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2010 Kicks off!

2010 ... will not be an ordinary year. It will not be one of those years that come and go. It will be a year for great things, not only for our country as it hosts the 2010 FIFA World Cup, but also for our university. This is the year our lives will change and our university will change as we take the first steps towards making the leap from good to great.



PEOPLE



EVENTS



NEWS

Our university was opened by our Rector and Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Jonathan Jansen, on 29 January 2010. The invitation read, "Embark on the quest; be obsessed, possessed and keep abreast at being the best. Don't despair, I know a man with a battle plan."

And this is true. This man has a battle plan and he is going to take our university from good to great. "Good is the enemy of great" (from Jim Collins in his book *Good to Great*). "We don't just want to be good – we want to be great. Prepare for the ride of your life!" said Prof. Jonathan.

"There have been many developments at our university so far this year. One of the most important is that our Main Campus has become the most integrated campus in the country. Our first-year students in the majority of our residences are now fully integrated on a 50/50 basis. The majority of our house committees are now also integrated," he said with pride.

He used the ladies residence Welwitschia as an example and said that this residence consisted only of black female students last year. "When I visited them again this year I could not believe what I saw: the residence is fully integrated and

there are white and

black students living together. This is an example of our

young people's willingness to live together and we must believe in their potential," he said.

One of the important goals for the year is to attract some of the best scholars in the country and other parts of the world to our university. "A university is only good if it has good professors. We have good ones, but we don't have a lot. Therefore we want to recruit the best professors in the country and, in addition to the ones we have, I'm going to appoint the best professors to teach my students."

As a way of drastically improving the quality of teaching at our university, compulsory class attendance is going to be phased in. "This will also enhance our throughput rates as well as the quality of teaching. Before we can to this, we are going to accelerate the building of larger classrooms to accommodate all our students," Prof. Jonathan said.

Prof. Jonathan announced the appointment of a Senior Vice-Rector in the near future, who will manage the day to day operations of our university. He also said that he was going to market our university to the best and most promising schools in South Africa and raise R100 million to enable more students with talent to study at our university, and to build an endowment to be proud of for the future of the university.

Prof. Jonathan said that he was going to require from every member of our university's academic staff to publish every year.

Other announcements he made included, among others, to ensure that our residences were places that all students wanted to come to in order to study. "We will also train our administrative and support staff so that a world-class service culture can be created which takes every student, every parent and every staff member seriously," he said.

Prof. Jonathan repeated some of these plans during the first Senate meeting of the year where he announced an academic turnaround strategy for our university. He presented plans and proposals for the Senate's consideration which will position our university among the leading universities on the continent and, in the course of time, in the competitive rankings among world universities.

This included, among others, a Vice-Chancellor's Prestige Scholars Programme for which 25 of the most promising young scholars will be selected for intensive preparation in becoming the next generation of professors at our university, a postgraduate school that will cater for the administration, development, promotion and advancement of postgraduate students and postgraduate studies, the possible establishment of a core undergraduate curriculum for all first-year students and a review of the academic admissions criteria.

This is truly a man with a plan. His plan is to make our university the best – indeed the very best.

- Lacea Loader

Read more about Prof. Jonathan's message to the 2010 first-year class on p. 6.

2010 het op 'n hoë noot begin met onder meer die verwelkoming van die 2010 eerstejaarsgroep, jool en die amptelike opening.





“Kom gryp die nuwe dag. Ek wil voluit lewe.” These were some of the lyrics of a song that Ankie Bradfield sang at the official opening of our university; words that I believe are very fitting for the start of a new year, especially if our Rector's vision for our university is to be great and not only good.

Someone I know once said to succeed – something I believe is necessary to be great – you have to do the things you do differently. And as I listen to Prof. Jonathan, I expect great changes for our university this year, because we will not only do things differently; we will also embark on new endeavours.

Although it is only the beginning of the year, I already perceive changes in many spheres of our university life. Rudi Buys, our new Dean of Student Affairs, is going to do things differently this year. Teaching our students about social responsibility and diversifying mechanisms that used to divide students are only two of the plans he has up his sleeve to create tomorrow's leaders today.

from the editor

The HIV/Aids pandemic is a big part of our lives. All of us are affected.

The Aids Unit contributes to our university's greatness by fighting the misconceptions that exist about this matter by raising awareness on the topic.

One of their first actions was a lecture by David Patient, a man who has now been living with HIV for 27 years. David shares his story with *Dumela*. Read about it on p. 6.

This letter will not be complete without

mentioning the 2010 FIFA World Cup. This topic creates a great buzz all around. A few of our colleagues share how they will utilise and support this great and long-awaited sports event on the calendar. Read about it on p. 7.

As we take the first steps towards taking the leap from good to great, I leave you with one thought:

Embark on the quest; be obsessed, possessed and keep abreast at being the best.

All of the best

Leonie

Thanks and appreciation

Heinrich and Theresa van Niekerk from Botswana write:

We as parents would like to express our thanks and appreciation to you and your team at your university for the professional manner in which our daughter Marika has been not only accepted but also made feel most welcome in the past week. Coming from Botswana we tend to sometimes be unsure of the other side of the border.

Your administrative division was most competent, thanks to Mr Gordon, Ms Tshidisi and the admin team.

The accommodation people and staff of the Roosmaryn hostel made both us and our daughter feel most at home.

Our daughter has been at boarding school at St Michaels School since Grade 8, so she is used to the manner in which things are done away from home, but we were just most impressed and our minds were put at ease to know that your university is organised in such a fantastic manner and works as a complete team.

Thank you most sincerely

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Did you know...

Working adults who were not able to attend university after leaving school have a unique opportunity to study at our university. The Faculty of Economic and Management Science's School of Management presents a unique undergraduate management and leadership degree programme targeting adult learners based on the Recognition of Prior Learning.

Kliniekdienste op UV-kampus

Susan Lombaard skryf:

As personeelid maak ek reeds vir etlike jare van Kopsiegesondheid se kliniekdienste gebruik. Of miskien moet ek eerder sê: probeer ek daarvan gebruik maak.

Dit gebeur telkens dat wanneer ek Kopsiegesondheid skakel om 'n afspraak by die suster te maak sy om die een of ander rede nie beskikbaar is nie. Ek is vroeg in Januarie meegedeel dat sy eers teen die middel van Februarie beskikbaar sal wees. Sy is soms vir weke "nie beskikbaar nie" en daar is niemand wat vir haar waarneem nie. Dit gebeur telkemale dat ons (personeel en studente) daar is vir ons afsprake, slegs om te hoor dat die suster nie daar is nie en dat sy dit nie in haar boek aangeteken het nie. Ek kan nog 'n plan maak om die diens elders te bekom, maar wat van die studente? Hulle is afhanklik van die kliniekdiens soos deur ons universiteit aangebied, 'n diens wat net soms beskikbaar is.

Tydens gesprekke met studente (in die tye wanneer ons moet wag) blyk dit dat hulle te bang is om te kla. My klagtes val op dowe ore. Kan ons daarop roem dat Kopsiegesondheid 'n goeie diens aan sy personeel en studente lewer? Nie op die huidige oomblik nie.

Dr. Louis Holtzhausen, Direkteur: Gesondheid en Welstand, antwoord:

Ons is uiters bewus van die feit dat die verpleegkundige diens by Gesondheid en Welstand (voorheen Kopsiegesondheid) nie optimaal funksioneer nie.

Ons bied verskoning aan vir die ongerief.

Ons poog om soveel as moontlik persone te akkommodeer in die tyd wat die verpleegkundige nie beskikbaar is nie. Verder gaan ons uit ons pad om die diens, wat in samewerking met die Departement van Gesondheid aangebied word, in stand te hou vir ons studente en personeel. Ons is tans besig met herstrukturering, wat die dienslewering aansienlik sal verbeter.

Ek nooi alle personeel uit om my te kontak en klagtes of probleme met dienslewering te bespreek. Dit sal van groot waarde wees in ons poging om diens van die hoogste gehalte aan u, ons kliënte, te lewer.

We are truly humbled by the commitment and professionalism of your staff

Ms Mary Ngobeni (parent) writes:

Bloemfontein was never part of our family vocabulary; we never thought of the UFS as an option for tertiary education. Our perception changed last week when we phoned your information desk. Within 30 minutes they sent us all the necessary documentation. We were still sceptical about the university and I decided to come down in person to submit the application forms.

Later we took a return trip down from Pretoria to Bloemfontein again to submit more applications. We observed the environment critically, based on the history of the university, and are truly humbled by the commitment and professionalism of your staff.

If I may quote a few names: Rochelle and Naledi at the information desk, Mr Gordon, Erica du Preez and the accommodation staff.

My daughter is now proud to be associated with the UFS. We acknowledge that things won't be perfect with the integration initiative; however, the environment will be safe and conducive to learning.

Geen kitsoplossing nie ...

Deur prof. Gawie du Toit

Onderwys is die sleutel tot 'n suksesvolle demokrasie. Intelligente deelname aan sosiale en politieke dimensies in die lewe vereis dat 'n persoon ingelig en opgevoed moet wees ten einde 'n goeie landsburger en bevoegde akteur in 'n waardegedrewe demokrasie te kan wees (John Dewey).

Onderwys in Suid-Afrika is in 'n krisis en dit bedreig ook die demokrasie in die land. Die matriekuitslae van 2009 is uit alle oorde in Suid-Afrika gekritiseer. Ses uit elke tien leerders het die eksamen suksesvol in 2009 afgeleë. Die slaagsyfer van 2009 se matrieks in die Vrystaat is 2,4% laer as die 71,8% slaagsyfer van 2008. Die Noord-Kaap se slaagsyfer het in 2009 met 11,4% gedaal. Sedert 2003 het die slaagsyfer van matrieks jaarliks gedaal, wat 'n algehele daling van 12,7% oor die periode meebring. Die prentjie vir die 1 100 openbare skole (geaffilieer by Fedas) lyk egter meer rooskleurig en toon 'n algehele slaagsyfer van 96,14% in 2009.

Sistemiese evalueringsverslae van die Departement van Onderwys toon dat die tendens nie net by graad 12-leerders voorkom nie, maar dat swak leerderprestasie algemeen in 'n groot deel van die skoolsektor in Suid-Afrika voorkom. In die tydperk 1991 tot 2007 het minder as 7% van die graad 12-leerders wiskunde op hoër graad geslaag. In 2005 is die huidige graad 11-leerders in wiskunde en geletterdheid geassesseer en was hulle prestasievlak in beide gevalle onder 40%. Voorafgaande skets 'n somber prentjie van toekomstige studente vir die hoërondewyssektor.

Hierdie situasie in die onderwys is moeilik versoenbaar met die bevindinge van die kwaliteitversekeringsliggaam Umalusi, naamlik dat die:

- matriekeindeksamenuitslae vergelykbaar is met die bestes in die wêreld;
- dat 2009 se graad 12-eksamen regverdig, betroubaar en geldig was;
- die meeste vraestelle op 'n hoë standaard was, hoër kognitiewe denke aangespreek is en dat die huidige kurrikulum (NKV) groter uitdagings aan die leerders bied.

Die verklaring van Umalusi is aanvaarbaar ten opsigte van die beplande kurrikulum, maar nie noodwendig korrek ten opsigte van die geïmplementeerde kurrikulum nie. Die grootste ongelykheid tans in die wêreld wat betref welvaart en inkomste kom in Suid-Afrika voor. Dit word ook weerspieël in die onderwys wat leerders in die onderskeie gemeenskappe ontvang. Baie leerders het eksamenvraestelle geskryf wat binne hulle konteks nie billik en regverdig was nie, aangesien die onderrig en assesseringsaktiwiteite waaraan hulle blootgestel was, nie bely was met die uitkomst van die beplande kurrikulum nie. In hierdie konteks was die eksamenvraestelle dus nie regverdig en billik nie.

Verskeie redes kan hiervoor aangevoer word, soos 'n onvoldoende opgeleide onderwyskorps (bykans 82% het hul opleiding by kolleges ontvang waarvan 'n groot persentasie disfunksioneel was); swak infrastruktuur; afwesigheid van handboeke; en onvoldoende leierskap.

Internasionale studies toon dat van die belangrikste aanduiders van gehalte-onderwys gesetel is in die onderwyser en die skoolhoof, naamlik dat:

- die gehalte van die onderwysstelsel nie die gehalte van sy onderwysers kan oorskry nie;
- uitkomst slegs sal verbeter indien onderrig verbeter; en
- elke skool 'n goeie leier moet hê.

Minister Motshekga het in haar amptelike toespraak oor die uitslae van 2009 nie geskroom om probleme uit te wys en belangrike aanduiders van gehalte-onderwys uit te lig wat aangespreek behoort te word nie. Die beoogde



Prof. Gawie du Toit

Onderwyssektorplan wat in Maart 2010 bekend gestel word om die onderwys op 'n suksespad te plaas gaan hopelik onderwyskundig gedrewe wees waarby alle rolspelers in die professie betrek gaan word. Die sukses van die beoogde plan sal onder andere bepaal word deur die gehalte van die disseminering en implementering daarvan. Daar bestaan nie 'n kitsoplossing nie en alle rolspelers, inbegrepe ons universiteit, moet meewerk om gehalte-onderwys vir almal in hierdie land moontlik te maak.

Intussen sal ons universiteit moet voortgaan om programme in plek te plaas om studente te ondersteun om op die verlangde NKR-vlak te presteer. Uiteraard stel dit ook eise aan elke dosent om ook hulle onderrig en assesseringspraktyke aan te pas.

To build may have to be the slow and laborious task of years. To destroy can be the thoughtless act of a single day (Winston Churchill).

PHOTO: HANNES PIETERSE

Welcome back!

Iwish to warmly welcome all staff of the University of the Free State to the 2010 Academic Year. I trust that you had some time for relaxation and family time before the record rush of student registrations into Kovsky's.

As I indicated at the Opening Ceremony, we have now done enough talking and consulting, and need to show real change and transformation on the ground. We need to convince all our staff that the university is serious about being a leading institution of higher learning, not only in South Africa, but in the world of universities. For this to happen, the quality of academic and support staff is absolutely critical; to paraphrase another authority, the quality of a university cannot exceed the quality of its staff.

We are in the process of setting high standards for research and scholarship for our academic staff. We are also about to set high standards of service for our support staff. Performance agreements will be taken seriously in decisions about the appointment and the retention of staff. The university also commits to the development of all members of staff; each staff member must have a personal development plan. No staff member must work at Kovsky's without individually specified training and support plans.

It becomes a place of learning where its entire staff continues to learn, whether through formal diplomas and degrees, or whether through regular workshops and seminars. However, our university will not simply train and develop its staff without accountability for results – for academics this will mean sustained publications

in high-level journals; for support staff this will mean high-quality service within their division of work, be that the registration desk or accommodation services or the careers office. We have in fact started with a pilot study of three service departments to establish how we can build a world-class, student-centred culture throughout our university.

How will we know that we have succeeded? When no student stands in a registration line for longer than 15 minutes. Better still, when every student that chooses to do so can register online from the comfort of their homes. When every disabled student and staff member have ready access to every building. When every staff member is registered for some course of training and development. When students demonstrate respect for their lecturers. When every senior student treats every first-year student with dignity and respect. When no student has to sit on the floor or stand against a wall because the lecture rooms are overcrowded. When every head of department motivates and inspires those who work in her or his unit. When every staff member cannot wait to come to work.

Of course we are not there yet. But these are some of the critical goals of the UFS for 2010. I ask you to join the senior leadership team of the university as we try to lead by example in making this a truly outstanding university that its entire staff can be proud of. - Prof. Jonathan Jansen



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THE GAP**

Lesley now part of the Kovsie team

By Teboho Setena



Our university's Corporate Relations Division has opened a window of opportunity for Lesley Anne George to fulfil her dream career by appointing her to the post of Assistant Personal Officer.

"I have realised one needs to be multi-skilled because you deal with various aspects. My role is not just answering phones, checking e-mails and doing organisational work. I'm a team player because I support executive managers to execute their tasks. I work with friendly people in a good environment. There are possibilities for me to grow and I feel inspired working and meeting different people on a daily basis. I'm gaining a lot from the university's communication staff," Lesley said.

Energetic Lesley is of the strong view that becoming part of the university's Corporate Relations Division is a priceless opportunity.

"It's a huge advantage. It opens exciting possibilities for me to excel and successfully complete my Bachelor of Arts degree (BA). No one will take away the experience gained here. I am getting exposed to some exciting things on a daily basis, because I work with a team of experienced and knowledgeable people," Lesley said.

She has grabbed the chance with both hands, knowing full well that an opportunity missed is an opportunity lost in these hard times.

PHOTO: HANNES PIETERSE

Time out with...

FOTO: HANNES PIETERSE

Prof. Piet lei vanuit die voorste gestoeltes

Deur Leonie Bolleurs



Prof. Piet Strauss



“I really feel blessed, considering that many out there are desperate for such a chance – hence I dare not waste this opportunity.”

She is equally passionate about her work as about her studies. In addition, she is able to switch between work and studies. So, what is her secret and what drives Lesley?

“I’m aware of the benefits of being committed and passionate about both my studies and work. Education is one of the fundamental building blocks. You have few chances to succeed if you are not passionate about what you do,” Lesley said.

She was born and bred in Heidedal, Bloemfontein. She attended primary school at St Joseph’s Christian Brothers College and then moved to Eunice Girls High School where she obtained her Grade 12 certificate. Lesley started her tertiary education at the North-West University Potchefstroom Campus before moving to Kopsies where she plans to complete her BA degree.

She is also a dynamic hockey player and her instincts are one of her best qualities.

“At primary school it was compulsory for all to participate in sport. I decided on hockey over tennis and athletics cause I did not have so much of a choice. I really enjoyed playing the sport. I never thought that I would excel and be selected for provincial and national teams,” Lesley said.

She was part of South Africa’s women’s national teams that took part in the 2006 Commonwealth Games in Australia, 2006 Hockey World Cup in Madrid, Spain, and the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, China.

Fashion and style is something Lesley likes, and she spends her free time looking through catalogues with trends which complements her personality. “I like fashion but I don’t want to become a designer. Quality time is also about listening to inspiring music,” Lesley said.

Deelnemende bestuur is die wagwoord in ons tyd as dit kom by leierskap. So sê prof. Piet Strauss, Hoof van die Departement Kerkgeskiedenis aan ons universiteit, Moderator van die Algemene Sinode van die Nederduitse Gereformeerde Kerk, deeltydse leraar in die De Bloem-gemeente in Andries Pretoriusstraat en landswyd hoofleier van Die Voortrekkers. Iemand wat dus op verskeie gebiede in ons samelewing die leiding neem.

Prof. Piet is tydens die 2007-sitting van die Algemene Sinode tot Voorsitter van die Moderamen (Moderator) van die Algemene Sinode van die NG Kerk verkies. “Ek het gesien daar is ’n behoefte en het myself beskikbaar gestel vir die pos,” vertel prof. Piet wat tans in sy derde jaar as Moderator dien. Hy het ook vroeër jare as Moderator van die Nederduitse Gereformeerde Kerk in die Vrystaat gedien.

As Moderator is hy leier van vergaderings en lewer hy uitsprake in oorlegging met die moderatuur. “Ek hanteer probleme en uitsprake namens die kerk – natuurlik in oorlegpleging met die moderatuur,” sê prof. Piet.

“Ook besoek en spreek ek sinodes toe oor aktuele sake van die kerk, soos byvoorbeeld saamblyery en homoseksualiteit. Ek woon ook kerkleierskapskonferensies en groot kerkbyeenkomste by.

Prof. Piet wat al sedert sy hoërskooldae geroepe voel om God se werk te doen, is nie net besluitnemer vir die sinode en deeltydse dominee nie. Hy is ook die Departementshoof en self ’n dosent in die Departement Kerkgeskiedenis aan ons universiteit.

“Ek is al vir 22 jaar verbonde aan hierdie universiteit – ’n universiteit wat ’n groot fokus plaas op uitsette en samelewingsdiens bied baie geleenthede. Toe ek dus in 1988 beroep is tot die pos aan die universiteit, het ek dit aangegryp,” sê hy.

Hierdie Vrystater wat in Reitz skoolgegaan het, is ’n Kopsie in murg en been.

Prof. Piet het BA en BA Hons aan Kopsies gestudeer. “Ek maak nie ’n geheim daarvan nie. Ons universiteit het ’n aantreklike kampus waar jy jouself as mens kan uitleef. Dit is my soort mense hierdie,” sê hy.

Prof. Piet was huiskomiteelid van die destydse Huis Malherbe en hy het ook op die Studenterraad gedien. “So het ek baie mensevaardighede geleer. Die vakinhoud en die studente het my ook goed vir die kerk en die teologie voorberei. Mense soos prof. Piet Kock, ’n dosent in Wysbegeerte, het vir my baie beteken. So ook prof. Herman Strauss van Staatsleer met sy insig in aktuele sake. Hulle het my geskool vir die lewe waar jy jouself moet kan verwoord,” sê hy.

Nadat hy sy BA Hons aan Kopsies voltooi het, het prof. Piet Teologie in Pretoria gaan studeer. Hierna is hy weermag toe en in 1981 aanvaar hy die beroep na die NG-gemeente Pretoria-Oos. In 1982 studeer hy vir ’n jaar in Nederland waarna hy weer in 1983 na Tukkies terugkeer in die pos van studenteleraar.

“Ek het die studentebediening baie geniet,” sê prof. Piet. Hy het ook vir ’n ruk as studenteleraar by Kopsies gewerk. “Die studentebediening is dinamies en die studente is eerlik, op die punt af en geestelik beweeglik, met ander woorde, hulle kan verandering hanteer,” sê hy.

Vandag geniet hy elke oomblik van sy klasgee en navorsing. “Ek kan nie glo dat ek al 22 jaar hier werk nie. My werk hier aan ons universiteit is elke dag vir my ’n hoogtepunt,” sê hy.

As hy ’n verskil in mense se lewens kan maak, sal dit wees om na hulle te luister; seker te maak hy hoor hulle reg. Dan sal hy ook die verlossingsboodskap wil oordra. “Alle mense het die verlossingsboodskap nodig. Die kerk moet oop wees vir alle groepe, ongeag ras,” sê hy.

Maar wat baie belangrik is en wat ons nie moet vergeet nie, vertel prof. Piet, wat deur sy leierskap ’n verskil in baie mense se lewens gemaak het, is dat dit wat ons doen ’n roeping moet wees. “Maak seker die taak waarmee jy besig is, is deel van God se wil en dat jy elke dag die Here se Naam groot maak, op Sy terme ...,” sê prof. Piet.

Photos: Igno van Niekerk

There are many ways of
being positive.

Especially in the world of
HIV and Aids.

David has decided which
road he is taking.
The road less travelled.

And his cup is filled
to the brim.



David Patient

David Patience faces his Goliath

Our Kopsies HIV and Aids Centre is more than just a centre for HIV/Aids-related training, support, testing and information. It's also a centre of hope, care and inspiration. For that reason, the centre invited David Patient to spend a day with several groups at the university. During his visit, David was indeed finding himself involved with all kinds of people – a leadership breakfast, media interviews and a talk to students. The day was filled to the brim. Like David's cup ...

So, why would anyone listen to David's story? Well, let's start with the day David heard that he had HIV. On his birthday, 13 March. The death sentence. Straight and hard – "You don't have much time to live."

It is now 27 years later. David looks as healthy as the next person; in fact, even healthier. He follows a disciplined routine to maintain his spiritual, mental and physical fitness. This includes yoga sessions at two in the morning. "We need the time for ourselves, we need to be able to switch off."

And he knows how to switch off, especially his cellphone. This is really important. David elaborates, "We all wait for those urgent calls, we're alert all the time. That's what makes people tired. If you cannot switch off, you will grow tired, you'll be exhausted. And no, it doesn't stop with cellphones. We need to switch off from the demands of social and business life as well. I make time for myself. No appointments after 18:00, and my Saturdays are mine." David talks fast. Whenever he feels he's answered the question, he puffs on a cigarette. He smiles, "Electric cigarettes. Healthy. I'm breaking the bad habit."

So, what was the main turning point? What has happened between the David facing the Goliath of a death sentence and the David that sits here today?

"I was furious. It was just after another suicide attempt. I had enough of this ... this death sentence. In this moment of anger and abandonment, I realised that I wanted to live. That's it, I wanted to live, and nobody was going to deprive me of that. Stuff them; this was my life." David explains the power of the mind, the intelligence of the body and the life-giving force of hope. And it all begins by caring for yourself; at all levels: mentally, physically, spiritually. If you do not take care of yourself, you won't be able to take care of others. That is also the philosophy that David takes into his business, and that he shares with the business leaders he often addresses across the globe.

"Business people have to realise it's not about them. It's not about selfish winning. It's about creating a Win-Win situation.

The business needs to be a winner, so do the customer, but more importantly, it should be about reaping the benefits of your endeavours and making the world a better place. That's when we really win in business – when we make the world a better place."

As David continues, it becomes clear that he believes in making a unique contribution, in living one's passion and making one's dreams come true. This philosophy is summarised when he shares his advice with students today. "Have dreams, have goals and make them come true." David has tried his hand at a variety of things, including flying, scuba-diving and teaching disadvantaged children. "If you really want to do something, go out and do it, never let the world be your boss."

And those who have made an impression on him?

Well, first and foremost, the nanny who taught him that it doesn't matter who, why or how you love. But what does matter is that you love ...

David's road to love has been paved with dramatic events. An innocent remark led him to spending time in exile. He travelled the world and met the rich and famous. He had people judging him and sometimes he had to take risks. He had the death sentence pronounced on him when he learnt that he had HIV. Despite all that, he made the decision to love and embrace the gift of life.

He treasures his energy. He believes that you can give only what you have. And yes, the more energy, love and passion you have, the more you can give. The more you take care of yourself, the more your cup of life fills – and the more you can share.

And because he lives the way he does, he has a twinkle in his eye, a song in his voice and something positive in his posture. - Igno van Niekerk

Ooreenkoms tussen UV en Yale kry gestalte

Tussen 8 en 10 Maart 2010 is ons universiteit se Jonathan Edwards Center – Africa amptelik geopen. Hierdie sentrum kom tot stand op grond van 'n ooreenkoms tussen ons universiteit en Yale Universiteit, wat reeds verlede jaar deur prof. Jonathan Jansen, ons Rektor en Visekanselier onderteken is. Hierdie sentrum aan ons universiteit, waarvan prof. Dolf Britz die direkteur is, skakel in by 'n wêreldwye netwerk van soortgelyke sentrums in onder meer Melbourne, Seoel, Tübingen, Pole en Leuven. Die bedoeling met die Jonathan Edwards Center – Africa is om navorsing oor Jonathan Edwards in Afrika te stimuleer. In hierdie verband sal die sentrum ooreenkomste met tersiêre instellings dwsaor Afrika sluit.

Die sentrum skop af met 'n konferensie oor die relevansie van Edwards-navorsing. Benewens akademici aan ons universiteit (prof. Hoffie Hofmeyr, prof. Rian Venter en ds. Jan Lubbe), tree drie gasdosente van die Yale Universiteit, by name proff. Harry Stout, Ken Minkema en Adriaan Neele by die geleentheid op. Prof. Neele is ook by ons universiteit aangestel as buitengewone professor in die Jonathan Edwards Studies. Hy is reeds besig met 'n reeks lesings oor Edwards in die Fakulteit Teologie.

Die Jonathan Edwards Center – Africa gaan nie net 'n belangrike rol in die bemagtiging van jong opkomende navorsers in Afrika speel nie, maar plaas ons universiteit in 'n strategiese posisie binne 'n belangrike internasionale netwerk van geleerdheid. Ons universiteit is juis as sentrum vir Afrika gekies op grond van die groeiende navorsing uit primêre 16de-eeuse bronne onder leiding van prof. Dolf. Yale was van mening dat 'n instelling, waar 'n groep navorsers wat ook moeite doen om jong studente te betrek en te bemagtig, reeds oor die kundigheid beskik om 'n sentrum wat aan die standaard van Yale sal voldoen, suksesvol te vestig en te ontwikkel. - Prof. Dolf Britz

Prof. Jansen's messages to the 2010 first-year class

"The class of 2010 will change Kopsies. They will be the best students that have ever graduated." This guarantee was given by Prof. Jonathan Jansen, our Rector and Vice-Chancellor at the welcoming function for first-year students and their parents in January this year.

"You are at the right place. We will not cut corners with your child's education as we are serious about the quality of the education we provide," he said to the parents. "We shall make sure that our students are distinguished among graduates from other universities – that they are leaders. Quality is not negotiable."

Prof. Jonathan also said the standards of admission at our university would be raised. "We need students of a higher academic standard," he said.

Prof. Jonathan further emphasised the importance of students to understand one another and to get along with one another – especially with those who speak a language different from their own and with a different skin colour than theirs.

"Our students must have respect for one another. This is a value that should be added to your qualification in order for you to be relevant in the workplace anywhere in the world."

Prof. Jonathan also reiterated the fact that the first group of 100 first-year students who would be sent overseas to study during the second semester would come from this class of 2010.

At the launch of the Get Success@UFS Week he implored our first-year students to judge fellow students by the content of their character and not by the colour of their skins. "If we succeed with you, our country will succeed. If we succeed with you, our university will succeed," he said.

Prof. Jonathan said it was the first time in the history of our university that students were integrated as human beings. "This is the most integrated group of students our university has ever had," he said. He appealed to them to live their dreams, learn to embrace others, study seriously, make a difference and guide their leaders. - Lacea Loader

Our integrated
group of students
at the Get
Success@UFS
Week.



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Staff from the UFS Law Clinic in front of their office in Zastron Street.

A number of initiatives are on the table that will not only bring the clinic's goals for 2010 in line with the needs of the Bloemfontein indigent community for free legal services, but will also serve as an educational tool for our law students. It will therefore realise the clinic's motto, "Learning by serving".

Our law students will receive practical legal education and they will be exposed to legal practice in real life. They will see qualified lawyers at work and they themselves will under supervision start to practice law.

From the beginning of 2010, Kabelo Matee, supervising lawyer at the clinic, will head a unit aimed at providing back-up legal services and training to Free State Province community-based paralegal practitioners.

"Law students will accompany Kabelo on his visits to various site offices in the Free State and will have the opportunity not only to hone their legal skills but to understand the socio-legal problems suffered by indigent members of society. This initiative is made possible by monies that are to be received from the Atlantic Philanthropists to the Association of South African University Legal Aid Institutions," said Prof. Neels Swanepoel, Director of the clinic and Departmental Chairperson of the Department of Law of Procedure and Law of Evidence.

Further, in an innovative practical legal training initiative, law students will rotate between a general practice, a labour law, a family law, an eviction and an appeal unit at the clinic in 2010. The appeal unit under the supervision of Adv. Inez Bezuidenhout will accept appeal instructions. On receipt of the case records, law students will be required to study the record, do the necessary research and eventually draft the heads of argument. The appeal will be argued in court by Inez, who will of course be accompanied by her enthusiastic 'junior counsel' to be!

The need of the indigent community for free legal counsel' thus forms an integral part of the activities of the UFS Law Clinic. "A big difference between a private law office and a university law clinic is that legal services are provided free of charge to poor members of society. Members of society who otherwise would have little or no access to justice, now have that facility available to them," said Prof. Neels.

"We mostly act on behalf of the most vulnerable members of society," says attorney at the clinic, Sakkie Muller. According to Michelle Karels, Deputy Director: UFS Law Clinic, for the period 5 January 2009 until 12 October 2009, the clinic consulted with 1 137 clients and took in 631 cases that are all at different stages of completion.

These statistics reflect the great need for legal counselling and representation. At the start of this year the clinic increased its capacity with 17 candidate attorneys, adding on to the staff complement of five attorneys, one practising advocate and two administrative staff members.

"The clinic has come a long way since 1988 when it started out in a tin shack in Mangaung Township where only legal advice was provided to poor people by law student volunteers. Since then we have operated from the same offices as the Legal Aid Board until 2007. We then relocated to the South Campus for 18 months and in February 2008 we relocated to 142 Zastron Street. Today the Law Clinic operates as a fully independent university institution.

"From humble but noble beginnings our UFS Law Clinic has grown into an institution which our Faculty of Law and our university may be rightfully proud of," Prof. Neels remarked.

Dean of the Faculty of Law, Prof. Johan Henning recently said, "The enthusiasm of staff and students in this clinic is tangible." - **Leonie Bolleurs**

Community benefits as future lawyers learn the trade

In its quest to excel in everything it does, our university's Law Clinic, as part of our Faculty of Law, this year entered a new phase in its existence that attests to its unique position as community service and service learning tool.

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2010 FIFA WORLD CUP

Staff and students have their say

After anticipating the dawn of 2010 for so long, it is finally upon us. Some may feel unprepared, while others are counting down the days. What expectations will be exceeded? What disappointments will we face? One thing is certain: South Africa, together with the rest of the world, is holding its breath. Ula van Zyl found out more about the expectations of Kowsies staff and students.



Brandon Bosch



Helen-Mary Cawood



Attie Alberts



Denie Steenkamp



Samuel Mensah

Brandon Bosch, SRC: Sport at our university, is a soccer fan. He supports the Kaiser Chiefs, Celtics and Chelsea. He believes that hosting the World Cup will promote soccer in South Africa: "It will stimulate domestic teams to invest in development programmes for soccer." According to him, Bloemfontein's economy will boom, as in the rest of the country. He does foresee some problems, though. "Not having enough accommodation might become a crisis." But does he think South Africa is ready to host the world cup? "Yes, definitely." Brandon is looking forward to attending some of the matches to be held in Bloemfontein.

Helen-Mary Cawood, a junior lecturer in Philosophy, is very positive about the recognition that the rest of the world will finally give to South Africa, and Africa as a continent. "I am hoping that it will draw the attention of international investors and developers to the talent that is in abundance in South Africa. Helen also believes that the passion that Bloemfontein Celtic supporters have for soccer, cannot fail but to impress the international community as to the depth of love that Bloemfontein people has for the game." Locally she supports the Bloemfontein Celtics and, of course, Bafana Bafana. She herself will be attending the Bafana Bafana versus France match.

Attie Alberts, Sports Editor of the IRAWA, thinks we might be expecting too much from the 2010 FIFA World Cup: "I feel the hype was over-emphasised, and that we entrust the event with too much. When we look at who's really benefiting financially, then there's nothing to be excited about. SAFA will obviously cash in, and FIFA will be smiling all the way to the bank." He also fears that the development taking place will not benefit the people who need it the most. He does, however, feel that South Africa can benefit from the 2010 FIFA World Cup. He feels that the event will unite South Africans under a single cause; South Africans can let South Africa shine. "Everyone should just do his or her part in promoting our country. Whatever you do, don't watch a match on your own. Get friends and family, a cold drink or two and a vuvuzela. Now that's ayoba!"

Denie Steenkamp, Professional Officer for the Department Quantity Surveying and Construction Management doubts that she will be attending any matches: "I shall stay home and enjoy it on television. I do not like crowds and noise." Although not a big soccer fan herself, she believes that the World Cup will promote the popularity and development of soccer in South Africa: "Children will like to follow all the soccer heroes." Her advice to all South Africans is to go with the flow and enjoy the experience.

Samuel Mensah, Economics lecturer at our Qwaqwa Campus, used to play soccer as a child. He is very excited, as he feels that hosting the 2010 FIFA World Cup should promote soccer in South Africa: "More South Africans have been drawn into the 2010 FIFA World Cup mood than ever before and more young South African will be drawn to watch more of the matches than ever before. They will see tricks and moves that they would want to practise on the pitch themselves, which will lead to development of skills." He believes that South Africa is ready for the 2010 FIFA World Cup infrastructure-wise, but also fears the crime factor. Economically he feels that the 2010 FIFA World Cup has made, and will continue to make, huge financial injections into the economy, which will produce multiplier effects for some years to come if things are managed properly. He is looking forward to attending some of the matches.

No matter what our expectations are, 2010 is sure to be a year we will never forget. During the 2010 FIFA World Cup, our university will not be closed, so staff members thinking of taking leave between 9 June 2010 and 13 July 2010 will need to apply as usual. Kowsies will also be doing its bit to ensure the smooth running of the tournament. Residences on our Main Campus in Bloemfontein will be made available and will provide accommodation packages to supporters and officials.



Italiaanse

akademikus leer by SIFE-UFS

Prof. Sergio Bortolani van die Universiteit van Turyn in Italië het onlangs 'n besoek aan ons Fakulteit Ekonomiese en Bestuurswetenskappe afgelê. Ons universiteit streef na betrokkenheid by ander universiteite en daarom is ons samewerkingsooreenkomms met die Universiteit van Turyn 'n klinkklare bewys hiervan. Studente aan die twee universiteite kry die geleentheid om vir een semester met mekaar uit te ruil. Dosente van beide universiteite besoek mekaar ook gereeld en hulle deel graag hul kennis en ervaring met mekaar. Op hierdie manier vind almal baat by die ooreenkomms. Die Universiteit van Turyn het nie 'n SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise)-tak nie. Tydens prof. Bortolani se besoek het lede van SIFE-UFS hom meer oor hulle aktiwiteite vertel. Hy het dus waardevolle inligting huiustoe geneem na sy eie studente. - **Lize du Plessis**

Ambassador of Japan pays us a visit

Our university recently had the honour of hosting His Excellency Mr Toshiro Ozawa, Ambassador of Japan to South Africa when he and his delegation visited our university as part of the centenary celebrations of trade between Japan and South Africa. He was received and welcomed by Prof. Ezekiel Moraka, our Vice-Rector: External Relations. "We are embarking on a campaign to raise funds for various projects. We want to form a partnership with Japan and find ways of working together to accomplish this. We are also looking at ways in which Japan can become involved in our university and its research," said Prof. Ezekiel. Mr Ozawa also delivered a lecture to a group of staff and students on our Main Campus during which he discussed Japanese-South African relations. - **Lacea Loader**

'n Geheue vir die toekoms

"Ten einde vandag verantwoordelik te leef, moet 'n mens die verlede en die toekoms ernstig opneem," het prof. Rian Venter, Departement Dogmatologie, tydens die Teologiese dag van ons Fakulteit Teologie opgemerk. Verskeie sprekers het tydens die geleentheid leraars, teologiesestudente en ander belangstellendes uitgedaag om sowel terug as vorentoe te kyk. Prof. Lucius Botes, Dekaan: Fakulteit Geesteswetenskappe, het die belangrikheid van sosiaal-politieke geletterdheid beklemtoon. Hy het 'n beroep gedoen vir groter samewerking tussen leraars en mense van ander professies in die bou van 'n blink toekoms. 'n Paneelbespreking na afloop van die referate het lewendige deelname van die gehoor ontlok. Die Teologiese dag was terselfdertyd die amptelike opening van die Fakulteit Teologie wat ook hierdie jaar sy dertigste bestaansjaar vier. - **Lyzette Hoffman**

UFS academic honoured by the University of Antwerp

Prof. Dingie Janse van Rensburg, of the Centre for Health Systems Research and Development at our university, will be awarded an honorary doctorate by the University of Antwerp in Belgium later this year. "On behalf of the academic authorities of the University of Antwerp, I am pleased to inform you that, on the recommendation of the Faculty of Political Sciences, our university would like to bestow upon you the title of Doctor Honoris Causa in recognition of your expertise in the field of sociology and social policy in health care," wrote Prof. A. Verschoren, the Rector of the University of Antwerp, in the letter to Prof. Dingie. The presentation of the honorary degree will take place on Thursday, 29 April 2010 in Antwerp. - **Mangaliso Radebe**

Industrial Psychology does well in evaluation

Our Department of Industrial Psychology received an overall rating of 85% from the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) for its B.Psych. (Industrial Psychology) Programme when rated at the end of 2009. According to the panel our department provides a good academic and practical programme with clear goals and outcomes. The academic and practical components of the programme are integrated well, and the coordination is of a very high standard. The department also offers an excellent structure for the practical internship programme and was commended for that. - **Lacea Loader**



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Our university featured quite a lot in the print and broadcast media since the beginning of this year:

- Our Rector and Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Jonathan Jansen was requested quite frequently to give comment on his view of the Grade 12 results and the state of education in South Africa. This was carried by *The Herald*, *e24*, *SABC3*, *702*, *SAfm*, *Agance France Presse* and *Associated Press*.
- The men's hockey teams of Germany and The Netherlands used our astro hockey fields as practice fields during their visit to South Africa. This was carried by among others *Die Burger* and *Volksblad*.

- The language debate initiated by Mr FW de Klerk, in which our university also took part, was covered by among others *702*, *SAfm* and *RSG*.
- Our Department of Agricultural Economics' bursary programme for students studying agricultural economics was carried by *RSG*, *Volksblad*, etc.
- Human trafficking and the increasing tendency thereof in South Africa got coverage on among others *RSG*, *5FM* and *SAfm*. Adv. Beatri Kruger from our university gave comment on the matter.
- Prof. Jansen's visit to schools in February 2010 was covered by *LesediFM*, *Ukhozi*, *Umnhloho Wenene*, *Daily Dispatch*, *Die Burger*, etc.

- Lacea Loader



1. Prof. Jansen with learners from the Bishop Dumont Secondary School in the Eastern Cape.
2. Adv. Beatri Kruger who commented in the media on human trafficking.
3. Germany's men's hockey team practising on our astro's.

Louis neem dubbele dosis van sy eie medisyne

As 'n mens deur dr. Louis Holtzhausen se CV werk, moet 'n mens nogal kophou. Net by ons universiteit alleen is hy Programdirekteur in Sportgeneeskunde aan ons Fakulteit Gesondheidswetenskappe, Hoof van Gesondheid en Welstand, asook Direkteur van Kopsiegesondheid. Hy dien ook op verskeie nasionale en internasionale sport- en mediese liggame. Dan was hy tot einde verlede jaar President van die Suid-Afrikaanse Vereniging vir Sportgeneeskunde en hy is ook in Oktober 2009 deur hierdie organisasie met lewenslange erelidmaatskap vereer. **Leatitia Pienaar** het met hom gaan praat.

My eerste vraag is: Hoe hou 'n mens al die balle in die lug? Ek het 'n baie ondersteunende, geduldige vrou, Elizé, en kinders. 'n Mens moet ook ander mense met jou saamneem en hulle begeester. 'n Mens moenie skaam wees om te werk nie. Jou tydsberekening moet ook goed wees.

Hoe het jou pad tot hier geloop? Ek het in 1992 die pos as Direkteur: Studentegesondheid by ons universiteit gekry. Die groot beweegrede vir my skuif uit my praktyk in Durban was om meer op sportgeneeskunde te fokus. Dit was 'n nuwe, vars vakrigting met baie baanbrekerswerk wat al reeds onder dr. Dawie van Velden by die UV gedoen is. Die werk was vir my 'n groot uitdaging.

Hoe sien jy die pad vorentoe vir sportgeneeskunde in Suid-Afrika? 'n Mens kan eerder praat van sport- en oefengeneeskunde. Dit sluit aan by die beginsel dat die liggaam 'n holistiese eenheid is en dat 'n gesonde liggaam 'n gesonde gees huisves. Oefening is voorkomende "medikasie" en as

sodanig is die teikenmark nie net mense wat aan sport deelneem nie, maar elke lid van die gemeenskap. Oefening het dieselfde uitwerking as Prozac ...

Wat van jou loopbaan staan vir jou uit?

My hele reis in rugby is vir my 'n hoogtepunt: om van spandokter in die amateur-era tot die professionele era te beweeg, om mense te ontmoet en plekke te sien wat geen geld kan koop nie. Die verering deur die Suid-Afrikaanse Vereniging vir Sportgeneeskunde sal my ook bybly. (Hy was vir tien jaar die spandokter vir die Vrystaatse Cheetahs, die SA Universiteite, Cats Super 12, Suid-Afrika A en die Springbok-oefenkamp, die SA onder 21's, die Vrystaatse Super 10's en Super 12's, die SA Technikon-span, die Suid-Afrikaanse Parlementêre Rugbyspan.)

Waarvoor sal jy eendag onthou wil word?

Eerstens dat ek 'n positiewe bydrae gelewer het tot die ontwikkeling en groei van sportgeneeskunde in Suid-Afrika tot 'n spesialiteitsrigting. Ek sal ook onthou wil word dat ek 'n bydrae gemaak het om die konsep van "oefening as geneesmiddel" uitgedra het en dat dit algemeen in die geneeskunde gebruik word. 'n Dokter moet nie net navraag oor 'n pasiënt se mediese geskiedenis doen nie, maar ook oor sy oefengeskiedenis, en dan ook in hierdie opsig 'n voorskrif gee.

Watter dinge lê jou na aan die hart? Om my kinders te sien groot word. Johann (19) is 'n student in klank- en media-ingenieurswese aan Unisa en my dogter, Lisa (17), is vanjaar in matriek aan Eunice. Ek het hulle so min gesien toe hulle kleiner was en rugby my lang tye van die huis weggeneem het.

Ek merk in die CV net so vier woordjies onder stokperdjies: padwedlope, fietsry, fotografie,

musiek: Ek hardloop graag en ry fiets. Fotografie is een van my stokperdjies en ek ontspan graag met klassieke musiek. Van my gunsteling is Mozart se klarinetkonsert en Elgar se tjello-konsert, om maar 'n paar te noem. Ek het self klarinet gespeel.

En daardie een ding wat min mense van jou weet?

Ek is 'n rocker. Ek was in my studentedae leier van die UV se varsity band en het na my terugkeer na Bloemfontein vir twintig jaar in 'n rock band, Be9, gespeel ... Hieroor gaan my seun my siel uittrek ...

Miskien moet 'n mens eers jou stapskoene uittoets voordat jy 'n pil gaan vra vir hierdie entoesiastiese man.



Foto's uit dr. Louis Holtzhausen se eie versameling wys hier hoe hy in die natuur is, aan 'n marathon deelneem en natuurlik die foto waar hy in die orkes is.

Van appels, bome en

Die appel val nie ver van die boom af nie, sê hulle graag. Soms val die appel sommer in die moeder gestap het – en steeds trap – se ma's werk ook by die Universiteit van die Vrystaat. Nou ja, ons het a

Die Dednam's

Engela Dednam spog met twee sportster-seunskinders. Sy het BCom (BCom Hons, MCom) en HOD ge-swot en is vanaf 1974 'n dosent in die Departement Rekenaarwetenskap en Informatika. Die afgelope 13 jaar is sy verantwoordelik vir die Rekenaargeletterdheidsmodules.

Beide haar seuns, Chris (26) en Roelof (24), het rekeningkunde by Kovsies studeer. Al twee het ook vanaf 14-jarige ouderdom die wêreld deurslaan op pluimbaltoere, met die hoogtepunt seker toe die twee broers in 2008 aan die Beijing Olimpiese Spele aan die mansdubbelspel deelgeneem het. Pa Martin Dednam is ook aan ons universiteit verbonde in die Departement Handelsreg.

So gesels Engela oor haar kinders:

Behalwe as sportsterre, skitter Chris en Roelof ook in en om die huis. Hulle kan hul eie beddens opmaak, kook en sommige vakansies het hulle ook help plaveisel lê en dak verf ... nie altyd té gretig nie! En hulle het nogal goed gelyk op die loopplank – tydens hulle skool se matriekmodeparade!

Ons het veral sports wanneer ons kaartspeel ... met karre! Wanneer ons ver gery het, het ons gekyk watter motors "kon 'n pakkie uitsit" met die syfers op hulle nommerplate.

Die twee het my laat sweet toe Chris amper as tweejarige verdrink het en pa Martin mond-tot-mond asemhaling moes doen ... gelukkig het Chris nie 'n vrees vir water oorgehou nie. En Roelof het sy enkel tydens 'n kampioenskap gekraak. Maar hy wou nie vir Chris in die steek laat nie en het aanhou speel ... totdat hulle die eindstryd gewen het!

Ek is hulle grootste fan omdat hulle albei uitgesproke Christene is. Beide was as juniors altyd in beheer van hulle emosies - tot frustrasie van hul teenstanders! Hulle is steeds goeie rolmodelle vir die huidige juniors. Hierdie eienskappe maak my trots! Meer as hulle sportprestaties.

Ek sal graag wil sien dat Chris en Roelof kampioene word vir hulle vroue (albei is reeds getroud), dat daar altyd liefde en respek sal wees, en dat hulle goeie pa's sal wees wat gelowige kinders grootmaak. Dalk sal Roelof eendag 'n sportwinkel besit, en Chris 'n rekenmeester word. Dit maak nie eintlik saak nie, solank hulle liefdevolle, konsidererende mense bly!

Chris sê:

Dankie, Ma ... vir al die ondersteuning, liefde, motivering, geduld en erkenning. Dankie vir die rondry, kosmaak en Powerade aandra. Woede is min, maar weet, ek waardeer dit opreg.

Roelof sê:

Dankie, Ma ... vir jou opofferinge, en dat Ma my elke dag met 'n glimlag en glinster in die oog groet asof Ma my weke laas gesien het. Ek is trots dat Ma my ma is.

Martin, Engela, Chris en Roelof.

Die Brüssow's

Saretha Brüssow is die stil ondersteuner van een van die beste "bal-stelers" in ons land! Saretha is 'n senior lektor in ons Beplanningseenheid. Haar passie is die fasilitering van leer by studente in die universiteitsomgewing en dit is ook die area waarin sy klas gee.

Saretha se seun is die 23-jarige Heinrich Brüssow, wat in 2009 sy BCom-graad behaal het, en lankal reeds gewoond is daaraan om die Springbokrugbyspan se groen en goud oor sy kop te trek. Marcel Brüssow, Heinrich se pa, is ook by ons universiteit in die Departement Oefen- en Sportwetenskappe werksaam.

Saretha vertel meer oor die raakvatkind van haar:

Behalwe as sportster, skitter Heinrich ook as kok! Hy pak kosmaak met 'n eiesoortige vurigheid aan en eksperimenteer graag – die uiteindelijke resultaat word dan met die ywer van 'n vlugteling verorber.

Ons het veral sports wanneer ons as gesin by die huis is. Sy lewenslus, tergees en kwinkslae sorg vir baie pret, veral wanneer ons kaart speel – Heinrich weier om 'n spel te stop as hy nie as wenner uit die stryd tree nie. Sy wedrywering en humoristiese pogings om ten alle tye (en kostel!) te wen, dien as groot vermaak vir die hele gesin.

Heinrich laat my (steeds elke keer) sweet as hy kop eerste tydens 'n rugbywedstryd in 'n losgemaak induik. Dit bly 'n angsvolle oomblik en verg inspanning om as toeskouer kalm en stil te bly sit tot hy "ongeskonde" uit die harwar opstaan.

Ek is Heinrich se grootste fan, want hy leef elke oomblik ten volle. Hy is altyd positief en gebruik teleurstellings as 'n uitdaging om beter te doen. Sy passie vir die lewe sluit ook 'n passie vir regverdigheid in. Verder openbaar hy 'n besondere empatie vir sy medemens. Ek het hom alles óór die lewe probeer leer, maar hy het my geleer waarom die lewe gaan: om in gelooft koers te hou.

Ek sal graag wil sien dat Heinrich 'n kampioen word in volle "menswees", m.a.w. dat hy eendag sal kan terug kyk op 'n lewe vol vervulling, vreugde (én vrede), dat hy sy kanse in die lewe en talente ten volle benut het en dat hy kan sê: "... dit was goed vir my én almal wat die pad saam met my geloop het."

Heinrich sê:

"Dankie, Ma ... dat jy my geleer het om hard te werk – ek hoef net jou voorbeeld te volg! Dankie vir jou stille ondersteuning, dat jy altyd dink ek's die beste – al het my span 'n wedstryd verloor."

Saretha en Heinrich.



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people



uitbolkers gepraat ...

skoot! Want vyf super sportsterre wat diep spore op Kopsiekampus

altyd geweet Kopsies is 'n trappie bo die res! **Deur Cindé Greyling**

Die Cronje's

Sarina Cronjé is die trotse ma van 'n Olimpiese atleet. Daarom is dit seker net gepas dat sy by KopsieSport werk. Sy is self immers al vanaf 1982 'n atletiekafrigter. Sarina is ook 'n oud-Kopsie wat in 1978 haar BSc en HOD behaal het.

Johan Cronjé (27), wat beslis van sy atletiektalent by Sarina geërf het, het by die 2004 Olimpiese Spele, asook by die 2005 en 2009 Wêreldkampioenskappe die 1 500 meter kaf gedraf. Boonop het hy in 2007 sy BCom Sportbestuur behaal en die jaar daarop 'n honneursgraad.

Sarina verklap 'n paar dinge oor haar langasem:

Behalwe as sportster, skitter Johan ook as getroude man in die huis. Van skoonmaak tot wasgoed ... dalk het al my pogings om hom en sy twee broers meer "huis-vriendelik" te maak, gewerk!

Ons het veral sports wanneer ek sit en kyk hoe pa en seuns woel! Ek was maar selde deel daarvan! Johan was darem die een seun wat dit saam met my in 'n mall sou waag. Maar my en Johan se beste tye saam was langs die atletiekveld.

Johan het my laat sweet toe hy en sy twee broers grootgeword het! En nie een keer nie – pal! Ek het 'n paar keer geys as hulle met hul Swartkat-uitrustings die strate ingevaar het op hul geheimsinnige sendings ...

Ek is Johan se grootste fan, want hy het meer deurstellingsvermoë as enige ander atleet, wat ek ken. Johan het al soveel besering-teleurstellings beleef. Net wanneer hy op sy beste is, kom die besering en moet hy maar weer voor begin. En hy doen dit elke keer, met selfs meer ywer as vroeër.

Ek sal graag wil sien dat Johan 'n kampioen word in sy huwelik met Claire, met dieselfde uithouvermoë en geduld as op die atletiekbaan. As hy die dag pa word, moet hy ook 'n kampioenpa wees, wat sy kinders verstaan en ondersteun.

Johan sê:

Dankie, Ma ... dat Ma die eerste is wat my gelukwens as dit goed gaan en ook die laaste een is wat by my bly staan as dinge nie so waffers gaan nie. Dankie dat Ma my nog altyd ondersteun het – of ek nou Ma se raad gevolg het of nie; dat Ma genoeg omgee om 'n bak lasagne vir my te maak om huis toe te vat, want Ma weet, ek mag dalk te moeg geoefen wees om self kos te maak. Baie dankie, Ma!

Sarina en Johan.

Die Steinmann's

Wilma Steinmann is die lewenslustige vrou agter 'n ewe energieke en mooi meisiekind. Behalwe vir die "opwinding" in die kantoor van die Registrateur: Strategiese Beplanning, jaag Wilma graag met 'n viertrekmotorfiets in woestyne rond! Verder laat bergfietswedrenne die bloed behoorlik deur haar are bruis. Sy het ook al met 'n bodyboard by duin 7 in Walvisbaai afgegely, want "mens leef net eenmaal!"

Die mooie Mioné, aangewys as mej. Persoonlikheid by die Jookroningsbal, is tans besig met 'n BA (MBW) en sy is gekies vir die Suid-Afrikaanse o.19-netbaloeftengroep. Mioné was verlede jaar ook deel van die Vrystaat se 0/19-netbalspan wat die goue medalje by die S.A.-0/19 en -0/21 toernooi in Mafekeng verower het.

Wilma vertel meer oor Mioné se doen en late:

Behalwe as sportster, skitter Mioné ook op die verhoog! Ons was self verbaas om haar by die sêr 'n solo te hoor sing – sy het nog nooit voorheen so 'n geleentheid gehad nie. Wie weet, dalk volg 'n graad in drama later.

Ons het veral sports wanneer ons gou by 'n winkel indraf om net een dingetjie te koop, want kort voor lank staan ons met armsvol klere voor die aantrekkamer en probeer die winkelassistent oortuig, dis minder as vyf! Daarna moet ons natuurlik van totale uitputting eers ietsie heerliks gaan eet.

Mioné het my laat sweet toe sy by Oribi Gorge in Natal by die kranse afgespring het met die bekende swaai aan 'n rek. My hart het behoorlik bollemakiesie geslaan. Een oomblik staan sy nog bo, toe is sy net 'n spikkeltjie doer onder ... maar sy't dit soos 'n pro gedoen!

Ek is Mioné se grootste fan, oor haar humorsin, aansteeklike lag, en passie waarmee sy nuwe uitdagings aanpak. Haar deernis vir minderbevoorregte mense maak haar ook baie spesiaal. Sy probeer altyd 'n plan maak om 'n slegte situasie te verbeter.

Ek sal graag wil sien dat Mioné 'n kampioen word in elke dag, want gister is verby en môre het nog nie aangebreek nie. Ek hoop, sy sal besef dat sy altyd haar positiewiteit, passie en sleutel tot geluk in haar eie hande hou en dat sy altyd respek vir die lewe, geleenthede, die natuur en diere sal behou. Vir my meisiekind wens ek, dat haar drome sal waar word en, dat sy op die regte tyd 'n lewensmaat sal vind, wat ook terselfdertyd haar grootste vriend sal wees.

Mioné sê:

Dankie, Ma ... dat jy altyd soveel moeite doen om al my wedstryde by te woon. En dankie dat jy "ma speel" vir al my maats wat homesick is, en hulle eie ma's min sien!

Wilma en Mioné.



Dr. Glen Taylor.

Foto: Leatitia Pienaar

PATENTE

nie meer 'n vreemde woord nie

Die beskerming van ons universiteit se intellektuele eiendom en uiteindelijke uitbouing daarvan tot 'n stewige derdestroominkomste vir die universiteit het in 2009 momentum gekry met 'n goeie klomp patente wat deur ons universiteit geregistreer is.

Dr. Glen Taylor, Direkteur: Navorsingskommersialisering en Besigheidsontwikkeling, wat aan die stuur van die registrasies was, sê ons universiteit het verlede jaar dertien patente geregistreer. Dit is die meeste in die land. Sover vanjaar is daar reeds twee wat wag om afgehandel te word, en hy hoop om vanjaar namens die universiteit meer patente as in 2009 te registreer.

Die meeste van die patente is in die mediese en landbou- en natuurwetenskappe.

Ons universiteit is in gesprekke met verskeie farmaseutiese maatskappye, asook ander maatskappye met die oog op gesamentlike ondernemings waaruit die universiteit geldelike voordeel kan trek. Kommersialisering en besigheidsontwikkeling hou ook vir personeel voordele in. 'n Formule bestaan waardeur die personeellid of -lede wat betrokke is by die ontwikkeling van die tegnologie, asook die betrokke fakulteit geldelike voordeel trek.

Ons universiteit se beleid om sy intellektuele eiendom te beskerm is reeds geformuleer en 'n kommersialiseringsbeleid kan in die nabye toekoms verwag word. Besprekings hieromheen het reeds verlede jaar begin. - **Leatitia Pienaar**

A 26% improvement takes some doing

Astonishing! There is no other word to describe our university's progress with its Career Preparation Programme (CPP) aimed at students with potential who did not obtain matriculation exemption for further studies at a higher-education institution.

François Marais, Director of our Centre for Higher Education Studies and Development, says the average pass rate was 74 % in 2009, about 26 % higher than in 2008. It is also more than 20 % higher than for any other year since the inception of the programme.

Last year about 900 students enrolled for the programme and since the inception of the programme in 1993, more than 4 000 students have enrolled for degree studies at our university after completing the programme. By 2006 more than a thousand degrees had been awarded, of which seven received their MBChB degrees.

Through partnerships the CPP is delivered not only in Bloemfontein and Qwaqwa, but also in Bethlehem, Welkom, Sasolburg, Kimberley and Oudtshoorn.

The success can be ascribed to many factors, of which the compulsory

attendance of classes was a major contributing factor in 2009. On two successive occasions parents were contacted in cases where students had stayed away from class or when assignments had not been handed in. Students had to hand in sick certificates or other approved documentation if they could not attend classes.

A system was also implemented to make all handbooks, study material and stationary available in the first week after registration. It saved students the time to visit the bookshops to obtain the material and they could start their academic year from day one.

François says the classes are small groups of 40 to 50 students each and the direct contact with facilitators and coordinators has a positive influence on the development of cognitive thinking processes and self learning. More emphasis is also placed on the in-task training of the facilitators and coordinators in their subject fields and to be available and capable to unlock the module content for the students. Facilitators and coordinators were also not allowed to cancel sessions, to be late for sessions, or to end classes earlier than scheduled.

He says last year the emphasis was specifically on the improvement of the academic language skills of the students. Academics were trained to include integrated language development in every subject discipline.

The CPP is regarded as one of the most cost-effective selection and development bridging programmes in South Africa. It is an excellent preparation for students from deprived communities to successfully enter higher education, says François. - **Leatitia Pienaar**

Beste bourekenkundestudent in SA is 'n Kovsie!

Drie van ons Departement Bourekenkunde en Konstruksiebestuur se studente het ons universiteit se naam hoog gehou toe hulle gesogte pryse van die Vereniging van Suid-Afrikaanse Bourekenaars (VSABR) ontvang het. Herman Berry het die goue medalje as die beste bourekenkundestudent in die honneursgraad in Suid-Afrika ontvang. Hananja Steyn is in 2008 as die beste nasionale eerstejaarstudent in bourekenkunde aangewys. Sy het ook 'n beurs van die DJ Laing Memorial Trust ontvang. Olive du Preez het 'n kontantprys van Davis Landon ontvang vir haar uitsonderlike prestasie in 2008. Herman is die seun van Frank Berry, 'n dosent by ons Departement Bourekenkunde en Konstruksiebestuur en Hananja is die dogter van prof. Das Steyn van ons Departement Stads- en Streekbeplanning. - **Ula van Zyl**

Herman Berry.

Foto: Verskaf

Debating team flies Kovsie flag high internationally

Our university's debating team consisting of Moses Masitha and Mhlanganisi Madlongolwana continues to make waves internationally.

In 2009 the team, appropriately referred to as our university's first team, together with three other teams and three adjudicators, represented our university in the 2nd Annual Pan-African Debating Championships in Botswana.

Two of our university's four teams did not disappoint, as they made it to the quarter-finals and semi-finals. However, it was Masitha and Madlongolwana's team that underlined its status as our university's first team by reaching the finals, only to succumb to Rhodes University.

These two accomplished debaters were featured among the 10 best speakers at the tournament, which boasted over 400 debaters from all over the continent.

As if that were not enough, Masitha was voted as the Chairperson of the African Debating Union, the largest debating union in Africa.

Next was the 30th Annual World Universities Debating Championships hosted by the Vehbi Koç Foundation at the Koç University in Antalya, Turkey.

This time our university's first team did not only represent the university and the country, but the entire continent as well. This was due to the fact that Masitha was the Chairperson of the African Debating Union. Two other South African representatives were the Universities of Cape Town (UCT) and the Witwatersrand.

Our university ranked 189 out of 450 teams that competed in the tournament, with UCT the best-ranked South African university.

Masitha and Madlongolwana once again featured in the top half of the best debaters.

Both Masitha and Madlongolwana are members of our university's Student Representative Council (SRC), with the former being the president and the latter responsible for student development. - **Mangaliso Radebe**

**Moses Masitha
and Mhlanganisi
Madlongolwana.**

Competition ends on a high note for FS University Choir in Prague

Our university choir, under the directorship of Corné van Pletzen, won the Christmas Music Festival Competition in Prague in the Czech Republic. The competition was entered by 25 choirs from all over the world, including Spain, Hungary, Slovakia and Russia.

The choir originally only participated in the festival part of the Christmas Music Festival. Later, at the end of the competition, they were asked by the judges to prepare a song for the prize-giving ceremony, not knowing that the judges were judging them for the competition.

The choir's presentation was unique as they included a great variety of songs in their programme, amongst others some of Corné's own compositions and a song from Africa, Wana Baraka.

According to Janico Louw, a member of the choir, the experience felt amazing. "When the trumpet fanfare started before the winner was announced, we did not know what was going on. Hearing that we had won a

competition we were not even taking part in, really made it feel like a fairytale," he said. "We really did not think it could possibly be true that we won," added Edwin Abrahams, another member of the choir.

It is the first time in the 10 years that the Christmas Music Festival Competition is presented that an overall winner of the festival and the competition was announced. - **Lize du Plessis**



Photos: Supplied

1. With the beautiful glass trophy, are from the left: Rikus van Dyk, Hanri Naudé, Leonette Smit and David du Toit; back: Elsabe Evert, Jan-Picard Berg, Janico Louw (chairperson) and Corné van Pletzen (choir master).

2. In front of the Istvan's Basilica are Hanri Naudé, Jan-Picard Berg and Elsabe Evert; back: David du Toit, Janico Louw (chairperson), Corné van Pletzen (choir master) and Rikus van Dyk.





Die grootste skare in jare
het die eerste Varsity
Cup-wedstryd van die
seisoen op Shimlapark
bygewoon.

Varsity Cup skop op hoë noot af vir Shimlas

Dis die eerste kwartaal van die akademiese jaar, wat vir die derde agtereenvolgende jaar beteken – Varsity Cup!

Hierdie gewilde rugbyreeks, wat vir nege agtereenvolgende Maandae gespeel word, toon steeds baie groei nadat dit in 2008 geloods is. Shimlas kon egter nog nie in die eerste twee reekse hond haaraf maak nie en het elke keer sesde geëindig.

Sake lyk egter tot dusver baie meer rooskleurig in 2010 vir die Vrystaatse studente en hulle was ná die tweede ronde van die ENB Varsity Cup, aangebied deur Steinhoff Internasionaal, nog onoorwonne met 'n 30-0 gelykopuitslag teen die Universiteit van Kaapstad en 'n reuse 54-5 sege oor die Nelson Mandela Metropolitaanse Universiteit (NMMU).

Boom Prinsloo, 'n agtsteman, het 'n gesamentlike Varsity Cup-rekord opgestel deur vier keer te gaan druk.

Shimlas moet vanjaar sonder ervare spelers soos Barry Landman, Roché van der Westhuizen, Drew van Coller, Shagan Windvogel, Boer van Niekerk, André Tredoux en Arné Grobbelaar klaarkom, maar het darem ook aanwinste in Henjo van Niekerk (Tukkies, slot), Hanno Pieterse (SUT, flank) en André Schlechter (Maties, voorry) gekry.

Wat verder vanjaar die eerste keer gebeur het, is dat Shimla-spelers wat in Vrystaat se Vodacom-beker-groep is, vrygestel is

**Prof. Jonathan saam met Os du Randt,
voormalige Springbokstut.**



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Did you know...

The Faculty of Law is one of the oldest in the country and the only Faculty of Law in the judicial capital of South Africa. Ten judges of the High Courts as well as judges of the Supreme Court of Appeal serve as extraordinary professors and honorary professors. They form the colloquium jurisprudentium of the faculty which contributes immeasurably towards the maintenance of the high quality of teaching and research outputs of the faculty.

Grow outside yourselves, says US ambassador to our students

"The excitement and energy I see in your university's students to make this one of the best universities in the country and setting an example to the world is exciting and inspiring." These were the words of the USA ambassador to South Africa, Donald Gips, when he visited our Main Campus for the opening of the Get Success@UFS Week in January this year.

He encouraged our first-year students who were present to take advantage of the opportunities they have at our university to grow outside themselves, to prove the value of diversity and make our university a place where they will grow as individuals; and also contribute back to the community.

He said that transformation was an ongoing project that everyone had to keep working towards. "I am quite convinced that being here today and watching the students and professors tackle this challenge, this university will succeed." The purpose of the Get Success@UFS Week is to acquaint the first-year students with our university and the academic opportunities that are available to them.

- Lacea Loader

**Ambassador
Donald Gips.**



Photo: Hannes Pieterse



Rudi embracing
(student) life at Kowsies.

We've made progress, says new Student Dean

Diversity is not only about numbers and racial integration. It is also about experience, ideas, disciplines, discussion, debate and more, says Rudi Buys (36), newly appointed Dean of Student Affairs. The task is to produce mature, worthy individuals that not only our university, but also the whole of South Africa will be proud of.

Rudi is no newcomer to our university. He was chief executive officer of an agency appointed by our university to investigate residence integration at the UFS and to make recommendations. Previously he was, amongst others, Commissioner of the Western Cape Youth Commission and spokesperson for the Western Cape Ministry of Education.

No wonder he says about his new position, "The jacket fits well. That was my first feeling when I walked into this position in January. My studies and other work prepared me for the task at our university."

And a diverse university community, students and staff, is the one thing he would like to see. Changes are not only about colour and numbers, but the changes in people's minds and perceptions and experiences. "We might be more ready for the changes than anticipated, but there are still hurdles to overcome along the way.

"Some of the changes are there to see. Our Student Representative Council looks different. They do things differently. Our residences are different. A year ago the residence committees questioned transformation. Now they are driving it! Students of all races and backgrounds participated in the first-year activities, won prizes for 'geesvang', without a trace of the tensions of previous years. We are so proud of them."

We have made some progress, but there are still a lot to do. Procedures and processes will have to be streamlined and there will have to be more cooperation between departments and faculties. Other challenges are politics on campus and alcohol consumption by students. But, over and above everything, students are here to study and learn; that is why a greater emphasis on the success rate can definitely be expected.

He wants to make students proud ambassadors of our university. They must be more visible and active in the national and international arena. That is one of the reasons why a student team was sent to the disaster-struck Haiti.

Rudi is married to Carin, a clinical psychologist, who will join him in Bloemfontein in March. In his spare time, if any, he enjoys literature by writers like J.M. Coetzee, Margaret Atwood, Chinua Achebe, André P. Brink, Chris Barnard, Antjie Krog and Etienne van Heerden.

And it will take some doing to beat this Playstation "junkie" who will easily buy five games for a holiday.

I can just see the next challenge between residences will have something to do with Playstation ... And the next "hurdle" will be to beat the Dean ... - **Leatitia Pienaar**

Unity; Focus of Qwaqwa Imbizo

"Everything we do must involve our staff and students at all three of our campuses." This was the message given to the staff and students from our Qwaqwa Campus by our Rector and Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Jonathan Jansen, during his first visit to this campus in February this year.

The visit formed part of the university-wide Imbizo campaign during which he endeavoured to meet and listen to as many staff and students as possible at our university.

During his time at the Qwaqwa Campus he met with the campus management, academic staff, support and administrative staff, union representatives, the Student Representative Council (SRC) and a joint meeting to which all staff and students were invited. He was accompanied by our Dean of Student Affairs, Rudi Buys, Lacea Loader and Mangaliso Radebe from our Division: Corporate Communication.

"I am extremely glad that I can visit this campus, meet all of you and see for myself how it looks here," he said during his meeting with the academic staff. He shared with them his plans to make our university a great university and said, "I have always demanded much of myself, that's why I demand much of you."

Prof. Jonathan said that he wanted to spend more time on our Qwaqwa Campus and wanted to come and teach at the campus. "I also want staff from our Main Campus to come and teach here and vice versa," he said.

"The infrastructure on this campus will receive the much needed attention it deserves. You will see many changes to your campus this year. We want you to be proud of your campus," he said.

Part of the programme was a joint meeting that was well attended by staff and students – especially first-year students. "We have great expectations of our first-year group of students here and on the Main Campus. That is why we want to implement a strong career-based programme at our campuses so that you will be prepared when you leave our university."

The visit also gave Rudi an opportunity to spend time with student leaders. "We have an opportunity as a generation to create among ourselves the Mandelas, Sizulus, Tambos, Beyers-Naudés and Fischers of tomorrow. We expect you to achieve to the best of your ability. If you do, we will give you wings and prepare you for life after university," said Rudi to the students attending the joint meeting.

Prof. Jonathan's visit was, however, not just serious business. He even had time to take off his jacket, roll up his sleeves and play soccer with a couple of students. Some did not know who he was, while others stared with amazement as he played soccer with their fellow students.

"We are thankful for the time Prof. Jonathan spent at our campus. We could share our ideas and listen to what he plans for not only our university, but also for our campus," said Dr Elias Malete, Campus Principal. - **Lacea Loader**

Prof. Jonathan and the SRC during the Imbizo on our Qwaqwa Campus.



Photo: Mangaliso Radebe

In the presence of a Nobel Laureate

The stereotypical idea of a Nobel Laureate – especially one who has won the prestigious award for a discipline as complicated as physical chemistry – is not at all a true reflection of the man who walked on our campus from recently.

Humble, honest and charming, with a sharp sense of humour and the ability to explain something extremely difficult to people with no chemistry background, Prof. Richard Ernst is not in the least the intellectually proud individual that you would fear meeting.

At the age of 77, Prof. Ernst still has the ability to keep an audience captivated on subjects as diverse as chemistry and social justice. While at a dinner, he does not sit next to the most important guests, but rather chooses people that he will want to have a conversation with. His knowledge is not confined to the boundaries of the periodic table and his interests are not bound to a laboratory. His love for art and music, and his interest in the world around him makes him an interesting and likeable man to be with.

Before travelling from Switzerland to South Africa, he made certain that his spare time would not be filled with tourist attractions, but rather with trips to community development projects like the Mangaung-University Community Partnership Project (MUCPP) activities in Mangaung.

Although he is known to have one of the most remarkable minds of our century, Prof. Ernst admits



that, after a brain scan, he was told by the doctor that he has a “perfectly normal head”. He received the Nobel Prize in 1991 for his contributions towards the development of Fourier Transform nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy and the subsequent development of multi-dimensional NMR techniques – techniques used daily in chemistry labs such as those at our own university and applied to other disciplines such as medicine.

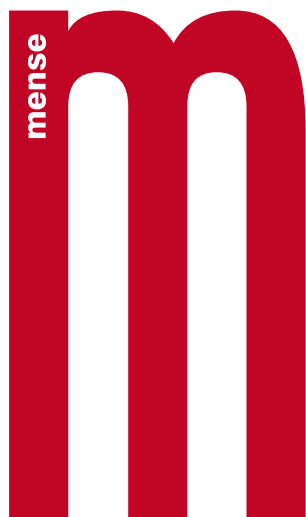
In the few days that he visited Bloemfontein, Prof. Ernst gave lectures at the Cheese Fondue Workshop, St. Andrew's School and on our Main Campus. He has a passion for science communication and for stimulating young people's interest in it. Instead of holding his knowledge in a closed fist, Prof. Ernst shares it with everyone who is interested in hearing it and in developing their own knowledge.

Prof. Ernst's view of humans is that we are two-legged human beings. Because of this fact, he did not only develop his “chemistry leg”, but also his other leg that includes his love for the more artistic and spiritual things in life. If he had developed only his science leg, he wouldn't have managed to get along so well because of the lack of balance. His advice to the young people attending one of his lectures was to develop both their legs in order to become balanced human beings.

Being in the presence of this remarkable man makes a definite impression on you. Having him on our campus and sharing in his wisdom and kindness was an enriching experience for everyone who had the privilege of walking alongside him and listening to his insights on far more than that for which he was awarded the Nobel Prize nearly two decades ago. - **Stefanie Naborn**

Prof. Richard Ernst.

Photo: Stephan Collette



UV eerste in Afrika met



Deur
Leatitia Pienaar

Blackboard

Die term “blackboard” kry vanjaar nuwe betekenis met die uitrol van die leerbestuurstelsel Blackboard 9.0 na sowat 700 modules vir gebruik deur sowat 14 000 studente. Dit bring 'n nuwe dimensie aan onderrig en leer in 'n gemengde of aanlyn-omgewing aan ons universiteit mee.

Blackboard het Moodle vervang nadat wyd, ook internasionaal, hieroor gekonsulteer is. Ons universiteit het in Junie 2009 die eerste universiteit in Afrika geword om Blackboard 9.0 te implementeer. In 'n loodsprojek is tien modules en 3 000 studente kampuswyd betrek.

Tiana van der Merwe, koördineerder: instruksionele ontwerp by E-leer, sê Blackboard hou verskeie voordele vir die dosent en die student in. Basiese aspekte sluit in die beskikbaarstelling van notas, aankondigings en aanlyn-dagboeke wat aan studente in 'n web-omgewing beskikbaar gestel word. Dit kan egter ook meer gevorderd aangewend word ten opsigte van

formatiewe aanlyn-assessering en groeppesprekings.

“Een van die groot aanwinste binne hierdie stelsel is “safe assign”, wat gebruik kan word om plagiaat by studente op te tel. Studente se werkstukke kan in 'n institusionele databasis, asook ekstern op die web vergelyk word. Akademiese personeel kan 'n verslag kry van elke werkstuk, met die persentasie plagiaat, asook 'n verwysing na die relevante bronne,” sê sy.

Tans word daar met verskeie rolspelers gekonsulteer en kan personeel 'n besoek van die Afdeling E-leer in hulle fakulteit en/of afdeling verwag. Die fokus van hierdie projek word sterk gedryf uit 'n onderrig- en leerraamwerk en hoe dosente ondersteun kan word in 'n beter kwaliteit aanbieding van hul modules.

Tiana sê opleiding in Blackboard word gereeld gedoen. Meer as vyftig sessies het tot dusver plaasgevind en meer as 300 dosente het reeds opleiding ontvang. “Ons gaan selfs uit na departemente en afdelings om die aanbiedings te doen, en fokus dan op meer gespesialiseerde aspekte, soos aanlyn-assessering.”

Basiese opleiding word ook aan studente verskaf. Alhoewel van hierdie sessies die eerstejaarsoriëntering aangespreek is, word klaskamers ook besoek om studente van Blackboard bewus te maak.

Tiana het in November 2009 die Universiteit van Antwerpen besoek om eerstejaars kennis op te doen. Dié universiteit se Blackboard-stelsel word as die beste in Europa beskou. Na aanleiding van die besoek word beoog om nouer bande met ons universiteit te bewerkstellig om sodoende die beste moontlike ondersteuning en stelsel aan personeel en studente te bied.



Tiana van der Merwe.

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Ons Kovsietennispan
en bestuurder,
Janine de Kock.



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Kovsietennis slaan 'n **barshou** in 2009

By Leonie Bolleurs

Wenners, wenners wil ons wees. Die lirieke van Danie Botha se liedjie Wenners draai deur my kop as ek lees oor ons universiteit se prestasies op die tennisbaan verlede jaar. Inderdaad 'n stap in die rigting van goed na groot.

"2009 was verseker een van die beste jare wat Kovsie-tennis nog beleef het," aldus Janine de Kock, bestuurder van Kovsie-tennis by KovsieSport aan ons universiteit.

"Die hoogtepunt was die uitstekende USSA-tennistooernooi in Grahamstad. By hierdie geleentheid het ons manstennispan vir die eerste keer in twintig jaar dié toernooi gewen toe hulle Maties geklop het," sê sy.

Hierdie hoogtepunt is egter sommer vroeg die jaar voorafgegaan met goeie tennis. Die jaar het afgeskop met die Kovsiekampioenskapsreeks waar Elrien de Villiers en Reon Henning as wenners uit die stryd getree het.

Ons universiteit se koshuisliga was net so 'n groot sukses. Een-en-veertig spanne het ingeskryf en die drie afdelings is onderskeidelik deur Vishuis en Wag-'n-Bietjie, Karee en Wag-'n-Bietjie en Veritas en Emily Hobhouse gewen.

Beide ons mans- en damesspanne het die Vrystaat by die A-afdeling van vanjaar se Nasionale klubkampioenskappe in Durban verteenwoordig. "Ons manspan het egter die knie voor Marks Park in die finale ronde gebuig, maar as jy in ag neem dat van die top klubs in Suid-Afrika aan die kampioenskap deelgeneem het, is hierdie 'n groot prestasie vir die span," sê Janine.

Ons tennisklub het ook weer vanjaar aan elke liga in en om Bloemfontein deelgeneem. Hier vaar ons Kovsies oor die algemeen baie goed toe ons manspan die A- en B-afdeling in die aandliga wen. Ons wen ook die A- en B-afdelings van die gemengde liga. Met die dubbels in die A-afdeling wen ons dames en eindig ons mans gesamentlik eerste. Kovsies wen ook die mans B-afdeling.

Ons wen ook verlede jaar se Mega-intervarsity-toernooi en dit nadat die mans die vorige jaar sesde eindig by USSA. In ag genome dat die top vier universiteite (in terme van tennis) aan hierdie toernooi deelgeneem het, is dit voorwaar 'n prestasie.

Ons vroue spelers staan ook geensins terug nie. Met vier van ons spelers wat vir die eerste keer ons universiteit verteenwoordig, wen ons dames die toernooi.

In die Vrystaat geslote toernooi wen Rensia Henning en Christine Keyser die damesdubbelspel en PW Holtzhausen en Willem Steenkamp wen die mansdubbelspel wat bestempel word as die beste finale in 'n lang tyd op die toernooi. Vier van ons Kovsies, by name Elrien, Rensia, Reon Henning en Duke Munro, word in die Vrystaat inter-prospan ingesluit. Reon moes ongelukkig onttrek en nog 'n Kovsie, PW Holtzhausen, word ingesluit.

Ons het ook spanne vir die Vrystaatskildtoernooi in die platinum sowel as die goue afdeling ingeskryf. Ons wen die platinumafdeling en kom tweede in die goue afdeling.

Die jaar word op 'n hoë noot afgesluit toe ons manspan die USSA-toernooi wen. Ons dames vaar ook goed deur na die finaal deur te dring. Ons buig egter die knie toe Maties met die louere wegstap.

Ses van ons Kovsies is in die USSA-oefengroep ingesluit wat aan proewe en oefenkampe sal deelneem. Uit die groep word die span gekies wat onder meer later vanjaar aan die Confederation of University and College Sport Association (CUCSA)-spele, asook aan die Wêreld Studentespele in 2011 gaan deelneem.

Drama Week a success with students

The Department of Drama and Theatre Arts at our university recently kick-started its Drama Week, otherwise also referred to as "the mini festival". This festival was launched in 2009 after the department had received many requests from the public for certain shows to be presented again. Since then it has turned out to be a huge success and the department, in conjunction with Kovsie Culture, decided to do it again this year. The festival was geared towards students who stay in the residences on campus in order to get them to attend shows.

The department also used the festival to introduce first-entering first-year students to its theatres on campus. Shows that were presented again this year, such as *My Liewe Meneer Malan*, *Impi*, *Rugby* and *Boer Manie* were performed by senior students of the department and had enjoyed a remarkable reception in 2009. The new dance show *Harambe*, also presented this year, was performed during the opening of the orientation week for the new first-year students. All these shows attracted large audiences. – **Mangaliso Radebe**

Scenes from *My Liewe Meneer Malan* and *Boer Manie*.



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Math and Science:

A family matter

Since the turn of the century, the Centre for Education Development (CED) at our university has been acting as a regional centre to coordinate and manage Family Math and Family Science projects.

Family Math is a sub-programme of the EQUALS Programme at the Lawrence Hall of Science, University of California in Berkeley, and Family Science is a project of the Portland State University in Portland, Oregon.

The Family Math and Family Science projects are about:

- assisting parents and educators through training workshops to achieve further development of children in Mathematics and Science;
- raising Mathematics and Science literacy levels among young children, making use of everyday experiences in and around the home;
- developing learning and teaching materials that are suitable as well as affordable for use in community workshops as well as in the formal classroom situation; and
- constructivist and hands-on methodologies in the teaching of Mathematics and Science for children with different learning styles.

"In order to suit the South African situation, some activities of the original Family Math and Family Science programmes were adapted for South African use and were also translated into English, Afrikaans, Sesotho, isiXhosa and Setswana," says Ms Lorraine Botha, Family Math and Family Science facilitator from the CED.

Since the inception of the programme, numerous community as well as formal training workshops, which included parents, learners, community leaders, educators, subject advisors and student educators, were conducted in the Free State, Northern Cape, KwaZulu-Natal, the Western Cape and even in Zambia.

From research undertaken by the CED, it became evident that reading with understanding, numeracy, problem solving, and so on, were amongst some of the problems young learners of the Foundation Phase experience in learning Mathematics and Science. With this in mind, and after consulting with officials of the Free State and Northern Cape Departments of Education, it was decided to make an attempt to address some of the learning issues by utilising the benefits of the Family Math and Family Science programmes in the formal school situation. At the beginning of 2009, it launched its Family Math and Family Science roll-out initiative in the Free State and the Northern Cape Provinces.

The mission of this project is to demystify Mathematics and Science for learners in the early school years by raising their levels of understanding and changing their attitudes towards Sciences and Mathematics. This is done by exposing learners to Family Math & Family Science activities in the classroom on a regular basis and integrating the activities into the curriculum.

A total number of 5112 learners from predominately rural communities in the Free State and Northern Cape Provinces were actively participating in doing Mathematics and Science activities during 2009 (more than 33 000 exposures). To achieve this, the CED trained nine Subject Advisors to act as coordinators in their respective regions with the responsibility of training and supporting local teachers in the implementation of the programme.

"One of the key elements of the success (and sustainability) of the project is the fact that the CED, apart from rendering ongoing training, also issues the 134 participating teachers with sufficient training material, like manipulatives and other activity material to be utilised in the classroom," says Ms Elizna Prinsloo, Family Math and Family Science Project Leader of the CED. The materials are manufactured on site by CED staff.

The manufacturing of materials was made possible by the financial support of sponsors like ABSA and SANRAL during 2009 (and which will continue in 2010).

It is envisaged to expand the impact of the programme in 2010 and beyond by including as many as possible schools in the Free State and Northern Cape in the programme, depending on sponsorships received.

- Cobus van Breda



Together young and old develop their skills in Mathematics and Science.

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Turning the Qwaqwa Campus into a **cultural melting pot**

Dr Elsa Crause, a Sociologist at our Qwaqwa Campus, is of the opinion that campuses are optimal learning environments only if they represent the diversity and complexity of the entire South African population.

In support of this she is advocating for an ambitious initiative to increase racial diversity amongst students at the campus.

"Part of any liberal arts degree is to learn tolerance, learn to debate, learn to criticise, and learn to understand one another. That can happen optimally in a multi-cultural environment," she said.

"Our students will benefit from an increase in debates occurring amongst diverse voices and thus stand to benefit from such an initiative."

Her intention is to get bigger groups of diverse students to study at the Qwaqwa Campus. To this effect Herman Crause, her brother's son, has enrolled for a Bachelor of Science degree. He is now one of only a few students that do not represent the typical profile of students at our Qwaqwa Campus.

Herman, who attained five A's in his matric results, said he was very happy at our Qwaqwa Campus.

"I wanted something different. I wanted to experience new things," he said. "I did not know how diverse the country was until I came here. You know, cultures differ but somehow they can co-exist. It is exciting here and completely different from what I am used to."

"Everybody has been very open to me from the onset. In the beginning I was very lost and confused."

"I am trying to learn Sesotho and I am going to try to learn Zulu too."

He said if it had not been for the bursary that he got from another university he would have completed his degree at our Qwaqwa Campus.

- Mangaliso Radebe

Herman and Dr Crause.





Prof. Jonathan with some of the pupils he met while visiting schools in the Eastern Cape.

Prof. Jonathan spreads the Kopsie spirit

Prof. Jonathan Jansen, our Rector and Vice-Chancellor, recently joined the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences on a tour of schools in the Eastern Cape Province. Prof. Jonathan sees the tour as a staggering success: "It was hard work, but a lot of fun. I can't wait to visit other provinces and spread the true Kopsie spirit throughout South Africa."

The tour kicked off at Aliwal North, where 36 students, parents and teachers from schools in Aliwal North were addressed. In Queenstown they were awaited by more than a hundred people. Hoërskool Hangklip, Queen's College Boys High, Girls High and Maria Louw Secondary School attended the function.

The evening function was hosted by Hudson Park High School. Representatives from many schools, including Selborne College and Merrifield Private made up the 174 people in attendance. The next morning motivational speeches were delivered at Grens Hoërskool and Stirling High School. George Randall High School also requested a visit from Prof. Jonathan during the previous evening's function.

The final function was held at Grey High School in Port Elizabeth. Hundred-and-thirty-four people from the top schools in Port Elizabeth attended the function. Among these were Theodor Herzl School, Hoërskool Andrew Rabie, Ethembeni Enrichment Centre and Nico Malan in Humansdorp.

Unfortunately, all good things must also come to an end, and the tour did end on a high note. Ethembeni Enrichment Centre and Chapman's High School were the last schools on the itinerary, but certainly not the least. "The schools might not have all the resources at their disposal, but their enthusiasm and unquenchable spirit and pride were incredible," said Willien du Preez. "This time around we were the ones being inspired, not the other way round," added Mbulelo Nkululeko.

Willien and Mbulelo are two students who accompanied the tour, and were awed at the experience: "It was not only a privilege, but also proof that the university strives to give students wonderful learning opportunities. It also confirms our Rector's stand: the university is not just offering students a degree, but also the opportunity to grow as humans. And that is what adds real value to our lives," Willien said. Mbulelo agreed with her wholeheartedly: "I really didn't know what to expect; all I knew was that I was to talk in front of large numbers of learners and convince them that Kopsies is the place to be. The trip, however, turned out to be something much deeper than marketing speeches; it became an opportunity for sharing achievements, inspiration, hope and real pride in being a Kopsie. All in all, the trip was definitely one of the highlights of my time at the UFS and I will always cherish the opportunity to serve not only the university, but the youth of our country."

According to Prof. Tienie Crous, Dean of our Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences, the tour achieved its goals, and much more: "We redeemed our university in other provinces while marketing it at the same time."

- Ula van Zyl

More enrolled in the School of Nursing

An excited group of first-year students in Nursing got acquainted with our university and the Kopsie Campus in Bloemfontein in January. The group was the largest to register at the School of Nursing in five years. The final figures are not in yet.

- Leatitia Pienaar

Photo: Desiré Smuts



Prof. Herman groet

Die gesegde lui dat niemand onmisbaar is nie. Soms kom daar egter mense oor jou pad wat jou laat twyfel aan die waarheid daarvan.

Prof. Herman van Schalkwyk is een van daardie rare mense wat so 'n groot bydrae tot hul omgewing lewer dat 'n mens wonder of hulle groot skoen oit gevul sal kan word. Hy was vanaf 1996 verbonde aan ons Departement Landbou-ekonomie en is in 2003 as dekaan van ons Fakulteit Natuur- en Landbouwetenskappe aangestel.

Buiten vir sy rol in ons Fakulteit Natuur- en Landbouwetenskappe as akademikus en dekaan, sal hy onthou word vir sy liefde vir studente, sy oor wat wáárluk luister, sy passie vir sy werk en sy respek vir sy kollegas. 'n Gebeurtenis wat sy merkwaardige karakter goed illustreer, is die verhaal van die Swaziland-studente wat hom in 2009 kom besoek het. Hierdie vier studente het hul Landbou-ekonomiegrade aan ons universiteit behaal en het 700 km na Bloemfontein toe gery om vir prof. Herman te kom bedank vir sy ondersteuning tydens hulle studies aan ons universiteit. Volgens die studente kon hulle nie met hul lewens aanbeweeg voordat hulle hul mentor persoonlik kom besoek het om vir hom dankie te sê en 'n present vir hom te gee nie. Prof. Van Schalkwyk was verstom oor die manier waarop hulle hul dankbaarheid teenoor hom betoon het en het gesê dat gebare soos hierdie 'n bewys is van die waarde wat daarin skuil om vir studente om te gee.

Tydens sy jare by die fakulteit het hy die personeel bemagtig om nou, nadat hy op 1 Februarie 2010 die leiers as Rector van die Potchefstroom-kampus van die Noordwes-Universiteit oorgeneem het, voort te bou op die basis wat hy help lê het. Sy leierskap sal gemis word, maar die beleggings wat hy in sy kollegas gemaak het, sal sy nalatenskap laat voortleef.

- Stephanie Naborn

Prof. Herman van Schalkwyk.



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Our hockey astros training fields for international pros

This year our university's hockey astros were the training ground for the first-seeded hockey team from Germany for the second time. The fourth-ranking hockey team, from The Netherlands, as well as the team from our own soil, the South African hockey team, also utilised our facilities to prepare and train for the World Cup that took place in New Delhi, India earlier this year.

This is proof that our university is succeeding in its goal: availing world-class facilities to its students and to support sports as a whole in South Africa.

Mickey Gordon, Head: Corporate Relations, Institutional Advancement and Sport, is excited about the benefits this great opportunity holds for our university. "The fact that it is Germany's second time to utilise our facilities is clear proof that we adhere to their needs," he said.

"Two of the top four hockey teams in the world training on our astros hold immense benefits to our university in terms of coaching and techniques. Both our players and our coaches now have the opportunity to see what is expected from them to make it to the top.

"This also connects with our university's quest to play a leading role in the international arena," he said.

Students from our Sport Medicine Clinic also utilised this opportunity to gain hands-on experience in treating sports injuries as the three teams trained and played practice matches against one another. For Dr Louis Holtzhausen, Director of Kowsie Health, it is an honour to support these teams and it is great to know that the quality of our services is good enough for these top international teams.

"Two of our physiotherapists, Elné Jonker and Shaun Jankiehlsohn, were asked to be the SA Hockey team's physiotherapists for this training camp. This is

as a result of the good service this hockey team received during the international tournament on our campus in 2009.

Our Sport Medicine Clinic was also on standby at the training matches that took place to handle any medical problems and injuries and provide emergency services to members of the three teams.

"The SA team also utilised

the Sport Science/Bio-kinetics Centre for conditioning and gymnasium work during the week," Dr Louis concluded.

- **Leonie Bolleurs**

Here Jonty Robinson is receiving physio treatment from Shaun Jankiehlsohn. With them are Gareth Carr and Rhett Halkett.

Germany, The Netherlands and South Africa's hockey teams respectively practising on our astros.



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Bultjie

Dis nie **my** baby nie!

Welkom terug na 'n lekker vakansie. Sommer met die intrapslag verneem Bultjie dat die Universiteitskoor onder leiding van Corné van Pletzen in Praag die Internasionale Kersfees Koorkompetisie gewen het; 'n fantastiese voorbeeld van waar die Universiteit op hierdie gebied op internasionale vlak staan. Moenie ons eie mense onderskat nie. Kowsies se harte vir die land is ook reg. Ek haal die trotse Van Pletzen direk aan, "Finally, after all the prizes had been handed out, a trumpet fanfare announced the Free State University Choir as the overall winner. The choir was also requested to close the competition with a song, whereupon our students sang the National Anthem with pride and with tears in their eyes." Dis my soort mense daai!

'n Mooi gesig toe Bultjie hier op kampus aankom! Duisende eerstejaars met mooi mummies! I don't know how this happens, but numerous parents and prospective students phoned my office to find out if they had been accepted as students. Do they want student numbers from me? Where is that answering machine saying, "Was my application form received and do I have a student number? Hit 1 now! Blied! Enter your ID number on your cell phone. You will receive an SMS in one minute. End call now". ZOEP! The Computer Services Section checks data and sends an SMS back to the caller. "YES! This is your student number," or simply, "Sorry, no. Call again and

hit option 2 that will put you through to the staff dealing with applications." Prospective student calls again, Hits option 2 and Nic Venter starts to run around getting answers! Easy! Ai! Daar kom steeds voornemende studente hier aan wat nie 28 punte het nie. lewers kom die boodskap nog nie deur dat daar eers by Admin aansoek gedoen moet word en dat registrasies eers daarna die Departemente en Admin se joppie word nie? Daardie teleurstelling wanneer hulle nog van vê af ook kom. Hoe sê jy vir die ouers of die arme kind so in sy gesig, "Jammer, maar jou punte is te laag?" Speaking of confusion! We must have answered 500 calls for another department on 4052815. It is printed wrong in brochures as 4012815. Maak die 1 asseblief 'n 5! Dis nie my baby nie!

Prof. Jansen's plan to send 100 first-years overseas for studies is a lovely idea! If I were so lucky, I would opt for Hawaii University. The surf is up! I hope the Varsity booked their flights! The soccer fans are all flying! Come to think of it, is there a secret plan to get 100 student beds ready for soccer fans? Or do we need space for the extra-ordinary professors and their families that will be imported to the UFS? I hope someone has made sure all these professors married only one wife! I mean, it's a free country, as we have seen! It seems as if an Eagle versus a Mole strategy is at hand. Pull up, don't push up! Just remember that Eagles can feed on Moles, a very valuable commodity in the eco-

system ... Eagles also tend to fly away and leave the area after feeding to seek new hunting ground.

Hulle sê Einstein het 'n maklike manier gehad om met 'n vreemde 'n gesprek aan te knoop. Hy vra net wat jou IK is. Maklik! ! As dit 180 is, praat hy oor kwantumfisika, swart gate in die ruimte en ruimtetijd. As dit 150 is, gesels hy oor internasionale reg, die etiek of genetiese manipulasie. Sê nou maar jou IK is 100, dan praat hy maar oor die regering, salarisse en die petrolprys. Met 'n IK van 50 gesels hy oor Days of Our Lives of die verskil in smaak tussen Richelieu en Klippiers. Helaas kom daar toe iemand met 'n IK van 10. Ai! Wat 'n saligheid! Toe gesels hulle darem tóg te lekker oor die Blou Bulle en WWE-RAW! Terloops, Mammie sê hierdie jaar gaan iemand my nog d@nd%r!

While Bultjie is on the men's hit list, let me try to get a balanced hit on both cheeks! A pregnant young girl with an IQ of 50 complained bitterly to her circle of friends, "My boyfriend cheated on me so many times with so many girls these holidays that I'm not even sure if this baby that I carry is my own!" I wonder what Einstein would have said to that!

Let's make 2010 a year to remember! Bea, ons gaan jou mis by Kultuur! Jy't 'n smart job gedoen!

Cheers Bultjie