

UV bring sterre en mense byeen

Planetarium 'n eerste in Afrika suid van die Sahara

Bloemfontein is die plek van sterre. Hierdie status het bestaan lank voordat dit die Stad van Rose geword het. En die Universiteit van die Vrystaat bring die sterre, planeete en mense byeen.

Met die inrigting van die nuwe planetarium in die ou Sterrewag op Naval Hill gaan hierdie rol van die UV verder versterk word.

Die planetarium is die enigste digitale planetarium in Afrika suid van die Sahara. Dit vorm deel van die Sentrum vir Aarde en Ruimte wat op Naval Hill gebou word, en sal deur die UV bestuur word. Prof Matie Hoffman van die Departement Fisika sê die planetarium sal vir opleiding en navorsingsdoeleindes gebruik word en sal 'n groot toeriste-aantrekkingskrag vir die stad wees.

Twee Amerikaanse universiteite het 'n belangrike rol gespeel in die totstandkoming van die twee sterrewagte in en buite Bloemfontein. Die

Universiteit van Michigan (UM) was die eienaar van die Lamont-Hussey Sterrewag op Naval Hill en Harvard Universiteit (HU) dié van die Boyden-sterrewag naby Maselspoort.

Die Boyden-stasie van die Harvard-sterrewag is in 1889 by Mount Harvard naby Lima in Peru gevestig, maar 'n jaar later na Arequipa, ook in Peru, verskuif. Ideale weersomstandighede het daartoe gelei dat die planetarium uitmekaar gehaal is en in 1927 na Bloemfontein toe verskuif is. Die Universiteit van Harvard het hierdie sterrewag as hulle "suidelike" sterrewag bedryf, maar in die 1950's aangedui dat hulle nie meer die koste daarvan kan dra nie. Die UV het die planetarium in April 1976 oorgeneem.

'n Geskiedkundige oomblik is op Dinsdag 18 Junie 2013 in die Vrystaat gevier tydens die onthulling van die koepel van die nuwe planetarium op Naval Hill in die Mangaung-metro. Ná 'n seereis van duisende kilometer van Amerika af is die

kratke met toerusting vir die planetarium afgelaai, oopgemaak en tydens 'n mediageleentheid aan die UV oorhandig.

Prof Nicky Morgan, Viserektor: Bedryf, aan die UV, het gesê, "Die UV is saam met alle vlakke van die regering en die private sektor besig met 'n beleid om die toerisme, onderwys en ekonomiese ontwikkeling van die streek te bevorder. Dit is vir ons 'n eer om in hierdie posisie te wees en ons aanvaar die verantwoordelikheid om die planetarium tot stand te bring en te bestuur met die grootste respek aan almal wat daartoe bygedra het.

Met die planetarium op Naval Hill bevestig die UV en die stad Bloemfontein, die belangrike rol wat hulle in astronomie in Suid-Afrika en in Suider-Afrika speel. Die wêreld kyk ook met nuwe oë na Suid-Afrika met die wêreld se grootste teleskoop, die SKA-projek, wat in die Karoo in aanbou is.

Bloemfontein is sowel die stad van sterre as van rose. – **Leatitia Pienaar**





From the editor

My time as Editor of the *Dumela* has come to an end, as I guess all good things need to. It has been a pleasure and an eye opener to what wonderful and inspirational things are happening at Kovies. As an 'outsider', I am thankful to have had this glimpse into the life of such a positive institution.

In this issue we find out about more of those wonderful and inspirational happenings – the development of the new planetarium on Naval Hill in Bloemfontein – a project with the university as a

leading partner, the Family Maths and Family Science Project that recycles for the benefit of school kids, the revamped buildings on our campuses and the multi-campus celebration at the Qwaqwa Campus. We also meet Gali Malebo from the Department of Drama and Theatre Arts, who is directing theatre productions for students with disabilities.

My hat goes off to all these people and projects – keep up the good work.

Ailsa Uys

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Apology

Dumela would like to apologise for an incorrect caption in the May edition. The caption on page 8 should have read Stephan Matthews and Mokgwana Kobe.

On Facebook:

Did you meet your spouse or boyfriend/girlfriend on campus?

The comments:

Gerben Van Niekerk - Met my wife during a reassessment exam in the HMS.

Andries en Monique Strauss - We met in 2000 ... in the revue group. Started out as best friends. Today ... happily married for more than six years! Love of my life.

Mihle Zingani - Now I leave Koviesland with an LLB qualification and a great loving wife ;) #ProudKovie

Refuoe Fifi Lerato-Baleni - Yes I did, in 2007, got married and blessed with a daughter and living happily ever after ...

Seabi Audrey Makanyane - I did. Thanks, Kovies, for my husband. *blushing*

Poello Phamotse - Hubby 2nd/3rd yr in 2000 and i ws 1st yr asked me out then and dated in end of 2002. We met at sco, AWO. 2013 we are 9+ yrs happily married by the grace of God.

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UFS celebrates Africa Day

“If we are serious about the struggles for emancipation, we still have to engage with others in soul-searching investigations beyond the academic debate. We have to leave behind presumably safe grounds and explore the frontiers surrounding our comfort zones,” he cautioned.

Prof Henning Melber delivering the 2013 Africa Day Memorial Lecture.

Our university joined people from all over the African continent and abroad in celebrating the 50th anniversary of Africa Day. Africa Day commemorates the founding of the Organisation of African Unity (AOU) in 1963, which has been known as the African Union (AU) since 2002.

The Centre for Africa Studies celebrated the milestone in grand fashion with a full-day programme. It hosted a colloquium entitled *Research Africa across the disciplines*, which

aimed to evaluate Africa's potential, history and future in a multi-disciplinary academic manner. The colloquium featured many prominent speakers, such as Prof Hussein Solomon, Prof Ian Phimister, Prof André Keet and Elzabe Rockman, MEC of the Treasury Department of the Free State Province. The festivities were wrapped up with the annual Africa Day Memorial Lecture delivered by Prof Henning Melber. Prof Melber has authored more than 40 monographs and

edited volumes. He is currently a Senior Adviser and Director Emeritus of the Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation in Uppsala, Sweden.

Prof Melber's address centred on the issues of ideology and identity applied to Africa and Africa studies. Although he attests to the progress made in the last 50 years, Prof Melber also urged continued action. – **Christiaan van der Merwe**



School of Open Learning partners with Belgian stakeholders

The School of Open Learning (SOL) has entered into a two-year partnership with the Flemish Association for Development Cooperation and Technical Assistance (VVOB). The partnership will focus on the development of lecturers from Further Education and Training (FET) colleges.

Together with Lieve Leroy of the VVOB, Dr Barry Huysamer, a Senior Lecturer at the SOL, has been hard at work to develop qualifications, short courses, and other activities to improve FET teaching and learning.

According to Dr Huysamer, “One part of the partnership does research on the status of qualifications and skills of lecturers at FET colleges and the other focuses on developing a new diploma course for college lecturers.”

The university plays a central role in a national task team, together with three other universities and the Department of Higher Education and Training, to provide learning and teaching opportunities to college lecturers.

At present, under this project, SOL presents short courses for lecturers. These courses are done in partnership with the VVOB. – **René-Jean van der Berg**



It's a fact – Qwaqwa Campus

This year marks the 10-year celebration of the incorporation of the Qwaqwa Campus. Here are a few facts about the campus:

- “Qwaqwa” is a name given to the area by Chief Paulus Mopeli in 1868.
- “Qwaqwa” is based on the Sesotho idiom “qwa”, used to describe white objects associated with water, e.g. ice and snow.
- Previously it was called Uniqua, a satellite of the University of the North.
- The Department of Plant Sciences has created an inventory of the wild plants in the region. What started as a small collection has grown into a comprehensive herbarium with more than 3 000 specimens representing the flora of the Qwaqwa region. – **Leatitia Pienaar**



Wêreldbekende pianis, Vassily Primakov, gee uitvoering by die OSM



Vassily Primakov.

Die Russiese pianis, Vassily Primakov, se klavieruitvoering in die Odeion was een van 'n reeks konserte deur vooraanstaande buitelandse kunstenaars wat jaarliks deur die Odeion Skool vir Musiek (OSM) in samewerking met die Internasionale Kunste Instituut Trust aangebied word. Die doel hiermee is om aan studente en die publiek 'n blootstelling en ervaring van internasionale musikale

uitvoerende kuns te bied met die oog op opvoedkundige en kulturele verryking.

Primakov se program het gefokus op musiek van Frédéric Chopin, spesifiek met voorbeelde van die twee belangrikste tipes Poolse danse, die polonaise en die masurka. Daarbenewens is musiek van twee Russiese komponiste, Skriabin en Rachmaninov, uitgevoer, asook 'n klaversonate van die Pretoriase komponis, Braam van Eeden.

Die uitvoering is uitstekend ontvang deur 'n waardeerende gehoor van ingeligte en toegewyde konsertgangers.

– **Prof Nicol Viljoen**





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Amanda talks to ...

Gali Malebo

“ I am content where I am. This is home.”

> Amanda Tongha is a Senior Officer: Internal Communication at our Strategic Communication Division.

Gali Malebo.

She's got a passion for theatre, carving out a career for herself as drama teacher and actor at the university. This, combined with experience working as a teacher to deaf students, has helped Gali Malebo fill a gap for differently abled students who want to express themselves artistically.

Gali, who is based in our Department of Drama and Theatre Arts, is directing theatre productions with students who are blind, deaf or are wheelchair users.

Her time spent at FTH: K, a deaf theatre company in Cape Town, prepared her well for what she is currently doing. Gali who is from Bloemfontein worked as an education coordinator at the company who has produced theatre performances for local and international stages. Her job at the company was to organise educational projects. Fluent

in sign language she also taught English skills to deaf students. The latter is what triggered her interest in deaf theatre.

"It's fascinating to see disabled people showcasing their artistic abilities. For most people it is still a new thing. They have not really seen a differently abled person on stage before," Gali says. Working with the Unit for Students with Disabilities, she hopes wider exposure will help the students grow artistically.

Most of the shows she has produced thus far were low-key events. The university community only took note of what she did during the 2012 Artistic Social Justice Week hosted by the Institute for Reconciliation and Social Justice. One of the student productions which Gali directed featured three deaf cast members.

Recently she also drew the attention of DeafTV (DTv), a magazine show which broadcasts

on SABC 3. She was interviewed by presenter Candice Morgan on Deaf theatre and Deaf education and the crew filmed a music performance by some of our deaf students whom Gali is currently directing.

Gali, whose residency in the Department of Drama and Theatre Arts is sponsored by the National Research Fund, says she would like to extend her work within the province and South Africa at large. Gali has already collaborated with a Deaf theatre company in Washington DC where she produced and performed a Deaf theatre piece. This she did while working for FTH: K.

For now fulfilling her passion for theatre at our university is what she enjoys.

"I am content where I am. This is home." "There are always lines to learn, always a new character to explore. It's great fun, I love it." – **Amanda Tongha**



René-Jean van der Berg.

My ma sê ôk so

Soms gaan lees ek 'n vers *in question* in my Duitse Lutherse Bybel. Dalk is Duits 'n nader vertaling aan wat die Hebreuse geskifte was.

Ek onthou iewers in die 80's, toe daar 'n nuwe vertaling uitkom, het 'n klomp stoere Bybellesers geglo die vertaling dra nie die boodskap reg nie. Veral nie die deel oor die kruisiging nie. "Man, for all I care kan die Bybel sê Jesus is met 'n machine gun geskiet. Ek glo wat ek glo," het my ma nog gesê.

"Hoe lyk sy gesig? Jesus s'n in jou tempelverhaal," vra ek in die hoop om iets ooreenstemmends met my kinderbybel te vind.

"Nee, ek weet nie. Ek het net gewonder hoekom gaan dobbel die mense nie by die hotel waar my pa gaan dobbel het nie."

My ma, 'n kanniedood-onderwyseres in rekeningkunde (oftewel ekonomiese bestuurswetenskappe) meen daai dag in die tempel was soos enige ander dag in 'n gewone bank of mark. Mense moes hul lewende hawe of vars produkte daar kom verkansel om geld te kry om huisgoed – soos linne en olie en die goed wat hulle nie self kon maak nie – te koop.

"Nou wat is die les in daai weergawe? Jy mag nie handel dryf nie ..." daag vriendin my weer uit. "My weergawe se les is jy mag nie dobbel nie."

Ek antwoord nie ... – **René Jean van den Berg**

My ma sê mos Jesus het ge-overreact die dag toe hy in die tempel kom en sien hoe die mense handel dryf.

"Hulle het gedobbel. Dit is hoekom dobbel 'n sonde is," meen my vriendin neffens my. Ek is bietjie verward. Ek het geleer dat daar die dag handel gedryf is in die tempel. Toe kom Jesus daar in en is baie ongelukkig en jy sien net tafels waai en munte spat. So het my kinderbybelprentjies gewys.

Nee, meen vriendin, dit was beslis dobbel. Haar kinderbybelprentjie het gewys hoe Hy die pokertafel omgooi. Daar is nog een man wat skelm 'n sak munte onder sy mantel wegsteek. Dit is stil in die kar. Ons het pas uit die kerk gekom en het begin gesels oor hoe verskillende dominees verskillende boodskappe uit dieselfde teksvers sou kry.

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

The experts say ...

There is more than one way to advance your academic career

The perception that a lecturer who is serious about his or her career development must concentrate on research, and not “waste” too much time on trying to promote teaching and learning illustrates a deterministic perspective that “research” is superior to teaching and learning. Dumela asked a few questions to Prof. Driekie Hay, Vice-Rector: Academic.



Prof Driekie Hay, Vice-Rector: Academic.

Q *Some lecturers are passionate about teaching, but neglect this side of their work, because they believe research is the only way they are going to move up the professional ladder. Is there a way lecturers can reconcile these aspects of their work, given the time constraints they face?*

A: In dynamic higher education, there should be neither equivalence nor conflict between teaching and research, as these two should help each other. In other words, teaching benefits from research and research benefits from teaching. To pursue the scholarship of teaching and learning is equal to the pursuit of any other truth and knowledge. Academics should plan their careers and decide whether

they wish to pursue the scholarship of teaching and learning. We need more scholars to teach the disciplines and who could enhance contemporary learning theories. The Centre for Teaching and Learning is currently developing a course to assist staff in planning their academic careers.

Q *Are publications on teaching and learning valued by the UFS?*

A: Yes, if it involves “cutting-edge” research that culminates in peer-reviewed publications. Within this definition, good teaching qualifies as scholarship when lectures emerge from enquiry and build upon existing knowledge; when their research efforts are products of learning and strategies for learning; when the results of their efforts are open to public evaluation; and when they convey academic and disciplinary values and ways of thinking.

Q *Why is scholarly teaching in the discipline, or the scholarship of teaching and learning, important in academia?*

A: I suppose it speaks for itself, as the scholarship of teaching involves practices of teaching and learning and relationships that connect academics and students. It also takes an active view of students. On the one hand, it views them as learners who participate actively in their construction of their own practices of learning – not as passive recipients of knowledge, as if knowledge were only an adornment, possession or competence. On the other hand, it views students as an upcoming generation of scholars who will take their turn in preserving and developing knowledge and scholarship in their fields – as heirs to the steward.



Europese beurse vir Kovsie-personeel en -studente

Nog 'n groep Kovsies is op pad Europa toe nadat hulle beurse van die Europese Unie ontvang het. Nege personeellede en studente vertrek in September na universiteite in België, Oostenryk, Duitsland en Nederland waar hulle die geleentheid gegun word om navorsing of studie te onderneem op gebiede soos Geologie, Politieke Wetenskap, Opvoedkunde, Linguistiek en Internasionale Verhoudinge.

Die groep wat verskeie fakulteite verteenwoordig is ontvangers van die Eurosa en Erasmus Mundus EU-SATURN-beurse vir 2013/14.

Die Eurosa-beurs (Europa en Suid-Afrika vennootskapprogram vir menslike ontwikkeling) gee navorsers uit ontwikkelende lande navorsing, opleiding en onderrig geleenthede aan wêreldklas-vennootskapuniversiteite. Beurse word toegeken aan meester studente, doktorsale navorsers en universiteitspersoneel



Eben Coetzee van die Departement Politieke Wetenskap, een van ons personeellede wat 'n beurs ontvang het om universiteite in Europa te besoek.

om 'n tydperk by 'n vennootskapuniversiteit te spandeer. Ses van die nege Kovsies wat hul tasse vir Europa pak, ontvang hierdie beurse. Hulle is Werner Pretorius (student), Jarlen Beukes (student), Jan Schlebusch (student), Trudie Schutte (student) en Emmie Smit (Kantoor van die Dekaan Opvoedkunde) wat in Septemeber vertrek. Prof Frikkie Booysen (Departement Ekonomie) vertrek in 2014 na België.

Andre Janse van Rensburg (student), Sanet Steyn (Departement Engels) en Eben Coetzee (Departement Politieke Wetenskap) ontvang Erasmus Mundus EU-SATURN-beurse (European - South African programme in TUNing for Regional Needs in higher education). Dieselfde kriteria gelds as vir die Eurosa-beurs.

– Amanda Tongha

Faculty of Theology legalises ties with Towers of Hope

The Faculty of Theology recently signed a contract legalising its partnership with Towers of Hope. Towers of Hope is a non-governmental Christian organisation that serves the interest of the vulnerable, focusing especially on the inner-city area of Bloemfontein where the historic church is situated.

De la Harpe le Roux, the Director of Towers of Hope, said they are honoured to partner with the Faculty of Theology.

“We have been working together with the Faculty of Theology for a long time; signing the contract today is just to underline our long existing relationship with the faculty,” said De la Harpe.

Students at the faculty are routinely involved at Towers of Hope activities, volunteering as part of their Practical Theology course of their degrees. The Kovsie connection goes even deeper; De la Harpe also studied at our university.



Signing a contract, legalising the partnership between the Faculty of Theology and the Towers of Hope, were from the left: Prof. Francois Tolmie, Dean of the Faculty of Theology, Isaac Mosala, Vice-Chair of the Board of Towers of Hope, and De la Harpe le Roux, Director of the Towers of Hope.

Prof Francois Tolmie, Dean of the faculty, also expressed his gratitude towards Towers of Hope for the continuing partnership. He said the faculty was very happy with the arrangement.

“We are very grateful and are looking forward to a long and successful relationship,” Prof Tolmie said.

The Towers of Hope's partnership with our Faculty of Theology is motivated by the need of the faculty to continue the practical training to its students through the unique and much-needed community development projects that are offered by Towers of Hope. – **Thabo Motsoane**

Chemistry gets a boost from SASOL

The research groups of Profs Andreas Roodt (Inorganic), Jannie Swarts (Physical) and Ben Bezuidenhoudt (Organic/Process) in the Department of Chemistry, who are all principal members of the focus area of (Green) Petrochemicals in the Materials and Nanosciences Strategic Research Cluster, recently received R2,97 million from SASOL for the overarching thrust in Organic Synthesis, Homogeneous and Heterogeneous Catalysis.

Prof Roodt says, “The SASOL grant to UFS chemistry represents seven years of active support for the overarching umbrella of the so-called ‘hub & spoke’ model. The UFS has been identified by SASOL as one of the South African universities where chemistry is being expanded. We are grateful to the top management of SASOL Research and Development as well as the current senior managers, Philip Gibson and Drs Cathy Dwyer and Petri Steynberg.”



At the experimental setup of the high temperature reduction oven for research in heterogeneous catalysis are, front, from left: Maretha Serdyn (MNS Cluster prestige PhD bursar), Nceba Magqi (Sasol employee busy with his MSc in Chemistry) and Dr Alice Brink (Formal MNS Cluster postdoctoral fellow and lecturer in Inorganic Chemistry); back, from left: Profs Jannie Swarts (Head: Physical Chemistry), André Roodt (Chair: Department of Chemistry and MNS Cluster), and Ben Bezuidenhoudt (Sasol Professor in Organic and Process Chemistry).

The grant includes bursaries for students and postdoctoral fellows, mobility grants, running costs and equipment support, as well as dedicated funds for two young scientists in the UFS Prestige Scholar Programme, Dr Lizette Erasmus and Dr Alice Brink. These funds enable the three research groups to expand their research areas and benefit additional students and ensure research can continue on different molecular and nano-scale materials.

The support given to the university forms part of the Hub-and-Spoke initiative at SASOL under which certain universities and specifically our Department of Chemistry have been identified for strategic support for research and development. The Department of Chemistry and the university are grateful to SASOL for the continued and generous support. – **Prof Andreas Roodt**

SA Media op ons universiteit se drumpel

SA Media bevat waardevolle navorsingsmateriaal wat in die Stef Coetzee-gebou, agter Abraham Fischer-koshuis op die Bloemfontein-kampus gelê is. Dit lewer landswyd 'n diens en selfs navorsers van die buiteland maak van die diens gebruik.

SA Media het ontstaan uit die destydse Instituut vir Eietydse Geskiedenis (INEG) – wat sedert 1972 bestaan. Die unieke diensorganisasie versamel primêr inligting en maak dit toeganklik. Tans word 56 koerante en tydskrifte opgeneem.

SA Media beskaf sienings vanuit die openbare en privaatsektore oor eietydse aangeleenthede, menings van kenners en sienswyses van die man op die straat, statistieke en nagevorsde artikels, verteenwoordigende benaderings van verskillende persgroepe. Dit bespaar dan tyd van koerant- en tydskrifnavorsing en verseker



Van links is Hester van der Berg, Helena Prinsloo en Christa Heyns.

dat gerigte inligtingsoektogte gedoen kan word vir voortreflike besluitneming in die era van inligtingsontploffing.

Plaaslik maak sowel voorgaande as nagraadse studente van die diens gebruik om in hul akademiese en navorsingsbehoefes te voorsien.

Departemente, sentrums en skole wat gereeld van die diens gebruik maak, is onder andere: Ekonomie, Geskiedenis, Rekeningkunde, Regswese, Maatskaplike Werk, Medies, Landbou, Opvoedkunde, Staatsleer en Gesondheid.

Daar word deurgaans voorsien aan die nuutste inligting rakende Afrika, buitelandse sake, ekonomie, mynswese, gesondheid, regsangeleenthede, godsdienstige bewegings, landbou, media, onderwys, sport, toerisme en nog talle meer.

Wees dus bewus hiervan ... SA Media is op die drumpel by ons universiteit en oop vir navorsingsgebruik!

Tablets ideal for promoting student engagement

A pilot project by the Centre for Teaching and Learning and the Department of Computer Science and Informatics is incorporating technology in an effort to enhance student engagement.

Students tend to be a step ahead of the average lecturer when it comes to an interest in technology, particularly if those students are enrolled for a course in Computer Science. This interest is being harnessed by the Department of Computer Science and Informatics and the Centre for Teaching and Learning. They hope to enhance student learning in a project that involves using iPad devices during lectures.

According to the project coordinator, Dr Liezel Nel, the main aim is to encourage student engagement. "We know students learn better when they are actively involved, and because computer science is an eminently practical field, it is ideal for this pilot project. For this particular class, I use the so-called flipped classroom approach. There is no traditional



Receiving the iPads at the Centre for Teaching and Learning were from the left, front: Thuthukile Jita, Dr Liezel Nel; back: Tiana van der Merwe and Dr Francois Strydom.

lecture – students go through the work on their own and come to class to practise the relevant skills and solve problems.

"iPads are ideal for this. Since the first part of the project will focus on student collaboration, students with different knowledge levels will be sharing devices (three students per device). Students will be discovering as they go along and will be helping one another to learn," Liezel explains.

"For all we know, it won't be long before students are as comfortable with tablets as they are with their mobile phones."

Liezel says projects like these are important to prepare the institution and lecturers for the future. "For all we know, it may not be long before students are as comfortable with tablets as they are with their mobile phones. Student populations have changed, and that means we, as lecturers, must adapt our approaches too. We need to investigate innovative ways in which we can enhance the learning experiences of our students."

– Hettie Human

Youth making a difference

To celebrate Youth Day on 16 June, *Dumela* tracked down Kovsies students who are making a difference in the community.

After serving the Matjhabeng Municipality as Junior Mayor during 2009/10 and doing numerous community engagement projects, Jerry Mokoroane (third-year BEd student) was inspired to start the *Unothando Education Foundation* (UEF).

Launched in February 2011, the UEF has assisted disadvantaged pre-schools over the past two years by adopting them. So far there is a pre-school in Welkom and two in Bloemfontein. Jerry has started a branch in Harrismith at New Horison College too.

The UEF collects teaching and learning aids for learners in Grade R and offers mentorship training to the caregivers at the pre-schools. The UEF board of directors are all also Kovsie students.



Members from the Unothando Education Foundation Executive demonstrating their excitement about their positive impact on pre-schools.

In another project in the third-year module MEX354, MBChB students at our university are divided into groups of six and are given an opportunity to help those less fortunate.

Ivan Palkowski, Roxanne Mostert, Sherilyn Roelofse, Lefokase Khasoane, Hamza Ally and Carien Wessels, all medical students, decided to help Bloemshelter, a non-profit organisation that offers shelter for 38 homeless men.

The group assessed the basic needs of the residents at the shelter through observation and interviews with the manager and the men living there.

Within five months the students had revamped the shelter. Residents were then informed and assisted with relevant health issues they needed to address. The necessary items were donated to ensure the optimal functioning of the shelter and to make it more homely for the residents.

On a practical level, the students helped some of the men compile their own CVs, from which two men were able to get sustainable jobs, ensuring a better life for themselves.

– Stefan Lotter

UFS CELEBRATES A DECADE OF UNITY

Our Qwaqwa Campus was recently a hive of activity with the 10-year celebrations of the multi-campus university system and the winter graduation ceremony happening within hours of each other.



The celebration was a day to remember, as the main speakers, Prof Peter Mbati, Prof Teuns Verschoor and Dr Nyefolo Malete, reflected on the incorporation process and the immediate years thereafter.

"The incorporation was preceded by rumours of campus closure and suspicion," said Prof Mbati, first Campus Principal and now the Vice-Chancellor and Principal of the University of Venda.

"Some said the intention of the then University of the Orange Free State was to turn the campus into a school of bridging programmes," Prof Mbati recounted. He took the audience

down memory lane with a slide presentation of old photographs of the campus and staff.

Prof Verschoor confirmed the tension that reigned back then. "Those tensions turned into cooperation, but it was not easy," he said.

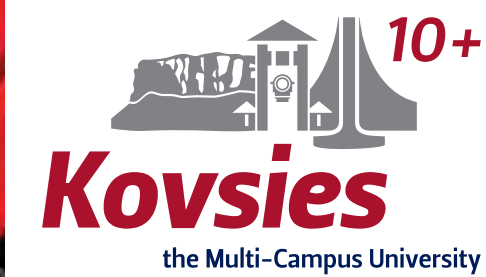
The second Campus Principal, Dr Malete, spoke fondly of the challenges he inherited in June 2006 when he was appointed acting Campus Principal.

"At that time, this campus had challenges common to most universities and we are looking back with pride when we see how far we have come. We had 1 400 students in 2003 and in 2011 we had 3 600. Other than that, there are major capital projects we can be proud of – a

new student residence, extended science offices, sports facilities, a revamped dining hall, etc."

The event also saw the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Venda, which was followed by a staff football challenge that pitted the hosts against their Bloemfontein colleagues.

The following morning the winter graduation ceremony took place where over 6000 degrees and diplomas were conferred across faculties. The highlight of the day was the conferment of a doctorate in Polymer Science to Qwaqwa-born Tshwafo Motaung. Entertainment was provided by the Truida Kestell Primary School Ensemble from Bethlehem. – **Thabo Kessah**



Dumela asks ...

By Thabo Kessah

After 10 years of bringing quality education to the Eastern Free State, the Qwaqwa Campus has seen a lot of changes for the better. How do the students feel?



Sibongile Mazibuko.



Nthabiseng Matsoso.



Pitso Maloisane.



Tsara Katita.



Mohau Nkutha.

Sibongile Mazibuko

"Our environment is now our priority with the planting of trees. We are not there yet, but the future is green. Academically, we now have isiZulu and History. The new entrance is currently under construction and this is exciting."

Nthabiseng

Matsoso "Infrastructure development is highly appreciated here – new student residences, a new media lab and the new main entrance that is currently under

construction. What has also caught my attention is the introduction of UFS101 aimed at learning and thinking out of the box for first-year students."

Pitso Maloisane "I am impressed with the positive changes on our campus. Students now have access to learning technologies like BlackBoard. The No Student Hungry Programme is also making it easier for disadvantaged students to study and ultimately graduate."

Tsara Katita "We now have emergency or red-pole panic buttons

installed on campus for our safety. The new computer lab is always packed and students enjoy BlackBoard, which enables them to submit their assignments by just clicking a button."

Mohau Nkutha "The attitude that students have towards their studies has changed drastically. Academic excellence is now top priority, whereas in the past years a year would not end without some commotion about NFSAS or dining hall service. The work ethic amongst students and staff has improved."



Deur Christiaan van der Merwe

Ons universiteit in samewerking met verskeie ander rolspelers het onlangs die koepel van die eerste digitale planetarium in sub-Sahara-Afrika onthul. Die koepel is die kern van opgraderings wat teen Oktober 2013 aan die Lamont-Hussey-sterrewag-gebou op Naval Hill in Mangaung aangebring gaan word. Dit sal deel vorm van 'n beplande Aarde- en Ruimte-sentrum. Die storie is gebruik in verskeie media platforms insluitend RSG, Lesedi FM, OFM, SABC-televisionuus, *The New Age*, *Volksblad* en ITweb.

'n Navorsingsgroep onder leiding van prof Robert Bragg van die Departement Mikrobiëse, Biochemiese en Voedselbiotegnologie aan ons universiteit het 'n eksperimentele entstof vir 'n papegaaisiekte ontwikkel wat belangrike implikasies vir mense siektes kan inhou. BFDV het eienskappe soortgelyk aan voëlgriep, H1N1, SARS en ook MIV. Die ontwikkelingsproses van die entstof mag dus belangrik wees teen menslike virusse. Die storie is gebruik op OFM, Heart FM asook in *Volksblad* en *Bloemfontein Courant*.

Ons Visekanselier en Rektor, prof Jonathan Jansen, het die Lewenslange Prestasietoekenning vir Onderwys in Afrika tydens 'n glansgeleentheid in die Verenigde State ontvang. Die toekennings word gesamentlik deur Onderwys Afrika en Handelsmerk Suid-Afrika aangebied. Die storie was gebruik in talle mediakanale insluitend *The Times*, SABC-televisionuus en SAfm.

Nuwe navorsing deur dr Aliza le Roux van die Departement Dierkunde en Entomologie aan ons Qwaqwa-kampus het bewys dat verneukery nie 'n uitsluitlike menslike aktiwiteit is nie. Dr Le Roux en haar span het bewys dat die evolusionêre niggies en nefies van die mens ook soms alte menslike gedrag toon. Die storie is gebruik in plaaslike en nasionale mediabronne soos *Volksblad*, *The New Age*, verskeie *Volksblad*-groepgemeenskapskoerante, *Pretoria News*, *The Star*, *Jakaranda FM*, OFM, RSG en IOL news.

'n Span navorsers van die Departemente van Mikrobiëse, Biochemiese en Voedselbiotegnologie, Fisika asook die Sentrum vir Mikroskopie aan ons universiteit het 'n vindingryke nuwe tegniek ontdek wat moontlik 'n impak op menslike kankernavorsing kan hê. Die bekende Mayo-kliniek in die VSA beoog om ons wetenskaplikes se tegniek te gebruik om kanker pasiënte te ondersoek om te sien hoe die behandeling vorder. Die storie is wyd gebruik in onder meer *Business Day*, *Die Burger*, *Beeld*, *Kwela Express*, SAfm, eTV, SABC-nuus, Health24.com en 702 Talk Radio.



In the community: reduce, reuse, recycle

Photos: Anja Aucamp



UFS shows you don't need fancy materials to teach maths and science



Household materials all have a use for the Family Maths and Family Science programme

Bottle caps, carton coils from toilet rolls, empty cool drink cans, egg cartons, steel pot scourers, dried beans and a variety of recycled household items are being used to teach Mathematics and Science concepts in the Family Maths and Family Science (FM&FS) programme at our university.

This programme aims to demystify Mathematics and Science for learners in their early school years. In order to achieve this, a hands-on approach is followed, which requires real objects to conduct the activities. The FM&FS material centre manufactures and distributes the developed materials to 86 participating schools in the Free State and Northern and

Eastern Cape. The programme benefits 7 183 Foundation and Intermediate Phase learners, 155 teachers, 1 444 parents, as well as 516 student educators from the Faculty of Education.

At the centre, based on our South Campus, a variety of materials such as replicas of South African money are printed and cut out, tangrams and other shapes are cut out with die cutters, and number, dot and colour spinners and activity cards are all produced to be used for Mathematics and Science teaching and learning.

Different household materials in a bag can be used by learners to test the different properties of materials by putting the bag in a clear bowl of water and observing whether it will sink or float, while two jars filled to the brim with dried

beans in one and wooden beads in the other are used for the development of a learner's estimation skills.

All these materials are packed, produced and distributed among the competent administrative management of Anne-Mare Lotter and her team. Anne-Mare, who has been involved in this project for the past three years, says she is honoured to be part of a project like this. "To see more schools and children get involved and learn through a project like this, is wonderful," she says.

Anne-Mare and her team are sent to rural schools as far as Springbok in the Northern Cape, where the FM&FS programme is helping learners to understand maths and science concepts, thus making these two subjects fun. – Elizna Prinsloo

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Email etiquette – the do's and don'ts

Email is part of our everyday lives, so we tend to forget that we need to be professional and business-like. Corlia Janse van Rensburg from Human Resources recently presented a workshop on Effective communication, giving simple rules to create effective emails:

1. **Write well-structured emails;** do not make an email longer than it needs to be.
2. **Use short, descriptive subjects** that will help the recipient and yourself find the email again.
3. **Use a spell checker.**
4. **Read your email before sending.**
5. **Do not write emails in capitals;** it comes across as AGGRESSIVE.
6. **Do not use abbreviations such as OMG and LOL;** they are not appropriate for business communications.
7. **Do not use cc: or bcc: fields for mailings;** valuable customer contacts can be exposed in this way.
8. **Only mark emails as important if they really are.**
9. **Do not use email to discuss confidential information** or make any libellous, sexist or racially discriminating comments in emails.
10. **Don't send or forward emails containing libellous, defamatory, offensive, racist or obscene remarks.**
11. **Include your email signature** if the company is not adding email signatures centrally.
12. **Send a complete response,** if you are replying to an email with questions, make sure you have answered everything.
13. **Avoid adding personal quotes to your email signature,** leave them for personal messages, not for business emails.



Albert Wessels Auditorium.

Our campuses are looking better than ever

Many visitors routinely remark on the metamorphosis of the buildings on the UFS Campuses, as well as the striking new architecture adorning familiar spaces.



Winkie Direko Building.

Winkie Direko Building

The Faculty of Education's headquarters on the Bloemfontein Campus, aptly named after the former Free State Premier, former UFS Chancellor, and most tellingly, former teacher Winkie Direko, has received an extensive upgrade. Offices, entrances, conference rooms and hallways have all been decorated in the faculty colours and trendy, modern designs.



Financial Planning Law Building.

Albert Wessels Auditorium

The building boasts a modern new interior and now seats 196 people. Dr Johan van Zyl, President and Chief Executive Officer of Toyota South Africa and CEO for Toyota Africa was at the recent unveiling of the new interior and entrance of the auditorium. Albert Wessels, the namesake of the auditorium was the founder of Toyota South Africa. Toyota South Africa has a long affiliation with the UFS and the AWA in particular.

Financial Planning Law Building

Our university was the first in the country to offer a formal degree in financial planning. Today in excess of 1 000 students attend contact sessions in this modern, recently opened building.

CR Swart Building

The CR Swart Building boasts redesigned interior spaces. The building houses the Faculty of Law and

is named after the last governor-general of the Union of South Africa, Charles Robberts Swart. Chief Justice Mogoeng Mogoeng officially opened the new entrance earlier this year.

Flippie Groenewoud Building

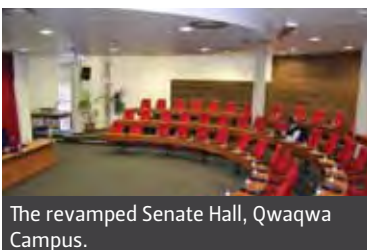
A high-traffic area on campus, the Flippie Groenewoud Building houses the Dean of the Faculty of the Humanities' office and lecture halls. Some of the offices, reception areas and kitchenettes were also renovated, including the office of the Dean.

New residences and redesigned gazellies

The fresh new look and interiors of Outeniqua and ConLaurès cater for the 21st century student. Some of the *gazellies*, interior spaces and bathrooms of residences such as Armentum and Kayalami were also revamped.

Renovations on the Qwaqwa Campus

The revamped Senate Hall on our Qwaqwa Campus received a grand induction into the UFS buildings family at the recent 10-year celebrations. The campus also stands to benefit from a number of other renovations including the new Main Gate, informal learning areas, landscape architecture and air-conditioning installations at the Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela Hall. - **Christiaan van der Merwe**



The revamped Senate Hall, Qwaqwa Campus.

Your big questions about

- Keeping the flu away

Winter in the Free State is synonymous with colds and flu.

Dumela asked Sarien de Necker from our Centre for Health and Wellness how we can protect ourselves this winter.



Photo: Anja Aucamp

Sarien de Necker.

What are the biggest health concerns during winter?

Influenza or flu, as most of us refer to it. Some, or all of these symptoms of uncomplicated influenza may be present: a high fever (often higher than 39 degrees Celsius) with chills, a sore throat, a blocked nose or nasal discharge, sweating and shivering, a dry cough, muscle aches and pains, a general feeling of not being well, and fatigue coupled with an increased desire to sleep.

What can staff do to stay healthy this winter?

Take 500 mg Vitamin C daily. Wash your hands frequently and try not to touch your nose,

eyes or mouth unnecessarily. Use disposable tissues, throw them away after use and wash your hands. Avoid close or prolonged contact with people who are ill. Smokers are more vulnerable to respiratory infections, so try to quit smoking.

Under which circumstances do you advise people to see a doctor?

If you have had a fever for more than a few hours which does not respond to over-the-counter medicine, or if the fever lasts for more than two days; when you feel ill and just don't seem to be getting any better; and if you have difficulty breathing or experience a sharp pain when breathing.

Any further information for staff concerned about getting ill this winter?

It is important to eat healthily and get enough sleep - about six to eight hours a night. Keep hand sanitizer nearby and use it regularly. Ensure that there is adequate ventilation in your office and keep your office door open, even if the air conditioning and heater is on. Moderate exercise is important, but do not exercise when ill.

Does the Centre for Health and Wellness offer any preventative treatment?

Yes, we offer flu vaccinations at a cost of R60.40. Contact the centre at 051 401 2603. - **Christiaan van der Merwe**



Know more about - UFS branding in eight easy steps ...



Not exactly sure how to apply the UFS brand correctly? Everything you need to know is conveniently accessible through a few keystrokes.

All the correctly branded material for your department, including logos and letterheads, can be retrieved from the UFS website. Follow these easy steps to download the correct templates.

Step 1: Visit the UFS Home Page (www.ufs.ac.za).

Step 2 (fig 1): Move your mouse cursor over the **Staff** button located on the top navigation bar and select **Intranet (UFS Staff only)**.



Figure 1

Step 3: Enter your Groupwise details to log in. NOTE: Remember to use **ms/** in front of your username.

Step 4 (fig 2): On the right-hand side of the Intranet, under the Quick Links bar, select **UFS Branding**.



Figure 2

Step 5: Click on the folder you need.

NOTE: Folders are in alphabetical order. Also remember that some folders have two pages and that you need to click at the bottom of the page to move to the second page.

Step 6 (fig 3): To download a document or JPG, tick the check box to the left of the description. (When you select an image, you can preview it by moving your mouse cursor over the image name and then clicking on it.)



Figure 3

Step 7 (fig 4): When you have ticked the box next to the document, the **Download a Copy** on the Intranet's top navigation bar becomes available for selection. Click on the **Download a Copy** button.

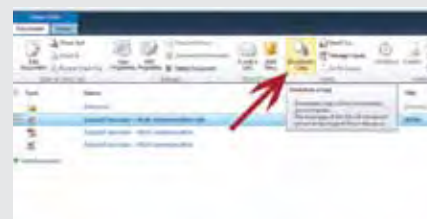


Figure 4

Step 8: Follow steps 6 and 7 to download all the documents into the default folder on your computer.

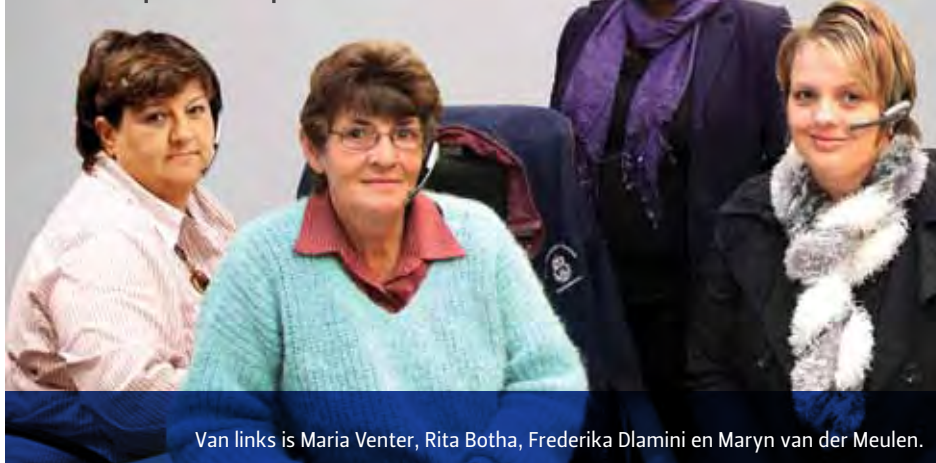
Once you have followed all these steps, you will be able to apply the brand correctly.

Remember to update your Groupwise signature by following this link: <http://apps.ufs.ac.za/gwsignature>.

Enquiries can be directed to Martie Nortjé, Brand Manager of the UFS, at nortjemm@ufs.ac.za. - **Martie Nortjé**



Vriendelike stemme in oproepsentrum



Van links is Maria Venter, Rita Botha, Frederika Dlamini en Maryn van der Meulen.

Passievol, terwyl hulle van oproepe met navrae oor aansoeke en registrasie tot interne oproepe vir herleiding beantwoord. Dit is die dames by ons oproepsentrum op die Bloemfontein-kampus.

Die oproepsentrum dien as die skakel tussen eksterne enteite en interne personeelle wat probeer om die verskillende departemente binne die universiteite te bereik.

“Tussen die vier dames wat by die skakelbord werk, hanteer die oproepsentrum meer as 450 oproepe per dag.”

Gedurende die aansoek- en registrasieperiode by die universiteit ervaar die oproepsentrum hoë volumes oproepe, van voornemende studente wat skakel om navraag te doen oor die status van hulle aansoeke, tot navrae oor fooie. Dit is ook in tye soos hierdie dat die oproepsentrum as inligtingstoonbank dien wat inligting aan die UV-gemeenskap verskaf. “Ons probeer ons bes om individue te help wat die universiteit skakel deur die nodige inligting te verskaf voordat ons hulle na die onderskeie departemente verwys, veral gedurende ons druk periodes,” sê Rita Botha.

Daar is vier dames werksaam by die skakelbord, waarvan een reeds 30 jaar in verskillende departemente by die UV gewerk

Feite omtrent die sentrum

Die sentrum word deur vier personeel-lede beman

Twee van die dames werk reeds vir meer as twee dekades

Gedurende spitstye hanteer die oproepsentrum 'n hoë volume oproepe – byna 45 000 per maand

In stiller tye hanteer die oproepsentrum 'n volume van ongeveer 12 500 per maand

Die sentrum is in die gebou van Gesondheid en Beroepsveiligheid oorkant Armentum-koshuis geleë

het. “Dit is met hartseer dat ons binnekort van Rita moet afskeid neem nadat sy vir byna twee dekades by die oproepsentrum gewerk het,” sê Maria Venter, wat ook reeds 16 jaar lank die skakelbord help hanteer het. Albei hierdie dames het hegte bande by die werk gesmee en hulle voel soos 'n familie.

“Die oproepsentrum het reeds die UV-gemeenskap geweldig gehelp en sal in die toekoms voortgaan om dit te doen. Ek dink ons het die wonderlikste, mees toegewyde personeellede wie se harte by diens aan die UV-gemeenskap lê,” sê Danie Grobler, Hoofbeampte by UV Bemaking. – **Jerry Mokoroane**



Nellie en vriendelikheid is sinoniem

'n Mens kry nie maklik 'n van wat so 'n getroue weerspieëling van 'n persoon is nie. Nellie Friend = friendly = vriendelik. Sy is altyd bereid om te help en die ekstra duisend kilometer saam te stap. En sy doen dit met 'n glimlag.

Nellie het aan die einde van 2012 by Vergaderingsadministrasie in die Hoofgebou op die Bloemfontein-kampus “afgetree”, maar sy staan steeds elke dag op kontrakbasis haar plek vol. Met die administrasie van minstens veertien komitees, waaronder die UV-Raad, Senaat, UKS, UBK en UKR, kan enigeen nie sommer net oorneem nie.

Haar loopbaan by die UV het 25 jaar gelede in die termyn van die destydse rektor, prof Wynand Mouton, in die George du Toit-administrasiegebou begin. Dit was voor die dae van rekenaars, en alle agendas, notules en ander dokumentasie moes getik word. Sy onthou nog hoe sy na haar onderhoud 'n tiktoets met verbande om haar vingers moes doen nadat sy dit met die maak van toffie-

appel-stroop verbrand het.

“In die George du Toit het ek saam met die spook gewerk.” Spook? “Ja,” sê sy. Sy was baie aande tot 22:00 daar en kon die voetstap in die gang tot by haar kantoor duidelik hoor. Wanneer sy die deur opgemaak het, was daar niemand nie. Sy vertel ook van die stoel, by die tafeltjie in die portaal op die tweede vloer, wat so geskuif het, en van die nag toe sy met 'n “asem” in haar nek die hyser binnegestorm het.

Sy en die res van die personeel by Vergaderingsadministrasie is gesetel in die kelderverdieping van die Hoofgebou en sy verseker my dit “spook” nie daar nie!

Nellie sê: “Die mense met wie ek gewerk het, sal altyd vir my uitstaan. Ek het lekker gewerk en ek kan nie dink aan 'n persoon met wie ek nie lekker saamgewerk het nie.”

Nellie en haar man, Dennis, het vier kinders – twee seuns en twee dogters – en elkeen van hulle het vir twee kleinkinders gesorg. – **Leatitia Pienaar**

Foto: Stefan Lotter



Nellie Friend.





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1: Dr Merridy Wilson-Strydom van die Direkoraat vir Institutionele Navorsing en Akademiese Beplanning. 2: Dr Julia Ramabenyane Mamosebatho en dr Emmie Smit van die Fakulteit Opvoedkunde: Skool vir Sosiale Wetenskappe en Taalonderwys. 3: Die prosessie tydens die Skool vir Opleer se gradeplegtigheidsremonie.

Personeel onder trotse meesters- en PhD-gegraduateerdes

By vanjaar se Wintergradeplegtigheid is daar in totaal 63 doktors- en 414 meestersgrade toegeken. Die Skool vir Opleer het ook 320 kwalifikasies toegeken wat wissel van sertifikate tot diplomas.

Prof Driekie Hay, Viserektor: Akademie, het gegraduateerdes in die Skool vir Opleer, waarvan die meeste voltydse opvoeders is, inspireer met haar boodskap: "Ek hoop dat julle sal terugploeg wat julle geleer het en dat hierdie kwalifikasie van julle beter opvoeders vol inspirasie sal maak, opvoeders wat meedoënloos sal wees in julle pogings om 'n beter toekoms vir ons kinders te verseker."

Onder gegraduateerdes wat hul PhD en meestersgrade verwerf het, was daar 'n aantal personelede. Prof Teuns Verschoor, voormalige Viserektor: Institutionele Sake, en prof Driekie Hay, Viserektor: Akademies, het spesiale vermelding van Dr Khotso Mokhele, Kanselier, ontvang vir hulle

rolle as onderskeidelik medepromotor en promotor van twee PhD-gegraduateerdes, Jo-Mari Visser, dosent in ons Fakulteit Regsgeleerdheid, en Merridy Wilson-Strydom van die Direkoraat vir Institutionele Navorsing en Akademiese Beplanning.

'n Oomblik wat uitgestaan het by vanjaar se gradeplegtigheid, was toe twee dogters van prof Dave Lubbe van die Sentrum vir Rekeningkunde, Nandi Lubbe en Leandi Steenkamp, saam hul meestersgrade verwerf het. Albei het hul MCom in Rekeningkunde met lof onder prof Lubbe se studieleiding voltooi.

Julia Ramabenyane Mamosebatho en Emmie Smit van die Fakulteit Opvoedkunde: Skool vir Sosiale Wetenskappe en Taalonderwys, Deidre van Rooyen van die Sentrum vir Ontwikkelingsteun en Manie Moolman en Maralize Conradie van die Fakulteit Regsgeleerdheid het ook onderskeidelik meesters- en doktorsgrade by vanjaar se Wintergradeplegtigheid verwerf. – **Leonie Bolleurs**

Friends witness a quarter century of change together

Their story is one of courage and strong belief in the power of prayer. They have been with the university since the mid-80s. They are wisdom personified.

Meet Madibuseng Lemeko and Nomkhohlane Motaung. Both have seen the Qwaqwa Campus transform from what it was 25 years ago to what it is today.

"We started working at the then University of the North which was based at Lere-La-Tshepe in the remote village of Tseki in late 1987. On 4 January 1988, we moved to these premises in Phuthaditjhaba," says Madibuseng.



Madibuseng Lemeko (left), with her friend and colleague of 25 years, Nomkhohlane Motaung.

"Colleagues like Stoffel Kok from the library reassured us that things would be better with time and indeed there was an improvement from 2006."

The campus has gone through extensive changes since they began working there "as youngsters".

"There was a lot of open space with one or two buildings when we first came here. Today we see many buildings and lots of progress," says Madibuseng, whose sons graduated with a BSc and BEd degrees respectively.

Both these employees were honoured recently for serving the university for 25 years; they believe that God's protection saw them through it all.

But they both agree: "The future is bright." – **Thabo Kessah**

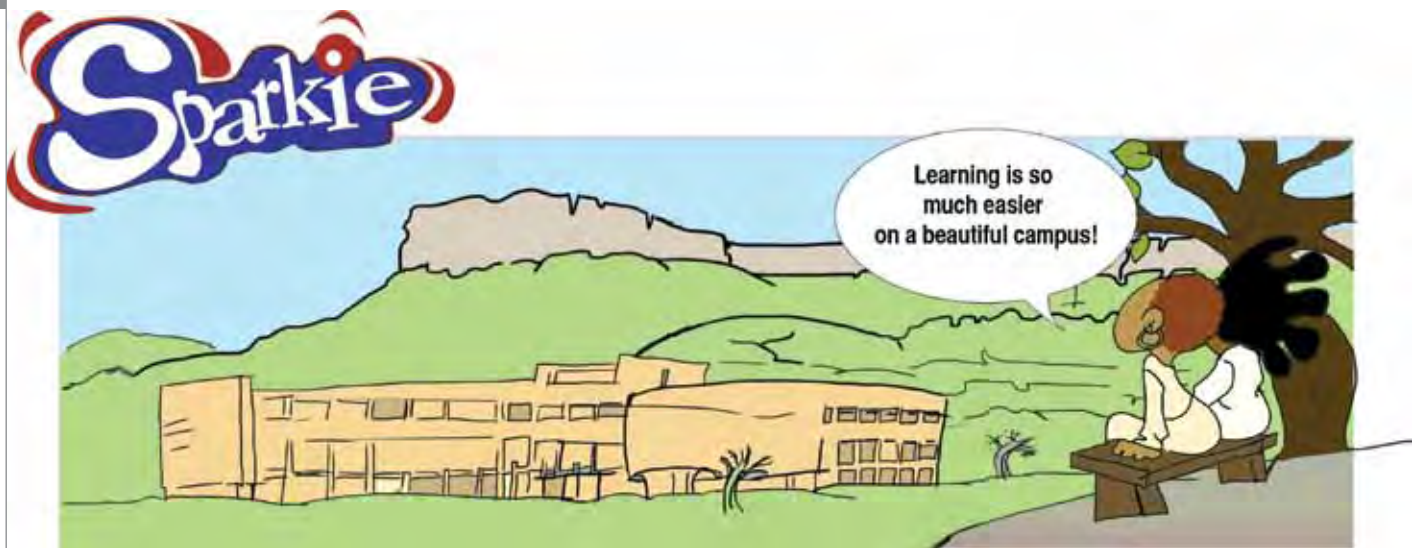
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Kovsie is hockey's top goal scorer for 2013

Third place overall and the competition's top goal scorer – not a bad return for Kovsies in the 2013 Varsity Hockey tournament.

The Varsity Hockey competition was contested by eight South African university sides over three rounds played in Potchefstroom, a split round between Bloemfontein and Johannesburg and the final at Tukkies in Pretoria.

Kovsies managed to end their campaign on a high and secure a respectable third place overall. The women from Bloemfontein occupied second place on the log, heading into the final group games played on 19 May 2013. Victory against the University of Johannesburg would guarantee Kovsies an encounter in the final with top of the log and favourites, NWU-Pukke.

Unfortunately, a spirited University of Johannesburg overcame Kovsies by two goals to one. Maties, who traded places with Kovsies on the log and faced the much-fancied NWU-Pukke side in the final, were eventually crowned champions after beating them by a single goal.

Kovsies squared off against Tukkies in their final match of 2013, to whom they handed their first defeat in the competition during the Bloemfontein leg. The one goal to zero win ensured that Kovsies ended the competition in third place.

South African U/21 captain, Izelle Lategan, showed a consistent devastating goal scoring ability, leading the goal scoring statistics for most of the 2013 season. Her final score of eight goals ensured her standing as the Varsity Hockey's top scorer. – **Christiaan van der Merwe**



Izelle Lategan (left) in action during the 2013 Varsity Hockey tournament.

Don't be chicken! Do research!

Bultjie kon 'n bietjie wegbreek en verlof neem, maar Mammie het so baie werk vir hom by die huis uitgedink dat hy artikelskryfkursus met lekker kos en gawe aanbieders kon bywoon. Wat 'n fees!

On the first day everybody had writer's block – you know! As we were a group from different departments, Bultjie brought a few real facts that could be investigated! Sociology: why was Saturday mail delivery stopped by postmen in Canada on February 1, 1969? (Is it because Daddy is mostly at home on Saturdays?) Statistics: it is said that in Tokyo, a bicycle is faster than a car on trips of less than 50 minutes. (What exactly is the time difference on a trip of 47 minutes travelled by bicycle by women of 70, compared to those of women between 18 and 24 if chased by men of 75 and 16 to 40, respectively?)

Your body creates and kills 15 million red blood cells per second! Medics: who was the ref and who counted them in a second? Philosophy: why is the king of hearts the only king without a moustache on a playing card? Entomology: if some ribbon worms eat themselves if they can't find any food, where do they

start and when do they stop? And why do dolphins sleep with one eye open? (like Mommy!) Why do slugs have four noses, but no tissues? Agriculture: if the world's oldest piece of chewing gum is over 9 000 years old and most Egyptians had died by the time they were 30, should we believe that chewing gum is the reason, or did they simply ran out of breath. Matie Hoffman, is it true that astronauts cannot cry properly in space because there is no gravity, so the tears can't flow down their faces? Or is it that they (like most Americans) are a very happy nation, as 98% of all US currency contains small traces of cocaine? One for Gender! In the Banda tribe, a girl isn't considered ready for marriage until she first eats an entire raw chicken without breaking any of its bones and then goes an entire year without doing any work! Come on, men! If you can eat your steak 'blue', what's the difference? You can score a year of doing absolutely nothing – except fiddling with the remote control! Anyway a chicken is the only thing you can eat before it is born and after it is dead – a very important research finding! I can't wait for those articles!

If Mommy reads this, I'm as dead as a Banda chicken!

Bultjie.

