

# University of the Free State

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“This university has clearly liberated itself... It is striving to be a completely South African university and at the same time striving to be a proud university of Africa.”

Dr Franklin A. Sonn, Inauguration Speech as Chancellor of the University of the Free State (February 2003)

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COVER PHOTO: The Main Building of the University of the Free State in Bloemfontein was built a century ago. In 2005, after restoration and refurbishment, the rectorate and other senior staff moved into the building, giving it once again its rightful place at the heart of the campus.



Former President Nelson Mandela received an honorary doctorate from the University of the Free State in November 2001. With him is former Rector and Vice-Chancellor Prof Stef Coetzee.

## *Foreword by the Rector and Vice-Chancellor*

The University of the Free State (UFS) is proud to present to you this brief snapshot of a university that is more than 100 years old, but also as young as our democracy.

What will become evident as you read this brochure is the willingness and ability of the UFS to meet the challenges of change while continuing to discharge its core mandate of being a university – a place of scholarship that is founded on critical inquiry as well as engagement with the community.

We are keen to rise above the events of 2008 and to establish an inclusive institutional culture for all staff and students.

With the advent of the 21st century, the UFS entered into an exciting growth phase. Student enrolment now stands at 25 000 (in 2008), of which more than sixty percent are black.

There have also been major investments in strategic areas, including the acquisition of expensive scientific equipment, upgrading of academic and sport facilities, the library and information technology and computer labs for students.

Managing this growth successfully is a key priority so as to ensure that the UFS can expand its horizons as a university of excellence, equity and innovation.

Together with this growth and investment phase, the UFS has also launched a new phase in its transformation agenda, a process that will produce a comprehensive roadmap for the future UFS.

Indeed, the UFS has been at the forefront of higher education transformation and academic renewal, a fact that was acknowledged by former President Nelson Mandela when he received an honorary doctorate from the UFS in November 2001.

This pioneering role in higher education is something we at the UFS are very proud of and is a role we intend to continue to play as our university and our country grapple with the task of building a non-racial, non-sexist, multicultural and multilingual society.

**Prof. Frederick Fourie,  
Rector and Vice-Chancellor**





Main entrance of the University of the Free State in Bloemfontein.

## Top team leading the University of the Free State



**Frederick Fourie**  
Rector and Vice-  
Chancellor

Prof Frederick Fourie is a graduate of the University of the Free State and obtained a Ph D in Economics from Harvard University. He was appointed professor of Economics at the UFS at the age of 29 in 1982 and Distinguished Professor in 1998, and has published more than 50 scientific articles in accredited journals. He is a former Dean of the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences and former Vice-Rector: Academic. He became Rector and Vice-Chancellor of the University of the Free State on 1 January 2003.



**Ezekiel Moraka**  
Vice-Rector: Student  
Affairs

Dr Ezekiel Moraka received theological training as well as a B Ed-Administration from the University of the North. Subsequently he served as a minister of religion, high-school teacher and lecturer at a college of education. In 2001 he received a Ph D in Education Management from the University of Pretoria. He was appointed Head: Student Social Services at the University of Pretoria in 1995. In 1998 he became Head: Student Support, and in 2001 Dean of Students. He was appointed as Vice-Rector: Student Affairs at the UFS in January 2004.



**Driekie Hay**  
Vice-Rector:  
Academic Planning

Prof Driekie Hay holds a Ph D in Education and has taught at several higher education institutions and specialised in higher education and adult education. She was vice-president of the South African Association for Research and Development in Higher Education and is an executive committee member of the Higher Education Learning and Teaching Association of Southern Africa. She was previously director of the Centre for Higher Education Studies and Development at the UFS. She was appointed as Dean: Academic Development at the Central University of Technology in 2004 and was appointed Vice-Rector: Academic Planning at the UFS as from 1 January 2008.



**Teuns Verschoor**  
Vice-Rector:  
Academic  
Operations

Prof Teuns Verschoor obtained the degrees B Juris, LL B and LL D from the University of Pretoria. He was appointed as senior lecturer in the Department of Criminal Law and Medical Law at the UFS in 1979 and became professor and head of that department in 1981. In October 1994 he became the first Dean of Students. He co-chaired the Broad Transformation Forum and was elected chairperson of the University's Institutional Forum in 2001. Prof Verschoor was appointed Vice-Rector: Academic Operations at the UFS on 1 January 2004.



**Kiepie Jaftha**  
Chief Director:  
Community Service

Rev Kiepie Jaftha is a part-time minister of religion and completed his graduate and postgraduate studies at Unisa, the North-West University and the UFS. He occupied senior management posts in the National Department of Public Works, the Small Business Development Corporation and Business Partners. He also played a leading role in the establishment of the Transformation Committee of the UFS, was thereafter elected to serve on the Council of the UFS, *inter alia* as Vice-Chairperson. In 1999 he was appointed as Chief Director: Resource Management at the UFS. Since September 2001 he has been spearheading the Chief Directorate: Community Service.



**Niel Viljoen**  
Chief Director:  
Operations

Prof Niel Viljoen is an alumnus of the UFS and obtained his M Com (Economics) in 1974. From 1975-1980 he was a lecturer in the Department of Economics. He once again joined the University as the Director of the Centre for Management Development and in 1998 he became founding Director of the School of Management of the UFS. In 1999 he was appointed as Director: Budgets of the University. He became Chief Director: Operations in 2001.



A colourful march from the adjacent Grey College to the Main Campus of the University of the Free State in 2004 symbolized the long road travelled by the UFS from its beginnings in 1904 to its present status as a leading university.

## *From the past to the present*

In 2004 the UFS celebrated its centenary. A spectacular march from Grey College, where the UFS has its roots, to the adjacent campus of the UFS symbolised this 100-year journey from the past to the present.

Certainly the institution of 1904 with its intake of six students is a far cry from the present-day UFS with an enrolment of 25 000 students, 55 percent of whom are black.

In 1904 the only study option was a B A degree. Now study options are there are over a thousand study options available as well as established research expertise and postgraduate study opportunities in six faculties. The faculties are the Faculty of the Humanities, the Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences, the Faculty of Law, the Faculty of Health Sciences, the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences, and the Faculty of Theology.

Initially the language of instruction was English, though later Afrikaans was added as a medium of instruction in various combinations with English. After 1948, this was changed to an Afrikaans-only medium of instruction. But in 1993 the UFS adopted a parallel-medium instruction policy which introduced classes in English and in Afrikaans, and which made the UFS the first historically Afrikaans university to do so.

For most of its existence the UFS

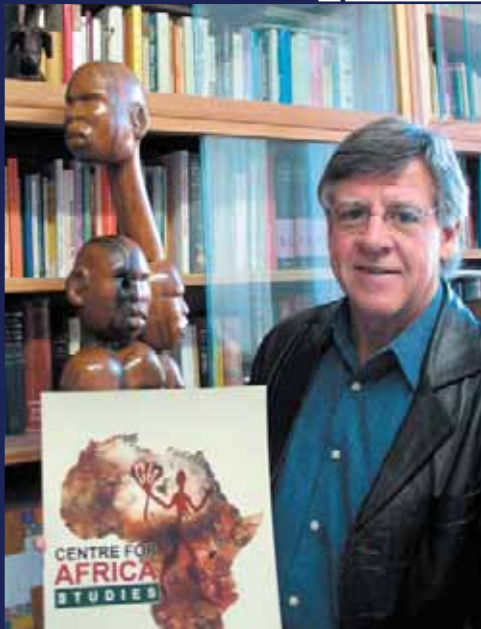
operated as a single campus in Bloemfontein, but since 2003 the UFS has been operating as a multi-campus university following government's restructuring of higher education.

In January 2003, the former Qwaqwa campus of the University of the North was incorporated into the UFS (the first such incorporation in the country). This was followed in January 2004 by the incorporation of the Bloemfontein campus of the former Vista University.

In 1904 the institution was known as the Grey University College. Since then the university has undergone several name changes, the last being the change to the University of the Free State (UFS) in 1996 to reflect the new realities of the campus and the province.

A graduation ceremony at the Qwaqwa campus of the UFS which was incorporated into the UFS in January 2003.





Prof Philip Nel of the Centre for Africa Studies which opened towards the end of 2007. The centre will focus on the challenges of the African continent.



Ms Elmé Breedt (from Pretoria) and Mr Edward Jurua (from Uganda) who obtained the master's degree in Physics at the UFS and completed the National Astrophysics Space Science Programme.

## *Global connection via Africa and beyond*

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The knowledge and expertise that are to be found among academics at the UFS are recognised not only locally but globally as well.

This is the experience across all six faculties of the UFS and is a trend that the management of the UFS has sought to encourage with the adoption of an internationalisation policy. The International Office has two main components aimed at research development and effective support services for postgraduate as well as international students.

There are various co-operation agreements with other universities across the globe as well as student exchange programmes.

In partnership with the Ford Foundation, the Faculty of Law launched a Master's of Law in Gender Rights specifically for postgraduate students from Africa. The UFS also hosts the only GMO-testing facility in Africa and has participated in research in this area.

Because of its expertise in simultaneous interpreting, the UFS provided the hearings of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) with such an interpreting service and was awarded a national contract to train court interpreters.

The Department of Music is involved in an international research project on Music and Identity.

The School of Medicine in the Faculty of Health Sciences trains undergraduate students from Botswana and the Department of Family Medicine, in co-operation with Boston University, assists in the training of doctors in Lesotho.

The UFS is the first tertiary institution in the world to mechanise the in-field rain-water harvesting technique on a commercial scale, which will help to increase food security. The Centre for Development Support and academic staff from the Department of Economics, in the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences, were involved in preparing two background documents within the context of the African Peer Review Mechanism of the African Union (AU).

In 2007 the UFS opened the Centre for Africa Studies as part of the institution's strategic vision and repositioning in terms of the role it wants to play in Africa. The centre will develop innovative ways to be involved in the challenges of the continent.

The UFS Department of Anthropology houses the secretariat of the National Khoi-San Consultative Conference.

A Unit for Khoe and San Studies was also formed to do research among the indigenous peoples in Southern Africa. It received international funding of R1,8 million.



In 2004, the Rector and Vice-Chancellor Prof Frederick Fourie met with King Letsie III of Lesotho to obtain his support for the Moshoeshoe Heritage Project.



Minister of Defence, Mr Mosiuoa Lekota, delivering his message of support at the Inaugural King Moshoeshoe Memorial Lecture at the UFS which was held on Africa Day, 25 May 2006.

## *Moshoeshoe legacy honoured*

The first King Moshoeshoe Memorial Lecture at the UFS was held on 25 May 2006 – Africa Day. The event was described by many high-profile dignitaries who attended it as truly historic. The memorial lecture in honour of this great African leader is part of a broader Moshoeshoe Heritage Project that was launched at the UFS in 2004 as part of the university's centenary celebrations and as part of the first decade of democracy in South Africa.

Some of the dignitaries that attended the lecture included the Minister of Defence, Mr Mosiuoa Lekota, Morena Matheadira Seeiso, a senior representative of His Majesty King Letsie III of Lesotho, the Chancellor of the UFS, Dr Franklin Sonn, several Members of the Executive Council of the Free State (MECs), Members of Parliament as well as traditional leaders, business leaders and representatives of cultural organisations.

The lecture, *Perspectives on the leadership challenges in South Africa*, was delivered by Prof Njabulo Ndebele, internationally acclaimed writer and Principal of the University of Cape Town.

The King Moshoeshoe Memorial Lecture will be held every two years as a contribution to the national and

international discourse on leadership, particularly African leadership, as well as on issues of nation-building and reconciliation.

The Moshoeshoe Heritage Project seeks to honour a very special model of African leadership that was displayed by King Moshoeshoe to bring about nation-building and reconciliation at a time of great social upheaval in Southern Africa during the nineteenth century.

The specific objectives of the King Moshoeshoe Heritage Project are:

- To give suitable recognition to King Moshoeshoe and his legacy
- To contribute to the national and international discourse on reconciliation and nation-building
- To promote academic opportunities for research, teaching and community service
- To foster an awareness and appreciation among UFS staff and students (and the broader Free State community) of the shared history of the province and the country
- To give expression to the commitment of the UFS to embrace and celebrate the history, cultures and languages of all people of the Free State.



Prof Njabulo Ndebele, MEC for Sport, Arts, Culture, Science and Technology Ms Susan Mnumzana, Minister of Defence Mr Mosiuoa Lekota, and MEC for Tourism, Environmental and Economic Affairs Mr Neo Masithela, were some of the dignitaries who attended the Inaugural King Moshoeshoe Memorial Lecture at the UFS.



Prof Gerhardt de Klerk, Dean of the Faculty of the Humanities



Staff and students of the award-winning Department of Drama and Theatre Arts receive major accolades for their performances. Here are some of them with trophies they have won at a national arts festival.

## *Faculty of the Humanities*

As the largest faculty in terms of staff and student numbers, the faculty prides itself on a sustained annual research output of more than 100 accredited articles and about 50 other publications, such as books, chapter contributions and research reports. Almost half of the papers read annually (about 75) are read at international conferences.

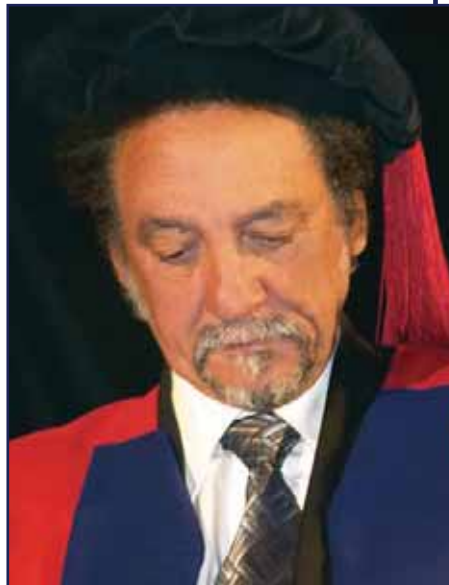
Research strengths of particular note deal with issues around health (e.g. documenting, monitoring and facilitating the roll-out of antiretrovirals for persons infected with HIV/Aids in the Free State) and language (e.g. multilingualism and mother-tongue instruction).

The faculty is committed to service delivery and engagement with the immediate community – to which a rich variety of projects attests. One of the faculty's flagship projects is the Artists in Schools project in which artists become artist-educators, offering art and craft projects in schools. Education-related projects deal with improving the

infrastructure of schools, as well as in-service training of Science, Mathematics and English teachers.

The Department of Drama and Theatre Arts strives to promote indigenous languages and culture with the development and performing of especially Sesotho productions. They also use the industrial-theatre medium for projects on crime prevention and combating HIV/Aids, while Psychology students provide support to trauma victims. In the Mangaung Strings Programme, the Music Department, in partnership with the provincial government, provides theory and practical lessons in strings to hundreds of young learners.

As part of its centenary celebrations in 2004, the UFS awarded honorary doctorates to a number of leading South Africans, including Prof Jakes Gerwel, former Director-General in the office of President Nelson Mandela.





The UFS has installed a nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometer, placing it at the forefront of research in chemistry in Africa. Seen here are Prof Frederick Fourie, Rector and Vice-Chancellor, Dr Detlef Müller of Bruker in Germany, Prof Jannie Swarts head of the Division Physical Chemistry, and Prof Herman van Schalkwyk, Dean of the Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences.



Attending the launch of the BioPAD Platform for Metagenomics research contract were: Drs Siyabulela Ntutela, Deputy Director: Biotechnology at the Department of Science and Technology, Godfrey Netswera, Manager of Thuthuka and the Support Programme at the National Research Foundation (NRF), Prof Esta van Heerden, Platform Manager and lecturer at the department, Mr Butana Mboniswa, Chief Executive Officer of BioPAD, and Dr Vuyisele Phehani, Portfolio Manager for BioPADD.

## *Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences*

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This faculty has positioned itself as an institution where there is really no substitute for excellence.

Over the years a reputation has been established for research in areas that seek to generate practical solutions to the challenges of development in South Africa and the continent. This is being done in areas as diverse as parasitology, environmental and water-resource management, physics, chemistry, microbiology and food technology, agricultural economics, sustainable agriculture as well as new crop development, to mention a few.

The faculty's research outputs have been strengthened by following a strategy to attract top-quality scientists and researchers as well as acquiring expensive laboratory equipment. Some of the highlights are:

- The inauguration of a BioPAD Platform for Metagenomics at the Department of Microbial, Biochemical and Food Biotechnology, which forms part of a network of specialist platforms for research in South Africa. BioPAD is a Biotechnology Regional Innovation Centre established by the national Department of Science and Technology. The BioPAD Board of Trustees awarded a biotechnology research contract to the value of R13,7 million to the UFS. This is one of the biggest research contracts awarded

to the UFS in recent years.

- Pulane Mahloka, at the Department of Quantity Surveying and Construction Management made academic history by becoming the first black student to be awarded a gold medal as Exceptional Final Year Student from the Association of South African Quantity Surveyors (ASAQS).

- The upgrading of research facilities of the Department of Chemistry to the value of R40 million is under way. When completed, the department will have some of the most advanced research equipment in Africa.

- The upgrading of the Boyden Observatory, a recognised international research facility, is being done in phases.

- The Disaster Management Training and Education Centre for Africa (DiMTEC) secured a master's degree-bursary programme, funded by the Department of Science and Technology, the Department of Water Affairs and Forestry and the National Disaster Management Centre.

- The Lengau Agricultural Development Centre specializes in the training of emerging farmers, farm workers and entrepreneurs in agricultural business. Its facilities are utilised to address the needs of newly settled, emerging and commercial black farmers.



Mr Jacob Zuma, President of the ANC, presented a memorial lecture on Reconciliation and Nation-building. From the left are: Prof Tienie Crous, Dean of the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences, Mr Zuma, Prof Magda Fourie, the then Vice-Rector: Academic Planning, and Prof. Moses Sindane (Head of the Department of Public Management).

## *Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences*

The faculty presents a variety of degree and short learning programmes for the private and public sector, as well as for the training of accountants. Through its School of Management, the faculty presents an accredited MBA programme, as well as a unique undergraduate management leadership degree programme targeting adult learners and based on the recognition of prior learning. The master's programme in Development Studies offered by the Centre for Development Support needs special mentioning, given the scope and nature of the curriculum, and the composition of students who are also adult learners and who come from all over South Africa and Africa.

Various collaboration agreements were negotiated over the years with institutions of higher learning in the USA, Europe, Africa and India to effectively benchmark and facilitate the exchange of lecturing staff and students. Through this initiative staff are enabled to work abroad, while students can study abroad. Exposure and experience gained through this initiative impact positively on academic quality in general. Expertise on the impact of HIV and Aids has been established in the faculty through cutting-edge research, while research regarding local economic development, the youth and particularly the public sector are also focus points in academic endeavours.

The School of Management introduced the High Performing Directors and Governance Programme in collaboration with the financial group ABSA to empower role players in the corporate management environment, such as executive and non-executive directors, trustees and council members. The faculty is also well-known for its involvement in the training and development of public-sector officials, in partnership with the South African Management and Development Institute.

The Centre for Development Support received a golden award for research and development at the 2007 Free State Premier's Excellence Award function. A measure of our excellence is also reflected in the fact that four staff members are NRF-rated researchers. A colleague received the Stals Prize for Economic and Management Sciences, while another was seconded to the Organisation for Economic Collaboration and Development in Paris, France, to act as research consultant in the field of public-private partnerships for a period of two months.

In 2007 the Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team of the faculty again won the national championship and represented South Africa at the international meeting of SIFE in New York.

## *Faculty of Health Sciences*

The faculty is one of the best in the country and is proud of the high quality health professionals it produces in its three schools, namely the School of Medicine, the School of Nursing and the School for Allied Health Professions.

The School of Medicine offers two undergraduate programmes. The Medical programme is the oldest programme in the faculty and was one of the first two in the country to convert from a six-year to a five-year curriculum, with its first graduates in 2004. It has been accredited by the Health Profession's Council of South Africa. The Medical Radiation Scientists programme, though it takes in a small number of students, addresses the shortage of these professionals in the South African health system. The school also has a number of postgraduate programmes.

The School of Nursing plays an important role in addressing the critical shortage of nursing staff in South Africa. In addition to the undergraduate nursing programme, there are a number of post-basic programmes that provide nurses with in-service training, equipping them with knowledge and skills that are required in present-day nursing practice.

The School for Allied Health Professions trains physiotherapists,

occupational therapists, optometrists and dieticians. These health professionals are, like all others, in short supply in the country.

The faculty is extensively involved in health-delivery projects to the local Mangaung community as well as outreach programmes to the rest of the Free State and parts of the Northern Cape.

The high quality of academic staff is borne out by the quality of the academic programmes, participation in various professional and national organisations and the faculty's contribution to research. The Unit for Health Professions Education is one of a few in the country and has contributed to shifting the focus of teaching/training from a purely professional base to a combined professional and educational base through intense staff development.

The faculty boasts a number of units of national importance.

The National Control Laboratory is the only vaccine-testing laboratory in the country that has been evaluated to do vaccines-testing for the World Health Organization. The Sports Laboratory is based in the Department of Pharmacology and tests samples for prohibited substances for various codes of sport.



The Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences at the UFS, Prof Letticia Moja. The UFS was the first university in the country to appoint a woman to this position.



Prof. André Venter, Head of the Department of Paediatrics and Child Health, with a newborn baby. The department is the provider of healthcare for more than a million children in central South Africa.

A very proud UFS team walked away with the first prize in the 16th All Africa Human Rights Moot Court Competition held in Senegal. A first place was also obtained in the written memorials category. From the left are: Ms Qaqamba Vellem (LL B student), Prof Johan Henning (Dean: Faculty of Law), Prof Loot Pretorius (Head of Department: Constitutional Law and Philosophy of Law), Ms Lucy Nthotso (LL B student), Ms Thapi Matsaneng (Lecturer and team leader), and Mr Johnny Modipa (LL B student).



## Faculty of Law

Since the appointment of the first law lecturer a hundred years ago, the faculty has become one of the most distinguished faculties of law in Southern Africa. It is one of the oldest in the country and the only Faculty of Law in the judicial capital of South Africa.

Ten judges and judges of appeal serve as extraordinary professors and honorary professors. They also form the mainstay of an advisory committee which has formally been designated as the Collegium Iurisprudentium. They contribute immeasurably towards the high quality of teaching and research outputs of the faculty.

One of the unique initiatives of the faculty is the Centre for Financial Planning Law. The centre offers a Postgraduate Diploma, as well as an Advanced Postgraduate Diploma. More than a thousand students register for these qualifications annually. These studies are undertaken with a view to eventual membership of the Financial Planning Institute and to comply with the statutory requirements for providers of financial advisory services.

This initiative has been strengthened by the approval of the new B Jur degree in Financial Planning Law and will prepare undergraduate students for the two Postgraduate Diplomas in Financial Planning Law.

Since 1992, the faculty has been an

organising institution of the annual International Symposium on Organised and Economic Crime. It is one of the few faculties offering both a final-year LL B subject as well as an elective LL M subject in this specialised but highly topical field. These subjects are lectured by practising advocates as well as world-renowned specialists from the UK and the United Nations, namely Prof B A K Rider of the University of London and Dr D Jayasuriya who has worked for various UN agencies abroad.

Another unique initiative is the LL M in Gender Rights funded by the Ford Foundation which enables students from all over Africa to study at a postgraduate level at the UFS.

This faculty has significant research expertise in:

- Law of enterprises, entrepreneurial law, partnership law and corporate law, among others, in its Centre for Business Law
- Human rights, constitutional law and children's rights in its Centre for Human Rights Studies
- Economic crime issues in its Research Unit on Economic Crime
- Labour law and black economic empowerment.
- Staff have been closely involved in the reform of Partnership Law in the UK and Company Law Reform in South Africa and the UK.



Prof Johan Henning,  
Dean of the Faculty  
of Law.



The University of the Free State awarded honorary doctorates to Ms Maria Ramos (front, left), Group Chief Executive of Transnet, and Prof Sampie Terblanche (front, right), well-known academic.



A painting of the former Chancellor of the UFS, Ms Winkie Direko, who is also a former premier of the Free State, was unveiled in the UFS Council Chamber. Seen here are Ms Direko, Judge Faan Hancke, Chairperson of the UFS Council, and Dr Charles Nwaila, Director-General of the Free State provincial government.

## Faculty of Theology

This is the youngest of the six faculties at the UFS, having celebrated its 25th year of existence in 2005. However, in many respects the faculty has established itself as one to be reckoned with, being the only institution in the centre of the country that offers fully fledged theological training.

The faculty offers theological courses in all theological disciplines, from an undergraduate certificate in Theology to PhD level. This is done from a reformed theological tradition and with ecumenical openness.

While it means that theology is taught from a specific tradition and ethos, students from all churches are welcome. At undergraduate level we have formal agreements with several churches to train pastors for the respective ministries. The diversity among our students can be seen most clearly at postgraduate level. Not only do we attract students from a variety of denominations, but international students form a significant number of our student body. They are from countries such as Korea, Zambia, Angola, Namibia, Germany, and the United States.

Since we originally started out as a postgraduate faculty (students first had to obtain a bachelor's degree from another faculty before enrolling) the

faculty's strong point remains its postgraduate students. Sixty percent of our total number of students are postgraduates, giving the faculty an outstanding research record. Although the faculty comprises less than two percent of the UFS's research staff, it produced nine percent of the total research outputs in 2007. No wonder that four of the faculty's staff have obtained C ratings from the National Research Foundation, an exceptional achievement for such a small faculty.

The faculty's accredited academic journal, *Acta Theologica*, appears twice a year. During the past two years, apart from the two normal issues, several additional supplementa appeared. One of these supplementa has been awarded the Stals-prize by the SA Akademie vir Wetenskap en Kuns. *Acta* is also the first, and thus far the only theological journal in South Africa that has been included in the prestigious International Scientific Index, a momentous achievement.

Apart from numerous research fellows, the faculty in the past two years has also appointed two professors extraordinaire – one for Biblical Spirituality, and one for Professional and Research Ethics, both of these being fast-growing areas of interest and research in theology.



Prof Francois Tolmie,  
Dean of the Faculty  
of Theology.



Research on nanotechnology was given a boost at the University of the Free State with a groundbreaking discovery by the then Masters student in Microbiology, Dr Olihile Sebolai. Dr Sebolai discovered lubricants that would enable nanorobots to move through the human body. His discovery caught the attention of scientists worldwide as well as the international news agency Reuters.

## Research

The UFS has a remarkable research record that proves that size and location is no barrier to excellence. In fact, the UFS is highly regarded in South Africa, boasting more than 75 scientists rated by the National Research Foundation (NRF), including internationally acclaimed researchers.

In recent years the UFS has made significant financial and human-resource investments in research development and has also established a Directorate: Research Development.

The UFS is capitalising on its strengths with the development of six strategic academic clusters to facilitate multidisciplinary approaches to research as well as teaching and learning and community service.

The strategic clusters are:

- Water management in water-scarce areas
- New frontiers in poverty reduction and sustainable development
- Transformation in highly diverse societies
- Technologies for sustainable crop industries in semi-arid regions
- Materials and nano sciences
- Advanced bio-molecular systems.

The Cluster Initiative is one of the institutional mega-projects aiming to reposition the UFS to a significantly higher level in five years time.

An allocation of R28 million was made over three years for the clusters. Academics from approximately thirty departments and ten centres and units are participating in the cluster process. The clusters include postgraduate programmes and are expected to impact on undergraduate learning programmes and curricula.

Related to the Cluster Initiative, the Directorate Research Development has initiated the process for the UFS to participate in the National Research Foundation's South African Research Chairs Initiative (SARChI) by linking proposed research chairs to existing clusters. The UFS has been awarded three such research chairs for 2008, and at least another three for 2009. These chairs will imply a significant boost to our research capacity.

Each cluster is further associated with at least one recognised NRF Institutional Research Development Programme (IRDP) Research Niche Area (RNA). Eight RNAs were approved for the UFS in 2007, the highest number of all universities in the country.

These RNAs encompass 24 NRF-funded research projects, representing a combined total commitment of almost R30 million to the UFS over the next five years (2008-2012)

### *Did you know...*

The UFS is one of the only six universities in the country that rank in the top 1% globally in terms of research, according to a survey done in 2006. The results showed that the relative number of citations in clinical medicine and plant and animal sciences credited to the UFS positions the university as a world class institution in these two disciplines.

The close working relationship with the Indiana University - Purdue University in Indianapolis in the US, in the area of community service led to the conferral of an honorary doctorate on Prof Robert Bringle of IU-PU (right).



## *Community service*

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The UFS views community service as an integral part of its core business of teaching and learning as well as research. In 2002 the UFS adopted a comprehensive community-service policy, one of the first universities in South Africa to do so.

Through community service the UFS can partner with poor communities to find solutions to the challenges they face and, in so doing, build the capacity of the community, giving concrete expression to the scholarship of engagement.

The UFS offers more service-learning modules than any other higher education institution in South Africa, and has the highest number of students enrolled for these courses. One striking example involves Industrial Psychology students who undertook community service projects in 2005. The impact of these projects on the communities and on the students has been astounding. After their examinations, 80 students of the class of 170 volunteered to return to the communities to share their knowledge and skills.



In partnership with the Free State provincial government, the Department of Music initiated a programme to teach music to children from disadvantaged communities.

A student in Industrial Psychology presenting a training programme for pre-schoolers.





UFS staff and alumni played a phenomenal role in the Springbok team who won the Rugby World Cup of 2007.

## *Sport*

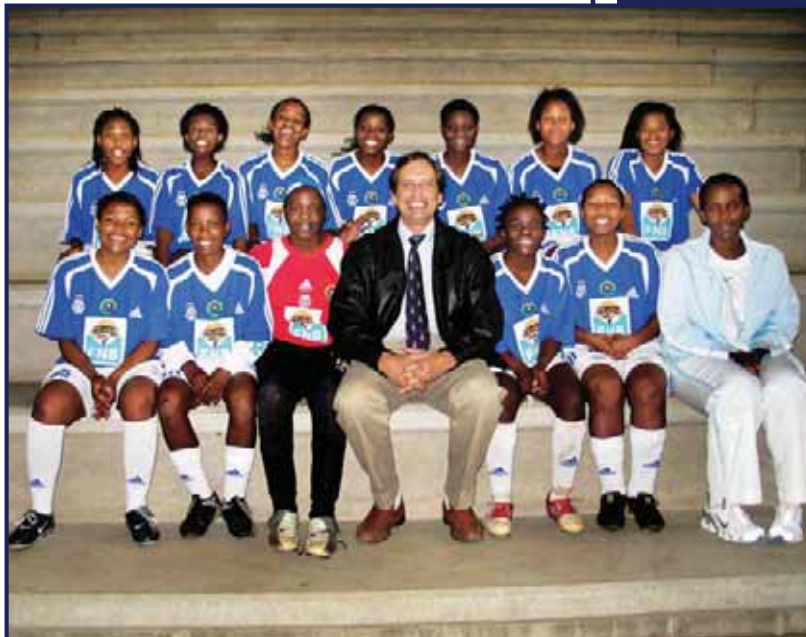
To ensure the all-round development of students, the UFS offers students the opportunity to excel in one or more of 22 sporting codes. Over the years, there have been many outstanding achievements in some of these sporting codes, producing sportsmen and sportswomen who made their mark provincially, nationally and internationally.

To further boost sport at the institution, UFS adopted a comprehensive Sport Plan in 2003 that signalled a huge reinvestment in facilities and expertise. As part of the Sports Plan the UFS established the Centre for Exercise and Sport Science Services which amalgamates the academic and sporting expertise into a one-stop service. The commercialisation of sport will raise the profile of the institution nationally and internationally.

Some of the notable highlights on the sports field in recent years include:

- Johan Cronje (1500m), represented South Africa at the 2004 Olympics in Athens.
- For three years running the badminton team was crowned national champions. Top performer was Chris Dednam who also represented South Africa at the 2004 Athens Olympics. He and his brother, Roelof, qualified for the Olympics in Beijing.

- Various former Shimla players formed part of the Springbok team who won the Rugby World Cup in 2007. Dr Derik Coetzee of the Department of Human Movement Sciences was the conditioning trainer of the Springbok team.
- Burta de Kock was the trainer of the national Protea netball team. Many Kovies also got their national colours.



The women's soccer team of the UFS were crowned provincial champions. Here they are with the Rector and Vice-Chancellor, Prof Frederick Fourie, and Ms Nomsa Mahlangu (right, front), soccer convener at the UFS.

## *In the Spotlight*



### **Student receives gold medal**

Pulane Mahloka, a final-year B.Sc. (Quantity Surveying) student at the Department of Quantity Surveying and Construction Management, was the first black student to receive a gold medal as exceptional final-year student from the Association of South African Quantity Surveyors. Here she is with Mr Hendrik van Vuuren and Ms Benita Kotze, Lecturers at the department.



Prof. Helena van Zyl, Director of the School of Management, and Dr Matthews Phosa, Treasurer General of the ANC and visiting professor in the School of Management.

### **Artificial light for SA's townships**

The Department of Physics is involved in a project that could make life easier in the townships through the use of artificial light. The project is based on the use of sunlight to activate nano materials in for example cement and paint during the day. At night the cement or paint can radiate light in public areas or private homes. An amount of R3,9 million has been made available by the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) for further development of the project



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# Universiteit van die Vrystaat

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“Die Universiteit het hom waarlik vry gemaak... Hy strewe daarna om ‘n volkome Suid-Afrikaanse universiteit te wees en strewe terselfdertyd daarna om ook ‘n trotse universiteit vir Afrika te wees.”

Dr Franklin A. Sonn, met sy inhuldiging as Kanselier van die Universiteit van die Vrystaat, Februarie 2003.

## *Inhoud*

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**VOORBLADFOTO:** Die Hoofgebou van die Universiteit van die Vrystaat in Bloemfontein is 'n eeu gelede gebou. Na restourasie en herinrigting in 2005 het die rektorat en ander senior personeel dit betrek en die gebou het weer sy regmatige plek in die hart van die kampus ingeneem.



Voormalige president Nelson Mandela het in November 2001 'n eredoktorsgraad aan die Universiteit van die Vrystaat ontvang. By hom is die voormalige rektor en visekanselier, prof. Stef Coetzee.

## *Voorwoord deur die Rektor en Visekanselier*

Die Universiteit van die Vrystaat (UV) is trots om aan u hierdie kort oorsig te bied van 'n universiteit wat meer as 100 jaar oud is, maar ook so jonk soos ons demokrasie.

Met die lees van hierdie brosjure, sal u bewus word van die bereidwilligheid en vermoë van die UV om aan die uitdagings van verandering te voldoen, terwyl die kernmandaat van universiteitswees steeds uitgevoer word – 'n plek van "scholarship" gegrond op kritiese ondersoek asook betrokkenheid by die gemeenskap.

Ons wil graag bo die gebeure van 2008 uitstyg om 'n inklusiewe institusionele kultuur vir alle personeel en studente te vestig.

Met die aanvang van die 21<sup>ste</sup> eeu, het die UV 'n opwindende groeifase betree. Studente-inskrywings staan nou op 25 000 (in 2008), waarvan meer as sestig persent swart is.

Daar is ook groot beleggings in strategiese areas gemaak, insluitende die verkryging van duur wetenskaplike toerusting, die opgradering van akademiese en sportfasiliteite, die biblioteek en inligtingstegnologie en rekenaarlaboratoriums vir studente.

Om hierdie groei suksesvol te bestuur, is 'n kernprioriteit om te verseker dat die UV sy horisonne as 'n universiteit van uitnemendheid, billikheid en innovering kan verbreed.

Saam met hierdie groei- en beleggingsfase het die UV ook 'n nuwe fase in sy transformasie-agenda geloods, 'n proses wat 'n omvattende padkaart vir die toekoms van die UV sal lewer.

Die UV is inderdaad aan die voerpunt van hoëronderwystransformasie en akademiese vernuwing, 'n feit wat deur die eertydse President Nelson Mandela erken is toe hy in November 2001 'n eredoktorsgraad van die UV ontvang het.

Hierdie pioniersrol in hoër onderwys is iets waarop ons by die UV baie trots is en dit is 'n rol wat ons beoog om steeds te vertolk soos wat ons universiteit en ons land worstel met die taak van die bou van 'n nie-rassige, nie-seksistiese, multikulturele en veeltalige samelewing.

**Prof. Frederick Fourie,  
Rektor en Visekanselier**





Die hoofingang van die Universiteit van die Vrystaat in Bloemfontein.

## *Topspan aan die spits by die Universiteit van die Vrystaat*



Prof. Frederick Fourie  
Rektor en  
Visekanselier

Prof. Frederick Fourie is 'n gegradueerde van die Universiteit van die Vrystaat en hy het 'n Ph.D.-graad in Ekonomie aan die Harvard-universiteit verwerf. Hy is in 1982 as professor in Ekonomie aan die UV aangestel op die ouderdom van 29 jaar en as buitengewone professor in 1998, en het meer as 60 wetenskaplike artikels in geakkrediteerde tydskrifte gepubliseer. Hy is 'n voormalige dekaan van die Fakulteit Ekonomiese en Bestuurswetenskappe en voormalige Viserektor: Akademie. Hy het op 1 Januarie 2003 Rektor en Visekanselier van die Universiteit van die Vrystaat geword.



Dr. Ezekiel Moraka  
Viserektor:  
Studentesake

Dr. Ezekiel Moraka het teologiese opleiding ontvang asook 'n B.Ed. Administrasie aan die Universiteit van die Noorde. Daarna was hy werksaam as predikant, hoërskoolonderwyser en dosent by 'n onderwyskollege. Hy ontvang 'n Ph.D. in Onderwysbestuur van die Universiteit van Pretoria in 2001. In 1995 word hy as Hoof: Maatskaplike Studentedienste aan die Universiteit van Pretoria aangestel. In 1998 word hy Hoof: Studentesteun en in 2001 Dekaan van Studente. Hy word in Januarie 2004 as Viserektor: Studentesake aan die UV aangestel.



Prof. Driekie Hay  
Viserektor:  
Akademiese Beplanning

Prof. Driekie Hay beskik oor 'n Ph.D. in Onderwys en het aan verskeie hoër- en volwassene-onderwys instellings onderrig gegee en in hoër- en volwassene-onderwys gespesialiseer. Sy was Visepresident van die SA Vereniging vir Navorsing en Ontwikkeling in Hoër Onderwys en is 'n lid van die uitvoerende komitee van die Vereniging vir Hoër- en volwassene-onderwysleer en -onderrig van Suider-Afrika (HELTASA). Sy was voorheen die Direkteur van die Sentrum vir Hoër- en volwassene-onderwysstudies en -ontwikkeling aan die UV. Sy is in 2004 as Dekaan: Akademiese Ontwikkeling aan die Sentrale Universiteit vir Tegnologie aangestel en as Viserektor: Akademiese Beplanning aan die UV vanaf 1 Januarie 2008.



Prof. Teuns Verschoor  
Viserektor:  
Akademiese Bedryf

Prof. Teuns Verschoor behaal die grade B.Iuris, LL.B. en LL.D. aan die Universiteit van Pretoria. Hy is as senior lektor in die Departement Strafreë en Mediese Reg aan die UV in 1979 aangestel en het in 1981 professor en hoof van die departement geword. In Oktober 1994 word hy die eerste Dekaan van Studente. Hy was medevoorsitter van die Breë Transformasieforum en is as voorsitter van die UV se Institusionele Forum in 2001 verkies. Prof. Verschoor is op 1 Januarie 2004 as Viserektor: Akademiese Bedryf aan die UV aangestel.



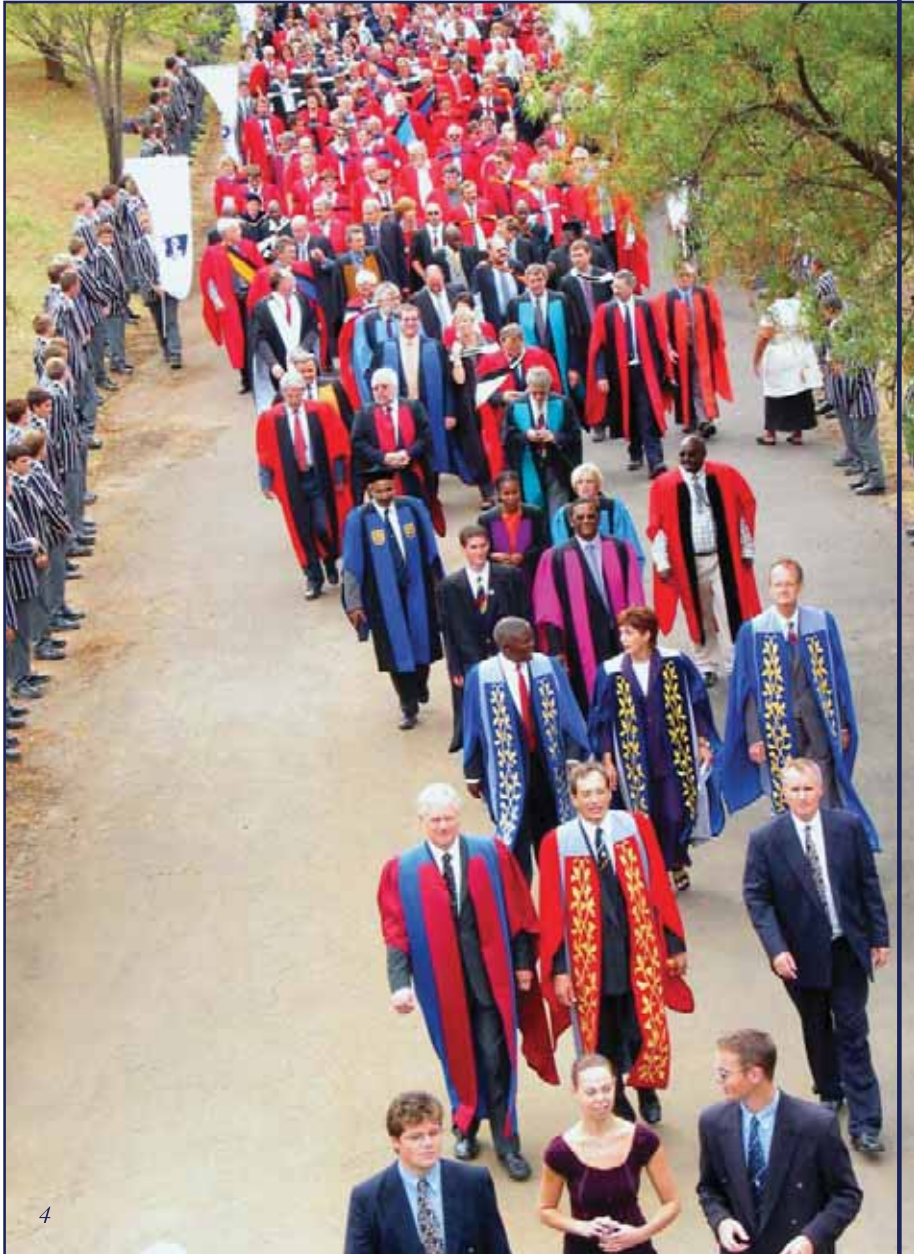
Rev. Kiepie Jaftha  
Hoofdirekteur:  
Samelewingsdiens

Ds. Kiepie Jaftha is 'n deeltydse predikant en het sy graad- en nagraadse studies aan Unisa, die Noordwes-Universiteit en die UV voltooi. Hy het senior bestuursposisies in die Nasionale Departement van Openbare Werke, die Kleinsake-ontwikkelingskorporasie en Business Partners beklee. Hy het ook 'n leidende rol gespeel in die vestiging van die Transformasiekomitee van die UV, is daarna verkies om op die Raad van die UV te dien, onder ander as ondervoorsitter. In 1999 is hy as die Hoofdirekteur: Hulpbronbestuur aan die UV aangestel. Sedert September 2001 staan hy aan die spits van die Hoofdirektoraat: Samelewingsdiens.



Prof. Niel Viljoen  
Hoofdirekteur:  
Bedryf

Prof. Niel Viljoen is 'n alumnus van die UV en het sy M.Com. (Ekonomie) in 1974 behaal. Vanaf 1976-1980 was hy lektor in die Departement Ekonomie. Hy het hom weer by die UV aangesluit as die Direkteur van die Sentrum vir Bestuur en Ontwikkeling en in 1998 het hy die Stigtingsdirekteur van die Bestuurskool van die UV geword. In 1999 is hy as Direkteur: Begrotings van die UV aangestel. Hy word Hoofdirekteur: Bedryf in 2001.



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Die kleurvolle optog van die aangrensende Grey-kollege na die Hoofkampus van die Universiteit van die Vrystaat in 2004 was 'n simbool van die lang pad waar langs die Universiteit sedert sy ontstaan in 1904 tot sy huidige status as toonaangewende Universiteit gekom het.

## *Van die verlede na die Hede*

In 2004 het die UV sy eeufees gevier. 'n Skouspelagtige optog vanaf Grey Kollege, waar die UV se wortels is, na die aangrensende kampus van die UV, het hierdie reis van 100 jaar van die verlede na die hede gesimboliseer.

Natuurlik is die instelling van 1904 met sy inname van ses studente ver verwyderd van die huidige UV met sy 25 000 ingeskrewe studente, waarvan meer as sestig persent swart is.

In 1904 was 'n B.A.-graad die enigste studie-opsie. Nou is daar oor 'n duisend studie-opsies beskikbaar, asook gevestigde navorsingskundigheid en nagraadse studiegeleenthede in ses fakulteite, te wete die Fakulteit Geesteswetenskappe, die Fakulteit Natuur- en Landbouwetenskappe, die Fakulteit Regsgeleerdheid, die Fakulteit Gesondheidswetenskappe, die Fakulteit Ekonomiese en Bestuurswetenskappe en die Fakulteit Teologie.

Aanvanklik was die onderrigtaal Engels, maar later is Afrikaans as 'n onderrigmedium in verskeie kombinasies met Engels bygevoeg. Na 1948 is dit verander na 'n onderrigmedium van slegs Afrikaans. In 1993 het die UV egter 'n parallelmediumonderrigbeleid aanvaar wat klasse in Engels en Afrikaans bekend gestel het en wat die UV die eerste histories Afrikaanse universiteit gemaak het om dit te doen.

Vir die grootste gedeelte van sy bestaan is die UV as 'n enkelkampus in

Bloemfontein bedryf, maar sedert 2003 word die UV as 'n multikampus-universiteit bedryf na aanleiding van die herstrukturering van hoër onderwys.

In Januarie 2003 is die voormalige Qwaqwa-kampus van die Universiteit van die Noorde by die UV geïnkorporeer (die eerste sodanige inkorporering in die land). Dit is in Januarie 2004 gevolg deur die inkorporering van die Vista-universiteit by die Bloemfontein-kampus.

In 1904 het die instelling as die Grey University College bekend gestaan. Sedertdien het die Universiteit verskeie naamsveranderinge ondergaan, die laaste hiervan die verandering na die Universiteit van die Vrystaat (UV) in 1996 om die nuwe realiteite van die kampus en die provinsie te weerspieël.

'n Gradeplegtigheid op die Qwaqwa-kampus van die UV wat in Januarie 2003 by die Universiteit van die Vrystaat geïnkorporeer is.





Die Sentrum vir Afrika-studies het aan die einde van 2007 geopen. Die sentrum sal betrokke wees by uitdagings in Afrika. Prof. Philip Nel, voorheen hoof van die sentrum.



Me. Elmé Breedt (van Pretoria) en mnr. Edward Jurua (van Uganda) wat hul meestersgrade in Fisika aan die UV gekry het en sertifikate in die National Astrophysics Space Science Programme ontvang het.

## *Globale verbintenis via Afrika en verder*

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Die kennis en kundigheid wat onder die akademië aan die UV te vind is, word nie net plaaslik nie, maar ook wêreldwyd erken.

Dit is die ervaring regoor al ses fakulteite van die UV en is die tendens wat die bestuur van die UV wil aanmoedig met die aanvaarding van 'n internasionaliseringbeleid. Die Internasionale Kantoor het twee hoofkomponente gemik op navorsingsontwikkeling en doeltreffende ondersteuningsdienste vir nagraadse sowel as internasionale studente. Daar is verskeie samewerkingsooreenkomste met ander universiteit regoor die wêreld, asook studente-uitruilprogramme.

In vennootskap met die Ford-stigting, het die Fakulteit Regsgeleerdheid die Magistergraad in Genderregte, spesifiek vir nagraadse studente uit Afrika, geloods. Die UV tree ook as gasheer op van die enigste Geneties Gemanipuleerde Organismes (GMO)-toetsfasiliteit in Afrika en het aan navorsing in hierdie area deelgeneem.

Vanweë sy kundigheid in gelyktydige tolking, het die UV sodanige tolkdienste aan die verhore van die Waarheids-en-Versoeningskommissie (WVK) gelewer en is 'n nasionale kontrak om hoftolke op te lei is aan die UV toegeken.

Die Departement Musiek is betrokke by 'n internasionale navorsingsprojek oor Musiek en Identiteit.

Die Skool vir Medisyne in die Fakulteit Gesondheidswetenskappe lei

voorgaande studente van Botswana op en die Departement Huisartskunde, in samewerking met die Boston-universiteit, sal behulpsaam wees met die opleiding van dokters in Lesotho.

Die UV is die eerste tersiêre instelling in die wêreld wat 'n opland-reënwaterinsamelingstegniek op 'n kommersiële skaal gemeganiseer het wat sal help om voedselsekureit te verhoog. Die Sentrum vir Ontwikkelingsteun (CDS) en akademiese personeel van die Departement Ekonomie in die Fakulteit Ekonomiese en Bestuurswetenskappe, was betrokke by die voorbereiding van twee agtergrondsdokumente binne die konteks van die African Peer Review Mechanism van die Afrika-Unie (AU).

In 2007 het die UV die Sentrum vir Afrika-studie geopen as deel van die instelling se strategiese visie en herposisionering ooreenkomstig die rol wat dit in Afrika wil speel. Die Sentrum sal op 'n innoverende wyse by die uitdagings van die kontinent betrokke wees.

Die Departement Antropologie aan die UV huisves die sekretariaat van die Nasionale Khoi-San Oorlegplegende Konferensie. Die Eenheid vir Khoi- en San-studies is ook gevorm om navorsing onder hierdie inheemse volke in Suider-Afrika te doen. Die eenheid het internasionale befondsing van R1,8 miljoen ontvang.



Die Rektor en Visekanselier, prof. Frederick Fourie, het koning Letsie III van Lesotho in 2004 ontmoet om sy ondersteuning vir die Moshoeshoe-erfenisprojek te kry.



Die voormalige Minister van Verdediging, mnr. Mosiuoa Lekota, het 'n boodskap gelewer ter ondersteuning van die eerste Koning Moshoeshoe-gedenklesing wat op 25 Mei 2006, Afrikadag, gehou is.

## *Moshoeshoe se Nalatenskap vereer*

Die eerste Koning Moshoeshoe-gedenklesing by die UV is op Afrika-dag 25 Mei 2006 gehou, 'n gebeurtenis wat as waarlik histories beskryf is deur baie hoëprofiel-waardigheidsbektelers wat dit bygewoon het. Die gedenklesing ter ere van hierdie groot Afrika-leier is deel van 'n breër Moshoeshoe-erfenisprojek wat in 2004 deur die UV geloods is as deel van die Universiteit se eeufeesvieringe en as deel van die eerste dekade van demokrasie in Suid-Afrika.

Sommige van die waardigheidsbektelers wat die lesing bygewoon het, was die Minister van Verdediging, mnr. Mosiuoa Lekota, Morena Matheadira Seeiso, 'n senior verteenwoordiger van Sy Majesteit Koning Letsie III van Lesotho, die Kanselier van die UV, dr. Franklin Sonn, verskeie Lede van die Uitvoerende Raad van die Vrystaat (LUR'e), Lede van die Parlement asook tradisionele leiers, sakeleiers en verteenwoordigers van kulturele organisasies.

Die lesing "Perspectives on the leadership challenges in South Africa" is deur prof. Njabulo Ndebele, internasionaal erkende skrywer en Rektor van die Universiteit van Kaapstad, gelewer. Die Koning Moshoeshoe-gedenklesing sal elke

twee jaar gelewer word as 'n bydrae tot die nasionale en internasionale diskoers oor leierskap, veral Afrika-leierskap, asook wat betref kwessies van nasiebou en versoening.

Die Moshoeshoe-erfenisprojek poog om 'n baie besondere model van Afrika-leierskap te vereer wat deur koning Moshoeshoe aan die dag gelê is om nasiebou en versoening teweeg te bring op 'n tydstip van groot maatskaplike omwenteling in Suider-Afrika gedurende die negentiende eeu.

Die spesifieke doelwitte van die Koning Moshoeshoe-erfenisprojek is:

- om toepaslike erkenning aan koning Moshoeshoe en sy nalatenskap te gee;
- om by te dra tot die nasionale en internasionale diskoers oor versoening en nasiebou
- om akademiese geleenthede vir navorsing, onderrig en samelewingsdiens te bevorder;
- om 'n bewustheid en waardering van die gedeelde geskiedenis van die provinsie en die land onder UV-personeel en -studente (en die breër Vrystaat-gemeenskap) te kweek;
- om uitdrukking te gee aan die verbintenis van die UV om die geskiedenis, kulture en tale van alle mense van die Vrystaat te aanvaar en te vier.



Prof. Njabulo Ndebele, me. Susan Mnumzana (LUR vir Sport, Kuns, Kulture, Wetenskap en Tegnologie), mnr. Mosiuoa Lekota (voormalige Minister van Verdediging) en mnr. Neo Masithela (LUR vir Toerisme, Omgewingsake en Ekonomiese Aangeleenthede) was van die gaste wat die eerste Koning Moshoeshoe-gedenklesing by die UV bygewoon het.



Prof. Gerhardt de Klerk, Dekaan van die Fakulteit Geesteswetenskappe.

Personeel en studente van die pryswennende Departement Drama en Toneelkunde. Die departement het oor die jare verskeie toekennings vir hul prestasies gewen. Hier is 'n span wat in 2008 toekennings by 'n nasionale kunstefees gekry het.

## *Fakulteit Geesteswetenskappe*

As die grootste fakulteit op grond van personeel- en studentegetalle, spog die Fakulteit met volgehoue navorsingsuitsette van meer as 100 geakkrediteerde artikels en omtrent 50 ander publikasies, soos boeke, hoofstukbydraes en navorsingsverslae. Ongeveer die helfte (omtrek 75) van die referate wat jaarliks gelewer word is by internasionale konferensies.

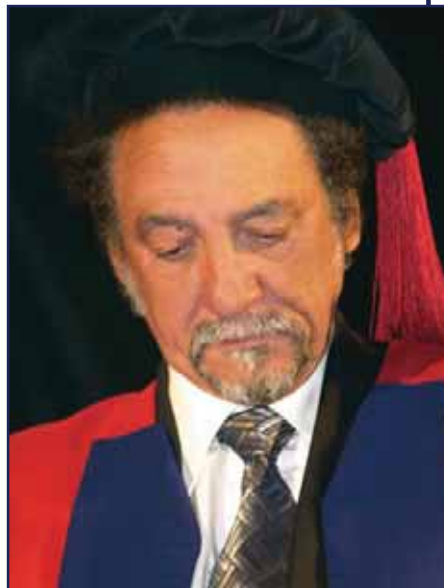
Sterk punte met betrekking tot navorsing van spesifieke belang handel oor kwessies rondom gesondheid (byvoorbeeld die dokumentering, monitering en fasilitering van die uitrol van antiretrovirale middels vir persone wat met MIV/vigs in die Vrystaat besmet is) en taal (byvoorbeeld veeltaligheid en moedertaalonderrig).

Die Fakulteit is verbind tot dienslewering en betrokkenheid by die onmiddellike gemeenskap – waarvan die ryke verskeidenheid van projekte 'n bewys is. Een van die Fakulteit se vlagskipprojekte is die "Artists in School"-projek waar kunstenaars kunstenaar-opvoeders word, en kunst- en handwerkprojekte in skole aanbied. Onderwysverwante projekte het te doen

met die verbetering van die infrastruktuur van skole, asook indiensopleiding van Wetenskap-, Wiskunde- en Engels-onderwysers.

Die Departement Drama en Teaterkuns streef daarna om die inheemse tale en kultuur te bevorder deur die ontwikkeling en uitvoering van spesifieke Suid-Sotho-produksies. Hulle gebruik ook die medium van industriële teater vir projekte oor misdaadvoorkoming en die bekamping van MIV/vigs, terwyl Sielkunde-studente ondersteuning aan traumaslagoffers verleen. In die Mangaung Strings Programme verskaf die Departement Musiek, in vennootskap met die provinsiale regering, teoretiese en praktiese lesse in strykinstrumente aan honderde jong leerdere.

Die UV het as deel van sy Eufeesvieringe in 2004 verskeie eredoktersgrade aan toonaangewende Suid-Afrikaners toegeken. Onder hulle was prof. Jakes Gerwel, voormalige direkteur-generaal in die kantoor van Pres. Nelson Mandela.





Die UV het 'n kernmagnetiese resonans-spektrometer geïnstalleer wat die instelling aan die voerpunt van chemiese navorsing in Afrika geplaas het. Hier is, van links: prof. Frederick Fourie, Rektor en Vise-kanselier, dr. Detlef Müffler van Bruker, Duitsland, prof. Jannie Swarts, Hoof van die afdeling Fisiese Chemie, en prof. Herman van Schalkwyk, Dekaan van die Fakulteit Natuur- en Landbouwetenskappe.



By die bekendstelling van die BioPAD Platform vir Metagenomika was, van links: dr. Siyabulela Ntulela, Adjunkdirekteur: Biotegnologie van die Departement Wetenskap en Tegnologie, Godfrey Netswera, bestuurder van Thuthuka en die Ondersteuningsprogram van die Nasionale Navorsingstigting, prof. Esta van Heerden, platvormbestuurder en dosent, mnr. Butana Mboniswa, uitvoerende hoof van BioPAD, en mnr. Vuyisele Phehani, portefeuljebestuurder vir BioPAD.

## *Fakulteit Natuur- en Landbouwetenskappe*

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Deur middel van uitgebreide navorsing, wêreldklasonderrig en gemeenskapsdiens, het hierdie Fakulteit homself as 'n instelling geposisioneer waar daar waarlik geen plaasvervanger vir uitnemendheid is nie.

Oor die jare heen is 'n reputasie gevestig vir navorsing in areas wat poog om praktiese oplossings te genereer vir die uitdagings van ontwikkeling in Suid-Afrika en die kontinent. Dit word gedoen in velde so divers soos parasitologie, omgewings- en waterhulpbronbestuur, fisika, chemie, mikrobiologie en voedseltegnologie, landbou-ekonomie, volhoubare landbou asook nuwe gewasontwikkeling, om maar net 'n paar te noem.

Die Fakulteit se navorsingsuitsette is versterk deur die volgende doelbewuste strategie om topgehalte-wetenskaplikes en navorsers te lok asook die verkryging van duur laboratoriumtoerusting. Die volgende is enkele van die hoogtepunte:

- Die inwyding van 'n BioPAD Platform vir Metagenomika by die Departement Mikrobiëse, Biochemiese en Voedselbiotegnologie, wat deel vorm van 'n netwerk van spesialisplatforms vir navorsing in Suid-Afrika. BioPAD is 'n biotegnologie-streeksinnovasiësentrum, gevestig deur die nasionale Departement van Wetenskap en Tegnologie (DWT). Die BioPAD Raad van Trusteë het 'n biotegnologie-navorsingskontrak ter waarde van R13,7 miljoen aan die UV

toegeken. Dit is een van die grootste navorsingskontrakte wat die afgelope aantal jare aan die UV toegeken is.

- Pulane Mahlaka, 'n B.Sc. (Bourekenkunde)-student in haar finale jaar by die Departement Bourekenkunde en Konstruksiebestuur, het akademiese geskiedenis gemaak deur die eerste swart student te word aan wie 'n goue medalje toegeken is as Uitsonderlike Finalejaarstudent van die Vereniging van Suid-Afrikaanse Bourekenaars (VSABR).
- Die opgradering van die fasiliteite van die Departement Chemie ter waarde van R40 miljoen is reeds aan die gang. Wanneer dit voltooi is, sal die Departement van die mees gevorderde navorsingstoerusting in Afrika hê.
- Die opgradering van die Boydensterweg, 'n erkende internasionale navorsingsfasiliteit, vind in fases plaas.
- Die Afrika-onderrigsentrum in Ramprisikobestuur (DiMTEC) het 'n magistergraad-beursprogram daargestel, befonds deur die Departement Wetenskap en Tegnologie, die Departement Waterwese en Bosbou en die Nasionale Rampbestuursentrum.
- Die Lengau Landbou-ontwikkelingsentrum spesialiseer in die opleiding van opkomende boere, plaaswerkers en entrepreneurs in landboubesigheid. Sy fasiliteite word grootliks gebruik om die behoeftes van nuut ingeburgerde, opkomende en kommersiële swart boere aan te spreek.



Mnr. Jacob Zuma, president van die ANC, het 'n gedenklesing oor Versoening en nasie-bou aangebied. Van links is: prof. Tienie Crous, Dekaan van die Fakulteit Ekonomiese en Bestuurswetenskappe, mnr. Zuma, prof. Magda Fourie, destyds Viserektor: Akademiese Beplanning, en prof. Moses Sindane, Hoof van die Departement Openbare Bestuur.

## *Fakulteit Ekonomiese en Bestuurswetenskappe*

Die Fakulteit bied 'n verskeidenheid graad- en kortleerprogramme vir die privaat- en openbare sektor aan, asook vir die opleiding van rekenmeesters. Deur sy Bestuurskool bied die Fakulteit 'n geakkrediteerde MBA-program aan asook 'n unieke voorgraadse bestuursleierskap-gradprogram wat volwasse leerders teiken en op die erkenning van voorafleer gegrond is. Die magisterprogram in Ontwikkelingstudies wat deur die Sentrum vir Ontwikkelingsteun aangebied word, verdien spesifieke vermelding, gegewe die omvang en aard van die kurrikulum, en die samestelling van studente wat ook volwasse leerders is en van regoor Suid-Afrika en Afrika afkomstig is.

Verskeie samewerkingsooreenkomste is oor die afgelope ses jaar met hoërleerinstellings in die VSA, Europa, Afrika en Indië onderhandel om die norme rakende die uitruiling van doserende personeel en studente doeltreffend te bepaal en te fasiliteer. Deur hierdie inisiatief word personeel in staat gestel om oorsee te werk, terwyl studente oorsee kan studeer. Blootstelling en ondervinding wat deur hierdie inisiatief verkry word, het 'n positiewe impak op akademiese gehalte in die algemeen. Kundigheid omtrent die impak van MIV en vigs is ook in die Fakulteit gevestig deur navorsing wat aan die voorpunt is, en navorsing oor plaaslike ekonomiese ontwikkeling, die jeug en veral die openbare

sektor, is ook fokuspunte in akademiese strewes.

Die Bestuurskool het die "High Performing Directors and Governance"-program in samewerking met ABSA bekend gestel om rolspelers in die korporatiewe bestuursomgewing te bemagtig, soos uitvoerende en nie-uitvoerende direkteurs, trustees en raadslede. Die Fakulteit is ook welbekend vir sy betrokkenheid by die opleiding en ontwikkeling van openbaresektor-amptenare in vennootskap met die Suid-Afrikaanse Bestuurs- en Ontwikkelingsinstituut.

Die Sentrum vir Ontwikkelingsteun het 'n goue toekenning by die Vrystaat se Premier's Excellence Award-funksie vir navorsing en ontwikkeling ontvang. Hierdie strewes tot uitnemendheid deur personeel word ook weerspieël deur die feit dat vier personeellede NNS-gegradeerde navorsers is. 'n Kollega het die Stals-prys vir Ekonomiese en Bestuurswetenskappe ontvang, terwyl 'n ander een na die Organisasie vir Ekonomiese Samewerking en Ontwikkeling in Parys, Frankryk, gesekondeer is om as navorsingskonsultant in die veld van openbaar-private vennootskappe vir 'n periode van twee maande te werk.

In 2007 het die Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE)-span van die Fakulteit weer die nasionale kampioenskap gewen en Suid-Afrika by die internasionale vergadering van SIFE in New York verteenwoordig.

## Fakulteit Gesondheidswetenskappe

Die Fakulteit is een van die beste in die land en is trots op die hoë gehalte professionele persone wat dit in sy drie skole lewer, naamlik die Skool vir Medisyne, die Skool vir Verpleegkunde en die Skool vir Aanvullende Gesondheidsberoepes.

Die Skool vir Medisyne bied twee voorgraadse programme aan. Die mediese program is die oudste program in die Fakulteit en was een van die eerste twee in die land om van 'n sesjaar- na 'n vyfjaarkurrikulum om te skakel met sy eerste gegradueerdes in 2004. Dit is deur die Raad vir Gesondheidsberoepes van Suid-Afrika geakkrediteer. Die program vir Mediese Stralingswetenskaplikes spreek die tekort aan hierdie professionele persone in die Suid-Afrikaanse gesondheidstelsel aan, ten spyte van die feit dat hul slegs 'n klein hoeveelheid studente inneem. Die skool het ook 'n aantal nagraadse programme.

Die Skool vir Verpleegkunde speel 'n belangrike rol om die kritieke tekort aan verpleegpersoneel in Suid-Afrika aan te spreek. Benewens die voorgraadse verpleegprogramme is daar 'n aantal na-basiese programme wat indiensopleiding aan verpleegkundiges verskaf en hulle sodoende met kennis en vaardighede toerus wat in die hedendaagse verpleegpraktyk vereis word.

Die Skool vir Aanvullende Gesondheidsprofessies lei

fisioterapeute, arbeidsterapeute, optometriste en dieetkundiges op. Hierdie professionele persone in die gesondheidsbedryf is, soos al die ander, skaars in die land.

Die Fakulteit is ook op groot skaal by gesondheidsleweringsprojekte aan die plaaslike Mangaung-gemeenskap betrokke asook by uitreikprogramme aan die res van die Vrystaat en dele van die Noord-Kaap.

Die hoë gehalte van akademiese personeel spruit voort uit die gehalte van akademiese programme, deelname aan verskeie professionele en nasionale organisasies en die Fakulteit se bydrae tot navorsing. Die Eenheid vir die Onderrig van Gesondheidsprofessies is een van 'n paar in die land en het bygedra tot die verskuiwing van die fokus van onderrig/opleiding van 'n suiwer professionele grondslag tot 'n gekombineerde professionele en onderwysgrondslag deur intense personeelontwikkeling.

Die Fakulteit beskik oor 'n aantal eenhede van nasionale belang. Die Nasionale Beheerlaboratorium is die enigste entstoftoetsingslaboratorium in die land wat geëvalueer is om entstoftoetsing vir die Wêreldgesondheidsorganisasie te doen. Die Sportlaboratorium is in die Departement Farmakologie gehuisves en toets monsters vir verbode middels vir verskillende sportsoorte.



Prof. Leticia Moja, Dekaan van die Fakulteit Gesondheidswetenskappe. Die UV was die eerste universiteit in Suid-Afrika wat 'n vrou in hierdie posisie aangestel het.



Prof. André Venter, Hoof van die Departement Pediatrie en Kindergesondheid, met 'n pasgebore baba. Die departement is die voorsiener van gesondheidsorg aan meer as 'n miljoen kinders in sentraal Suid-Afrika.

'n Baie trotse span wat met die eerste prys in die geskrewe voorlegging afdeling op die 16de All Africa Human Rights Moot Court Competition in Senegal weggestap het. Van links is: me. Qaqamba Vellen (LL.B.-student), prof. Johan Henning (Dekaan: Fakulteit Regsgeleerdheid), prof. Loot Pretorius (Hoof: Departement Staatsreg en Regsfilosofie), me. Lucy Nthotso (LL.B.-student), me. Thapi Matsaneng (dosent en spanleier) en mnr. Johnny Modipa (LL.B.-student).



## *Fakulteit Regsgeleerdheid*

Sedert die aanstelling van die eerste lektor in regte 100 jaar gelede, het die Fakulteit een van die mees vooraanstaande fakulteite van regsgeleerdheid in Suider-Afrika geword. Dit is een van die oudste in die land en die enigste regs fakulteit in die regshoofstad van Suid-Afrika.

Tien regters en appèlregters dien as buitengewone professors en ereprofessors. Hulle vorm ook die hoofsteun van 'n advieskomitee wat formeel aangewys is as die Collegium Iurisprudentium. Hulle dra op onmeestlike wyse by tot die hoë gehalte van onderrig en navorsingsuitsette van die Fakulteit.

Een van die unieke inisiatiewe van die Fakulteit is die Sentrum vir Finansiële Beplanning. Die Sentrum bied 'n nagraadse diploma aan, asook 'n gevorderde nagraadse diploma. Meer as 'n duisend studente registreer jaarliks vir hierdie kwalifikasies. Hierdie studies word onderneem met die oog op uiteindelijke lidmaatskap van die Finansiële Beplanningsinstituut en om aan die statutêre vereistes vir verskaffers van finansiële adviesdienste te voldoen. Hierdie inisiatief is versterk deur die goedkeuring van die nuwe B.Iur.-graad in Finansiële Beplanningsreg en sal voorgraadse studente vir die twee nagraadse diplomas in Finansiële Beplanningsreg voorberei.

Sedert 1992 is die Fakulteit 'n instelling wat verantwoordelik is vir die jaarlikse Internasionale Simposium oor

Georganiseerde en Ekonomiese Misdaad. Dit is een van die min fakulteite wat beide 'n finalejaar-LL.B.-vak en 'n gekose LL.M.-vak in hierdie gespesialiseerde, maar hoogs aktuele veld aanbied. Hierdie vakke word doseer deur praktiserende advokate asook wêreldberoemde spesialiste van die Verenigde Koninkryk (VK) en die Verenigde Nasies (VN), naamlik prof. B.A.K. Rider van die Universiteit van Londen en dr. D. Jayasuriya wat reeds vir verskeie VN-agentskappe oorsê gewerk het.

'n Ander unieke inisiatief is die LL.M. in Genderregte befonds deur die Fordstiging, wat studente van regoor Afrika in staat stel om op 'n nagraadse vlak aan die UV te studeer.

Hierdie fakulteit het betekenisvolle navorsingskundigheid in:

- onder meer ondernemingsreg, entrepreneursreg, vennootskapsreg en korporatiewe reg in sy Sentrum vir Sakereg;
- menseregte, staatsreg en kinderregte in sy Sentrum vir Menseregtestudies;
- ekonomiesemisdaad-kwessies in sy Navorsingseenheid oor Ekonomiese Misdaad;
- arbeidsreg en swart ekonomiese bemagtiging.
- Personeellede was nou betrokke by die hervorming van Vennootskapsreg in die VK en Maatskappyereghervorming in Suid-Afrika en die VK.



Prof. Johan Henning,  
Dekaan: Fakulteit  
Regsgeleerdheid.



Die Universiteit van die Vrystaat het eredoktorsgrade aan me. Maria Ramos (links, voor), groep- uitvoerende hoof van Transnet, en prof. Sampie Terreblanche (regs, voor), bekende akademikus, toegeken.



'n Skildery van die vorige kanselier van die UV, Me. Winkie Direko (wat ook voorheen premier van die Vrystaat was), is in die UV-Raadsaal onthul. Hier is me. Direko by regter Faan Hancke, voorsitter van die UV-Raad, en dr. Charles Nwaila, Direkteur-generaal van die Vrystaatse provinsiale regering.

## Fakulteit Teologie

Met die viering van sy 25<sup>ste</sup> jaar van bestaan in 2005 is hierdie die jongste van die ses fakulteite by die UV. In baie opsigte het die Fakulteit homself gevestig as een waarmee rekening gehou moet word, synde die enigste instelling in die middel van die land te wees wat 'n volledige teologiese opleiding aanbied.

Die Fakulteit bied teologiese kursusse in alle teologiese dissiplines aan, van 'n voorgraadse sertifikaat in Teologie tot op Ph.D.-vlak. Dit word gedoen uit 'n hervormde teologiese tradisie en met ekumeniese openheid.

Alhoewel dit beteken dat teologie uit 'n spesifieke tradisie en etos onderrig word, is studente van alle kerke welkom. Op voorgraadse vlak het ons formele ooreenkomste met verskeie kerke om predikante vir die onderskeie evangeliebedienings op te lei. Die diversiteit onder ons studente kan die duidelikste op nagraadse vlak gesien word. Nie net trek ons studente uit 'n verskeidenheid van denominasies nie, maar internasionale studente vorm 'n betekenisvolle aantal van ons studente. Hulle is afkomstig uit lande soos Korea, Zambië, Angola, Namibië, Duitsland en die Verenigde State.

Sedert ons aanvanklik as 'n nagraadse fakulteit begin het (studente moes eers 'n baccalaureusgraad van 'n ander fakulteit behaal het voor hul kon inskryf),

bly die Fakulteit se sterk punt sy nagraadse studente. Sestig persent van ons totale aantal studente is nagraads wat aan die Fakulteit 'n uitstekende navorsingsrekord verleen. Alhoewel die Fakulteit uit minder as twee persent van die UV se navorsingspersoneel bestaan, het dit nege persent van die totale navorsingsuitsette in 2007 produseer. Dit is dus geen wonder nie dat vier van die Fakulteit se personeel C-graderings van die Nasionale Navorsingstigting ontvang het.

Die Fakulteit se geakkrediteerde akademiese vaktydskrif, *Acta Theologica*, verskyn twee keer per jaar. Gedurende die afgelope twee jaar, buiten die normale twee uitgawes, het verskeie addisionele supplementa verskyn. Aan een van hierdie supplementa is die Stals-prys van die SA Akademie toegeken. *Acta Theologica* is ook die eerste, en tot dusver die enigste, teologiese vaktydskrif in Suid-Afrika wat ingesluit is by die gesogte International Science Index – 'n reuse-prestasie.

Buiten vir verskeie navorsingsgenote, het die Fakulteit ook twee buitengewone professore die afgelope twee jaar aangestel – een vir Bybelse Spiritualiteit en een vir Professionele en Navorsingsetiek, beide hiervan is vinnig groeiende belangstellings- en navorsingsvelde in teologie.



Prof. Francois Tolmie,  
Dekaan van die Fakulteit  
Teologie.



Navorsing oor nano-tegnologie aan die UV het 'n inspuiting gekry met deurbraak-navorsing wat 'n meestersgraadstudent in Mikrobiologie gedoen het. Dr Olihile Sebolai het smeermiddels ontdek wat kan help met die beweging van nono-robotte deur die menslike liggaam. Sy ontdekking het die aandag gelok van wetenskaplikes wêreldwyd, asook van die internasionale media, soos Reuters.

# Navorsing

Die UV het 'n besondere navorsingsrekord wat bewys dat grootte en plek geen hindernis in die weg van uitnemendheid is nie. Die UV word inderdaad hoog aangeslaan in Suid-Afrika, en kan spog met meer as 75 wetenskaplikes wat deur die Nasionale Navorsingstigting (NNS) gegradeer is, insluitende internasionaal erkende navorsers.

Die UV het in onlangse jare betekenisvolle finansiële en menslikehulpbron-investeringe in navorsingsontwikkeling gemaak en het ook die Direktoraat Navorsingsontwikkeling gevestig.

Die UV sit sy sterk punte om in geld met die ontwikkeling van ses strategiese akademiese klusters om multidisiplinêre benaderings tot navorsing te fasiliteer, asook onderrig en leer en gemeenskapsdiens.

Die strategiese klusters is die volgende:

- Waterbestuur in waterskaarsareas;
- Nuwe grense in armoedevermindering en volhoubare ontwikkeling
- Transformasie in hoogs diverse samelewings
- Tegnologie vir volhoubare gewasbedrywe in semidroë streke
- Materiale en nanowetenskappe
- Gevorderde biomolekulêre stelsels

Die Klusterinisiatief word ingesluit as een van die institusionele megaprojekte wat die herposisionering van die UV op 'n betekenisvol hoër vlak

oor vyf jaar ten doel het.

'n Toewysing van R28 miljoen oor drie jaar is vir die klusters gemaak. Akademici van ongeveer 30 departemente en tien sentrums en eenhede neem aan die klusterproses deel. Die klusters sluit nagraadse programme in en daar word verwag dat dit sal deurspel na voorgraadse leerprogramme en -kurrikula.

Verwant aan die Klusterinisiatief, het die Direktoraat Navorsingsontwikkeling die proses vir die UV geïnisieer om aan die Nasionale Navorsingstigting se Suid-Afrikaanse Navorsingsleerstoelinisiatief (SARChI) deel te neem deur die voorgestelde navorsingsleerstoele aan bestaande klusters te koppel. Drie sodanige navorsingsleerstoele is vir 2008 aan die UV toegeken en ten minste nog drie vir 2009. Hierdie leerstoele sal 'n betekenisvolle stukrag aan ons navorsingskapasiteit beteken.

Elke kluster word verder met ten minste een erkende Navorsingsnisarea (RNA) van die Institusionele Navorsingsontwikkelingsprogram (IRDP) van die NNS geassosieer. Agt RNA's is vir die UV in 2007 goedgekeur, die hoogste aantal van alle universiteite in die land. Hierdie RNA's omvat 24 NNS-befondsde navorsingsprojekte, wat 'n gesamentlike totale verbintenis van ongeveer R30 miljoen aan die UV oor die volgende vyf jaar (2008-2012) verteenwoordig.

## Het u geweet?

Die UV is een van slegs ses universiteite in die land wat in 2006 onder die top- 1% van universiteite tel in terme van navorsing. Die studie het die aantal kere aangedui wat 'n instelling aangehaal is oor navorsing in kliniese medisyne en dierewetenskap, wat daarop dui dat die UV 'n instelling van wêreldklas in hierdie twee dissiplines is.

Noe samewerking met die Indiana University-Purdue University in Indianapolis in die die VSA op die terrein van samelewingsdiens, het gelei tot die toekenning van 'n eredoktorsgraad aan Prof. Robert Bringle (regs) van IU-PU.



## *Samelewingsdiens*

Die UV beskou samelewingsdiens as 'n integrale deel van sy kernbesigheid van onderrig en leer asook navorsing. In 2002 het die UV 'n omvattende samelewingsdiensbeleid aanvaar, een van die eerste universiteite in Suid-Afrika om dit te doen.

Deur samelewingsdiens kan die UV in vennootskap tree met gemeenskappe om oplossings te vind vir die uitdagings wat hulle in die gesig staar, die kapasiteit van die gemeenskap bou en konkrete uitdrukking gee aan die vakkundige betrokkenheid.

Die UV bied meer diensleermodules as enige ander hoëronderriginstelling in Suid-Afrika aan en het die grootste getal studente wat vir hierdie kursusse ingeskryf is. Een sprekende voorbeeld behels die Bedryfsielkunde-studente wat samelewingsdiensprojekte in 2005 onderneem het. Die uitwerking van hierdie projekte op die gemeenskappe en die studente was ongelooflik. Na hul eksamens het 80 studente van die klas van 170 vrywillig aangebied om na die gemeenskappe terug te keer om hul kennis en vaardighede te deel.



In 'n vennootskap met die Vrystaatse provinsiale regering het die Departement Musiek 'n program geïnisieer om musiekonderrig aan kinders van agtergeblewe gemeenskappe te lewer.

'n Student in Bedryfsielkunde bied 'n program vir voorskoolse kinders aan.





Personeel en alumni van die UV het 'n groot rol gespeel in die Springbokke se verowering van die Rugby Wêreldbeker in 2007.

## Sport

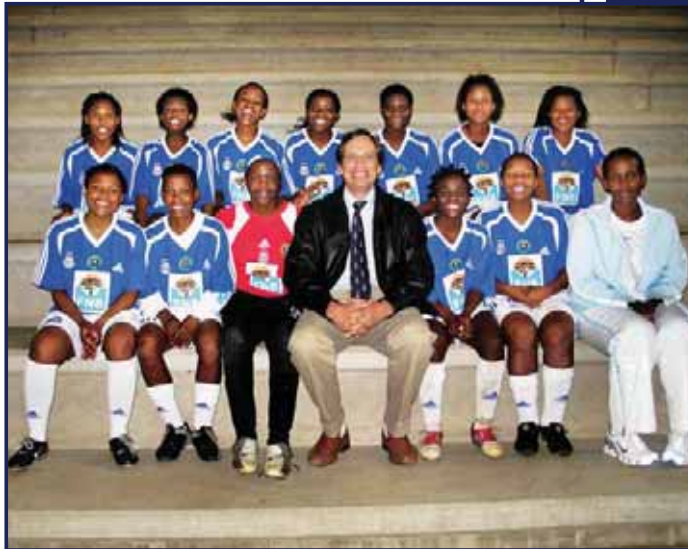
Om die algehele ontwikkeling van studente te verseker, bied die UV aan studente die geleentheid om in meer as 22 sportsoorte uit te blink. Oor die jare heen was daar baie uitstekende prestasies in sommige van hierdie sportsoorte wat sportmanne en -vroue gelewer het wat hul merk provinsiaal, nasionaal en internasionaal gemaak het.

Om sport 'n verdere hupstoot by die instelling te gee, het die UV 'n omvattende Sportplan in 2003 aanvaar wat 'n groot herbelegging in fasiliteite en kundigheid aangedui het. As deel van die Sportplan het die UV die Sentrum vir Oefen- en Sportwetenskapdienste gevestig wat die akademiese en sportkundigheid in 'n eenstopdiens bymekaarbring. Die kommersialisering van sport sal die profiel van die instelling nasionaal en internasionaal verhoog.

Die volgende is sommige van die belangrike hoogtepunte in onlangse jare:

- Johan Cronje (1500 m), verteenwoordig Suid-Afrika by die Olimpiese Spele in 2004 in Athene.
- Die pluimbalspan is vir drie opeenvolgende jare as die nasionale kampioene gekroon. Die toppresterder was Chris Dednam wat Suid-Afrika ook by die Olimpiese Spele in Athene in 2004 verteenwoordig het.

- Vyf kovsies het die UV by die spele in Beijing verteenwoordig
- Verskeie voormalige Shimla-spelers het deel gevorm van die Springbokspan wat die Rugbywêreldbeker in 2007 gewen het. Dr. Derik Coetzee van die Departement Menslike Bewegingskunde was die kondisioneringsafriqter van die Springbokspan.
- Burta de Kock was die afriqter van die nasionale Protea-netbalspan. Baie Kovsies het ook nasionale kleure verwerf. Die Kovsiespan het ook op universiteitsvlak uitgeblink.



Die Vroue-sokkerspan van die UV wat al die provinsiale wenners was.

## *In die nuus*



### **Student kry goue medalje**

Pulane Mahloka, 'n finalejaarstudent in Bourekenkunde in die Departement Bourekenkunde en Konstruksiebestuur, was die eerste swart student wat 'n goue medalje as buitengewone finalejaarstudent van die Vereniging van Suid-Afrikaanse Bourekenaars ontvang het. Hier is sy by mnr. Hendrik van Vuuren en me. Benita Kotzé, dosente in die department.



Prof. Helena van Zyl, Direkteur van die Bestuurskool, en dr. Matthews Phosa, Tesourier-generaal van die ANC, wat ook 'n buitengewone professor aan die Bestuurskool is.

### **Kunsmatige lig vir SA townships**

Die Departement Fisika is betrokke by 'n projek wat lewe in die townships makliker kan maak deur kunsmatige lig te gebruik. Die projek is gebaseer op die gebruik van sonlig om nano-materiale soos sement en verf deur die dag te aktiveer. Snags kan dit lig uitstraal vir gebruik in openbare plekke in huise. Die Raad vir Wetenskaplike en Nuwerheidsnavorsing het R3,9 miljoen beskikbaar gemaak om die projek verder te ontwikkel.



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