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Sport at the UFS is taken to another level.
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Redakteurs Brief



Dit is met hartseer dat ons die afgelope tyd van die rektor en vise-kanselier, prof. Frederick Fourie, se uitrede verneem het. Sy vertrek gaan 'n baie groot leemte aan die Universiteit van die Vrystaat laat.

Hy het 'n leeftyd aan die UV afgestaan, van student tot by die hoogste pos. Sy lewe is onteenseglik met die UV verweefd. Sy nalatenskap is deur die personeel gesien en gevoel, soos met die finansiële draai-strategie wat die UV uit geldelike verknorsing gered het. Onder sy leiding het 'n transformasieplan beslag gekry en 'n institusionele handves vorm begin aanneem.

Prof. Fourie het beduidend bygedra tot die vestiging van die UV as 'n nasionaal en internasionaal-gerekenende hoërsonderwysinstelling.

Sy ander nalatenskap – die nuwe geboue en fasiliteite wat verrys het, die opgradering van bestaande geboue en infrastruktuur (daar is te veel om op te noem) – gaan dekades later nog getuig van sy passie vir hierdie plek op die bult.

Lees meer op bl. 10

Heath & Penias

Letters

'UFS is bruised – but far from beaten'

Dumisani Lucky Tshabangu, P.O. Box 160, Siyathuthuka Township, Belfast/Emakhazeni 1102, writes:

I am a student at the Faculty of the Humanities. I enrolled for a B.A. degree.

When the UFS experienced the difficulties after the Reitz “integration” video, to some it was demeaning to have a university’s internal news on public display. But a commitment to truthfulness and integrity may leave no alternative. Thank you to the individual acts of integrity from staff (executive, managerial and subordinates) for allowing this matter to be dealt with in an appropriate manner.

Even though the university’s image was tarnished on and off the campus, the rector and vice-chancellor, Prof. Frederick Fourie, and his management dealt with the matter openly and wisely.

The video caused many shock waves in South Africa and abroad and placed the university under immense pressure publicly and with its own campus community.

In spite of that, as a Kowsie, I am very proud of the UFS and am really amazed by the great news of the university where some of the students and staff in different faculties are acknowledged for their skills and expertise in the field of learning and research here and abroad.

It simply shows that, “Reitz video” or not, the University of the Free State is truly an excellent and innovative university where world-class education is offered.

The UFS will continue to make a contribution in changing the lives of South Africans and Africans now and in the next century. It is totally acclimatised to the new dispensation and will continue to integrate and transform itself.

Lastly, allow me to echo these famous words: “Only a Kowsie knows the feeling” and “In God is the light of all wisdom”.

'Steeds hoopvol, biddend'

Dewet Greyling, kgarch@mweb.co.za, skryf:

Na aanleiding van prof. Frederick Fourie se pleidooi in die *Bult* van Maart 2008 (bl. 4 en 5): Ons stem 100% saam met hom en dit blyk ook nog 'n aansienlik groter dilemma te wees, as ons enigins [die Reitz-] episode en honderde ander (net hier in Polokwane alleen), in perspektief sien. Groete uit 'n steeds hoopvolle, biddende Polokwane.

'Son skyn weer'

M.L. Spies, Altena, Strand 7139, skryf:

Dankie vir die April *Bult*. Dit bult van aktiwiteite en prestasies ten spyte van die deur-die-modder-slepende gebeure vroeër vanjaar.

Ek, oudstudent van 1935-1938, was platgetrap deur daardie negatiewe dinge wat by my gerespekteerde alma mater plaasgevind het...

Maar nou, ná hierdie *Bult*, skyn die son weer! Baie dankie aan almal wat nog na die sterre mik.

Change must start in our hearts

J.C. Marnewick, johan.marnewick@sanlam.co.za, Durbanville, writes:

I was not at all surprised to see racism explode on the Kowsie campus. In my time as a student (1980-1985) we had many heated political (i.e. racist) debates and my conclusion was that some people are racists by nature, some are taught that way, some are blind, some never take time to see the other side, some let logic win, some are obedient to the rules of their religion, some are actually capable of seeing the individual behind the skin, etc.

Strangest thing is that you do actually get a few people who by their very nature just love other human beings, no matter

Dit is lekker om bekendes te herken

Louis Bonnet, Posbus 1939, Randburg 2115, skryf:

Ek het aan die einde van verlede jaar vir my die kopie van die boek *Van Sink tot Sandsteen tot Graniet* aangeskaf. Dit is 'n pragtige boek en ek geniet dit steeds terdeë.

Groot was my verbasing egter toe ek op bladsy 188 'n foto van die Fisika 1- klas van 1965, met prof. Louw Alberts aan die stuur, sien. Daar sit die uwe toe net links van die paadjie in die sesde ry van voor! My vriend Cornel Schoeman, bourekenaar en tans bekende mesmaker, sit langs my. Vier rye van voor, aan dieselfde kant van die paadjie sit van regs na links, Johannes Venter seun van prof. E.A. Venter, 'n onderwyser by Grey Kollege, Abraham Brink, seun van prof. C.v.d.M. Brink, destyds hoof van die Departement Chemie, Kobie Koornhof, tans 'n steenkoolbe-markingskonsultant van Edmonton, Kanada, en Johannes Odendaal, bekende veeartsnykundige van Onderstepoort, wat einde 2007 skielik oorlede is.

Ander wat ek nog kan identifiseer, is Deon Baird (die tweede persoon in die tweede ry, regs van die paadjie) met Jan Dreyer (die vierde persoon in dieselfde



Een van die bekendste dosente op die kampus, prof Louw Alberts, besig met 'n klas vir studente in die Fisika in die 1960's.

kunde dateer van 1954. Aan die einde van dié jaar het die instelling van 'n departement vir die opleiding van argitekteur en Bourekenkunde het die Departement Argitektuur en Bourekenkunde hoof van die departement was prof G Quine Lay, wat sy

ry). Ek dink dit is John(?) Bennie, later prof in Grondkunde, agter Jan.

In die sesde ry van voor ook regs van die paadjie is die eerste persoon Piet van der Heever, tans hoof van die Hoërskool Riebeeckstad. Die derde persoon in

dieselfde ry is Lorenzo Muller. Org Genis sit in die agtste ry teen die muur.

Kan die ander manne en dames hulle nie asseblief self identifiseer en vir ons laat weet nie? Wat van 'n reünie?

Die boek is teen R380 (R430 vir versekerde pos) by mnr. Dawid Kriel, UV-Bemarking, tel: 051 401 3409, beskikbaar.

what. Sadly their legacy never makes the front pages or never starts a riot. We must ask ourselves: What do these individuals have in their hearts?

I therefore beg to differ that we need to take hands and pray. Let us not hide behind religion to tell us to love each other or in the hope of some miracle that has to happen. Let every individual stand up for her- or himself. Because it takes brave visionaries to effect the kind of change we need in this world. Visionaries who believe in the power of love.

As Kowsie alumni let us look again in our hearts: what are the thoughts, desires and fears that shape the words in our

mouths and the stories we tell our children. Because these are the stories that in turn shape their perceptions, relationships and behaviour.

So ask yourself the question: Am I part of the solution or part of the problem? No-one can be half pregnant, my dear fellow Kowsie alumni. Not even men. Think about it – because that is where change starts.

Lekker gelees

Hettie Nel, die.nelle@telkomsa.net, skryf: Ons het vandag die *Bult* ontvang en lekker gelees.

Kleurbaadjie soek baas

G.W.S. van Rooyen, Ditmarsstraat 3, Brandwacht, Stellenbosch 7600, skryf:

Ek was in 1958 'n eerstejaartjie (en het die verwelkoming destyds ook maar net oorleef!). My oorspronklike kleurbaadjie hang steeds in my klerekas. Die baadjie het ek min gedra sedert ek Kowsieland einde 1962 verlaat het om my brood in die vreemde te gaan verdien. Die tyd is nou ryp om my waardige kleurbaadjie te verkoop aan 'n oudstudent wat belang sou stel. Die baadjie is in 'n baie goeie toestand en is sekerlik iets werd.



Snow on the mountains



Bitterly cold, but beautiful: A view of the mountains in the Eastern Free State from the Qwaqwa Campus of the UFS. The campus, in one of the most picturesque parts of South Africa, was incorporated into the UFS in 2003.

Picture: Jabu Majoji

Ons medelye

Ons diepe medelye gaan uit na familie en vriende van oud-Kovsies, oud-personeel en ook huidige personeel van die Universiteit van die Vrystaat wat die afgelope jaar oorlede is.

Mnr. Willie Nel (67) het die grade B. Sc. (1961) en B.Ed. (1966) aan Kovsies behaal. Hy was tot sy aftrede 'n onderwyser in Wiskunde en Rekenaarstudie.

Ms Letta Baukudi of the Documentation Department at the UFS passed away on Wednesday 2 April, 2008. She leaves her husband and three children.

Mnr. Nelis Maeder (44), 'n personeel-lid van die Dekaansekantoor, Fakulteit Natuur- en Landbouwetenskappe en vroeër Shimla-spanbestuurder, is in April in 'n motorongeluk oorlede. Hy laat sy vrou, twee dogters en 'n seun agter.

Mnr. Jacques Moll, 'n boer van Ficksburg, is in 'n plaasaanval dood. Hy was 'n oud-inwoner van die Reitzkamerwonings.

Prof. Ben de la Rosa (73), was hoof van die Departement Wiskunde tot sy aftrede in 1994. Hy het sy doktorsgraad aan die Tegnologiese Universiteit Delft in Nederland verwerf.

Me. Johanna Alida (Lida) du Plessis (De Klerk) (84) is in Pretoria oorlede. Sy het van 1941 tot 1944 aan die UV gestudeer en 'n B.A. Hon-grad behaal. Sy word oorleef deur twee seuns, 'n dogter, vyf kleinkinders en 'n agterkleinkind.

Prof. Kobus de Wet (61), dosent aan die Departement Wiskunde en Statistiek van die Bloemfontein-kampus van Vista-universiteit, is in Julie vanjaar oorlede.

Mnr. Francois Roux (78), Junior Springbok-vleuel van 1955 en voormalige sportskrywer, is in Worcester oorlede. Hy laat sy dogter, mev. S. Rothenburg, agter.

Prof. Daan Meyer (92) is in Bloemfontein aan nierversaking oorlede. Hy was van 1977 tot 1981 hoof van die mediese fakulteit aan die UV. Hy word oorleef deur sy vrou, kinders en kleinkinders.

Mnr. Jan A. Pretorius (63), argitek van Randburg, laat sy vrou, Ria, en dogter,

Annamie, ook 'n argitek uit die Kovsies, agter.

Prof. Andre du Plessis (80) van Ballito is na 'n lang siekte oorlede. Hy het die grade B.A., M.A. en die HOD aan die UV verwerf. Hy was voor sy aftrede hoof van die departement sosiologie en kriminologie aan die Universiteit van Zululand.

Mnr. P.A.A. (Pieter) van Wyk (89) van Waverley, Pretoria, en voorheen hoof-instrument-ingenieur by Sasol, laat twee dogters en drie kleinkinders agter.

Lt.genl. C.M. du P. Robbertze het in 1973 sy B.A.-graad aan die UV behaal. Hy laat onder meer sy dogter Elmarie Heyns van Pretoria agter.

Ms Glaudine Audre Pittendrigh (nee Croeser) died in Vereeniging. She received a B.Sc. degree at the University College of the Orange Free State in 1946. She is survived by her husband, Dr Alan Pittendrigh, three children and two grandchildren.

Waar kruip die ou Bulte weg?

Dawid Kriel

Die meeste van ons is mos maar geneig om 'n tydskrif of koerant te lees, te bêre en te vergeet.

Dan tydens een of ander belangrike sosiale geleentheid soos die jaarlikse lenteskoonmaak ("spring cleaning"), 'n verhuising of 'n gebrek aan leefruimte, is die opgehoopde stapel papier die eerste om totsiens te sê. Ten einde te verseker dat daar darem altyd 'n opspoorbare *Bult* in ons lewe sal wees, het ek begin om kopieë van ou *Bulte* te versamel en veilig te bewaar.

'n Paar interessante feite – die *Bult* wat jy tans lees, is die 109de uitgawe van

Bult sedert die eerste *Bult* in 1953 die lig gesien het. Sedert 1984 het dit reeds ses keer gebeur dat daar vier uitgawes van *Bult* in 'n kalenderjaar verskyn het. Die droogtejare was 1974-1975 toe net een *Bult* gedruk is. Hierdie lywige meneer hou egter die rekord as die dikste (A4) *Bult* nog, naamlik 100 bladsye. Die dunste A4-model was Desember 2001 se 20 bladsye. Die voorbladnoui is koning(in) met 33 dames wat reeds ons voorblad versier het teenoor 23 mans. Agt *Bulte* het sportlui op die

voorblad gehad en die Hoofgebou het reeds 11 verskynings gemaak.

Van die 109 *Bulte* is daar ongelukkig vier waarop ek nog nie my hand kon lê nie, naamlik die 1953-uitgawe, beide uitgawes van 1985 en die tweede uitgawe van 1990. By etlike ander is daar net een kosbare kopie beskikbaar. Ek wil 'n baie vriendelike versoek rig aan oud-Kovsies wat bereid is om enige ou *Bulte* aan ons af te staan om my asseblief te kontak. Ek is selfs bereid om dit binne Bloemfontein en die nabye omgewing te kom afhaal, sou daar 'n vervoerprobleem wees. Kontak my gerus op een van die volgende maniere: Dawid.stg@ufs.ac.za, tel. 051 401 3409, faks. 051 444 6391, sel. 083 680 7354.

Waardevolle bydrae gelewer



Prof. Wynand Mouton

Prof. Wynand Mouton (79), voormalige rektor van die UV, is in Junie in Rustenburg oorlede nadat sy vrou, Daleen, hom in April vanjaar ontval het. Prof. Mouton was rektor vanaf 1976-1988. Sy bande met die UV het oor 60 jaar gestrek. Voor sy aanstelling by die UV was hy die eerste visirektor van die Universiteit van Stellenbosch. Hy was voorsitter van die UV-Raad van 1991-1996 en kanselier van 1996-1999. In 1995 is 'n eredoktorsgraad deur die UV aan hom toegeken.

Prof. Teuns Verschoor, waarnemende Rektor, sê prof. Mouton het diep spore

aan die UV getrap. Hy het die UV geli tot een van die voorste navorsingsuniversiteite in die land. Onder sy leiding is uitgebreide sportvelde op die Weskampus, en spesifiek Shimlapark, ontwikkel. Hy het toegesien dat die UV se kunsversameling groei en dat studenteproduksies in 'n moderne, goed toegeruste teater (wat later na hom genoem is) opgevoer is. "Ek is bly dat ons hom vir hierdie en ander waardevolle bydraes in 2004 met 'n Eeufeesmedalje kon vereer." Hy laat sy kinders, Wynand, Hendrik en me. Saretha Curry, sowel as drie kleinkinders agter.

Sport blo



UFS students who participated in the Beijing Olympics, are, from the left: Thuso Mpuang (track and field), Chris Dednam (badminton), George du Rand (swimming), Roelof Dednam (badminton) and Kagisho Kumbane (track and field).

See photograph on p.25



The UFS has reached yet another sporting milestone – this time by sending the largest ever contingent of athletes in the history of the institution to participate in the 2008 Beijing Olympics. Five students were part of the national team that represented South Africa.

The Kovsies in the national team were Thuso Mpuang, Chris and Roelof Dednam, George du Rand and Kagisho Kumbane. Thuso Mpuang is the current 200 m champion in Africa, and Kagisho Kumbane, the reigning Africa student champion in 100 m and 200 m.

The brothers Chris and Roelof Dednam represented South Africa in badminton. Chris is the former Africa doubles and singles champion and Roelof is the former All Africa doubles champion. They are the current national badminton champions. George du Rand is the current Commonwealth 200 m backstroke record holder. He represented South Africa in the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne, Australia, in 2006.

The large contingent from the UFS is another highlight in an evergrowing list of milestones for sport at the UFS over the past few years.

oms at UFS

Five students participated in Beijing Olympics

Mangaliso Radebe

According to Mr James Letuka, Director of KovsieSport, the UFS rugby team (Shimlas) and the UFS netball team were crowned national champions at the 2008 University Sport of South Africa (USSA) championships. This tournament was formerly known as the South African Student Sports Union (SASSU) tournament.

The defending champions, the Shimlas, put up a splendid performance as they blasted aside Maties, Varsity College and the University of Johannesburg, among others. Waltie Vermeulen was nominated as the forward player of the tournament and, together with Wayne Stevens, Marlin Ruiters and Cameron Jacobs, was also drafted into the South African student team.

Mr Letuka says that in recent years the Shimlas won the 2007 Melrose Sevens in Scotland, the local city league in 2003, 2005 and 2006, as well as the 2004 FNB Superbowl.

Six former Shimla players, CJ van der Linde, Juan Smith, Guthro Steenkamp, Ruan Pienaar, Jannie du Plessis and Bismarck du Plessis, were members of the 2007 World Cup-winning Springbok squad. From 1912 to date the UFS has produced 62 Springboks.

The Kovsie Netball team was once again unbeaten at the 2008 USSA tournament, claiming their fourth consecutive gold. In the process they beat the Tshwane University of Technology, Tukies, the University of Johannesburg, Maties and the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University. Shirolene Smith, Lienke Perold and Dirkie Schabort were included in the USSA team.

In 2006 the team won the Free State league and had 36 players drafted into the Free State teams. In the same year Karin Venter coached the Free State under-21 team to golden glory, as she did in 2007, and the current coach, Burta de Kock, coached the SA Universities team to glory in the Africa Games. She also had a stint as the national Protea coach.

In 2007, the team won the National Merit Tournament, a performance that was rewarded with the inclusion of Venter, Niemand, Elzet Engelbrecht, Anchen du Plessis, Carine Terblanche, Doretha Joubert and Maryka Holtzhausen in the national Protea team. Two Kovies were also included in the World Cup team that was coached by De Kock.

As far as other sporting codes are concerned, Mr Letuka says the UFS cricket team won the 2003 USSA tournament, and from 2001 to 2007 represented the Free State at the Club Championships and produced seven players for the USSA team and two for the provincial team. Last year the ladies tennis team won the USSA Championship and the Free State Shield, and had two players selected for the World Student Games in Bangkok. The team followed that victory up this year by being crowned the national club champions.

As from 2009 the UFS men's hockey team, which has been campaigning in the B Section this year, will emulate its women counterparts by playing in the A Section. Bram van Wyk Snr was selected coach of the national under-17 girls' hockey team.

Athletics too is gaining ground. In the previous Olympics in Athens only one student, Johan Cronje, participated in

track and field. This year two participated in Beijing.

Last year the UFS had three Kovies in the team that went to the All Africa Games in Algeria. This year the same number of Kovies form part of the team for the World Junior Championships in Poland, and 12 Kovie athletes will also go to the African Student Games in Ethiopia.

In soccer the UFS women's team was the provincial champions of the Vodacom League from 2004 to 2006 and to date has produced nine players for the USSA team.

According to the newly appointed Head of Sport Commercialisation and Strategic Development at the UFS, Mickey Gordon, who came to the UFS from the Northwest University earlier this year, the UFS has been investing substantially in student sport. These investments include the completion of two world-class astro-hockey fields to boost hockey in the Free State and the country.

In terms of the future of student sport at the UFS, Mr Gordon believes that a key focus will be on creating a more active lifestyle for students. "A broadened base of active students will maximise participation in sport. This will lead to an improved base for selection, which will increase the success rate at USSA and other levels of competition," he said.

Gordon said identifying young talent at a very early age is another key focus, together with putting in place the necessary support systems and resources. This will help to attract the best sportsmen and sportswomen to the UFS and raise the level of sport performance at the UFS to even greater heights.

'Let's take our

Extracts from speeches by Dr Franklin Sonn, Chancellor of the University of the Free State, at the graduation ceremonies in April this year.

South Africa has a wonderful future ahead of it. There is absolutely no doubt about that. Often we get a little depressed or we get dismayed by the degree of the challenges that face us. And we often lose sight of the fact that these are typically transitional problems.

In a country like this in transition, in a transforming society, people haven't internalised fully the burdens of freedom.

I refer particularly to freedom as a burden, because it is also a joy. The burden is that it places an enormous sense of responsibility on any young person or on any citizen to conduct himself with such decorum that he acts within the law. The law is two sided, it is factual, but the law is also an assumed state of how a citizen conducts himself, a citizen that limits his own conduct, that can discern between right and wrong. It is a process and it will take us a long time before we all understand the responsibility of citizenship.

I lived for a while in the United States of America and what strikes me in that democracy, because it's an older democracy, is how the citizens themselves uphold the law, protect the law, and protect their own rights and those of others. The law-enforcement officers merely supervise the activity, but the imposition of conduct within the law is the responsibility of every citizen. Every

overstepping of the law is considered not breaking the law as it is considered in our country still. It is considered a social outrage.

There is no possibility that people will go beyond the speed limit. They observe the speed limit, partly because they fear that if they overstep it would be an outrage against society. You can't, like we do, sit at a dinner party and tell friends that you were caught speeding, because their response would be: "How could you? You mustn't do things like that." Here, if we tell people that you have driven far too fast and that's why you are here early, they will say: "Great". There the approach is: "You have broken the law."

In deep democracies people don't do that. People defend the rights of orderly living circumscribed by the law. But the law is not the imposition; the imposition is the conduct, the interaction between the citizenry. In South Africa we have a long way to go. There is still an underlying perception that if you can get away with it, you are a hero. Nobody is a hero who breaks the law. And I want to commend to you that you take this to heart and that you take this along with you with your qualification.

Attendant to that is also the issue of social conduct. We as a university conduct ourselves within the confines of what we consider as an institution, as a university. And a university has a very special place in society. We conduct ourselves along the lines that we consider to be proper

conduct, to be civilized conduct. Civilized conduct is something which you bring to a university and the university merely enforces it. It's a fundamental duty of the schools, of the churches, but more specially of the parents to ensure that when a student enters university he / she can discern between right and wrong, that he / she can discern what is in good taste and what is in bad taste and that he / she conducts him- / herself in the manner which does him-/herself proud, does the parents proud, town proud, but also in the end makes the university proud.

There is still conduct which society at large finds and experiences as an outrage. And here I'm not specifically referring to the University of the Free State. I'm referring to all universities. If we fail at university level to make our students understand their responsibility, to act with proper decorum, to observe their actions, to consider the impact and the effect of what they do to others, I think society at large has the right to look doubtful at the quality of our education.

Often universities like to boast about standards of excellence, and quality education. But I would suggest that if the quality of education that we refer to only refers to the academic standards that we maintain, it's a skew approach to the matter. It refers to the extent to which the academics in their classes spend 5 minutes twice a day, twice a week just stepping aside and ensuring that our students know how

society higher'

Chancellor honoured



Dr Franklin Sonn (left), Chancellor of the University of the Free State, received the Order of the Baobab in silver earlier this year from President Thabo Mbeki for his excellent contribution to education and the cause of justice in South Africa.

to handle the degree that they in time will receive at a ceremony like this.

We cannot be blasé about this, we cannot blame the administration, we cannot blame the students, we as academics have a bounden duty to observe wrong when it's wrong, to see right and endorse it when it's right.

Students, look at yourself in the mirror and ask yourself: are you going to take society a bit further, a bit higher, so that we as a nation can aspire to a democracy which is not essentially governed by laws, merely circumscribed by laws, but a society which is directed by good and sound social conduct. This is what the University of Free State stands for. I think you are all aware that, people and particularly the media, tried to depict the University of the Free State as this backward institution

where the students and the academic staff, all of us (the Chancellor as well) don't know right from wrong.

We know that is not the case and wherever I go, I make a point of that. I tell them of the facts, my experiences of you, and I tell them what we really are. I also told them that anywhere in the world, without in any way diminishing the extent of the outrages that students commit, but just to gain perspective, to understand, that across the world, at Harvard University, at Oxford University, at all universities in the world, students are students.

I often used to say to my students, a student is not a human being. And then they act with outrage: "What do you mean?" And I say no, a student is a student, and if they are still outraged, I say,

no they're a higher species than human beings, but they're essentially students.

What I mean by that is to say: enjoy your youth, make use of every minute to enjoy your youth, live it to the full, but remember you owe it to yourself, owe it to your family, you owe it to the brand that you now carry wherever you go, you carry the brand of the University of the Free State. It's on your certificate, it's on your degree and wherever you go, people will ask you: where did you qualify. Protect that brand and in the main, help us as a nation to get to a point where merely the touching of somebody's property will be an outrage. Not an outrage which you call the police for, but an outrage that you as a citizen will protect, so that we can live a life of wellbeing.

Probably the most difficult task that awaits you students, is to go into life and mitigate the tension between good and evil, between fallacy and truth, and to find the way where I am proud of the fact that I am woman, but I will consider man equal to me in every way. That I'm proud that I'm South African, but I will consider New Zealand as equal in every way, that I'm proud that I'm black, but I will consider white to be equal to me in every way, and that our differences are infinitesimal in relation to our similarities.

Education means leading the world, leading other people to find this comfort and to find this unity. It does not mean that we must deny our differences. Differences, identity, are something to be celebrated. Our unity, our sense of humanism, our sense of who we are as one nation, is of the greatest importance.

UFS rector steps down

At its meeting in September the UFS Council expressed its heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Prof. Frederick Fourie, Rector and Vice-Chancellor, for his contribution to building and developing the university. Prof. Fourie announced that he will step down from his position in the last quarter of this year.

His association with the university stretches over a period of 40 years: from student, lecturer, dean, vice-rector and finally as rector and vice-chancellor.

In his announcement Prof. Fourie said: "Obviously this decision has not been taken lightly. After careful consideration I am, however, convinced that this is as far as I can take the UFS as vice-chancellor and rector. This flows primarily from the exhausting times that I have experienced during the past nine years, first as vice-rector (since 1999) and then as rector (since 2003), in managing and implementing several complex strategic projects.

"The challenges and complexities of continuous change management at a higher education institution, and specifically the demands of further dynamic development and transformation at the UFS, demand enormous amounts of emotional energy and drive. For me the stress due to, especially, the political divisions and tensions in the UFS Council and the broader university community during the past year has been extremely draining. The broader institution and its people also show signs of trauma."

Judge Faan Hancke, Chairman of the UFS Council, said in a statement when the university was operating at a loss during 2000 and it was in a financial crisis, Prof. Fourie came up with a financial turnaround strategy which took the UFS out of this crisis to a position where it can annually spend considerable amounts on strategic projects. This led to large amounts being invested in the academia and especially research. As a result, the UFS's research capacity and research equipment has been expanded. Since 2003 research output increased with about 50%,



Prof. Frederick Fourie

which is a great achievement for the UFS's researchers and its faculties.

Judge Hancke said progress was also made with diversity, the UFS's balanced multilingualism policy in the academia as well as administration, employment equity, the Transformation Plan and the Institutional Charter. Under Prof. Fourie's leadership there was an upgrading and extension of the infrastructure, academic buildings and facilities as well as support services and student facilities.

"Prof. Fourie has an excellent intellect and exceptional abilities which can still make

a huge contribution to the improvement of the South African society."

- A process will started to appointing a new rector and vice-chancellor for the UFS.

Applications will be invited through an open and targeted process of recruitment advertising, locally, nationally and internationally to broaden the pool of applicants. A

Applications from the designated groups in terms of Employment Equity will be encouraged.

Herman opgewonde oor toekoms

Prof. Herman van Schalkwyk, Dekaan van die Fakulteit Natuur- en Landbouwetenskappe.



“n Mens is nooit te oud om te leer nie, en ander persone is nooit te jonk, onervare of ongeleerd om van te leer nie.” So sê prof. Herman van Schalkwyk, Dekaan van die Fakulteit Natuur- en Landbouwetenskappe, wat vir ’n verdere termyn van vyf jaar aangestel is.

Hy is sedert 2003 aan die stuur by die fakulteit. Onder sy leierskap het die fakulteit reeds talle hoogtepunte bereik en gegroei tot ’n invloedryke instelling, bekend vir wêreldklas- akademiese gehalte, navorsing en die suksesvolle voorbereiding van studente vir hul loopbane in die wetenskap. Hy is besonder trots op die sukses oor die afgelope paar jaar en skryf die prestasies daaraan toe dat mense alleenlik presteer wanneer hul gelukkig is en wanneer daar ’n omgewing geskep is wat prestasie aanmoedig. “’n Dekaan behaal slegs sukses deur die mense in sy fakulteit.”

Sy entoesiasme oor die fakulteit is duidelik sigbaar. Volgens hom heers daar ’n kultuur van betrokkenheid, produktiwiteit en prestasie. “Kyk maar na rugbyspanne. Wanneer daar nie ’n goeie gees is nie, verloor hulle sommer. Hierdie fakulteit het gees!”

Dit is vir hom lekker om deel te wees van ’n wenspan wat saamgestel is uit dosente wat nie net nasionaal nie, maar ook internasionaal erken word vir hul bydraes tot hul onderskeie vakgebiede. Hy beskou dit as ’n belangrike oorweging wanneer ’n mens moet kies waar jy wil studeer. Daarom is sy boodskap: “Daar is géén plaasvervanger vir uitnemendheid nie.”

Voordat hy as dekaan aangestel is, was hy voorsitter van die Departement Landbou-ekonomie aan die UV. Hy dien ook op die dagbestuur van die UV se Uitvoerende Bestuur en is die voorsitter van die Dekanekomitee. Benewens sy werk by die UV, is hy betrokke by talle provinsiale en nasionale instansies. Hy is onder meer in 2007 in die Nasionale Landboubemarkingsraad aangestel en in 2008 as die voorsitter van die Raad van Landbank. Hy is ook ’n konsultant vir die Wêreldbank en vir ander Suid-Afrikaanse instansies, ’n spesialis in landbou- en landbouverwante hofsake en ’n gereelde spreker by landbouverenigings in Suid-Afrika en Namibië, om slegs ’n paar te noem.

Alhoewel Johannesburg sy geboortestad is, is die Vrystaatse grond bekend onder sy skoene. Hy het in Warden grootgeword en was in 2006 ’n finalis vir die Bloemfonteiner van die Jaar-toekenning. Hy is ’n deelydse veeboer wat probeer om ten minste elke Saterdag saam met sy gesin op die plaas te kom. “Dit neem my gedagtes weg van alles en plaas my in ’n situasie waar ek elke Maandag weer vars voel om die nuwe uitdagings te aanvaar.”

Uitdagings is daar beslis. Die fakulteit het volgens hom ’n belangrike rol om te speel. “Hoë voedselpryse, voedselkwaliteit, aardverwarming, die gehalte van ons water, bewaring van ons biodiversiteit, infrastruktuur wat energie bespaar en oliepryse is alles aspekte wat die rustige bestaan van die wêreld se bevolking uitdaag en / of bedreig. Die wetenskappe wat deur die fakulteit bedryf word, kan ’n baie groot bydrae lewer om antwoorde vir dié uitdagings te vind.”

Hy sal graag wil sien dat die fakulteit sy internasionale rol nog verder uitbrei en dat nog meer samewerking, uitruilooreenkomste en vennootskappe ontwikkel word. “Ons studente moet nog meer die gevoel kry dat hulle blootgestel word aan die beste van die wêreld.”

Prof. Van Schalkwyk glo nie aan gemaksones nie en beskou verandering as die enigste konstante. “Jy kan kies of jy weerstand teen verandering wil bied, of jy dit

wil ignoreer en of jy deel van die verandering wil wees en dit wil beïnvloed. Om dit reg te kan beïnvloed en vir ons nageslag ’n goeie toekoms na te laat, moet ons verandering in die regte rigting stuur. Dit vereis dat ons ingeligte besluite moet neem, betrokke moet wees en hard moet werk.”

Hy glo Suid-Afrika bied baie geleenthede in hierdie verband en die UV kan ’n leiersrol hierin speel. Siende dat universiteite die leiers van môre oplei, kan dit ’n groot impak op die land se toekoms hê. “Ons het ons te midde van al die negatiewe publisiteit vanjaar verbind om jongmense toe te rus om die uitdagings van ’n diverse bevolking te kan hanteer. Om ’n Kovsie te wees, beteken dus dat jy nie net jouself kan toerus om ’n betrokke lid van die gemeenskap te wees nie, maar ook dat jy in hierdie mikrokosmos kan deel wees van positiewe verandering vir ’n beter toekoms.”

Hy gaan homself daarop toespits om die fakulteit nog beter te posisioneer as ’n betrokke, nasionaal- en internasionaal-erkende instelling. “Die personeel en studente kan almal hiervan deel wees en hulself utoeleef in die visie. Dit maak ’n mens sommer lekker opgewonde oor die toekoms!”

New Dean



Prof. Francois Tolmie is acting Dean of the Faculty of Theology and will be appointed as Dean of the faculty on 1 January 2009. He replaces Prof. Hermie van Zyl who retired. Prof. Tolmie is a member of various national and international organisations and academic committees.

UFS researchers honoured



Recipients of awards for contributions to research, are, from the left: Prof. Jan van der Westhuizen and Dr Susan Bonnet both from the Department of Chemistry, Prof. Thinus van der Merwe, Farmovs-Parexel, Prof. Maryke Labuschagne, Department of Plant Sciences, and Prof. Ken Swart, Farmovs-Parexel.

Researchers at the University of the Free State received two prestigious awards from the National Science and Technology Forum (NSTF) during its tenth gala-awards ceremony held in Kempton Park.

The NSTF awards gives recognition to the outstanding contributions of individuals and groups to science, engineering and technology. This includes all practicing scientists, engineers and technologists across the system of innovation, including, for example, teachers and students in mathematics, science and technology. The NSTF represents government, science councils, professional bodies, higher education, business and civil society.

Prof. Maryke Labuschagne from the Department of Plant Sciences was the female recipient of the research capacity-development award over the last ten years for her successful mentoring of black researchers and students. The award includes

a prize of R100 000 which will be used for research purposes.

Prof. Labuschagne, an expert in the field of plant breeding and food security in Africa, received the award for her contribution to the training and development of black students and researchers in this field. Various black students successfully completed their postgraduate studies under her guidance at the UFS during the past ten years. Research by her South African students has led to a firm research relationship between the Agricultural Research Council (ARC) and the UFS, while research by her local and international students has culminated in no less than 82 publications over the last decade.

It has also led to the establishment of collaboration agreements with universities and research institutes in Malawi, Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania. Among these are the agreement with the University of Malawi where Prof. Labuschagne and her students

are involved in the International Programme in the Chemical Sciences (IPICS) of the Uppsala University in Sweden. The project focuses on the study of genetics and chemistry of tropical roots and tuber crops in Malawi. This has led to collaboration with international research organisations and has generated overseas funding.

A team consisting of Prof. Jan van der Westhuizen and Dr Susan Bonnet from the Department of Chemistry and Prof. Kenneth Swart and Prof. Thinus van der Merwe from Farmovs-Parexel received the innovation award for outstanding contribution to science, engineering and technology from an individual or a team over the last ten years. They won an award for the synthesis of drug analogues used as reference products in the analysis of the drug concentration in blood from existing and new drugs registered nationally and internationally.

The project resulted in capacity building in synthetic organic chemistry, mass spectrometry and chromatography. Five master's degrees were completed, seven are in progress, and six postgraduate students commenced with Ph.D.'s. The skills transferred during this project are already being applied to examine the properties of indigenous medicinal plants as part of the recently established UFS novel drugs and bio-active compound cluster.

Applied Biosystems, the Canadian manufacturer of mass spectrometers, donated equipment of R10 million for this project. As a result the UFS is one of the few universities in the world that can offer postgraduate training in bio-analytical chemistry.

Prof. Hendrik Swart, Head of the Department of Physics, and Dr Martin Ntwacaborwa, senior lecturer at the department were finalists in the research-capacity developer and black-researcher categories respectively.

Nine individuals and three organisations were presented with the NSTF Awards trophy by the Minister of Science and Technology, Mr Mosibudi Mangena.

Agriculture can help fight poverty

Maryke Labuschagne

Since the early 1960s Africa has gone from being a net exporter to a net importer of food. Per-capita food production has declined as the 2% annual increase in food production could not keep up with the population growth rate of 3%. Africa is the only place in the world where overall food security and livelihoods are deteriorating.

Over the past 15 years the number of Africans living below the poverty line (\$1/day) has increased by 50 %, and it is estimated that one-third of the continent's population suffers from hunger. Around 70% of Africans are working in the agricultural sector, therefore through dramatic improvements to agriculture, prosperity can replace poverty.

In India, much of Asia and Latin America, a Green Revolution that began more than a generation ago relied on high-yielding crop varieties. It more than doubled agricultural production, saved many lives, and laid the foundation for the economic progress seen there today.

A green revolution for Africa is possible, as proposed by the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. This agricultural revolution must rely on uniquely African solutions to uniquely African problems: solutions that improve the productivity, biodiversity, and nutritional quality of food crops.

An important AGRA initiative is the development of new crop varieties that will withstand pests and disease, cope with drought, marginal soils and other environmental stresses, and dramatically increase farmers' yields. This will be done by trained plant breeders.

Good education is a prerequisite for sustained agricultural production and economic development. There is a direct correlation between economic development in countries and the number of students enrolled in higher education.

In Africa financial constraints in terms of university education are severe and demand for higher education has never been greater. There is also a need to enroll more women, although the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) reports that the enrolment of women has increased from 15% to nearly 25% of total agriculture students in Africa. Education outside the continent has been seen as a way to fill the manpower gap, but this has often proved to be inappropriate to the unique development needs of African students.

Training in Africa has many advantages above overseas training. Course work is geared toward African needs and students in African M.Sc. and Ph.D. programmes are more likely to focus their research on local and national problems than students in overseas universities.

The UFS experience

The division of Plant Breeding has been training M.Sc. and Ph.D. students from all over Africa since the early 1990s. From 1990, 50 M.Sc. and 35 Ph.D. students completed their degrees. Students who are enrolled or have completed their degrees, represent 13 African countries.

Researched crops include the major food crops such as maize, wheat and cassava. Other crops include coffee, linseed, canola, sorghum, sunflower, sugarcane, sweet potato, pepper and cotton. Research fields include molecular (marker assisted

Another award

Prof. Maryke Labuschagne also received the 2008 Cereal Science and Technology-SA (CST-SA) award for research and development.

breeding and biodiversity studies), biochemical (quality of crops for human and industrial uses), and conventional (breeding for adaptability, biotic stress, disease and insect resistance etc.).

Students have been funded by various organisations such as the World Bank, the Rockefeller Foundation, International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT), International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), International Institute for Tropical Research (IITA), governmental grants and others. The training has been as beneficial for the UFS and for the students, as it has led to collaborative research. It has also created the opportunity to study biodiversity in crops indigenous to Africa. Many of our former students are heading research programmes, are directors of research or are consulting for ministers of agriculture.

The future

There are many opportunities for collaborative research and training of students from African countries. We should take hands in Africa and work towards a greater goal of food security. From the side of the UFS we can do it by training postgraduate students who can go and make a difference on the continent.

Genadedood meer aanvaarbaar onder sekere groepe



Christa Boshoff

Medici is oor die algemeen ten gunste van genadedood. Daar is egter faktore wat 'n belangrike rol speel by die bepaling van hul houding teenoor genadedood.

Daar is bevind dat ras 'n sterk determinant van medici se houdings teenoor genadedood is. Die swart rassegroep is die sterkste aanduiding van 'n negatiewe houding teenoor genadedood, terwyl die wit rassegroep weer 'n sterk determinant is van 'n positiewe houding teenoor genadedood. Dit beteken dat swart medici sterk gekant is teenoor genadedood en dat wit medici goedgesind is daarteenoor.

Spesialisering is ook 'n sterk bepalende faktor ten opsigte van houding teenoor genadedood. Spesialiste en chirurge is beduidend meer positief teenoor genadedood as algemene praktisyns.

Geloof is nog 'n belangrike bepalende faktor. Die ongelowige groep (ateïste en agnostici) is die positiefste teenoor genadedood en die nie-Christen-groep (Moslem- en Hindoe-gelowe) die negatiefste teenoor genadedood. Die evangelies-Christen-groep (Gereformeerde kerk, Nederlandse Gereformeerde kerk, ens.) is meer gekant teenoor genadedood as die ongelowige groep, maar meer positief daarteenoor as die nie-Christen-groep.

Daar is laastens bevind dat chirurge wat tussen 11 en 15 jaar lank al praktiseer, 'n beduidend groter aanvaarding toon

van genadedood as die ander groepe medici in dieselfde praktykstermyn. Altesaam 217 medici by private hospitale in die Vrystaat het aan die ondersoek deelgeneem. Sekere faktore wat medici se houdings teenoor genadedood beïnvloed, is geïdentifiseer, naamlik rassegroep, geslag, ouderdom, spesialiteitsrigting, aantal jare in die praktyk en geloof. Hierdie faktore is ook in die betrokke studie ondersoek.

Die studie kon egter nie aantoon dat daar beduidende verskille voorkom ten opsigte van geslag en ouderdom by medici se houdings teenoor genadedood nie.

Aangesien medici se houdings teenoor genadedood en hulle gedrag daarteenoor in 'n mate konsekwent is, beteken dit dat indien genadedood in Suid-Afrika gewettig sou word, die moontlikheid bestaan dat sommige van die medici genadedood sal toedien aan pasiënte wat dit versoek.

Die doel van die studie was om medici vanuit verskillende rasse-groepe se houdings teenoor genadedood te ondersoek. Genadedood word al vanaf antieke tye uitgevoer en gedebatteer en is wettig in lande soos Nederland, België, Switserland en die staat Oregon in die VSA.

Aktiewe genadedood behels dat 'n aksie uitgevoer moet word ('n middel word deur 'n medikus toegedien) wat die dood van 'n pasiënt tot gevolg het. Passiewe genadedood behels die weerhouding of opskorting van aksie wat die pasiënt se lewe sal verleng of die mislukking om op te tree om die pasiënt se lewe te verleng.

Vrywillige genadedood is wanneer die pasiënt toestemming gee of self vra dat genadedood op hom of haar toegepas word. Nie-vrywillige genadedood vind plaas wanneer die betrokke pasiënt nie toestemming kan gee vir die toediening van die genadedood nie, omdat hy of sy nie oor die vermoë beskik om toestemming te kan gee nie en ander persone dit in sy of haar beste belange ag om op die tydstip te sterf.

Medikus-gesassisteerde selfmoord is die toediening, voorskryf of voorsiening van medikasie deur 'n medikus, op die eksplisiete versoek van die pasiënt, sodat hy of sy, sy of haar eie lewe daarmee kan beëindig. So is morfien byvoorbeeld 'n pynstiller, maar dit is ook 'n respiratoriese depressant wat kan lei tot longontsteking, hipoventilasie of apnee, wat uiteindelik die pasiënt se dood kan veroorsaak. In Suid-Afrika mag medici tans passiewe genadedood toepas, maar aktiewe genadedood is steeds teen die wet.

Voorstanders van genadedood gebruik argumente soos die kwaliteit van die pasiënt se lewe, die beginsel van selfbeskikking, sekere mediese argumente en genade-argumente, terwyl die teenstanders argumente soos die verskuivingsargument, minagting vir die heiligheid van mense se lewens, die bedreiging van individuele outonomie en vele ander argumente gebruik.

Dr Christa Boshoff het 'n Ph.D. op die herfsgradeplegtigheid ontvang. Haar studie was oor ras en ander faktore wat 'n belangrike rol in genadedood speel.

Sisulu calls for Mugabe to go



Elinor Sisulu, the guest speaker on Women's Day.

Human rights activist and renowned author Ms Elinor Sisulu has called on the president of Zimbabwe, Robert Mugabe, to step down.

Ms Sisulu made this call in August during her presentation of the Women's Day lecture: "Voiceless and voteless, fleeing zanu-phobia into xenophobia: A Zimbabwean woman's perspective of National Women's Day". The lecture was presented on the Bloemfontein Campus of the University of the Free State.

She said thousands of Zimbabweans who fled their country because of violence will not return home unless Mugabe steps down.

"For the Zimbabweans in diaspora, what Mugabe symbolises is so powerful that as long as he is there as a ceremonial president they will not return home. So the simple message from the South African office of the Crisis in Zimbabwe Coalition is that Mugabe must go," she said.

She also lambasted the southern African region generally, and South Africa in particular, for its silence over what she calls "Zanu-PF orchestrated violence" that triggered the refugee influx in the region.

"The South African government was totally silent on the loss of life of innocent and vulnerable Zimbabweans. The mediator said nothing about it," she said in a clear reference

to president Thabo Mbeki, mediator appointed by the Southern African Development Community (SADC).

She said for the Zimbabweans who had to flee to South Africa it was a case of "jumping from the frying pan into the fire", fleeing Zanu-phobia to xenophobia.

She, however, appealed to the South Africans to raise their voices about the refugee problem that is not only besetting this country, but the whole region.

Ms Sisulu was born in Zimbabwe and works in the South African office for the Crisis in Zimbabwe Coalition, the major umbrella body of Zimbabwean non-governmental organisations.

Reitz se deure sluit



Die Reitz-kamerwonnings op die kampus van die Universiteit van die Vrystaat is aan die einde van Julie vanjaar gesluit. 'n Instituut vir Diversiteit sal op die perseel daargestel word.

Studente het die geleentheid gehad om tot die einde van Julie aan te bly sodat hulle die tweede eksamenleentheid kon aflê.

Reitz-kamerwonnings was aan die begin van die jaar in die nuus oor 'n video waarin vier vroulike kollegas en 'n man van 'n skoonmaakmaatskappy aan 'n "kamma"-inisiësie-seremonie in die koshuis deelgeneem het. Die video het nasionaal en internasionaal opslae gemaak.

Die UV-bestuur het die video in die sterkste terme veroordeel en gesê dit is 'n geïsoleerde manifestasie van weerstand teen die deurlopende transformasie-inisiatiewe van die UV. Die video het die universiteit se

reputasie nasionaal en internasionaal geskaad. Prof. Teuns Verschoor, waarnemende Rektor, het gesê: "Die UV-bestuur het daarom besluit dat die sluiting van die Reitz-kamerwonnings 'n onvermydelike strategiese noodsaaklikheid is en 'n belangrike gebaar van versoening teenoor alle Suid-Afrikaners wat te na gekom is."

'n Spesiale komitee, waarop inwoners van die koshuis ook inspraak gehad het, het inwoners van die koshuis gehelp om akkommodasie in ander koshuise en in studente-huise naby die kampus te vind.

Prof. Verschoor sê die besluit om die koshuis te sluit is geneem met inagneming van voorstelle deur die UV-Raad, die Studenteraad, die primas van koshuise, ander belanghebbendes, die inwoners se ouers asook die eerstejaarstudente in die koshuis.

UFS is eager to face

Consultants appointed to assist

Three agencies have been contracted to support the UFS management and make recommendations on how to accelerate transformation and reposition the institution as an academically excellent and socially engaged university.

Prof. Teuns Verschoor, acting Rector, said the three agencies each have expertise and experience in their chosen field and are meant to work together as a team of consultants and work together with management. "We have all been through a difficult time. Now we need to think clearly and act decisively so as to move beyond our difficulties. The agencies must help us to think clearly and act in the best interests of the UFS."

These agencies are BGIM (to provide issue and reputation management support); thinking fusion

(to develop a brand-marketing-communication strategy to reposition the UFS in the higher education landscape); and iGubu (to assist with the successful implementation of diversity policy in student residences). The agencies will work together to co-ordinate their work to avoid duplication and maximise the effectiveness of their work. They will provide each other with input and insights gained through their work and co-ordinate their various output responsibility.

Their services are interrelated and all have a role to play in helping the university with its transformation process. Their roles are aligned with the 2007-2010 UFS Transformation Plan.

The transformation challenges that they will have to assist with, are:

- Create and maintain a sense of belonging among all staff and students

by transforming the institutional culture to one that fosters, nurtures and celebrates diversity.

- Enhance and foster diversity in student and staff life as a strength of the UFS.
- Establish the UFS as an engaged and responsive institution of higher learning and as a university of excellence.
- Ensure alignment of vision and mission in governance and management alignment in realising vision and mission.

BGIM is led by former journalist Brian Gibson, who established issue management as a specialist discipline in South Africa in 1984. BGIM has successfully managed a wide range of complex issues relating to asbestos and health, sugar and health, transformation of the Western Cape Health Department and a wide range of issues for clients such as Eskom, Sasol, and Rio Tinto, amongst others.

Institute will help to combat discrimination

In an endeavour to make restitution and to offer a lasting contribution to transformation at the UFS and in South Africa, the UFS has committed itself to establishing an Institute for Diversity on the premises of the former Reitz Residence, Prof. Teuns Verschoor, acting Rector, said at a press conference where the closure of the Reitz Residence was announced.

The Institute for Diversity is envisaged as a centre of academic excellence for studying transformation and diversity in society – a living laboratory for combating

discrimination and enabling and enhancing reconciliation in societies grappling with the issues of racism, sexism and xenophobia.

Prof. Verschoor said that in responding to the challenge faced by the UFS regarding its own transformation issues, as well as those faced by the country, the UFS will study the anti-transformational impulses on the campus as a microcosm of much broader socio-political challenges. The UFS will transform itself over time into a beacon of hope, combating racism and other forms of discrimination in South Africa and elsewhere in the world.

The Institute for Diversity will add impetus to the UFS's existing transformation programme. Six strategic clusters, including a transformation cluster, were created in 2007 as part of the long-term strategic planning.

The UFS has already provided seed capital of R1 million to design and establish the institute. Planning will take place during 2008 and 2009 and the institute will be opened in the 2010 academic year. An international fund-raising drive will be launched.

difficult challenges ahead

BGIM will be responsible for providing issue and reputation management support to the UFS management that will require strategic interventions in response to dynamic developing issues. They will be providing management support for the overall co-ordination and integration of the work of the three agencies. The objective of the co-ordination and integration support is to ensure that these services are aligned with these strategic interventions.

Thinking fusion is led by co-owners and directors Dr Rene Uys and Harry van der Merwe. Dr Uys has extensive experience in the higher education sector as an academic, researcher and marketing and communications professional, as well as private-sector experience. Mr van der Merwe has extensive experience in the private sector, particularly HR management. He has worked throughout Africa, as well as in Australia, the UK, the USA, the Middle East and Western Europe. He is a specialist in the facilitation of complex

strategic issues with executive teams and large groups.

Thinking fusion will be responsible for a long-term brand-marketing-communication strategy and the development of a three-year implementation plan. The main purpose of this project is to reposition the UFS within the South African higher education landscape. In the short term they will address the repositioning and communication challenges posed by the transformation process, including marketing and communication support for student recruitment. Thinking fusion will also be responsible for collating and integrating all desk and original research in respect of stakeholder attitudes and beliefs on behalf of the three agencies.

iGubu is led by its CEO Rudi Buys, who has been involved in youth leadership development for a number of years, including at higher education institutions in the Western Cape. The agency specialises in

mentoring individuals and teams and in facilitating the participation of communities in transformation and reconciliation initiatives in specifically an African context, and does so from a leadership development perspective. They have extensive experience in facilitating programmes for diversity and integration.

iGubu will assist with understanding and identifying current obstacles to the implementation of the residence integration policy in the residences on the Main Campus in Bloemfontein. This agency will also formulate and help implement proposals to enhance and successfully implement the policy. In their research they will talk to students and other role players regarding ways of building unity on campus. After that the kind of programmes that may be implemented to further integration in residences will be determined together with stakeholders and the most suitable ones will be implemented.

New doctorandi congratulated



The UFS awarded 32 doctoral degrees during the Autumn Graduation Ceremony in April. Among the guests attending the Chancellor's Dinner where the doctorandi were congratulated, were, from the left: Prof. Hendrik Swart (Departmental Chairperson of the Department of Physics and promoter of Dr Rochelle Conradie), Dr Conradie (Ph.D. in Physics), Dr Moagi Letso (Ph.D. in Animal Science), Prof. HO de Waal (Department of Animal, Wildlife and Grassland Sciences and promoter of Dr Letso), Dr Patrick Nonjola (Ph.D. in Chemistry) and Prof. Jannie Swarts (Department of Chemistry and promoter of Dr Nonjola).

DimTec students get master's degrees



Two students from the Disaster Management Training and Education Centre for Africa (DiMTEC) at the UFS received their master's degree in Disaster Management. DiMTEC is a centre within the Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences. Here are, from the left: Mzamani Isaac Khoza and Mmaphaka Ephraim Tau.

B.Mus. vir blinde student



Mnr. Dewald van Deventer, 'n blinde student, het in April die graad B.Mus. ontvang. By hom is sy trotse familieledede, mnr. Louis en me. Lucretia van Deventer.

Chemist honoured



The degree Doctor Scientiae (honoris causa) was awarded to Prof. Daneel Ferreira for his significant contributions to the field of organic chemistry. He is a former professor in organic chemistry at the UFS and now professor and chair of Pharmacognosy in the School of Pharmacology and research chair of the Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of Mississippi, USA. From the left are: Prof. Frederick Fourie, Rector and Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Ferreira, and Prof. Herman van Schalkwyk, Dean: Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences.

UFS awards shield of honour



At its Autumn Graduation Ceremony the UFS awarded a shield of honour to Mr Ludo Helsen (right) for his involvement in various projects on the relationship between language and culture and the consolidation of a dynamic democratic dispensation. Among these is the Multilingual Information Development Programme (MIDP), which is aimed at institutionalising a multilingual dispensation within the Free State Provincial Government. Mr Helsen is a member of the provincial council of Antwerp, Belgium. This was the first time since 2004 that the UFS awarded a shield of honour. With him is Prof. Theo du Plessis, Director of the Unit for Language Management at the UFS.

Vereer op gradeplegtigheid



Verskeie studente is met die gradeplegtigheid in April vir hulle prestasies vereer. Hier is, van links, prof. Izak Groenewald, Direkteur van die Sentrum vir Volhoubare Landbou (SVL) en Landelike Ontwikkeling, die studente Pieter Wagner van die Departement van Landbou in Limpopo, Mariëtte Kotzé van 'n agribesigheid in die Wes-Kaap en Gerrie Trytsman van die Landbounavorsingsraad in Gauteng, wat almal spesiale toekennings ontvang het, by mev. Mia Kirsten, programkoördineerder van SVL, en prof Herman van Schalkwyk, Dekaan: Fakulteit Natuur- en Landbouwetenskappe aan die UV.



UFS acclaimed for research on Khoe-San languages

Research by the University of the Free State to document Khoe-San languages in South Africa thought to be extinct, was acclaimed at a Khoe-San Languages Convention on the Main Campus in Bloemfontein earlier this year. The emphasis of the convention was on language revitalization and research in South Africa with the Khoe-San culture, identity and memory as sub-themes.

Music, song, poetry and dance performed by people from the Khoe-San communities formed part of the convention which was held over three days. Speakers were, among others, from universities in South Africa, Namibia and Botswana, the Max Planck Institute in Leipzig, the Pan South African Language Board, the National Khoe and San Language Board and the Commission for Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Cultural, Religious and Linguistic Communities. The keynote address was by Adv. Sonwabile Mancotywa, CEO of the National Heritage Council.

The Unit for Khoekhoe and San Studies at the UFS organised the convention to raise awareness about Khoe-San languages still spoken in South Africa and to develop a better understanding about their nature. It also sought to promote research into Khoe-San languages and support for the teaching and learning of these languages.

Menán du Plessis, a post-graduate student of the University of Cape Town, said the Korana dialect of the Khoekhoe language was until very recently believed to be extinct. Seventy years ago researchers warned that the study of the nearly extinct Korana dialect is most urgent, while the few old speakers of

it are still alive. “Lately, however, a few speakers have been discovered who quite astonishingly – indeed heroically – still recall fragments of Korana. Dr Mike Besten and colleagues of his at the University of the Free State are currently working with these speakers to document as much as they can of this rare and remarkable material.”

Du Plessis said: “With the admirable exception of projects currently being undertaken by historians and other scholars at the University of the Free State – in partnership with the University of Tromsø, Norway – the work of documenting our own region’s most highly endangered languages is being conducted by foreign linguists. Academics based in departments of linguistics and African languages at South Africa’s own universities are making almost no effort either to assist directly, or to provide courses that would enable a new generation of graduates to start participating.”

American and German researchers also found a few elderly people speaking other varieties thought to be extinct. Vigorous efforts are underway to document these languages.

Concern was expressed at the convention for the lack on government side to advance the Khoe-San languages. Nama, the most established of the Khoe-San languages, still needs to be recognised as an official language.

Dr Andy Chebanne of the University of Botswana emphasized the importance of preservation of the Khoe-San lifestyle. He said younger Khoe-San people have no knowledge of

Prayer in Khoekhoe one of the oldest

The text of the Lord's Prayer in the Cape Khoekhoe language (Adolf-Kalden, c.1696) is one of the three oldest text records of any indigenous South African language, and has therefore a place of incalculable significance in the cultural history of South Africa, Menán du Plessis, post-graduate student at the University of Cape Town, said at the Khoe-San Languages Convention in Bloemfontein.

The Lord's Prayer in 17th Century Cape Khoekhoe:

*Cita bô, t̃ homme ingá t̃siha,,
T̃ sa di kamink ouna..
Hem kouqueent see,,
dani hinqua t̃sa inhee k'hou ki,
quiquo t̃ homm'ingá.
Maa cita heci cita kôua séqua bree.
k̃ hom cita, cita hiahinghee quiquo cita
k̃ hom,
cita dôua kôuna..
Tire cita k̃ chôá t̃ aauthummá -
k'hamta cita hi aquei hee k̃ dou auna.
T̃ aats kouqueetsa,,
hique t̃ aats diaha, hique occisa ha,
nauwi.*

*Onse Vader, die in de Hemelen zyt,
geheyligt werde Uw naam.
Uw Koningryke kome,
Uw wil geschiede op der aarde,
als in den hemel.
Geeft ons heden ons dagelyks broot.
Vergeeft ons onse schulden, gelyk wy
vergeven
onse schuldenaren.
Leyd ons niet in quaa bekoringe,
maar verlost ons van den bosen.
Want Uwe is dat Koningryk,
en de kragt, en de heerlykheyt,
in der eeuwigheyt.*



Some of the people who attended the conference, were, from the left: Leon Bosman (support staff), Katrina Esau (N/uu language teacher from Upington), Mike Besten (convener of the Khoe-San Languages Convention and researcher in the Unit for Khoekhoe and San Studies at the UFS), Klaas Zimaandie (Upington) and Willem Damara (language activist and teacher in Riemvasmaak).

**I tje na !u:b ta keise |xuru o ...
If the earth should be very dry ...
As die wêreld baie droog sal wees...**

Menán du Plessis

"...Khoe-San languages" continued from p.20

food plants and skills to quench their thirst. Their hunting skills are quickly lost. "They lost their vital knowledge of medicinal plants; and with all the lost skills and knowledge they quickly lost their culture and their important linguistic vocabulary repertoire. The reason for this tragic loss is that the Khoe-San are made to live outside their land which attaches them to biological and socio-historical experiences of their existence. For a human being it is a tragedy to lose one's identity – culture and language and land. The experience of this loss is like death and the most excruciating pain is to live with a dead identity?"

Dr Besten, an organiser of the convention and lecturer in the UFS Depart-

ment of Anthropology, said the convention enabled the few and isolated South African workers in this field to interact. It also provided ideal opportunities for the fostering of increased transfrontier co-operation with academics from countries such as Namibia and Botswana. A heartening aspect was also the eloquently clear message received from various high-level official quarters that academic attention to issues surrounding Khoesan culture and language is now recognised as a serious priority, and that such work is likely to receive strong administrative support.

He also said a degree of clarity was obtained concerning the kind of linguistic interventions that are not merely needed, but likely to be feasible:

- The introduction of mother-tongue early learning for children in communities where Nama, Khwe or !Xun are actually spoken. The practical details remain to be worked out.
- Acceleration and intensification of efforts already underway to document those Khoesan languages now spoken by only a few elders.
- Possible revival of !Ora (Koranataal).

"One of the most extraordinary moments of the convention was when Ouma Jacoba Mclaire delivered an entire address in !Ora – confounding those delegates who had up until then supposed that the last surviving speakers of this once major language of the old Cape now recall only a few isolated words of it," he said.

Centre will help emerging farmers



At the launch were, from the left, front: Ms Lesego Sejosengoe, Manager: Indigenous Food, Mangaung-University of the Free State Community Partnership Project (MUCPP), Ms Kefuoe Mohapeloa, Deputy Director: national Department of Agriculture; back: Mr Garfield Whitebooi, Assistant Director: national Department of Agriculture, Dr Wimpie Nell, Director: Centre for Agricultural Management at the UFS, and Mr Petso Mokhatla, from the Centre for Agricultural Management and co-ordinator of the excellence model.

The national Department of Agriculture (DoA) appointed the Centre for Agricultural Management in the Department of Agricultural Economics at the UFS as a centre of excellence to roll out an excellence model for small, medium and micro enterprises (SMME's) for farmers in the Free State.

Dr Wimpie Nell, Director of the Centre for Agricultural Management, said the model aims to assist farmers in identifying gaps in business skills. These gaps will be addressed in short courses. The model will help emerging farmers to see agriculture as a business and not as a way of living. Dr Nell said: "We also want to create a culture of competitiveness and sustainability amongst emerging farmers."

Oudstudent presteer



Oudstudente van die Sentrum vir Volhoubare Landbou het al diep spore getrap. Hier is Mnr. JB van den Berg (35) van Talana, Bothaville, wat vroeër hierdie jaar as die Vrystaatse Jongboer van die Jaar aangewys is.

Landbou-opleidingsprogram maak geskiedenis

Die Sentrum vir Volhoubare Landbou en Landelike Ontwikkeling in die Fakulteit Natuur- en Landbouwetenskappe spog vanjaar met dertig graduandi in die baie gewilde nagraadse afstandsonderrigprogram. Dit is die grootste aantal meestersgraadgraduandi in een enkele jaar sedert die sentrum in 1994 sy deure geopen het.

Prof. Izak Groenewald, Direkteur van die sentrum, sê die meestersgraadstudente kom van al die lande in die Suider-Afrikaanse Ontwikkelingsgemeenskap (SAOG) asook uit Ierland, Engeland, Nederland, Denemarke, Kenia, Texas en Etiopië. Die internasionale studentekomponent beslaan ongeveer die helfte van die studente. Baie sterk verbintenisse bestaan tussen hierdie sentrum en minstens tien internasionale tersiêre instellings wat verseker dat die huidige leerplanne plaaslik

gerig is, maar ook internasionaal relevant bly.

Hy sê daar word in die volksmond na hierdie kwalifikasie as 'n MBA in Agribesigheidsbestuur verwys. Vanweë die multi-dissiplinêre benadering wat gevolg word, lewer hierdie program mense op wat goed toegerus is met kundigheid en vaardighede. Graduandi sal die uitdagings van landbou, soos beïnvloed deur veranderings in die landbou-omgewing en -beleid, kan ontleed en verstaan. Tegnologiese, bestuur- en denkvaardighede word ontwikkel.

Noue samewerking bestaan ook met die nasionale Departement van Landbou. Fokusareas soos byvoorbeeld "Landcare" en ander inisiatiewe word direk aangespreek om 'n meer volhoubare landbou-omgewing daar te stel.

Kontak prof. Groenewald by groenei.sci@ufs.ac.za vir besonderhede.

Hugo praat by UV



Dr. Daniël Hugo het die D.F. Malherbe-gedenklesing aangebied oor die geheime werking van literêre invloed van D.J. Opperman en D.F. Malherbe. Hy het ook met nagraadse studente gesels en 'n praatjie by die Genootskap Nederland-Suid-Afrika gelewer. Dr. Hugo is 'n bekende radio-omroeper, skrywer, vertaler van Engelse en Nederlandse werke en uitvoerende direkteur van die Huis der Nederlanden in Kaapstad.

Kovsie Jool deel uit



Receives fellowship

Ms Estelle Heideman, HIV/Aids Co-ordinator at the Lengau Agriculture Development Centre, received a fellowship under a leadership initiative in the United States of America. It entails an eight-week training programme to help develop women leaders in South Africa who will make major contributions to HIV prevention at local, regional and national levels.



Na die suksesvolle afloop van Jool 2008 was die Joolkantoor in rep en roer met die uitdeel van geld aan verdienstelike organisasies. Elke koshuis op kampus het die geleentheid gehad om voorstelle van organisasies waarvoor hulle geld of goedere wou gee, in te dien. In oorleg met die personeel van die Joolkantoor en die Departement Welsyn in die Vrystaat sal besluit word aan watter behoeftiges Jool verligting gaan bied. Jool het in die eerste ses maande reeds R1 miljoen aan liefdadigheidsorganisasies geskenk. Hier is lede van die Sentrale Joolkomitee by van die mense van die Morning Star Child Centre in Welkom.

Sentrum ken die meeste meestersgrade toe



Die Sentrum vir Volhoubare Landbou en Landelike Ontwikkeling in die Fakulteit Natuur- en Landbouwetenskappe het die meeste meestersgrade van alle sentrums in die fakulteit toegeken. Hier is, van links: prof. Hennie Snyman, professor in die Departement Vee-, Wild- en Weidingkunde, me. Poppy Makabanyane, Landbounavorsingsraad (LNR) se Onderstepoort-Veterinêre Instituut, mnr. Phillip Maake, Departement Landbou, Limpopo, me. Makhosi Buthelezi, LNR in Rustenburg, en prof. Izak Groenewald, Direkteur van die sentrum.

Musiekdosent kry gesogte beurs



Me. Matildie Thom Wium

Me. Matildie Thom Wium, lektor aan die Departement Musiek, het 'n studiebeurs van die Skye Foundation ontvang om vir 'n jaar lank studieleiding vir haar D. Phil. oor die musiek van Arnold van Wyk in Engeland te ontvang. Sy gaan by Royal Holloway, Universiteit van London onder die musikoloog en teoretikus prof. Nicolas Cook studeer. Die Skye Foundation bewillig jaarliks fondse vir sowat twintig Suid-Afrikaanse studente.

Twee ander studente – Stephanie Janeke en Carmi Nel van die Universiteit van die Vrystaat – het die FAK-UV-musiekbeurs ontvang. Die beurse word jaarliks aan musiekleeders en -studente toegeken.

Strategie kinderspeletjies maak



Me. Stella Heyns, 'n nagraadse student in Volhoubare Landbou, het in al vier evalueringskategorieë van die internasionale GLO-BUS-besigheidstrategiesimulasies 'n eerste plek behaal. GLO-BUS, die enigste ware internasionale simulasie wat fokus op mededingende besigheidstrategie, word in die Sentrum vir Volhoubare Landbou en Landelike Ontwikkeling gebruik. Die oefening word aanlyn gedoen en die studente ding ook internasionaal teen ander studente mee. In Suid-Afrika neem ook die Universiteit Stellenbosch en die Wits Besigheidskool aan GLO-BUS deel.

Thirty receive certificates



Thirty government officials successfully completed the Executive Management and Leadership Programme (EMLP) in the Programme: Public Sector Management at the UFS. The Premier of the Free State, Ms Beatrice Marshoff (second from the right), handed the certificates to the successful students who are from the Departments of Education, Local Government and Housing, and Agriculture. Here she is with, from the left: Prof. Hendri Kroukamp, Acting Dean of the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences, Prof. Teuns Verschoor, Acting Rector, and Prof. Moses Sindane, Head of the Department of Public Management.

Her paper was the best



Ms Estelle Boshoff, Lecturer in the Department of Industrial Psychology, received an award for her paper at the 2008 Business and Economics Conferences (EABR) and Teaching and Education Conferences (TLC) in Rothenberg, Germany. The award was made by the Clute Institute for Academic Research.

UFS gets R3,6 million to train court interpreters

A contract of R3,6 million has been awarded to the UFS to train court interpreters throughout South Africa. The contract was awarded to the Department of Afroasiatic Studies, Sign Language and Language Practice by the Safety and Security Sector Education and Training Authority (SASSETA).

Prof. Annelie Lotriet of the Department of Afroasiatic Studies, Sign Language and Language Practice said: “We are the only tertiary institution in the country that offers a national diploma in court interpreting. It provides a unique opportunity to court interpreters to be trained by lecturers who are experts in the field.” Prof. Lotriet is an internationally renowned interpreting expert who was also responsible for the training of interpreters for the former Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

According to Prof. Lotriet no co-ordinated training programmes for court interpreters existed and there was also no control over the training processes. “It is the first time that the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development initiates such an extensive training programme for court interpreters,” she says. The group of 100 court interpreters on the programme are from all over the country.

The programme stretches over two years and comprises of theoretical and service training.



At a training session on the Main Campus in Bloemfontein were, from the left, front: Ms Zandile Mtolo (Pietermaritzburg), Ms Lindiwe Gamede (Bethlehem); back: Mr Siphon Majombozi (Port Shepstone), Prof. Annelie Lotriet, and Mr Mzi Nombewu (Upington). The four learners are working at their respective magistrates courts.

Kovsies shine in Springbok team



Former Kovsies were well represented in the Springbok camp. The team trained at Shimla Park for their match against Wales this year. At one of the training sessions were, from the left, front: C.J. van der Linde, Bismarck du Plessis and Gurthró Steenkamp; back: Juan Smith, Mr Mickey Gordon, Head: Strategic Sport and Business Development at the UFS, Prof. Teuns Verschoor, Acting Rector, Mr James Letuka, Director: KovsieSport, and Ruan Pienaar. Tonderai Chavanga, Smith and Steenkamp played for South Africa against Wales. Chavanga was absent when the photo was taken.

DiMTEC bied 'n konferensie aan



Die Rampbestuuropleidingsentrum vir Afrika (DiMTEC) aan die UV het 'n konferensie oor ramp-risikovermindering in Bloemfontein aangebied. 'n Aantal sleutelpersone in rampbestuur sowel as nasionale afgevaardigdes het die konferensie bygewoon. 'n Ramp-reaksiesimulasie is ook aangebied. Van die mense wat die konferensie bygewoon het, was, van links, voor: mnr. Mzamani Khoza, Departement of Waterwese en Bosbou, me. Sibusisiwe Ndlovu, Adjunkdirekteur: Zimbabwe Civil Development, en mnr. Dan Pillay, Bestuurder: Wetenskaplik en Nywerheidsnavorsingsraad (WNNR) Menslike Kapitaalontwikkeling; agter: mnr. MacDonald Kadzatsa, Verenigde Nasies-vrywilliger, dr. Dusan Sakulski, verteenwoordiger van die United Nations University (UNU), en mnr. Andries Jordaan, Direkteur: DiMTEC.

Receives learnership

DiMTEC received a learnership to the value of R5,7 million for the master's degree programme in Disaster Management for 2008 and 2009. The learnership programme is funded by the national Department of Science and Technology with DiMTEC as the implementing agent. The learnership makes provision for the study costs and an allowance for 15 students in 2008 and 20 students in 2009. Students are placed at disaster management centres and departments who deal with disaster management across the country where they obtain in-service training on how to effectively deal with disasters. This is the only learnership of its kind in the country.

Control lab celebrates ten years

The National Control Laboratory (NCL) for Biological Products in the Faculty of Health Sciences at the UFS celebrated its tenth year of existence. The NCL does quality control of all human vaccines in South Africa. At the celebration were, from the left: Dr Wilma Vergeer (Director: NCL), Prof. Letticia Moja (Dean: Faculty of Health Sciences), Prof. Gert van Zyl (Head: School of Medicine) and Mr Gerrit Muller (Head: Financial Officer of the national Department of Health).



Chemie se fasiliteite is van wêreldklas



'n Blik op die nuwe geriewe.

Die Departement Chemie het die eerste en tweede fases van die suidelike vleuel van die Moerdyk- en Anneksgebou waarin die departement gehuisves word, in gebruik geneem. Die vleuel is deel van die grootskaalse opgradering wat aan die gebou en fasiliteite gedoen word.

Die totale opgraderingskoste van R40 miljoen aan die gebou en R30 miljoen vir toerusting is die grootste projek van hierdie aard in die geskiedenis van die UV. Die opgradering vind in vier fases plaas en die grootste gedeelte van die suidelike vleuel, wat uit die eerste- en tweedejaar-laboratoriums bestaan, is deur navorsers en voorgraadse studente betrek.

Die laboratoriums bestaan uit onder meer groter en veiliger ontlugting, navorsingsgefokuseerde fasiliteite en genoegsame stoorplek vir toerusting.

Prof. André Roodt, hoof van die departement, sê die totale opgraderingsprojek sal na verwagting aan die einde van 2009 voltooi wees en die UV sal dan met van die beste navorsings- en voorgraadse laboratoriums in die land kan spog. Dit sal ook die UV se posisie in gevorderde opleiding in Afrika verhoog en sy rol in die internasionale chemie-arena versterk.

Nuusmakers

Prof. Piet Jooste, 'n navorser van Pretoria wat voorheen 25 jaar aan die Universiteit van die Vrystaat verbonde was, het onlangs internasionaal erkenning gekry deurdat 'n klas (genus) bakterieë na hom vernoem is. Die genus, *Joostella marina*, is geformuleer nadat hy reeds in 1985 in sy doktorstesiasaanbeveling het dat 'n groep organismes se klassifikasie geherorganiseer moet word.

Serame Thoabala (23) is aangewys as die winner in Salon Musiek se kompetisie Discovering Voices – 'n projek waarin jong sangers gesoek word. Hy het 'n musiekdiploma aan die UV verwerf en is besig met sy B.Mus-studies.

Bestuurskool internasionaal erken: Die UV se Bestuurskool is as een van die duisend beste bestuurskole in die wêreld

aangewys in 'n gradering deur Eduniversal, 'n aanlyninstrument wat studente wêreldwyd help met hul keuse van 'n bestuurskool. Prof. Helena van Zyl, Direkteur van die Bestuurskool, sê: “Dis 'n besondere eer om so 'n internasionale erkenning te kry. Dit gee aan ons 'n aanduiding van ons nasionale en internasionale invloed en hoe sigbaar die Bestuurskool is.”

Records shattered in Amazing



Prof. Driekie Hay and Elma Viljoen from the UFS Management team busy with the daunting task of trying to sift five tiny little beads out of a bucket of flour. Meanwhile, the Coca-Cola team thinks they have it!



Winners of this year's Amazing Rainbow Rally, Dr Fouché Babst (middle) and Dr Lincoln Solomon (right) with Prof. André Venter, Head of the Department of Paediatrics and Child Health.

Records were broken during the fourth Amazing Rainbow Rally, presented by UFS Marketing in aid of the Beds of Hope Campaign. Twenty teams, the most teams ever, entered the rally, which took place during the Volksblad Arts Festival. For the first time, more than R60 000 were raised by this fundraising event and participants were unanimous: this rally was a winner!

In the Amazing Rainbow Rally corporate and private companies, as well as UFS departments, enter teams of two persons. Team members must work together to complete a route where they must visit a number of checkpoints. Here, they must complete tasks in order to proceed to the next checkpoint. The team who completes the route first, after finishing all the tasks, wins the competition.

All the checkpoints at the Arts Festival Rally were in and around the Art Market on campus. Teams had to interact with festival goers, at one point having to raise R2's worth of twenty cents to be able to complete the activity at the Kowsie Alumni Trust checkpoint, and having to make and sell an art work for R10 to win the race at the final checkpoint.

Dr Fouché Babst and Dr Lincoln Solomon from the Department of Paediatrics and Child Health (Paediatrics No 3) won this year's race – the first time that a UFS team managed to do so. Pieter Skein and Steyn Strauss from Naudés Attorneys couldn't hold on to their title this year and had to settle for second place. However, this team came up with the best poem about the wonders of electricity – a task that had to be completed at the

Rainbow Rally



The team from Vodacom rapping their way to the next clue at the Pathcare checkpoint in the Volksblad tent.



Teams

The teams were: ABSA, Ampath, Coca-Cola, Department of Paediatrics and Child Health (three teams), Eskom, the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences, Fresenius-Kabi, Interstate Bus Lines (two teams), Naudés Attorneys, OFM, Passi, Pathcare (two teams), Standard Bank, UFS Management and Vodacom (two teams).

Sponsors

Companies that sponsored checkpoints were: Premier Protea Hotel Bloemfontein, Pathcare, Hyundai, Hertz, Eskom, AngloGold Ashanti, Standard Bank, Kovsie Alumni Trust and Coca-Cola.

The following sponsors contributed to the success of the day: Premier Protea Hotel Bloemfontein (prizes), Pick 'n Pay Hypermarket (prizes and financial contribution), Coca-Cola (beverages at the prize-giving function), Bains Game Lodge (financial contribution), Die Rusplek Guest House (prize), Kagiso Khulani Supervision Food Service (prize-giving function), Wimpy Checkers Hyper (vouchers), SABMiller (beverages at the prize-giving function), ABSA (T-shirts for officials) and DigiPix (photography).



The teams that competed in this year's rally.

Eskom checkpoint. Ermarie Barnard and Philip Erasmus from Ampath grabbed third place.

The main goal of the 2008 Amazing Rainbow Rally was to raise funds for the Department of Paediatrics and Child Health's Beds of Hope Campaign. The

campaign aims to equip many more intensive care units in the paediatric and neonatal wards. At present, around 250 children and babies in central South Africa do not receive the life-saving care they require, due to a lack of facilities in the department.

Architecture student wins prestigious Fuchs Foundation award

Charles de Jager, a B.Arch.Stud (BAS) Hons student in the Department of Architecture, is one of the first recipients of a prestigious new award made by the Fuchs Foundation to reward academic excellence in architectural education.

The Carl & Emily Fuchs Foundation, the oldest and largest private family foundation in South Africa focuses its funding on the promotion of excellence – in this particular instance, academic excellence in architectural education. The award aims to provide recognition for sustained academic excellence by currently registered BAS students while simultaneously building future professional leadership, thereby contributing to architectural excellence in Africa. The high monetary value of the prize and stringent selection procedure attest to its prestigious nature.

According to Dr Riaan Els, Chief Executive Officer of the Fuchs Foundation, the Fuchs Prestige Prize in Architecture now represents the largest prize money in any competition for students in this discipline.

“The award seeks to promote excellence and recognises consistent academic performance, the quality of a portfolio submitted for assessment, an in-situ 24-hour design competition as well as a presentation to a selection panel. We are very proud to be associated with one of the first ever recipients of the prize, Mr Charles de Jager of the UFS,” Els said.

The prize money of R50 000 will firstly be used to pay recipients’ academic fees at their respective academic institutions and thereafter it can be used for research, a study tour or any other expenditure relevant to academic assignments.

A central selection panel consisting of well-respected architects, architectural academics and the Fuchs Foundation made the selection.

For Charles, being chosen to represent the UFS was already a great honour and an achievement of which he is very proud, especially in view of the fact that only one student from every university is chosen to take part in the competition. “For me, the best part of the competition was working with students from other universities and to see their work. Each university has its own architectural niche, and being exposed to other ideas was an incredibly enriching experience.”

As far as the prize money goes, Charles hopes to do a bit of travelling to other parts of the world to study different architectural designs. “I find the study of world architecture fascinating. Hopefully I will bring many new experiences and ways of doing back to South Africa, thereby contributing to our very own architectural landscape.”



Charles de Jager

The criteria for the awarding of the prize included prior academic performance, covering the three years of the BAS-degree programme, a portfolio submission representative of all three years of the Architecture course, work done in professional architectural offices, as well travel experiences / research during the “year out” and 24-hour design task (based on a specific brief) presented to the selection panel as part of the selection process and an interview by the panel.

Vier oud-Kovsies vereer



Kovsie-Alumni se toekennings vir 2007 is op 'n galadinee oorhandig. Hier is, van links: dr. Derik Coetzee, dr. Sherylle Calder, Juan Smith en prof. André Claassen.

Wêreldbeker- Springbokspan en die 2007-kaptein van die Vrystaat Vodacom Cheetahs se Curriebekerweners. Dr. Calder en Coetzee het albei sleutelrolle gespeel in die voorbereiding en kondisionering van die Springbokspan. Sy is 'n pionier in die veld van visuele gewaarwording. Dr. Coetzee is reeds vier jaar fiksheidskondisioneerder van die Springbokspan en die sukses van die span in die Wêreldbeker spreek van sy sukses.

Prof. Claassen is vereer vir sy aandeel in die opbou van die Departement Otorinolaringologie tot 'n uitstaande eenheid. Hy het verskeie persoonlike hoogtepunte bereik in sy vakgebied en reeds verskeie nasionale en internasionale toekennings ontvang. Die eerste kogleêre inplanting is onder sy leiding in die Vrystaat gedoen.

Die gesogte Kovsie Alumni-toekennings wat jaarliks aan alumni gemaak word, is op 'n gala-toekenningsdinee in Mei aan vier oud-Kovsies oorhandig. Juan Smith is aangewys as 2007 se

oud-Kovsie van die Jaar. Dr. Sherylle Calder, dr. Derick Coetzee en prof. André Claassen het die Kovsie Alumni Cum Laude-toekenning ontvang. Juan Smith was een van die uitblinkers van die seëvierende

Dien op Kovsie Alumni se bestuur



Op die Kovsie Alumni se nasionale bestuursvergadering in Mei is die volgende persone verkies as die verteenwoordigende lede van Kovsie Alumni. Van links is adv. Seef Hefer (Voorsitter: Kovsie-Alumni Trust), mnr. Pieter du Toit, adv. Mauritz Randlehoff (ondervoorsitter), dr. Ivan van Rooyen (UV-Bemarking), mnr. Naude de Klerk (voorsitter), mnr. Hendrik Thukwane, mnr. Pule Molalenyane (ondervoorsitter), prof. Teuns Verschoor (Viserektor), mnr. Piet Wille, me. Suzan Mshumpela en prof. Nico du Plessis. Me Loraine Kriek was afwesig toe die foto geneem is.

Benoemings gesoek

Dit is weer tyd vir oud-Kovsies om mense te benoem vir die drie Kovsie-Alumni-toekennings wat jaarliks gemaak word. Nominasies word vir die volgende toekennings ingewag:

Oud-Kovsie van die Jaar: Die toekenning word aan 'n oud-Kovsie gemaak wat hoogstaande prestasie op nasionale of internasionale vlak gelewer het. Die persoon moet nog in die lewe wees.

Cum Laude-toekenning: Dié toekenning word van tyd tot tyd gemaak aan 'n alumnus vir uitstekende diens of prestasie op plaaslike, nasionale of internasionale vlak op 'n spesifieke beroepsterrein.

Alumni-toekenning vir uitsonderlike diens aan die UV: Die toekenning word van tyd tot tyd gemaak aan enige persoon (nie noodwendig 'n alumnus nie) wat voortreflike diens aan die UV lewer / gelewer het.

'n Skriftelike nominasie kan deur enige alumnus, ondersteun deur ten minste vyf sekondante wat ook alumni is, gedoen word. Die voorstel moet vergesel word van 'n deeglike motivering en 'n bondige curriculum vitae van die voorgestelde persoon. Die kandidaat wat voorgestel word se volledige adres sowel as telefoonnommer moet ook verskaf word. Nominasies kan gestuur word aan me. Annanda Calitz, Alumni-toekennings, Posbus 2319, Bloemfontein 9300. Die sluitingsdatum is Vrydag 9 November 2008.

Beste student aangewys



Dr. Susan Vosloo, bekende hartchirurg en ook UV-Raadslid, was die gasspreker op 'n geleentheid waar Kovsie Trust-ereklere toegeken is en die Kovsie Dux aangewys is. Hier is van links: dr. Vosloo, mev. Francis Hoexter (Kovsie Alumni-Trust), adv. Seef Hefer (Voorsitter van die Kovsie Alumni-Trust), Odie Swart (Kovsie Dux-wenner) en Ben Schoonwinkel (SR-president). Odie is 'n vierdejaar- mediese student, 'n Abe Bailey-trustwenner en onder meer kaptein van die Kovsies se eerste hokkiespan.

Pretoria kuier saam



Kovsie Alumni se Loduma-tak in Pretoria het in Junie lekker saam gekuier, met sowat sestig mense wat die reünie bygewoon het. Voor sit Isa Aucamp en Barry Kotze in diep gesprek terwyl die jonges agter die jongste nuus uitruil.

Delivers inaugural lecture



Prof. Elizabeth Snyman-Van Deventer from the Department of Mercantile Law delivered her inaugural lecture on the reincarnation of the lex mercatoria. She is the first female professor in the Faculty of Law. In her inaugural lecture she investigated whether the international trade is currently governed by the new or modern lex mercatoria. With her is Prof. Johan Henning, Dean: Faculty of Law at the UFS.

Malmesbury wys hoe

Die Malmesbury-tak in die Swartland is vereer as Kovsie Alumni se Tak van die Jaar. Hul is voorwaar toonaangewers met 'n gevestigde ondersteuningsnetwerk, waar almal uitgenooi word om deel te word van die Kovsie-familie.

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