



Safety first: Bloemfontein Campus a safer place with access control at the gates – By Leonie Bolleurs

In a process to ensure the safety of students and staff on the Bloemfontein Campus, access control measures are being implemented.

Access control at Gate 2 (Badenhorst Street) and Gate 4 (Furstenburg Street)

Access control will be enforced at the five different gates on the campus. The first phase comprises Gate 2 and 4, which will be equipped with card readers. The first phase will be implemented at the beginning of August 2014. Only persons with valid cards (staff and student cards) will be able to enter and leave through these gates. Existing staff and student cards are already equipped with microchips, which will be read by the card readers at the gates in order to activate the booms.

At this stage, staff and students will have to swipe their cards against the card reader at Gates 2 and 4 or hold it not further than 20 mm from the reader for the boom to open. Card holders will therefore have to physically stop in front of the boom in order to get access to the campus.

From 2015, staff and students will be able to buy cards equipped with a microchip that allows the cards to be read from several metres away. Card holders will then no longer have to swipe their cards against the card reader or have to stop; the boom will open automatically and they will be able to drive through.

Access control at Gate 3 (Wynand Mouton Drive) and Gate 5 (DF Malherbe Drive)

Except for Gates 2 and 4, the rest of the gates on campus will still be open as is currently the case, until the next phase of the access control project is implemented. The next gates to be equipped with access control are Gate 3 and Gate 5. Access control is expected to be implemented from the end of October 2014 at these two gates.

Gate 3 is earmarked for use by official card holders. This includes students, staff and people doing business on campus. Parents dropping and fetching their children for sports, as well as service providers to the UFS, such as architects and building contractors, may apply for valid cards (those people will have to provide proof that they have business on campus).

The procedure for non-personnel to apply for a card is as follows:

- Application forms will be available at Protection Services at the Bloemfontein Campus, as well as online on the university's website. The forms must be completed and submitted to Protection Services for approval.
- Applicants for cards must provide proof of identification to the staff at Protection

Services. This can be your driver's licence, passport or identity document.

- The approved form must then be handed in at the card division on the Thakaneng Bridge. As soon as you have paid for the card (the cost of the card is still to be determined), a card will be issued to you by the card division.
- Cards will be valid for one year, subject to certain terms and conditions.

All visitors to the campus will be referred to the Visitor's Centre at Gate 5. This includes, among others, parents, family and friends of students, as well as conference delegates. It is estimated that the Visitor's Centre will be completed at the end of September 2014. Visitors will sign in at the Visitor's Centre and, depending on the business they have on campus, they will only be allowed on campus for a certain period of time.

Access control at Gate 1 (Nelson Mandela Drive)

The entrance at Gate 1 of the Bloemfontein Campus in Nelson Mandela Drive will be widened. An extra lane will be added for incoming and outgoing traffic.

The project is estimated to be completed at the end of October 2014.

FROM THE Editor



Welcome to another exciting edition of dumela. The months of June and July have been and continue to be exciting, with various activities and developments on our campuses. We look at the upcoming access control and added security measures being put into place on the Bloemfontein Campus and improved transportation services for students on the Qwaqwa Campus.

Our science researchers are constantly creating new machines, methods and devices to improve the lives of South Africans. We explore how cutting edge technology developed here at the UFS will assist testing in Food Biotechnology and Biochemistry.

What makes Kowsies stand out? Their tenacity and passion for what they do so well. Join us as we explore what colleagues in the various faculties are working on and

what they do for fun. We also talk to those leading projects in local communities and youth mentorship programmes.

I would like to thank all the writers and contributors to this edition. I invite you, the reader, to engage with us and give us your feedback. Email makayam@ufs.ac.za

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-By Mamosa Makaya

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'Ligte, Kamera, Facebook!'



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Die UV se Facebook-blad was weer aan die brand in Mei, met die 'Face of Facebook'-kompetisie in volle gang.

Die sosialemedia-span het die kompetisie bemark, die videokamera laat opstel en gewag vir die studente wat braaf genoeg was om op te daag. Daar het sowat 30 studente kom inloer, die meeste van hul vol selfvertroue, en met 'n hele ondersteuningsnetwerk van vriende. Een deelnemer het selfs haar trawante ingespan om haar naam te skree terwyl sy met haar oudisie besig was, net vir daardie ekstra tikkie selfvertroue.

Die 10 bestes is toe deur ons paneel gekies, en in dieselfde week as stemdag op Facebook gelaai. Ons argument was dat, as studente in elk geval moet gaan stem, kan hul maar net

sowel vir hul nuwe 'Face Of Facebook' ook stem.

20 dae, 3 736 stemme en 553 'shares' later, het ons 'n opvolger gevind vir Victor Ngubeni (ons eerste Facebook-gesig). Haar naam is Katlego Letube. Ons sien uit daarna om haar eerste video as amptelike 'FoF' met julle te deel!

As jy alles misgeloop het en graag die video's van die finaliste wil sien, gaan na ons Facebook-blad en klik op 'Video's', of blaai af tot by 5 Mei 2014.

-Deur Duard Grobbelaar

Herwinningsprojek begin binnekort

HOW TO IDENTIFY YOUR RECYCLABLES

PLASTIC

COOLDRINK & WATER BOTTLES, MILK BOTTLES, ICE-CREAM TUBS, JUICE BOTTLES, YOGHURT TUBS, SHAMPOO & DEODORANT BOTTLES, STRAWS, PROTECTIVE PACKAGING.



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NO MIRROR PIECES



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TIN CANS

COOLDRINK & BEER CANS, ALUMINIUM CANS, COFFEE TINS, MILO TINS, CANNED TUNA & SARDINE TINS, ALL TINNED FOOD PRODUCTS, PAINT & AEROSOL CANS, MOTOR OIL CANS.



Die universiteit is ernstig oor die behoud van die omgewing. Met die herwinningsprojek wat einde Junie 2014 op die Bloemfontein-kampus geïmplementeer word, voeg die UV die daad by die woord.

Volgens Gerard Hoogendoorn van die Departement Fisiese Hulpbronne sal die projek 'How to identify your recyclables' op twee van die wandelroetes op kampus bekendgestel word. Die een roete strek tussen die George du Toit-administrasiegebou en die taxistaanplek en die ander een strek vanaf die UV-Sasol-biblioteek tot by die parkeerarea by die CR Swart-gebou.

Honderd van die ongeveer tweehonderd sementasblikke op die wandelroetes sal as herwinbaar geklassifiseer word en sal geïdentifiseer kan word aan 'n groen deksel en deurskynende sak. Die kampusgemeenskap sal dan alle plastiek-, glas-, papier- en blikvullis in dié asblikke kan gooi.

Alle vuilgoed sal met die Kovsies Go Green-trok opgelaaai word en by 'n sorteringsaanleg in Hamilton afgelaaai word. Van daar word die gebaalde materiaal na herwinningsaanlegte in plekke soos Johannesburg en Pretoria vervoer. Vullis wat a.g.v. volume nie deur die sorteringsaanleg hanteer kan word nie, sal ook by die munisipale stortingsterrein gestort word.

Personeel sal ook in hul eie kantore die geleentheid kry om deel te neem aan die herwinningsprojek. In plaas van een asblik per kantoor, sal elke kantoor met twee asblikke toegerus word. Die nuwe asblik, 'n swart plastiekasblikkie met 'n 'How to identify your recyclables'-plakker op, sal bestem wees vir herwinbare materiaal soos op die plakker aangedui sal word.

Die bekendstelling van hierdie deel van die projek sal middel-Julie begin.

-Deur Leonie Bolleurs



Kovsie Gear



Still on trend

Jerry investigates Kovsie Gear's latest trends

The Kovsie Gear shop is running a 25% sale on stock including corporate wear and office stationery. The top-selling merchandise for students at the moment is the UFS/UV branded hoodies, long-sleeved T-shirts and the new Soft-Shell jackets.

"Everywhere you go on campus you see Kovsie-branded clothing. It's very inspiring to see the brand grow and gain popularity," says Meagan Gysman, store assistant.

-By Jerry Mokoroane

WE TALK TO Dr Munene Mwaniki

Munene takes us through a journey of discovery of his life and experiences as a lecturer and former student of the UFS. As Senior Lecturer and Researcher in the Department of Linguistics and Language Practice, Munene enjoys the gift of education and being able to share that with the world. What drives him? A passion for excellence, perfection and the immense opportunities that education can afford one.

“As a boy from a dusty village in eastern Kenya, I am blessed to have come this far in my life; a fact which, after losing my father at age 11, was highly improbable. But I am only getting started,” he says. He believes that in this day and age, language should not be a barrier to people living full and productive lives.

A trained teacher, he enjoys teaching and mentoring, but most of all research and writing. His first book was *Multilingualism and the Public Sector in South Africa* (2012). He has finalised his second book, *Language Management: Theory, Method, Discipline and Practice*, to be published by Palgrave Macmillan later this year.

Much of his research focuses on formulating frameworks to facilitate stakeholders' use of language as a resource for the betterment of the human condition. Having come from a disadvantaged background himself, matters of social justice are close to his heart. In his PhD acknowledgements back in 2004, he promised to spend a lifetime engaged in courageous scholarship and advocacy that serves the ends of social justice – a mantra that guides him every day. “I believe our generation has a responsibility to deliver a better world. As intellectuals we drive the knowledge economy, and the knowledge economy is key in delivering a fairer and just world. There is urgency to this especially in the South African situation with our peculiar history.”

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to stand by as
situations call for
solutions ”

Academic work is only a part of Munene's life; his first love is actually farming. “If academics is my hobby, then farming is my full-time job,” he says with a smile. On his farm in Mbeere, Eastern Kenya, he grows mangoes, avocados, some vegetables and has poultry. He believes in a food-secure Africa and says, “I have a role to play in ensuring that rural Africa can feed itself.” Through farming he creates jobs and that creates other jobs. He believes if there is a problem it must be solved. “I am a practical man. Growing in rural Africa teaches you this skill. I am not one to stand by as situations call for solutions,” he says.

His greatest honour was being in the first cohort of the Prestige Scholars' Programme (PSP) and is eternally grateful to the Rector and Vice Chancellor and the three PSP coordinators for affording him the chance. Through the PSP he spent four months at the Centre for Applied Linguistics (CAL) in Washington DC, USA. During this period, he was paired with someone he describes as “the coolest professor on earth”, Prof Terrence Wiley, President of CAL, with whom he keeps in touch and is collaborating, along with Prof Beatriz Arias, in writing a chapter in the forthcoming volume of *Encyclopaedia of Language and Education*. The chapter is titled ‘Bilingual education policy in a multilingual world’.

Munene describes the UFS as fertile ground, a place of many opportunities for growth. When he is not being a farmer or an academic, Munene is a father of three and loves time spent with his children. He also writes fiction for what he describes as a “learned audience”.

–By Mamosa Makaya



My ma sê ôk so

My ma sê ant Charlotte van Vierdestraat se toffee-apples kos al R5. Ant Charlotte sukkel glo, want die suiker en die appels is duur en die stroopkokery gebruik baie koopkrag.

Dit is dié dat ek nou so vir een van Ant Charlotte se toffee-apples lus.

Ant Charlotte het in Kimberley by die taxi-staanplek haar toffee-apples verkoop. Rooi, groen, rooi, groen is die rye op die geroeste skinkbord uitgepak. Met 'n gebreekte tamatiekisplankie vir 'n vashoustokkie.

Die 20 minute se stap van die skool na die Roodepan taxi rank was die moeite werd as daai toffee-apples, sag van die dag in die son staan, vir jou wag. Toe was dit nog R1 elk.

Maar ant Charlotte het van my gehou, dan gee sy my een ekstra toffee-apple oor ek glo so mooi groet.

Later eet ek die twee toffee-apples in die taxi huis toe. Die taai toffie maak sulke drade as jy dit byt. Eenkeer het my porseleinstopsel ook sommer saam in die toffie vasgesit.

Tydens my grootwordjare was daar altyd sake-anties wat tuisgemaakte lekkergoed verkoop het om die huis se inkomste mee aan te vul. Buiten Ant Charlotte se toffee-apples het Ant Mirriam ysies verkoop. Ouma Aysa het ook ysies verkoop, maar sy het kerrie en groente uit haar sitkamer ook verkoop.

Ant Vlekkie het pienk-en-wit klapperys verkoop en Ant Koekie kondensmelk-fudge.

Die antie oorkant die laerskool by nr. 5 het kookswiets en melkysies verkoop. Maar toe ek in st. 4 is, toe is daar 'n begrafnis by haar huis en ons het almal pouse oorgehol en die lyk gaan kyk. Toe verprei ons die storie dat die antie se swiets en ysies spook en so het haar besigheid later 'n stille dood gesterf.

Deesdae wonder ek of dit regtig so winsgewend was.

“Nee,” antwoord my ma. “Ant Charlotte maak eintlik 'n verlies, want sy kry die kinders jammer wat dit nie kan bekostig nie. Sy gee dit sommer weg. Maar dit hou haar aan die gang.”

Ant Charlotte sê sy het al haar kinders deur die skool gesit met die toffee-apples.

—Deur René-Jean van der Berg



New machine provides quick results for **Microbial, Biochemical and Food Biotechnology** researchers

The LECO CHN628 Series Elemental Analyser is used to determine nitrogen, carbon/ nitrogen and carbon/hydrogen/nitrogen in organic matrices. “The instrument utilises a combustion technique and provides a result within 4.5 minutes for all the elements being determined,” said Prof Bennie Viljoen from the Department of Microbial, Biochemical and Food Biotechnology.

In addition to the above, the machine also offers a sulphur add-on module which provides sulphur analysis for any element combination. The 628 S module is specifically designed to determine the sulphur content in a wide variety of organic materials such as coal, coke and fuel oils, as well as some inorganic materials such as soil, cement and limestone. Therefore the analyser is ideal for comparison of changes in indicators of soil quality (e.g. C/N ratio) between samples from different regions in Southern Africa, combined with data of studies on plant health and soil ecology/microflora.

Common causes of pollution due to excess levels of nitrogen and phosphorus, as a result of fertiliser run-off that occurs when rain carries fertiliser into waterways, can also easily be monitored. Other than aquatic and soil ecosystems, protein and total carbon analysis, essential for food and feed, can be determined as well.

The series allows you to achieve rapid and precise results in diverse organic matrices, from food to fuels. For optimum versatility, this instrument is available in flexible configurations – nitrogen/protein, carbon/nitrogen and carbon/hydrogen/nitrogen. The add-on module provides sulphur analysis for any element combination of the CHN628 Series – FP (N), CN or CHN.

Researchers in this field of work at the University of the Free State are invited to make use of this facility to the value of R1.5 million. For assistance, contact Prof Bennie Viljoen on 2621.

—By Leonie Bolleurs

**Prof Bennie Viljoen with
the LECO CHN628 Series
Elemental Analyser.**



FACT FILE:

Studente en personeel vertel van G20-Jeugberaad in Duitsland

Roxanne Freitag, 'n PhD-student, en Thendo Mapholi, 'n junior dosent, het aan die G20-Jeugberaad deelgeneem, terwyl Ambrose du Plessis, nog 'n junior dosent, aan die konferensieplatform van die G20-Jeugforum vir 2014 deelgeneem het. Dit het alles gedurende Mei vanjaar in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Duitsland, plaasgevind.

Riëtte van Rooyen, 'n derdejaarsstudent in Dieetkunde, en Thendo was deel van die Komitee vir Gesins- en Loopbaangeleenthede vir Jongmense en Roxanne het gedien in die Komitee vir Toeganklikheid in Onderwys en Menseregte. Ambrose het 'n praatjie by die onderhandelingskonferensie gelewer.

Al die komitees het bestaan uit jong leiers van regoor die wêreld. Die komitees bied 'n platform vir gesprekvoering oor kwessies en probleme waarmee die wêreld te kampe het.

"Dit was 'n ongelooflike ervaring om deur van die wêreld se top-sakemanne, -politici en -kundiges op verskillende gebiede omring te wees. Al die kennis, ervaring en entoesiasme is genoeg om my vir nog 'n jaar aan die gang te hou," sê Riëtte.

The G20-Jeugberaad is 'n internasionale nie-regeringsprojek waaraan 150-200 studente en jong kundiges van regoor die wêreld wat leierskap-potensiaal aan die dag lê, gekies word om deel te neem deur 'n nasionale jeugafvaardiging te vorm. Die jeugafvaardigings word in groepe verdeel om die dringendste ekonomiese, finansiële en sosiale probleme waarmee die wêreld te doen het, te bespreek, asook moontlike oplossings daarvoor.

Die resultate van hierdie gesprekke word gedeel en rig beleidsbesluite van internasionale organisasies soos die IMF, Wêreldbank, Europese Kommissie en vooraanstaande regeringsorganisasies. Die deelnemers van die UV is deur verskeie departementshoofde, in samewerking met die kantoor vir Internasionale Aangeleenthede, genomineer.

-Deur Mamosa Makaya

Oupa debuts for the Springboks

Former Shimlas captain and 2013 Varsity Cup Player that Rocks Teboho Oupa Mohoje was recently added to a 36-man Springbok training squad for the coming 2014 mid-year International Tests.

He made his test debut on 28 June 2014 when the Springboks played against Wales in Port Elizabeth.

Teboho – better known as *Oupa*, as he was dubbed by his primary school coach, who noticed he had grey hair – already achieved his goal for 2014 when he earned himself Super Rugby caps with the Cheetahs. But to become a regular with the Boks is his next goal. "I found out a week before the announcement was made," says Oupa. "When (Cheetahs) coach Naka (Drotske) told me I was actually shocked and had no reaction. I even asked him if he was serious. But it all started to sink in when the announcement was made public."

Oupa, who was studying for a BAgri, now studies human movement sciences at the UFS, but he does not play varsity rugby anymore.

He sums up his time as a varsity rugby player as follows: "I've learnt a lot. I made good mates like Willie Britz (now plays for the Lions) and Freddie Ngoza. I have a lot of great memories and all-in-all it was a learning curve."

-By Stefan Lotter

Thendo Mapholi, Riëtte van Rooyen, Ambrose du Plessis en Roxanne Freitag.



Oupa Mohoje



DB is SA se Afrigter van die Jaar

Die Direkteur van KopsieSport, DB Prinsloo, is aangewys as Suid-Afrika se Afrigter van die Jaar. Hy is tans die afrigter van die welbekende Johan Cronjé – die beste SA mansatleet vir 2013, lid van die SA Statebondspan vir 2014 en 'n oud-Kopsie. Verlede jaar was Prinsloo ook die spanafrigter van die Suid-Afrikaanse span wat in Moskou by die wêreldkampioenskap meegeding het.

Verskeie van Suid-Afrika se voorste atlete is deur Prinsloo afgerig. Buiten vir die hope medaljes wat sy atlete by nasionale kampioenskappe verower het, het hy 'n hele aantal atlete gebrei wat die groen en goud oor die kop getrek het. Onder hulle is Boy Soke en Dumisane Hlaselo.

Boonop is vier van die voorste tien atlete op die junior ranglys van alle tye huidige en voormalige atlete van Prinsloo. Hy het selfs spogatlete soos René Kalmer en Annerie Ebersohn afgerig.

“Die aanwysing is 'n groot eer en ek sien dit as motivering om daarmee vol te hou. Sportmense en veral afrigters kry deesdae nie meer so gereeld te doen met hierdie tipe van verering nie en ek sien dit dus as 'n pluimpie vir al die afrigters wat daaglik soveel tyd afstaan aan 'n wêreldklas-sport soos atletiek,” sê DB.

Johan Cronjé se prestasies op die atletiekbaan is 'n sprekende voorbeeld van Prinsloo se talent as afrigter. Cronjé was verlede jaar die enigste Suid-Afrikaner wat 'n medalje by die wêreldatletiekampioenskap in Rusland kon verower met sy derde plek in die 1500 m. Onder Prinsloo se leiding het Cronjé verlede jaar ook die Suid-Afrikaanse rekord in die 1500 m twee keer verbeter.

Cronjé het onlangs die 27-jaar-oue Suid-Afrikaanse mylrekord van Johan Fourie (1987: 3:50,82) verbeter na 3:50,70.

–Deur Stefan Lotter



DB Prinsloo
Foto:
Leonie Bolleurs

OSM Masterclass launched in collaboration with [classicsa.co.za](http://www.classicsa.co.za)

The UFS's Odeion School of Music (OSM) and South Africa's premier classical and choral music directory, www.classicsa.co.za, join forces in an innovative audio-visual project entitled *OSM Masterclass*.

The *OSM Masterclass* series consists of recorded master classes in HD format, presented by top-notch international and local musicians, as well as members of staff from the OSM. The OSM strategically values the principle of peer instruction and last year presented a number of master classes by outstanding young artists such as Alexander Ramm (cello, Russia) and Avigail Bushakevitz (violin, South Africa) in conjunction with the OSM Concert Series.

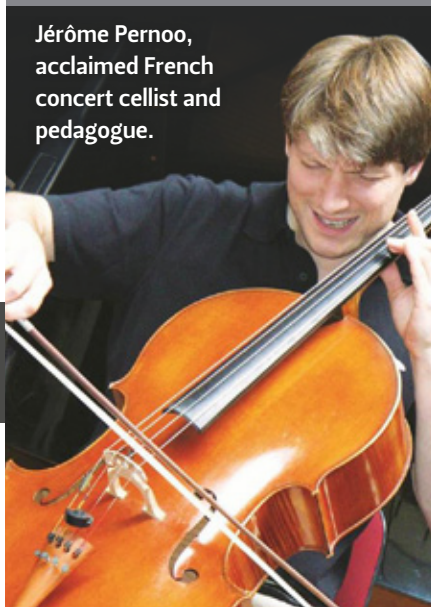
The launch of the first *OSM Masterclass* series in collaboration with www.classicsa.co.za is presented by acclaimed French concert cellist and pedagogue Jérôme Pernoo.

Unlike the standard anticipated master class format, in this broadcast, Pernoo answers extensive questions and demonstrates his philosophy and skills regarding technique, warming up, finger settings and sound production.

OSM Masterclass recordings will be hosted on the OSM YouTube channels and will be disseminated on the Facebook pages of the OSM. The *OSM Masterclass* channel is available and accessible to all, free of charge.

–By Stefan Lotter

Jérôme Pernoo, acclaimed French concert cellist and pedagogue.



Campus Management meets SAPS

The UFS Qwaqwa Campus management recently met with the SAPS Phuthaditjhaba Station Commander, Colonel TP Ntuli, to discuss the amicable working relationship that exists between the campus community and the SAPS.

They discussed matters of mutual interest and concern with regard to the safety of students on and off campus.

“Our meeting was a continuation of our joint safety campaigns that we have with the SAPS and this has strengthened our working relationship with our local police,” said Rev Hosiah Nkoana, who heads Student Affairs.

“What is of crucial importance is the involvement of our SRC in such campaigns as they represent the students who are victims, especially the students who stay off campus in areas like Bluegumsbosch and Bochabela. The involvement of Warrant Officer Maseko, Constable Potsane and SRC member responsible for off-campus students: Thulasizwe Sithole, is already yielding positive results and their contribution is highly appreciated,” Rev Nkoana said.

Colonel Ntuli acknowledged the role played by students in curbing criminal activities.

Rev Nkoana was part of the delegation that was led by Prof Prakash Naidoo, the Campus Principal. Other members of the delegation were Teboho Manchu, Vice Campus Principal: Support Services, and Tautona Moloi, Head: Protection Services.

–By Thabo Kessah

Students, staff and SAPS during one of the joint safety campaigns



“ Make the right choices and you will succeed ”

Prof Jansen advises learners

UFS Vice Chancellor and Rector Prof Jonathan Jansen advised thousands of matriculants to always make the right choices as these would set them up for success.

Prof Jansen was addressing prospective Kovsies during the Open Day that was recently held on the Qwaqwa Campus.

“The first right decision is to pass well. You must go for 60%, 70% and 80% passes. Set yourself a target and do not just strive to pass, but pass well,” Prof Jansen told a packed Rolihlahla Mandela Multipurpose Hall, with learners coming from as far as Ficksburg, Lindley and Koppies.

“The second thing that you need to do is to believe in yourself. Do not believe in people who tell you what you cannot do. Believe in what you can do,” said Prof Jansen.

‘Thirdly, you have to get up and do things for yourself. You have to work hard, sleep less and study hard. Don’t accept excuses. If you can do all these three, then the best place to come to is the University of the Free State. Believe that the sky is the limit.”

“We learned a very valuable lesson here today,” said Tumelo Mofokeng from Nkarabeng Secondary School in Kestel.

–By Thabo Kessah



Prof Jonathan Jansen at the Qwaqwa Campus





QWAQWA CAMPUS LAUNCHES

Institute for Reconciliation and Social Justice



The Institute for Reconciliation and Social Justice has been launched on the Qwaqwa Campus. The launch was led by Prof Andre Keet, director of the institute, who said that our institution has students of high quality.

"Nothing should stand in your way of fulfilling what you came here for," said Prof Keet to hundreds of students and staff.

"This cannot happen if we all do not develop the spaces around us. We must reach out to each other, as our campuses throughout the country have serious challenges. Social justice should not be seen as a side issue to our academic work. It should assist us in building worthy learning spaces," said Prof Keet.

"Do not think of the institute as doing work outside the scope of what a university must do. Gender discrimination happens here where teaching and learning as well as research is undertaken. Every day you must look for opportunities where you can contribute towards building a more just and diverse form of knowledge," added Prof Keet.

Dr Elsa Crause, Vice-Principal: Academic, also urged students to be aware of their own prejudices so that they could then be part of the solution.

"Social justice should be global thereby allowing all to participate fully in addressing their own prejudices and to avoid hurting each other," she said.

Messages of support from Dr Choice Makhetha, Vice-Rector: External Relations, Prof Prakash Naidoo, Campus Principal, and Inno Dube, SRC member on Politics and Transformation, were also presented.

-By Cebelihle Mtshali

Top Left: Prof Andre Keet, Director, Institute for Reconciliation and Social Justice.

Left: Some of the students during the launch

In die nuus



In Mei vanjaar het 'n span stappers wye media-aandag ontvang toe hulle te voet van die UV vertrek het op pad na Kaapstad ten bate van voedselsteun vir honger studente. Ronel Warner en Nico Piedt het by Adele van Aswegen en Ntokozo Nkabinde, albei UV-werknemers, aangesluit. Hierdie staptog van 33 dae na Kaapstad het nasionale mediadekking ontvang. Dit is uitgesaai op eNCA en ander belangrike radiostasies regoor die land en daar is in nasionale en plaaslike koerante daaroor berig.

Resultate van die persepsie-oudit wat onder 23 belanghebbende groepe van die UV gedoen is, is vrygestel. Volgens die resultate het ongeveer 86% van belanghebbendes saamgestem met die UV se visie, terwyl 81% saamgestem het met die UV se waardes en doelstellings en dit ondersteun. Daar is plaaslik in Bloemfontein Courant daarvoor verslag gedoen.

In Junie het vyf kollegas, wat die slagoffers was van die Reitz-voorval van 2008, hulle eie skoonmaakmaatskappy, genaamd Mamello Trading, bekend gestel. Ter bevordering van sy belofte om die pas gestigte maatskappy te ondersteun, het die UV vir Mamello Trading as 'n diensverskaffer by sy Suid-kampus aangestel. Daar is wyd hieroor berig in The New Age, Daily Sun, Citizen, The Star en dit is uitgesaai op eNCA, Lesedi FM, ens.

—Deur René-Jean van der Berg

“Dumelang bomme le bontante...”

Every Tuesday, just after lunch, bursts of laughter fill the lecture hall in the Benito Khotseng Building where about 30 people attend a basic Sesotho class.

At first the words felt a bit strange on the tongue, but after a few lessons and lots of laughs, everybody has the confidence (and vocabulary) to introduce themselves and share some basic information about their lives.

Sometimes words are pronounced wrongly, or used in the wrong context, someone will start to giggle and all then realise what a predicament language can sometimes cause.

Mojalefa Makhele, of the university's Human Resources department, has been teaching Sesotho to the university and Bloemfontein communities for almost 20 years.

The reasons for attending Sesotho class vary from student to student, but they all agree that they share a passion for the language.

“I enjoy teaching Sesotho immensely,” says Mojalefa. Mojalefa says his students are often motivated by wanting to converse

with Sesotho-speaking colleagues, employees, friends or clients as it is always good to be able to speak another's language.

“It is amazing how something like language can unite people of different cultures and backgrounds. It creates an acceptance of each other's individuality,” he says.

—By René-Jean van der Berg



Fulbright fellow gives young women leaders a unique voice

Jode Brexa, a Fulbright Distinguished Award in Teaching (DAT) Fellow, has been hosted by the School of Education for the past five months. As part of her Fulbright programme, she attended postgraduate courses and visited schools in Thaba Nchu as part of the Schools Partnership Project.



Young women leaders at Welwitschia with certificates of participation for Digital Story Project

A high school teacher from Boulder, Colorado, Jode has worked with culturally and linguistically diverse students in her school, district, and state as well as internationally in Central Asia. For her Fulbright Capstone Project at UFS, she shared digital storytelling with students at Welwitschia Residence through workshops co-facilitated by Refemetswe Dimbaza, of the residence's diversity portfolio.

Jode worked with nine members of Welwitschia's House Committee to combine narrative writing, audio recording and photos into short multimedia pieces, giving voice to their unique perspectives as young women leaders. Jode will be working with Dr Adre Le Roux and doctoral student Percy Mbunge on a module in the Learning Context for the School of Education in the coming semester.

-By Mamosa Makaya

VOX-POPS - The meaning of Africa Day

- By Jerry Mokoroane



Reuben Davids

Africa Day, according to my understanding, was instituted to basically address the challenges Africa has faced or is facing currently. I am proud that in our time Africa is steering itself by its inhabitants towards a desired destiny where everyone is contributing to its developments. I see this through Africa Day celebrations and its purpose.



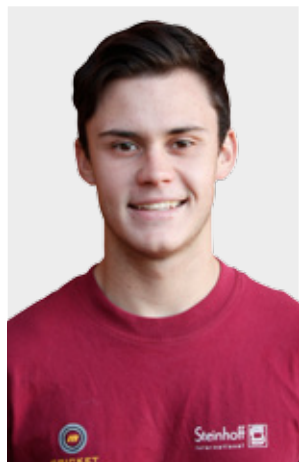
Refiloe Motepe

I see Africa Day as a platform for one to reflect and see where we come from, where we are and where we are heading as a continent. It's a day where we also take time to understand our roles in building a better and more sustainable continent, by contributing to it daily. I am a proud African citizen, and a proud African.



Themba Tshabalala

I really know nothing about Africa Day. Although I would think it's a day in which we (all who inhabit its soil) can commemorate, honour and rejoice in Africa's triumphs over the colonialism era. It's a day of reflection and I think that makes it very important in our country's public holidays.



Troy Flynn

I hadn't really comprehended the significance of this day, but since I came to the UFS and attended the Africa Day lectures I started to make sense of the day. To me it's all about taking pride in Africa and her developments. How Africans have started to own their identity and heritage and mostly their culture's preservation over the terrible historic happenings she encountered.



Lefa Makara

I didn't celebrate Africa Day, since I am not so familiar with its purpose. However I could say what I think it means to me. Africa Day highlights and acknowledges those who contribute to its developments, those who sacrificed for the continent, and those who have a story to narrate and celebrate its victories. I wish a lot more learners even at high school level could be informed thoroughly about its significance.

Qwaqwa Campus has new wheels

Qwaqwa Campus has recently acquired the use of two new 25-seater buses to enhance transportation services. These buses will mainly be used to transport students who stay at the off-campus Tshiya Residence and will also be used by the general student body for various institution-related trips. *-By Thabo Kessah* 

The hard-working team of drivers.



Om vir jou toekoms te beplan is makliker as wat jy dink.

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Ons dink vooruit

Voortreflike diens word nooit vergeet nie

André Badenhorst werk al 31 jaar by die UV, waarvan hy die afgelope 23 jaar in die Finansiële Ondersteuningskantoor sy deel doen. Hy is hoof van die afdeling Finansiële Steun in die Departement Akademiese Studentedienste. Die groep van 12 personeellede – nege op ons Bloemfontein-kampus en drie op die Qwaqwa-kampus – doen daagliks hulle deel om te verseker dat die groot aantal van ons studente wat deur NSFAS-beurse/lenings (Nasionale Studente Finansiële Hulpskema) studeer, hulle vir hul loopbaan en toekoms kan voorberei.

“Ons is daarvoor verantwoordelik om onder andere die beskikbare NSFAS-fondse aan behoeftige en akademies verdienstelike studente, wat volgens 'n voorgeskrewe middeletoets geïdentifiseer word, toe te ken. Benewens NSFAS, hanteer ons ook fondse wat jaarliks deur die UV toegeken word, soos Akademiese Merietebeurse, Kuns-, Kultuur- en Leierskapsbeurse.

Dan hanteer ons ook 'n klomp diverse beurse wat deur skenkings van donateurs, bemakings uit testamente, ens., beskikbaar gestel word.

“ Ons het egter ook 'n aantal uitdagings wat ons moet hanteer ”

“Daaglikse hoogtepunte in ons kantoor is om studente tevrede en gelukkig te kan sien en te besef ons kon help.”

“Ons het egter ook 'n aantal uitdagings wat ons moet hanteer. Omdat die aanvraag na finansiële hulp jaarliks al hoe meer word, is daar jaarliks 'n tekort van etlike miljoene rande om studente by te staan.

Met die beskikbare fondse kan slegs 'n beperkte aantal studente op albei kampusse gehelp word met finansiële ondersteuning. Talle studente wat aansoek gedoen het, kan dus nie gehelp word nie. Om hierdie studente met raad en daad by te staan, is veel meer as net 'n uitdaging,” sê André.



“Ons almal in die afdeling glo daaraan om so vinnig as moontlik soveel studente as moontlik met die beskikbare fondse tot ons beskikking te help sodat hulle in alle erns kan studeer en nie bekommernisse oor fondse hoef te hê nie. Voortreflike diens word nooit vergeet nie,” sê André.

-Deur Leonie Bolleurs 

UV bied 'n alternatiewe roete tot 'n BIng-graad

Die universiteit is baie opgewonde oor die totstandkoming van 'n nuwe studierigting – 'n BSc-graad met hoofvakke in Fisika en Ingenieursvakke. Die kursus word in die Fakulteit Natuur- en Landbouwetenskappe op die Bloemfontein-kampus van die UV aangebied.



Volgens Louis Lagrange, Projekbestuurder van Projek EnSci – Ingenieurswetenskappe, bied die UV 'n volledige driejaar BSc-kursus aan met hoofvakke in Fisika en Ingenieursvakke. “Ons vervang die nie-kern Fisika-vakke met Ingenieursvakke. Ons bied ook self al die spesialis-ingenieursvakke aan,” sê hy.

“Daar is nie genoeg plek aan universiteite om alle belangstellende ingenieurstudente in Suid-Afrika te akkommodeer nie. Die UV-kursus kan dus as 'n fundamentele ingenieurskursus beskou word. Dit rus 'n student sodanig toe dat hy/sy in die laaste twee jaar van ingenieurswese by 'n ander instansie in verskeie dissiplines kan spesialiseer, soos siviele ingenieurswese, elektroniese ingenieurswese, elektriese ingenieurswese, meganiese ingenieurswese en megatroniese ingenieurswese,” sê hy.

Na suksesvolle voltooiing van die driejaar BSc-graad aan die UV, kan studente kies om:

- Te gradueer met 'n BSc-graad met hoofvakke in Fisika en Ingenieursvakke en die beroepswêreld betree.
- Verder te studeer vir 'n honneurs-, meesters- of doktorsgraad in Fisika, of hulle kan
- Aansoek doen om te registreer vir 'n tweede graad – BIng of BSclng (vir twee addisionele jare) by 'n ander universiteit wat die BSc-graad met hoofvakke in Fisika en Ingenieursvakke erken. Aanvaarding is onderhewig aan sekere vereistes. Die student sal dus in hierdie geval 'n driejaarkursus aan die UV voltooi en die twee addisionele studiejare wat nodig is om die BIng- of BSclng-graad te voltooi, by 'n ander universiteit doen.

–Deur Leonie Bolleurs

From crystals to chocolate cake

Michelle Nothling places Dr Alice Brink under the microscope

Dr Alice Brink was selected by UNESCO to participate in a round-table discussion at the Opening Ceremony of the International Year of Crystallography in Paris, France. This Prestige Scholar and lecturer in the Department of Chemistry at the UFS was one of just 15 young scientists from across the world to be invited.

What does the International Year of Crystallography celebrate?

It celebrates the enormous scientific developments that resulted from the solving in 1914 of the crystal structure of sodium chloride. This discovery changed the understanding of the three-dimensional structure of matter.

Tell us more about your experience in Paris

The most valuable part of the discussion for me personally was when the 15 crystallographers sat down together and discussed what our visions, challenges, ideals and hopes were. It turned into a 'koffie kuier'. There was a surprising consensus among the scientists despite us coming from such different countries.

What is your biggest dream?

To develop a radiopharmaceutical drug which was synthesised, developed and finally medically approved for treatment is one of my greatest dreams.

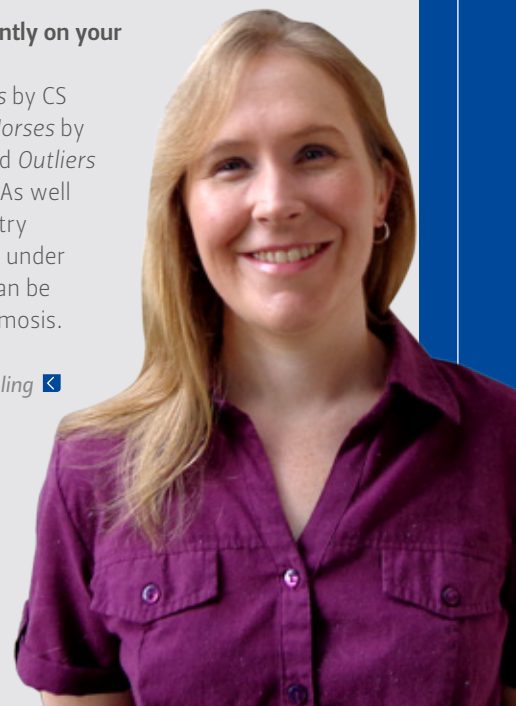
What are your indulgences?

Reading, collecting minerals, art museums and a wicked chocolate cake are all-time favourites.

What books are currently on your bedside table?

The Screwtape Letters by CS Lewis, *The Faraway Horses* by Buck Brannaman and *Outliers* by Malcolm Gladwell. As well as a couple of chemistry publications which lie under the bed, that I hope can be absorbed via sleep osmosis.

–By Michelle Nothling



Campuses celebrate graduations

The months of May and July on the Bloemfontein and Qwaqwa Campuses were full of celebrations, as graduates, their parents and well-wishers descended on the campuses to honour outstanding academic excellence.

The Qwaqwa Campus's graduation took place from 16-17 May 2014. Among the more than 800 degrees, diplomas and certificates conferred, were three PhDs in Physics, Polymer Science and Zoology, respectively. Four Masters of Science degrees were conferred cum laude.

On the Bloemfontein Campus, master's and doctoral degrees were bestowed on graduates from across all seven faculties, as well as the School of Open Learning, from 2 to 4 July 2014. These include the conferral of Medicine degrees on the South African Cuban trainees. Honorary doctorates were conferred upon Profs Magdalena Blum and Laura Mulvey.

Prof Jonathan Jansen, Vice-Chancellor and Rector, said that getting a higher degree comes with higher expectations of who you are and how you conduct yourself. "A higher degree at Kopsies means that you are a better person, not only because you received a qualification, but also because of your human capacity to love and embrace," he said.

—By Lacea Loader



Ever seen Deaf Theatre? *It's happening on campus*

Elizabeth Gali Malebo is not only a teaching and learning coordinator for the Faculty of Humanities at the Centre for Teaching and Learning, she is also the producer of Deaf Theatre.

"Way back in 2007, I saw deaf students on the UFS campus and I suddenly realised that I haven't seen any deaf actors on stage," says Gali. "I immediately did research on Deaf Theatre and started directing deaf theatre plays on campus – I've never looked back.

"A moment of inquisitiveness sprouted into abounding moments of passion" she says.

Deaf Theatre is a production that is being performed by an all-deaf cast using South African Sign Language (SASL).

"However, in my productions, I integrate SASL interpreters as well as Sign Language students to perform with the deaf actors and the language of instruction remains as SASL."

Gali is writing and will be directing inclusive theatre productions at the annual Arts and Social Justice Week hosted by the Institute for Reconciliation and Social Justice in mid-August. She is completing her MA dissertation in Deaf Theatre, hoping to graduate in December 2014. Her passion for Deaf Theatre is growing stronger and she looks forward to directing a deaf short film in 2015.

—By Elizabeth Gali-Malebo



Mentorskapprogram is 'n 'ongelooflike geleentheid'

“Die mentorskapprogram is 'n ongelooflike geleentheid vir jong nagraadse studente om beheer te neem van hul loopbane en in 'n vroeë stadium vaardighede aan te leer wat hul loopbaansukses kan verbeter.”

So sê dr Henriëtte van den Berg, Direkteur van die Nagraadse Skool, oor die nuwe mentorskapprogram wat vanjaar afgeskop het. Die doel is om beter nagraadse studente vir die UV te lewer, die studente se indiensneembaarheid te verbeter en van hulle 'n gesogte groep potensiële werknemers vir maatskappye te maak.

Die eerste 33 studente – waarvan die grootste groep honneursstudente is, asook enkele magisterstudente – het in Mei 2014 'n inleidende gesprek gehad. Die program begin amptelik op 22 Julie en duur tot 17 Oktober.

“Ons het na studente met 'n passie vir hulle onderskeie dissiplines gesoek,” sê dr van den Berg. Fakulteite het hul studente met buitengewone akademiese prestasies genomineer, maar die voorname om 'n akademiese loopbaan te volg was nie 'n voorvereiste om ingesluit te word by die program nie. Studente moes ook motiveer waarom hulle by die program wil inskakel.

Die program fokus op die persoonlike en professionele ontwikkeling van opkomende navorsers met buitengewone potensiaal en is gebaseer op die mentorskapriglyne van die European Mentoring Network.

Aandag word onder meer gegee aan persoonlike waardes, interaksiestyle, motiveringstrategieë en 'n persoonlike handelsmerk-ontwikkeling, akademiese identiteit, die ontwikkeling van 'n akademiese netwerk en hulpbronne, loopbaanbeplanning, wetenskapkommunikasie, spanwerk, kommunikasievaardighede, leierskap en innovering.

'n Span hoëprofiel-akademici gaan ingespan word in die interaksie met die studente. Onder hulle is proff Jonathan Jansen, Corli Witthuhn en dr Lis Lange, asook prof Kobus Maree van die Universiteit van Pretoria, prof Valerie Corval van die Universiteit Stellenbosch en prof Wilhelm van Rensburg van die Universiteit van Johannesburg.

Die mentorskapprogram is nie net 'n belegging in die individuele studente nie, maar ook in die gemeenskappe waarin die studente hulle bevind, hetsy op die kampus, in die koshuise of eendag in die werkplek. Dr Van den Berg sê die ideaal is om die studente ook in ewekniementorskapprogramme te gebruik.

Die UV is die plek waar nagraadse studente vir die toekoms geslyp word.

–Deur Leatitia Pienaar

Dr Henriëtte van den Berg. –
Foto: Leatitia Pienaar.



A helping hand from First Car Rental

First Car Rental provides transport services for students with disabilities. With one sedan, one minibus and a driver from the Unit for Students with Disabilities (USD) students can now get around more easily.

Initially First Car's services were for transporting interpreters to South Campus. The service grew over time and now provides daily transport to eight disabled students travelling between the two UFS campuses and to medical appointments around the city and, occasionally, disabled USD staff attending USD projects.

First Car shuttles are easy to spot, as they are uniquely branded with bright pink and text prints. The service is provided to the university at no cost.

–By Mamosa Makaya



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Die Vrystaat het die res van die land gewys presies waar Dawid die wortels op die netbalbaan gegrawe het – in Bloemfontein.

Vrystaat-netbal beleef 'n bloeitydperk soos selde tevore. Vir die eerste keer is die Vrystaat en Kovsies tegelykertyd die houers van die vier nasionale titels vir seniors.

Die jongste daarvan, die Brutal Fruit-trofee, is in 'n skitterende eindstryd deur die Vrystaat-Crinums verower. Die span bestaan uitsluitlik uit huidige en oud-Kovsies.

Die Brutal Fruit-netbaltrofee het nou staanplek langs die nasionale kampioenskap-, Ussa- en Varsitysport-trofee gekry.

Laasgenoemde twee is in 2013 deur die Universiteit van die Vrystaat se span gewen.

–Deur Ruan Bruwer

Shakers in the limelight and movers underground

As promised, it's time to praise some of our female staff who really put our campus in the limelight. Congratulations to Prof Melanie Walker from the Centre for Research on Higher Education and Development, who co-wrote a book, *Human Development and Capabilities: Re-imagining the University of the twenty-first Century*, with Alejandra Boni from the Technical University of Valencia in Spain. They won the Spanish Manuel Castillo Book Prize. Can't wait to read it!

Staff under the leadership of Edward Musgrave, Deputy Director of the ICTISE Division, took Gandhi's advice to heart, "People of accomplishment rarely sit back and let things happen to them. They go out and happen to things." Their Kovsies' Internet Broadcast Project won the international Enterprise Video Awards as winner in the Innovation in Pedagogy category. The impact of the project proved necessary and with remarkable results. Ten of the best teachers in the Free State broadcast lessons in interactive videos on more than 10 subjects to school learners who do not have access to quality education. They reach 43 000 Free State learners and 1 250 teachers per week at no cost to schools. The result? The Free State has the highest matric pass rate! Now that is what Bultjie calls an appropriate and a worthwhile project.

Om 'n Kanna-prys by die KKNK te wen is regtig spesiaal! Geluk aan Gerben Kamper van die Departement Drama- en Teaterkuns met sy prys as Beste Akteur. Daarby stap die Strykkwartet toe ook weg met 'n Kanna! Bultjie het nou die aand na 'n uitvoering van hulle geluister by die Art on Disasters Project. Samson Diamond, Sharon de Kock, Leanne-Louise Moolman en Anmarie

van der Westhuizen het ons omtrent in tranes gehad. Bultjie het daar en dan besluit dat hulle in die parlement moet gaan speel as dinge daar woelig raak. Hulle bring tyd tot stilstand en vrede op aarde solank hulle daardie katsdermsnare met die perdesterte stryk! Dalk kan hulle die volgende Konvokasievergadering ook open!

Sterkte aan almal wat so in eensaamheid aan hulle nagraadse studies en navorsing werk. Veral dié wat nie altyd in die kalklig staan nie. Een van die dae is dit gradeplegtigheid en dan lees ons van julle uitsonderlike navorsing. Hou moed! Dink maar aan ou Darwin wat die belangrikheid van die erdwurm aan ons geopenbaar het. Wie sou kon dink dat die klein, ruggraatlose en blinde dingetjie grond omploeg, plantsiektes beveg, afval opruim en gewone gemors tot vrugbare grond omwerk. Die Australiërs wil mos altyd beter. Hulle spog met 'n legendariese reusewurm wat tot tien outydse voet lank kan word. Wil iemand nie een invoer nie? Bultjie sou darem 'n groot baber met so 'n kalant kon gaan vang!

Mooi loop!
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