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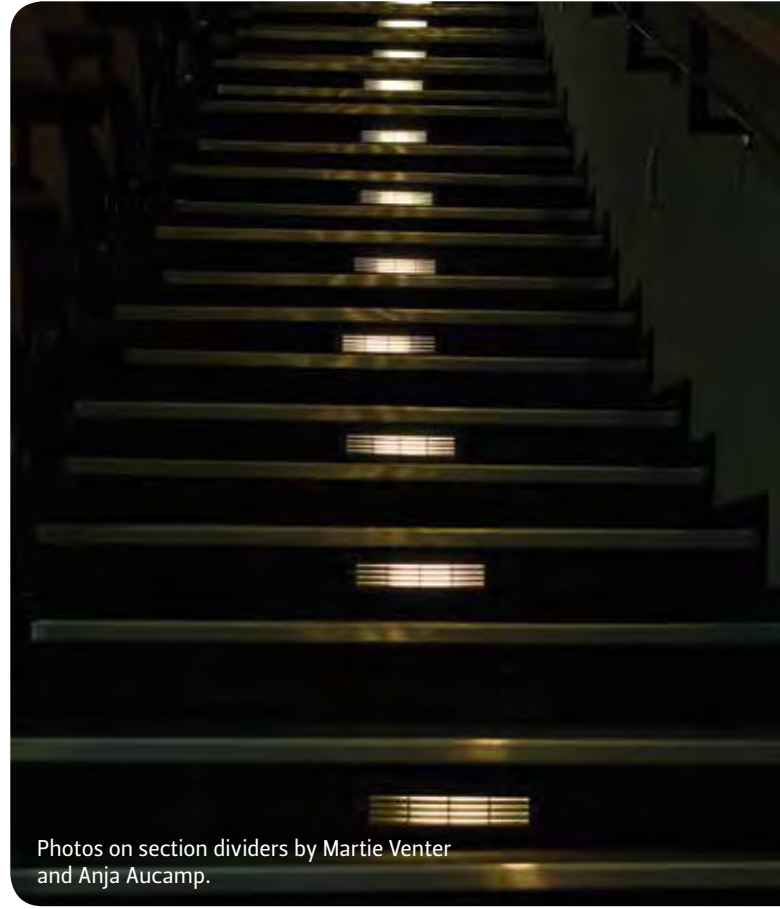
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# Letter from the editor

## A year to remember

International, global are the two words describing the activities at the University of the Free State in 2012.

### People say

“ BML has channelled and taught me a lesson in being focused.

“ We were treated with true Kowsie friendliness and kindness.

“ We (the USA) can learn a great deal about hospitality towards our foreign visitors.

The university is becoming more visible in the international arena and many of our academics and students were honoured nationally and internationally.

The biggest single group of people – about 150 – from abroad descended upon the university as part of the Global Student Leadership Summit in July. They were from fourteen universities – from the USA, Europe and the East – and were here to deliberate on issues pertaining to change leadership, diversity and racial reconciliation in higher education through critical dialogues between staff and students from all over the world.

Another group of international researchers will make the UFS their home from December 2012 to February 2013.

Other highlights were, among others, visits from officials of the American Embassy in Pretoria, and from the American Ambassador in South Africa, Mr Donald H. Gips.

Ons studente en personeel is op 'n verskeidenheid van terreine in Suid-Afrika, die streek en oorsee vir die bydraes tot hul vakgebied vereer. Die mense wat op nasionale en internasionale komitees dien of in die leiersposisie in die organisasies in, groei aansienlik.

Hierdie mense dra die beeld van die UV uit na die uithoeke van die wêreld.

Die prestasies is te veel om op te noem. Besoek gerus die Nuusargrief op die UV se webblad ([www.ufs.ac.za](http://www.ufs.ac.za)) om te lees van die aktiwiteite.





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A university that is saluted globally for excellence in academic achievement and the reconciliation of people.”

– Vision of the UFS, 2012-2016





More on the Strategic Plan is available here.

# Strategic plan is the map for the next five years

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*By Lacea Loader*

**T**he university launched its Strategic Plan for 2012–2016 this year. This plan will guide and lead the institution’s activities for the next five years.

Prof. Jonathan Jansen, Vice-Chancellor and Rector, said: “For the past two years we thought long and hard at all levels about what the university wants to be and where we would like to position ourselves as a global university in the 21st century. Therefore consultations took place with a diverse group of stakeholders at the university and externally.”

The consultations have led to a Strategic Plan which neither looks nor sounds like those of any other tertiary institution countrywide. “With this, the UFS wished to propagate a clear message to the country that we are serious about academic standards and want to stand out in a competing world,” Prof. Jansen adds.

According to him, the Strategic Plan is based on the initiatives which the UFS has already started to shape and shall continue to shape over the next five years. “The plan gives an overview of the transformation in

process and provides a framework for those involved to contextualise, prioritise and value their own contributions.”

The aim of the Strategic Plan is to capture the breadth and depth of the initiatives being undertaken within the context of the institution’s new strategic direction. The initiatives are grouped under two main themes, namely the Academic Project and the Human Project.

The Academic Project strives towards academic excellence, setting high academic standards and pointing the way in, among others, the education system. The Academic Project is grouped into four clusters, namely student performance, academics’ performance, academic distinction and the academic culture of the campus.

The Human Project focuses on how we handle and communicate with one another – regardless of the boundaries which divided us in the past from one another. The Human Project is also grouped into four clusters, namely confronting prejudice, the culture of inclusiveness, equity, openness and accessibility, and community service and involvement.

“Consequently, the plan is not simply a representation of our proud heritage as a university, but also an indication of where we want to be in five years as a university par excellence,” Prof. Jansen said.

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# NRF-rated researchers grow strongly

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By Leatitia Pienaar



Dr Mariëka Gryzenhout

**T**hree researchers at the University of the Free State received B-ratings for 2013 from the National Research Foundation (NRF). Prof. Johan Henning, Dean of Law, obtained the highest rating in his field of mercantile law in South Africa, a B1.

Prof. Jackie Naudé of the Classical and Near Eastern Studies and Prof. Dingie Janse van Rensburg (Professor Extraordinary in the Centre for Health Systems Research and Development) also obtained a B3-rating. Prof. Naudé is the first B-rated researcher in the Faculty of Humanities.

In total the NRF-rated researchers at the UFS grew from 95 in 2011 to 109 in 2012, a growth of almost 15 percent.

The NRF ratings committee consist of three reviewers from South Africa and three from abroad. A rating is valid for six years and researchers must reapply for rating before the end of that period.

For a B1-rating *all* reviewers must be firmly convinced that the applicant enjoys considerable international recognition for the high quality of the researcher's recent output, with some indicating that the researcher is a leading international scholar in a field. For a B3-rating most of the reviewers must be convinced that the researcher enjoys international recognition for the high quality and impact of the research.

Prof. Jonathan Jansen, Vice-Chancellor and Rector, said in the UFS Research Report, "The UFS now has among the highest number of NRF-rated scientists per size of the academic faculty; and we have seen the productivity graph bear witness to a record growth in our funded research outputs; we have won our first-ever NRF/DST Research Chairs. In each of these achievements, the excellence we seek comes with and through the diversity we celebrate."

More ratings and renewals were expected by the time of going to print with Bult. More than 35 researchers applied for ratings or renewal of ratings.

- Colleagues who were admitted to the prestigious Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf) are Profs. Pumla Gobodo-Madikizela, Driekie Hay, Heidi Hudson, Lodewyk Kock, Odireleng Ntwaeaborwa, Hugh Patterton, Ian Phimister and Melanie Walker. ASSAf was established in 1996 with the mission of using science for the benefit of society. New members are elected after nomination by four existing members (at least two of whom do so from personal knowledge of the candidate). ASSAf has some 350 members and represents South Africa in the international community of science academies.
- Dr Mariëka Gryzenhout of Plant Sciences became a member of the South African Young Academy of Science (SAYAS). SAYAS celebrated its first year in 2012. It was launched as a means to enable South Africa's young scientists to fully participate in local and internationally relevant research and development agendas. Prof. Aldo Stroebel, Director: Internationalisation, is also a member of SAYAS.

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Prof. Dingie van Rensburg



Prof. Johan Henning



Prof. Jackie Naudé

# UFS gets three NRF chairs to boost research

*By Leatitia Pienaar*

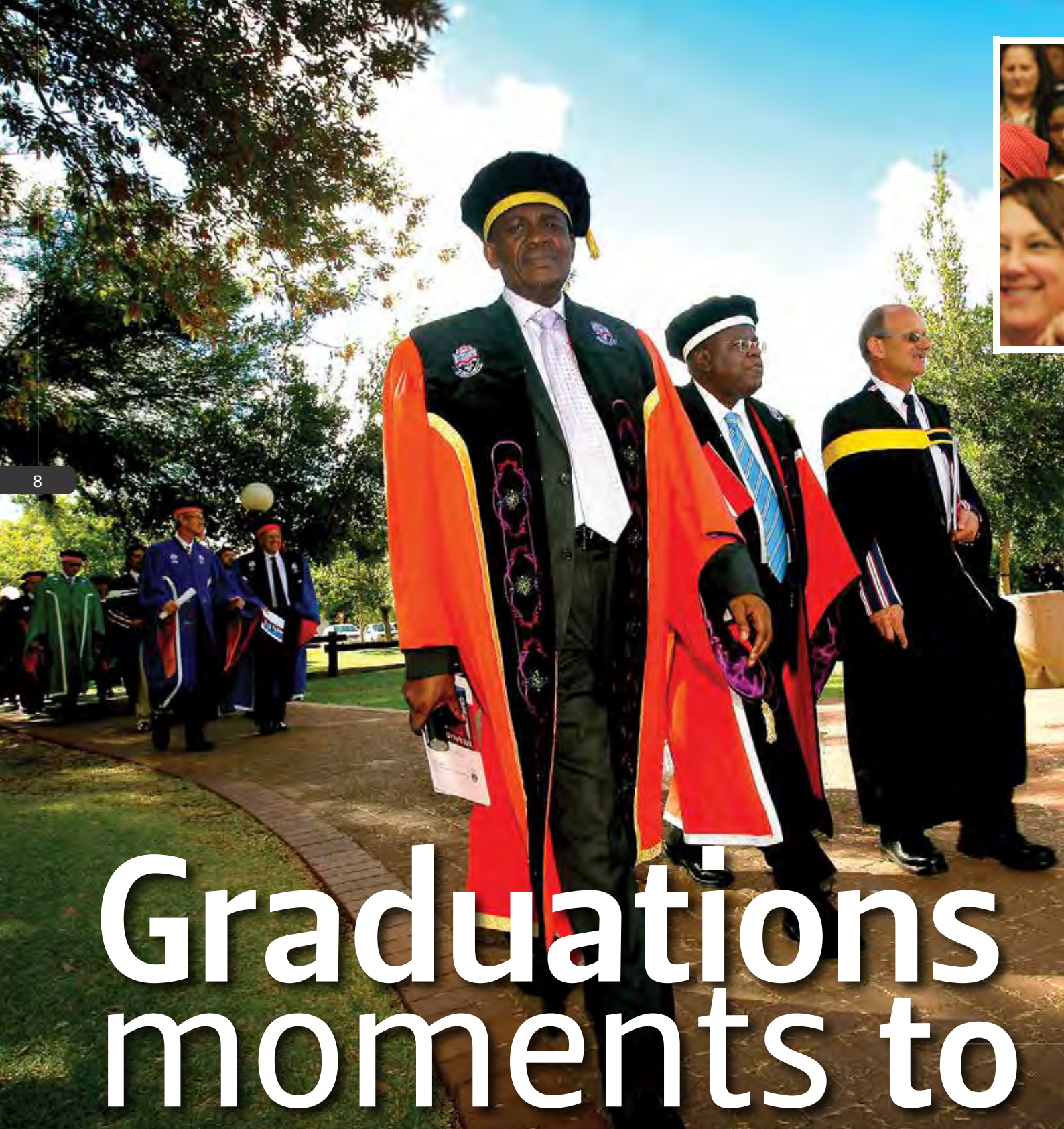
**T**he university won three prestigious SARChI/NRF Research Chairs, awarded to Profs. Melanie Walker (Human Development), Zakkie Pretorius (Plant Sciences), and Hendrik Swart (Physics).

The chairs were awarded in the field of solid state luminescent and advanced materials; higher education in human development; and disease resistance in field crops. The grants for the chairs in total amount to R7,5 million per year for the next ten years.

The UFS received the same number of chairs as the University of KwaZulu-Natal and the University of the Witwatersrand. The SARChI received 406 applications from 22 universities for 2011/2012. Following 25 panel meetings 60 were selected for the awarding of chairs.



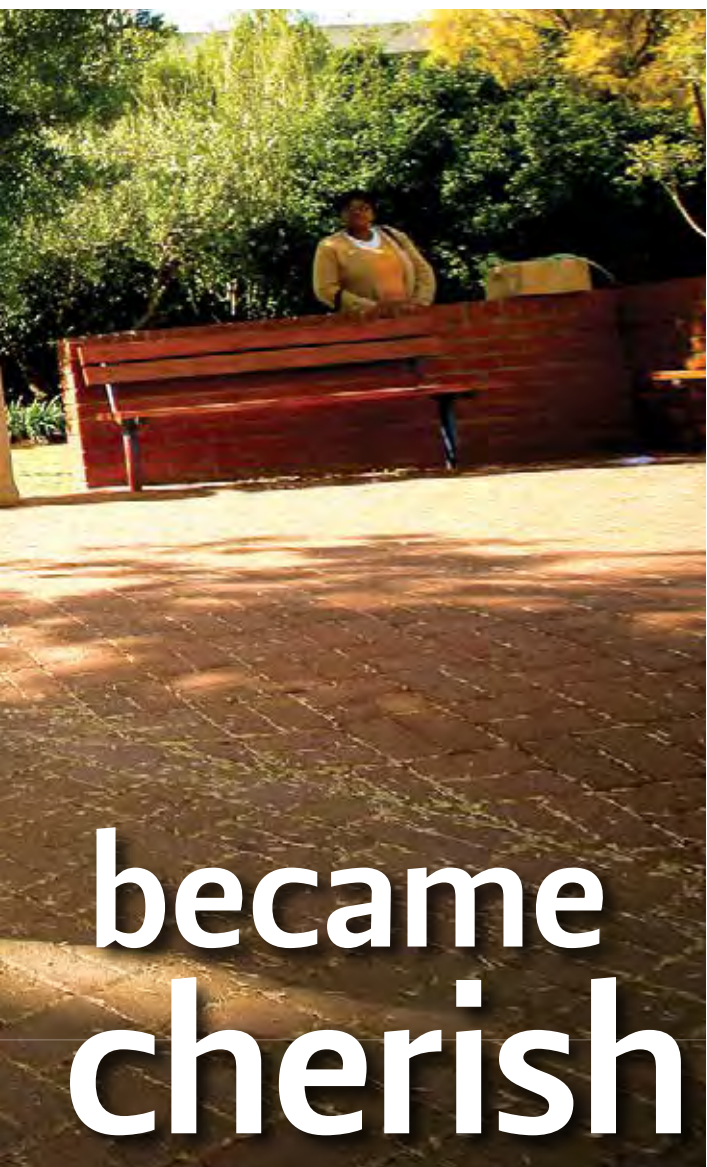




# Graduations moments to







# became cherish

**G**raduations at the university have become celebrations in their own right. And 2012 was no exception.

Students were honoured for their dedication and hard work during their studies and a procession of the academic heads and senior management were there to meet and congratulate them.

This year the graduations of the master's and doctoral students took place at a separate ceremony in June, bringing the number of graduation ceremonies to four for the year. A total of 82 doctorates has been conferred, the highest number for the UFS. Of the 481 master's degrees, 50 were awarded in the Centre for Sustainable Agriculture, Rural Development and Extension alone.

The university also awarded an honorary doctorate in Literature to the author Etienne van Heerden at the autumn graduation. In September the Olympic swimming sensation Chad Le Clos stole the heart of young and old.

The graduations at the Faculty of Health Sciences will take place in December.





# 10 Sentrums en eenhede bied 'n wêreld van regskenning

Deur Leonie Bolleurs

**D**ie Fakulteit Regsgeleerdheid is nie net een van die beste en oudste regs fakulteite in Suid-Afrika nie, dié fakulteit spog ook met buiten sy vyf departemente met sewe sentrums en eenhede vir opleiding, onderrig en gevorderde regsnavorsing.

Een van die sentrums is die Sentrum vir Finansiële Beplanningsreg (SFBR). Die universiteit is die eerste akademiese instelling in Suid-Afrika om formele nagraadse kwalifikasies met toegang tot lidmaatskap van die Instituut vir Finansiële Beplanning van Suid-Afrika aan te bied. Die gehalte-inhoud van die programme tesame met die aanbieders van die kursus, wat almal leiers is in die finansiële beplanningsveld, maak dié kursus die keuse van groot maatskappye, banke, versekeraars en beleggingsbestuurders om hul personeel in finansiële beplanning op te lei.

Die sentrum is ook die instansie wat vir die grootste getal studente (sowat 1 500 per jaar) kwalifikasies in die veld van Finansiële Beplanningsreg aanbied. Die kwalifikasies sluit in 'n Nagraadse Diploma in Finansiële Beplanning, Gevorderde Diploma in Finansiële Beplanning, LL.M. in Finansiële Beplanning, asook 'n B.Iuris, wat die eerste graad van sy soort is en vir die eerste keer in 2007 by die universiteit aangebied is.



# Regsgele

'n Sentrum wat opleiding oor arbeidsreg regoor Suid-Afrika verskaf, is die Sentrum vir Arbeidsreg, wat in 2009 tot stand gekom het. Dié sentrum het egter 'n geskiedenis aan die universiteit wat sover terug gaan as 2001 toe die Departement Handelsreg met die aanbieding van kortkursusse in Arbeidsreg begin het. Die Sertifikaat in Arbeidsreg is sedert 2004 deur die Gevorderde Kursus in Arbeidsreg gevolg. Sedert 2005 word ook 'n kortkursus in Alternatiewe Geskilbeslegting aangebied en in 2007 is die Nagraadse Diploma in Arbeidsreg ingestel.

Die Sentrum vir Boedelbeplanningsreg, wat in 2001 sy deure geopen het, fokus hoofsaaklik op simposiums en werksessies oor regsaspekte rakende boedelbeplanning, asook praktiese en teoretiese probleme soos versoek deur belanghebbendes in die regs- en finansiële beplanningsbedryf. Die sentrum is verantwoordelik vir die publikasie van die *Journal of Estate Planning Law/Tydskrif vir Boedelbeplanningsreg*.

Met die UV-Regskliniek gee die fakulteit terug aan die gemeenskap. Die kliniek is in 1985 begin om gratis regsadvies aan mense in nood te verskaf en om praktiese opleiding aan finalejaar-LL.B.-studente te gee. Die professionele personeel is almal toegelate prokureurs en/of praktiserende advokate. Gratis regsverteenvoording in straf- sowel as siviele sake word gelewer en personeel verskyn in laer sowel as hoër howe. Van die kliniekpersoneel dien ook as prinsipale vir die kandidaatprokureurs wat aangestel word in terme van 'n samewerkingsooreenkoms met die Departement Justisie en Grondwetlike Ontwikkeling.

Om navorsing en opleiding van persone en instansies op die gebied van kinderregte te bevorder, is die Eenheid vir Kinderregte in 2002 in samewerking met die Institute of Advanced Legal Studies van die Universiteit van Londen gestig. Dié eenheid het ook die Human Trafficking Initiative op die been gebring deur samewerking met verskeie nasionale en internasionale sleutelrolspelers wat hul beywer vir die bekamping van mensehandel.

Op die konferensie oor die bekamping van ernstige geweldsmisdad in 2007 is die ideaal van 'n interfakultêre instituut bepleit. Wat daaruit gevolg het, is die Sentrum vir Geregte Uitmendheid, 'n inisiatief van regter Faan Hancke, Buitengewone Hoogleraar in die Departement Prosesreg en Bewysleer. Met die stigting van hierdie sentrum is die Sentrum vir Voortgesette Regsopleiding en die Sentrum vir Regsetiek hierby ingelyf.

Laaste maar nie die minste nie, is die Sentrum vir Ondernemingsreg. Hierdie sentrum, wat in 1984 tot stand gekom het, is die fakulteit se oudste sentrum en is gestig om gevorderde navorsing op na-doktorale vlak oor Vennootskapsreg, Maatskappyreg, Beslote-korporasiereg en Handelstrustreg te stimuleer. Die sentrum doen en publiseer gespesialiseerde navorsing oor alle aspekte van die ondernemingsreg.

Die sentrum het reeds meer as 40 simposiums en werksessies aangebied oor aktuele regsontwikkelings, waarvan talle op internasionale vlak was. So het die sentrum die heel eerste landswye simposium aangebied oor die Wet op Beslote Korporasies (Wet 69 van 1984), die eerste Afrika-wye simposium oor ernstige en georganiseerde misdaad en die eerste internasionale simposium in Suid-Afrika oor maatskappyereghervorming en die eerste regswetenskaplike simposium oor die *stokvel*.

'n Hoogtepunt op die sentrum se kalender is die jaarlikse International Symposium on Organised and Economic Crime, wat in September te Jesus College, Universiteit van Cambridge, gehou word, en waarvoor die sentrum reeds sedert 1994 as organiserende instansie optree.

Die Sentrum vir Ondernemingsreg was vir meer as 'n dekade die amptelike navorsingsarm van die Vaste Advieskomitee oor Maatskappyreg wat ingevolge die vorige Maatskappywet (61 van 1973) verantwoordelik was vir die ontwikkeling van die Maatskappyreg.

Die sentrum is tans as Afrika-verteenvoorder betrokke by 'n internasionale navorsingsprojek oor korporatiewe sosiale verantwoordelikheid (CSR) wat deur die Universiteit van Oslo gefasiliteer word.

Die sentrum behartig ook die navorsingsreeks *Transaksies van die Sentrum vir Ondernemingsreg* waarin navorsing op postdoktorale vlak oor die Ondernemingsreg gepubliseer word. Sedert 1986 is 48 volumes in die reeks gepubliseer waarvan talle as handboeke vir die vakspesialis evalueer is en waardevolle geakkrediteerde navorsingsuitsette vir die fakulteit en die universiteit verdien het. Die Mededelingsreeks beskik oor 'n aktiewe internasionale redaksionele adviesraad, wat talle wêreldbekende kundiges, nasionaal en internasionaal, insluit.

Justice Dikgang Moseneke.

# Law students learn from the best of the best in the industry

By Leonie Bolleurs


**T**hey are all experts. On a daily basis, they make a huge impact in their respective law professions. Justice Richard Goldstone, Deputy Chief Justice Dikgang Moseneke, Profs. Barry Rider, John Kiggundu, Michael Martinek and John Farrar. And together with Prof. Jonathan Jansen, Vice-Chancellor and Rector at the UFS, they all delivered lectures in the Law Dean's Prestige Lecture series.

According to the Dean of Law, Prof. Johan Henning, the faculty's Prestige Lecture Series is an initiative to encourage, develop and expand academic discourse on topical jurisprudential issues and in related sciences, on the campus, nationally and internationally.

"Eventually, all the lectures will be published in the Transactions Research Series of the Centre of Business Law Series," Prof. Henning said.

Justice Goldstone, known for heading the influential Goldstone Commission investigations into political violence in South Africa, delivered the first Prestige Lecture this year. The topic of his lecture was "The future of international criminal justice". Students, academics and legal practitioners had an opportunity to engage with an expert who not only has extensive knowledge on the subject but also has experience. Justice Goldstone served as the first chief prosecutor of the United Nations




 A portrait of Justice Richard Goldstone, an older man with grey hair, wearing a dark suit, a light blue striped shirt, and a patterned tie. He is looking slightly to the left of the camera with a serious expression.
 

Justice Richard Goldstone.

International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia and for Rwanda from August 1994 to September 1996.

Referring to this investigation in his lecture, Justice Goldstone said, “International criminal law developed as a result of catastrophes. It was crimes such as the Holocaust that led to the Nuremberg Trials. However, international criminal law really came into being as a result of the catastrophic wars in the former Yugoslavia during the first half of the 1990s.

“The United Nations Security Council decided that it had the power to set up an International Criminal Court (ICC) for Yugoslavia, using its powers under the UN Charter. The successes of the UN tribunals led to a movement to set up a permanent ICC.

“Kofi Annan, then UN Secretary-General, called a diplomatic conference in The Hague in 1998 and a statute was agreed to setting up a permanent ICC. Before the court could begin its work, 60 nations had to ratify what was called the Rome Statute. Today 120 nations have ratified the statute and South Africa played a key role in getting the support of the first 60. South Africans can be proud of the role our government played here,” Justice Goldstone said.

Justice Moseneke also drew a big crowd, especially law students and members of the bench, to his lecture with the topic: “The influence of the Constitution on the Private Law”.

In 2012, addressing a topic that is of the utmost importance to South African lawyers in view of the provisions of the new Companies Act 71 of 2008, which will introduce the business judgment rule into South African company law, was Prof. John Farrar. He is a well-respected corporate law specialist and talked about “Directors’ duties of care – Issues of classification, solvency and business judgment and the dangers of legal transplants”.

Prof. Rider, vital role-player in the struggle to combat money laundering and organised and economic crime, also contributed to the Prestige Lecture series. His lecture focused on “Stewardship in Islamic Financial Law”.

From Southern Africa, Prof. John Kiggundu of the School of Law at the University of Botswana made his contribution to the lecture series by sharing lessons from Botswana with regard to company law reform in Southern Africa. From the Saarland University in Saarbrücken, Germany, Prof. Michael Martinek gave a lecture on “Comparative Jurisprudence – What good does it do?”

Prof. Jansen also contributed to the series with his paper “Education policy and the law in South Africa: a human perspective”. He pointed out a number of clashes of ideals in the South African school system. He strongly urged South Africans to protect the best schools and best universities for the future, ensuring that our grandchildren have a better future.

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## VSA-ambassadeur besoek UV

Amerika se Ambassadeur in Suid-Afrika het by die universiteit se Bloemfontein-kampus besoek afgelê. Mnr. Donald H. Gips en sy vrou het as 'n hoflikheidsbesoek middagete saam met prof. Jonathan Jansen, Visekanselier en Rektor, en sy vrou, Grace, geniet. Dr. Choice Makhetha, Viserektor: Eksterne Betrekkinge, het die ambassadeur vergesel op 'n besoek aan die Bloemfontein-Oos Intermediêre Skool. Die skool is in geheel met die hulp van die universiteit opgeknip. – Foto: Hannes Pieterse



## André Roodt leads ECA

History has been made by Prof. André Roodt, Chairperson of the Department of Chemistry. He has been elected as president of the European Crystallographic Association (ECA) and is the first African to hold this position. Prof. Roodt is also the first non-European in more than 40 years to be elected to this prestige position.



## Philippe Burger dien op OECD-adviespaneel

Prof. Philippe Burger, Hoof van die Departement Ekonomie in die Fakulteit Ekonomiese en Bestuurswetenskappe, is verkies tot lid van die Organisasie vir Ekonomiese Samewerking en Ontwikkeling (OECD) se adviesraad oor begroting en openbare besteding. Die OECD bevorder beleid wat die ekonomiese en maatskaplike welstand van mense wêreldwyd kan verbeter. Die nuwe paneel bestaan uit die organisasie se senior begrotingsamptenare en vooraanstaande akademici en ander kenners.



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## Beyers Naudé se seun lewer gedenklesing

Mnr. Johann Naudé, seun van dr. Beyers Naudé, het die eerste Naudé-lesing vir 2012 gelewer. Die lesingreeks word in samewerking met die Kagiso-trust aangebied. Johann Naudé se lesing het gefokus op "Samewerkende vennootskappe vir sosiale kohesie: Die bou van 'n nasie met etiek".

Die gedenklesing is aangebied om die lewe van dr. Beyers Naudé as 'n geestelike aktivis te herdenk en om

Suid-Afrikaners te betrek by 'n gesprek oor sake wat die nasie raak. Dr. Wilmot James, 'n parlamentslid, het gesê dat daar twee konsekwente dinge in die lewe van dr. Naudé was, naamlik geregtigheid en regverdigheid.

Sprekers soos mnr. Siphon Hlongwane, skrywer en rubriekskrywer vir *The Daily Maverick*, en me. Bontle Senne, Besturende Direkteur van die PUKU Stigting vir Kinderliteratuur, het lesings rondom dié tema aangebied.

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By die lesing was, van links: me. Bontle Senne, Besturende Direkteur van die PUKU Stigting vir Kinderliteratuur; mnr. Siphon Hlongwane, skrywer en rubriekskrywer vir *The Daily Maverick*; prof. Nicky Morgan, Viserektor: Bedryf aan die UV; mnr. Themba Mola, Hoofbedryfsbeampte by die Kagiso-trust; mnr. Johann Naudé, seun van dr. Beyers Naudé; en dr. Choice Makhetha, Viserektor: Eksterne Betrekkinge aan die UV. – Foto: Stephen Collett



## Rev. Frank Chikane speaks at lecture

"From his legacy one sees elements of someone building a nation with ethics," said Rev. Frank Chikane, a board member of the Kagiso Trust, at the Beyers Naudé memorial lecture. Rev. Chikane addressed the topic "Collaborative partnership for social cohesion: Building of a nation with ethics".

Rev. Chikane focused on the first 45 years in the life of Dr Beyers Naudé, sketching a picture of a man who lived for what he believed in. When this former minister of the Dutch Reformed Church and member of the Broederbond started to question the morality of the apartheid government after the Sharpeville Massacre in 1960, he changed some of his beliefs and started to play a big role in the struggle against apartheid.

"If one knew about 'Oom Bey's' earlier life, one would see how radical his contribution was in turning South Africa from a country on the brink of destruction to a country of peace," said Rev. Chikane.

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Rev. Frank Chikane delivers a lecture at the Beyers Naudé memorial lecture. – Photo: Stephen Collett

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## Regter Carol Lewis by Regte aangestel

Regter Carol Lewis het haar intreerede, met die titel “The uneven journey to uncertainty in contract”, in die Fakulteit Regsgeleerdheid gelewer. Sy het 'n noue verwantskap met die UV as 'n lid van die Collegium Jurisprudentium van die fakulteit, en sy is ook aangestel as Buitengewone Professor in die Departement Privaatreg. – Foto: Stephen Collett

## Prof. Jansen nominated for Lifetime Achievement Award for Africa

Prof. Jonathan Jansen, Vice-Chancellor and Rector, has been nominated for a Lifetime Achievement Award for Africa. The nomination was made by Education Africa, a non-profit organisation that assists disadvantaged South Africans in obtaining quality and relevant education. He also received the Paul Harris Award from the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International for his work, vision and achievements in higher education among people of the world.



## Prof. Henning appointed at London University

Prof. Johan Henning, distinguished professor and Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of the Free State (UFS), has been elected into a permanent Visiting Professorship in Comparative and Corporate Law at BPP University Law School in the United Kingdom.

Prof. Peter Crisp, Chief Executive and Dean of BPP Law School, said, “This is the very first time that BPP University has made such an appointment.” The proposal for his appointment at BPP Law School was supported by *inter alia* the University of the Free State, various judges of the SA Supreme Court of Appeal and the High Court as well as senior legal academics.

Prof. Henning has made significant contributions to legal review initiatives in the UK and Europe, lectured at law schools in the UK, Europe, the USA, China and Malaysia and served as UN specialist advisor in China.



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## Council members appointed

The following members were welcomed this year:

- Derek Foster, in the category appointed by the Council.
- Ruben Gouws, elected by the non-academic staff.
- Lorraine Kriek, elected by the Alumni.
- Themba Mmabi, representative of the Minister of Higher Education and Training.
- Sabelo Khumalo, SRC President, Qwaqwa Campus.
- William Clayton, SRC President, Bloemfontein Campus.
- Suraya Jawodeen, representative of the Minister of Higher Education and Training.
- Mr Dan Mosia, representative of the Minister of Higher Education and Training.

Judge Ian van der Merwe (left), Chairman of the UFS Council, and Prof. Suresh Kana, CEO of PwC Southern Africa and the Africa Region Senior Partner. Prof. Kana addressed the council on the King III Report earlier this year.

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## UFS and Varsity College partner for law degree

The UFS and Varsity College launched a partnership in which the Faculty of Law will offer a four-year LL.B. qualification through the UFS School of Open Learning on eight Varsity College campuses country wide, starting in 2013.

The CEO of ADVTECH, Mr Frank Thompson said, "This is a new beginning for Varsity College and the UFS. 'Learning together', the slogan for this project is very appropriate. We are excited to add new students to the University and Varsity College's line-up." The Faculty of Law will ensure that students obtain a thorough grounding in legal theory, as well as a solid practical foundation. Varsity College, through a strong commitment to innovative teaching and learning, will empower more students to become legal graduates of the highest calibre.

This partnership is the first of its kind, paving the way for increased collaboration between public and private tertiary institutions to best serve the education sector and the future of graduates.



## New Director of KovieRugby

Michael Horak was appointed as Director of KovieRugby this year. On his vision for rugby at the UFS, Michael said: "It is a great privilege for me to be involved with KovieRugby. I would like to give players the best chance to be successful. Winning is what it is about and I am really looking forward to the challenges that lie ahead for all of us."

His career includes the position of General Manager of the Cheetahs and Rugby Affairs at the Free State Rugby Union, a defence coach in Super Rugby, as well as senior Currie Cup teams and a rugby consultant for Grey College and Windhoek Gymnasium.



## Top sport achievers honoured

The university honoured its top achievers at a glamorous gala dinner in October 2012. Jamba Ulengo and Izelle Lategan were named the Sportsman and Sportswoman of the year respectively. The Junior Sportsman and Sportswoman for 2012 are Raymond Rhule and Tanya Brits. Here are, from the left: Raymond, Prof. Teuns Verschoor, Vice-Rector: Institutional Affairs, and Jamba Ulengo, Sportsman of the year. Izelle and Tanya were not present at the event. – Photo: Leonie Bolleers.

## Kovsies produces another Mandela Rhodes Scholar

Joanie van der Merwe, a B.A. Honours Communication Science student, has been awarded the prestigious Mandela Rhodes Scholarship. She has been selected as one of 29 students from across the continent to receive the scholarship for 2013. The scholarship is awarded to young Africans who demonstrate academic and leadership potential.

This is the second successive year that the university has produced a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Kovsie student Jaco Griessel was one of 23 students who received the bursary in 2011 for studies this year.







## SRC president receives Abe Bailey bursary

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Richard Chemaly, president of the Student Representative Council for 2011-2012, is one of 17 students countrywide who received the sought-after Abe Bailey Travel Bursary. He was chosen from hundreds of UFS applicants and departed for Britain in November, to visit several universities in England and Scotland.

Richard, a postgraduate LL.B. student, says it is a great honour to follow in the footsteps of previous Abe Bailey bursary holders such as Philip Tobias, Max Price, Tony Frost and Eusebius McKaiser. "It certainly is a stepping stone and one I intend to make the most of."

## Quantity Surveying student receives prestigious award

Michael van der Merwe, a student from the Department of Quantity Surveying and Construction Management, received the Kenneth K. Humphreys award. The award is for the most outstanding article in the field of quantity surveying written by a student or young practitioner of a member association of the International Cost Engineering Council (ICEC), for 2010-2012.

Michael van der Merwe (right) receives the award from Mr Murtala A. Olodapo, Chairman of ICEC.

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## Business leaders gather to hear about developments

A function attended by business leaders, members of the UFS Council, alumni and members of the media was held by the university's corporate office in Johannesburg earlier this year. Prof. Jonathan Jansen, Vice-Chancellor and Rector, addressed the audience, informing them about developments at the university. Here are, from the left: Prof. Jansen, Mrs Grace Jansen, Mr Gideon Sam, President of the South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee (SASCOC), Mrs Margaret Kieswetter, and Mr Edward Kieswetter, Vice-Chairperson of the UFS Council and Chief Executive Officer of Alexander Forbes. – Photo: Supplied



## Kovies have extraordinary talent

Kovies has talent, and the annual Kovie Extravaganza is proof of it. Hundreds of people attended the Kovie Extravaganza Zircus this year. Friends, family and lovers of the arts watched the amazing performances by students from our Bloemfontein and Qwaqwa Campuses. South African singer-songwriter and poet Zahara also wowed the crowd.

The Kovie Extravaganza had a circus theme. Clowns ensured that the audience remained enthusiastic. The university's orchestra added a touch of elegance to the show and the choirs brought musical harmony to the event. There were performances of rap, pop, drama and poetry.



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## UFS student wins IDC Business Plan Competition

The Industrial Development Corporation (IDC) and the Business School launched a Business Plan competition with MBA students registered for New Venture Creation. The prize winners were awarded at the UFS Business School annual gala dinner. Landi Kieck won a cash prize of R10 000 that was sponsored by IDC. Seen here are, from the left: Jowell Tobias (IDC), Lynette Essey (IDC), Landi Kieck (first-prize winner), Jeanie Britz (second-prize winner), Zanele Monnagotla (Head of Innovation, IDC) and Prof. Helena van Zyl (Director UFS Business School).



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## Ses Kovies in Stanford Sophomore College-program

Ses studente – Elri Marais, Palesa Mafisa, Goodwill Shelile, Foster Lubbe, Gabriella Schroder en Saheed Abdullah – is deel van die Stanford Sophomore College-program, 'n residensiële somerprogram vir tweedejaarstudente. Hulle is sedert die begin van September 2012 saam met medestudente en professore by Stanford betrokke by die intense akademiese bestudering van 'n verskeidenheid innoverende, multidissiplinêre onderwerpe. Foster sê: “Die klasse is baie interaktief. Dit is ongelooflik om te sien hoe effektief studente en dosente tydens klasse van tegnologiese hulpmiddels, veral die vinnige internet, gebruik maak.”

Foster en Palesa is besig met 'n kursus oor “Gemengde Ras in die Nuwe Millennium”, Elri en Abdullah oor “Die betekenis van die Lewe,” en Gabriella en Goodwill met een oor “Spookstories.”

## Graan SA vereer Maryke Labuschagne

Prof. Maryke Labuschagne van die Departement Plantwetenskappe is as Graan Suid-Afrika se Wetenskaplike van die Jaar aangewys. Die toekenning word van tyd tot tyd gemaak en dit was die eerste keer ooit dat 'n vrou die toekenning gekry het. Dit word aan wetenskaplikes gemaak wat 'n bydrae tot die graanbedryf in Suid-Afrika maak.

Die toekenning is gemaak op grond van werk wat die departement doen op glutenproteïene in koring, en hoe dit bakkwaliteit beïnvloed, sowel as die werk wat gedoen word op hoë-lisien- en triptofaan-mielies (sogenaamde “Quality Protein Maize”) in die Afrika-konteks.





Elzmarie Oosthuizen (middle) with Prof. John Brock of Colorado University in Colorado Springs and Prof. Claudia Parliament of Minnesota University.

# Elzmarie honoured internationally for economic education

An exceptional honour has been bestowed on Elzmarie Oosthuizen of the Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences with the awarding of the Patricia K. Elder International Award to her in America at the beginning of October 2012.

The award is made by the National Association of Economic Educators and the Council for Economic Education (CEE). It gives recognition to individuals whose outstanding and committed service makes a meaningful impact on the delivery of economic education worldwide. The award was made to her at the 51th annual Financial Literacy and Economic Education Conference in Kansas City, Missouri.

Elzmarie is Manager: Teaching and Learning in the faculty. She was originally appointed to manage various projects to better prepare students for what is expected of them. She teaches in the extended programme and achieved success with bridging mathematics and the changing methodologies that she uses.

She plays an active role in international economic education programming. Elzmarie was an essential element in the development of CEE's programmes in South Africa and has now moved to expand economic education programmes to Namibia, Lesotho and Botswana.

She successfully participated in the CEE's *Train the Writers* programme and lobbied the CEE to provide a mentoring programme that would prepare participants to offer a training of writers programme within their own country. This year, she presented the first writers programme for South African teachers.

Claudia Parliament, Director of the Minnesota Council on Economic Education, said in her recommendation for the award: "Elzmarie is a change agent. She has boundless energy. Few can keep up with her work pace. She has put economic education on the map in South Africa and she is poised to have a similar impact in other countries in southern Africa."

Elzmarie says: "I feel very honoured to have received this award." Since 2004, she has worked very hard and trained some 800 teachers. In 2011, some 200 000 children were reached through the training.



# Charlotte Maxeke lecture draws women from **all corners**



**O**n Saturday 4 August 2012 the Bloemfontein Campus was abuzz with thousands of ANC Women's League members from all over South Africa who attended the fifth annual Charlotte Maxeke Memorial lecture.

The memorial lecture is a joint venture between the Free State Provincial Government and the UFS and forms part of Women's Month celebrations. President Jacob Zuma was the guest speaker.

The lecture focuses on issues and challenges affecting women. The first lecture was dedicated to Charlotte Maxeke's life and times as well as the early years of

the Bantu Women's League, the forerunner of the ANC Women's League. Previous speakers include Deputy Minister of Higher Education and Training, Prof. Hlengiwe Mkhize, and Ms Baleka Mbete, national Chairperson of the ANC and former Speaker of the National Parliament.

Charlotte Maxeke was the first African woman to graduate in South Africa and one of the first black South Africans to fight for freedom from exploitative social conditions for African women.

The lecture was also attended by Ms Angie Motshekga, Basic Education Minister and President of the ANC Women's League, Mr Ace Magashule, Free State Premier, and Ms Sisi Ntombela, MEC: Social Development and the Free State Chairperson of the ANC Women's League.

# Vir Argitektuur was 2012 'n jaar om te vier

**D**ie Departement Argitektuur het 'n besonder opwindende jaar beleef. Drie van sy programme het 'n verlengde onvoorwaardelike bekragting (*validation*) ontvang, en van sy studente en personeel het die oog van die argitektuurwêreld nasionaal en internasionaal gevang.

Die South African Council for the Architectural Profession (SACAP) en die Commonwealth Association of Architecture (CAA) het die programme BAS, BAS (Hons.) en M.Arch. (Prof.) onvoorwaardelik bekragtig. Die programme word elke vier jaar geëvalueer en die vorige beoordeling in 2008 was ook onvoorwaardelik.

Mnr. Jonathan Manning, voorsitter van die raad van agt lede wat die departement besoek het, het gesê die departement se standaarde het verder verhoog. Hy het waardering uitgespreek vir die unieke spesialisbenadering ten opsigte van alternatiewe boumetodes, toere, winterskole, die jaarlikse Sophia Gray-lesing, die goeie dosente-span en die funksionele Argitektuur-gebou op die Bloemfontein-kampus.







Mnr. Henry Pretorius by die gedenkplaat.  
- Foto: Leatitia Pienaar



Jurie Swart saam met me. Martie Bitzer, Hoof van die Departement Argitektuur. – Foto: Verskaf.

Twee lede van die raad wat besoek afgelê het, is van die CAA.

Mev. Martie Bitzer, Departementele Voorsitter, sê die bekragtiging bewys dat die programme nie net nasionaal erkenning geniet nie, maar ook internasionaal. “Dit bevestig dat studente op die regte tyd op die regte plek is in terme van die visie wat die UV vir homself uitgestippel het, naamlik om ’n internasionaal erkende universiteit te wees.”

Die bekragtiging van die CAA beteken dat die kwalifikasies in al die Statebondslande erkenning geniet.

Vroeër in 2012 is ’n gedenkplaat by die bekroonde taxistaanplek op die Bloemfontein-kampus onthul. Die gedenkplaat is aangebring ter erkenning van ’n Toekenning van Uitnemendheid, wat in 2010 deur die Suid-Afrikaanse Instituut vir Argitekte (SAIA) vir die taxiterminusus gemaak is.

- Hierdie toekenning was ’n eerste vir die Vrystaat. Argitek Henry Pretorius van Typology Architects, en ’n dosent in Argitektuur aan die UV, was die jongste lid ooit om deur die instituut met sy hoogste toekenning vereer te word. Mnr. Pretorius het ook ’n toekenning vir argitektuur van die Vrystaatse Instituut vir Argitekte ontvang.

- Jurie Swart is aangewys as die streekswenner van die Corobrik Argitektuurstudent van die Jaar-toekenning. Jurie is ’n argitek by Die Roodt Vennootskap in Bloemfontein. Sy projek, *Borderline – mediated landscape, ’n Waternavorsingsentrum vir die Universiteit van die Vrystaat (Qwaqwa-kampus)*, stel ondersoek in of natuur en argitektuur kan versoen om ’n hibriede oplossing in ’n wye landskap te word wat sy verwysing na tyd en plek verloor het. Jurie het met hierdie wen-projek aan die internasionale The 2012 Graduate Architecture Projects deelgeneem en eervolle vermelding gekry.

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Gebruik die meegaande Qtag om die 2012 Graduate Architecture Projects se webblad te besoek.

# Kampusse 'n miernes van bou-bedrywighe

**D**ie kampusse van die universiteit is deurlopend 'n miernes van bou- en opknappingsaktiwiteite. Vanjaar het die twee nuwe koshuise wat op die westelike deel van die Bloemfontein-kampus (in die algemeen somer die Weskampus) in aanbou is, die meeste belangstelling gelok. Heelwat aktiwiteite vind ook op die Qwaqwa-kampus plaas.

Behalwe vir nuwe geboue wat verrys en opgradering van bestaande geboue, is baie aandag ook gegee aan klimaatbeheer in geboue en die toegang tot geboue, veral vir mense met gestremdhede.

Die Noordblok (een van die geboue langs die Hoofgebou) is een van die geboue wat ingerig is vir 'n nuwe funksie. Maatskaplike Werk het op die eerste vloer plek gemaak vir nuut ingerigte kantore vir Direkoraat vir Institusionele Navorsing en Akademiese Beplanning (DINAB) en die afdeling Strategiese Kommunikasie.

Onder die geboue wat opgeknop is, is die Albert Wessels-ouditorium (AWO) en die CR Swart-gebou. Die AWO met sy 196 sitplekke is in 'n hoërklas ouditorium omskep. Die projek is in November voltooi, sê Louis Badenhorst van Fisiese Beplanning. Die CR Swart-gebou ondergaan opgradering, wat onder meer verbeterings aan die ligte







'n Koshuis op die Qwaqwa-kampus. – Foto: Anja Aucamp



Sentrum vir Finansiële Beplanningsreg. – Foto: Hannes Pieterse

en plafonne in die ingangsportaal en veranderings aan die staproete na die gebou insluit.

'n Opwindende toevoeging tot die fasiliteite van die Fakulteit Gesondheidswetenskappe in die Francois Retief-gebou is die inrigting van 'n simulatie-eenheid van wêreldklas.

Die twee koshuise op die Weskampus sal akkommodasie aan 500 studente verskaf en in 'n mate aan 'n groot behoefte aan studenteverblyf voorsien. Die UV het reeds 24 residensiële koshuise. Die twee nuwe koshuise sal in Januarie 2013 betrek kan word.

'n Nuwe gebou vir die Sentrum vir Finansiële Beplanningsreg sal ook in Januarie 2013 open.

'n Nuwe koshuis is Januarie 2012 op die Qwaqwa-kampus voltooi. Studente op die Qwaqwa-kampus

kan ook uitsien na 'n bykomende koshuis op die kampus, wat in 2013 gebou sal word. Die koshuis is nog in die beplanningsfase. Verder word daar ook opgraderings vir die hoofingang na die kampus en die moniteringsfasiliteite op dié kampus beplan, soortgelyk aan dié van die Bloemfontein-kampus, deur kameras en rooipaaltjies met paniekknoppies aan te bring.

Op die Suid-kampus sal toeganklikheid baie aandag geniet.

Aandag word ook gegee aan die inrigting van fasiliteite vir Maatskaplike Werk in die Flippie Groenewoud-gebou, die inrigting van fasiliteite in die Benito Khotseng-gebou vir senior professore en omvattende verbeteringe aan die UV-Sasol-Biblioteek.



Die nuwe koshuise in aanbou op die Bloemfontein-kampus. – Foto: Hannes Pieterse



# Growing Bloemfontein

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The Bloemfontein Campus of the University of the Free State is a fast developing nucleus in the City of Roses. This aerial photo was taken during the year. The rest of the photographs date back to 1914 and 1970.





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# Thought-provoking lectures at Business School

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Dr Reuel Khoza

**T**he UFS Business School presented thought-provoking and insight-bringing lectures during the course of 2012.

The Protea coach, Gary Kirsten, took part in an interview session led by Prof. Johann Coetzee, Extraordinary Professor at the Business School. He shared his philosophies and management style with the audience and took the audience through the challenges he had faced as coach of the Indian cricket team. The audience got a glimpse of the person often seen on television screens and they travelled with him from his childhood days at the Newlands Cricket Ground to his days in New Delhi as head coach of the Indian team.

His central driving force was: "Can I make a difference in someone's life? It is an incredible privilege to make a difference in people's lives. You must create an environment for people to enjoy the game, challenge each other and thrive."

Dr Reuel Khoza, Chairman of Nedcor, addressed the issue of visionary leadership and said some leaders lose touch with their people and become leaders in limbo and perish. Great leaders ensure their replacement. Business leadership without secession spells doom.

He also emphasised the necessity of leadership development for the youth. Without this, there will be no future. "The future of the nation resides in the youth."

Zelda la Grange said the retired President's principles were important for business. Ms La Grange, the right hand of Mr Nelson Mandela for 18 years, shared some of his principles and said: "Respect a person's time. That is the ultimate show of respect for a human being."

She was Mr Mandela's private secretary and became his private assistant on his retirement. At a lunch-time lecture she shared her life with the global icon and believes his principles are also good business ethics.

Some of the principles are: the better thing to do is the right thing to do; if you are late, you are disrespecting other people; and the way you approach people determines the way they will treat you.





Prof. Helena van Zyl (left), Director of the Business School, and Zelda la Grange



# UFS makes a difference

By Lacea Loader

In support of its Human and Academic Projects, the UFS has initiated several projects to enhance the quality of teaching in schools in the Free State.

In the **Schools Change Project**, 21 underperforming high schools in the areas surrounding the UFS are part of a unique intervention project intended to turn around the learner performance of these institutions, especially in the last three grades of high school, leading to the senior certificate examination. Expert teachers and experienced principals work alongside the teachers and resident principal and his/her school management team to enhance their capacity. Benefits of the project include massive improvements in the 2011 Grade 12 examinations in schools such as Bainsvlei Combined School, which had a 14,3% pass rate in 2009. In 2011 the school achieved a pass rate of 100%.

The **First Generation Student Project** identifies academically talented Grade 10 and 11 learners from the 21 schools in the Schools Change Project who have the potential to become first-generation university students, exposing them to a rigorous learning programme in which they develop the academic literacy skills needed to be successful at university. This is done by completing, over a two-year period, one first-year university course for which the learners will receive credit. The first intake was in 2012. Classes take place on Saturdays and during the holidays so as not to interfere with the school curriculum.

With the **ICT innovation in school education (ICTISE)** project the UFS, in cooperation with the Free State Department of Education, is advancing education through the innovative use of information and communication technology in teaching, learning, and leadership in schools and the sustainable support thereof. One of the main initiatives is the Internet Broadcast Project, through which live interactive curriculum support is provided to Grade 10-12 learners

and teachers in 68 schools in the province over the internet by means of weekly broadcasts of subjects such as Mathematics, Physical Science and Accounting by expert teachers. These lessons are made available for free to download after the broadcast.

The **Family Math and Family Science programme** of the university's School of Open Learning helps to demystify Mathematics and Science for learners and parents in the early school years by raising their levels of understanding and changing their attitudes towards these two subjects. This is done by exposing learners to Mathematics and Science activities on a regular basis in the classroom and integrating the activities into the curriculum. The Grade 3 learners and parents of 20 feeder schools of the 10 FET schools in the Schools Change Project in Thaba Nchu and Botshabelo will implement this programme from the beginning of 2013.

The **University Preparation Programme (UPP)** offers alternative access into mainstream university studies. The programme, presented at the South Campus in Bloemfontein, offers a 10-subject strategic programme in human and social sciences, natural and agricultural sciences and economic and management sciences. Students also follow compulsory basic skills and competencies and academic literacy courses. Since 1993, more than 4 500 students have successfully completed the programme and gone on to degree studies at universities. Since 1996, 2 051 students obtained degrees at the UFS via the UPP.

The university's involvement in the **Extreme Make-over for Schools Change Project** includes a partnership with the Free State Department of Basic Education and the Bloemfontein business community, to work together to launch the first of a number of newly upgraded schools to learners, teachers and the community. Bloem-Oos Intermediary School is the first school in Bloemfontein to undergo an extreme makeover. The school has, among other things, been refurbished, fenced, bathrooms have been upgraded and a classroom has been turned into a library.





# UFS Business School one of the best in SA

**T**he UFS Business School is one of top business schools in South Africa in a survey by *Finweek* and MBAConnect.net.

MBAConnect.net is the biggest social network for MBAs in South Africa.

More than 10 000 MBA graduates and students were invited to take part in the survey and 1 575 of them completed it. More than half of the respondents are in senior or executive positions.

The respondents rated the school as the school with the highest percentage of respondents saying they had

definitely made the right choice in doing an MBA: second with 92% (average 86%)

The UFS Business School shared first place with its alumni averaging the shortest payback period amongst those who thought the MBA was worth it. Its score was 1.1 years (average 1.8 years)

The report says across all schools, at least 73% of students report a negative impact on their stress levels. In the worst case, this goes up to 94%. The impact on the UFS's students was the lowest at 18%. The average was 81%. At least a quarter of students in all schools report a negative impact on their health, and it goes up to 47% in the worst case. The UFS got 0 (nil) in the category for serious impact.

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## All the way from Europe

The quality of the programmes of the Business School and the valued interaction between staff and students were also noticeable in the fact that three of the graduates travelled all the way from Europe to take part in the graduation ceremony.

Two of them were exchange students who were so captivated by the university and the country that they undertook their MBA studies at the Business School. Friederike Hackelberg of Bremen, Germany, was an exchange student in 2008 and extended her stay to do an MBA. Johanna Kössler of Bolzano, Italy, was also an exchange student who succumbed to the charms of the

UFS and South Africa. She brought her parents, George and Nannie, and her sister, Magdalena, with her to attend the graduation ceremony.

Kasina Baker of Warsaw, Poland, began her studies while her husband was working in Kenya. She wanted to study at a quality institution and thus chose the UFS's Business School.

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**Smiles on an important day. From the left: Kasina Baker, Friederike Hackelberg and Johanna Kössler.**

– Photo: Stephen Collett.

# Jaco Jacobs skep avonture vir jongklomp

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**M**eer as 70 boeke uit sy pen het al die lig gesien en daar is nog baie avonture vir die oud-Kovsie en bekroonde kinderboekskrywer Jaco Jacobs om op papier vas te lê. Jaco, wat in 2002 sy studies aan Kovsies voltooi het, het reeds 12 ATKV-toekennings agter sy naam en vroeër in 2012 is van sy boeke in die skrywerskamer van ons Departement Afrikaans en Nederlands, Duits en Frans opgeneem. **Amanda Tongha** het met hom gesels oor sy skryfwerk.





## Wat geniet jy van kinder- en jeugboeke skryf?

Ek dink ek geniet veral die vryheid wat 'n kinder- en-jeugboekskrywer het. Jy kan regtig vrye teuels aan jou verbeelding gee. Ek sê altyd grootmense is al daaraan gewoond om verveel te word – ons wag elke dag in vervelinge rye, vul vervelinge vorms in, doen dikwels vervelinge dinge by die werk. Daarom gee grootmense dikwels ook nie om om vervelinge boeke te lees nie. Kinders is anders. Jy moet hulle op elke bladsy boei met die storie, anders verloor hulle belangstelling daarin. Dit is 'n lekker uitdaging vir 'n skrywer.

## Jy is 'n bekroonde skrywer. Wat is jou suksesresep of die suksesresep om 'n goeie kinderboekskrywer te wees?

Sommige skrywers hou nie daarvan om dit te hoor nie, maar ek glo die suksesresep is: Ken jou mark. Weet vir wie jy skryf. Lees genoeg kinder- en jeugboeke sodat jy weet hoe die hedendaagse mark lyk en wat kinders deesdae lees. Sodoende kan jy jou kreatiwiteit in 'n “bemarkbare” vorm giet.

## Watter boeke het jy as kind gelees? Watter boeke geniet jy nou?

Ek het op 'n Karoodorpie, Carnarvon, grootgeword en letterlik die biblioteek van hoek tot kant deurgelees. Ek was as kind veral mal oor avontuurverhale, grilboeke en spookstories, en jy kan my as volwassene steeds in 'n wip vang met die nutste Stephen King-roman! Van my ander gunstelingskrywers is Marlene van Niekerk, J.M. Coetzee, J.K. Rowling en Jonathan Safran Foer.

## Op wie toets jy jou boeke?

Ek het in Februarie vanjaar (2012) die pa van 'n baie oulike babadogtertjie geword. Ek het my reeds voor haar geboorte voorgeneem om nie eendag my boeke op haar te probeer “toets” nie – soos ek kinders ken, gaan sy in elk geval heel waarskynlik nie eendag dink haar pa se boeke is baie *cool* nie! My uitgewer stuur my manuskripte meestal voor publikasie vir jong lesers om daarop kommentaar te lewer, wat dikwels help om die eindproduk meer lesersvriendelik te kry. Maar eintlik skryf ek primêr vir die kind wat ek self as elfjarige was – die leesmal outjie wat drie of vier keer 'n week biblioteek toe is om 'n stapel lekker boeke te gaan uitneem.

## Vertel 'n bietjie van jou familie.

Ek en my vrou, Elize, en ons dogtertjie, Mia, woon in Bloemfontein. My pa boer steeds by Carnarvon. Ek het verlede jaar 'n huis daar gekoop, en dalk keer ons in 'n stadium terug soontoe.

## Skryf jy ook “grootmensboeke”?

Ek skryf gereeld rubrieke vir volwassenes, en van my kortverhale vir grootmense het al saam met ander skrywers s'n in versamelbundels verskyn. Tot dusver het ek as skrywer egter nog nie die stamina gehad om 'n volwasse roman aan te pak nie. Dis nog 'n lekkerte van kinderboeke – die feit dat dit korter is. My aandagspan is nie baie lank nie!

## Wanneer het jy geweet jy wil 'n skrywer wees?

Die eerste keer toe ek 'n boek vasgehou het waarin een van my stories gepubliseer is. Dit was in my graadnegejaar, as ek reg onthou, en die boek was 'n bundeltjie met bekroonde verhale van die Bloemfonteinse Skrywersvereniging se jaarlikse skryfkompetisie.

## In watter jaar was jy by Kovies en wat het jy geswot?

Ek was van 1999 tot 2002 'n Koviesie. Ek het B.A. (Kommunikasiekunde) geswot en my honneurs in Afrikaans en Nederlands gedoen.

# The “Spear” fleshed out in conversation

The UFS created an opportunity to flesh out the perspectives and views on the controversial painting by artist Bret Murray, *Beyond the Spear*. The painting caused high drama in South Africa with Sunday newspaper City Press and its editor as well as the Goodman Gallery in the firing line.

What were South Africans left with after *The Spear*? More importantly, what did we learn from *The Spear*? These were the issues discussed at the seminar hosted in conjunction with acclaimed journalists.

They were Mr Justice Malala (political analyst, journalist and host of the news show, *The Justice Factor*), Mr Nic Dawes (editor-in-chief of *Mail & Guardian*), Mr Max du Preez (investigative journalist and political columnist) and Ms Ferial Haffajee (editor of *City Press*). They presented their views and experiences on the public’s perceptions of the artwork.

Prof. Jonathan Jansen, Vice-Chancellor and Rector, said of the purpose of the seminar, “This being South Africa, there will be more ‘Spears’. More public crises will unfold that divide the nation and that will stir the emotions. We need to understand what happened so that we are better prepared to deal with the coming ‘Spears’.”

Issues of leadership, South Africa’s hurtful past and the freedom of expression were some of the topics raised by the panellists.

“This has taught us that South Africans – especially the older generation – still need to vent their anger... White South Africa must be patient and allow black citizens to shout at them,” said Mr Du Preez. He warned that this anger should serve a constructive purpose. Politicians would do anything, including messing with the country’s stability, to further their own interests. “From now on we need to be far more alert, far more cynical about our politicians.”

Mr Dawes said the debates around *The Spear* were very painful considering where the nation had come from. The painting opened up painful pasts and difficult spaces. “It is up to the media to open up these difficult spaces.” The painting also brought up questions of how South Africans deal and live with pain. “South Africa must live with its past. The debate should now be how to preserve space for the country’s ghosts and how its citizens could get the resilience to deal with it.”

Ms Haffajee, who was caught in the crossfire between freedom of expression and human dignity and who refused to remove a picture of the painting from the *City Press* website, said that the media was viciously played by politicians. “This had shown that achieving freedom took many lives, but it took very little to kill it.” She said *The Spear* was art that it is part of a rich cultural heritage of protest art.

Mr Malala said with the debates around *The Spear*, something died in South Africa. “The debate was taken away from us. We let politicians get to us.”

For the podcast of the discussion, go to:



Photo: Discussing weighty issues at the UFS were from left: Nic Dawes, editor-in-chief, *Mail & Guardian*; Justice Malala: political commentator and newspaper columnist; Max du Preez: investigative journalist and political columnist; Ferial Haffajee: editor, *City Press*; and Prof. Jonathan Jansen; Vice-Chancellor and Rector.





# Navorising

# UV se nano-tegnologie bring deurbrake in kankernavorsing

Deur Leatitia Pienaar



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**D**ie mens bestaan uit miljoene baie klein selletjies wat ons sigbaar is vir die blote oog. Die nanotegnologiespan aan die UV het 'n tegniek ontwikkel wat navorsers in staat stel om binne so 'n selletjie asook ander mikro-organismes rond te kyk. Hierdeur kan hulle 'n idee kry hoe die sel se “ingewande” lyk en waar veral metale soos goud voorkom.

Die UV-span, bestaande uit professore Lodewyk Kock (Biotegnologie), Hendrik Swart (Fisika), Pieter van Wyk (Sentrum vir Mikroskopiese) asook drs. Chantel Swart (Biotegnologie en UV Prestige Scholar), Carlien Pohl (Biotegnologie) en Liza Coetsee (Fisika en UV Prestige Scholar), het tot hul verbasing gesien dat die binnekant van selle uit 'n doolhof klein tonnelljies of blasies bestaan. Elke tonnelljie is sowat 100 en meer nanometers in deursnee, sowat een tienduizendste van 'n millimeter, wat in 'n doolhof deur die selle vleg.

'n Deel van die deurbraak is gedoen met die NanoSAM -apparaat by die Departement Fisika, wat aangekoop is met geld wat vanaf die NRF/DST NNEP-program ontvang is.

Prof. Kock sê die vraag was: wat maak hierdie tonnelljies in die sel? Is dit selorganelle (insluitsels) wat die sel aan die lewe hou?

Intussen is ontdek dat dit die “longe” van die selletjies is en hierdie ontdekking kry die nodige internasionale

erkenning deur vir die hele 2013 op die omslag van die 12 uitgawes van die top-gisjoernaal FEMS Yeast Research uitgebeeld te word. Die artikel is in Oktober 2012 aanlyn geplaas op: <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1567-1364.12004.x/abstract>.

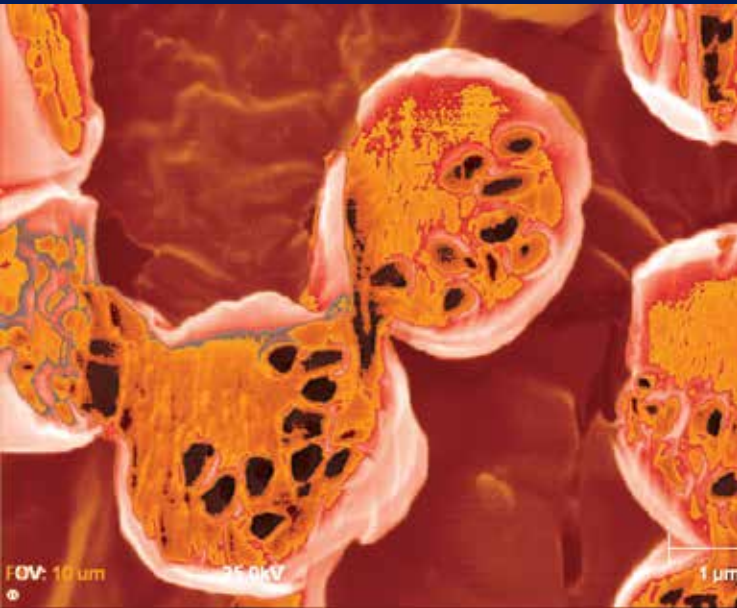
UV-navorsers voel soos Theseus uit die Griekse Mitologie op soek na die Minotaur in 'n doolhof van tunnels met slegs Ariadne se garingdraad om hul weg terug te vind om hul bevindings bekend te maak.

Groot wêreldwye belangstelling rakende hierdie deurbraak word ondervind. Veral die beroemde Mayo-kliniek in die VSA wil nou saam met die UV werk om veral in meer detail binne kankerselle te kyk om sodoende hierdie siekte te bestry. Die Nasionale Kanker Instituut van die VSA het ook sy belangstelling uitgespreek.

Hy het op uitnodiging van dr. Debabrata Mukhopadhyay, pionier van nanomedisyne aan die beroemde Mayo Kliniek (Rochester, VSA), 'n openingslesing by die 5<sup>th</sup> Mayo Clinic Angiogenesis Symposium in Minneapolis aangebied. Die Mayo Skool het ook besluit om sy lesing sodanig te promoveer deur dit aan te bied as die enigste openingslesing by 'n lokaal verskillend van die waar die simposium aangebied is. Die organiseerders het derhalwe die deelnemers aan die simposium spesiaal na die historiese Blaisdell Manor, in Minneapolis vir die aanbidding vervoer.

Dr. Swart het as mede-outeur van die openingslesing en ook aktief in samesprekings deelgeneem. Meer as 30 akademici op hierdie gebied vanaf top-universiteite het deelgeneem en ook lesings aangebied by die simposium. Dié akademici is afkomstig van die Harvard Mediese Skool, Yale Universiteit, Stanford Universiteit, Weill Cornell Mediese Kollege en van universiteite van verskeie ander lande. Die lesing is opgevolg in Omaha, VSA, waar ek op uitnodiging 'n lesing rakende die nanotegnologie





gelewer het. Prof. Kock het verskeie openingslesings oor deurbrake op die gebied van nanotegnologie in die VSA, China en Europa gelewer.

Hierdie nuwe nanotegnologie vir biologie kan veral van hulp wees in die bestudering en ontwikkeling van nanomedisyne wat gebruik kan word in die behandeling van kanker en ander lewensgevaarlike siektes. Nanomedisyne gebruik nanometaaldeeltjies wat tot een biljoenste van 'n meter kan beslaan.

Hierdie deeltjies is meer as 100 000 keer kleiner as die breedte van 'n menshaar. Laboratoriumtoetse wys dat nanomedisyne antikankermiddels se effektiwiteit en spesifisiteit kan verbeter, wat behandeling minder giftig maak.

Volgens die Mayo-kliniekspan onder leiding van dr. Mukhopadhyay, ook bekend as die persoon met die "Midas Touch", kan nanodeeltjies beskou word as 'n goudgeweerpatroon wat direk op 'n kankergewas afgevuur word in vergelyke met donshael wat versprei deur die liggaam en ook gesonde selle aanval. Hierdie akkuraatheid beteken dat die chemoterapeutiese dosis verlaag kan word met minder nuwe effekte tot gevolg. Die Mayo-kliniek het bevind dat een tiende van die normale dosering op hierdie wyse meer effektief is teen pankreaskanker as die volle dosering sonder koppeling met nanodeeltjies. Hierdie nanomedisyne mag ook volgens die Mayo-kliniek die verspreiding van kanker vertraag.

Laboratoriumstudies het gewys dat nanometaaldeeltjies 'n "homing device" kan dra wat anti-kankermiddels spesifiek na kankergewasse kan stuur, ongeag waar dit in die liggaam voorkom. Hierdie is veral van belang in pankreaskanker wat baie keer versprei voordat dit gediagnoseer word. Volgens die Mayo Kliniek toon goudnanodeeltjies belofte om behalwe pankreaskanker ook leukemia en ovariese kanker te behandel.

Hierdie nanodeeltjies word dus gebruik as boodskappers wat anti-kankermiddels na kankerselle oordra waar dit dan die kankerselle selektief dood. Die vervoer en oordrag van hierdie middels met betrekking tot goudnanodeeltjies kan met die UV se nanotegnologie gevolg word om sodoende meer detail in te samel veral waar dit op die sel inwerk.

Dit kan lei tot die optimisering van huidige nanomedisynes asook die ontdekking van beter tegnieke om kanker mee te bestry. Met die nuwe nanotegnologie van die UV is dit moontlik om nanochirurgie op die selle uit te voer deur selle in nanometer dun skille op te kerf terwyl die werking van die nanomedisyne bestudeer word. Op hierdie manier kan vasgestel word waar die nanomedisyne op die sel inwerk en of dit met die tonnelljies geassosieer is.



Prof. Lodewyk Kock en dr. Chantel Swart voor die historiese Blaisdell Manor in Minneapolis waar hy die openingslesing aangebied het.

# Home to the best cardiology in

**A**ny given day is very hectic at the Unit for Paediatric Cardiology.

Many young patients need to have a consultation with one of the only two paediatric cardiologists in the Free State and receive treatment. Further, Prof. Steven Brown and his colleague, Dr Danie Buys, need to do their ward rounds – most of which are in the intensive care unit. They also train new doctors, attend faculty meetings and complete research assignments.

Despite this workload, the University of the Free State can boast with a very dynamic paediatric cardiology team and showcase a whole list of achievements.

The Unit for Paediatric Cardiology at the Department of Paediatrics and Child Health treats children from the

Free State, Northern Cape, Eastern Cape and a part of KwaZulu-Natal. Approximately 90% of these children are from the public health sector.

“It is very gratifying to know you are there to help all these children,” says Prof. Brown, who was the first medical student at the UFS to specialise in Paediatric Cardiology under the guidance of the now retired Dr André Bruwer, who laid the foundation for Paediatric Cardiology at the Faculty of Health Science.

“We treat families. Not just the children. Over the years this department has given a better quality of life to many children with heart defects and illnesses.”

He points out a photo collage of smiling children. Some of them date back to the mid-1990s.

These are the success stories of this unit.





# unit for paediatric South Africa

By René-Jean van der Berg

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The Unit for Paediatric Cardiology can be favourably compared with the likes of the Unit for Paediatric Cardiology at the Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital in Cape Town and is currently seen as one of the best in the country.

This unit made history in Africa by being the first to implant a special pulmonary heart valve into a young patient and will also be the first to receive a Hybrid Cath Lab in Africa. With this new Cath Lab, expertise in the unit will also be greatly advanced.

Prof. Brown said, "That is very high-tech medical technology we will have here."

This innovative technology will allow a cardiac interventionist to work with a heart surgeon to diagnose and fix a heart problem in the same room and in the same procedure. Having the ability to diagnose and treat

problems in one procedure means safer care, faster healing and better recovery for our patients.

Traditionally, children with urgent problems discovered during a diagnostic procedure would move into an operating room for surgery during a separate procedure.

By allowing the experts to work together in a suite designed for hybrid procedures, patients can get the care they need faster, without using valuable time to transfer them to an operating suite.

"Why Bloemfontein?" Prof. Brown asks jokingly.

"Because here we have the best and most dedicated team and enjoy the support of our provincial Department of Health."



# Psigopatie vanuit Afrika-konteks bekyk

Deur Amanda Tongha

**H**ulle is die mense wat gemeenskappe terroriseer met misdaad, meestal gewelddadige misdade. Onder hulle tel moordenaars, verkragters, bedrieërs en gewapende rowers. Dis met hierdie mense, veilig agter tralies, wat dr. Sonja Loots, 'n postdoktorale navorsingsgenoot in ons Departement Sielkunde, vir haar postdoktorale navorsing gesels.

Dr. Loots is besig met 'n interessante studie wat kyk na simptome wat die meeste voorkom onder diegene in aanhouding wat as psigopate geklassifiseer word. Meer spesifiek kyk sy of Suid-Afrikaanse psigopate dieselde simptome toon as diegene in Westerse lande. Dis die eerste studie van sy soort in Suid-Afrika en sy hoop dit gee 'n beter idee van waarmee ons te doen het.

Vir haar navorsing voer sy in-diepte onderhoude met manlike en vroulike geïdentifiseerde psigopate. 'n Versoek aan die Departement van Korrektiewe Dienste om die onderhoude in tronke te voer is vroeër afgekeur en die onderhoude word nou met verhoorafwagtinges in polisie-selle in die Bloemfontein-distrik gedoen. Die onderhoude word gevoer met oortreders wat al voorheen in die tronk was.

“Ons fokus spesifiek op gewelddadige misdade en oortredings, nie noodwendig net moord nie. Een ding wat ek geleer het by prof. Dap Louw (haar mentor, sien artikel oor prof. Louw) is dat moordenaars oor die algemeen die minder interessante ouens is.” Sy sê die meeste moorde vind plaas onder mense wat op een of ander manier by mekaar betrokke is.

“Mense dink altyd psigopate is mense wat moord pleeg, maar bedrog is 'n baie groot kenmerk omdat dit so skelm is. Jy moet skerp wees; mense kry om jou te vertrou.”

Dr. Loots sê die onderhoude wat sy in polisie-selle voer, sal aandui of dieselfde aspekte in Suid-Afrika as in Westerse lande gemeet word.

“Wie sê al die literatuur oor psigopatie wat navorsers in Westerse lande doen, is van toepassing hier op ons? Is psigopatie dieselfde in hierdie multikulturele konteks as in die Westerse konteks? Watter invloed het kulturele agtergrond?” Sy noem dat die goue standaard vir psigopatie in die Westerse kultuur narsisme en absolute groothedswaan is.



Dr. Sonja Loots

“Ons mense se waardes is amper oudmodies. As so iemand narsisties is, is hulle byvoorbeeld nie so uitgesproke daaroor nie. Ons nommereen-simptoom is manipulasie en gebrek aan empatie. Westerse psigopate is meer luidrugtig en het groot ego's. Hulle manipuleer ook, maar dis op 'n ander manier.”

Dr. Loots sê navorsing oor psigopatie in Suid-Afrika lyk nie goed nie en daar is min kennis hieroor. In Amerika word meer as die helfte van gewelddadige misdade deur sowat 15% van die psigopate in tronke gepleeg. In Suid-Afrika is dit min of meer dieselfde. Sy hoop die studie gee 'n beter idee van waarmee ons hier te doen het.

“Misdadig is almal se probleem. Almal word geraak. Al daardie misdadigers gaan weer in die samelewing teruggeplaas word. In plaas van om net 'n paar jaar in die tronk te sit moet ons uitvind wie hierdie mense is, *what makes them tick* en watter programme kan 'n mens vir hulle aanbied sodat hulle nie erger dinge doen wanneer hulle uitkom nie.



# UV aan voorpunt van misdaadnavorsing

Deur Amanda Tongha



Prof. Dap Louw

**G**evangenisstraf het nie die afskrikkingseffek en rehabilitasiewaarde wat die meeste mense dink dit het nie, want tot 80% van misdadigers in ons tronke is oortreders met vorige veroordelings. Dit is volgens prof. Dap Louw, Buitengewone Professor in die Sentrum vir Sielkunde en die Reg in die Departement Sielkunde aan ons universiteit.

As daar iemand is wat weet hoe misdadigers en veral moordenaars se koppe werk, is dit dié forensiese sielkundige. Sy 35 jaar se ondervinding met misdadigers, wat ervaring van mense in die destydse dodeselle insluit, het hom al as deskundige getuie in die getuiebank van die mees opspraakwekkende hofsake in Suid-Afrika en Namibië geplaas.

“Die meeste mense dink nie daaraan dat, wanneer iemand na ’n gevangenis gestuur word, dit bloot

’n tydelike oplossing is nie – die persoon kom weer uit. En dit nadat hy met die skuim van die aarde deurmekaar was en as’t ware aan ’n misdaaduniversiteit afstudeer het. Daarby word ons belastinggeld daarvoor aangewend.” Hy beklemtoon egter dat gevangnisse wel ’n belangrike rol in misdaadbekamping speel, veral ten opsigte van diegene wat ’n gevaar vir die gemeenskap inhou en “persone wat nie wil luister nie”.

Maar dit is ewe waar dat daar te veel persone in ons gevangnisse is wat op ander wyses gestraf kan word wat meer voordele vir die gemeenskap inhou. “Dié mense moet vir ons werk pleks daarvan dat ons vir hulle moet werk.” Daar behoort ’n stelsel geskep te word waar nie-gevangensmateriaal waardevolle dienste in die gemeenskap kan verrig. Slagoffers behoort ook, waar moontlik, gekompenseer te word vir hul verliese. “Ek verkies dat my gesteelde televisie eerder deur die dief vergoed sal word as wat hy slegs vir ’n rukkie in die gevangenis gaan sit – waarvoor ek ook nog moet betaal.”

Almal is bekommerd oor die hoë misdaadsyfer, maar min diepgaande navorsing word gedoen oor die oorsake en bekamping van misdaad. Prof. Louw sê hy is inderwaarheid verbaas dat daar nie meer misdaad in die land is nie.

“Aangesien wetenskaplike navorsing bevestig dat omgewingsfaktore ’n belangrike rol speel in ’n persoon se vorming, behoort daar meer misdaad in Suid-Afrika te wees. Die omgewing waarin die meeste Suid-Afrikaanse kinders grootword, veral in ons townships, is ’n teelaarde vir misdaad. Meer as 50% van ons kinders word byvoorbeeld by ’n enkelouer groot, drie miljoen kinders gaan slaap elke aand honger (en dikwels koud), seksuele privaatheid tussen ouers en kinders bestaan weens gebrekkige akkommodasie dikwels glad nie.

“Misdadbestryding is soos ’n huisvrou wat vreeslik deur vlieë in haar kombuis gepla word. Elke maand spuit sy tientalle blikkies *Doom* leeg om die vlieë in haar kombuis dood te maak. Sy moet eerder gaan kyk waar die vlieë vandaan kom en die ashoop verwyder.

Prof. Louw sê sy droom is dat daar ’n multidisiplinêre sentrum vir misdaadnavorsing op die kampus gevestig word waar verskeie departemente en fakulteite hande vat om die misdaadprobleem aan te spreek.



# Teologie kyk benadering tot navorsing

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Anlené Taljaard van die Departement Dogmatologie saam met proff. Francois Tolmie, Dekaan van die Fakulteit Teologie, en Allan Boesak, verbonde aan die Instituut vir Studies in Ras, Versoening en Sosiale Geregtigheid van die universiteit.



# indringend na sy en onderrig

Deur prof. Francois Tolmie

**D**ie Fakulteit Teologie het teen die einde van 2011 besluit om indringend te kyk na die manier waarop navorsing, onderrig en dienslewering aan die fakulteit benader word. Dit was gou duidelik dat hierdie sake nie bloot oppervlakkig ondersoek kan word nie. 'n Hele reeks gesprekke is dus geskeduleer, met verskeie sprekers van buite wat genooi is om die lede van die fakulteit en ander belangstellendes te kom help besin.

Die reeks het afgeskop met 'n werksessie aan die begin van 2012 waarin prof. Rian Venter, Hoof van die plaaslike Departement Dogmatiek, die omvang van die uitdagings wat die beoefening van teologie aan 'n postapartheid universiteit inhou en wat transformasie van kennis vir teologie behels, gekarteer het. Die volgende spreker was dr. Lis Lange van die Direkoraat vir Institusionele Navorsing en Akademiese Beplanning (DINAB) aan die universiteit, wat 'n gesprek gelei het oor die kurrikulêre implikasies van transformasie.

Dit is opgevolg deur 'n diepgaande besinning oor kritiese rasteorie en wat 'n ander benadering tot ras vir transformasie van die kurrikulum en navorsing aan die universiteit inhou. Die spreker hieroor was prof. Dennis Francis, die Dekaan van die Fakulteit Opvoedkunde. Hierna het prof. Crain Soudien van die Universiteit van Kaapstad en onder meer verantwoordelik vir die bekende Soudienverslag, aan die beurt gekom. Hy het 'n referaat gelewer oor die transformasie van hoër onderwys in Suid-Afrika en aangedui wat die implikasies daarvan vir

individuele fakulteite, dissiplinegroepe en die generering van kennis is.

Die fokus is vervolgens nouer getrek deur 'n aantal sprekers wat spesifiek op godsdiens en teologie gefokus het. Prof. Martin Prozesky, besoekende navorser van die Universiteit van KwaZulu-Natal, is vir 'n maand lank as prestige navorser by die fakulteit gehuisves en het in hierdie tyd verskeie bydraes tot die gesprek gelewer. Een hiervan het spesifiek gefokus op die manier waarop godsdiens aan Suid-Afrikaanse universiteite bestudeer kan word en watter geleenthede en uitdagings daar in dié verband is.

Vervolgens het prof. Allan Boesak die uitdagings en geleenthede waardeur teologiese opleiding in Suid-Afrika in die gesig gestaar word, belig. Prof. Conrad Wethmar van die Universiteit van Pretoria het 'n historiese perspektief kom bied oor hoe teologie wêreldwyd benader is, en watter keuses in verskillende tye hieroor uitgeoefen is. Die eerste internasionale spreker was prof. Bram van de Beek van die Vrije Universiteit (VU) in Amsterdam, Nederland. Hy het die manier waarop teologie aan die VU ervaar word, kom verduidelik.

Verskeie ander sprekers het 'n bydrae gemaak, onder andere dr. Johan van Zyl, Hoof-uitvoerende Beampte van Sanlam, prof. Harry Attridge, Dekaan van die Yale Divinity School, en prof. Wim Janse, Dekaan van die Fakulteit Teologie aan die Vrije Universiteit in Amsterdam.

Dit is duidelik dat daar 'n groot geleentheid is om 'n relevante bydrae tot beoefening van die teologie in Suid-Afrika te maak. Konkrete stappe sal geneem word. Dit sal onder meer veranderinge aan die kurrikulum en navorsingsfokus binne die fakulteit tot gevolg hê.

- Prof. Francois Tolmie is Dekaan van die Fakulteit Teologie.

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# History made with unique heart operation

By René-Jean van der Berg

Dr Danie Buys

**T**wo paediatric cardiologists and their team in the Faculty of Health Sciences once again made history in Africa by implanting a special pulmonary heart valve.

"Today, we are extremely proud Free State citizens," Dr Danie Buys from the Department of Paediatrics and Child Health said moments after they successfully placed the Medtronic Melody pulmonary valve in a young patient at the Universitas Hospital in Bloemfontein. In the same week, five more of these pulmonary valves were placed in young patients.

This was the first time in Africa that the Melody valve was implanted. To date, only 3 000 of these valves have been implanted worldwide.

"It feels incredible to be part of a team of experts from the faculty," Dr Buys said.

The Medtronic Melody valve is delivered percutaneously through a catheter from the groin. This operation is







Prof. Steven Brown

for children and young adults who are born with a malformed pulmonary valve.

These children often require open-heart surgery at a very young age and later require additional open-heart surgeries to restore blood flow between the heart and the lungs.

Instead of opening the chest and the heart to work on the valves, this device is threaded through the large blood vessels of the groin and threaded up and into the heart, where work is done from the inside of the heart. This procedure is safer than open-heart surgery and recovery is much quicker.

Clinical studies in America and Europe have shown the device is effective and improves heart function.

Prof. Steven Brown, also a paediatric cardiologist at the UFS, said that of all congenital diseases, heart disease is most common. Many children born with heart disease are diagnosed very late and many die without ever receiving specialised care.

In 2011, Prof. Brown and two other cardiologists from the UFS, Prof. Hennie Theron and Dr JP Theron, also reached a medical milestone when they were the first cardiologists in South Africa to do a second generation Medtronic CoreValve implant on an elderly patient.

Prof. Brown and Dr Theron received the Kowsie Alumni Cum Laude Award for exceptional service for a specific profession.

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# Kenneth pluus die fynere aspekte van sportkontrakbreuk uit

Deur Leonie Bolleurs

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**P**rofessionele sportlui wat nie hul kontrakte met hul werkgewers eer nie, is 'n alledaagse verskynsel. Die tyd het gekom dat sportlui, en ook werkgewers, besef dat 'n kontrak nie bloot 'n stuk papier is nie, maar 'n juridiese handeling wat dit ten doel het om orde in die gemeenskap te skep deur die regulering van regsverhoudinge. So sê Kenneth Mould, dosent in die Departement Privaatreg aan die UV.

Kenneth werk tans aan 'n doktorsale proefskrif oor die vraag of die kontraktuele remedie van spesifieke nakoming die mees gepaste een is by kontrakbreuk van sogenaamde sportkontrakte. "’n Sportkontrak in hierdie sin verwys na die dienskontrak tussen ’n professionele sportman/-vrou en sy/haar werkgewer. Aangesien die "sportkontrak" *sui generis* (eiesoortig) is, vereis dit sekere oorwegings voordat ’n professionele sportman of -vrou wat kontrakbreuk gepleeg het, bloot deur ’n hof gedwing kan word om aan die kontrak te voldoen.

"Ek doseer self Kontraktereg en het oor ’n periode van sowat vyf jaar besef dat daar groot onsekerheid heers oor welke remedie die mees gepaste een sal wees by breek van hierdie spesifieke soort kontrak. Daar was tot op hede nog geen Appèlhofbeslissing hieroor nie, en derhalwe is dit noodsaaklik dat hierdie studie geloods word, wat moontlik aan die hof riglyne kan verskaf wanneer daar weer ’n soortgelyke saak voor die hof kom," sê Kenneth.

Hy is vir die graad LL.D. aan die Universiteit van Pretoria geregistreer aangesien sy promotor daar ’n wêreldkenner op die gebied is.

Buiten dat hy die geleentheid aangryp om navorsing te doen op ’n gebied wat vir hom interessant is en waar

daar ’n tekort aan voldoende navorsing is, gee Kenneth ook klas: Personereg vir eerstejaars, Kontraktereg vir tweedejaars, Verbintenisreg vir derdejaars, en dan ook studieleiding aan sowat 15 finalejaars vir hulle LL.B.-skripsie. Op nagraadse vlak bied hy die kursus Gevorderde Kontraktereg vir sowat 12 studente aan.

Hyself was ook ’n student hier by die universiteit. Nadat hy in 1998 aan Grey Kollege gematrikuleer het, het hy in 2002 die graad LL.B. behaal; LL.M. in 2004 en ’n B.A. Honneurs in Engels in 2008.

"Ek is in 2005 toegelaat as prokureur en transportbesorger, en het vir sowat twee en ’n half jaar gepraktiseer voordat die geleentheid by die universiteit oor my pad gekom het," sê hy. Kenneth werk nou vyf jaar by die universiteit en sê een van die lekkerste dinge van sy werk hier is die gevoel dat sy navorsing ’n bydrae maak tot sy vakgebied.

Kenneth is self mal oor alle sportsoorte – dit is nie net ’n belangstelling op regs- en akademiese vlak nie. "Ek is nie eintlik ’n kranige sportman nie, maar neem aan padwedlope deel om fiks te bly en om bietjie met mense om te gaan," sê Kenneth.

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# Creating a research-intensive university

By Francois Strydom

**H**ow important is teaching and learning in creating a research-intensive university? This is one of the complex questions facing academic staff, management and the Centre for Teaching and Learning (CTL) at the UFS. As this is a question facing universities worldwide, significant research has been done in the quest to find an answer. A recent study showed that quality teaching and learning is one of the distinguishing features of international elite research institutions.<sup>1</sup> In light of this finding, we would like to mention a few reasons why a focus on teaching and learning is critical in supporting the development of the UFS as a research-intensive university.

## Quality teaching and learning develops professional and research talent

Quality teaching and learning engages students in specific disciplines and helps students to develop a passion for a professional and/or academic career. In elite research institutions, undergraduate teaching is increasingly including undergraduate research projects to stimulate the interest of the next generation of academics. The ability to teach effectively has been recognised as a key characteristic of talented staff for centuries as the quote from Aristotle suggests: “The one exclusive sign of thorough knowledge is the power of teaching.”<sup>2</sup>

## Quality teaching and learning ensures financial sustainability

From a financial sustainable perspective, the combination of the teaching input and teaching output components of the 2012 subsidy to the UFS constitutes 79% of the total subsidy from the state. Student numbers (retention and success, which can be improved by better teaching and learning) constitute approximately 85% of SLE allocations to faculties.<sup>3</sup> Therefore, the critical challenge for the UFS is to balance the importance of quality teaching and learning with the importance of growing a new generation of researchers, while also increasing research outputs.

## New teaching and learning approaches are critical in a world disrupted by technology

The rise of free Massive Open Online Courseware (MOOC) is considered by some as a game changer with institutions such as Stanford University offering branded statements of accomplishment.<sup>4</sup> The nagging question posed by these and other technological developments is “What is the extra value added by the local degree and what does this mean in terms of course content and integrating technology into teaching and learning?”

The creation of the CTL, with the mission of scholarship-driven advancement of innovation and excellence in teaching and learning, was approved in March 2012. The CTL is committed to working in collaboration with faculties to develop interventions that benefit departments, individual staff and students in a quest to meet the challenges of a twenty-first century teaching and learning environment so critical to facilitate the creation of a research-intensive university. For more information on the CTL visit: <http://ctl.ufs.ac.za>.

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# The South Campus is vibrant and productive

By Prof. Daniella Coetzee



The **School of Open Learning (SOL)** got momentum and, apart from the distance delivery of qualifications for in-service teachers in collaboration with the Faculty of Education, a partnership was entered into with AdvTech (Varsity College), the Faculty of Law and the SOL to deliver the UFS four-year LL.B. at seven Varsity College venues as from 2013.

The Faculty of Education distance programmes managed by the SOL include the Advanced Certificate in Education (ACE) and National Professional Diploma in Education (NPDE), with 5 500 students enrolled in 2012. These programmes are delivered at 51 off-campus sites, with 300 tutors at the South Campus and in four provinces nationally. Tenders in Mpumalanga for distance training of 500 senior phase teachers in Maths, Science and Technology and 500 further education and training (FET) teachers in the North West in Life Sciences and Economic and Management Sciences are under way. A tender was also awarded to the SOL and the Faculty of Education in 2012 for the distance delivery of the ACE Management and Leadership programme in Mpumalanga. This will be a pilot of the newly ICT-infused distance delivery of this programme.

The Family Maths and Science special sponsored programme has again been awarded a tender in excess of R10 million to support its activities of demystifying maths and science. It has also acquired a sponsorship to be involved in the rector's schools development project. The SOL partnership with the Flemish government to design qualifications for FET college lecturers is well under way and a full-time staff member from Belgium has been seconded to join the SOL team.

The **University Preparation Programme (UPP)**, offering alternative access into mainstream university studies,

**F**or the first time since the acquisition of the South Campus by the University of the Free State, activities have grown to provide a vibrant and productive 2012.

enrolled 875 students in 2012. The current possibilities are in a 10-subject strategic programme in three directions, viz. Human and Social Sciences, Natural and Agricultural Sciences, and Economics and Management Sciences. These students also follow compulsory Basic Skills and Competencies and Academic Literacy courses. Since 1993, more than 4 500 students have successfully completed this bridging course and gone on to degree studies at universities. Since 1996, 2 051 previously UPP students obtained degrees at the UFS.

The **extended degree programme** in Natural and Agricultural sciences enrolled 159 students in 2012 and in Economic and Management Sciences a total of 110 students enrolled.

The **Vocational Directed Preparation Programme (VDPP)** provides access to students to enter into the UPP and, in its second year of existence, accommodated 50 students in 2012. The students who passed the VDPP subjects in 2011 have all been enrolled for the UPP in 2012.

The **School Technology Innovation Centre (STIC)** of ICTISE has been involved in the development of the UNESCO Teacher ICT Competency Framework and the Moscow ICT institute for ICT integration into primary school classrooms and the harnessing of ICT in Early Childhood Development (ECD). ICTISE is also involved with the Free State Department of Education in a broadcast project at 60 schools. Subject-specific content is broadcast on a daily basis to schools. Another project is the Mangaung Schools' Initiative, where support is given to the science and maths teachers of three schools. Innovative workshops have been conducted with 513 teachers.

The South Campus management also leads the **school development support projects of the Vice-Chancellor**. The **RPL section of the Centre for Teaching and Learning** has partnered with the Free State School of Nursing, handling all enquiries and assessments of the nursing profession for RPL.

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# Research assistants brings a **diversity** of **knowledge** to the Institute

*By Amanda Tongha*



**D**F Malherbe House, offices of the Institute for Reconciliation and Social Justice, has to be one of the most visited places on the Bloemfontein Campus. Those who have set foot in the building include media mogul Oprah Winfrey, Emeritus Archbishop Desmond Tutu, President Jacob Zuma, government ministers, international scholars, public commentators, staff and students. Having established itself as a place where different people come together to discuss difficult and challenging issues it is an intellectual vibrant place. That vibrancy is not only limited to the critical conversations hosted here, it also lies with the people working here and the diversity and knowledge they represent.

Working closely with Prof. Andre Keet, Director of the Institute, and Senior Researcher JC van der Merwe, are a group of students who bring diverse points of view and knowledge to the Institute. The students, most of them postgraduates, work as research assistants and their knowledge and focus areas range from media and gender to issues facing persons with disabilities.

With her focus on education and human development, doctoral student Talita Calitz is passionate about contributing solutions to the education crisis in South Africa and the world. "Education is a social justice issue; we see too many reports of our education system failing. My postgraduate research is concerned with exploring creative ways to revolutionize education." Talita is also involved in the university's school partnership programme and lectures on the academic literacy programme on the Bloemfontein Campus.

Rènè Eloff is another doctoral student working as a research assistant. His PhD research focus on the intellectual history of Department of Philosophy, a department he says also gives the intellectual history of the institution. Rènè's job at DF Malherbe House includes working on the newsletter and website the Institute started this year. He also coordinates the Institute's Intellectual Apprenticeship Programme, an interdisciplinary programme for postgraduate students exposing them to intellectual engagement with a wide range of issues coming from the social and political spheres.

Doing his master's degree in Gender Studies Israel Mawoyo focusses on how gender is reflected on campus. Israel has been involved with the UFS Gender Talk, a series of informal conversations about gender, hosted monthly on the Bloemfontein Campus. Israel says there is a perception that gender issues are female issues only, a perception he intends to change. "As long as men don't come on board and play their role, it would take forever."

His colleague Elizabeth Kumwimba hopes to create opportunities for students with disabilities. Using deaf

theatre techniques Elizabeth, a master's student in Drama and Theatre Arts, is intend on improving English literacy amongst deaf. Elizabeth or Gali as she is known inside the walls of DF Malherbe House initiated a Deaf Camp for deaf matric learners this year to help them prepare for their final exams. She is also the Institute's link with the Unit for Students with Disabilities, looking how to bring to front issues affecting students with disabilities.

Angelo Mockie is another master's student focusing on the arts. Earlier this year he organised the Institute's first Artistic Social Justice Week which consisted of performing arts activities such as plays, live music, poetry and an art exhibition where students express themselves artistically while creating awareness about social responsibilities. "Performing arts play a critical role within in creating a language shared and enjoyed by the masses through which one can communicate sensitive issues effectively."

Libokanyo Mokhadinyana, a journalism honours student, knows about communicating effectively. At the Institute she works directly with well-known writer, commentator and activist Zubeida Jaffer who was appointed as Writer-in-Residence at the university this year. Doing her research on community radio stations she is intent on making known the work done by the Institute.

Sibusiso Tshabalala, the only undergraduate student amongst the research assistants, has made an indelible mark on student life at the university. Selected by Google as one of ten young people changing the world the third-year Law student seems to be destined for greatness. At the Institute he is responsible for the Volunteer Programme as well as monitoring the student environment ensuring that the work of the Institute finds expression with the students. "The idea is to deepen the discourse around social justice and seek for opportunities in which the exchange between the Institute and the students is an engaging and productive one."

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# Kliniese vaardighede hier geslyp

*Deur René-Jean van der Berg*

**D**it is laatoggend by die UV se Kliniese Vaardigheidseenheid. Fisioterapiestudente is hard aan die werk om bejaardes op rolstoele te help, van toilette te lig en oor gruis- en graspaadjies in hul rolstoele te stoot. Aan die einde van die lesuur word die rolstoele en mobiele toilette weggestoot en word die lokaal verander vir die volgende groep studente wat met sportbeserings moet werk. Later word daar plek gemaak vir dieetkundestudente wat kom leer hoe om kos by 'n buitelig-kookskerm te kook. Nog 'n lesuur later is daar 'n byeenkoms waar studente net wil ontspan ná 'n harde dag by 'n staatshospitaal in die stad.



Die UV spog met 'n topgehalte- Kliniese Vaardigheidseenheid waar studente wat hulle in aanvullende gesondheidsberoep bekwaam daaglik vaardighede kom aanleer en oefen.

Die eenheid, 'n eerste vir Suid-Afrika, staan nog in sy kinderskoene, maar het reeds 'n onafskeidbare deel van studente in fisio- en arbeidsterapie, dieetkunde en optometrie se kurrikulum geword.

“Die doel van die eenheid is tweeledig: Eerstens het ons dit begin sodat studente hier vaardighede prakties kan toepas en ook waar studente kan praat oor hul ervaring in die praktyk,” verduidelik mev. Juanita Swanepoel, bestuurder van die eenheid en ook dosent aan die Departement Arbeidsterapie.

Studente aan die Fakulteit Gesondheidswetenskappe doen aanvullend tot hul teoretiese klasse ook praktiese klasse. Daar word van hulle vereis om 'n aantal uur in die openbare gesondheidssektor te werk om sodoende hul teoretiese kennis in die praktyk toe te kan pas.

Juanita sê voordat die Kliniese Vaardigheidseenheid aan die begin van 2012 geopen is, het studente gewoonlik hul teorie op klasmaats geoefen.

“'n Fisioterapiestudent sou byvoorbeeld op 'n blakend-gesonde klasmaat moes oefen om 'n beroertepasiënt in 'n rolstoel te help. By die hospitaal gekom, moet hulle op 'n pasiënt wat werklik 'n beroerte-aanval gehad het, werk. Die pasiënt is dalk groot van staturus en dan moet 'n klein student dié persoon ophig. Daar is baie goed wat verkeerd kan gaan en dié oefensessies op klasmaats is dus nie juis van veel hulp nie.”

Buiten die voorgraadse kliniese opleiding wat hier aangebied word, is die gespreksessies vir studentewelstand ook 'n kardinale diens wat die sentrum lewer.

“Die sessies bied ontlasting aan die studente wat erge druk in hul kurrikulum en by hospitale en klinieke ervaar. Hier kan hulle praat en verstaan wat hul dienste aan die gemeenskap beteken,” sê Juanita.

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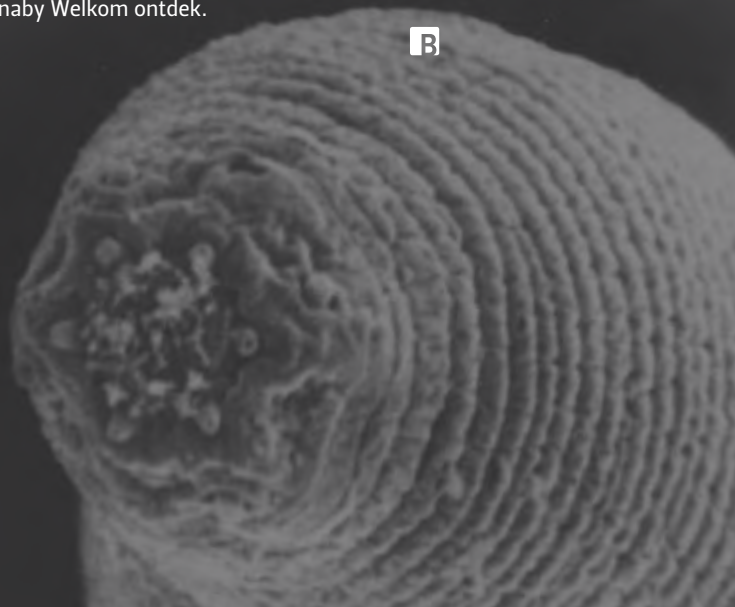
# Klein ‘Duiwelswurm’ op lys van Top 10 Nuwe Spesies

**D**ie klein wurmpie, ontdek en nagevors met die hulp van navorsers aan die universiteit, het die lys van Top 10 Nuwe Spesies in die wêreld vanjaar gehaal. Die lys word deur die Internasionale Instituut vir Spesie-eksplorasië (IISE) aan die Arizona-staatsuniversiteit en 'n komitee van wetenskaplikes wêreldwyd gepubliseer en lys die toptien nuwe spesies wat in 2011 beskryf is. 'n Artikel oor die nuwe spesie het in Junie 2011 in die gesaghebbende tydskrif *Nature* verskyn.

Prof. Esta van Heerden, leier van die universiteit se navorsingspan, sê: “Ons sou nie in ons wildste drome kon dink dat ons soveel reaksie op die ontdekking van die wurm sou kry nie. Ons moes eindelose bewyse lewer om *Nature* se redaksie te oortuig dat die wurm in die ou, warm water kan oorleef. Ons was baie opgewonde toe die artikel aanvaar is, maar die mediareaksie was ongelooflik.”

Die klein nematode, *Halicephalobus mephisto* (Duiwelswurm) van ongeveer 0,5 mm in lengte, is die veelsellige organisme wat die diepste onder die aarde lewe. Dit is op 'n diepte van 1,3 km in die Beatrix-goudmyn naby Welkom ontdek.

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# IDC – 'n nuwe weg na ontwikkeling

Die *Industrial Development Corporation*, Suid-Afrika se grootste ontwikkelingsfinansieringsinstelling, help al sedert 1940 met die opbou van industriële kapasiteit wat die land se ekonomiese groei aandryf, deur lewensvatbare ondernemings te befonds.

As die regering se sleutelvennoot in die vernuwing van die ekonomie, fokus die IDC op prioriteitsektore met die grootste potensiaal om werkseleenthede te ontsluit.

## Ons visie

Om die primêre dryfkrag van kommersiële nywerheidsontwikkeling en innovasie te wees tot voordeel van Suid-Afrika en die res van Afrika.

## Ons missie

Die *Industrial Development Corporation* is 'n nasionale ontwikkelingsinstelling met die primêre doelwitte om by te dra tot die ontwikkeling van gebalanseerde, volhoubare ekonomiese groei in Afrika en die ekonomiese bemagtiging van die Suid-Afrikaanse bevolking, om sodoende die ekonomiese welvaart van alle burgers te bevorder. Die IDC bereik dit deur die bevordering van entrepreneurskap en die oprigting van mededingende industriële en ondernemings, gegrond op suiwer sakebeginsels.

## Wat ons doen

Die IDC voorsien met vennootskap, befondsing ter ondersteuning van industriële kapasiteitsontwikkeling deur:

- Proaktiewe identifisering en befondsing van hoë-impak projekte
- Leiding te neem met die skepping van lewensvatbare nuwe industriële
- Gebruik te maak van ons diverse kundigheid om groei in prioriteitsektore aan te spoor
- Hoër-risiko befondsing in vroeë-stadium en hoë-impak projekte op te neem

## Wat ons jou bied

Die IDC staan aanvangs- en bestaande ondernemings by met 'n minimum befondsingsvereiste van R1 miljoen en 'n maksimum van R1 miljard. Befondsing strek oor sy mandaatsektore onder die volgende Strategiese Sake-eenhede:

- *Agro-industries*
- *Chemicals and Allied Products*
- *Green Industries*
- *Healthcare*
- *Information and Communication Technology*
- *Media and Motion Pictures*
- *Metal, Transport and Machinery Products*
- *Mining and Minerals Beneficiation*
- *Strategic High Impact Projects and Logistics*
- *Textiles and Clothing*
- *Tourism*
- *Venture Capital*

Spesiale befondsingskemas is beskikbaar wat transformasie en entrepreneurskap ontwikkelings aanspreek (*TES*); die aanvulling van ekwiteitsbydraes van entrepreneurs (*IES & RCF*); en sektor-spesifieke skemas (tuinbou, bosbou, klere en tekstiele, hospitale). Die *IDC Gro-e-Scheme* voorsien befondsing aan projekte van R1 miljoen tot R1 miljard teen prima minus 3% vir tot vyf jaar.

Die IDC se *Business Support* program sieri om nie-finansiële ondersteuning aan entrepreneurs. Hulp word verleen met kapasiteitsgroei om projeklewensvatbaarheid te verbeter.

As jy 'n projek het wat kan bydra tot werkskepping en industriële kapasiteitsgroei in Suid-Afrika, besoek [www.idc.co.za](http://www.idc.co.za) om uit te vind hoe die IDC jou kan bystaan om jou geleentheid ten volle te benut.





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# Gender issues on the forefront

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By Nadine Lake

**A**s with race issues at the University of the Free State, gender concerns are becoming an increasingly important issue to address in South Africa. The Gender Studies programme at the UFS was established in 2000 and is steadily acquiring a more visible profile.

Gender Studies is an academic postgraduate programme, but it also aims to create awareness around gender and women's issues among the university community members. Since 2011, under the chairpersonship of Nadine Lake, gender-sensitive initiatives have been established at the UFS. The first of these was a workshop offered by American social justice expert Cesar Lagleva. The workshop aimed to sensitise both staff and students to race and gender sensitive issues by using the Liberation Theory model and it was described as a necessary start to difficult dialogues at the UFS.

The Gender programme is interdisciplinary in nature and draws on skills held by lecturers in varied disciplines across the Faculty of the Humanities. The programme attracts students from diverse academic and professional backgrounds and an increased emphasis on gender equity and gender-based violence in South Africa has demonstrated a growing need for experts in the field.

The programme aims to make a difference, not only in academia, but also in the community at large. In 2012, a Memorandum of Understanding was drawn up by the

Gender Studies programme and the Commission for Gender Equality (CGE) in the Free State to establish a mutually beneficial working relationship. Gender Studies would like to see its students learning from community and fieldwork and, consequently, equip them with practical gender knowledge and skills.

Gender-based violence has become a topic of increased concern, not only in society, but also at South African universities.

The University of the Free State has been approached to partner with four higher education institutions (the University of KwaZulu-Natal, the University of the Western Cape, Fort Hare University and the Vaal University of Technology) to collaborate in a research process that aims to contribute toward the development of national policy that protects female students and minority groups from sexual and gender-based violent acts on South African campuses.

The gender studies programme will play an integral role in unifying key role-players to contribute to a research area that influences the lives of South African students.



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Nadine is Programme Director of the Gender Studies Programme.



# Thinking, knowing and doing get new meaning at the Institute

*R n  Eloff & Andre Keet*

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**T**he Institute for Reconciliation and Social Justice, while so young, paradoxically has a long history. It began as one of several initiatives taken by the UFS management in the aftermath of the “Reitz incident”. However, it is much more than a “Reitz response” and took on a form and function continuous with the demands for change and renewal in general.

In a certain sense, the Reitz incident simply gave us an “event” for naming the massive transformation challenges within higher education in South Africa. “Reitz” did not only pose difficult questions regarding race and reconciliation, it also presented higher-education institutions with the difficult question of how to integrate these questions with their core mandate. In this regard, the Institute has positioned itself to play a key role in the development of new ways of “thinking”, “knowing” and “doing”.

The Institute’s work is channelled into two interconnected focus areas, namely, research and institutional transformation, which will be complimented by a human-rights desk. In 2012, an innovative research framework, consisting of a variety of conceptual strategies and thematic areas, was adopted. These interpretive schemes take the study of social justice and reconciliation in the contexts of structural inequality, everyday violence and disrespect in human relations as their primary focus.

A number of research projects are under way. The flagship “Reitz” research project promises several individual projects – a digital archive of all material related to “the Reitz incident” and a series of in-depth interviews conducted with past and present staff and students of the UFS has generated a wealth of data for future book and journal publications.

The Institute is also partner to an NRF-funded interdisciplinary and interinstitutional national research project committed to the broader project of transformation in higher education. This three-year study includes researchers from Stellenbosch University, the University of the Western Cape, the University of Fort Hare, the University of Witwatersrand, the University of Cape Town, Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University and the UFS. Motivated by the continued under-representation of marginalised groups in certain professions, this study intends to explore curriculum practices and content as well as the disciplinary traditions in six selected fields of study (psychology, occupational therapy and architecture were chosen as the first three foci) across institutional sites.

Research collaborations with several regional and international partners are also taking shape. A joint research project on human rights and reconciliation with the Open University of Cyprus is under discussion, and a planned large-scale empirical study on the theme of shared complicities, precariousness and mutual vulnerabilities is being planned in collaboration with partners in the United States, Bosnia and Herzegovina. Links with Rwandese activists and intellectuals as well as counterparts in Burundi and other African countries and the Asia-Pacific region are taking shape while European connections are being further explored. A research project with partners in the Netherlands and India is in a proposal phase. The Institute has also been approached to participate in an African Union-initiated project on higher-education transformation; is a central partner in national interinstitutional collaborations; and explores a request to conduct research on behalf of the South African Human Rights Commission.

From 2009 to 2011, the Institute embarked on a number of activities that feed into its research areas. Central among these activities is the Critical Conversation series. At least once a month, a selection of university faculty and students are invited to take part in a conversation with an invited scholar. The objective of these conversations is to interrogate social and political issues in an intellectually robust way, allowing for the





Andre Keet

emergence of new theoretical and practical approaches. Speakers in 2012 have included Neville Alexander, Helene Strauss, Eusebius McKaiser, Deborah Meier and Tim Muruthi. Past speakers include Jay Naidoo, Eva Hoffman, Izzeldin Abuelaish, Lis Lange, Pieter Duvenage and Jonathan Jansen.

In the “Dialogue with a visitor” programme, an international visiting scholar, chosen from a variety of disciplines, is offered residence at the institute for a number of months. Carolina Suransky from the University of Humanistic Studies in the Netherlands joined the institute for three months in 2012. In addition to conducting their own research, visitors contribute to the university’s intellectual environment.

In 2011, the institute hosted the eighth International Winter School on Pluralism and Development. The winter school is a joint initiative of the University of Humanistic Studies, the Netherlands, the Centre for the Study of Culture and Society

(CSCS) in Bangalore, India, the Centre for Religious and Cross-Cultural Studies (CRCS) of the Gadjah Mada University in Yogyakarta, Indonesia and the Cross-Cultural Foundation of Uganda (CCFU) in Kampala, Uganda.

The winter school brings together staff from civil society-based organisations, activists and graduate students and is taught by an international and interdisciplinary staff with expertise on ethics, human rights, political theory, comparative religious studies, sustainable development, governance, gender and education. After overwhelmingly positive feedback, the UFS was asked to host the winter school again in 2012.

The above activities, networking and collaborations that result as spin-offs of the Institute’s work is positioning the entity well within the newly adopted strategic plan of the UFS, which, in turn, is pillared by the broader conceptions and objectives of the “human and academic project”.

# Om te behandel of om nie te behandel nie?

*Deur Leonie Bolleurs*

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Dr. Brand Claassen



**M**eer as 80% van mediese dokters het in 'n opname aangedui dat hulle in een of ander stadium voortgaan om hul pasiënte te behandel sonder dat laasgenoemde volledige inligting daaromtrent ontvang het. Dr. Brand Claassen, Departementele Voorsitter van die Departement Privaatreg in die Fakulteit Regsgeleerdheid, het as deel van sy doktorale proefskrif 4 500 vraelyste aan dokters gestuur waaruit hierdie gevolgtrekking gemaak is.

In sy LL.D.-proefskrif het dr. Claassen gefokus op die interessante moontlikheid om saakwaarneming uit te brei waar geneeskundige ingrepe ter sprake is. In Suid-Afrika, vir 'n geneesheer om toestemming van 'n pasiënt te verkry om hom/haar te behandel, moet die geneesheer die voorgename behandelingsprosedure aan die pasiënt verduidelik sodat die pasiënt 'n ingeligte besluit daarvoor kan neem. As die pasiënt nie die verduideliking verstaan nie, mag die geneesheer nie die pasiënt behandel nie. Volgens dr. Claassen sal gekyk moet word na wetgewing om geneesheer toe te laat om in spesifiek-omskrewe omstandighede regmatig 'n pasiënt te behandel al verstaan die pasiënt nie die prosedure ten volle nie, aangesien 'n groot deel van die bevolking intellektueel onvoldoende ontwikkel is om ingewikkelde mediese verduidelikings te verstaan. "Soms kan die weerhouding van hierdie mediese behandeling of prosedure die verskil tussen lewe en dood vir die pasiënt beteken," sê dr. Claassen.

Deur artikels in toonaangewende joernale te publiseer, kan hierdie leemte in die mediese bedryf onder die aandag van relevante besluitnemers gebring word, wat kan lei tot die ontwikkeling van wetgewing wat hierdie problematiese kwessies aanspreek. Twee artikels oor hierdie onderwerp is juis in die pyplyn, waarvan een geskryf word saam met prof. Teuns Verschoor, dr. Claassen se promotor. Dr. Claassen het ook die geleentheid gehad om 'n gedeelte van sy navorsing by 'n kongres wat deur die Katolieke Universiteit van Leuven in België aangebied is, aan te bied.

Dr. Claassen fokus deesdae sy aandag op privaat- en geneeskundige reg. As hy nie besig is om sy departement te bestuur of navorsing te doen nie, gee hy vir die vierdejaars klas in Huurreg en Motorvoertuigongelukke. Met die studente deel hy ook meer as teoretiese kennis, want sy paar jaar as regspraktisyn by Honey en Vennote het dr. Claassen toegerus om uit ondervinding te kan praat. "Ek het die praktyk geniet, maar my liefde vir die akademie het op die ou end geseëvier," sê hy.

Buiten die feit dat hy dit regtig geniet om klas te gee – seker geërf van sy onderwyserpa – werk hy ook baie lekker in die fakulteit. Daar is meer as een rede vir sy lojaliteit teenoor die fakulteit. "Nie net is hierdie fakulteit op 'n keer as die beste regs fakulteit in die land deur die Prokureursorde van Suid-Afrika aangewys nie; die fakulteit is nie te groot nie en ons as personeel het 'n onderlinge gevoel van samehorigheid. Verder het ons ook die Appèlhof en die Vrystaatse Provinsiale Afdeling van die Hooggeregshof op ons voorstoep, wat ons die geleentheid gee om ons studente aan die kennis, ervaring en wysheid van die regters van hierdie howe bloot te stel aangesien van die regter as buitengewone professore in ons fakulteit dien."

Dr. Claassen is 'n Kowsie in murg en been. Hy het sy studie as eerstejaar in Huis JBM Hertzog begin: eers B.Juris, toe LL.B., gevolg deur LL.M. en in 2011 LL.D. Dié trotse Kowsie verwag ook niks minder van regstudente as dat hulle 'n baken van lig in die gemeenskap moet wees nie. Ook dat hulle hoë morele waardes en integriteit moet handhaaf en daarna moet streef om die waarheid te laat seëvier.

Buiten vir sy betrokkenheid op akademiese vlak, is dr. Claassen ook by Shimla-rugby betrokke. Hoewel daar baie hoogtepunte was sedert hy in 1983 sy eerste wedstryd vir die Shimlas gespeel het, is dit baie spesiaal vir hom dat hy in een of ander hoedanigheid deel van die span was die drie kere toe hulle die Nasionale Klubkampioenskapstitel verower het: in 1986 (as speler), in 1999 (as afrigter) en in 2002 (as voorsitter).

En as hy nie op kampus is nie ... Dan geniet hy tyd saam met sy vrou, Elsabé, 'n onderwyseres by Tjokkies, en sy drie kinders, Petri (tweedejaar- mediese student), Helgard (matriek) en Talita (Graad 9). Of hy slaan 'n paar balle op die gholfbaan terwyl hy dink aan sy volgende navorsingsonderwerp.





# Rev. Sukdaven equally at home in the pulpit as before a class

By Leonie Bolleurs

**R**ev. Maniraj Sukdaven has been involved at the university for six years now. In 2004, he swapped his congregation in the Reformed Church in Africa for a group of English students in Missiology and Religious Studies when he became a part-time lecturer with Prof. Fanie Rickert. He accepted a full-time appointment in the Faculty of Theology two years later and has never looked back.

He ascribes his commitment to the university to its strong academic and human focus. Not only has Rev. Sukdaven thrown his weight behind this initiative, he also aligned his work with this focus of the university. "It is a good balance and I have adopted it as my strategy for the Department of Religious Studies," says Rev. Sukdaven.

The new direction the university has taken under the leadership of Prof. Jonathan Jansen, Vice-Chancellor and Rector, and the positive atmosphere it has created on campus is not only an inspiration for Rev. Sukdaven, but also for two of his students. They were so inspired that they did their master's dissertations with the themes *Religion as an agent for transformation* and *The relationship between Western Christianity and African traditional religions*.

Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, Buddhism, Christianity and traditional African beliefs all form part of the spectrum

of religions that Rev. Sukdaven's students learn more about in his Religious Studies classes. It is also not only second- and third-year Theology students who attend these classes, but also third- and fourth-year Education students. These students are exposed to the different religions so that they can accommodate learners from different religions in a school environment. Students are also taught to put aside their own bias with regard to different religions.

Of all the religions, Hinduism is the religion that most fascinates Rev. Sukdaven academically. Apart from the fact that he has researched this religion extensively and is also completing his PhD on it, he also met many people from the Hindu religion on the mission field – in Stanger, KwaZulu-Natal – and could understand their religion much better.

Rev. Sukdaven not only lectures on the different religions – he is also the founder of the UFS's Inter-Religious Forum that was established in 2009. The forum held a number of interesting sessions this year including religion and education, religion and gender equality, and religious freedom.

Whether in the office or at home, Rev. Sukdaven loves reading; first his Bible and then newspapers such as *The Sunday Times*, *Rapport* and *City Press*. He also strongly encourages students to create a culture of reading for themselves. "Our students have book knowledge, but there is a gap in the conceptualising of information. It is not just book knowledge that is important, the application thereof is also important," he says.

Although he gives his best for academia, his family – his wife and sons of 13 and 17 – are the love of his life.

"My eldest son has excelled at international level in debating and is going to study Law or Engineering at Kovsies," explains the proud father. "Without my family I don't know if I would be as successful as I am," says Rev. Sukdaven.

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# Ds. Jan Lubbe, 'n mens-mens (met lof)

Deur Leonie Bolleurs

**V**erlede jaar het ds. Jan Lubbe, leraar van die NG-gemeente Berg-en-Dal in Bloemfontein en ook deeltjyse dosent in die Fakulteit Teologie, dié toekenning vir Beste Dosent in die Fakulteit ontvang. Soos ons gesprek vorder, ontdek ek die geheim vir hoe jy by studente liefde vir 'n vak kweek.

“Kerkgeskiedenis is 'n vreemde vak vir studente. Dit is belangrik dat jy nie op datums fokus nie, maar op die mense. Dit is mense wat geworstel het met dieselfde vrae as waarmee ons vandag worstel. Dit werk om die geskiedenis te ontdek deur in te gaan op mense se lewensverhale deur middel van verskillende media soos films en outentieke geskrifte,” vertel ds. Jan.

Dit is dan ook mense se verhale wat hom interesseer. In die gesprek kom name op soos Abraham Kuyper, 'n Nederlandse teoloog, politikus en koerantredakteur (bekend vir sy breë Christelike lewens- en wêreldbeskouing en sy invloed op Suid-Afrika), Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 'n Duitse teoloog wat deur Hitler tereggestel is (Bonhoeffer is bekend vir sy lering oor wat dit kos om 'n Jesus-volgeling te wees), asook Johannes Calvyn en Robert Moffat.

Laasgenoemde het al van kleins af 'n invloed op ds. Jan. Die Moffat-kerkie is in 1838 in Kuruman ingewy. Ds. Jan, wat gedurende sy grootwordjare net langs dié sendingstasie gebly het, vertel dat hy as kind die stilte en misterie van die kerkie ingeadem het. “Later sou ek ontdek wat my eintlik aangespreek het, was nie die gebou nie, maar die verskynsel van geloof en aanbidding, die ontmoeting, die verlange én die vraag na God. Vandag kan ek my nie indink dat die teologie, die nadenke oor God en sy Woord en sy mense, en die leef met God en sy Woord en sy mense, nie my roeping is nie; nie die plek is waar ek moet wees nie.”

Toe hy moes besluit waar om hom vir hierdie roeping te bekwaam, was Kowsies die keuse. In 1985 het hy 'n B.A. (Teologie) verwerf; in 1986 B.A. Honneurs (Wysbegeerte)

met lof; in 1987 'n M.A. Wysbegeerte met lof en in 1990 B.Th., ook met lof. Hy het al sy vakke geniet en daarom was dit vir hom moeilik om 'n spesialisering te kies. “Uiteindelik het dit kerkgeskiedenis geword omdat jy eintlik weer die hele veld van die teologie in dié vak bestudeer, soos wat dit deur die eeue neerslag gevind het.

“Daar's nog iets aan die keuse van 'n vak: die dosent. Ek het my M.A. in Wysbegeerte gedoen omdat prof. Kobus Smit (Antropologie en Etiek) vir my 'n wyse leermeester was, 'n mentor van wie ek geweldig baie oor menswees en die misterie daarvan geleer het. En ek het my doktorsale navorsing in kerkgeskiedenis gedoen omdat prof. Dolf Britz my oë oopgemaak het vir die weg van God deur die verlede en die spore daarvan in die oorblyfsels wat ons kan bestudeer: die dokumente en artefakte. In Nederland het dr. George Puchinger vir my gesê die gebod om jou naaste lief te hê, geld ook vir die gestorwe naastes – daarom dat mens met respek deur die geskiedenis moet blaai en oor mense moet skryf – die helde én die skurke. Die geskiedenis is vir my die weg na die geheimenis van ons bestaan, en daarom deur en deur 'n besigwees met God.”

Dit is nie net belangrik om die regte spesialisering te kies nie. Die regte instansie is net so krities belangrik. Ds. Jan verduidelik: “Ek dink Kowsies is 'n universiteit wat die kompleksiteit en uitdagings van hoër onderwys in Afrika in die oë kyk en realisties wil aanspreek, én dit terselfdertyd in die oë van 'n kritiese internasionale wêreld wil doen, dit wil sê met volle akademies-wetenskaplike integriteit. Benewens die goeie navorsing en onderrig waarvan hier genoeg voorbeelde is, is dit die Menseprojek en die inspirasie wat van die UV-bestuur uitgaan, wat tot my spreek.”

As hy nie besig is om die Berg-en-Dal-gemeente te help om God beter te leer ken en te dien nie, of kreatief sy studente vir die geskiedenis lief maak nie, of met sy navorsing oor Abraham Kuyper doenig is nie, ontspan ds. Jan graag met musiek en kuns. Hy het immers Klavier Graad V (Unisa) met lof geslaag. Familietyd met sy vrou, Liezl, en kinders Foster (tweedejaarstudent aan die UV) en Hannelore (Graad 11 aan die Hoërskool Sentraal) is ook belangrik. “Ons gesin het 'n huis buite in Lilyvale gebou, waaroor ons baie opgewonde en dankbaar is. Die tuin daar roep my. En verder is Maandae nie vir my lekker nadat die Springbokke verloor het nie!” sê hy.



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Ds. Jan Lubbe



# Our own 'Olympic team' share their experiences

By René-Jean van der Berg

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**A** thousand times bigger, a thousand times better and a thousand times more impressive than television. That is the experience you get when you have the chance to be part of the Olympic Games.



Dr Derik Coetzee

The University had a big presence at the Olympic Games in London earlier this year with six staff members being actively involved in the day-to-day business of this international event. We also had a staff member making use of her expertise at the Paralympic Games in London.

Two staff members share their experiences:

**Dr Louis Holtzhausen**, Head of the Department of Sports and Exercise Medicine, had the honour of taking care of the physical wellbeing of the South African team at the Games. He was one of the three team doctors appointed to the team.

"It is impossible to describe what you see, feel and experience at such an important event. Nevertheless, one feels immensely proud of yourself, your career and Bloemfontein. This makes you realise that Bloemfontein and the university does not have to stand back for the rest of the world."

Dr Holtzhausen says he often felt very overwhelmed by the importance of his duties at the Games.

"An athlete's whole career is placed in your hands. We had to work much more intensively with these athletes when treating a common condition before making critical decisions, i.e. withdrawing an athlete."

Back home, Dr. Holtzhausen still cannot believe the magnitude of the opportunity he had.

"I was invited to be a team doctor and an invitation like this is not often repeated. It is like reaching your ultimate goal in your career. It was really special."

**Ms Ebeth Grobbelaar**, Assistant Director of the South African Testing Laboratory for Prohibited Substances at the university, was invited to be involved in the Drugs Control Centre in the Unit Against Prohibited Substances. In this unit, she had the daunting task of testing samples of sportsmen and sportswomen for prohibited substances.

"When I got my identification tag, I knew, 'this is real'," says Ebeth.

She and the team in the Unit Against Prohibited Substances tested between 300 and 400 samples of athletes per day. Most of these samples have a turn-around time of 24 hours and some take even longer.



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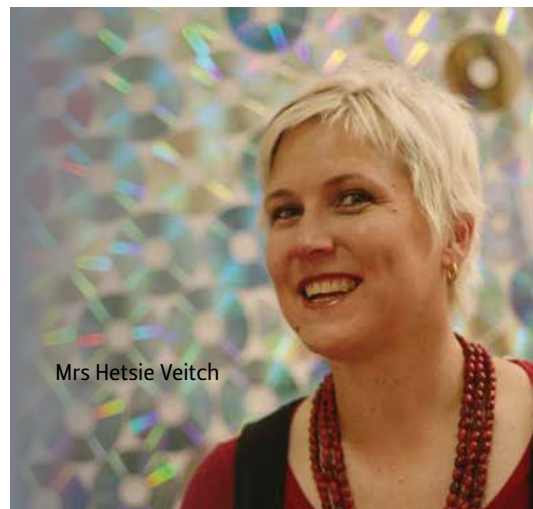


Dr Louis Holtzhausen



Ms Ebeth Grobbelaar

“At no stage, did I or any of the team feel out of control or nervous. We all trusted our knowledge and expertise and everybody was willing to help solve ‘difficult’ cases.”



Mrs Hetsie Veitch

Photo: Lize-Marie Smit

Besides Ebeth and Dr Holtzhausen, two other staff members who took part at the two international sporting events were:

**Mrs Hetsie Veitch**, Head of the Unit for Students with Disabilities at the University of the Free State (UFS), was invited to be a member of the Classification Panel at the final USA Paralympic athletics trials. She and four other classifiers, two from Brazil, one from Canada and one from the USA, tested and verified the international classification status of the American athletes.

**Dr Derik Coetzee**, senior lecturer in the Department of Exercise and Sport Science and Head of our High Performance Centre, was appointed as conditioning coach of the South African men’s hockey team. He was assisted by Colleen Jones and Riaan Schoeman, also from this department.





# Sometimes, a clearer view makes a world of difference

By René-Jean van der Berg

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**T**his is the motto that drives students in the Department of Optometry to go out every day and deliver an impeccable service in the public health sector. It is through this community service programme that the Department of Optometry has reached hundreds of patients in and around Bloemfontein, Jagersfontein and Smithfield.

The department has corrected eyesight where, in some cases, patients would have lost their sight due to the lack of eye-care services in the province.

Mr Nashua Naicker, an optometrist and lecturer at the UFS, says this community programme has been running for several years and has become a critical part of students' curriculum. The programme started in 2005 with absolutely no funding. Students went out with their mobile testing kits to central gathering points in rural areas and conducted eye tests.

Funding still remains a challenge for this programme and often patients have to be placed on a waiting list for spectacles. However, it is the eyes they save that make them carry on. "Not only do we pick up a lot of eye problems before it is too late, but the students also learn to work with people as will be expected of them after they qualify."

Nashua, along with the students, has had many heart-warming moments during these community outreaches.

One of these moments was when he saw a patient, in his late teens, who was a learner at the Bartimea School for the Blind in Bloemfontein. "This child's eyesight was very poor, but he was not blind. All he needed was a proper eye examination and a pair of spectacles. After this, the young patient could be transferred back into the mainstream schooling system."

Nashua also tells of the day a young child at a crèche in Bloemfontein corrected his caretaker on proper eye care after optometry students visited the crèche and taught the children how to take care of their eyes.

"When the teacher wanted to wash his face, he said: 'No, teacher. That is not how you must do it.'"

"This proves that the message does reach the right audience. That is real empowerment."

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# Sipho Mnyakeni a legend in his time

**S**ipho Mnyakeni is a familiar face on the Qwaqwa Campus and way beyond as he features frequently on etv's *Sunrise* programme. He is an author of three motivational books and a transformational speaker of note who has impacted on thousands of South Africans who have had the opportunity to interact with him. Sipho is a music composer and a playwright who is passionate about development. He heads Residence Life on the Qwaqwa Campus.

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**Thabo Kessah** asked him some questions ...

**I was born in ...** Springs where I matriculated at Nkhumbulo Comprehensive School in 1989. I then came to Qwaqwa to start my higher-education journey here at the then University of the North's Qwaqwa Campus.

**I consider myself to be ...** a messenger, an impactor. My mission is to make a difference in every space I am deployed. I find contentment in making a difference.

**I am defined by my ...** faith, my personality and my love for personal development initiatives. However be warned, I am in many ways anti-establishment. I chart new paths and I am not content with popular opinions. I am not afraid to be different.

**I came back here in 2011 after spending seven years pursuing other interests because ...** it was not a difficult decision to make. I have always had a soft spot for this campus having been a member of this community for more than 10 years, as a student and later staff member. I have memories in this space which carved the person I became. The role I was given of student life fits well with my personal goal of youth development as it gives me space to impact on the young people that they can rise and achieve above expectations even in less resourced spaces. If I can manage to place the Qwaqwa Campus on the national map even with one activity or event, I would have achieved something.

**The last twelve months here have been ...** challenging and I must say that the campus has improved a lot. It is miles away from what it was the last time I was

here. There are new buildings and there is still room to upgrade the campus to match the standards of other campuses. Discipline needs to be exerted and we must be professional and act the way we want to be perceived as an institution of higher learning. Students need to be reminded that whatever becomes of this institution is up to them.

**I am inspired by ...** ideas, truth and free spirited dialogue. Oliver Tambo is my great inspiration and I am a student of Jesus Christ's approach to living and leading. I appreciate the charismatic leadership style of our Rector and Vice-Chancellor, Prof JJ. It is great to serve under such leadership. Prof Mthembu at the CUT is another hero I aim to emulate.

**I love ...** Kaizer Chiefs and playing Grand Auto Theft Computer Games. I also loved eating Purity when no one was looking ... hahaha.

**I am passionate about ...** arts and am pioneering a project called *Counter culture* where the arts are used to inspire confidence and instil values. This means poetry, drama and music that mirror what society should be in contrast to bad values pushed through popular media. I hope to raise a musical star from the Qwaqwa Campus. I have already identified one. Watch this space. Through the *Dear Oliver* and *Sgegede* projects of the Residence Life, I hope to place this campus on a national map of creativity. We just performed the *Dear Oliver* project and the reception was WOW. We plan to do more. I am also beginning a search and training for Christian stand-up comedians in my role as Executive Director of the Impact Centre. **B**

# Vernietiging van biodiversiteit 'n groot krisis

Deur Leatitia Pienaar

## *Dierkunde vier sy eerste eeu*

**D**ie grootste krisis wat die wêreld vandag in die gesig staar, is dat biodiversiteit teen die tempo van massa-uitwissing verdwyn, so sê prof. Jo van As, Hoof van die Departement Dierkunde aan die UV.



Photo: Leatitia Pienaar

Dié departement is een van die oudste dissiplines aan die UV en het vanjaar 'n eeu oud geword. 'n Boek waarvan prof. van As redakteur-skrywer was, het ook met wye erkenning die lig gesien. Hy is die vyfde departementshoof in hierdie 100 jaar.

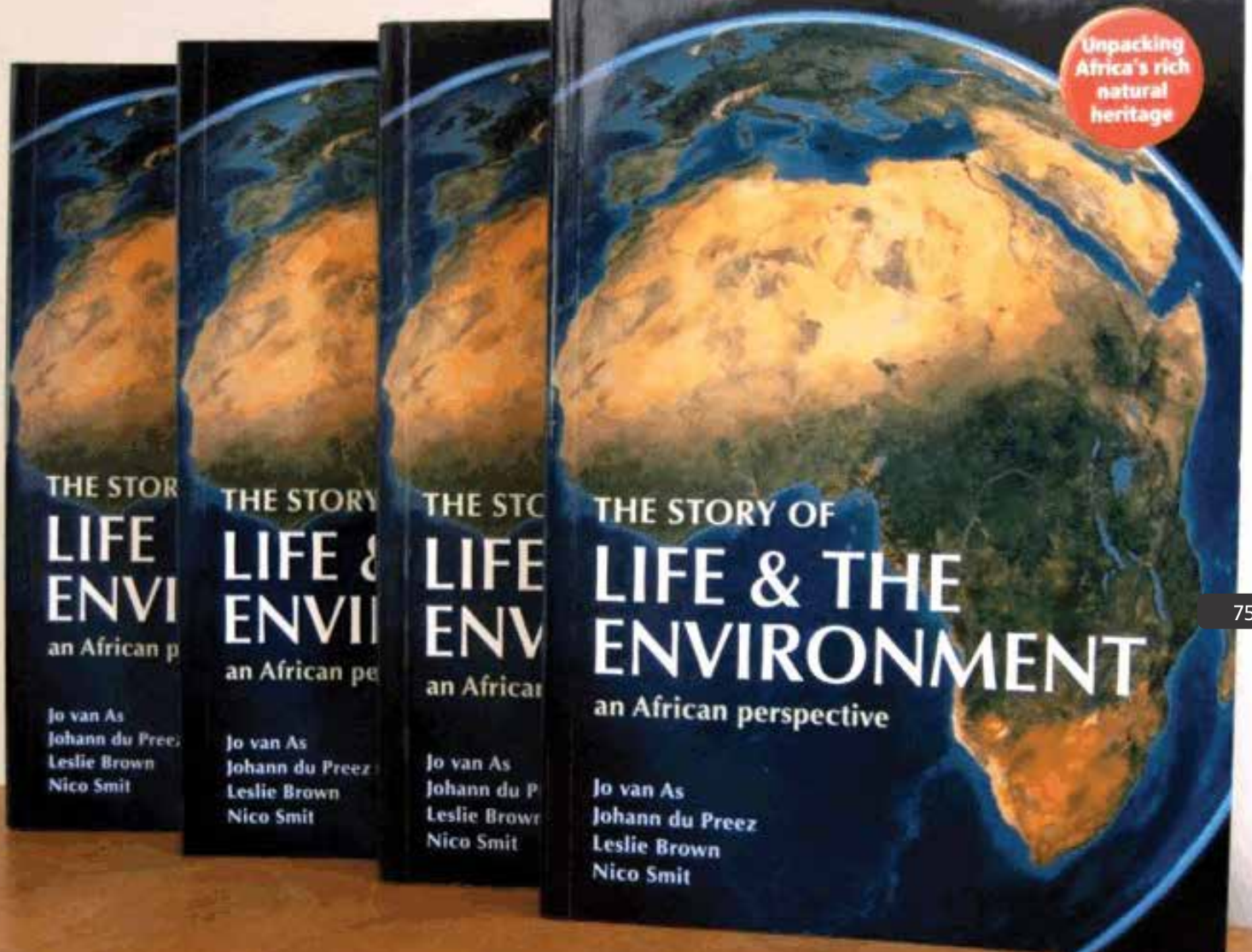
In 1905 is die eerste lesings in Dierkunde aangebied, maar die departement het eers sy ontstaan in 1912 gehad. Onder die destydse hoof, prof. TF Dreyer, is die uitgrawings by Florisbad naby Soutpan byvoorbeeld geïnisieer.

Prof. van As sê die aarde het reeds talle uitsterf-geleenthede beleef. Die eerste was sowat 65 miljoen jaar gelede toe 'n meteoriet die aarde getref het en die dinosourisse onder meer uitgesteef het. Dit het 10 miljoen jaar geneem om dié skade te herstel.

“Die uitwerking van die mens se aktiwiteite is van so 'n aard dat die uitwissing van biodiversiteit nou groter is as die van 65 miljoen jaar gelede,” sê Prof. van As.

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# Besondere boek sien die lig

Die boek *The Story of Life & the Environment – an African perspective* is deur Random House Struik gepubliseer. Daar word gewerk aan 'n Afrikaanse weergawe en die boek sal ook in e-formaat beskikbaar wees.

Die boek het sy ontstaan gehad by 'n behoefte aan 'n ekologiese teks wat handel oor Afrika-voorbeelde. Die boek van Terrence McCarthy en Bruce Rubidge – *The story of Earth and Life* – het as aansporing gedien en sou aanvullend daartoe wees.

Prof. van As sê die boek was 'n enorme projek wat vyf jaar geduur het, waarvan niemand werklik die omvang in die beplanningsfase besef het nie. Die boek beslaan 450 bladsye van 11 hoofstukke, met 750 foto's en 200

kleurryke illustrasies en meer as 20 kaarte van Afrika. Feitlik al die kaartillustrasies was voltooi, toe Suid-Soedan onafhanklik geword het, en daarna moes die kaarte daarvolgens aangepas word.

Vanweë die omvangryke aard van die inligting in die boek vervat, is dele deur spesialis-medewerkers geskryf om sekere begrippe en onderwerpe beter te verduidelik. Die koördinasie van al hierdie dele asook die onderlinge hoofstukke deur van die outeurs was uitdagend. Dit is 'n boek wat handel vanaf die begin van die heelal en strek oor 'n groot diversiteit van onderwerpe en dissiplines. Dit het gemaak dat die hele proses baie intense navorsing behels het en ook die redakteur genoodsaak het om baie spesialis-konsultante te raadpleeg.

# Voorskoolse kinders op kampus versorg

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**U**V-personeel kon vanaf die begin van 2012 hulle kinders met groter gerustheid by die *kindergarten* op die Bloemfontein-kampus aflaai. The Little Professor-*kindergarten* word hoofsaaklik deur personeel gebruik en spreek 'n behoefte aan wat reeds jare al bestaan.

Kinders se ouderdomme wissel van drie maande tot ses jaar. Die *kindergarten* is gebou nadat personeel in 'n opname aangedui het dat hulle graag hulle kinders naby aan hul werkplek sou wou hê.

Dit spog met hoogs gekwalifiseerde onderwysers, goettoegeruste klaskamers, slaap- en ablusiefasiliteite en 'n speelterrein en dit is duidelik dat die kleintjies se belange voorkeur geniet.

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**Studente**

# NSH tackles student hunger one bite at a time

By Lacea Loader

**N**o army can march on an empty stomach and the same holds for students; they cannot learn and concentrate without at least one nutritious meal per day. And there are many students who cannot afford a decent meal during a day of study.

The NSH started operating in 2011 on the initiative of Prof. Jonathan Jansen, Vice-Chancellor and Rector of the UFS, who raised funds from companies and communities to support this programme. He also donated the royalties of his book 'We Need to Talk', valued at R100 000 towards NSH.

Students on the programme apply for a food bursary and are selected in terms of criteria including financial need, academic performance, participation in student life programmes and a commitment to give something back to the community. The students receive daily meal vouchers to the value of R30 for use at selected campus outlets that offer healthy balanced meals.

Initially only 100 students could be accommodated on the programme, but with support from donors this number was raised to 110. More funding is, however, needed to reach many more hungry but academically strong students. From 2013, the programme will be extended to our Qwaqwa Campus in the Eastern Free State, where the need is just as great. The total cost of running the NSH in 2013 is approximately R900 000; support is urgently needed.

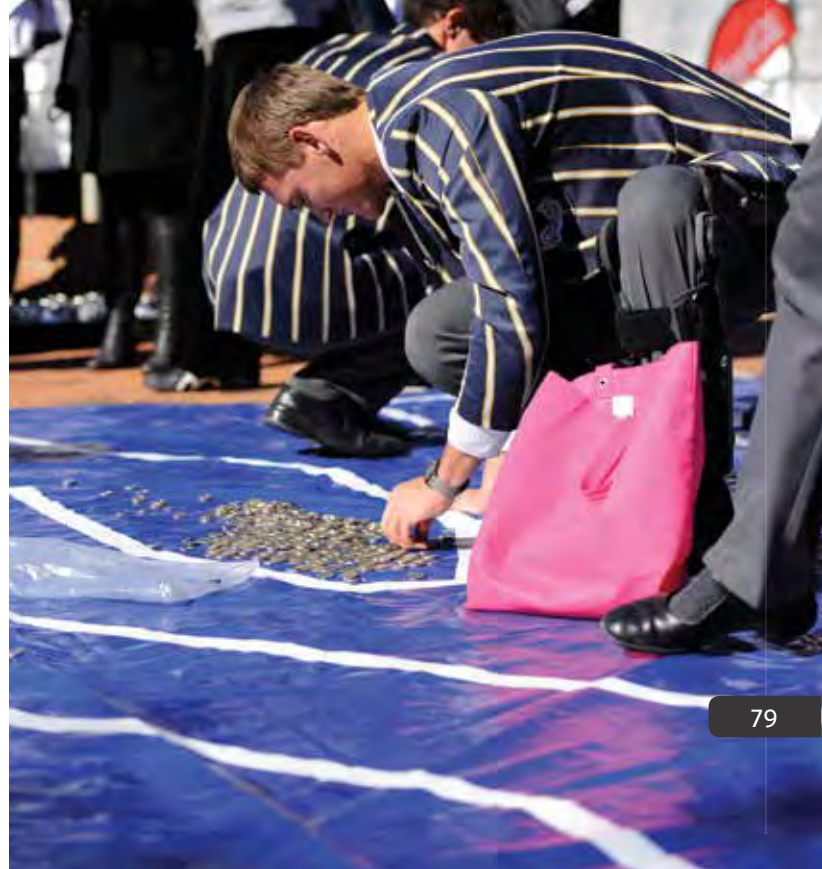
Mrs Grace Jansen, wife of Prof. Jansen and Mrs Carin Buys, wife of Mr Rudi Buys, Dean of Student Affairs, are volunteers and patrons of the project. "I have been and continue to be touched by the stories of these courageous young people whom, despite great odds, succeed. All they need is a bit of help and encouragement on our part. It is an honour and a privilege to serve the student community at the UFS," Mrs Jansen says.

The NHS forms part of *The Human Project* of the university which is designed to create empathetic and supportive environments for learning and living that enable students to more readily build bridges towards each other across the fault-lines of race, class, disability, national origins and ethnicity. "When especially disadvantaged students sense that they are cared for not



Photo caption: Students on the programme had the opportunity to be treated at the home of Prof. Jonathan Jansen, Vice-Chancellor and Rector, and his wife, Grace.





only in terms of their academic needs but also in relation to their more basic human needs, we find a greater capacity for participation in matters of reconciliation and restoration," she says.

### How to make a difference



Contributions of R10 at a time can be made to the programme. Watch the video on [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ECSx6djH\\_Qg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ECSx6djH_Qg) and SMS the word "Answer" to 38722 to make your donation. You can also view it via the Qtag.

Donations can be made by contacting the NSH team at [nostudenthungry@ufs.ac.za](mailto:nostudenthungry@ufs.ac.za)

### NSH celebrates Mandela Day by giving back

The NSH team organised a coin laying ceremony on the Bloemfontein Campus on Mandela Day as part of the 67 Minute programme of giving back to the community. Schools in Bloemfontein, staff, students and members of the public laid R5 coins on the Red Square. The R42 000 that was raised was shared between the NSH and Bloemfontein Child Welfare.



*You are investing in a student's future, our country's future.*







# International delegates attend summit

By Leatitia Pienaar

Staff and students from universities in the United States of America, Asia and Europe attended the first Global Leadership Summit at the university in July 2012.

More than 150 delegates gathered to listen to lectures and to deliberate issues under the theme "Transcending Boundaries of Global Change Leadership". The summit focused on issues pertaining to change leadership, diversity and racial reconciliation in higher education through critical dialogues between staff and students from all over the world.

Prof. Aldo Stroebel, Director: International Academic Programmes, says the university has increasingly embedded internationalisation in its strategic priorities. One of these internationalisation initiatives is the Leadership for Change Programme, which was started in 2010.

The summit was the reciprocal measure to the UFS Leadership for Change Programme that focuses on first-year students. The programme started in 2010 with 71 students who were placed at nine universities in the US where they gained intense exposure to the academic, social, cultural and residential lives of students of other countries.

Following on the success of this initiative, in 2011, 150 students were hosted at partner universities in the US, Europe and Japan. The impact of cross-cultural and cross-border experiences on changing and enriching the participants' minds and attitudes has been manifested in a wide variety of ways at both the UFS and the partner institutions.

Participants visited schools and historic sites in Bloemfontein and spent a weekend in the Eastern Free State and on the Qwaqwa Campus where they got a firsthand experience of this beautiful part of South Africa and could join in traditional games.



# UFS101-studente ‘bederf’ met top-‘dosente’

Deur Leatitia Pienaar



Me. Gill Marcus

Hoofregter Hendrick Thekiso Musi (links) van die Vrystaatse Hooggeregshof en dr. Mallory du Plooy. – Fotos: Leatitia Pienaar

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**M**in studente sal ooit kan sê dat ’n hoofregter al vir hulle klas gegee het; en dit vir ’n uur lank! Of dat hulle eerstehands na die President van die Reserwebank van Suid-Afrika kon hoor waarheen die land se ekonomie op pad heen is.

Of dat ’n astronomie-fees aangelê sou word om hulle aan die sterre voor te stel, en aan chemie, die geskiedenis ...

Eerstejaarstudente in die UFS 101-kernkurrikulumkursus het die voorreg gehad om aan die voete van uitgelese leermeesters in verskeie velde te sit. So het hulle in Mei vanjaar kans gehad om na hoofregter Hendrick Thekiso Musi van die Vrystaatse Hooggeregshof te luister.

In September kon hulle van Gill Marcus hoor hoe die moeilike jaar in die Eurozone verloop en die gevolge wat dit vir Suid-Afrika inhou. Sy het dit as die langste finansiële krisis sedert 2008 beskryf.

Die UFS101-kursus is in 2012 vir alle eerste eerstejaarstudente ingestel. Die doel is om hulle ’n beter

visie en begrip van hul eie menswees en hul plek in die burgerlike samelewing te gee. Dit gee aan hulle ’n oorhoofse oorsig van hoe die samelewing ineengewef is.

Dr. Mallory du Plooy, UFS 101-projekbestuurder, sê meer as 2000 studente is vanjaar in die program opgeneem en dit sal in 2013 met meer as ’n duisend groei wanneer studente in verlengde kursusse ook die UFS 101-kursus moet aanpak.

Die kursus behels massa-lesings in die Callie Human-sentrum. Blackboard is die enigste medium waardeur die studente terugvoer gee. Tutoriale nasieners kommunikeer met hulle in ’n papierlose omgewing. ’n Span van sowat 70 tutoriale nasieners word ingespan om leiding aan die studente te gee. Studente moet die kursus met ’n gemiddeld van 50% slaag om ’n kwalifikasie te behaal.

Mnr. Du Plooy sê die kursus is ’n soort “afrondingskool”. “Die gedagte dat die universiteit ’n meer afgeronde student aan die gemeenskap kan lewer, maak my opgewonde. Die kursus bring breër insig oor ’n wye spektrum van onderwerpe by die studente tuis.”

Kernkurrikulumkursusse word redelik algemeen by universiteite in die VSA aangebied, maar die UV is een van die min, indien nie die enigste, wat so ’n kursus in Suid-Afrika aanbied.

# Making friends 1 000s of kilometres away from home

By Amanda Tongha and Linda Fekisi

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In 2010 Patience Matlala was part of the first group of Kovsie students who travelled to the United States as part of the Leadership for Change Programme to learn about issues such as diversity, leadership and citizenship. The following year she returned to the United States as an exchange student spending a year at Appalachian State University (ASU).

Patience, now in her third year, is just one of the many students on our campus who have enjoyed the benefits of studying abroad whether as an international student studying at Kovies or, as in her case, one of our own gaining a new perspective on the world.

Having institutional partnerships with various universities abroad students from across the world can enjoy the benefits of studying abroad to broaden their world. The Office for International Affairs on our Bloemfontein Campus is where it all comes together for those who want to experience something different in terms of personal, academic and career development. The office's main responsibility is to provide information to international students, scholars and exchange visitors and to facilitate and strategically drive the institutional initiatives to achieve the internationalisation objective of the university. Assisting exchange students is one of the functions of the office and one of the students who has walked through their doors is Patience.

Talking about her experience Patience highlights how different the American academic system is to the one

she knows back home. "There are smaller classes that allow interactivity. You come to class and apply your theoretical knowledge and not just jot down notes." Patience, who hails from Pretoria, says she would like to revamp the South African system and teach educators how to educate students in all areas not just academically but with world knowledge.

Geoff Seale is another Kovsie student who has enjoyed the benefits of studying abroad with the help of the Office for International Affairs. Geoff also spent time at ASU doing a major in sustainable building design. What stood out for him was the wide range of extramural activities. "The cafeteria was also something special; students often go as groups to socialise or work on projects or just to have a great meal. The library was something spectacular. Students were allowed to hire iPads, laptops, video cameras and other electronic equipment. No fee is charged although it had a limit of two weeks."

It is not only Kovsie students who have been exposed to cross-cultural and learning experiences. Alissa Leeds, an American student from ASU, and Elliot Barragne-Bigot from the University of Bordeaux in France, are two of the international students that have made Kovies their second home.

"When I arrived here it was winter, cold and people were talking to me in Afrikaans," Elliot says about June 2011 when he arrived in Bloemfontein. Elliot returned to France earlier this year.

Talking about his experiences before he left for his home country he said the City of Roses has become his second home. Studying at our university was his first visit to our continent.

What stood out for him? "African time, you just have to cope with it, get into it."





Patience Matlala (front, far right) and other Kovie students spending time in the United States. – Photo supplied



Alissa Leeds from the United States, and Elliot Barragne-Bigot from France says they will cherish the time spent on the Bloemfontein Campus of the University of the Free State. – Photo: Amanda Tongha

During his time at the university he stayed in JBM Hertzog residence and said it has changed his perspectives. “Reslife is very special and unique to this country; we don’t have something like this.”

Just like Elliot, Alissa also spent time in one of our residences, Welwitchia, and said she had been lucky to be immersed in residence life as most international students tend to hang out together, being disconnected from campus life.

Alissa spoke favourably about what has been achieved at the university. “We heard about the Reitz story and can see the university is moving forward.”

Alissa, who has also returned to the United States, said something she will miss about the country is the biltong and braais. “I really love South Africa and I will miss the friendships I made.”





## Brian a Microsoft Student Partner

Brian Campbell from the Department of Computer Science and Informatics at our university has been invited to join the Microsoft Student Partner (MSP) programme. He is one of only 16 South Africans chosen and will be part of the contingent of Microsoft's first non-industry partners trained in Microsoft's newest and most revolutionary technologies, which will be launched within the coming months.



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## Commercio wys beste dosente aan

Commercio, die verteenwoordigende studenteliggam in die Fakulteit Ekonomiese en Bestuurswetenskappe, het vir 'n eerste gesorg deur hul beste dosente aan te wys en op 'n glansonhaal te vereer. Met meer as 2 000 stemme moes met die hulp van Wiskundige Statistiek verwerk word. Studeute voel tevrede dat die resultate 'n werklike weergawe van hul menings is.

Hier is die studeute en dosente by die onthaal – Foto: Stephen Collett.

## Record number of students becomes part of honour society

More than 700 top achievers from the UFS were invited to join the Golden Key International Honour Society as new members this year. Sibusiso Tshabalala, a third-year BCom Law student and also one of ten Google Young Minds for 2012, delivered the keynote address at a Golden Key ceremony in Bloemfontein.

“In a country where rhetoric triumphs over logic and mediocrity rules supreme, while excellence is fast becoming taboo, we need the thinkers to do the leading,” said Sibusiso. He told students that they were now part of a global community of students who valued academic achievement, leadership and service.

Dr Derek Swemmer, Registrar and co-advisor of the UFS Chapter, said to the students they had demonstrated the ability and now had to fulfil their potential.

Judge Ian van der Merwe, Chairperson of the UFS Council, Mr Billyboy Ramahlele, Director: Community Engagement and Prof. Hendrik Swart, Senior Professor in Physics, were recognised as honorary members of the society.



Kovsie Church, fully packed for the Golden Key ceremony for new members. – Photo: Stephen Collett

Dr Swemmer was appointed chairperson of the governing body of the society earlier this year. Dr Swemmer became the first South African to serve in this position of this prestige academic society.

The university's Golden Key chapter also received the International Chapter Service Award this year.



## Dux-studente op Bloemfontein-kampus aangewys

Dux-studente vir 2012 is deur die Studenteraad op die Bloemfontein-kampus aangewys: Inge Seale (B.Sc. Med.) is die wenner, Werner Pretorius (Studenteraadslid: Testourier) is die eerste naaswenner en Tumelo Moreri, 'n lid van die Golden Key International Society, die tweede naaswenner. Hier is, van links: Tumelo Moreri (B.Sc. Aktuariële Wetenskap), Inge Seal en Werner Pretorius (LL.B.). – Foto: Stephen Collett



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## Studente kuier by Visekanselier

Die eerstejaars en huiskomiteedele van die koshuise JBM Hertzog en NJ van der Merwe het in September 2012 geleentheid gehad om by prof. Jonathan Jansen, Visekanselier en Rektor, en sy vrou, Grace, aan huis in Bloemfontein te kuier. Die studente het op die pretgevolle dag geleentheid gehad om te ontspan, sport(s) te hê en 'n ete saam te geniet. W.P. Wahl, Assistent-Direkteur: Koshuislewe, sê dit was 'n wonderlike geleentheid om met prof. Jansen en sy vrou te kuier. – Foto: Kaleidoscope Photography.



## Three students visit Kenya as Google ambassadors

Second-year Technology students visited Kenya as Google Ambassadors in June this year. Temitope Adebayo-Ojo, Hlompota Mota and André Prinsloo, all Information Technology students, attended a three-day Google Ambassador Orientation Summit in Nairobi.

Joining Google Ambassadors from more than 100 African universities, they learned more about the products offered by the search-engine company.

For the next year, they will be the eyes and ears of Google on the UFS campuses, creating awareness and introducing students to new Google products and features. "Getting a foot in the door with Google was probably the ultimate form of networking," said André.



Students elected to be Google Ambassadors are (from the left) André Prinsloo, Temitope Adebayo-Ojo and Hlompota Mota.

– Photo: Amanda Tongha



# ‘Local knowledge important in the protection of bio-diversity’

By Thabo Kessah

Dr Mogomme Masoga maintains that Indigenous Knowledge is the cornerstone of every community. He is seen here during the 5th Annual Indigenous Knowledge Systems Symposium held on the Qwaqwa Campus.

**T**he 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Indigenous Knowledge (IK) Systems Symposium was held on our Qwaqwa Campus.

The theme for the Symposium was “Utilising Indigenous Knowledge for sustainable rural development”. The symposium was held on our Qwaqwa Campus.

The keynote address was delivered by Dr Mogomme Masoga from the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA), who challenged the developing world to utilise IK systems maximally. “Indigenous knowledge is a reality that we have to learn to live with,” said Dr Masoga during this community-driven event that attracted many community leaders.

“This is the kind of knowledge that has been around when needed and it is directly related to the survival of each and every community. It is an intellectual movement aimed at undoing all the damage done by years of oppression,” Dr Masoga maintained.

A number of thought-provoking papers were also delivered and among them papers from UFS staff members Dr Elsa Crause (Sociology), Tshele Moloi (Education), Robert Lentsoane (Plant Sciences) and retired Prof. Rodney Moffett. Dr Crause’s paper, entitled *Are we predators or custodians of knowledge*, raised quite a number of pertinent issues. She said that IKS was important in the protection of our bio-diversity, in food production and health as well as in the development agenda.

Tshele’s presentation focused on the usage of indigenous games like *morabaraba*, *diketo* and *kgathi* in enhancing understanding of mathematics while Robert’s paper focused on the use of plants to produce beverages.

“Unlike many countries, South Africa has well over 19 500 plant species, yet very few plant-based beverages and this is a worrying factor considering countries with few species having even more of such beverages,” said Lentsoane.

Prof. Moffett captivated the audience with his knowledge of various indigenous plants and their medicinal usage, among others.





**Sport**



Nege lede van die Kopsies Sewesrugbyspan in die vroeë 1970's, met hul afrigter, Nelie Smith (voor).

# UV-Rugby vier

**E**en van die universiteit se bekendste entiteite is sy rugbyklub wat vanjaar sy 100ste bestaansjaar vier. Hier is van sy hoogtepunte oor die eeu:

## Naam

Nadat die UV se eerstespan in 1918 'n wedstryd verloor het, het die rasieler van daardie jaar, Keppie Landau, besluit dit is tyd vir 'n nuwe studentekreet.

Hy het 'n wêreldkaart gegryp en op die kaart van Indië die naam van 'n dorpie Shimla gesien en dit as nuwe slagwoord vir die kreet gekies. Die naam is eers in 1966 deur die afrigter Wickie Mostert aan die eersterugbyspan toegedig.

Kopsies se tweedespan dra sedert 1971 die naam van Irawas.

## Rugbyreeks

Die Shimlas het die reeks om die Stadsbeker sedert sy ontstaan totaal oorheers met 41 titels agter hulle naam. Oud-Greys se 22 titels is die naasmeeste. Sedert 2000 was dit net Polisie (2000), Oud-Greys (2007) en SUT (2008) wat verhoed het dat die UV skoonskip maak.

Die 1970's was ook 'n goue tydperk waarin die Shimlas tussen Mei 1970 en Augustus 1978 onoorwonne was. In 1974 het die span veral 'n skitterende vertoningslys gehad met 'n gemiddelde wentelling van 54-8.

Vandat die span sedert 1966 as die Shimlas bekend staan, het hulle in 425 Stadsbeker-wedstryde 361 oorwinnings behaal. Dis 'n wenpersentasie van 84,94% teen 'n gemiddelde wentelling van 40-14.

In die Varsitybekerreeks was 2011 die Shimlas se suksesvolste nog toe die span derde geëindig het met vyf uit sewe seges. Die jaar vantevore was die span ook derde (vier uit sewe oorwinnings) en het die Shimlas in 'n weg-halfeindstryd teen die Ikeys verloor.

Die losvoerspeler Boom Prinsloo was in 2010 die Speler van die Reeks.

In die Superbowl-reeks vir tersiêre inrigtings, wat van 2004 tot 2007 aangebied is, het die Shimlas in 2004 die titel gebuit en in 2005 die eindstryd gehaal.

Op die jaarlikse Nasionale Klubkampioenskap is die Shimlas al drie keer (1986, 1999 en 2002) sedert die reeks se ontstaan in 1975 as kampioen gekroon.

## Springbokke

Johan Goosen se buiging vir die Springbokke vanjaar en Raymond Rhule se insluiting het die getal van Shimlas wat as Springbokke gekies is tot 71 opgestoot.

Ná Boetie McHardy in 1912 die eerste Kopsie geword het om vir die Springbokke gekies te word (hy was ook die eerste Bok om 'n driekuns aan drieë te behaal), was daar 'n gaping van 25 jaar voordat Harry Martin die volgende Springbok uit Kopsie-geledere was.

Sedert Piet Wessels in 1951 die UV se derde Bok geword het, het daar nooit meer as vyf jaar verbygegaan sonder



# 100 jaar

Deur Ruan Bruwer

Die Shimlas van destyds speel teen die Shimlas van nou.

dat 'n Kowsie-student die Groen en Goud oor sy kop getrek het nie. Die 1970's (11 Springbokke), 1990's (18) en die 2000's (17) was die tydperke waarin die UV-klub die meeste spelers tot die Bokspan gelewer het.

Chris Badenhorst was die eerste Shimla-speler om vir die Springbok-sewesspan gekies te word.

'n Verdere 23 spelers het sedert Badenhorst se buiging in 1993 in sy voetspore gevolg met Jamba Ulenga wat in 2012 die 24ste Shimla-Blitsbok geword het.

## Cheetahs

Kovsies het nog altyd 'n integrale deel van die Vrystaat-span gevorm met 17 spelers wat in die Vrystaat-span was wat die Curriebeker in 1976 die eerste keer omhoog gehou het.

Toe die Cheetahs eers weer in 2005 die beker kon verower, was 15 van die 22-tal in die eindstryd Kovsies.

## Eufeesherdenking

Die eufeeshawek is in November 2012 in Bloemfontein gehou.

Van die hoogtepunte was 'n gholfdag, mannebraai, eufeeshedinee en 'n wedstryd tussen Shimlas Verlede en Shimlas Hede.

Saam met die viering word 'n eeu van Kowsie-rugby in 'n koffietafelboek van nagenoeg 500 bladsye en 'n DVD saamgevat.



Die Springbokke speel sedert 2009 gereeld met tot vyf oud-Shimlas. Hier is Jannie du Plessis, Juan Smith, Ruan Pienaar, Bismarck du Plessis en Heinrich Brüssow.



Die Shimlas met die verowering van die Nasionale klubkampioen in 2002.



Tat Botha (voor) is een van die lojaalste Shimlas. Hy het self vir dié span uitgedraf en hordes spelers oor 'n kwarteeu tot geslypte Springbokke gebrei.



# Room van die oes berei by UV voor

Deur Leonie Bolleurs

**U**itstekende fasiliteite, goeie weerstoestande en gasvryheid is van die hoofkategorie wat nasionale sowel as internasionale sportlui lok om by ons universiteit vir groot byeenkomste soos die Olimpiese Spele voor te berei.

Drie internasionale hokkiespanne het sedert die begin van die jaar die oefenfasiliteite van die universiteit gebruik om vir die Olimpiese Spele voor te berei. Vir Duitsland en Suid-Afrika se hokkiespanne was dit die vierde keer dat hulle by die universiteit kom oefen het.

Met die koue weer in Europa het Oostenryk besluit om sy hokkie-oefenkamp by die universiteit te laat plaasvind. Vier van Oostenryk se driekampatlete het die landloopbaan en swembad op die Bloemfontein-kampus gebruik om vir die Spele te slyp. Duitsland se nasionale hokkiespan het vroeg-Maart kom oefen. Suid-Afrika het ook in dié tyd die fasiliteite gebruik en Oostenryk se nasionale span het al sedert einde Februarie in Bloemfontein geoefen. 'n Klubspan van Oostenryk het ook in Maart die fasiliteite gebruik, waaronder die astrobane, swembad, atletiekbaan en Biokinetika-sentrum. Ander internasionale hokkiespanne wat al die afgelope ses jaar van die astrobane gebruik het, sluit in Rusland, Argentinië, België, China, Azerbeidjan en Nederland.

UV-personeel het toegesien dat alles seepglad verloop. Me. Annemarie Ludick en mnr. Frans van der Watt, onder leiding van mnr. Mickey Gordon, Hoof: Bemaking, Instusionele Bevordering en Sport, is vir logistieke reëlings en finansies verantwoordelik. Mnr. Johan Gerber behartig die instandhouding van die astro's. Die universiteit spog met van die bes-toegeruste astro's. "Duitsland het byvoorbeeld nie enige oefenballe, kegels of beddens (vir gebruik deur fisioterapeute) saamgebring nie. Die astro's is reeds volledig daarmee toegerus," sê me. Ludick.

Die feit dat internasionale spanne soos Duitsland (tweede op die wêreldranglys), Suid-Afrika en Oostenryk van die universiteit se fasiliteite gebruik maak, beteken baie. "Toeskouers wat na die vriendskaplike oefenwedstryde kom kyk, bied goeie blootstelling aan die universiteit. Kopsies se eerstespan het ook die geleentheid gekry om oefenwedstryde teen hierdie spelers te speel. Verder dra die oefenkampe ook by tot die ekonomie van Bloemfontein," sê me. Ludick.

Buiten dat ons uitstekende sportfasiliteite die room van die wêreld se hokkiespelers na ons universiteit lok, het nasionale boksspanne van Suid-Afrika en Botswana ook by ons aangesluit om vir verskeie wêreldklassportbyeenkomste voor te berei.

Boksers van Suid-Afrika en Botswana het sedert Januarie vanjaar ons fasiliteite gebruik. Die boksers oefen onder leiding van bekende name in die sportbedryf soos onder andere dr. Derik Coetzee van die Departement Oefen- en Sportwetenskappe (ook hoofkondisioneringsafrigter van die Springbokke), dr. Louis Holtzhausen van die Departement Sport- en Oefengeneeskunde.

Die inisiatief is voortspruitend uit 'n ooreenkoms tussen die universiteit en die Suid-Afrikaanse Olimpiese Komitee. Volgens me. Ludick het die universiteit se Hoëprestasiesentrum 'n baie goeie sukseskoers. "In die verlede was daar 'n groep van 11 spanlede wat voorberei het om vir die Suid-Afrikaanse nasionale span te kwalifiseer en tien van hierdie boksers was suksesvol," sê sy.





Nardus Greyling

# God se Woord en atletiek is Nardus se passies

Deur Leonie Bolleurs

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**N**adat sy oupa gesê het Kovsies is die beste plek om teologie te studeer, het Nardus Greyling, nou 'n derdejaar-teologiestudent, besluit om die wyse raad te volg. Toe sy suster Elana, ook 'n teologie-student hier, net goed van die fakulteit gepraat het, het Nardus nie veel aansporing nodig gehad om by Kovsies in te skryf nie.

Hy voel geroepe om eendag voltyds vir die Here te werk, spesifiek met die jeug. So is Nardus dan ook in die gelukkige posisie om reeds met sy spreekwoordelike een voet in die bediening te staan by die NG-gemeente Pellissier, waar hy by die jeug betrokke is. Saam met die jongmense het hy al verskeie stranddienstekampe na Jeffreysbaai, asook 'n skolebesoek of twee meegemaak. "Ek hou veral van dié praktiese deel van die bediening," sê Nardus, wat elke dag met 'n passie vir die Here wil leef.

As dit by die teorie kom, is dit Kerkgeskiedenis/Dogmatologie wat vir hom die interessantste is, omdat onderwerpe soos die totstandkoming van teologie bespreek word. Die vak is een van die belangrikste dissiplines in teologie en gaan oor die leer van die kerk. As jy na Nardus se inskrywing op Facebook kyk, sien jy ook dat die Bybel en boeke van John Piper onder sy gunsteling tel.

Nardus is egter 'n veelsydige jong man met meer as een passie. Buiten sy strewe om die jeug met God se Woord te bedien, vaar hy ook baie goed op die sportveld. Hy is 'n uitbinker in tienkamp en het al op nasionale vlak gepresteer. By vanjaar se USSA-kampioenskappe het hy met 'n silwermedalje weggestap en somer ook vir die All Africa-spele, wat in Junie vanjaar in Benin plaasgevind het, gekwalifiseer.

Hy verduidelik dit so: "Alles werk op 'n puntstelsel. Om vir dié spele te kwalifiseer moes ek 7 050 punte

behaal." Dit is egter baie makliker gesê as gedaan. Vir die tienkamp is daar letterlik tien items waaraan jy oor 'n periode van twee dae deelneem. Dit sluit in die 100 m-naelloop, verspring, gewigstoot, hoogspring, 400 m-naelloop, 110 m-hekkies, diskus, paalspring, spiesgooi en 1 500 m-langafstand.

"Atletiek is 'n goeie leerskool wat my leer om selfstandig te wees en om dit wat die lewe na my kant toe gooi te hanteer," sê hy.

Sy groot droom is om vir die Olimpiese Spele in 2016 in Rio de Janeiro te kwalifiseer. Hy werk hard daaraan om hierdie droom te verwesenlik en glo dat uithouvermoë en om te geniet wat jy doen, die sleutel tot sukses is. Nardus se oefenprogram sluit in agt oefensessies van een uur elk per week, gepaardgaande met die regte eetgewoontes, die nodige vitamines en genoeg water.

Nardus is 'n lid van die Kovsie-atletiekklub en sê die gehalte-afrigting wat hulle ontvang, is van die beste in die land.

"Kovsies het die beste *vibe*. Die opset op die Bloemfontein-kampus is so dat jy dit wat jy geniet, kan doen saam met die mense wat dieselfde passie as jy het – of dit nou op die sportveld of in die klas is," sê Nardus.



Tanya Britz in aksie.



# Kovsie se hokkiefamilie is tops, sê Tanya

Deur Leonie Bolleurs

**T**anya Britz, Protea-hokkiespeler, is 'n gebore en getoë Bloemfonteiner. Nou studeer sy Beeldende Kuns en speel hokkie vir die universiteit se eerste span. Hoewel albei regtig baie harde werk is, slaag hierdie onder 18-vrouespeler van 2011 daarin om al die spreekwoordelike balle in die lug te hou. Haar miktuit is om eendag as deel van die Suid-Afrikaanse span aan die Olimpiese Spele deel te neem.

Hierdie groot droom is nie so vergesog nie as jy in ag neem dat Tanya weer vanjaar vir die Vrystaatse o.21-span, die SA o.21-span, asook vir die Proteas speel. Reeds op 16-jarige ouderdom het sy begin om op provinsiale vlak te presteer met haar insluiting in die Vrystaatse o.16A-span. Teen haar 17de verjaardag was daar geen keer meer aan haar nie en het sy vir die Vrystaatse o.18-span, die Vrystaatse o.21-span en die Vrystaat-vrouespan gespeel en sy is ook ingesluit in die groep wat aan die Junior Wêreldbekertoernooi deelgeneem het.

'n Jaar later het sy ook 'n plek in die SA o.18-span en die Protea-vrouespan op haar kerfstok gehad. Vanjaar, as draer van die groen en goud in die Protea-span, het Tanya haar vlerke gesprei en in 'n paar internasionale wedstryde in Nederland, Engeland en Skotland gespeel.

Tanya speel al van Graad 1 af hokkie, maar het eers van Graad 8 af ernstig daarop begin fokus. "My ma het ons alle sportsoorte laat doen, maar op die ou einde was hokkie my groot passie," vertel sy.

As leerder aan die Hoërskool Sentraal het Tanya drie jaar lank vir die Sentrale Universiteit van Tegnologie (SUT) gespeel – teen Kovsies se eerste span – maar ná haar registrasie as student hier het sy vir Kovsies begin speel

en was sy nog nie 'n oomblik spyt nie. "Hokkie by die universiteit is groot. Dit trek goeie spelers en die afrigting wat ons ontvang, is ook van goeie gehalte. Hokkie doen ook goed. Die meeste spelers in die Vrystaatse o.21-span is Kovsies, in sowel die mans- en damespanne. Albei eerste spanne het ook silwer medaljes ontvang op die interprovinsiale toernooi vroeër vanjaar. Ek glo ons het geskiedenis gemaak toe albei die spanne na die finaal deurdring en met 'n *golden goal* verloor het.

"Maar wat nog meer belangrik is: by Kovsies is hokkie 'n familie en ek dink nie jy sal dit sommer op enige ander plek in Suid-Afrika kry nie," sê Tanya.

Akademies is Kovsies ook die plek vir Tanya. "Ek het dit reeds op skool geniet om te skilder, maar is vanjaar as student in die Departement Beeldende Kunste ook aan ander media blootgestel, soos beeldhou en etswerk. Hoewel ek die verskeidenheid media baie geniet, vind ek myself nog."

Wat is die wyse raad van hierdie energieke en sprankelende hokkiespeler-skilder aan voornemende studente wat ernstig is oor hulle sport? "Kovsies is nie net 'n plek vir sport nie; dit sal ook jou familie weg van jou familie wees. Kom vir die familie-gevoel," beveel sy aan.

# Kovsies keep it green and clean

*By Alzane Narrain and Amanda Tongha*

**C**elebrating all things green, the university has embarked on a number of campaigns focussing on sustainable living this year. In September, the university hosted the first Green Festival – the aim of which was to demonstrate to students, learners and the broader community that any act, no matter how small, makes a difference. The fact that each individual must play his or her role to create a sustainable environment and care for the earth was also highlighted.

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The festival, hosted on Saturday 8 September 2012, drew the attention of a panel of highly respected environmentally aware individuals who selected the green initiative as one of five finalists in the recycling category of the Enviropaedia Eco-logic awards. The awards were hosted in association with SABC 3 and our university was selected out of nearly three hundred entries. The university did not win but received a nod of approval for

its green efforts at the awards held at the Cradle of Human Kind in Gauteng. The UFS competed against big companies such as Eskom, RISO and ASUS Company.

Learners from surrounding high schools were invited to help clean parts of the city and the Bloemfontein Campus was abuzz with activity during the Green Festival day. Staff and students from the university joined learners







in taking part in activities such as the Green Film Festival where documentary movies on environmental issues were screened. Stalls and exhibitions displayed sustainable green materials and organic food. Residences took part in a body-painting competition to raise awareness about going green.

Prof. Jonathan Jansen, Vice-Chancellor and Rector, delivered a Green Festival address and praised Kovsky students for taking the lead in going green. "Our country's future depends on us caring for the environment," he told learners and students. "If we don't take care of the environment, we will all be gone. It is about the next generation, about what we leave for the children."

Going green is certainly not a one-day event at the university. Residences on the Bloemfontein

Campus also got on board by saving electricity as part of a competition created by 2011/2012 Student Representative Council member, Busiswe Madikizela. She headed the portfolio Student Development and Environmental Affairs.

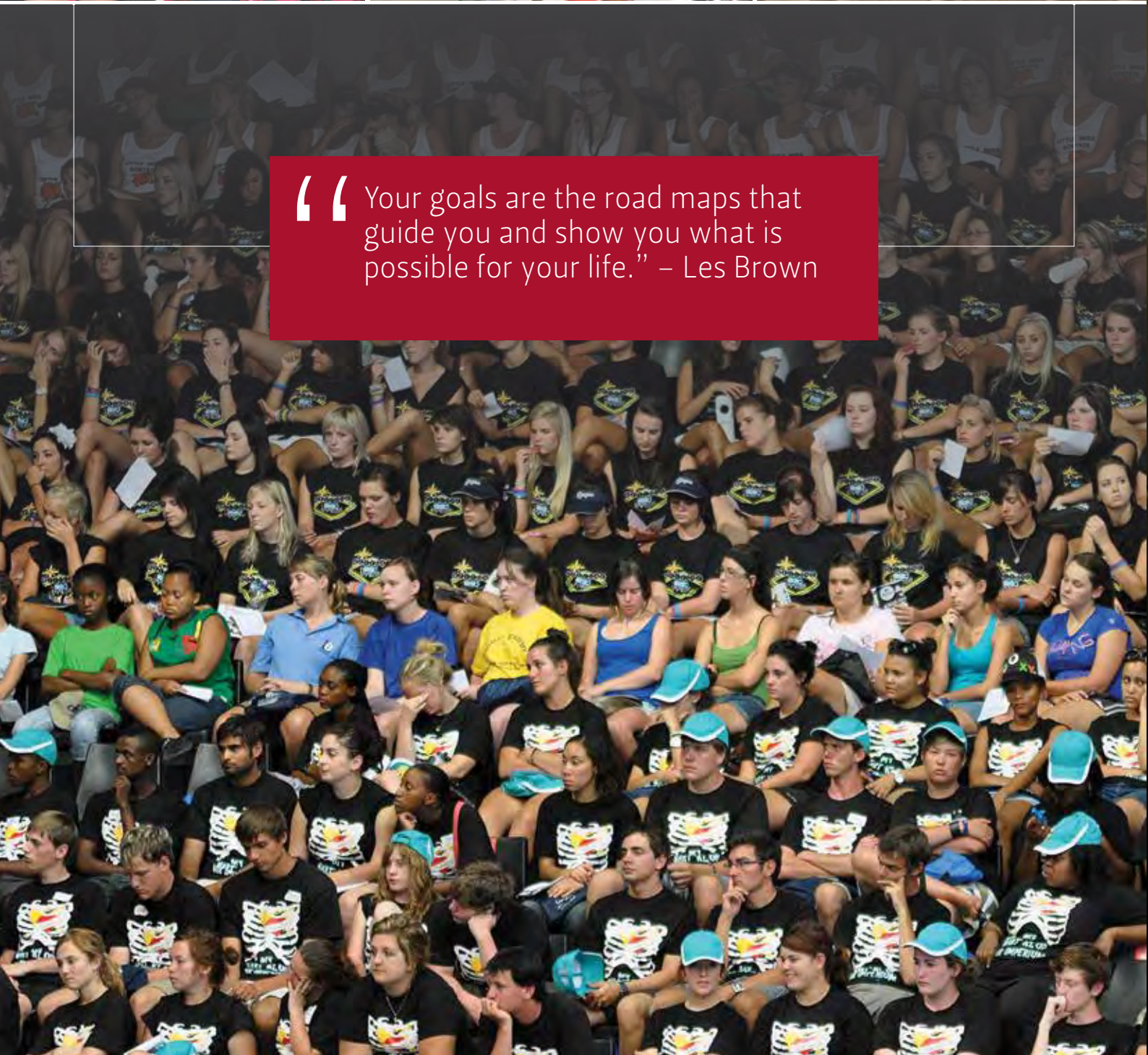
Residences were monitored during the year to see which residence had consumed the least amount of electricity. The winning residences shared a prize of R 25 000.

Talking about the university's green campaign, Madikizela said, "At the UFS, we believe that we have a moral obligation to do this as it not only teaches our students about sustainable living, but also sets an example for the communities that the UFS form part of and serves."





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