermaritzburg, serving the community for more than 50 years. His patients remember him for his care, concern and expertise. He was then predeceased by his wife, and survived by his children Jaqui, Claudia and Martin, and three grandchildren. (Courtesy of Natal Witness)

Alumnus **Charles Thomas Truebody** died on 8 January 2008 in Windhoek, Namibia, at the age of 81. He graduated from UCT with a BSc (Eng) in 1947. He worked in various positions and in various fields in human and structural development and was actively involved in Scouting and Rotary until his death. His last full time employment was as general secretary of the Namibia Employers' Federation. He retired from this position at the end of 2005 at the age of 79. He leaves behind his wife, Miriam, his daughter Margaret Gloeck, his son Eric Truebody, and six grandchildren. Two of his grandchildren, Carla Mauger and David Davies, are currently students at UCT.

12 years later to live on several continents in various business capacities, until once again returning to South Africa in 1987.

Richard Rosenthal (Dip Law) is a practising attorney specialising in public benefit and human rights law. He acts for major grant-giving institutions and numerous non-profit public benefit organisations involved in community development and empowerment issues.

Emeritus Professor Johannes van Niekerk (MBChB) was the Deputy Dean of UCT in 1989, progressing to Dean and Dean Emeritus. He retired as Emeritus Professor in 2001 and is now deputy editor of the *South African Medical Journal*, linked to the Health and Medical Publishing Group (HMPG).

Chris Wiese (BA/LLB) has been chairman of various corporations, including Pepkor Ltd, Shoprite Holdings Ltd, Brown & Jackson plc, Tradehold Ltd, BoE Corporation Ltd, Smart Centre Holdings, the Industrial Development Corporation of South Africa, and Orion. He is also the owner of Lanzerac Manor and Winery.

CLASS OF 1960

Derek Raphael (BCom) is employed with Derek Raphael & Company Ltd.

CLASS OF 1961

Prof Siamon Gordon (MBChB) has spent the past 35 or so years focusing his energies on one white blood cell! He was capped Hon DSC (Medicine) by Prof Wieland Gevers at the UCT Graduation on 9 December 2002. Though born in Cape Town, his early and formative years were spent in Darling.

Dr George Stratford (MBChB) is a “single-handed” general practitioner in private practice.

CLASS OF 1962

Dr Gilbert Barbezat (MBChB) was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of New Zealand in 1996.

Dr Peter Kai (MBChB) was a house doctor in Pietermaritzburg before doing an-

aesthesia training in Liverpool, UK. He became a consultant in the Liverpool area and later joined the armed forces, serving in the King Faisal Specialist Hospital & Research Centre in Riyadh.

Fredrick Sexsmith (BCom) is a member of Downstream Oil Advisors Ltd.

CLASS OF 1963

Elisabeth Lombard (BA) retired from teaching, mostly in South African schools, and now works part-time at the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University.

CLASS OF 1964

Jeremy Wood (BSc Civil Eng) retired in February 2007 and is ‘migrating’ to Australia.

CLASS OF 1965

Prof Brian Buch (STD) is head of the Diagnostics and Radiology Department at the University of Pretoria.

Constantine Divaris (BCom) lectured at UCT in 1970 and 1971, and was an assistant to AS Silke (1972-1973). He is an executive member of the Electronic Publishing Corporation cc, and presents tax seminars and workshops.

CLASS OF 1966

Peter Withers (BA/LLB) left Vancouver about four years ago for the Okanagan, a very beautiful part of British Columbia with some magnificent lakes, and about 400km inland. He and his wife, Ann (née Cox – BA 1969) visit their four children regularly.

Dr John Wootton (MBChB) has two daughters at UCT. Tanya is studying chemical engineering (and is a class medal recipient). Jacqueline is studying accounting and business science. Dr Wootton has four grandchildren.

CLASS OF 1967

Dr Cecil Helman (MBChB) is a professor of medical anthropology at the Faculty of Social Sciences & Law at Brunel University, and senior lecturer in the Department of

Primary Care & Population Sciences at the Royal Free & University College Medical School, both in London.

Dr Colin Reardon (MBChB) is a medical practitioner at Doctors Lake, Smit & Partners.

Bryan Stone (BA) recently retired as head of Modern Languages at Woodhouse Grove School in Bradford. He is starting a new business with his wife, Celia.

CLASS OF 1968

Martin Goldswain (BArch) has retired from his architectural practice, and entered tourism. He owns Quarry Lake Inn, a 16-bed guest house. Martin has five graduate children.

Leslie Masterson (BCom/LLB) worked for solicitors in Oxford in the early seventies, and travelled extensively in the UK and Europe. Between 1972 and 1973 he did his articles in Cape Town, and started practicing as an attorney in Wynberg where he is a senior partner.

Verna Nel (BA Hons) completed an honours degree in psychology in 1970 and a master’s in clinical psychology in 1975. She was a senior lecturer at UCT’s Department of Psychiatry and clinical psychologist at Groote Schuur Hospital from 1976 to 1993, when she retired.

Adrian Rogers (BA) spent fifteen years with the Rhodesian and Zimbabwean governments, ending as District Administrator. He then joined Anglo American in Zimbabwe, where he stayed for 23 years, reaching the position of Pensions Manager. He is now retired.

Michael Strelitz (BSc) achieved a DIC from Imperial College and an MBA from the London Business School.

John Whiteing (BSc) has been in Australia since 1990 and is a former director of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu. He has two grandsons in London and two in San Francisco.

CLASS OF 1969

Dr Michael Ellman (BSc Chem Eng) is currently a consultant in the energy sec-

tor, and is involved in energy efficiency projects. He is also on the Transformation and Capital Investment committees of Rand Water.

Professor Anthony Miles (BSc Mech Eng) is a professor of biomechanics at the University of Bath.

CLASS OF 1970

Julian Glyn (BSc Chem Eng) started his own chemical engineering services business in New Zealand, after six years with Harrison Grierson Consultants in Auckland. He is also into some serious bridge-playing!

Miles Marsh (BCom) was elected a director of the Whirlpool Corporation in 1990. He serves on the human resources and corporate governance and nominating committees of the board of directors.

CLASS OF 1971

Dr Robert Gaitskell is a practising Queen's Counsel, specialising in international construction and engineering disputes, and often acting as arbitrator and mediator.

Elizabeth Ludlow (BA) obtained her Master's in Education at Wits in 2006.

Erik van Vlaanderen (BCom) is the head of Meaka Group International of Belmont Square in Rondebosch.

Dr Keith Watt (MBChB) is the founder of Keith Watt Incorporated.

CLASS OF 1972

Dr Arthur Bird (MBChB) has the FC Path (SA) post-secondary qualification and has been a medical director for 17 years.

CLASS OF 1973

As owner and managing director of Exchange Data International Limited, **Jonathan Bloch** (BA/LLB) provides data to investment banks and stockbrokers. He is also a Liberal Democrat councillor in the London borough of Haringey and chairs the Canon Collins Educational Trust.

Derek Griffin (BA) is the director of the Kip McGrath Education Centre.

Victoria Palte (BCom) is the office man-

ager for Drs Lazarus, Gluckman and De Villiers.

Shamsodien Pather (BBusSc) has more than 27 years experience in investment management, covering all disciplines including bonds, equity research, portfolio management, and managing and leading asset management teams.

CLASS OF 1974

Kenneth Jenkin (BCom) is a manager at Electronic Data Systems.

Nigel Jones (BA/LLB) is the senior maintenance prosecutor for the Western Cape.

Judith Krummeck (PDS&D) moved to the United States in 1997. She is the evening drive-time host for a classical music radio station in Balmour.

Vivienne Ward (BSocSc Social Work) is currently completing a postgraduate degree in social anthropology.

Dianna Yach (BA/LLB) is a co-founder and president of Ionann Management Consultants Limited. She has a legal background, and prior to moving into management consultancy was a lecturer in law at the University of London.

CLASS OF 1975

A towering figure in the halls of DACST, **Dr Robert Adam** (BSc) graduated from UCT in 1978 with a BSc honours in chemistry. From 1981 to 1990, while serving time as a political prisoner of the apartheid government, Adam obtained both honours and master's degrees.

CLASS OF 1976

Since his final UCT graduation in December 1979, **Paul Abbott** (BA) has taught English in Japan and South Korea and studied social work in England (and would like to visit Cape Town again!).

Peter Leon (BA/LLB) is a partner at Webber Wentzel Bowens, and has been a member of the UCT Council since 1999. He was also chairman of the Advisory Committee on Local Government and Transformation, and the leader of the Democratic Party in Gauteng from 1995 to 2000.

CLASS OF 1977

Paul Barnard (MBA) established Barnard Jacobs Mellet in 1985, and has been Group Chief Executive Officer since its inception. He has taken the company through successive growth years, culminating in the JSE-listing of the Group in 1998.

Dr Hasmukh Gajjar (MBChB) was appointed executive director and deputy CEO of Faritec in 2003. He is responsible for driving business transformation and black economic empowerment.

Gerhard Sippel (BSocSc) was transferred from Indonesia to China in 2006, and is currently the director of the Urban Division of GTZ China.

CLASS OF 1978

Michael Radomsky (BProc) is a director of law firm Mallinicks Inc in Cape Town.

Ronald Sinclair (BSc Civil Eng) is the managing director of Trimpley (Pty) Ltd.

CLASS OF 1979

Dr Abdul Cariem (MBChB) has specialised as a gastroenterologist.

Wayne Elliott (BSc) is the head of conservation at Ezemvelo KwaZulu-Natal Wildlife.

Dr Gary Gibbon (MBChB) is in private practice, dealing with allergy and clinical immunology.

David McLennan (BA) is the owner of Select Books.

Professor Gopalan Padayachee (MBChB) is a registered specialist in community health. He is a former Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences at UCT, and former chief executive officer of the Greater Johannesburg Metropolitan Council.

CLASS OF 1980

Antony Ball (BCom) is a representative of the private equity funds managed by Brait. After graduating in December 1982, **David Coltart** (BA/LLB) joined Webb, Low and Barry (WLB) in Bulawayo. He was admitted as a legal practitioner of the High Court in February 1983, and was appointed Sec-

retary of the Bulawayo Legal Practitioners Association that same year.

Dr Edward Pan (MBChB) is a neurology consultant.

CLASS OF 1981

Dr Martin Brossy (MBChB) is an anaesthetist.

Dr Catherine Fraser (MBChB) is in general practice.

Marcel Golding (BSocSc) is the chairman of Hosken Consolidated Investments Ltd. He was previously an assistant to Cyril Ramaphosa at the National Union of Mine-workers. Golding was also elected to parliament as a member of the ANC.

Professor Nicola Peart (LLM) was promoted to Professor in February 2006.

CLASS OF 1982

Mary Burton (BA) was a member of the UCT Council from 1990 to 1996, and deputy chairperson from 1999 to 2005. She was a commissioner of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission from 1995 to 1998, and previously a provincial electoral officer for the Western Cape in the 1994 general elections.

Susan Delpont (B Occ Ther) is a College of Medicine lecturer at the University of Wales.

Robert Hersov (BBusSc) is currently CEO of Marquis Jet Europe. He was the founder and CEO of Sportal, Europe's leading interactive sports media company, which he began in 1998, and prior to that an executive director of ENIC plc.

CLASS OF 1983

Dr Angela Boik (MBChB) is a general practitioner and clinical director of Sexual Health at Rotowa Hospital Lakeland Health in Rotowa, New Zealand.

Professor Sue Harrison (BSc) was appointed head of the Department of Chemical Engineering in 1998. Previously she was head of the department's Bioprocess Engineering Research Group.

David Shandler (BA) is the director of Common Ground.

Lauren Snitcher (LLB) works in Cape Town.

CLASS OF 1984

David Brown (BCom) has been in Johannesburg since 1996. He joined Impala Platinum Holdings Limited in 1999, and was appointed CEO in 2006.

Thomas Burgess (BA) is the Area Information Systems Officer (HQ) for the Hampshire County Council.

Ian Clark (MSc Eng) is a senior lecturer at Port Elizabeth Technikon.

Vimalrai Dajee (BA) completed his LLM (Tax) in 2006, and is now practising in Parow as Dajeets Attorneys, Conveyancers & Notaries.

Susan Joubert (BA) has been a freelance publisher for the past 10 years.

Hans Krop (BSocSc) is a senior consultant at Psyselect.

After graduating from UCT, **Debora Patta** (BSocSc) worked as a political activist in Cape Town's squatter camps in the eighties. Her first commercial job was with Radio 702, as a 'fixer' (organiser). She is now the managing editor for news at the e-tv News Bureau in Johannesburg.

Dr Dalene Swanson (BSc, HDE, BEd, MEd) has completed her PhD at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada, with a dissertation on mathematics education in post-apartheid South Africa.

CLASS OF 1985

Paolo Avondo (BSc, Chem Eng) worked for AECI from 1987 to 1989 and then became operations manager at Chemrite Cape. Since 1990 he has been self-employed. His company, Wilchem, researches, develops and manufactures chemical and disinfection solutions for the meat, fish and poultry industries.

Robert Godsell (MA) has been chief executive officer of AngloGold Ashanti since 1998, and shares strategic leadership of the company with its president, Sir Sam Jonah. He is also a non-executive director of Anglo-American plc.

André Kriel (BSocSc) is deputy-general secretary of the Southern African Clothing and Textile Workers Union.

Dr Alistair Ruiters worked as a researcher for the Southern African Labour and Development Research Unit at UCT from 1986 to 1989. He was appointed as a lecturer in the School of Economics in 1993.

CLASS OF 1986

Carl Handley (LLB) is employed by Albany Investments Ltd.

Janine Rauch (BSocSc) is a consultant in the areas of crime prevention and criminal justice reform.

CLASS OF 1987

Malcolm Alexander (BSc) is an actuary at Metropolitan Odyssey.

Michael Humby (BSc Civil Eng) is a consulting engineer at Blauckenberg Humby Associates.

Mutle Mogase (BCom) has over 10 years experience in lending and investing in middle-market and large companies. He is currently chairperson of Vantage Capital Group, which he co-founded in January 2001.

Dr Mohammad Survé (MBChB) is a medical doctor, philanthropist and social entrepreneur. He is the chairman of Sekunjalo Investment Holdings (Pty) Ltd, Chief Executive of Sekunjalo Investments Limited and serves as chairman on the boards of various Sekunjalo subsidiaries.

Waterfront Business Services is run by **Keith Titley** and **Mark Wilson-Trollip**, both UCT commerce honours graduates and members of the Institute of Commercial and Financial Accountants of Southern Africa.

CLASS OF 1988

Reginald Bamford (BCom) is CEO of the First Contact group.

Alison Bullen (BA) is an information consultant at the Human Sciences Research Council (Information Services) in Cape Town. Before that she was information services manager at Contact Trust after

leaving her position as head of the Trade Union Library.

Rev Andrew Cox (BA), after his time at UCT, completed a BST at the Pontifical Urban University in Rome in 1992.

Garth Meintjes (LLB) has been appointed programme manager at the JEHT Foundation in New York City. JEHT is one of the foundations from which the Center for Civil and Human Rights currently receives a grant.

Sandile Zungu (BSc Mech Eng) is executive chairperson of the Zungu Investment Company, which he formed with his brother Bonga. Previously he was chairman of Denel Pty Ltd, and prior to that he served as the chairperson of the Zungu Investment Company.

CLASS OF 1989

Murray Grindrod (BA S/S&H) is chairperson of Grindrod Ltd and of RMBT Holdings Ltd, and is a past president of the South African Ship-owners Association. Other positions he has held are non-executive directorships of Sea Containers Ltd, Marriott Holdings Ltd, Times Media Ltd, and Marriott Merchant Bank.

Linda Kantor (BA S/S&H) is a psychologist in private practice and co-ordinator of Cape Town Stars Reduction Clinic.

CLASS OF 1990

Dr Judith Bentley (BSc Med) is a psychiatrist at Valkenberg Psychiatric Hospital.

Tshediso Matona (BSocSc) is deputy director-general for International Trade and Economic Development in the Department of Trade & Industry. He is involved in efforts to grow South Africa's economy through exports.

Crispin Sonn (BA S/S&H) has been general manager of Personal Financial Advice at Old Mutual since 2003. He is also the founder, a shareholder and CEO of Africa Group Employee Benefits, and has been a director of Africa Group Insurance Brokers and of MultiMed Healthcare Administrators.

Randall van Voore (BA) lectures part-time at the UCT Faculty of Law.

CLASS OF 1991

Jean Labadie (MBA) established his own company in 2002, consulting to physical flow organisations. He also designs and sells the equipment that they use.

Deborah Lazarus (BA) is currently at Barnes Morris Klein Mark & York in Santa Monica, US, on a two-year working visa. She is practising as an entertainment lawyer in Hollywood and hopes to be admitted to the Los Angeles Bar soon.

Dr Mamphela Ramphela (PhD) is the executive chairperson of Circle Capital Ventures, a venture capital black economic empowerment company, with offices in Cape Town and Johannesburg.

Michael Thiel (BA) was headmaster of St Patrick's College in Kimberley. He is now leading a new independent school, Clifton College, in Durban.

CLASS OF 1992

Wahida Ismail (BPharm) is principal pharmacist at the Provincial Administration of the Western Cape.

Felleng Sekha Molusi was appointed CEO of Johncom in 2003. He will remain head of Johnnic Publishing, a post he has held since November 2000.

Mark Willcox (BA) attained his LLB and Higher Diploma in Taxation at UCT. He is a director of Mvela Resources & Northam Platinum.

CLASS OF 1993

Nandkumar Bhula (BSc Mech Eng) is a senior production manager at Eskom, working in Peaking Generation.

Peter Crawford (PG Dip Tax Law) was a director at KPMG Cape Town until 2002, after which he set up his own corporate consulting practice.

Dr Jonathan Louw (MBChB) is the managing director of Adcock Ingram Pharmaceuticals.

Dr Joanna Schlesinger (MBChB) is a general practitioner and has been in the practice of Dr Saville Furman for four years.

After completing his LLB in 1996, **Neil Taylor** (BSocSc) joined the Johannesburg office of Deneys Reitz Inc where he completed his articles and was admitted as an attorney in the Transvaal Provincial Division of the High Court.

CLASS OF 1994

Robyn Holwill (BBusSc) joined Deneys Reitz Inc in 1997, where she completed her articles and was admitted as a High Court attorney in 1999. Since 1998, Robyn has practised in the Commercial Division of the Cape Town office, specialising in commercial law.

Jean-Paul le Roux (BCom) recently returned from Sydney, Australia, after travelling for four years. He now runs a guest house from his home in Bishopscourt, Cape Town.

CLASS OF 1995

Craig Coltman (BCom Hons) is a finance manager for De Beers Consolidated Mines.

Since graduation, **Farzaad Gaibie** (BA) has been studying German in Switzerland. He obtained a master's degree in legal studies at the University of St Gallen in Switzerland, having successfully completed the German university entry exam.

Deana Haldenby (BSocSc) is a member of the Cape Bar and an advocate of the High Court of South Africa.

Dr Matladi Ndlovu (BSc Hons) is a PhD student at the University of Gent.

Spero Phocas (BSc Elec Eng) works for Partusceva Ltd.

Richard Potash (BBusSc) has joined Massmart after five years at Afgri, where he was a director of Afgri Operations and an executive committee member. Prior to that he spent four years in merchant banking at ABSA Corporate and Merchant Bank and Standard Bank.

Nicolette Ryder (BSc Log) is a speech and hearing therapist with Gauteng Health.

CLASS OF 1996

Claudette Boa (BSc) received her PhD in the biomedical sciences at the University of Edinburgh in 2006.

Suzanne Hall (MCPud) is currently registered as an MPhil/PhD student in the Cities Programme at the London School of Economics.

After **Joshua Ranger** (BA Hons) graduated from UCT he returned to the United States to pursue a degree in library science at the University of Wisconsin.

CLASS OF 1997

Claire Dickinson (BA S/S&H) has worked in retail since graduating, and currently heads the training department at a tourism retail company.

Oliver Youens (BSc Civil Eng) is a civil engineer at JNM Construction.

CLASS OF 1998

Stefan Bernsdorf (MSc Eng) was at ETH Zurich until 2006, doing experimental work in turbine cooling. He is currently employed by MAN Turbo as a project manager in the oil and gas sector.

Dr Michael Demuth (LLM) is a lawyer with Dr Weiland and Partner in Hamburg.

Kate Francis (BSocSc) worked with a small computer skills training company for three years. She returned to Cape Town in 2004 and has never looked back!

Michelle Meinesz (BSocSc) completed her social work honours in 2001 and was employed as a social worker from 1999 to 2003. Since 2006 she has been the administrator of Childline Gauteng.

Dr Jean Railton (MBChB) received her mental health diploma from the College of Medicine. She is currently registered for a master's in family medicine at Stellenbosch University.

Jerome September (BA S/S&H) is special assistant to the executive director at SDSD (UCT).

Professor Christo Vosloo (MArch) is head of the Department of Architecture and Interior Design at Port Elizabeth Technikon.

Britt Youens (BSocSc) is a political re-

searcher for the Association of Democratic Alliance Councillors.

CLASS OF 1999

Tembinkosi Mkonko worked in South Korea as an English teacher in 2001 and 2002. He is currently writing a book on moral philosophy and conspiracy theory.

Mogamat Ryklief (PG Dip Law) is a trade union official for the National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa.

CLASS OF 2000

Quanita Adams (BA S/S&H) performed the one-woman show *At Her Feet*, about the 9/11 attacks and how Muslims were portrayed on television.

Tumelo Baleni (PG Dip Health Man) is a senior manager (director) for the Department of Health in the Free State. He is a council member of IPFA and a member of the IOD.

Dr Nolubabalo Nqebelele (MBChB) is a medical practitioner with the Department of Health in Umtata.

CLASS OF 2001

Nicholas Marais (BSocSc) is a radio presenter with KFM 94.5.

Masike Mphakalasi (BSc) recently became a father to a beautiful daughter.

CLASS OF 2002

Nuraan Kariem (BSc) is currently an ABAP developer in the SA Police Services, and is also involved in systems analysis, business consulting, and leading junior developers.

Mfanelo Mogoai (BA) has gone from being a co-presenter of the Colgate Schools Roadshow in 2003, to the RCS Cards division (Foschini Group) Credit Department (Admin & Credit Management) in 2004, to being a South African Airways cabin crew member in 2006.

Emelda Mwamanga (BSocSc) is the Chief Executive Officer of Relm Entertainment Ltd.

Dr Anthony Sang (PhD) is a lecturer in the Department of Curriculum, Instruction and

Education Management at Egerton University.

CLASS OF 2003

Amy Veenendaal (BSocSc) received her honours in psychology from the University of the Western Cape. She is currently studying for her master's degree in clinical psychology.

Matthew Wilson (BSocSc Pol, Phil & Econ) is studying law in the United Kingdom.

CLASS OF 2004

Clare Anderson (BA S/S&H) worked as a researcher and logger for Idol Pictures, and is now interning for a director, marketing his film.

Amy Benbow-Hebbert (BA S/S&H) is living and working in the UK.

Tapiwa Munezvenyu (BSc) is currently on study leave for eighteen months completing an MSc in environmental science (Water Quality Management) in Delft, the Netherlands.

Christopher Needham (BA S/S&H) completed a postgraduate degree in business administration at Wits Business School (PDM), and is a commodity trader in Dubai working for the multinational company Glencore.

Amisha Ranchod (BA S/S&H) is completing a master's degree in media and communications at Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University.

Alexandra Trengrove-Jones (BSocSc) works and studies in the United States.

CLASS OF 2005

Farhana Hassan (BSocSc) is doing her honours in psychology at the University of the Western Cape.

Wendy Rodd (BBusSc) is working for an asset management company in London.

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