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Re: UWC students seek accommodation

Good day,

Your article titled "UWC students seek accommodation" (The New Age, 11 May 2017, Pg 6) refers.

The last three paragraphs state:

Meanwhile, the University of Cape Town (UCT) was facing an accommodation problem as it reopened for the 2017 academic year. The UCT executive said it was working "around the clock" to find permanent accommodation for students who had not been placed at a residence.

UCT vice- chancellor Max Price has denied claims by some student activists about a lack of accommodation for black students. He said about 70% of beds in residences were occupied by black students.

"The #Rhodes Must Fall lobby says there's been white preference and I want to say, that is completely wrong."

This is entirely incorrect. There is currently no accommodation crisis at UCT. All students who had not been placed in residences when the academic year started have now either been placed or been assisted with finding off campus accommodation.

It is more worrying that this story has a direct – and possibly fake – quote attributed to the Vice-Chancellor, Dr Max Price. We would like to have an understanding of when did an interview with Dr Price take place or how was the quote sourced.

We kindly request that this incorrect reporting be rectified on both the print and online versions of the story and it be made clear that there is no accommodation crisis at UCT and that no interview with Dr Price happened.

Regards,

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