

# Campus Voice



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Looking forward to work with all of you

I would like to welcome all of you back at the university after what I hope was a peaceful and joyful festive season for you and your loved ones. I am confident that you are now re-energised and ready to deal with the challenges that 2005 has to offer.

The Qwaqwa campus is dependent on the collective efforts of its staff, of all ranks, and the student body in order for it to function optimally. I am therefore confident that with your enthusiasm and effort, together we will continue to aim for newer frontiers in the quality growth and development of our campus in 2005.

Once again, best wishes for 2005 – I look forward to working closely with all of you.



*Prof. Peter Mbatl*

## National Minister of Education visits the Qwaqwa campus of the UFS

The Honourable National Minister of Education, Mrs Naledi Pandor visited the Qwaqwa campus of the UFS on 7 April 2005. The visit was part of the broader IMBIZO around the country.

She met with staff, students and the broader community of the Thabo Mofutsanyana District. The Rector of the university Prof. Frederick Fourie, Vice Rector Academic Planning, Prof. Magda Fourie, Vice Rector: Student Affairs, Dr Ezekial Moraka, Campus Head Prof. Peter Mbatl and Director Strategic Communication, Mr Anton Fisher formed part of the university management who met with the minister.

The minister made time available to hear about the progress and challenges that the campus community has

experienced following incorporation into the UFS.

During the minister's visit members of the local community pointed out that they would be very happy if government could help with road construction, electricity and some of the projects around Phuthaditjhaba and the surrounding areas.

"Education builds the Nation and I would like to change the level of intellectual content in it. I believe that we should develop high quality education at the Qwaqwa campus. This campus is a Higher Education Institution and we must join hands to make it one of the best universities in South Africa" said the minister.

*Ms Naledi Pandor, National Minister of Education.*



# Campus camera

## New appointments

Dr RR Sefako: Senior Lecturer, Physics  
Dr M Cunningham: Lecturer, Zoology  
Mr TI Manchu: Deputy Director, Student Affairs  
Mr HJC Reyneke: Lecturer, Geography  
Ms K De Villiers: Lecturer, Psychology  
Mr LE Malebo: Head, Maintenance  
Mr MG Sefume: Temporary Philosophy of Education  
Ms TA Keele: Student Recruitment Officer  
Ms OD Molaudzi: Residence Placement Officer  
Ms HJC Pienaar: Part time Psychologist  
Ms NJ Khumalo: Part time Secretary, Economics and Management Sciences

## Dates to diarise

### Staff

13 May 2005: Visit by the Rector  
14 May 2005: Graduation ceremony

### Quote of the month

"Inspiration may be a form of super-consciousness, or perhaps of sub consciousness, I wouldn't know. But I am sure it is the antithesis of self-consciousness."

- Aaron Copland

# Programme head for EMS attends seminar in Romania

By Ekaete Samson Akpan, Faculty News Provider



*Mr Samuel Mensah, Programme Head, Economic and Management Sciences.*

Mr Samuel Mensah, the Programme Head for the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences, attended the US National Council on Economic Education's (NCEE) Training of Trainers Seminar in Bucharest, Romania from 15-22 January 2005.

The objective of the seminar was to improve both the quality (content) and the

methodology of Economics that will be passed on to the next generation of economists by trainers. The seminar focused on the pedagogy of Economics and the content of introductory Economics courses. There were 53 participants from 18 countries. There will be two more seminars - in Lithuania (early April) and in the Ukraine (early June).

## Away with the prophets of doom!

By G. Samiselo, faculty news provider, Faculty of Humanities

There are ladies and gentlemen on our campus that always fan flames of woe for what we consider to be our bright future. They seem to think that because of the so-called exodus of staff from the University of the Free State, the Qwaqwa campus, our institution will gradually become non-existent.

They are woefully mistaken. They indeed err a great deal because, on the

contrary, this campus seems to have a vibrant future.

Consider, for example, the following colleague, who has joined the Faculty of Humanities this year: Ms Karen de Villiers has recently joined the Department of Social Sciences to teach Psychology. With pride, we all wish to welcome her to the UFS Qwaqwa campus.

# Poverty, Aids a challenge in the Eastern Free State

On 20 September, 2004 Mr Sam Galela presented the monthly seminar of the Faculty of Economic and Management Science. The topic of his paper was *Alternative Developments Approaches: Relevance or irrelevance to the South African Development context with particular to Maluti-a-Phofung*. Here is an extract from his paper.

In his State of the Nation address, Pres. Thabo Mbeki conceded that although South Africa has made some impressive gains in ten years of democratic rule, rampant poverty and the growing gap between the rich and the poor continue to hamper social development.

The Sunday Times of 6 July 2004 reports that South Africa has 4,8 million people living with Aids. More than a quarter of the economically active population will be infected with HIV by 2006."

A related and overarching concern in South Africa is unemployment. Recent statistics showed that the number of households considered as being "deprived of access to good quality basic services" had increased from 5,68 million to 7,24 million between the 1996 and 2001 censuses, with inadequate service delivery especially, in the Eastern Free State local municipal (MaP) areas.

The situation in the MaP area is even more desperate. With a population of almost 54%, covering only 16% of the district (Thabo Mofutsanyana), it is the most densely populated area in the district. The prevalence of HIV/Aids in the Free State is among the highest recorded in the age group 16 to 29 years. The share of MaP in this gloomy scenario is 48,19%.

The implications for future social infrastructure needs are too ghastly to contemplate. Unemployment stands at 52% of a total population of 401 344 people. Regrettably, 69% of all households in MaP earn less than R1 000 per month (of which 53% earn less than R500 per month), while 19% earn between R1 001 and R3 500 per month and only 7% earn more than R3 500 per month.

Considering that the average MaP-household size is 4,2 members per family, this translates to R283 per person per month or R8 per person per day. Internationally it is recognised that people living on less than R7 per day can be classified to be poor. This implies that 69% of all MaP households can be regarded to be poor," said Mr Galela.



One on one with...



Mrs P L Dlamini

ENE e le selemong sa 2002 ha se ya mafelong ha mathata a qala ho basebetsi ba Uniqwa. Mosebetsi o ne o sa tswelle pele, ho dulwa majwana tsatsi le letsatsi, ho le hobe ho banna le basadi, tabakholo e le hore e be ke bafeng ba tlo fellwa ke mosebetsi - ba tla sala bona ke bo mang?

Selemo sa 2003 sa fihla se sa hane. Basebetsi ba sebetsa tlasa ditshoso. Ho ne ho le boima ho bonahala hore jwale mona ho fihlile Egepete e le ka nnete empa ho ne ho na le moo re beileng tshepo ya rona teng, re rapela kamehla hore bao re ba tshepileng Modimo a ba fe matla le bohlahe ho hlola ntwana ena eo re e lebileng. Batho bao ke Moji le Vezi. Ruri ho ne ho le boima, maloko re kgaohana ka lehare, re sa tsebe hore re ya pele kapa morao empa bahlanka ba tshwara marumo le di kwakwa, ba e hlanaka senna ba ntse ba re: ha e le pele re ya ya" - re tla lwana ho fihlela ho sala motho a le mong. Ba ema bahlanka ba re Bloemfontein ena re tla e matha bosiu le motsheare ho lwanela setjhaba .Sona setjhaba sa dihase se nyahladitsweng ke Leboya. Kamora ntwana ena e mahlo mafubedu, ditho tsa Nehawu tsa bona ho hlokeha hore banna bana ba thoholetswe le

hona ho tlotlwa ka boitelo ba bona ho lwanela tjhaba sena.

E ne e le letsatsi la 10 Pudungwane 2004, nako e le 12:00 sebaka e le L2 bahale bana ba ne ba fumana dikgau tsa bolwanedi setjhabeng. Tsona e ne e le tsena:

1 Tshupanako e tla ba hopotsa hore nako ya ho kopana le Geyer e fihlile

2 Seipone ka sona ba tla bona hore jwale ba hlwentse mme ba loketse ho kena ntweng.

3 Ha e le ka modianyewe ba tla itshireletsa letsatsi ha ba ntse ba emetse dira tsa bona.

4 Athe ka kobo ba tla apara ha ba robetse nahathote hobane lebitla la monna le ka thoko ho tsela.

5 Ha e le ka molamu ha ho le hobe ba kope Geyer ho tswela ka ntle ba mo bontshe hore na bona ke bo mang, ba ke ke ba mo bolaya empa ba tla mo kgalema feela.

Hola Vezi - o holele NEHAWU  
Hola Moji - o holele NEHAWU  
Ramasedi a ke a le ekeletse ditshiu  
A be a thobe maoto a lona ka oli  
Ho tswa ho maloko a NEHAWU

# Just laugh a while...

I have noted with a great deal of concern that too many hours that should be used for studying, are spent on unnecessary things. Therefore I would like to propose the following as standard rules:

- We will no longer accept a doctor's certificate. We are convinced that if you are well enough to visit a doctor you might as well come to class.
- Death, your own. This is a good excuse for not attending classes. However we would like to necessitate the issue of a two weeks notice so that you can train someone to take over your responsibilities. Beside, how will your friends prepare their speeches if you do not inform them on time that soon you'll be dead? We cannot afford to have empty classes, so we need to recruit other students in time to fill your space.
- Death, not your own. This is unacceptable. In case of a death of a close relative, we would like to request that the funeral be arranged during your lunch hours so that no hours of study are lost should you wish to attend.
- Visit to the toilet. Many hours are lost on people frequently visiting the toilet.

From now on visits to the toilet will be in alphabetical order. For example people with surnames starting with A, will go to the toilet from 08:00 to 08:15, people with B from 08:15 to 08:30 and so on. Those who

will not have the opportunity during their study hours, will do so in their spare time. These are the rules and they should be respected. Any one who fails to abide with this shall be dismissed without a notice.



The Qwaqwa SRC front, are from the left Ms M.G. Salemane, 2nd Deputy President, Ms N.S. Sabasaba, Treasurer, Mr T.A. Motloung, President, and Mr R.W. Moiloa, Secretary General. Back: Mr M.V. Mohlakoana, Media and Publicity, Mr S.S. Maphalala, Sports, Recreation, Arts and Culture, Mr L.T.A. Morapeli, Politics and Transformation, and Mr. R.S. Mbatha, Deputy Secretary.

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## More vehicles in the pipeline for Qwaqwa campus



The Qwaqwa campus of the UFS received five Nissan Almera vehicles from Barloworld on the 7 February 2005. Mr Hentie Cilliers, acting Deputy Director: Provisioning, was amongst the people who were present that day. The Rector, Prof. Frederick Fourie will officially handover the vehicle at the official ceremony scheduled for 13 May 2005. From left are Mr K. Mofokeng, Head: Transport, Qwaqwa campus, Mrs R. Badenhorst, sales consultant, Barloworld, Mr H. Cilliers, Mr A. Shago, driver, Barloworld and Mrs M. Fourie, administrative officer.