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From the **editor's** desk

Our university keeps growing in leaps and bounds. If it is not our outstanding staff, it's our students and alumni from all three campuses, who continue to make us proud. Congratulations to the class of 2016 at this year's autumn graduations, some of whom are our colleagues, family members, and friends.

In this edition, we look at the various projects being pursued by various departments, including the library, student affairs, and KovsieSport, who will unveil the new Kovsie gym later this year. We also welcome to the UFS community our newest colleagues and visiting international scholars in the various departments, and celebrate the awards scooped up by our colleagues in the fields of Mathematics, Engineering, and Communication. *–By Mamosa Makaya* 



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That privacy policy we know you didn't read ...

When you set up your various social media accounts, you ticked a box that confirmed that you had read the site's Privacy Policy. But we bet you didn't ... so we've summarised some of the important ones for you.

Facebook – uses the information it receives about you to provide location features, deliver relevant ads, and make suggestions to you, amongst other things, It will also provide other innovative yet-to-be-developed services that use the information in new ways.

Instagram – uses the information it collects to provide personalised content and marketing, and may share such information with third-party advertisers, amongst other things.

LinkedIn – uses information including your registration information, job title, education, professional experience, groups, imported contacts, which ads you click on, etc to provide customised content.

Source: *Don't film yourself having sex and other legal advice for the age of social media* by Emma Sadleir and Tamsyn de Beer.

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Open Day -
Bloemfontein
Campus - **14 May**

Open Day - Qwaqwa
Campus - **21 May**

DF Malherbe
Memorial Lecture
- **24 May**
Africa Day Lecture
- **25 May**



Transforming the lives of others: UFS Student Bursary Fund Campaign

Do you wish to make an irrevocable change to the future of an individual, of a community, and ultimately of our country?

The University of the Free State (UFS) is doing just that through the recently-launched Student Bursary Campaign. The campaign to raise money to fund talented, deserving students who do not have the financial means to study for a university degree.

“Championing the Student Bursary Fund Campaign,” Prof Jonathan Jansen, Vice-Chancellor and Rector of the UFS, says “is not only a professional quest, but a deeply personal one for me. The university and I cannot do this alone, though. We need your support and generosity to change the landscape of our youth’s future.”

The impact of this financial support reaches far beyond monetary value. It pulls families from poverty, and sends forth experts and visionaries into the world.

Can your contribution make a difference? The answer resonates in the life of every student who has obtained a degree through funding. *-By Michelle Nothing* 



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Ons praat met Ché Ströhfeldt



Die nuwe “ma” van Welwitschia-dameskoshuis is Ché Ströhfeldt. Van links is Abigail, Ché, Benjamin en Jo Ströhfeldt. Foto: Nadene Smith.

Sy is ’n oud-Kovsie, ma van twee en die vrou van ’n pastoor in Bloemfontein. Ché Ströhfeldt is die nuwe inwonende hoof van Welwitschia-dameskoshuis. *Dumela* het met haar gesels.

Hoekom het jy vir die pos aansoek gedoen?

Die gedagte om met jongmense te werk, is een wat my ongelooflik opgewonde maak en laat *tick*. Daar is soveel te leer in hierdie vormingsjare van ’n mens se lewe wat jou kan maak of breek in die grootmensewêreld. Die idee om studente deur daardie reis te begelei, is een wat my opgewonde maak.

Wie volg jy op en het jy groot skoene om te vul?

Sjoe, tannie Elize Rall het inderdaad ’n groot stel stylvolle skoene gelos wat ek die voorreg het om vol te staan. Dit maak my opgewonde om te kan bou op die nalatenskap wat sy agtergelaat het.

Wat is jou doelwitte en/of visie vir Welwitschia?

Ek droom van Welwel om ’n plek te wees waar dames die oorgang van jong meisie na jong dame sal maak en as burgers van ons land en die wêreld ’n invloed sal uitoefen op die mense om hulle; om hulle te dien, lief te hê en ’n groot impak te hê, waar ook al hulle hulself bevind. Om dit reg te kry, sal hierdie ’n veilige omgewing moet wees wat die Welwel-dames “huis” kan noem.

Wat het jy studeer en in watter koshuis was jy?

Ek is ’n oud-Kovsie. Ek het Finansiële Bestuur gestudeer en was ’n trotse Roosmaryndame. –*Deur Jóhann Thormählen*

Raining syrup and love

For as long as I’ve been alive, rainy days have always been nostalgic. Maple syrup, French toast, bacon, and cocktail sausages are all I dream of when gloomy clouds roll in.

My father has always wowed the family with delicious breakfasts and treats – but only when it’s cloudy and raining. My mother, the matriarch, would handle every other day of the year but rainy days were strictly reserved for my father.

My father’s tender moments were special for my

siblings and me. We would sit on the living room floor with our cartoon character duvets in tow, waiting for the fatty deliciousness that would soon follow.

The pièce de résistance would be the VHS tape of my favourite movie of all time, *The Lion King*. We would sit quietly, sticky with joy, little tummies full, our little eyes glued to the TV screen.

Viva rainy days! Viva!

–*By Oteng Mpete*



The Birth of a Tannie

Even though I’ve been told it’s “New Age nonsense”, I’m a great believer in positive thinking. I dislike change, inability, and uncertainty as much as anybody else. And if my probably unrealistic belief that things are going to work out fine helps me cope, why not?

Positive thinking easily becomes a habit, a default response to doom and gloom (you might have noticed that there’s a lot of that around these days). I refuse to believe people are out to get me, that interaction with a civil servant is guaranteed to end in frustration, or that the lone pothole in Nelson Mandela Drive signifies the end of civilisation as we know it. And if I’m heading for disappointment, at least I didn’t waste valuable

energy worrying about it beforehand!

However, after years of refusing to acknowledge that I am no longer a spring chicken, so to speak, I now wonder if I should tone down the positive thinking and take a reality check. While I never subscribed to the idea that age is a barrier to exciting events, activities or thoughts, and that being bored or boring can happen to anyone, regardless of age, it’s becoming more difficult to ignore the physical signs that yet another year has passed.

On second thoughts: No, I’m not going to admit I’m growing older. I might consider giving in to being called Tannie, but that’s absolutely as far as I’m willing to go. –*By Hettie Human*

The Experts Say

Livestock production during drought



For most of us, the effects of the drought are visible everywhere. Water levels in dams are at their lowest in years, and in some communities, water must be delivered by truck as there is no tap water.

Also severely affected by the drought is the agricultural sector. According to Prof HO de Waal, Associate Professor in the Department of Animal, Wildlife, and Grassland Sciences at the university, the current situation is not good, but it can be managed.

“Available grazing material is scarce due to the drought. Prospects for the improvement of the poor grazing conditions in the remaining part of summer and winter are also not favourable,” he says.

Prof de Waal provides some guidelines to help farmers prevent livestock mortalities and reduce financial losses:

- Safeguard the core breeding livestock. Where still possible, provide strategic supplementary feeding on the veld.
- Reduce the number of livestock that are dependent on feed sources on the farm by selling surplus animals or removing them temporarily from the veld to a kraal or planted pasture.
- Restrict movement of livestock by confining them to small paddocks with shade trees or other protection from the elements.
- Ensure that all animals have free access to clean drinking water.
- Separate the stronger and weaker animals to reduce competition at the feed troughs.
- Avoid wastage caused by tossing feed onto the ground. Use appropriate feed troughs or conveyor belts.
- Provide the rationed feeds every second or third day. Most animals will receive enough feed if you do so. It will also reduce competition at the feed troughs.
- What can be they be fed on? The basis for ruminants is roughage, be it on the veld or in the trough.
- Create an inventory of all available veld and other feed sources. This information is needed to determine the number of animals that can be maintained well into, and after, the next summer.
- Seek veterinary advice regarding any changes in internal and external parasite control.

He also says that thornless prickly pear leaves can be used as a good feed source: – whole cladodes for cattle, and coarsely-chopped cladodes for sheep and goats. “During droughts, we cannot be too choosy about the quality of feed sources which can mean the difference between life and death for livestock,” he says. –By Leonie Bolleurs



African theories to solve African problems

The Programme Committee of the Symposium: Computational Mathematics and Engineering Sciences (CMES2016) has acknowledged Dr Abdon Atangana, senior researcher in the Institute for Ground Studies at the University of the Free State, as a world-class expert capable of providing deep insight into the latest developments in fractional calculus and its applications to real-world problems.

At a symposium hosted by the Department of Mathematics in the Faculty of Sciences and Techniques at the University of Moulay Ismail in Errachidia, Morocco, he delivered a plenary lecture recently titled: “Step forward in fractional calculus: Theory, Methods and Applications”

Dr Atangana and Prof Dumitru Baleanu from Cankara University in Turkey proposed a derivative with fractional order to answer some outstanding questions that have been posed by many researchers within the field of fractional calculus.

Some of the results presented in this lecture can be found in his newly-published paper with title: “Chaos in a simple nonlinear system with

Atangana–Baleanu derivatives with fractional order” (<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0960077916300431>).

“My new findings have opened new areas for research in the field of fractional derivatives and applications. Researchers and PhD candidates working in applied mathematics will now be able to undertake new projects, and conduct their PhD research on new topics,” he said.

According to Dr Atangana, his lecture tells African researchers that it is time for them to develop their own theories, and to use them to solve African problems. “We should not wait for Europe, America, and Asia to develop their theories, and we just use them,” he said.

–By Leonie Bolleurs



Dr Abdon Atangana, senior researcher in the Institute for Ground Studies at the University of the Free State, and Prof Toufik Mekkaoui, Dean of the Faculty of Sciences and Techniques at the University of Moulay Ismail in Errachidia, Morocco.



Dr David Orrego-Carmona

Dr David Orrego-Carmona joins UFS as Postdoctoral Fellow

“I have found a very welcoming environment at the UFS. It is still the beginning of my fellowship, but the people at the Department have been very supportive.

“Moving to South Africa, and Bloemfontein particularly, has definitely been a motivating experience. I have learned a lot about the country already in the short time I have been here,” said Dr David Orrego-Carmona, who began his Postdoctoral Fellowship officially on 28 February 2016 in the Department of Linguistics and Language Practice.

Orrego-Carmona holds a PhD in Translation and Intercultural Studies from the Universitat Rovira i Virgili in Spain. His doctoral thesis titled *The reception of (non)professional subtitling* was supervised by one of the leading translation studies scholars in the world, Prof Anthony Pym.

UFS Associate Professor Prof Kobus Marais, who is hosting Dr Orrego-Carmona's postdoctoral research project, believes that his appointment will prove invaluable to our university.

“Dr Orrego Carmona's knowledge of translation theory in general, and the theory and methodology of the translation of subtitling in particular, will contribute tremendously to the knowledge base in our Department.”

We welcome Dr Orrego-Carmona warmly to the UFS community, and we wish him all the best for the academic year ahead.

–By Valentino Ndaba



Jong vrou aangeraai om op einddoelwitte te fokus

Die Departement Sosiologie en die Genderforum by die Qwaqwa-kampus het onlangs 'n geleentheid gereël om Internasionale Vrouedag te vier in samewerking met die Bethlehem-gebaseerde NRO, die Sekwele Sentrum vir Sosiale Refleksie.

Die geleentheid is gereël om aan jong vroue die geleentheid te bied om kennis te maak met ervare professionele vroue wat in hulle onderskeie belangstellingsvelde werk.

Bianca Naudé, 'n dosent in die Departement Politieke Studie en Regeerkunde, het in haar toespraak die belangrikheid van holistiese prestasie beklemtoon. Sy het gesê dat dit noodsaaklik is dat mense op die einddoelwitte in die lewe te fokus om te bereik wat hulle beplan het om te doen.

“Julle moet ook beseft dat dit nie maklik is om jou persoonlike lewe met jou loopbaan te balanseer nie, maar dit kan gedoen word as jy weet wat jy wil hê,” het sy gesê.

Ander sprekers was afkomstig uit die sake-, gesondheid- en maatskaplikedienssektore.

–Deur **Thabo Kessah**



Bianca Naudé



Foto: Leonie Bolleurs

By die geleentheid was, van links voor: Cecil Monoametsi (Waarnemende Diensbestuurder Karee); Juanita Burjins (Assistentdirekteur: Personeelontwikkeling en Prestasiebestuur); Maria Molebatsi (Diensbestuurder: Welwitichia en Tswelopele), en agter: Brian Matlala Podile (Kgwerano Gasvryheidsdienste – vaardigheidsfasiliteerder).

Gasvryheidsopleiding verskaf geakkrediteerde kwalifikasie aan dienswerkers

Die afdeling Personeelontwikkeling en Prestasiebestuur in Menslike Hulpbronne het die eerste Leerlingskap in Behuisingsakkommodasie vir Dienswerkers aangebied. Nege personeellede van Behuising en Koshuise gaan opleiding in hierdie program ondergaan.

Hierdie program word volledig befonds deur die Seta vir Kultuur, Kuns, Gasvryheid en Sport. Gedurende hierdie eenjaarprogram gaan personeel kennis maak met teorie (werkswinkel) en praktiese werk (deur te implementeer wat hulle in die werksplek geleer het).

Volgens Juanita Burjins, Assistentdirekteur: Personeelontwikkeling en Prestasiebestuur, het die personeel in hierdie program nie 'n nasionale kwalifikasie nie. Hierdie leerlingskap gaan aan hulle 'n NKR2-kwalifikasie (Nasionale Sertifikaat in Behuisingsakkommodasie) besorg.

–Deur **Leonie Bolleurs**

WORD SEARCH

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Find 20 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.

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| 1. campus | 11. job |
| 2. coaching | 12. jolling |
| 3. cram | 13. Kovsie |
| 4. crush | 14. library |
| 5. darts | 15. love |
| 6. faculty | 16. pass |
| 7. fees | 17. project |
| 8. finances | 18. tuition |
| 9. grad | 19. yearbook |
| 10. grant | 20. young |

Interesting Snippets of UFS history



The Geology Building was constructed in 1969. It was the first time that staff from the Department of Architecture were involved in the planning or design of buildings on the campus.

Geology Building, Bloemfontein Campus

The University of the North was officially incorporated into the UFS on 31 January 2003, and renamed the UFS Qwaqwa Campus at a ceremony held at the Rolihlahla Mandela Hall. Vista University in Bloemfontein was incorporated on 2 January 2004, and renamed the UFS South Campus.

New Education Building, South Campus



A new student centre and focal point named Thakaneng Bridge was constructed in July 2002, and unveiled officially in October 2003, by the then Rector, Prof Frederick Fourie, and celebrated by students, staff, and members of the university community.

Thakaneng Bridge, Bloemfontein Campus



Department of **Communication and Brand Management** honoured for ground-breaking communication campaigns



Leonie Bolleurs and Martie Nortjé

The Department of Communication and Brand Management has within a week brought home two gold awards, one from the 2016 Public Relations Institute of South Africa (PRISM) awards, and the other from the Africa Excellence Awards (AEA).

Martie Nortjé, Assistant Director: Branding and Merchandise, received the Gold PRISM award for the UFS KovieGear shop in the category of best entry for corporate communication, at a ceremony held in Johannesburg. Leonie Bolleurs: Assistant Director Internal Communication, received an AEA gold award for The BSafe Take Action campaign, at a ceremony in Cape Town in April.

After the establishment of the new UFS brand in 2013, the idea for a university-owned shop was investigated and KovieGear was opened in January 2014. The store is a tool to strengthen the university brand and to create a sense of ownership among its stakeholders. The PRISM award is a great measure of excellence for KovieGear.

The AEA award for the BSafe campaign is proof that the University is serious about the safety of its staff and students. The objective of the campaign is to continuously develop a culture of safety awareness in students and staff alike.

According to Rudolf Hetzel, Chairman of the jury and publisher of *Communication Director*, the African Excellence Awards are a chance for PR and communications professionals throughout Africa to come together and honour ground-breaking communication campaigns and projects.

"I am extremely proud of our team for once again performing excellently in national and continental awards programmes. The awards are a good benchmark for the quality and standard of the work we produce," said Lacea Loader, Director of the Department of Communication and Brand Management. -By Leonie Bolleurs

Nuwe beleid sal UV se **sportsterre** met **akademie help**

Dit is belangrik vir die Universiteit van die Vrystaat (UV) se sportmanne en -vroue om op die veld te presteer, maar ook om akademiese sukses te behaal.

Daarom is 'n nuwe beleid, wat binnekort goedgekeur kan word, deur KovieSport saamgestel.

"Die doel is om studente met sukses weer by die akademiese kalender te laat inskakel," sê DB Prinsloo, Direkteur van KovieSport.

Die beleid sluit onder meer tutorhulp vir sportstudente, asook reëlings met dosente wat toetse, eksamen en werkstukke betref, in.

"Ons word gekonfronteer met sportstudente wat gereeld weg van die kampus af is en vir deelname buite die stad en landsgrense reis. Dan kom hulle terug en is die toets klaar geskryf, of hulle is agter met hul werk," sê Prinsloo.

Hy meen egter dit is belangrik dat akademiese reëlings voor die tyd deur studente getref word.

"Die sportman of -vrou bly steeds verantwoordelik om die toets te skryf, taak te doen of die krediete te verwerf, maar ons probeer die proses makliker maak."

Volgens hom het dosente voorheen ook sportstudente tegemoet gekom, maar hierdie beleid sal die reëlings formaliseer."

Voorbeelde van studente wat weens sportverpligtinge lank weg is, is Wayde van Niekerk en Jong Bokkies-rugbyspelers.

-Deur Jóhann Thormählen

Die wêreldkampioen in die 400 m, Wayde van Niekerk, is een van die Universiteit van die Vrystaat se atlete wat kan baat vind by die nuwe beleid vir sportstudente. Foto: Charl Devenish

Graduations

This autumn between 12 and 15 April 2016, 3681 students from seven faculties graduated at the Callie Human Centre on the Bloemfontein Campus. It was a proud moment for students, their families and friends as well as academic and support services staff who have walked this journey together over the past several years.

The Chancellor, Dr Khotso Mokhele, Vice-Chancellor and Rector Prof Jonathan Jansen and members of the Rectorate all congratulated students on their hard work, and noted the great number of previously disadvantaged students including women and the disabled. This is a positive indication that the university has made great strides in creating an environment of inclusiveness and transformation.

During the eight ceremonies guest speakers Dr Muavia Gallie, an education consultant, Sello Hatang, CEO of the Nelson Mandela Foundation, Dawie Roodt, economist and thought leader, and Nikiwe Bikitsha, leading journalist and broadcaster, encouraged students to go out into the world and make a difference, even in the face of growing challenges in the country and those they may face in their future careers.

A total of 55 staff and 85 members of their families graduated in the various faculties.

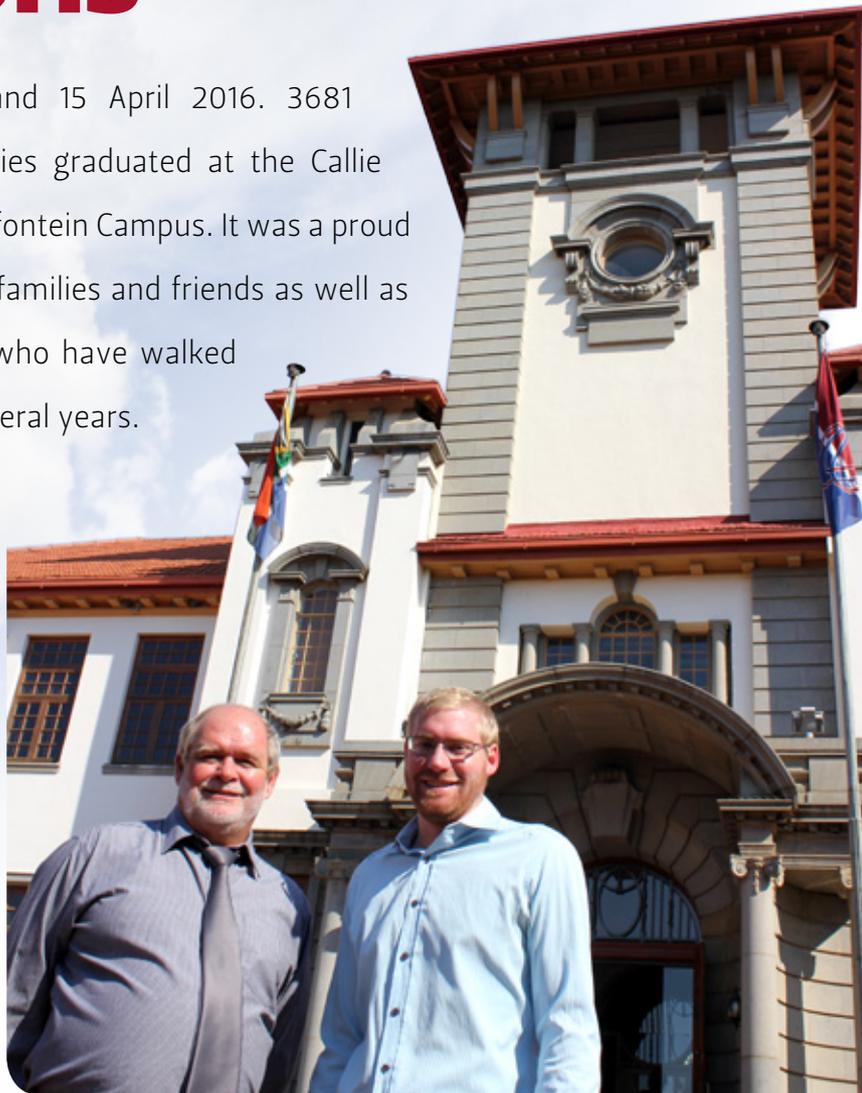
Some of them include: (See photo gallery)

Johannes Le Grange – Professional Curriculum Studies and the Dean's Medal – Centre for Teaching a Learning.

Michelle Nöthling – Postgraduate Diploma in Gender Studies –Trauma, Forgiveness and Reconciliation Studies.

Sejakhumo Makhetha, daughter of **Dr Choice Makhetha**, Vice-Rector: Student Affairs and External Relations. She graduated with a BA in Governance and Political Transformation.

We also celebrate **Dr Gerhard Potgieter** of the Department of Plant Sciences with his son **Gerhard**, who earned his BSc degree in Biochemistry this year and **Dr Gift Vinger's** daughter **Botshelo** who graduated with a BSc in Geography. –By **Mamosa Makaya** 📧



Dr Gerhard Potgieter and son Gerhard



Procession, drummers and flag bearers on their way to the Callie Human Centre



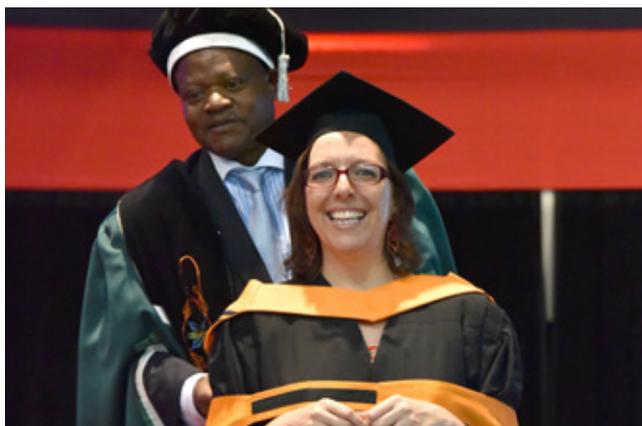
Johannes Le Grange



Sello Hatang



Dr Choice Makhetha and daughter Sejakhumo



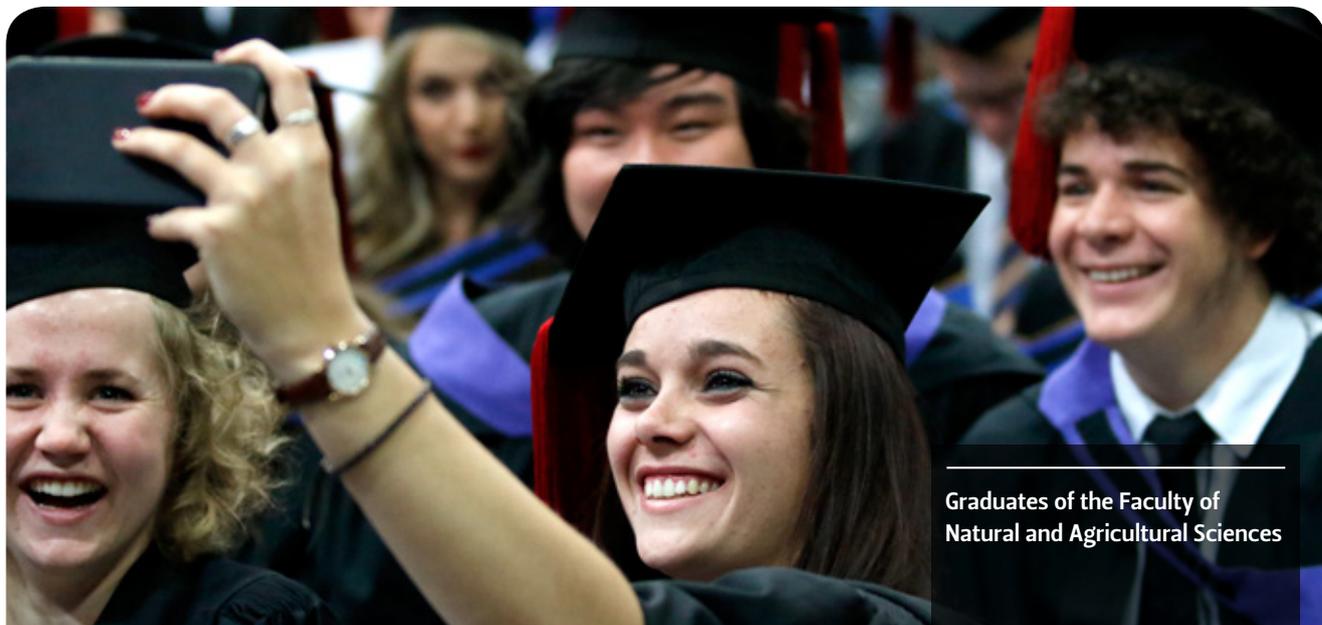
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Dawie Roodt



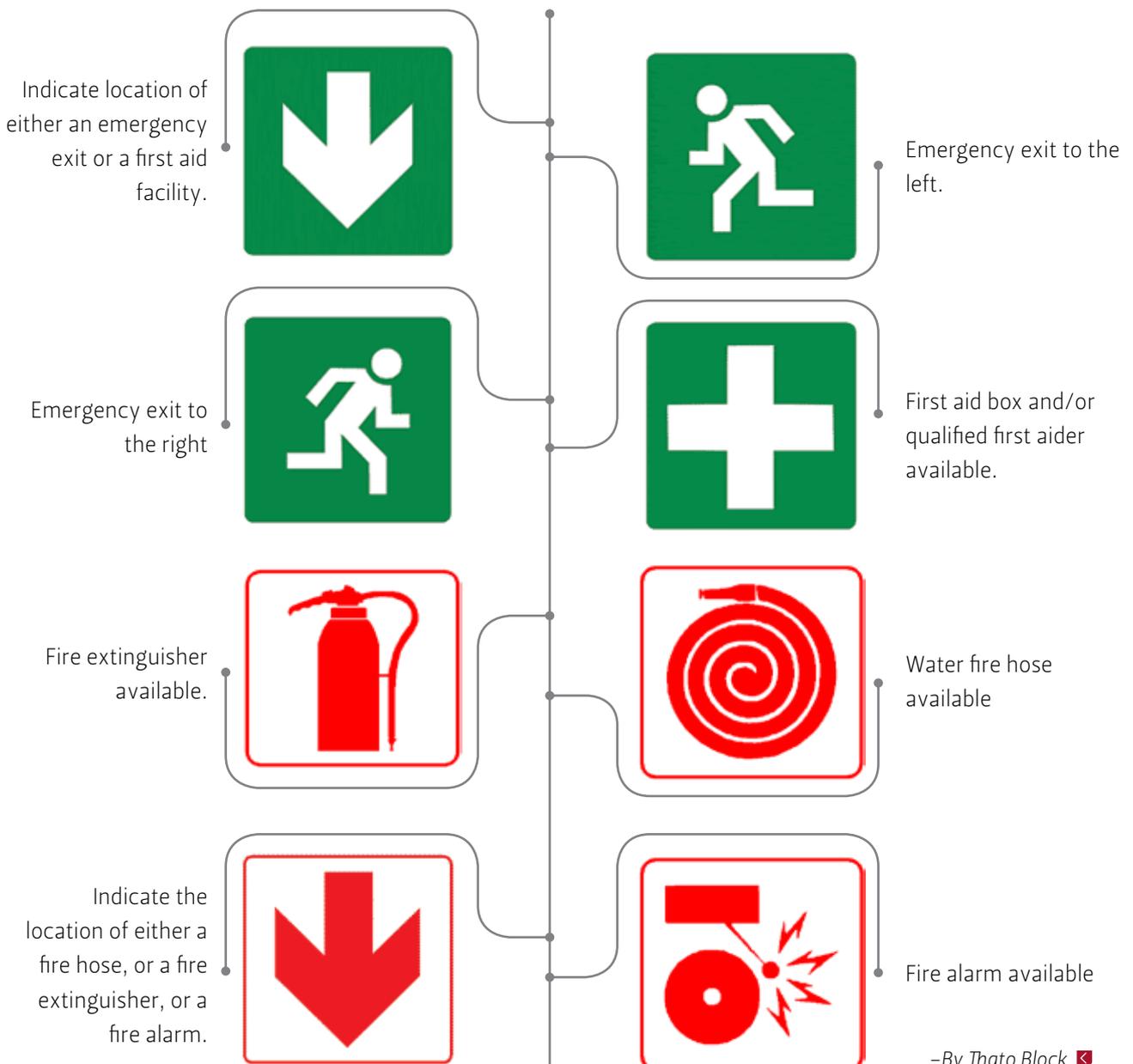
Nikiwe Bikitsha



Graduates of the Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences

KNOW THESE SIGNS IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY!

Safety signs are found in most buildings on all three campuses. It is important to know where these signs are and what they mean. The signs indicate where the nearest exits are in case of fire, as well as where there are fire extinguishers on the premises. They also indicate where a first aid box is located and whether a qualified first aider is available on location in case of injury on duty. Know these signs and be safe on campus.



-By Thato Block 

Student Academic Services appoints new director



Anban Naidoo's vision as the newly-appointed Director: Student Academic Services is to lay a collaborative foundation which will see sustainable service delivery improvements where applications, admissions, registrations, qualification management, and graduations are concerned.

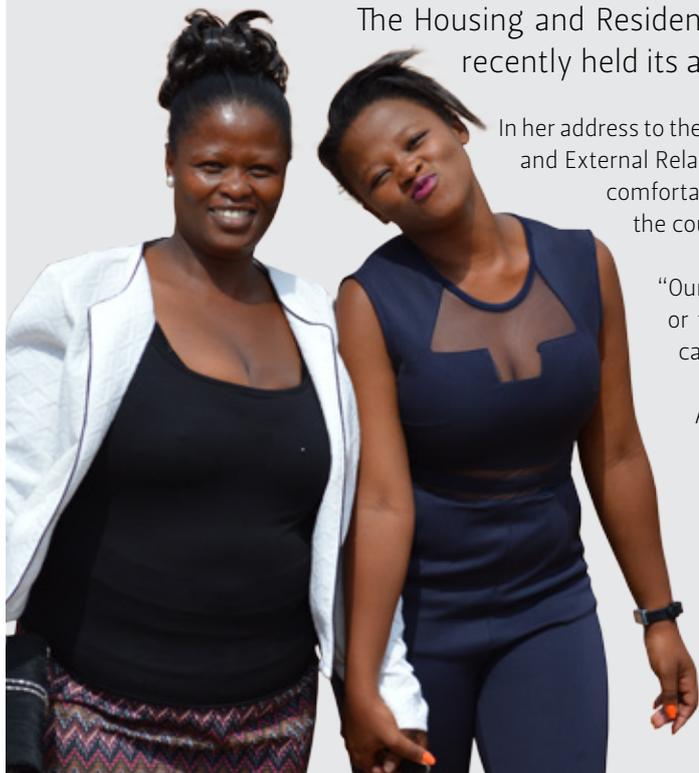
Anban has worked in higher education for over ten years, and his most recent post was at University of Pretoria where he was the Assistant Director of Systems Operations from 2011 until he joined our university.

"I am enjoying it; it's a different atmosphere. Staff and students are willing, able, and encouraged to engage, which is something that stems from the senior leadership. I find it quite refreshing when people break down silos by sharing information and being open to discussing important issues," he said about his experience at our university thus far.

He received an MBA (Master of Business Administration) at the University of Pretoria's Gordon Institute of Business Science with a thesis focused on improving the student funding model.

We anticipate that his leadership will see Student Academic Services flourish in all aspects, including its implementation of the second phase of PRENG (Programme Re-Engineering). The PRENG project seeks to improve the joint functioning of academic administration, the faculties, and support services. -By Valentino Ndaba 

Residence orientation day a **great experience** for parents.



The Housing and Residence Affairs office (HARA) on the Qwaqwa Campus recently held its annual Parents' Orientation Day.

In her address to the parents, who came from near and far, Vice-Rector: Student Affairs and External Relations, Dr Choice Makhetha, acknowledged that the campus was a comfortable home for some of the best and most considerate students in the country.

"Our students understand that they cannot sleep when their neighbour or friend is without food. They cannot sleep when a fellow student cannot register because of lack of funds," she said.

At the end of the formal programme, parents took a tour of the residences, and had the chance to visit their children in their rooms to have first-hand experience of residence life.

"Coming here today was an great experience. We are happy to see that our children are in good hands," said Mrs Mofokeng, who came from Frankfort.

The event highlighted services provided by the offices of Student Development, Sports, Social Work, Student Counselling as well as the Health and Wellness Centre. **-By Thabo Kessah** 

Mrs Mofokeng with her daughter, Lerato, a BSc student.

Callie Human nou **KovsieSport**[®] se tuiste



KovsieSport word kantore is van die begin van 2016 af in die Callie Human-sentrum gehuisves. Foto: Verskaf.

Die skuif van hul kantore na die Callie Human-sentrum hou net voordele vir KovsieSport in.

Só sê DB Prinsloo, Direkteur van KovsieSport, oor sy afdeling se nuwe tuiste op die Bloemfontein-kampus van die Universiteit van die Vrystaat (UV).

KovsieSport het op 20 Januarie 2016 in hul nuwe kantore in die Callie Human-sentrum, waar daar ook twee nuwe gimnasiums is, ingetrek. Prinsloo-hulle is voorheen in die Mabaleng-gebou gehuisves.

Volgens Prinsloo het die skuif gekom toe daar besluit is om nuwe gimnasiums in die Callie in te rig. 'n Hoëprestasiegimnasium vir die UV se sportsterre is reeds oop en KovsieFit, 'n publieke gimnasium, sal in April oopmaak.

"Toe daar aan die gimnasiums gedink is, het dit ook KovsieSport se verskuiwing ingesluit, aangesien daar 'n klomp oop Lokale (kantore) in die Callie Human was," sê Prinsloo.

"Én nou het ons weer ruimte in die Mabaleng-gebou vir 'n ander department geskep." **-Deur Jóhann Thormählen** 

Thumbs up to the Take-a-child-to-work project

Ten learners from five local schools were the first cohort of the Take-a-child-to-work project, launched by the SASOL Library on 4 March 2016. This is one of the library's flagship projects, which will expose high school learners to the world of work while they are still at school.

The Director of Library and Information Services Ms Betsy Eister, and Deputy Director, Mr Charlie Molepo, presented the vision and mission of the library. The learners were then taken on a tour of the library to observe the various services offered and how they fit into the bigger vision of the university.

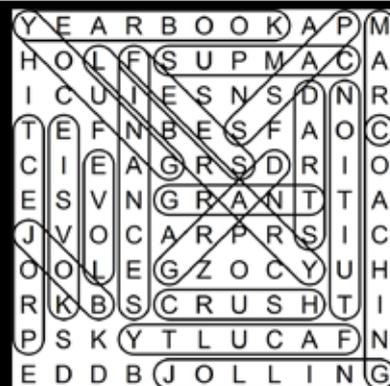


To learn all about the library and how it works, learners spent the day assisting librarians in various sections of the library, observing their interaction with students. "Our library is one of the best in the country, and we are proud to host our young learners and expose them to the wonders of the library space. We are probably the first academic library in South Africa to have come up with this excellent initiative, and we pledge to nurture it and allow it to grow", said Betsy Eitser, who is also the national secretary of the Library and Information Association of South Africa.

-By Aubrey Madiba

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Bultjie had the privilege to be off-campus for a full month with Mammie at the sea. Amazing what a long holiday can do to your spirit – and you pocket! Especially as our youngest daughter got married! After three weddings in the last five years all early retirement plans are out of the back door. *Dis Toppers en Putupap met 'n dun sous die volgende paar maande! Maar ag, wat 'n wonderlike ding is die liefde nie. Alles die moeite werd!* Marriage is still the best indoor sport that you don't need to buy a lot of gear for! Just think – free membership for life!

I think we all look forward to the new first literature festival in central South Africa at the Vrystaat Arts Festival from 11-16 July on campus. It will be a first one where authors in indigenous languages like Sotho, Zulu, Afrikaans and English will share the same platforms and celebrate literature together. Imagine the healing powers of listening to the hearts and souls of our fellow authors and poets. Who cannot agree with Raymond Ngomane when he says: "Words are protectors of our bones/No matter what I do, I always get tempted/Writing poetry," I mean.

By die laaste KKNK was dit opvallend hoe populêr woordkuns, rymklets en somer net lekker storiesvertelprogramme was met onder andere HemelBesem, Coenie de Villiers, Bradley Kanasashi, Babette en Olga, Mak1one, Meli Grey, Yoma, Linkris, Rhyme Author en Poetry Circle, Nowhere en die Karoo-juwelestories deur Simon Witbooi Poem Mooney, Willa Boezak en Jeremy van Wyk.

Bultjie can't wait to hear the new voices of African authors at the festival. It will be an explosion of new ideas from different cultures. In a world ruled by visual images the sad thing is people don't read as much as before. And they don't know what they miss out on – developing your imagination by reading and discovering new worlds by yourself. Bultjie remembers how we suffered with English in the Southern Free State platteland. The trouble came when a new English teacher actually started teaching English in English in Standard five. And she gave me Alan Paton's *Cry the Beloved Country!* **Wow!** Anyone who has not read that book yet should be shot or banned to Dubai. En dieselfde vir iemand wat nog nooit Jan Rabie se *Die padda en die maan* gelees het nie. What a pity we could not read Zulu or Sotho then! Now is the chance to hear those voices. #SilenceMustfall! We've got two ears and one mouth – let us listen!

Ik heb gezegd! Bultjie