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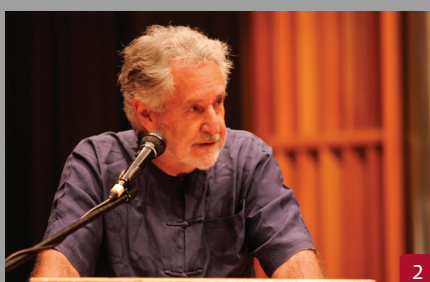


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Some of the events so far this year: the first-year swimming gala (1), a visit by well-known poet Breyten Breytenbach (2) and renowned Harvard University scholar Prof Arthur Kleinman (3), Rag presented by Kowsie Rag Community Service (4), the first-year chicken run (5) and the official opening ceremony (6).

“We are good: now we need to become great” – Seven priorities set out for 2013

“Many of you will be familiar with the Jim Collins’ bestselling book, *Good to Great*, in which he argues that the reason we do not achieve greatness in our schools, companies or governments is that we are actually quite good. In this zone of goodness we become complacent; we are happy to remain in cruise mode rather than extend ourselves to become truly outstanding individuals or organisations.

“Good,” Collins famously said, “is the enemy of great.”

In my three-and-a-half years at the UFS, I can honestly say that this is a good place. I have seen the goodness of people in every sector of our work: campus security, academic teaching, student health, institutional planning.

The people of middle South Africa are kind, generous, hard-working and committed.

Wherever I travel in this country and abroad, people admire your achievements: the transformation of human lives, the investment in the smartest young scholars, the many new buildings and the stable, respectful culture

developing across the undergraduate student community. We do many good things. But that is precisely our problem; we are good, but not yet great.

We are a good university; we are not yet a great university.

We become a great university by changing the old and familiar metrics with which we measure greatness. You do not become a great university, for example, by hiring only your own people; people who look like you and pray like you, etc.

After more than three years together, you know my weaknesses as a leader.

I cannot lead alone. I depend on you so that together we can make this a truly great university.

This is an edited version of a message delivered by Prof Jonathan Jansen, Vice-Chancellor and Rector of the UFS during the 2013 official opening ceremony held on 8 February 2013. Read more about the opening message and the university’s achievements of 2012 at www.ufs.ac.za

– By Lacea Loader

Priorities for 2013:

1. The growth in numbers and quality of *postgraduate* students
2. The planned westward *expansion* of the Bloemfontein Campus (New Master Plan)
3. The drive for quality and productivity in *research*
4. The development of an *advancement* culture throughout the university
5. The acceleration of *diversity and equity* in all aspects of campus life, and especially in academic appointments
6. The building of a positive and supporting *staffing* culture at the university
7. The continued investment in *undergraduate student leadership*



Editor's letter

It is indeed an honour to be involved with Dumela, even if it is only while Leonie is away on maternity leave until May. We congratulate Leonie and Francois on the birth of Matthew and wish them a wonderful time with their brand-new bundle of joy!

2013 has started in sixth gear and looks to continue at a pace. In light of the fast pace, let us not forget that we need to be thorough and focused in the process of learning and development. In this issue we bring you articles on people that are doing just that – for themselves and the students in their lecture halls. We look at our

university's commitment to community, we show you how to apply for research funding, we profile those behind the scenes at the Postal Division and find out who's making the headlines. Of course we also lighten your day with old favourites – Sparkie and Bultjie.

We hope you like the new format of your Dumela: smaller, more often, easier to read but with a lot more punch. Please send us your comments.

Wishing you a productive, focused first semester, see you in May.

Ailsa Uys, Acting Editor



Leonie Bolleurs with baby Matthew.

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Our Post

UFS Today!

Are you ready for the new academic year?

Comments

Nonkanyiso Qwane A big Yes.

Duncan Mulugo Tee yea yea yea.

Hlumi Nikkita Songcaka more then ever!!!!

Tebogo T Pain Setlhabi It has been three months since I last studied, surely I cannot wait for the academic year to start.

Palesa Tshabalala a supper yes! Its been long due...

Keneiloe Kganare I sure am.

onwabe Thole Yawa I'm ready for it.

Antonio Tony Heinrich A great student always looks forward to a commence of a great academic year.

Tshepo Mabuya I just cannot wait to commence with my classes.



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Important Dates: April 2013



16th Autumn Graduation;
Faculty of Humanities

17th Autumn Graduation:
Faculty of Education

Autumn Graduation:
Faculty of Health Sciences,
Law and Theology

18th Autumn Graduation
Ceremony: Faculty of
Natural and Agricultural
Sciences

19th Autumn Graduation
Ceremony: Faculty
of Economic and
Management Sciences

NOTICE BOARD

UV personeelle blink uit in Filmstudies in Nederland



Foto: Anja Aucamp

Twee junior lektore van ons universiteit is met lof in Nederland vereer vir hul nagraadse studies in filmwese. Johanet Kriel van ons Departement Kunstgeskiedenis en De Beer Cloete van die Departement Drama en Teaterkuns het hul meestersgrade in filmstudies met lof in die Departement Kunstuur en Media Studies aan die Universiteit van Groningen behaal. Prof Annie van den Oever, hoof van die Meestersprogram in Filmstudies by Groningen, sê die twee het uitgeblink in die kursus en dat dit 'n eer was om hulle by die universiteit te hê. Prof Lucius Botes, Dekaan van die Fakulteit Geesteswetenskappe, se die UV gaan baat vind by die twee se kwalifikasies, veral met die nuwe program in Filmstudies wat van krag tot krag gaan. – Amanda Tongha

Direktoraat Navorsingsontwikkeling verwelkom nuwe postdoks

Op dieselfde dag wat die amptelike opening van die universiteit plaasgevind het, het die Direktoraat Navorsingsontwikkeling die huidige postdoktorale genote by die UV verwelkom. 'n Informele braaivleis is gereël, waar postdoks mekaar kon ontmoet, kon kuier en ervarings met mekaar kon deel.

Met die toenemende fokus op navorsing by die universiteit, is daar 'n bestendige toename in die aantal postdoks wat in die Vrystaat aankom. Van die 32 postdoks wat op die oomblik by die UV geregistreer is, is slegs agt Suid-Afrikaners; die res kom van dwarsoor die wêreld. Postdoks is, histories gesproke, meer geneig om hulle op die natuurwetenskappe toe te spits, maar die Fakulteit Geesteswetenskappe is kort op hul hakke met nege uit die totale groep vir vanjaar. – Natale le Roux

Theology@Lunch-besprekings vir 2013 kom aan die gang

Die Fakulteit Teologie het op 7 Februarie met hulle Theology@Lunch-sessies vir 2013 begin met 'n bespreking getitel, "The world our words create". Die sprekers vir die eerste sessie was Martin Laubscher van die fakulteit en die nuwe redakteur van die *Volksblad*-groep van koerante, Jo van Eeden. Albei sprekers het gefokus op die krag van woorde in hulle onderskeie vakgebiede, wat in wese woordgedrewe is. Laubscher het gewys op die ooreenkomste tussen die pers en geloofsgebaseerde organisasies, wat albei werktuie is om 'n stem aan 'die ander' te verleen. Van Eeden het gesê ons moet ons geloofwaardigheid en reputasie beskerm in ons gebruik van woorde deur versigtig te wees vir die mag wat deur middel van taal uitgeoefen word. – Christiaan van der Merwe

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Prof. Francis reappointed at EDF

Prof. Dennis Francis, our Dean of Education, was reappointed as the chairperson for the Education Deans Forum (EDF) of South Africa;

2013 will be his second consecutive year heading this forum.

The EDF is a national forum established under the auspices of Higher Education South Africa (HESA), to share experience, expertise and concerns related to the responsibilities of faculties of education.

The purpose of the forum is to promote the interests of education in South Africa by providing the opportunity for deans to discuss matters of concern to them and their faculties in the fulfilment of their responsibilities for teacher education and the disciplined study of education. – René-Jean van der Berg



Amanda gesels met ...

Fotos: Anja Aucamp

Albie Louw

“'n Balans tussen oud en nuut, tesame met die mooi tuine en bedrywighede van studente gee aan die Bloemfontein-kampus 'n plekgees wat vir my baie spesiaal en uniek is.”

> Amanda Tongha is Senior Beampte: Interne Kommunikasie by ons Afdeling Strategiese Kommunikasie.

Die gelede van ons Departement Fisiese Beplanning is versterk met die aanstelling van 'n voormalige Stads- en Streekbeplanner met 'n voorliefde vir komiese fantasieboeke. Albie Louw het in November by die universiteit as Hoofbeampte: Eiendomsbestuur begin werk en speel 'n groot rol in die toekomstige ontwikkeling van ons drie kampusse.

Sy is reeds aan die gang met groot projekte soos die uitrol van die parkeerstrategie van die Bloemfontein-kampus. Saam met die Departement Fisiese Hulpbronne is sy ook verantwoordelik vir die bestuur van die besige Thakaneng Studentesentrum.

Albie, wat vroeër in die privaatsektor gewerk het, sê dienslewering is baie belangrik en sy hoop om 'n bydrae te lewer “sodat die groot UV-masjien so goed as moontlik funksioneer”.

Afkomstig van Limpopo dink sy daar is baie te leer by die universiteit en Bloemfontein.

“Die Bloemfontein-gemeenskap het nog 'n openheid en hartlikheid wat volgens my nie in Gauteng te bespeur is nie. Hier is wonderlike fasiliteite, maar die oorhoofse gevoel is nog steeds dié van 'n dorp – so 'n mens voel nie oorweldig nie.”

“'n Balans tussen oud en nuut, tesame met die mooi tuine en bedrywighede van studente gee aan die Bloemfontein-kampus 'n plekgees wat vir my baie spesiaal en uniek is.”

Albie, ma van twee kinders, agt en vier jaar oud, sê sy is dieselfde by die universiteit as by die huis, net sonder skoene. “Soos baie ander dames is my hoofrol by die huis dié van eggenote en ma. Ek probeer ook om

graad 3 weer deur te kom,” vertel sy van die skoolaktiwiteite waarmee sy moet help.

Lees is 'n groot liefde, sê sy. “Ek geniet veral fiksie met 'n onderliggende boodskap soos Terry Pratchett se *Discworld Novels* – die humor is vlymskerp.” Die *Discworld Novels* is 'n komiese fantasieboekreeks wat gebaseer is op die fiktiewe CD World, 'n plat skyf gebalanseer op die rug van vier olifante, wat op hulle beurt weer op die rug van 'n reuse-skilpad staan.

Die lekkerste deel van haar werk by ons universiteit? “Die diversiteit daarvan en die feit dat ek met soveel uiteenlopende mense in aanraking kom. Ons is 'n baie klein departement, waar al die personeel mekaar aanvul en ondersteun. Dit is dus 'n baie positiewe omgewing om in te werk, wat baie lekker is.” – Amanda Tongha



René-Jean van der Berg.

My ma sê ôk so

namate sy egter haar pasiënte leer ken het, het sy geleer dat versorging oor meer as die fisiese hulp gaan wat pasiënte nodig het. In baie omstandighede is die emosionele ondersteuning baie nodiger; iets wat 'n dokter by die kliniek nie kan gee nie.

'n Wêreldbekende Mediese Antropoloog van Harvard Universiteit, Prof. Arthur Kleinman, het tydens 'n lesing aan die universiteit gesê die pligte van 'n 'versorger' is nie net om fisiese hulp te verleen met die daaglikse aktiwiteite van 'n persoon nie. Daar is ook die emosionele ondersteuning, regs- en geldelike advies en, in bykans alle gevalle, maatskaplike omstandighede wat aangespreek moet word.

“Meidjie se man het haar begin slaan toe hy *positive* getoets was. Nou blameer hy haar en die arme vrou sukkel self so tussen siek wees en hier en daar skrop,” vertel ant Josephine.

Jessie in Flamingostraat lê die hele week al plat en haar wasgoed hoop op, en in Finchstraat moet sy vir 'Ma Borman gaan help vorms invul om 'n *child grant* vir haar kleinkind te kry.

Ant Josephine se dag is nooit stil nie. Van vroegoggend tot laatmiddag loop sy van huis tot huis waar siekes en mismoeidiges sorg nodig het.

“Met my bietjie *pay* dié maand gaan ek vir my 'n nuwe paar tekkies koop,” spog sy. – René-Jean van der Berg

> René-Jean van der Berg is Senior Beampte: Mediaskakeling by ons Afdeling Strategiese Kommunikasie.

The experts say ...

What to eat for sustainable energy?

“ Our bodies rely on food for energy and good food choices help maintain blood sugar levels and prevent fluctuations in energy levels.

For sustained energy, it is important to eat regular meals. Do not skip breakfast, as breakfast kick-starts your body's energy levels after fasting all night.”

Elmine du Toit, dietician and lecturer at the Department of Dietics

Photo: Anja Aucamp



Choose wisely and rather go for whole grains, like oats in porridge, that supply energy for longer. Also pack your own lunches, they are cheaper and almost always healthier than takeaway meals.

Each food group provides unique nutrients so it is advisable to eat a wide variety of foods, including starches, proteins, vegetables and fruit, dairy products and small amounts of fat or oils every day.

Starchy foods include bread (preferably wholegrain or low GI), porridge and cereals (preferably wholegrain and unrefined), potato, rice, samp, pasta, sweet potato, and couscous. Choose foods that have a lower glycaemic index (GI) – these will not increase your blood sugar as rapidly as high GI products.

Lower GI foods supply sustained energy as they keep your blood sugar levels stable. Protein-rich foods include meat, fish, poultry, eggs and legumes. Choose lean meats and remove the skin from the chicken before cooking. Protein keeps us fuller for longer so include it with every meal to help you to eat less between meals.

We need at least three vegetable and two fruit portions per day, so take more vegetables and fruit to work. Fruit is ideal for in-between snacks. If you take a salad or vegetable portion to work, you only need two other portions at supper time. Try cherry tomatoes, carrot sticks or baby carrots, small cucumbers or fresh gherkins.

It is a good idea to plan a menu for a week or two ahead; it makes shopping easier and you

will be less likely to buy ready-prepared foods that are high in fat.

For sustained energy, sugar-sweetened beverages and fruit juices are not the solution. A better option is water. Keep a bottle of water nearby or drink a glass of water between every two cups of coffee or tea.

Exercise is very important and helps regulate the use of energy-yielding nutrients. Be physically active in your own way. Start by doing what you can and like, at least 10 minutes at a time, and gradually increase this to reach 30 minutes a day.

Invest in excellent health today – a balanced diet, enough fluids and exercise can have a big impact on your energy levels! – René-Jean van der Berg

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Nationally recognised crime buster joins the UFS.

He has a very simple philosophy when it comes to criminal activities, safety and protection in general: zero tolerance.

Meet the friendly Tautona Moloi, the recently-appointed head of Protection Services on the Qwaqwa Campus. Beneath that friendly smile is a tough crime-buster with years of experience in various units of the South African Police Service (SAPS).

"I started off as a uniformed police officer 20 years ago and had opportunities to develop myself. I then moved to the Flying Squad division before I became a detective for five years," said Moloi, with his trademark smile.

"What gave me pleasure all these years was knowing that I was contributing towards the busting and successful prosecution of hardened criminals," Moloi said.

"Having gone through the ranks, I was duly honoured with the Best Intelligence Collector award in the Free State in 2008. This was as a result of



Tautona Moloi – a tough crime buster with years of experience.

my contribution towards the arrest and conviction of the country's worst criminals," said Moloi, who credits the support and encouragement from his family as a motivating factor.

"Intelligence work is important as a preventative measure towards possible criminal activities."

With the recent installation of the red pole panic buttons and surveillance cameras on campus, Moloi believes that the Qwaqwa Campus will be one of the safest places around and that it should be everybody's business to adopt his zero tolerance philosophy. – Thabo Kessah

National Museum makes UFS appointment.

Prof. Doreen Atkinson, the Director of the UFS Cluster on Sustainable Development and Poverty Alleviation, has recently been appointed as the Chair of the Council of the National Museum in Bloemfontein.

The National Museum is a group of important institutions, including the main museum in the CBD of Bloemfontein, Oliewenhuis, the Freshford Museum, the Old Raadzaal, and the palaeontological site at Florisbad, 40 km north-east of Bloemfontein.

The museum has three main mandates: to promote awareness of heritage through education and tourism, to maintain precious collections of artefacts and natural specimens, and to undertake highly specialised research. The museum's research output is formidable, and several of its researchers are NRF-rated. The museum falls under the national Department of Arts and Culture (DAC). DAC has high regard for the museum's excellent reputation for research, education and management.



Prof. Doreen Atkinson

The museum's focus on research is an important link with the cluster at UFS. The cluster straddles social and natural sciences, because sustainable development cannot be understood within one single discipline or sector. The promotion of tourism, for example, requires a good understanding of our natural heritage, such as biodiversity and fossils. Consequently, our cluster's relationship with the museum is opening major new avenues for interdisciplinary collaboration.

The first initiative to secure actual collaboration will focus on the Palaeontological work of the cluster's new post-doctoral student, Dr Philip Taru of Zimbabwe. He will be based at the Qwaqwa Campus, in the Department of Geography. Dr Taru's work will bring together the specialist research conducted by the museum, as well as that of Prof Bruce Rubidge, the noted palaeontologist from Wits University.

The cluster strongly encourages the UFS community to visit the museum's impressive exhibits. – Igno van Niekerk

Education academic receives the Nordic Africa Institute Scholarship.

The Nordic Africa Institute (NAI) has awarded the African Guest Scholarship to Dr Dipane Hlalele, an academic in the Faculty of Education on the Qwaqwa Campus. Four other African scholars, from Nigeria (two), the Democratic Republic of Congo and Kenya, also received the award. The scholarship is tenable at the NAI in Uppsala, Sweden between 1 April 2013 and 30 June 2013.

One important task of the NAI is to establish and maintain relations with African research communities. This is carried out through a Guest Researchers' Scholarship Programme, the aim of which is to provide opportunities for African scholars to pursue their own research projects. This indirectly strengthens the academic milieu in African countries, and promotes scholarly exchange with Nordic research communities.

In addition to conducting a research study entitled 'Creating sustainable rural learning ecologies', and delivering special lectures and lunch-hour talks, Hlalele is expected to, as part



Dr Dipane Hlalele sporting Australian facial art while attending the International Rural Network World Forum Conference in South Australia in 2012.

of the exchange between the guest researchers and the Nordic institutions, make a lecture tour to at least one other Nordic country. Discussion papers to be published in the institute's publication series as well as a short article for the website are among expected outcomes of the visit.

"The gesture serves to validate my efforts geared at both growth as well as development in research, particularly rural education research. I intend to make the most of the opportunity," says Hlalele. – Thabo Kessah

Postal Services and Documentation, connecting our campuses to the outside world.

Handling hundreds of incoming and outgoing mail items each day, our Postal Services and Documentation Division is a busy department. Connecting the dots of departments, divisions and faculties on three campuses the division makes sure mail and documents get to the right people. The university's internal postal service also connects it to the outside world, taking and collecting postal articles from the Post Office.

"One thing to take into consideration is that everything is urgent at the university," Pule Mothabeng, head of the department, says. "As soon as a document comes in it must go," he says about the jobs he and 16 other staff members on our Bloemfontein and Qwaqwa Campuses do. The division also manually and electronically archives documents such as student records.

Twice a week it runs a shuttle service to the Qwaqwa Campus delivering and collecting mail. Daily stops are made at South Campus and they



Mr Michael Tsheshi, from the Postal Services and Documentation Division.

make sure documents get transferred between departments on our Bloemfontein Campus. The division recently bought a light delivery vehicle for use on the campus.

"The one thing I realise is that this campus is a city within a city," Pule says about the size of the area they have to cover. "Hence I initiated that budget be made available so that we can purchase a golf cart."

Also making the division's job easier is a state-of-the-art mail mechanisation machine, that folds study records and student accounts before inserting them into envelopes, cutting hours of manual labour. The machine can fold and insert 4 000 documents into envelopes in less than one-and-a-half hours. It takes less than six hours to insert 20 000 documents into envelopes before they get sorted for different destinations. With thousands of documents passing through the division monthly, tools like these ensure the right document gets to the right person on time. – Amanda Tongha

Business and economics at Qwaqwa Campus.

Our education system needs intensive intervention mechanisms if we are to produce world-class economists and business leaders, says Dr Samuel Mensah, who heads the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences on the Qwaqwa Campus.

"Our schools must, as a matter of urgency, put more effort and time into adequately preparing learners for economics- and business-related university courses," said Dr Mensah.

"I am in talks with the Thabo Mofutsanyana Education District Director, Busi Tshabalala, to afford us the opportunity to address principals on why it is crucial for learners to take Mathematics instead of Mathematical Literacy if they are to pursue further studies in economics.

"As it stands, the schooling system supplies us with very bright students who unfortunately do not have a good mathematical background to fully excel in economics. Universities do not have the luxury of time to teach Mathematics that is required to tackle economics and other



Dr Mensah encourages learners to take Mathematics instead of Maths Literacy in matric.

crucial subjects at this level of learning. Many of our first-year students lack mathematical logic, hence high school work needs to be done properly."

In sharing his vision for the faculty, Dr Mensah admitted that his faculty is faced with a mammoth task in playing a leading role on campus. "It is business and economics that turn the world, so this faculty should be the driving force of this campus.

"Going forward, we are looking at beefing up the faculty's strengths as we have a lot of demand for honours courses in the faculty. There are many of our graduates working around QwaQwa who would like to pursue postgraduate studies with us.

"We are also looking at introducing quantitative / mathematical economics to the programme. This is a very crucial field from which others draw," Dr Mensah said. – Thabo Kessah

Law's corruption symposium.

Corruption is deeply imbedded in the fabric of the social consciousness of South Africa. Our Faculty of Law aimed to disseminate and seek answers to the problem plaguing the country's public and private sectors by hosting an International Symposium on Corruption, held on 24 and 25 January 2013

The symposium brought together the top legal minds in the country, to further understand, and seek solutions in legal terms to, corruption in the South African context.

Speakers at the symposium included Chief Justice Mogoeng Mogoeng, Prof. Leon Wessels, judges from the Supreme Court of Appeal, High Court judges, advocates, prosecutors, and journalists as well as prominent local and international legal academics.

Justice Mogoeng was the undoubted highlight among the roster of speakers. He urged firm and concise action from all relevant parties against what he and many other speakers consistently referred to as the "scourge of corruption".



At the International Symposium on Corruption - Chief Justice Mogoeng Mogoeng and Prof. Johan Henning, Dean of the Faculty of Law.

He warned that we ignore the threat of corruption at the peril of our hard-won constitutional democracy.

"Corruption has a major role to play in the betrayal and undermining of the constitutionally enshrined aspirations of many South Africans," he said.

Judge Fritz Brand of the Supreme Court of Appeal and a recent recipient of an honorary doctorate from our university, echoed the Chief Justice's sentiments. He said that there was "nothing more destructive to the rule of law than corruption".

The symposium also featured Prof. Leon Wessels, one of the "founding fathers of the constitution" according to Judge Brand. Prof. Wessels expressed the need for protection of whistle-blowers, transparent government and the political will to fight corruption. – Christiaan van der Merwe

Significant boost for infrastructure development

The UFS received a significant boost for its infrastructure development with the approval of infrastructure projects totalling R333,600 million by the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) for the next three years.

The Education Building on our Qwaqwa Campus is one of the buildings that were erected with funding received from DHET.

Photo: Reinier Brönn

The funding includes cost sharing, with the department contributing R208,394 million and the UFS contributing an amount of R125,206 million.

The UFS Council approved the projects and the cost sharing during the last meeting of last year on 16 November 2012.

"We are elated by the generous funding received from the department as it will assist us in fast-tracking our infrastructure development, providing in the increasing need for new and upgraded facilities at all three campuses," said Prof. Nicky Morgan, Vice-Rector: Operations.

The projects include:

- Upgrading and new disability access to various buildings on the Bloemfontein, South and Qwaqwa Campuses;
- A building in Kimberley, which will be shared by the School for Allied Health Professionals and Nursing;
- Upgrading and extension of the biotechnology and nutrition facilities, additional infrastructure for the Department of Physics and the upgrading of an extension to the genetic sciences facilities on the Bloemfontein Campus;
- A new 250-bed student residence on the Bloemfontein and Qwaqwa Campuses, respectively;
- Facilities for the Faculty of Education;
- Six lecture rooms on the South Campus;
- Upgrading of the interpreting laboratory and the development of an audio-visual production facility for recording of lectures on the Bloemfontein Campus;
- Provision of office space for the Centre for Teaching and Learning on the Bloemfontein Campus;
- Lecture halls and a laboratory for the Department of Geography and Tourism on the Qwaqwa Campus; and
- Funding of additional infrastructure for the Department of Physics on the Qwaqwa Campus.

"The department made special mention of the way the UFS manages its infrastructure and efficiency funding when the announcement about the allocation of funds was made. This is a feather in our cap as the department has been referring other higher education institutions to the UFS for advice on infrastructure development," he said. – Lacea Loader

z PARKING: What's your zone?

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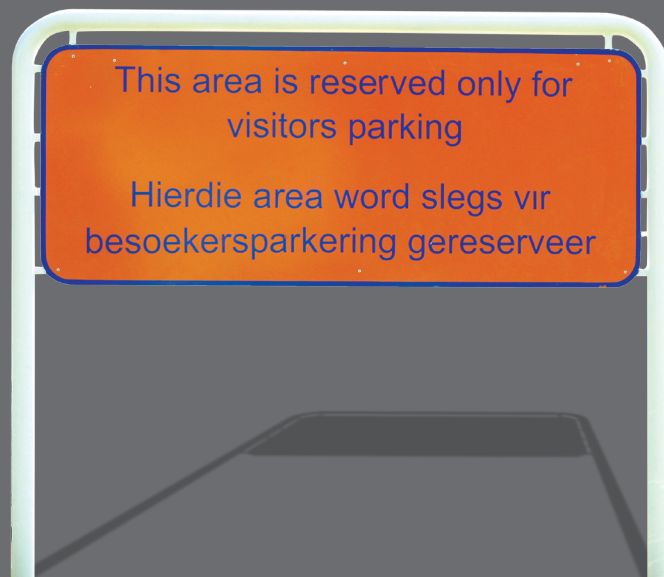
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Making the Headlines

The University of the Free State (UFS) successfully hosted the 2012 ANC Electoral Conference from 16 December to 20 December 2012 on its Bloemfontein Campus. The campus was swarming with politicians, conference officials and media representatives reporting both nationally and internationally. The comments from UFS political experts and analysts were regarded very highly and used often on various platforms.

On Saturday 19 January 2013 about 4 000 new first-year students arrived for their studies on the Bloemfontein Campus, the

beginning of a new chapter in their lives. The excitement among students and the anxiety of the parents were palpable. The local media (*Volksblad*, *Ons Stad* and *The New Age*) was there to report on this.

In January the UFS was one of only four universities in South Africa selected to take part in a multimillion-rand programme to bolster private fund-raising and advancement efforts. Through this programme by the US-based Kresge Foundation, the UFS will receive US\$640 000 (R5 612 800) over a period of five years to use in advancement efforts. *Cape Argus*, *SAPA*, *The New Age* and *Volksblad* were

some of the print media that reported on this. This news received airspace on *Ofm*, *Yfm* and *Kingfisher fm*.

In February the UFS received a R30 million donation to boost some of its projects. The Family Math and Family science project is one of the programmes to benefit from this donation by Old Mutual. This programme was officially launched on Friday 1 February 2013. *Public Eye*, *Volksblad*, *The New Age* and *Daily Sun* reported on this.

Dr Blade Nzimande, Minister of Higher Education and Training, announced the members of a Ministerial Oversight Committee on the

Transformation of South African Universities. Prof. André Keet, Director of the Institute for Reconciliation and Social Justice at the UFS is one of the members of this committee. This was widely reported in print media (*The Times*, *Rapport*, *Mail & Guardian*, *The Citizen*, *Cape Times*, *The New Age*), online media (Engineering News, iAfrica.com, Moneyweb, Buaneews) and broadcast (*SAfm*, *Radio Tygerberg*, *Talk Radio 702*, *Kfm*, *Ukhozi fm* and *Munghana Lonene*).

Dumela asks ... How GREEN are we?



Gaynor van Wyk



Sibongioe Mtetwa



Russel Makaringi



Liezl Keyter



Christoff van der Merwe

Green is the new colour in more ways than one. Dumela asked some Kovies students whether they think Kovies is 'green' enough and how to improve such an initiative.

- Stefan Lotter

Gaynor van Wyk says she would say it is green enough, despite some littering problems. "Maybe they should supply more dustbins. There should be more awareness of not littering, like fines to be implemented. That could keep the campus clean."

Sibongioe Mtetwa also believes the campus is green enough. "We are always chilling under the trees and I think there are enough dustbins. I think the bigger issue is awareness among students to keep their environment clean."

Russel Makaringi currently thinks Kovies is green enough. "There's a lot of

trees and grass. Maybe they should just plant more trees near the Rag Farm side of the campus. It's a bit dull there."

Liezl Keyter thinks Kovies is not green enough and says more trees are needed, especially for shade. "They can get more of those dustbins for separate articles like glass, paper and tin as well."

Christoff van der Merwe says, "I am RC Environment at my res. Kovies tries hard to become green. Yet I would suggest that we look for alternative electricity methods, like solar power."

Kovsies in the community ...



Theology students shine light in downtown Mangaung



In the dark streets of the inner city you can sometimes catch a glimpse of groups of seemingly out-of-place university students, engaging in a "prayer walk". They pray for the destitute, the forgotten, the downtrodden, lost and hopeless who populate the inner city nights. Uncharacteristically, these prayers are offered with eyes wide open.

Dis nie genoeg om te hoop u is gereed vir aftrede nie. U moet begin beplan.

As 'n gegradueerde professionele persoon met 'n suksesvolle praktyk of korporatiewe loopbaan, laat u inkomste u toe om 'n sekere lewenstyl te geniet. Maar wat van wanneer u aftree? Sal u nog daardie lewenstyl kan bekostig? Sal u werkgewer se aftree-fonds of die verkoop van u besigheid of praktyk voldoende wees?

'n Uittree-annuïteit (UA) is waarskynlik een van die beste maniere om 'n neseier op te bou of u bestaande spaar- of beleggingsfondse aan te vul. Dink daaraan as 'n doen-dit-self-pensioenplan. Dit word teen krediteure beskerm en die premies is, binne limiete, aftrekbaar van belasbare inkomste.

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These students study at our Faculty of Theology. As part of their Practical Theology course, they volunteer at Towers of Hope, an organisation centred around the historic Twin Tower Church in the heart of Bloemfontein's troubled inner city. It is an environment with a multitude of problems.

"A lot of the people run away from us because they are scared, especially of the pimps, but the ones you get to makes it all worthwhile," says Hestie Hay, a fourth-year BTh student.

Hestie and her classmates spread awareness of Towers of Hope, reach out to prostitutes and street children, help with the daily soup kitchens, gather clothes to be distributed and spread a message of hope.

Working and helping out at Towers of Hope is very beneficial to the students: they often help out of their own accord. The rough circumstances often help the students to get new perspectives, such as how a pair of shoes is a "luxury" to someone living on the streets.

"It means a lot to us, it is very different than learning out of a book. It teaches you that things out there are often worse than you think," says Hestie.

- Christiaan van der Merwe



Alumni Request

Are you part of a family of three generations of Kovsie students? Then we would like to hear from you.

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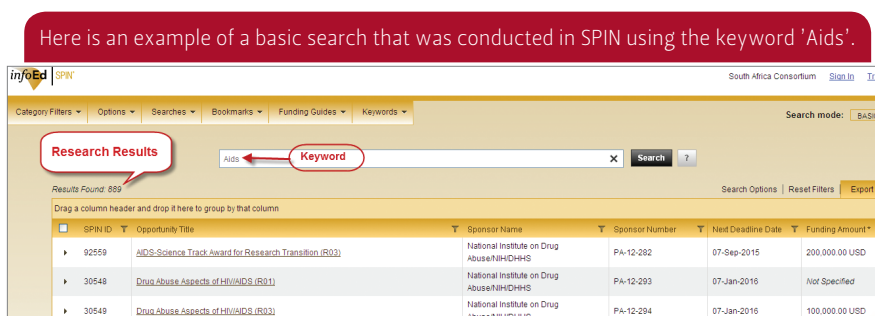
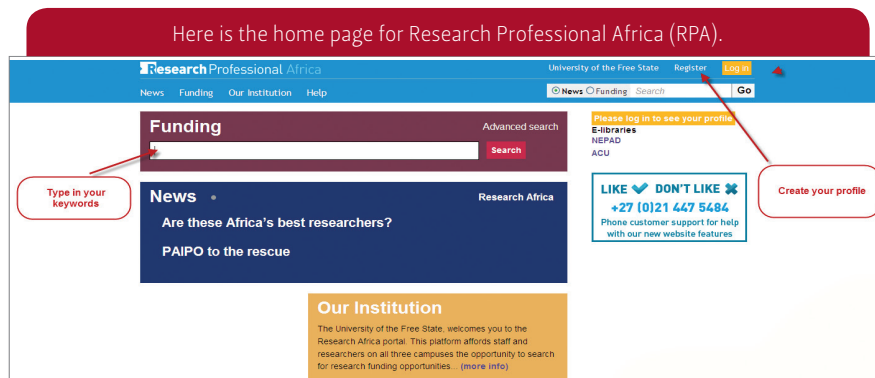
The essential components of any successful research project are a research proposal and available funds. Funding is an important aspect to be considered before any research can be undertaken.

The University of the Free State subscribes to two funding portals (Research Professional Africa and Spin) that all staff can utilise to search for research funding. The portals are user friendly and easy to use. Both portals can be accessed fairly easy through the university's IP address. To access the link to the portals please visit www.research.ufs.ac.za and find the links under research funding.

If however, you wish to access the portals from home or elsewhere, you will have to register and create a user profile. This process is as easy as 123.

RPA is tailor-made for the African research environment as all the funding opportunities are pre-screened and only the opportunities where African researchers qualify are loaded on to their portal.

Research Professional Africa is hosted by the International Affairs Office and Rehlwe Masiba



is the custodian who updates the portal. She can be contacted on 051 401 3403 or at masibar1@ufs.ac.za

Sponsored Programme Information Network (SPIN) is a module of the Research Information Management System (RIMS), which is one of the largest funding platforms in the world with more than 40 000 funding opportunities listed. The SPIN programme is hosted by

the Research Development Directorate and the custodian is Maricel van Rooyen. She can be contacted on 051 401 9451 or at vanrooyenm2@ufs.ac.za

Once you visit and play around with the two funding portals, the research funding opportunities are endless. – Natale Le Roux, Nico Benson, Anna-Marie Pienaar and Maricel van Rooyen

Skool vir Geneeskunde neem voortou in Afrika



Die universiteit se Skool vir Geneeskunde het onlangs met groot swier hul nuwe Simulasie-eenheid geopen. Hier kan geneeskundestudente se kliniese vaardighede met die hulp van simulator poppe opgeskerp word.

Dr. Mathys Labuschagne, Hoof van die Simulasie-eenheid sê alhoewel die konsep redelik nuut is, het kliniese opleiding met die hulp van simulators het 'n onontbreekbare deel van die opleiding in gesondheidsberoepes geword.

Die eenheid aan die UV is enig in sy soort in Afrika in dié sin dat baie universiteite het eenhede vir vaardigheidsontwikkeling wat bietjie simulasie insluit. Die Simulasie Eenheid aan die UV fokus uitsluitlik op pasiëntsimulasie en scenario-nabootsing. – René-Jean van der Berg

Prof. Gert van Zyl, Dekaan van die Fakulteit van Gesondheidswetenskappe knip die lint van die nuwe Simulasie-eenheid tydens die openingsgeleentheid.

Gateway College shows students the way



KNOW MORE ABOUT

Starting university can be a wide-eyed experience for many first-years who must find their way around campus and student life. Figuring out where to go, how timetables work and what opportunities are available can have many wish for the comfort of their high school days.

Luckily there is the Gateway College for first-years, a programme of student life and learning events that introduces students to campus and faculty life to help them adjust to the university environment. Two weeks prior to classes, all first-years get the opportunity to be part of the programme.

Now in its third year, the programme teaches students the skills to achieve well in their studies and prepares them as well-rounded graduates, says Cornelia Faasen, who heads the programme in the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs. "The programme is focused

on themes such as: how to do research, how to look beyond stereotypes, what is scholarly behaviour, how do I balance my academic and co-curricular activities." It also shows students how to access the various support services available.

The programme has been a success, with Faasen's office also offering a Gateway Senior College and Parent College. The parent college is orientation sessions that parents or guardians of prospective first-year students attend in December of the previous year. Parents get an opportunity to speak face-to-face with staff members

from a variety of divisions and departments to see what lies ahead for their children. The senior college, on the other hand, prepares students for life after university, teaching them how to plan for their financial future and how to do interviews, among other things.

One of those who benefited from this year's programme is first-year student Crystal-Ann Titus. Titus, who hails from Upington and stays in Soetdoring residence, says the programme was very informative and prepared her for her three years of study at our university. – Amanda Tongha



Boitumelo Tlhapane, helping Qwaqwa students excel!

Services offered by Student Counselling and Development are an integral part of producing well-rounded graduates. Our students come from very diverse backgrounds, some of which are very traditional in nature. However, colleagues like Boitumelo Tlhapane, a psychometrist on our Qwaqwa Campus, are able to break through whatever barriers there are, hoping to unleash the potential that all students possess.

My favourite brain food ...

is toasted tuna sandwich with cheese; as you know, fish is high in omega 3, which is good for the brain and it is tasty too.

To relax I ...

read a book. I am currently reading *Black Diamond* by Zakes Mda, and I sometimes hike to clear my mind.

The best advice I ever received ...

was from my granny and she always encouraged me to do my best and have faith in God's purpose for my life.

I love my job because ...

it allows me to help others while learning more about human behaviour. It gives me the freedom to be creative and challenge myself all the time.

Realising that each person has a purpose in life has helped Boitumelo become the dependable psychometrist that she is today. There is nothing as fulfilling as loving what you do and doing what you love. She is a passionate reader and an outdoor junkie whose hobbies keep her sane for the next psychometric session with her students. – Thabo Kessah



Boitumelo Tlhapane geared up for yet another mind-clearing mountain-climbing experience.

Basie Verster groet ná lang verbintenis met die UV

Basie Verster het sinoniem met Bourekenkunde en Konstruksiebestuur geword, nie alleen aan die UV nie, maar ook in Suid-Afrika en verder. Ná 'n verbintenis van 33 jaar (vanaf sy studentejare), is daar aan die einde van 2012 van hom as departementshoof en raadslid afskeid geneem.

“Die UV is 'n besondere plek. Ek het lief geword vir die plek,” het hy by die afskeidsgeleentheid gesê. “Ek is trots daarop dat die UV die vermoë gehad het om te transformeer. Ek is trots op waarvoor die UV staan – top- akademiese prestasies, top-navorsing en sy mensefokus.”

Die departement het van 'n handjievol studente tot 600 gegroei. “Die geleentheid is nou daar om na Afrika uit te brei,” het prof. Verster gesê.

“Ek is geweldig opgewonde oor die toekoms.”

Al die grade in die departement is internasionaal geakkrediteer, en gevolglik kan hulle kies en keur waar hulle eendag wil gaan werk. Dié departement word gereken as die beste Bourekenkunde-departement in die land.

Regter Ian van der Merwe, Voorsitter van die UV-Raad, het in sy huldeblyk gesê Basie se bydrae in die raad was van onskatbare waarde en hy het sy departement tot een van wêreldgehalte uitgebou.

Sy betrokkenheid by die bedryf strek wyd: Hy was president van die Vereniging van Suid-Afrikaanse Bourekenaars (VSABR) in 1997; voorsitter



Prof. Basie Verster by sy afskeidsgeleentheid.
Foto: Sonia Small

van die Bondgenoot van die Ontwikkelde Professie (SA) in 1998; voorsitter van ICEC, 2004-2006; en voorsitter van Onderrig, Standaarde en Navorsing, Komitee van die Suid-Afrikaanse Bourekenaars Professe (SACQSP; 2004-2009). In 2008 is hy aangewys as Visepresident van die areakomitee (onderrig) vir die CIOB (Chartered Institute of Builders), Afrika. – Leatitia Pienaar

An impassioned letter pays off for a new Kovsie



Photo: Anja Aucamp

For two hard-working students from Bergvliet High School, Kovies has unexpectedly become home after the intervention of their principal – Stephan Price.

Price wrote an open letter to President Zuma pleading for the future of his 200 matrics. In the letter he questioned why his Dux scholar, Roxy Stott, who scored more than 90 percent in all her subjects, had not been accepted to study medicine at either UCT or Stellenbosch University.

Price read the letter at the matrics' valedictory

ceremony, after which it was published in the Cape Argus. It caught the attention of Paul Colditz, chief executive of the Federation of Governing Bodies of SA Schools (Fedsas). He forwarded it to our vice-chancellor, Prof. Jonathan Jansen, who accepted Roxy and a classmate into the medical faculty.

Roxy is now resident in Kestell Hostel on the Bloemfontein Campus. “I am really enjoying my first year and the diversity of the university. The fact that I did not apply to study at the UFS makes me feel very honoured to

have the opportunity to fulfil my dream here. I am grateful to Professor Jansen and my former school principal for the role they have played,” said Stott.

Although Roxy is a rugby fan, and plays netball and tennis and swims, she says her studies are top priority.

Price said, “If this is what my open letter achieved, then I am a very happy principal. My letter was borne out of my desire to see the matrics fulfill their dreams in a positive, dynamic South Africa.” – Teboho Setana

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Donkeroggend tot laatmiddag – 30 jaar op die Suid-Kampus

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Teen die tyd dat die son sy kop uitsteek, het mnr Jakob Mahokare van die Departement Fisiese Hulpbronne op die Suid-Kampus reeds die hele A- tot C-blokke se lesingslokale onder hande gehad.”

Donkeroggend.

Buiten vir die groepie sekuriteitswagte by die UV se Suid-kampus is daar 'n enkele siel wat klaskamers oopsluit, kyk dat alles in plek is, skakelaars toets.

“Ek doen alles. Daar's niks wat ek nie doen nie,” som Jakob sy werk op terwyl hy langs die lesingslokale stap.

“Later moet ek gaan kyk na die pype aan daai kant,” sê hy meer vir homself as vir iemand anders.

Hy stop in sy spoor. Dink.

“Ek het in 1983 hier begin werk. Toe was dit nog Vista Universiteit.”

Stap verder.

“Eintlik het ek al afgetree, maar dié jaar maak ek régtig klaar,” spog hy.

Dertig jaar nadat Jakob vir die eerste keer by dié kampus begin werk het, dink hy na oor wat hy alles hier sien gebeur het.

“Ek onthou hier was op 'n keer baie bakleiery. Die studente was baie ongelukkig. Maar nou is alles beter.”

Jakob vertel ook van veranderinge aan die kampus, die bestuur en later die inskakeling by die Universiteit van die Vrystaat as die UV se Skool vir Opleer. Baie mense het gekom en gegaan, maar Jakob wou nog nooit by enige ander plek werk nie.

“Nee wat, ek is gelukkig hier.”

– René-Jean van der Berg

UFS101 op Qwaqwa-kampus bekendgestel

UFS101 is vanjaar op ons Qwaqwa-kampus bekendgestel.

Hierdie kursus is daarop gerig om die volgende geslag landsburgers en jong akademici te skep wat in staat is om Suid-Afrika verder in die 21ste eeu te voer.

Volgens die Projekbestuurder, Pule Mochichane, is hierdie een van die heel eerste voorgraadse multidissiplinêre kernkurrikulums in die land.

“Ten aanvang sal hierdie kursus alle eerstejaar- hoofstroom- onderwysstudente

in binne 'n gemeenskaplike intellektuele ervaring behels. Eenheid 1 daarvan bespreek byvoorbeeld kontensieuse sake van uit sowel 'n antropologiese as 'n sielkundige perspektief, terwyl die tweede eenheid studente aan die regte bekendstel as 'n tipe gesagstruktuur wat nodig is om vreedsame interaksie tussen mense en die samelewings as 'n geheel fasiliteer,” sê Mochichane.

By die bekendstelling van die kursus op die Qwaqwa-kampus het die Visekanselier en Rektor, prof Jonathan Jansen studente uitgedaag om uitdagings aan hulleself te stel.

“Hierdie is die een kursus waarin julle jultself mag toelaat om verkeerd te wees. Hierdie is die kursus waarin julle jul oordeel sal ophef, het prof Jansen gesê.

“Die doel van die kursus is dat julle hierdie kampus met beter redeneringsvaardighede verlaat. Dit verwag van julle dat julle dinge rondom julle bevraagteken en begin om kritiese vrae te stel,” het prof Jansen afgesluit.

UFS101 sal deur 'n groep hoogs toegewyde kundiges in hulle onderskeie vakgebiede onderrig word. Dit sal baie interaktief wees, aangesien daar ook ekskursies vir praktiese leer gaan plaasvind. – Thabo Kessah




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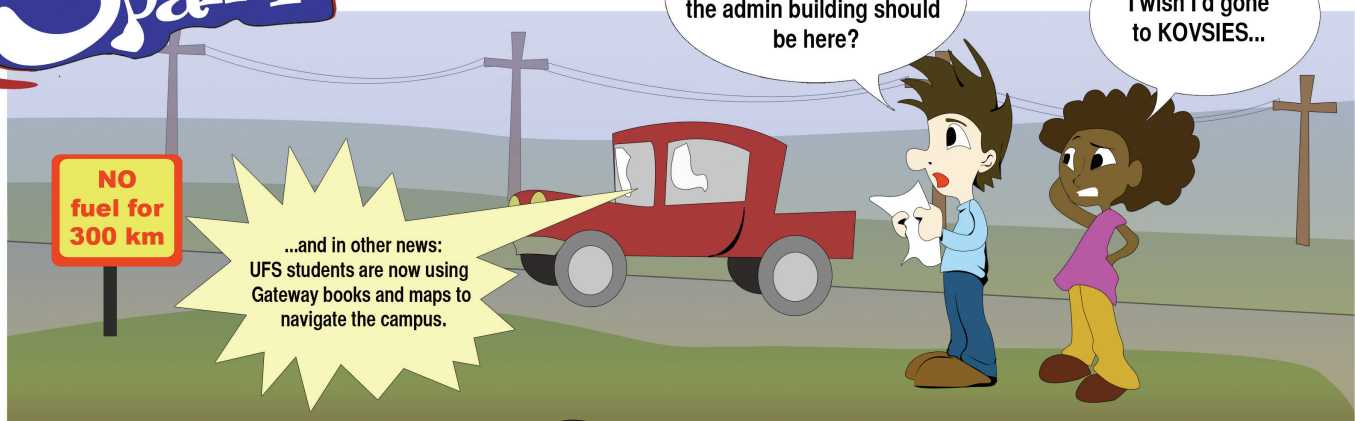
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Ready, Steady, Go... First-Years' Athletics

The annual First-years' Athletics meeting was held at Pellies Park on 23 January 2013. The overall winner was Wag-'n-bietjie, and the Spirit Cup was awarded to JBM Hertzog. This about covers the "news" aspects involved, but that does not quite adequately describe the event in all its intricacies.

The First-years' Athletics is not *that serious* a sporting event. In fact it is hardly serious at all. For those who don't quite remember or have never attended such a sporting event, it is primarily about colour and fun. You will see more brightly dressed and face-painted first-years clattering into hurdles, destroying crossbars, nearly hitting each other with dangerous objects and generally falling on their faces than you will see "serious athletes". The crowd is predominantly occupied with dancing, singing and having a good time while trying to convince the judges that they deserve the spirit cup more than a rival residence.

Amid all the jubilation, a certain high-ranking person of the university managed to sneak in one of the all-time sport upsets when he won the 100 metre final with one of the largest winning margins ever recorded. Who could it possibly be?

But, in all *seriousness*, the first-years' athletics is all about entertainment and excitement, which was abundant in 2013. – Christiaan Van der Merwe



Welcome back from a lovely holiday and a green pool! I bumped into Diep-Seun-Van-Die-Week after many years in that old fisherman's pub, Trap-in-die-Gaatjie in Mosselbay. Diep-Seun was in class with me and with two of my sisters who were not twins. As jy verstaan wat ek bedoel! Hy was 21 in matriek en die enigste meisies wat hy wou vry, was die proefonderwyseresse.

Diep-Seun begged me to see his *shanty* in Reebock. The mid-stop had to be Die Bakke. Sê Diep-Seun "Nou's ons darem van die N1 af, nê!". I looked at the lovely bunch of Kovesies students dancing. Everyone seemed to be cleverer (and smarter) than three Diep-Seuns combined! I must admit they were all girls. Then we saw the Rector's interview on *Stroomop* on Kyknet. He started talking and the occasional "Yes! Sê hulle!" sounded up when he talked about the You-know-what attitude of the You-know-who's in SA. "You've got to lift the bar! You've got to LIFT THE BAR!" Diep-Seun got very upset and started making for the door. Outside I asked him what was wrong. "You lecturers and that ... that ... (he did not know the word 'rector' and I won't say what came out!) ... are supposed to be clever, nê? Now let me tell you! If you constantly lift the *&^%\$@ bar, what are you going to do with the old bar stools?" I could only smile.

Diep-Seun gaan wys my toe sy *shanty*. Strandfront, dubbelverdieping, twee sitkamers, drie badkamers, vyf

slaapkamers, buitebraai onder die lapa agter met die mooi houtmeubels van Bali wat hulle daar by die Bali-stalletjie op pad Stilbaai toe gekoop het. Die swembad agter as die wind op die strand waai en "Mens nie lekker met die *jetbikes* kan ry nie". Koeksie se BMW 5 (Sy het haar hare laat kam en sal nou-nou hier wees) en sy Mercedes 500 waarmee hy later afkom see toe. "Want die ou Landy waarmee hy vanoggend Trap-in-die-gaatjie toe is, los hulle sommer hier as hulle weg is, want hulle gebruik hom in elk geval net as hulle vars vis by die fabriek in Mosselbaai gaan koop, want dit kan so vrot in 'n kar, jy wêét".

"Uuhh!" Vir die eerste keer die dag vra ek hom wat hy doen. "O, Ek het 'n *King Pie* in Fochville en een in Alexandra. Maar ek *run* hulle darem nie self nie. Ek is verby dit." Something echoed in my ears as if it came from very far away: "I...i...f...t t...h...e b...a...r!" Lift the bar! An image suddenly flashed into my mind ... There they were! Quite a lot of panicking and wide-eyed Kovesie academics sitting behind a high bar with just their heads peeping over the counter. Somehow I saw myself among them looking like *vrot fish*? Then I knew! My holiday was over.

Lekker jaar!
Bultjie.

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