



Newly-streamlined South Campus to focus innovation on six core areas

The South Campus – being the fastest growing of the three UFS campuses – has experienced immense growth in distance learning programmes and projects. These rapid developments have necessitated a review of their organisational design.

This has now culminated in a newly-streamlined, innovative model with six core areas of delivery established in the following operating structures.

Formal Distance Education Programmes

This section comprises two core components. The first is the Formal Distance Education Programmes delivered by UFS staff. This will include all current and additional formal programmes delivered through distance education. The second branch, Educational Private-Public Partnerships, involves delivery of formal programmes by private or public partners working in partnership with the UFS.

Short Distance Learning Programmes

Short distance learning programmes will be delivered in collaboration with the faculties who wish to engage in distance delivery – especially online delivery.

Access for Success Programmes

This area will continue to support talented youth underserved by the public school system to provide alternative access to mainstream programmes at the UFS.

Social Responsibility Enterprises

The South Campus will further develop and initiate special projects as part of the social responsibility enterprises of the University. The Science for the Future project will be one of its social responsibility projects and is intended

to be rolled out nationally.

ICT Integration and Innovation in Distance Education

Building upon the success of the ICT Innovation in School Education (ICTISE) project, this core area will continue to provide institutional leadership in experimenting with alternative forms of distance educational delivery. An IDEAS Lab will be established to capture lectures for online learning – not only for the South Campus, but for faculties throughout the University.

Research in Open and Distance Learning

This section will be maintained and extended to establish a robust programme of research. This area will also include evaluation of current distance programmes with a developmental objective. The organisational restructuring will ensure integration with the University's mainstream structures and group the South Campus's activities under one umbrella.

"The campus," says Prof Daniella Coetzee, Acting Principal of the South Campus, "will be dedicated to provide programmes which focus on access as well the design and development of open distance learning programmes. We are also excited about the possibility of embarking on the delivery of programmes from the South Campus that are entirely online."

-By Michelle Nothing

From the Editor

The middle of the academic year is passing by in the blink of an eye, what with one event after another in a steady stream. We recently celebrated the brave women of South Africa and their fight for equal rights and justice for all. We applaud them: mothers, daughters and friends for their continued strength. Our university is growing in leaps and bounds, with constant restructuring and improvement of our curriculum and the introduction of new technology-based courses: these are the building blocks of an excellent place for learning.

We are becoming more and more competitive in our open and distance learning programmes, excelling in research in fields such as physics, groundwater research, and theology, not to mention the international awards recently won for creative engagement with students and staff. It is impressive to see the level of commitment that Kovies have in serving the communities around our campuses and in imparting knowledge in the most innovative ways. **Wel done, Kovies!!**



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The distinction between your personal and professional life is not all that clear-cut in the digital age. What you do online, even if outside work hours or on a private page, could result in you facing some serious disciplinary consequences, including the loss of your job.

”

Emma Sadlier and Tamsyn de Beer in *Don't film yourself having sex and other legal advice for the age of social media.*

Get your dual-frequency card

Staff members and students who own or drive motor vehicles on the Bloemfontein Campus are requested to buy the dual-frequency cards that have replaced the current student or personnel cards.

Dual-frequency cards provide quicker access at gates: you do not have to stop and swipe – with the card in hand, the boom will open automatically and you will be able to drive through. This helps with smooth traffic flow and prevents delays at the gates.

Please note that this arrangement only applies to valid card holders entering the campus – on leaving the campus, you will still have to swipe your card through the card reader. **Cards can be obtained at the Card Division at Thakaneng Bridge.**

–Deur Leonie Bolleurs

IMPORTANT DATES IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2015

8 –17 September

21–23 September

17 September

UFS Language Policy review process

Staff, student and external stakeholder submissions

Interviews with staff and students, staff polls, special Senate meeting, Executive Senate meeting.

Graduation ceremony: Diplomas/certificates up to and including honors degrees in the Faculties of the Humanities, Education (CE, NPDE and ACE excluded), Law and Theology.

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Universiteit maak voorsiening vir watertekort

Te midde van naderende waterbeperkings en potensiële onderbrekings in munisipale watervoorsiening, werk die Universiteit van die Vrystaat (UV) reeds sedert Mei 2015 daaraan om reservoirs aan te bring wat die Bloemfontein-kampus in tye van waternood van die nodige water sal kan voorsien.

'n Nood-waterreservoir is tans in aanbou op die westelike deel van die Bloemfontein-kampus, aanliggend tot die Proefdiereenheid. Dit sal aansluit by 'n huidige 250-mm-deursnee watertoeroepyp wat water aan die Bloemfontein-kampus verskaf. Die reservoirs sal die pyp van water voorsien om te gebruik soos en wanneer nodig ten tyde van munisipale diensonderbreking. Die reservoirs kos sowat R4 miljoen.

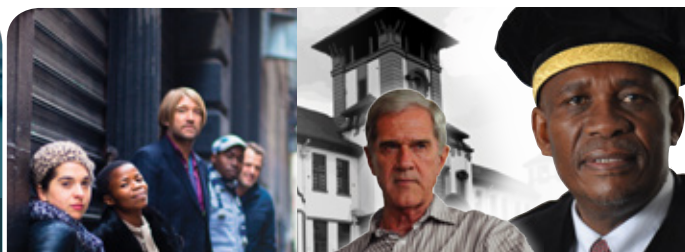
"Hierdie reservoirs sal slegs water voorsien vir dag-tot-dag menslike gebruik en nie vir besproeiing nie," sê Albie Louw, Hoofbeampte, Fasiliteitebeplanning aan die UV.

Albie sê dat hulle vir die ontwerp en beplanning van die reservoirs na 2014 se maandelikse verbruik tydens spitsye gekyk het. Dit het die basis van ons beplanning gevorm."

"Wanneer die watertoeroep na die kampus onderbreek word, word elke aspek van lewe by die UV geraak. Buiten vir drinkwater en sanitêre behoeftes in koshuise en geboue, word laboratoriums en restaurante ook geraak."

Die projek sal na raming einde Julie 2015 voltooi wees. Soortgelyke reservoirs word vir die UV se Suid- en Qwaqwa-kampus beplan.

–Deur Leonie Bolleurs



Alumni reunion weekend

The office of Institutional Advancement hosted the 2015 alumni reunion weekend. With an exciting line-up of themed events which started on Friday 28 August with the "Reunion for the decades". On Saturday 29 August alumni attended the following events: a Leadership Symposium, a faculty tour, and The Chancellor's Distinguished Alumni Luncheon in honour of Roelf Meyer, and the Young Alumni Meet and Greet – 2000s. Closing off the reunion weekend was the Alumni Concert featuring Freshly Ground and The Muses attended by staff and alumni.

– By Mamasa Makaya

Ons Praat met **Elize Rall**



My seisoen by die UV is bepaal vir 29 jaar en ek sien uit na die volgende seisoen van my lewe.



Hierdie filosofiese woorde is dié van Elize Rall, die afgelope 10 jaar koshuishoof van Welwitschia, wat aan die einde van die jaar die tuig neerlê.

Elize, 'n gekwalifiseerde onderwyseres, was betrokke by verskeie departemente aan die UV. Sy was voorheen 'n kongresorganiseerder, werksaam by die Skakelburo, tans bekend as die afdeling Bemaking. 'n Kreatiwiteitskongres wat sy saam met Kobus Neethling gereël het, is een van die hoogtepunte wat sy altyd sal onthou.

Hierdie "grand madame" van gebeurlikheidsorganisasie is in die jaar 2000 aangestel as markorganiseerder van die Volksblad Kunstefees. Dit het beteken dat sy somtyds net twee uur kon slaap, maar haar perfeksionistiese geaardheid het haar gedryf om 'n sukses van die twee uitdagings te maak.

As gevolg van kanker wat by haar gediagnoseer is, het haar gesondheid haar genoop om af te skakel, haar lewe weer in oënskou te neem en haar bedrywige lewensstyl aan te pas.

"Die Here het vir my gesê – Stop!" Na intensiewe mediese behandeling het sy haar loopbaan as koshuishoof voorgesit. In hierdie hoedanigheid as "tannie Elize", soos al die studente haar noem, het sy 'n groot droom gehad om 'n verskil te maak in studente van alle kulture se lewens. Met 'n oopdeurbeleid met geen spesifieke

sprekure nie, was sy altyd beskikbaar. Want as iemand in die koshuis gehelp moes word, moes dit dadelik gebeur.

"Jy moet weet wanneer studente in jou koshuis finansiële probleme het en nie op hulle studie kan konsentreer nie. Jy moet mediator wees wanneer kamermaats verhoudingsprobleme het; jy moet bly wees saam met die prestasies van jou studentekinders." Volgens Elize het haar onderhandelende bestuurstyl haar ook oor die jare gehelp dat studente eintlik hulle eie probleme kon oplos. Verskeie integrasie loodsprojekte is in haar koshuis gedoen om die UV se visie te vestig. 'n Besoekende Amerikaanse Fulbright-student het navorsing in die koshuis gedoen waar almal hulle stories van hulleself, hulle agtergrond en lewe as 'n Kowsie kon vertel. Hierdie stories is tans in Amerika en maak deel uit van verskeie integrasiestudies.

"Hierdie is die wonderlikste werk wat mens kan hê," sê Elize. Welwitschia is tans die vierdebeste koshuis op die kampus. Hierdie word jaarliks bepaal deur die departement van Behuising en Koshuisaangeleenthede, wat sekere kriteria stel en dan wenners aanwys. Voorheen was die koshuis in posisie 18 en 14.

Met al hierdie ondervinding en verskil wat sy in studente se lewens gemaak het, sien Elize uit na die tehuis vir die bejaardes-seisoen en sal sy ook nou meer tyd saam met haar twee kleindogters kan deurbring, vir wie sy nou al reeds help met huiswerk ...

-Deur Martie Notje

Spring signals renewal: Align yourself with energy

Extraverts, like me, are supposed to be energised by other people. It must be true, because I don't find my own company nearly as interesting as that of others. I know the dominant thoughts in my head far too well (frankly, I'm bored stiff by half of them), so hearing someone express a different viewpoint or opinion, or finding out something I never knew, is sometimes like opening a door to an exciting new scene, bright and strange, begging to be explored.

But not always. Sometimes the ideas or opinions are as dull as my own; sometimes they remind me of thoughts I banished because they only served to drag me down, and dragged down anyone else exposed to them too.

I'm working on avoiding viewpoints that make me feel as if I'm being sucked into a vortex of negativity.

Sometimes it's quite easy: "Is that the time? I'm late! Have to run!" The excitement associated with escape is enough to restore the energy lost through irritation. For those occasions when physical escape is not an option, I'm testing a variety of mantras to boost my resistance to complaints, platitudes and stereotypical statements. I'm also working on not being an energy thief myself – habits don't break easily, but sustained practice does cause cracks.

As spring brings renewal, join me in shaking off negative thoughts that drain our energy!

- By Hettie Human



My ma sê ôk so

"Hallo, my skat, hoe gaan dit?"

So begin die oproep wat ek paar weke gelede ontvang.

"Dis Claudine wat praat. Claudine, man, van Endeavour Primary. Ons was mos saam in standerd 4 in Boewa se klas."

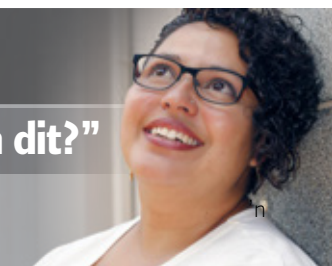
Dié woorde neem my ver terug na 'n tyd in my lewe wat ek lief wil vergeet. Laerskool.

'Vuil Claudine' het almal haar genoem. Vandag sal ek haar natuurlik nooit 'Vuil Claudine' noem nie, maar 'Vuil Claudine' was my eie persoonlike boelie. Ons was saam in standerd 4. Sy was 16 ek was 11, en die meeste dae was ek maar al te bly dat sy my nét teister of my kos afvat en my nie slaan of in 'n toilet toesluit nie. Maar voor ek 'n verskoning kon uitdink om nie langer met haar te praat nie, babbel sy voort:

"Jy was mos so slim en het mos vir alles 10 uit 10 gekry. Ek het die skool gelos, mos. Dis nou so lekker om met jou te kan praat. Ek het jou ma gekry in die dorp, toe gee sy my jou nommer. Hoe gaan dit met jou drie hondjies? Ek het vier kinders. Jy't seker 'n lekke' werk, nè. Ek hoor jy sit in 'n **office** met 'n **computer** en alles en jy skryf stories van die mense. Jy's seker 'n baas daar by jou werk. Sê die mense vir jou mevrou?

"Ek doen maar sulke los werkies, ek kan nie permanent werk nie, want ek is mos ook nie gesond nie. Dit sal nogal lekke' wees om jou te sien. Jou ma wys my **fouters** van jou en die honde – hulle is mooi. 'n Mens kan sien hulle is huishonde wat in jou bed slaap. My kinders is so stout, ek weet nie meer hoe om te maak nie. Hulle wil nie leer nie en slaan help ook nie. Ek sal **like** jy moet vir my **fouters** SMS, maar jy het seker 'n kwaai foon, my foon is mos maar net vir hallo en koebaai. Wag, koebaai. My **airtime**. Mens kan nie iemand wat 'n baas is so uit die werk uit hou nie."

-Deur René-Jean van der Berg



The experts say:

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS



FIRE EXTINGUISHERS FOR DIFFERENT TYPES OF FIRES



(A)

9 kg Dry Chemical Powder Extinguisher

Discharges a white powder that covers and suffocates the fire.

Most commonly used on all types of fire.



(B)

4.5 kg CO2 Extinguisher

Discharges carbon dioxide that extracts the oxygen thereby causing the fire to be extinguished.

Most commonly used on flammable liquids and where there is live electricity.



(C)

4.5 kg Dry Chemical Powder Extinguisher

A smaller version of the 9kg extinguisher above. It is much lighter and requires less physical strength.



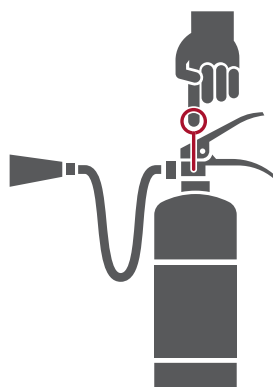
(D)

2 kg CO2 Extinguisher

A smaller version of the 4.5 kg extinguisher above. It is not as heavy and requires less physical strength.

NB! THE CO2 EXTINGUISHER IS USED IN KITCHENS AND AREAS WHERE THERE ARE COMPUTERS AND SENSITIVE ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT BECAUSE THE GAS DOES NOT CAUSE AS MUCH DAMAGE AS THE DRY CHEMICAL POWDER DOES.

HOW TO USE A FIRE EXTINGUISHER



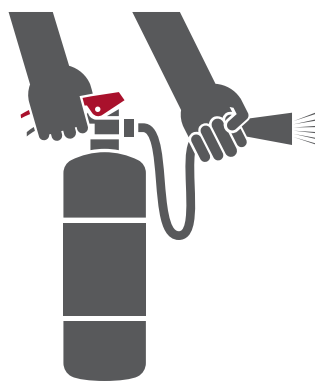
Step 1:

Lift the extinguisher off the holding bracket.



Step 2:

Pull out the safety pin.



Step 3:

Aim at the base of the fire, not the flames.



Step 4:

Squeeze the lever slowly and use a sweeping motion when using the extinguisher.

IMPORTANT POINTS TO REMEMBER

- Operate the extinguisher from a safe distance, a metre or two away, and then move towards the fire once it starts to diminish.
- Make sure to use the right extinguisher for the type of fire.
- BEWARE – The extinguishing agent is under pressure and when the lever is squeezed it will come out with force and make some noise.
- Aim at the base of the fire and not the flames – in order to put out the fire, you must extinguish the fuel!

–By Thato Block

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Entrepreneurs forced into survival businesses

South Africa is facing a challenge of job creation and the development of sustainable small businesses. This is aggravated by a declining overall socioeconomic profile and economic activities, which result in increasing unemployment rates, says Dr Kgantscho Ranyane.

She conducted a study on Survivalist Entrepreneurs in the Free State and presented it at the International Doctoral Consortium held at St Mary University in Halifax, Canada in June 2014.

"In an attempt to escape from their socioeconomic conditions and to reduce their severity, individuals opt to start informal businesses, which can be in the form of survivalist enterprises. It becomes a buffer, providing families with an alternative source of income," she says.

Due to rising poverty levels and scarce work opportunities, survivalist entrepreneurs are forced into small businesses, and operate in the informal sector of the economy. "In theory, the South African government does recognise the existence of survivalist entrepreneurs, who are categorised as part of the micro-entrepreneurs amongst the SMMEs (small, medium, micro enterprise).

The study was an exploratory multiple-case study conducted as a first phase, with 100 participants from the five districts of the Free State. The second phase entailed a review of the secondary documentation (policies and procedures) provided by the finance development institutions (FDIs) rendering services in the province. The third phase of the study entailed interviews with the FDIs.

A conceptual framework on the existence of the survivalist entrepreneur was formulated using both the theoretical and empirical results from the study. Changing global economic conditions are the underlying causes which lead to factors that directly or indirectly lead to the development of survivalist enterprises, she says. These include a shrinking formal economy and increasing poverty rates, which directly increase dependency on the government for support. —By Leatitia Pienaar

Dr Kgantscho Ranyane.

Fisikapersoneel blink uit op nasionale en internasionale vlak

Personeel en studente van die Departement Fisika aan die universiteit wat in die afgelope drie maande aan nasionale en internasionale kongresse deelgeneem het, het altesame dertien pryse ontvang.

Prof Hendrik Swart, hoof van die Departement Fisika, asook SARCHI-leerstool in Luminensie en Gevorderde Materiale, sê: "Die Departement Fisika ervaar tans 'n bloeitydperk wat betref navorsingsuitsette. Die pryse wat ons in die afgelope twee maande ontvang het, dui duidelik op die kwantiteit, asook die hoë kwaliteit van die navorsingsuitsette." Studente doen baie goed in sowel die nasionale as internasionale arena.

Personeellede word gereeld uitgenooi om hoofredes en genooide lesings by internasionale kongresse te lewer.

'n Nuwe gebou op die Bloemfontein-kampus met groot lesinglokale en nuwe laboratoriums sal vroeg in Augustus voltooi word, wat navorsingsuitsette nog 'n verdere hupstoot sal gee.

Die universiteit het twee pryse ontvang by die sesde Suid-Afrikaanse Konferensie oor Fotoniese Materiale wat by die Mabula Game Lodge in Limpopo gehou is.

Verder het prof Martin Ntwaeaborwa tydens die derde Suider-Afrikaanse Sonkragkonferensie, wat deur die Universiteit van Pretoria in die Kruger Nasionale Park aangebied is, die prys vir die beste referaataanbieding in fotovoltaiiese sonkrag ontvang. Die konferensie, wat fokus op alle aspekte van sonkragnavorsing en -ontwikkeling, het 'n forum gebied vir sonkragnavorsers om die nuutste vordering en ontwikkeling op die gebied voor te lê.

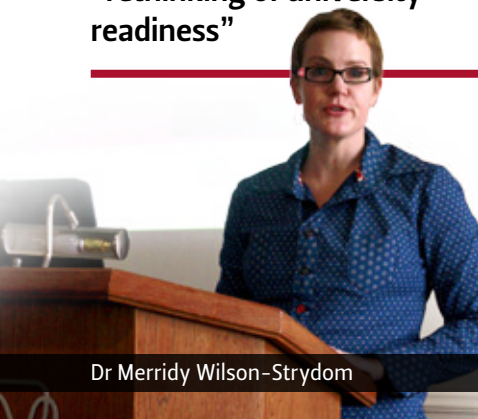
Die universiteit het ook goed gevaar by die 59ste jaarlikse kongres van die Suid-Afrikaanse Instituut vir Fisika. Hier het hulle met nie minder nie as sewe pryse weggestap.

Tydens die jaarlikse Nasionale Lasersentrum-terugvoervergadering in Port Elizabeth, het die universiteit drie pryse ontvang: —Deur Leonie Bolleurs

Lizelke Klindt het die prys vir die beste mondelinge MSc-aanbieding van die SAIF-president, prof Igle Gledhill (WNNR), ontvang.



New book recommends “rethinking of university readiness”



Dr Merridy Wilson-Strydom

A young man draws himself standing behind a brick wall in darkness, striving in vain to reach success and sunshine on the other side. This drawing aptly illustrates the focus of Dr Merridy Wilson-Strydom's book *university access and success: capabilities, diversity and social justice*.

Using the capabilities approach, Dr Wilson-Strydom considers the individual wellbeing and quality of life of students as central metrics for understanding access and success. Based on a combination of quantitative and qualitative research, including focus groups, written reflections and drawings, interviews and participatory workshops, she identifies seven key capabilities needed for a student to successfully transition to university life, namely:

1. Practical reason
2. Knowledge and imagination
3. Learning disposition
4. Social relations and social networks
5. Respect, dignity and recognition
6. Emotional health
7. Language competence and confidence

At the launch of the book at the UFS recently, Prof Sandra Boni, from the Universidad Politécnica de Valencia in Spain, said: “From a methodological perspective, this book is an excellent contribution in the educational research domain ... It brings a richness of data that allows the author to explore in a deeper way the personal characteristics and the social factors that influence the capability [of students] to participate. ... This book offers interesting avenues for action in the university realm.”

Dr Lis Lange, Vice-Rector: Academic at the UFS, said at the same event: “We will have to rethink what we are doing and how we are doing it. I would like to make it prescribed reading for all deans and HODs.” –By Eugene Seegers

Groundwater researcher publishes in top academic journals

“The most important thing is not to have many published books but to publish with a top academic book publisher.” These are the words of Abdon Atangana, postdoctoral researcher in the Institute for Groundwater Studies, and author of the book: *Derivative with a new parameter: Theory, Methods and Application*.

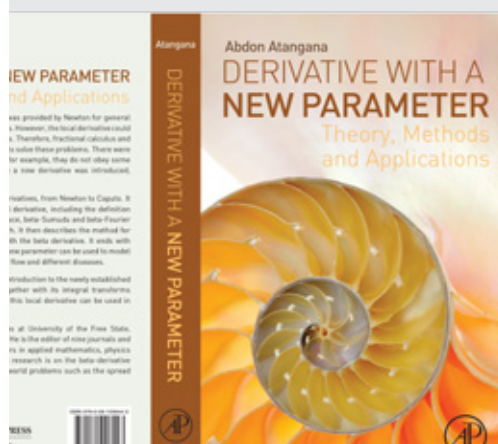
“My challenge was to write a book and publish it by a top academic book publisher; not for myself but for the UFS, and the Institute for Groundwater Studies in particular, where my academic career started in June 2013.

The book, Abdon's first, has been published by Elsevier's imprint, Academic Press, “a leading publisher of scientific books for more than 65 years”. He is also the author of 77 research papers in Applied Mathematics in International Scientific Indexing (ISI) journals (from 2013 to 2015).

“The aim of this book was to propose a derivative with fractional order that satisfies almost all the properties of the derivative known as Newton derivative. The concept of derivative with fractional order has attracted the attention of some top researchers around the world because these operators were found suitable mathematical tools for modelling. However, these operators do not satisfy the properties of a derivative. Therefore, I have proposed a fractional operator that satisfies the properties of a derivative. I presented the theory around the derivative, and then applied it to some real-world problems to show the efficiency of this derivative,” he said.

The book will be beneficial to researchers in the field of fractional calculus, as they will understand what a fractional derivative is. Researchers in many other branches of science and technology using the concept of fractional derivative will understand the reason to use these operators.

“My aim is to tell the world that there is knowledge at the University of the Free State, and especially at the Institute for Groundwater Studies,” said Abdon. –By Leonie Bolleurs



Communication campaigns bring in prestigious international awards

Two of six Gold Quill Awards were won by the Department of Communication and Brand Management for outstanding communication campaigns in 2014. The Gold Quills are awarded to South African companies and institutions by the International Association of Business Communicators (IABC). This year, the award ceremony was held in San Francisco.

The Gold Quill Excellence Award was presented to Lelanie de Wet for the social media campaign UFS #FaceOfFacebook. This initiative is based on the university's commitment to the Human Project, which sets the standard for good quality human interaction.

Lelanie says the project was born out of the need to communicate with students. Thus a



From left: Lelanie de Wet, Lacea Loader and Leonie Bolleurs

virtual friend, #FaceOfFacebook, was created. The FaceOfFacebook engages students through short video clips while he/she attends events or communicates important messages, and these clips are posted on the UFS Facebook page. The #FaceOfFacebook is the face of the campaign for 12 months.

The second award was presented to Leonie Bolleurs for the B Safe Take Action campaign, which received a Gold Quill Merit award. “The campaign started in September 2013 with a target audience of both on- and off-campus students and staff, to help create social ownership of personal safety, and to raise awareness of the safety measures put in place by the university,” said Leonie.

Another feather in the cap for the university was the presentation at the 2014 conference of the Stakeholder Perceptions Audit by Lacea Loader, the Director Communication and Brand Management. This project was conducted at the UFS in February 2014 and has since received on-going national and international recognition.

“Being recognised by the IABC for the second year in a row is a great honour and I am very proud of what my colleagues have achieved by entering the two campaigns. Winning the awards is a true indication of what can be done when a team of expert communicators is committed to engaging their target audiences with campaigns that speak to quality and innovation,” said Lacea.

–By Leonie Bolleurs

In the Media

The university hosted the Winter Graduation ceremony on the Bloemfontein Campus. A total of 1 220 master's and doctoral degrees were awarded to graduates from all seven faculties. The highlight at this year's Winter Graduation was the awarding of three honorary degrees, to Ambassador Lakhdar Brahimi, Dr Mercy Oduyoye and John Samuel. This was reported on in *Volksblad* and *The New Age*.

On 5 June 2015, the Council of the UFS appointed Dr Gift Vinger as Registrar: Management and Policy. Dr Vinger obtained his BA degree at the former Vista University in 1988 and his BA Honours at the UFS in 1990. He has qualifications from Pennsylvania State University in the USA and North-West University, among others. He completed his DPhil (Leadership

in Performance and Transformation) at the University of Johannesburg in 2005. This was reported in *Volksblad*, *Bloemfontein Courant*, *The New Age* and *OFM*.

Kovsie star athlete Wayde van Niekerk became the latest South African sprinter to make waves in world athletics after he ran the 200m in under 20 seconds at the European Athletics Classic in Lucerne, Switzerland. Van Niekerk had made headlines a week earlier when he ran a sub-44 400m. He now holds both the SA 200 and 400m records (43.96) in world-class times and joins an exclusive club of sub-20/sub-44 200m/400m athletes that includes American legends Michael Johnson and LaShawn Merritt. This received international media attention. On the home front, this was reported on tv news channels and printed publications such as *Sport24*, *The Times* and *Business Day*.

The work of UFS researcher Dr Francois Deacon received international media attention after he was invited to host a talk in Texas, USA. His work involves tagging giraffes with GPS tracking devices to prevent poaching. Dr Deacon was featured on *Fox News*, *New Braunfels* and *Herald Zeitung*. In local media his research was featured on *SABC news*, *Die Burger*, *News24* and *The New Age*. -By René-Jean van der Berg

WORD SEARCH

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G A G B Y W N N E D R
M R T W O U O L K E L
S C D L Y I B E P R F
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F R V E T A S O E T K
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H I E R X X A K T L C
T L U B N X E S O O O
S A R R F O N T I G T
L V E R I T A S R Y T

Find the 12 words hidden in the grid below. These words can be read up, down, forward, backward or diagonally and some can overlap; which means a letter can be part of two or more words. See if you can find them all.

Archery

Dermatology

E-books

Fellow

Frik Scott

Laureate

Lecture

Pimento

Scaena

Timetable

Veritas

Vision

VOX POP

Vox pop – Food insecurity on university campuses

By Hatsu Mphatsoe



Palesa Morei
Student

I think the food prices on the bridge need to be reduced and local products introduced, meaning cheaper, healthier food.



Annelize Visagie
Senior officer: Health and Wellness Centre

We need to reinstate food halls where a student can eat at least two meals a day, but this can only happen if bursaries make provision for such meals. Students must then be restricted in using their money for other needs and we need to educate them to use their money wisely.



Tango Goode
Student

I think we can solve food insecurity on campus by having more local businesses who are going to be selling their products to us rather than franchises that don't give us what we need to be eating.



Almari Mynhardt
KovsieGear manager

By decreasing prices we can make healthy food more accessible and affordable. We must raise awareness on food choices that are healthy and give more sustainable energy throughout the day.

Dean of Theology demonstrates the current relevance of ancient prophetic utterances in his latest book

He has written seven internationally published books. Locally, he has authored four books and co-authored 14 more. With his latest work, he has become the first South African writer to feature in the series Historical Commentary of the Old Testament. This venerated author is Prof Fanie Snyman, Dean of the Faculty of Theology.

A daunting task faced Prof Snyman during the writing of his new book, *Malachi*. Was there still anything new to be said after so many centuries of scholarship and careful reading of the Biblical text? Through his research, he discovered the answer to be a resounding yes. "It's just a wonderful moment," Prof Snyman says, "when you discover something in the text that was overlooked or after a careful and meticulous reading of the text to come up with a new and fresh interpretation of a verse or passage in the book."

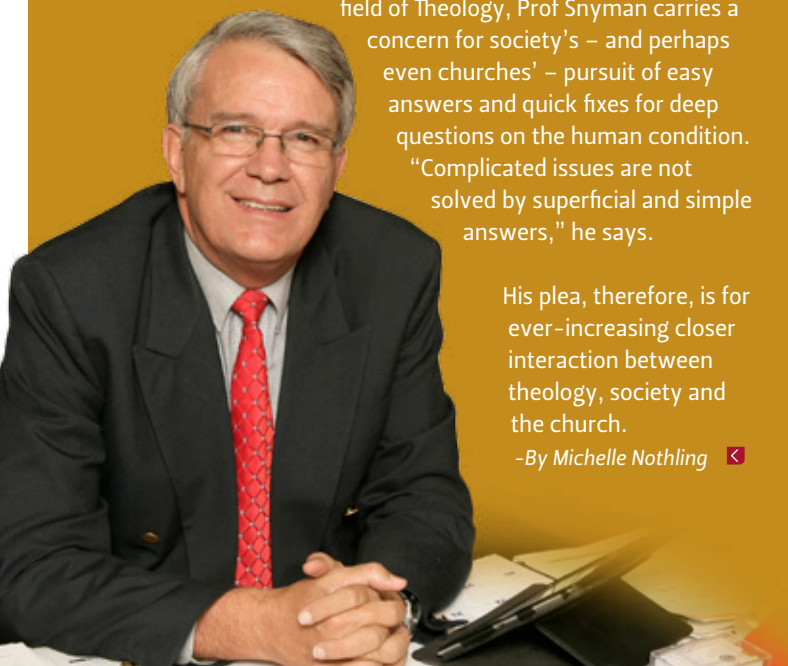
Incorporating the latest research, *Malachi* provides a verse-by-verse explanation and interpretation of this prophetic book in the Old Testament. Not only does Prof Snyman wish for his book to inspire the scholarly community, but in particular pastors in local congregations. By offering a clearer understanding of this last book in the Old Testament, he hopes "that the commentary will be of some aid to them in preparing sermons from the book of Malachi".

Although Prof Snyman has immersed himself in the Old Testament for many years, this prophetic literature continues to capture his imagination. "It still amazes me how a very old collection of utterances spoken by prophetic figures and collected in what we call the Bible in times so much different from ours, can still be so relevant."

However, heartened by the vibrancy in the field of Theology, Prof Snyman carries a concern for society's – and perhaps even churches' – pursuit of easy answers and quick fixes for deep questions on the human condition. "Complicated issues are not solved by superficial and simple answers," he says.

His plea, therefore, is for ever-increasing closer interaction between theology, society and the church.

–By Michelle Nothling <



Women of Kovsies celebrate and mark their role in society

In the true spirit of women's month, the Health and Wellness team hosted a breakfast event to celebrate the women of Kovsies. The Callie Human Centre was alive with laughter and conversation as colleagues enjoyed a morning of entertainment and inspirational talk. Guest speakers Annet Kasselmann, a former Miss International title holder, and Zane Meas, 7de Laan actor, had words of inspiration for the women.



From left: Mrs Evelyn Morgan, Ms Annet Kasselmann, Mr Zane Meas and Mrs Grace Jansen

Annet spoke of the tendency of women to seek perfection in their work – life balance. She encouraged them to rather be content with themselves and their realities. These are life lessons she learnt throughout her modelling and pageant career. "I'm not perfect, but I'm perfectly real," she said. Annet likened the development of quality people to the process of refining gold.

Zane Meas, the only man in the room, addressed the ladies by highlighting the important role they play in society, from a man's perspective. As a man who primarily speaks to men nationwide about the role of fatherhood, he reminded women to recognise their roles as mothers and their unique attributes such as resilience, intuition and inner strength.

"I was the only boy in my family, so I grew up surrounded by many sisters, you could say I know a lot about women," said Zane. He pointed out the changes that come with modern day living such as reversed gender roles in families and the impact this has had on male/female relationships.

Guests were treated to live music by Lucy Sehloho, from the Office of Student Affairs, and local songstress Ann Mahlohla. The event closed on a high note, with a lucky draw and gift vouchers sponsored by local retailers and women-owned businesses.

–By Hatsu Mphatsoe <

Infrastructural development on campuses sees **rapid growth**

Since the 2013/2014 financial year more than 14 new buildings and other new infrastructure has been completed on the three campuses of the university.

Projects were not limited to new buildings, according to Maureen Khati from University Estates, but also included more than 100 upgrades and renovations throughout the entire university.

Much has been reported on a number of these projects. In this edition of *Dumela* we are highlighting the Physics, Genetics, and Biotechnology Buildings on the Bloemfontein Campus as well as the Physics/Geography Building on the Qwaqwa Campus.

The Physics Building on the Bloemfontein Campus consists of 1405 m² of offices, lecture halls and laboratories. It includes a multi-functional multi-storey auditorium that is adaptable for different student numbers. It features a roof-top level that opens up to the telescope housed there. This is the highest building on the Bloemfontein Campus and it also has an exploratorium on the ground floor. The project is still under construction and will be completed in August 2015.

Due to the steadily increasing interest in the field of Genetics, student numbers have increased dramatically over the past few years and so a new dedicated facility was needed. This building, consisting of 1153.9m² of



Physics Building, Bloemfontein Campus



Biotechnology Building, Bloemfontein Campus



New Genetics Building, Bloemfontein Campus



Genetics Building, Bloemfontein Campus



Biotechnology Building, Bloemfontein Campus



Geography Building, Qwaqwa Campus

offices, a lecture room and laboratories, was completed in June 2015. The building, situated next to the Financial Planning Building on the Western campus, also houses a chemical waste facility, which is the first of its kind at the university. Pedestrian walkways were extended to link this building to the existing infrastructure.

Another exciting project is the Biotechnology Building. This extension to the existing building consists of offices, a lecture room and laboratories. The total floor area added is 340 m². This project was completed last month. The existing offices and laboratories were also renovated.

On the Qwaqwa Campus the new Physics/ Geography Building is nearing completion (August 2015). This development includes lecture rooms, laboratories and offices. It also houses a dual purpose flat-floor lecture hall by day, which becomes an overnight study facility with an auditorium and its own ablution facilities. Sufficient parking has also been provided for all buildings.

“All the buildings are fully accessible for people with disabilities. Various green initiatives have also been incorporated such as energy saving devices, environmentally friendly materials, heat pumps and water recycling capability in some buildings.

Audio-visual equipment and lecture rooms are of world-class standard and access



Amphitheatre, Qwaqwa Campus

control systems have been installed,” said Nico Janse van Rensburg, Senior Director at University Estates.

All these projects were funded by the Department of Higher Education and Training.

—By Leonie Bolleurs

Lokaalbespreking: Hoe werk dit?

Foto's: Charl Devenish

Die Afdeling Akademiese Roosters en Lokale hanteer die besprekings van alle akademiese lokale asook die CR Swart-ouditorium en die CR Swart-senaatsaal op die Bloemfontein- en Suid-kampus.

Volgens Maryn Greyling, Hoof van die Afdeling Akademiese Roosters en Lokale, word die besprekings op die PeopleSoft-sistels gedoen.

Personeel kan 'n e-posversoek aan bogenoemde kantoor rig, met die volgende besonderhede in die versoek:

- Datum
- Tydgleuf
- Vir hoeveel studente/persone
- Aard van die bespreking
- Naam en kontakbesonderhede van die persoon wat die bespreking versoek
- Spesifieke benodighede, byvoorbeeld oudiovisuele toerusting

Die CR Swart-senaatsaal en die CR Swart-ouditorium kan by die Afdeling Akademiese Roosters en Lokale bespreek word.

“Wanneer 'n bespreking gedoen word, word dit per e-pos deur ons kantoor bevestig. Hierdie is die enigste amptelike bewys/bevestiging van 'n bespreking,” sê Maryn.

Personeel kan die volgende persone kontak, as hulle 'n lokaal wil bespreek:

- Elsabe Venter (ventere@ufs.ac.za)
- Ronald Sinra (sinrarw@ufs.ac.za)
- Maryn Greyling (greylingmm@ufs.ac.za)

Vir alle akademiese aangeleenthede is daar geen koste verbonde aan die huur van 'n lokaal nie. “Slegs in die geval waar na-ure skoonmaakdienste/opruiming benodig word, sal 'n fooi gehef word. Die betrokke departement sal verantwoordelik wees vir die betaling, sê Maryn.

Geen kos/kosbediening word in lokale toegelaat nie.

“Foyers word afsonderlik bespreek. Spyseniering kan in foyers gedoen. Daar is 'n lys van reëls en dié is beskikbaar by Maryn.

Haar kantoor het ook 'n lys van lokale wat oor noodkrag beskik, sou daar beurtkrag voorkom. –Deur Leonie Bolleurs

New Honours in Film programme shoots ahead

A new Bachelor of Arts Honours in Film and Visual Media course has been introduced to the postgraduate portfolio of the Faculty of Humanities.

Eight students are the pilot group doing the course, which integrates the basics of film history and research with practical production. The programme is a prototype in that it has an interdisciplinary approach, which means students will integrate film history and theory with individual short film production.

According to the Programme Committee, “While other universities locally and abroad do offer film qualifications, the emphasis usually falls on either the history and theory of film, or the making of films. Our programme is the only one in South Africa (that we know of) that offers this specific kind of integration.”

Chris Vorster, Dr Anthea van Jaarsveld, Prof Helene



Strauss, and Johanet Kriel will be lecturing, and providing personalised supervision to students. These lecturers form part of a Programme Committee, which also includes Prof Annie van den Oever, Cloete DeBeer, and Martin Rossouw.

The university has built a multi-camera studio, equipped with state-of-the-art equipment, editing facilities, and a small movie theatre to facilitate a thorough teaching and learning process.

“The main goal is to help students to perform at their best, and to develop and align our curriculum better for next year, when an additional seven students are to be accommodated,” says Johanet. The university, in collaboration with the University of Groningen in the Netherlands, is modelling the curriculum to ensure holistic film education.

The Programme Committee has braced itself for challenges arising from exploring new territory, but are prepared to emerge victorious. –By Valentino Ndaba



Prioritising **universal access** for students with disabilities

The Centre for Universal Access and Disability Support (CUADS) was launched on 24 July 2015 during an Open Day held on the Bloemfontein Campus. The objective was “to make more people on campus and from the greater UFS community aware of the services that we provide, and to spread the word about universal access”, said Hetsie Veitch, former head of the centre.

At the Open Day, staff, students and the general public were shown the latest equipment available on the market to assist students who have various disabilities. Vendors from across the country displayed and demonstrated various functional gadgets.

The day ended on a festive note, courtesy First Car Hire Rental Company. A brand new Toyota Quantum was presented to CUADS as a cost-free long-term rental enabling disabled students to travel between campuses free of charge. Since 2012, First Car Rental has been a generous partner of the UFS, allowing the centre to provide a designated transport service to students with disabilities.

The centre collaborates with departments, support services of the University, external suppliers, staff and students to ensure that the UFS campuses increasingly become universally accessible environments that are welcoming to people with disabilities.

—By Valentino Ndaba

Maréve sien uit na **studiegeleentheid**

Die studiegeleentheid aan die Universiteit Gent in België kan nuwe navorsingsmoontlikhede bied, sê Maréve Biljohn, dosent in Openbare Administrasie en Bestuur in die Fakulteit Ekonomiese en Bestuurswetenskappe.

Sy het 'n Erasmus Mundus EU-Saturn-beurs ontvang en vertrek in Oktober 2015 vir ses maande na België. Maréve is die eerste persoon in die fakulteit wat hierdie beurs ontvang. Sy is baie opgewonde oor die geleentheid om in Gent verdere navorsing vir haar PhD te doen.

Die tema van haar PhD is “Social innovation and service delivery by local governments – a Free State perspective”. Sy sê die geleentheid in die buiteland kan ook bydra tot die ontwikkeling van nuwe navorsing oor die gebruik van sosiale innovering in die dienslewering van plaaslike regering, nasionaal en internasionaal.

Erasmus Mundus EU-Saturn fokus op streekbehoefte in hoër onderwys. Dit word deur die Europese Unie befonds en bied aan PhD-studente aan Suid-Afrikaanse universiteite die geleentheid om vir ses of tien maande in Europa te studeer.

Die oogmerk is om internasionalisering en vennootskappe met Suid-Afrikaanse universiteite te bevorder, asook om by te dra tot kapasiteitsbou by instelling en individue in hoër onderwys.

—By Leatitia Pienaar



Maréve Biljohn

Kovsie attends international leadership summit in Australia

Promoting literacy in her community is the noble goal that Cindy Mzizi would like to achieve. Cindy is the Qwaqwa Campus Golden Key Executive: Membership Recruitment and has just returned from an international leadership summit in Brisbane, Australia.

"The Golden Key summit was an eye-opener on many levels. I was proud to represent my university and country; now I am even more determined to achieve my goals," said Cindy, a final-year Psychology student.

"The summit focused on the culture of academic excellence and how we as students can bring change to the youth in our communities. It helped me identify my strengths and how to use them in helping to cultivate leadership and development skills in myself and in other youths," she said.

Attending this conference gave her the opportunity to meet and share views with other students from countries such as Canada, New Zealand, the USA, Australia and Singapore. "I have learnt a lot on how to pursue a career and my dreams, and how to share ideas to reach a common goal," said Cindy.

Golden Key is the world's largest student honour society; it invites the top 15% of university students and top graduate students in all fields of study to join. It has more than 2 million members from all over the world.

-By Thabo Kessah

Cindy Mzizi



Skilled teachers make a world of difference in special needs schools

Kim Claassen, a final-year education student and a staff member in the South African Sign Language Department, has recently completed her practical teaching at the Bartimea School for the Deaf and Blind in Thaba Nchu.

The school offers classes for Grades double R to 12, with boarding facilities for students who come from afar. "Deaf students prefer teachers who are qualified and fluent in sign language, it makes for a better learning experience," says Kim.

Kim has been studying Sign Language for one-and-a-half years, and has passed her modules with distinction. She is an avid learner and constantly looks to grow her knowledge in sign language and communication methods, as a student assistant in the Department of South African Sign Language.



Kim Claassen

"In this school, we have students who are not only deaf or blind but who also have other disabilities making learning difficult for them."

Her passion for sign language led her to start negotiations to allow practical teaching to take place at special needs schools, something not previously done. After she completes her studies this year, she hopes to become an teacher at a deaf school in the Western Cape next year.

"This was the last practical teaching for my degree programme, before I qualify as a teacher. My aim is to make a mark in the world through my work, helping students with special needs to achieve their goals in life," Kim said.

-By Stefan Lotter

UV se Odeion strykkwartet op die wêreldverhoog



Sharon de Kock | Jeanne-Louise Moolman | Anmari van der Westhuizen | Samson Diamond

Vir die eerste keer sedert sy ontstaan het die Odeion-strykkwartet 'n uitnodiging ontvang van die Birmingham-konservatorium, wat deel van die Birmingham City University vorm, om by die gesogte Kamermusiekfees op te tree.

Die kwartet het, in ooreenstemming met die fees se 'Revolusionêre' tema, Peter-Louis van Dijk se 'inyembezi', 'n klassieke komposisie met Afrika-botone, uitgevoer.

Die kwartet het tussen 4 en 14 Junie 2015 konsertuitvoerings in Leominster, Finsbury, Birmingham, Weymouth, asook by Sherborne Meisieskool, Goldsmith's Kollege en Girton-kollege gelewer.

Sharon de Kock, Jeanne-Louise Moolman, Anmari van der Westhuizen en Samson Diamond – die lede van die enigste residensiële universiteitskwartet in Suid-Afrika – sê hulle is tevrede met die resultate van die toer.

Volgens Diamond was die doel van die toer om "op internasionale vlak in Europa mee te ding, om aan huidige tendense en standarde blootgestel te word, die universiteit by 'n ander universiteit te verteenwoordig, asook om nuwe kontakte te maak".

De Kock deel hierdie sentiment in die lig van die goeie verhoudings wat "meer deure vir studente" van die Odeion Skool vir Musiek (OSM)

sal oopmaak.

Moolman en Van der Westhuizen beklemtoon die belangrikheid van die afrigtingsessie deur Richard Ireland. Om waardevolle raad deur een van die Verenigde Koninkryk se voorste kamermusikante te ontvang, beteken groot vooruitgang in kennis vir sowel OSM-personeel as -studente.

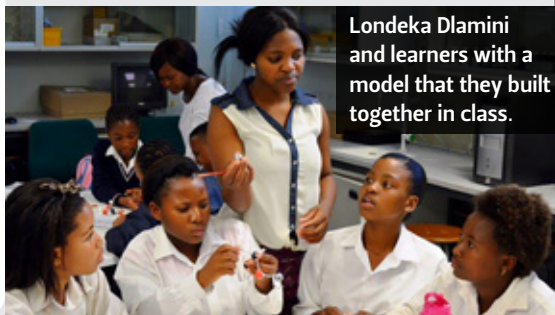
Daarbenewens het die Birmingham-konservatorium 'n nuwe vennootskap aangegaan waardeur Diamond as een van sy ambassadeurs sal optree. Acro is die naam van 'n internasionale musieksamewerkingsprojek tussen Birmingham-konservatorium se strykkwartet-afdeling en die Cape Gate MIAGI-sentrum vir Musiek in Soweto.

Vanaf 2016 sal 24 minderbevoorregte studente van die sentrum weekliks met behulp van 'n videokonferensie instrumentale onderrig ontvang. Studente en alumni van die konservatorium het aangebied om as vrywilligers met Suid-Afrika saam te werk om musikante van wêreldgehalte op te lei.

-Deur Valentino Ndaba

Faculty of Education opens up campus labs to high school learners

The Faculty of Education on the Qwaqwa Campus has taken the lead in a school development project that gives Grade 10-12 learners access to campus laboratories.



Londeka Dlamini and learners with a model that they built together in class.

The programme started with the Thokoana Makaota Secondary School in 2013, while this year the participating school is Bluegumsboch Secondary School.

"Our aim is to help learners perform well in critical subjects such as Mathematics, Physical Sciences, Life Sciences and Geography. We give them the best teaching experience in the hope that they will pursue further studies in these fields," said Dr Lekhoee Letsie from the faculty's School of Mathematics, Natural Sciences and Technology Education.

During lab sessions, learners assemble

atom and molecule models and learn the practical side of science and mathematics. The programme uses the skills of final-year PCGE students who help learners under supervision, which in turn helps the students in their training.

"Lab sessions help us bring alive some of the concepts they learned from their textbooks, and make them practical," says Londeka Dlamini, a BEd FET student.

Learners are brought to the campus by bus for Monday and Wednesday sessions. -By Thabo Kessah



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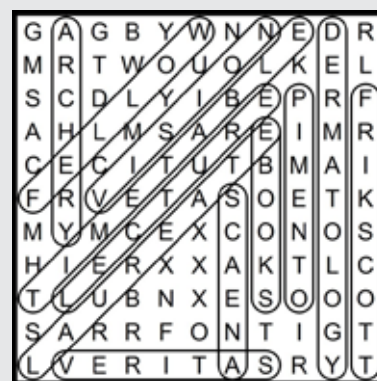
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Kovsies shine when days are dark

A funny poster in a student's room says, "I wanted to switch off the light last night, but I didn't have the power!" Yes ... load shedding is with us and it seems that water supply is also a future problem. Luckily some thinkers and planners on campus are making preventative plans for any crisis. At a big cost, one must admit. Who could have imagined that the university would have to erect two reservoirs of 1 045 kl to have a minimum of 24 hours' water supply in store if municipal pipes run dry? You can relax! I have officially heard that it will *not* be used as a fire pool!

Load shedding is a major problem, but generators in case of power cuts are standing ready at various buildings like Mathematics and Science, the West Block, Stabilis, Agriculture, Education, Physics, Economic and Management Sciences, Genmin and the Flippie Groenewoud Building. Very wisely, Psychology is also ready in case Eskom drives us all cuckoo! Bad news for students, but the Exam Rooms, the Van der Merwe Scholtz Hall and the Callie Human are also geared, with standby power for examinations! According to Anton Calitz, we must plan lectures and activities as if load shedding is a given. He did not specify activities, but Bultjie guesses it depends on whether the lights are on or off! Music and Drama are in trouble as the Odeion, Wynand and Scaena have no windows for natural daytime light. Mammie says they are fine, as all artists are like bats hanging heads down, seeing the world in a totally strange perspective and they operate at their best after nightfall.

But when days are dark, Kovsies shine! Look at our Kovsie hockey ladies – undefeated throughout the entire Varsity hockey tournament and beating their Winelands Matie ladies

3-1. The stars Malan, Wolraven and Britz, also excelled in the SA Women's hockey team. Cheers for the beauties with their *kieries!* Wat sê 'n mens van die Shimlas? Hulle bly net skitter soos met die universiteitsbeker in die sakkie. Daar loop karnuffel hulle Noordwes se Vaaldriehoekskampus met 80-0. Eina! Die SUT moes ook klippe kou met 'n 53 -3 verloor. Die Madibas het darem net met 40-24 pak gekry!

Op akademiese gebied kom die jong derdejaar, Nicola Theron van Plantwetenskappe, en word as een van net vier Afrikastudente gekies om die universiteit by die Youth Ag-beraad in Australië te verteenwoordig. Raai wat is haar studieonderwerp? You've guessed it! "Methods of field rainwater harvesting (IRWH) and its application in informal settlements for the purpose of saving water, as well as of utilising available water to its full potential". Hoe gepas kan dit nie wees nie? So, skink maar 'n glasie 'tee' in die donker as die krag af is en die krane leeg.

Groete van kers tot kers!