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UCT students counting down to launch of *197SAX*

UCT RAG's 83rd fundraising magazine issue to hit the streets on 11 February 2016

University of Cape Town students will take to the streets of Cape Town at dawn on Thursday, 11 February 2016, to give commuters a chance to "Remember and Give" (RAG) to worthy causes that could help change lives in the Western Cape for only R30.

Student volunteers will be on the road from as early as 05h00 until 12h00 across the city, including central Cape Town; the southern and northern suburbs; and the West Coast and Atlantic Seaboard - mostly at street intersections. They will be dressed in outrageous costumes interpreting this year's theme, *Revolutionary*.

The magazine theme for this year commemorates the youth's revolutionary struggles of 1976 while also paying tribute to last year's activities at South African universities.

UCT invites motorists to enter into the spirit of SAX Appeal street sales, but also to stay alert as they drive through intersections where students will be practicing their sales skills. It helps to have your R30 ready to buy your copy of the magazine.

Parents will want to take note that the content of SAX Appeal has been created and edited by university students with a broad and rather unbridled sense of humour, and that provocative material is included. The magazine's cover carries a "Parental Guidance, Explicit Detail" alert.

The proceeds from magazine sales will support Students' Health and Welfare Centres Organisation's (SHAWCO) charity work around the Western Cape.

Background on SHAWCO

SHAWCO is an innovative community service organisation. Its vision is to improve the quality of life of previously disadvantaged individuals in developing communities within the Cape Town metropolitan area. SHAWCO projects fall under two broad areas:

School support: Typically, SHAWCO has more than 10 student projects running in Khayelitsha, Kensington, Manenberg and Nyanga, including schools and children's homes.

Volunteers from UCT are transported to and from the centres. Junior projects focus on literacy and numeracy whereas intermediate and senior projects focus on English, Maths, Physical Science and Life Skills. In addition, SHAWCO's Saturday School Programme is a professionally run educational intervention that engages with 200 Grade 12 Cape Town-based learners. These learners receive focused remedial teaching in Pure Mathematics, Physical Science, English, Life Science and Accounting. The programme takes successful applicants out of their communities and transports them to UCT for extra lessons. These same students also receive life skills interventions, career guidance workshops and are enriched by motivational speakers and other guest presenters. SHAWCO started the Saturday School Programme to give participating learners access to UCT resources and facilities not currently available at their present schools.

Health Care Support: Since 1943 SHAWCO has delivered quality, primary health care in under-resourced communities in Cape Town. SHAWCO relies on more than 100 volunteer doctors and 800 medical and allied health science students in all years of study, to ensure that these student-run free clinics continue to be delivered. SHAWCO Health co-ordinates six clinics which operate at night, on a weekly basis in various Cape Town communities and paediatric clinics every second Saturday morning. In 2009, SHAWCO introduced a Wednesday morning paediatric screening clinic, run in conjunction with the School of Child and Adolescent Health at UCT, City Health and Environmental Health. These clinics often serve as the only port-of-call for community members who work during the day, or who cannot make the trip to the neighbouring day hospital. The clinics either operate from permanent health facilities or from SHAWCO Health's three, fully-equipped mobile clinics.

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