A retreat from the hospital

The Faculty of Health Sciences has officially launched a new student learning centre in the Cape Flats suburb of Retreat, where students will work and learn in the kinds of healthcare conditions they will probably run into often during their careers.

The new Retreat Student Learning Centre is just the second such teaching and learning facility set up by the faculty’s Primary Health Care Directorate in surrounding Cape Town communities. It follows in the wake of the Vanguard Student Learning Centre in Bonteheuwel, while a third will shortly be opened in Hanover Park. (UCT students are also placed in Mitchell’s Plain and Khayelitsha, although there are no learning centres there.)

By comparison with the spacious Vanguard set-up, the Retreat centre is modest; a small, revamped wing of the Vanguard set-up, the Retreat centre is although there are no learning centres in Mitchell’s Plain and Khayelitsha, Park. (UCT students are also placed of the Vanguard Student Learning Centre in Bonteheuwel, while a third of those of selected groups of patients they might see at tertiary or secondary hospitals.

“We want to make the community the focus of learning, the equivalent of the lecture venue for students,” notes Professor Steve Reed, director of the Primary Health Care Directorate and holder of the UCT chair in primary health care. “And we want them to be able to work across the whole spectrum of health facilities in the teaching platform.”

The service is also a boon to the community centres that are based in “This partnership with UCT is a plus for the Retreat Community Health Centre,” says Cyril Jacobs, chairperson of the Retreat Community Health Committee. “And we really appreciate any investment that can benefit the community.”

And with the directorate planning more such learning centres, soon a few other communities may also benefit from having young health-professionals-in-training within reach.

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Hands-on zoology for young Manenberg scholars

The Department of Zoology took its drive to keep high school learners interested in mathematics and science up a notch when it hosted an Open Day on 14 July.

Scores of Grade-8 learners from the Leadership College, a Manenberg-based maths and science school for top achievers, were given lessons on diverse topics, from insects and sharks to Marion Island, home to a renowned meteorological and biological research station. Learners then put those lessons into practice when they helped top dissect sharks and moles, removing parasites from snook and birds.

Event organiser, Andrea Plos, said the goal was to show learners that keeping maths and science as fundamental subjects can lead to fascinating careers in science and, specifically, the biological sciences.

“It is imperative to address the learners at Grade 8 level, showing them the wealth of opportunity both maths and science open,” Plos explains. “Once learners decide to drop maths or science, so many opportunities and doors slam shut. If we can catch their curiosity before they make a decision like that, we have won.”
Health Minister Dr Aaron Motsoalatime said that medical graduates should be the “agents of change” and uphold a high moral and caring ethos to help South Africa turn the ailing health care system around.

At the graduation (at UCT on 7 July) of 40 medical students who were part of the South Africa-Cuba Health Cooperation Agreement, Motsoaledi described the current health care system as “expensive, destructive and unsustainable”, saying the government was unapologetically trying to overhaul it.

The South Africa-Cuba training is one of the initiatives to do so. The programme began after 1994 as an attempt to address the dwindling number of doctors in the country, and because medical schools were not producing enough black graduates, in particular.

Candidates for the programme are drawn from underprivileged communities, and undergo eight years of medical training in Cuba and locally, and graduate serve in the most under-resourced areas. So far 246 students have graduated from the programme, and a further 388 are in training. Every South African university has an opportunity to host a graduation ceremony for qualifying students, and this year it was UCT’s turn.

Motsoaledi told the graduates: “The fact that you have endured long periods of separation from your families in order to build a better future for yourselves and your country indicates your commitment to development and I am confident that you will make your contribution to our public health system in as robust a way as possible.”

UCT vice-chancellor Dr Max Price noted that the graduation represents a remarkable collaboration between the government and South African universities, and between the country’s different medical institutions.

Price said the South Africa-Cuba training programme is a unique system to increase the number of medical graduates and to increase opportunities to students who want to study medicine.

Graduate Bonqile Mbilane said her experience in the programme was “priceless and irreplaceable”, and she is committed to rendering quality care service to everyone, irrespective of class, colour or creed.

Conference grooms student leaders

You cannot be a leader without followers or without goals — this was the prevailing theme at UCT’s Emerging Student Leaders Programme.

On 11 July, UCT’s Department: Student Affairs, together with the Centre for Higher Education Development (CHED) and the Career Development Programme (CDP), welcomed more than 100 UCT students to the annual Emerging Student Leaders Conference.

The vision behind this programme is to contribute to the university’s mission of producing well-rounded graduates able to face the challenges of an inter-connected society.

Central to this programme is the promotion of the values of good citizenship, human rights, sensitivity to human impact on the environment, building a culture which promotes and respects diversity, and the development of students’ internal capacity through role modelling and peer learning.

Throughout the week the students attended presentations that promoted participation and interactive learning. Presenters included distinguished speakers from various disciplines, including deputy vice-chancellor Professor Crain Soudien, and Professors Francis Peterson and Pamela Schiwikard, deans of the faculties of Languages.

Among those who attended the Emerging Student Leaders programme were (from left) Mica La Vita, Malilebyane Kudumela, and Roy Morrison. The first female student at UCT, addressed the issue of gender equality in leadership positions. She reminded the students that “the biggest barrier to our progression is our own prejudices”, adding that “as a leader, one must continuously engage in and evaluate these to ensure that they aren’t a barrier to you or others.”

Sunter, drawing on years of experience as a scenario planner as well as from his bestselling book, urged the students to combine the aspects of having “the mind of a fox” — full of ideas and stretching the boundaries of imagination — with the single-minded focus of the “hedgehog”, in order to pursue one or many ideas until it succeeds.

Professor Richard Calland of the Department of Public Law addressed issues of leadership within the context of the South African constitution. He challenged students to “be careful in our leadership to think across classes”, and added that “what seems a very powerful idea for us, very much through our eyes as the middle class, can at times be exclusive of other views.”

Participants were recruited from diverse backgrounds, ranging from first-year to senior postgraduate students. The group included two PhD students and four master’s students. All of UCT’s six faculties were represented, as well as both residence-based and off-campus students, international and South African students, with women making up 55% of the 2010 intake.

Additionally, 20 mentors were selected to assist the students on this journey. The mentors are senior student leaders at UCT.

UCT welcomes new USHEPiA Fellows

A new cohort of six USHEPiA (University Science, Engineering, Law and Humanities Partnerships in Africa) Fellows received their awards in late 2009, and will spend time in South Africa toward their way to completing their PhDs:

- Ruby Magosvongwe of the University of Zimbabwe, PhD in African languages, supervised by Dr Abner Nyamende;
- Juliana Masabo of the University of Dar es Salaam in Ethiopia, PhD in Philosophy labour law, supervised by Professor Evance Kalala;
- Peggy Muiu of the University of Nairobi in Kenya, PhD in Chemistry, supervised by Professor Kelly Chibale;
- Michelle Matowe of the University of Zimbabwe, PhD in business management, supervised by Professor Kurt Apte;
- Vincent Nyan of the University of Zambia, PhD in molecular and cell biology, supervised by Professor Wolf Brandt; and
- Amani Lusekelo of the University of Dar es Salaam, PhD in African Languages, supervised by Professor Herman Baitbo of the University of Botswana.

Lusekelo is the first Fellow to be registered at a partner university other than UCT.

Through offering full-degree, split-site postgraduate fellowships, USHEPiA promotes collaboration among African researchers and builds institutional and human capacity in cash-strapped African universities. Its ultimate goal is to develop a network of African researchers capable of addressing the developmental requirements of sub-Saharan Africa.

Since USHEPiA’s inception in 1996, 47 degrees (40 PhDs and 7 master’s) have been awarded. Not one graduate has left the continent to work in other universities abroad, and most have returned to their home universities.

Business as usual after ICTS move

In early June, the Information and Communication Technology Services (ICTS) moved to a refurbished building on Main Road, Mowbray as part of the university’s plan to free up space for academic use on upper campus.

Considered to be one of the biggest moves in recent campus history, the carefully synchronised move took place over a week and a half, with the IT Helpdesk consultants being the first to take up residence in the new building on Monday 7 June.

Interruptions to IT Helpdesk services were kept to a minimum by ensuring that furniture was moved over the weekend. The Helpdesk consultants were unpacked, settled in and answering support calls by that Monday afternoon. The rest of ICTS moved into the new ICTS-on-Main building in stages over the next few days.

So how does the ICTS move affect UCT staff and students? The straightforward answer is that it shouldn’t affect them in any way, says ICTS. Clients can still collect and drop off equipment, borrow installation discs, get assistance, use the fax services and access other convenient walk-in services as usual from the ICTS Front Office on Upper Campus — they haven’t moved!

A number of people have already come down to Mowbray looking for the Front Office, but have had to be redirected to upper campus. “As much as we love to have you visit us, the Front Office walk-in services have not been duplicated down here,” says ICTS’s Steff Hughes. “Please continue to log your calls in the usual manner (online, by email or by phone) or visit our friendly consultants at the ICTS Front Office on Upper Campus.”

Cuba to Cape Town: The South Africa-Cuba Health Co-operation Agreement has produced another cohort of new doctors.
Winning ethics: Professor Dan Stein is the winner of the CINP Ethics Prize in Psychopharmacology.

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copharmacology organisation, the Collegium Internationale Neu-
ropharmacologicum (CINP) has awarded its CINP Ethics in Psychoph-
armacology prize to Professor Dan Stein, head of UCT’s Department of Psychiatry and Mental Health.

Stein, who also received the prestigious Alan Pifer Research Award this year, will be presented with the CINP prize in Hong Kong, China, for his work on the philosoph-
y of psychiatry and psychophar-
macology. Stein has published a range of articles on the subject, and his recently-released book, Philosophy of Psychopharmacology, is arguably the first extended text to focus on the intersection between philosoph-

y and psychopharmacology. As the founding editor of Philosophy, Ethics, and Humanities in Medicine, one of the first open-access academic journals in the field, Stein helped encourage interest in this area from readers around the world. With his colleagues, Stein collected some of the only empirical data available on psychiatric disor-
ders in those who testified before the Truth and Reconciliation Commis-
sion (TRC). This work argued that although the TRC may have had certain benefits, it did not mean that provision of clinical care for psychiatric disorders in survivors of gross human rights violations during apartheid could be ignored. Recently, Stein and colleagues published findings from a national survey of attitudes towards the TRC. “Advocating for equitable resources for psychiatry, whether in services, teaching, or research, is not always a successful process, so this encouragement is welcome,” said Stein. Chris.McEvoy@uct.ac.za

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Two take heart from international honour

David Cape

UCT’s Professors Bongani Mayosi and Karen Sliwa have been awarded the international ethics prize.

Two transplant recipients have been awarded the prestigious Alan Pifer Research Award. The award is presented by the CINP, a respected international organisation, to which they’ve been invited as international scholars.

Heading north: Profs Bongani Mayosi and Karen Sliwa will continue their work with long-time collaborators at the Population Health Research Institute, to which they’ve been invited as international scholars.
Fossil fame for UCT zoologist

An UCT zoologist has had a fossil species named after him, in recognition of his “major contributions” to understanding the biology of Africa’s endemic and endangered golden moles. The Department of Zoology’s Dr Gary Bonner says he feels “rather bemused” at the honour.

Naming new fossil species after someone is not rare, and it is always great to have your research efforts acknowledged. But having a five-million-year-old fossil named after you when you are in your forties tends to make you feel rather like a fossil yourself.

The fossil, named Chrysochloris bronneri, was discovered recently at the West Coast Fossil Park in Langebaanweg by Professor Rob Asher of Cambridge University.

Asher is an expert on the evolution of insectivore (insect-eating) mammals, including the recent African lineage, including the Malagasy tenrecs (small burrowing insectivores) and mole-rats (mostly from Madagascar) and their closest living relatives, the golden moles.

The fossil mole – dating back to the early Pliocene, at least 5.2 million years ago – is closely related to the living Cape golden mole Chrysochlo-

rhis auritus, which is common in the south-western Cape, including the Namaqua by Professor Rob Asher of Cambridge University.

The quiz will be run on Vula (vula.uct.ac.za) and is open to all UCT staff and students. Participants will be asked to look at 12 scenarios to identify whether or not copyright infringements have taken place.

Only correct entries will be eligible for the main prizes, but spot prizes will also be awarded – just for taking part! All prize winners will be notified on 31 August.

The potential prizes, generously sponsored by Symantec, Microsoft, PlayStation, Sterkinekor Theatres, Nu Metro Cinemas, include flash disks, pocket coolers, desktop backup software, DVDs and computer accessories, as well as games for consoles, PlayStation, Xbox, Nintendo Wii. Keep an eye on the ICTS website for the competition details.

South Africa has a high rate of piracy which directly affects local film and music industries as they are finding it difficult to get financial backing for new projects. In 2005, pirated films made up 50% of South Africa’s DVD market, costing the South African film industry R1.5 billion.

Not all piracy is the willful flaunting of the law and is perpetrated only by criminals. In many instances, individuals are simply unaware that what they are doing is illegal. There are a number of myths surrounding what can or can’t be copied or shared. UCT has tried to dispel these myths in the respect copyright quiz, so go on – test your knowledge and see if you can identify the correct behaviours. You could be walking away with one of those amazing prizes.

Got a news story? Send it to Mony Happy (mony.happy@uct.ac.za) or read more about copyright at www.uct.ac.za/copyright.
VC cements overseas partnerships

The aim of the trip, says Price, was firstly to maintain contact with and the enthusiasm of alumni, keen to keep abreast of the goings on at their alma mater and in South Africa. Ditto for the meetings with donors, some with whom Price negotiated the rollover of grants, others with whom he had to break new projects. Maintaining the relationship with funders is absolutely critical even in periods when, due to the wider financial environment, they are unable to give,” he says. Price then crossed the Atlantic for New York in the US where, after touching base with Holly Lawance who works for the UCT Fund, Inc, which mirrors the fundraising work of the London trust, Price met up with a number of donors who, he states, have not previously supported UCT. From New York it was a hop, skip and a jump to Washington, this time for the annual general meeting and conference and of the World Universities Network (WUN), which UCT joined in 2009. UCT is the only African university in the network. The VC was not the only UCT delegate at the conference. Also there were deputy vice-chancellor Profes- sor Jo Beall, who had negotiated the UCT’s place on the network; and Dr Loveness Kaunda and Lara Hoffen- berg of the International Academic Programmes Office, in the US for another conference later that week of the National Association of Foreign Students Advisers (NAFSA) and the Association of International Educators, and visits to three partner universities.

WUN was chosen because it focused on the levels of tuition and residence fees, of financial aid and of salaries; tuition fees represent the only variable Council-controlled source of income (R577 million in 2009); for many, financial aid is a necessity for ensuring access to UCT (in 2009, R36 million), and salary and related expenditure is by far the biggest cost (in 2009, R1.1 billion out of R2.5 billion). The University Finance Committee (which is chaired by Trevor Peterson, a member of Council and the former managing partner of Price- WaterhouseCoopers in the Western Cape) is continuing to give attention to the details of a new integrated financial plan, and is expected to bring a draft to Council’s Exco in September 2010.

UCT’s strategy

The Council is giving attention to financial strategy. The UCT Financial Plan – which has guided financial decisions for the past decade – is being reviewed, and at the June meeting Council devoted some time to reviewing an interim report on an integrated financial plan. Among the challenges and complex questions facing Council are: the university’s capacity to fund capital work on the projects approved for 2010 to 2013 exceed R1 billion; the level of free reserves and the need for a sub- sidiary qualification fund; oversight of and the financial risks associated with rapidly increasing research incomes and expenditure (with as yet uneven overhead-cost recovery) and the increasing stresses this is putting on the university’s infrastructure.

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**Obituary: Lord Wolfson**

Lord Wolfson, founder-trustee of UCT benefactor the Wolfson Foundation, died on 20 May, aged 82.

Born on 11 November 1927, Leonard Gordon Wolfson was a British businessman, the former chairman of the family business, Great Universal Stores Limited (GUS), and son of GUS magnate Sir Isaac Wolfson, First Baronet. He was raised to the peerage as Baron Wolfson of Marylebone in the City of Westminster in 1985, and was a member of the Conservative Party.

On his father’s death in 1991, Lord Wolfson succeeded as Second Baronet of Marylebone in the County of London. He was granted a leave of absence from the House of Lords from 2008.

The Wolfson Foundation, a charity that awards grants to support excellence in the fields of science and medicine, health, education and the arts and humanities, has awarded over £600 million in grants, funding over 8,000 projects around the globe.

The foundation’s recent donations to UCT funded the scanning electron microscope for the Electron Microscope Unit; the refurbishment of the chemistry laboratories; and the Wolfson Pavilion.

“Lord Wolfson’s philanthropy was an inspiration to all, and we always appreciated the foundation’s major donations to UCT’s strategic initiatives,” said vice-chancellor Dr Max Price.

In May 2008 UCT conferred an honorary doctorate on Lord Wolfson.

“The opportunity for us to add Lord Wolfson to the long list of distinguished UCT degree holders was one that we cherished, and one that added great lustre to the reputation and standing of this university,” added Price.

**John Moss remembered**

The UCT community and particularly the Department of Chemistry, has been dealt a blow with the passing of Emeritus Professor John Moss, aged 86, on 30 May 2010. Moss had been an academic staff member at the department since his appointment as a senior lecturer in 1979. In 1985, he was appointed as the Jamison Professor of Inorganic Chemistry, a position he held until his retirement in 2008.

Professor Allen Rodgers, head of the Department of Chemistry, notes that Moss was a person with rare attributes in terms of his strength of character, work ethic, commitment, dedication, collegiality and courage. When faced with what most people would regard as an insurmountable challenge, he never saw it as such, said Rodgers.

“To him, these so-called challenges were merely opportunities which had to be faced, negotiated, surmounted and resolved,” Rodgers explained.

Moss’s professional achievements in teaching, research and administration, as well as his sporting achievements in mountaineering and sailing, bear testimony to a remarkable strength of character with which few people are blessed.

He was awarded Fellowships from the Royal Society of Chemistry and the Royal Society of South Africa, and a Lifetime Fellowship from the University of Cape Town. His research work has been published in nearly 100 scientific papers, review articles, book chapters and conference proceedings, all of which have attracted over 2,000 citations.

Hospitals to get school’s Lean treatment

The Lean Institute Africa (LIA) and UCT’s Graduate School of Business (GSB) have been awarded a tender by the National Department of Health to do 18 best-practice workshops in priority health districts across the country.

The workshop programme is the first step in creating a continuous process-improvement approach in public healthcare, according to institute head Professor Norman Faull.

“This is an ambitious endeavour with ambitious possibilities,” he said. “I also believe this is a great opportunity for internationally significant cutting-edge research.”

The Lean Institute Africa (LIA) will run week-long best-practice workshops at health facilities in several of the priority health districts in South Africa, after the final game of the soccer world cup. The contract will run until the start of October.

LIA research associate Chipo Mupere says that Faull has been championing the Lean cause and working with the Department of Health for a number of years.

“One of our more recent projects at a Northwest Province hospital drew a lot of attention,” says Mupere. “We reduced outpatient waiting times by 84% and were then invited to run a few more workshops. That gave us a platform to apply for this tender.”

She adds that this is the biggest development since the creation of the Lean Institute Africa, and that there is a growing body of evidence to prove the effectiveness of Lean in the South African public sector.

“The only way to convince people is through evidence, and we are making progress with each successful project.”

**Reshuffle as HR executive resigns**

Caretakers: Margie Tainton (left) and Miriam Hoosain (right), with deputy vice-chancellor Prof Thandabantu Nhlapo, will step in as acting executive directors until a successor to Khotso Raphoto is appointed.

UCT announced in June that, after lengthy discussions, Khotso Raphoto, executive director: human resources, had submitted his resignation, effective on 30 June 2010.

In discussion and in his letter to the vice-chancellor, Dr Max Price, Raphoto had indicated that a combination of factors had influenced his decision.

One of the most important was that he felt he did not have sufficient support within the HR department and from certain key stakeholders in the university to bring about the changes that are required in HR at UCT.

He wrote: “Having taken these concerns into account, given the difficulty in continuing to work under such conditions, and in the best interest of all concerned, I have decided to tender my resignation.”

Price noted in a recent message to staff that Raphoto had put the interests of the university first.

“The executive is, and we should all be, grateful to him for his contribution over the last two years, and the enormous integrity with which he has dealt with the current difficulties in HR,” Price wrote.

Margie Tainton, remuneration and HR administration manager, will serve as acting executive director: HR until 31 July. Miriam Hoosain, currently senior HR advisor in the Faculty of Health Sciences, will step in as acting executive director from 1 August, until a successor to Raphoto is appointed.

Speaking at the PASS Forum on 22 July, deputy vice-chancellor Professors Thandabantu Nhlapo and Max Price announced that the executive is currently reviewing this and other developments in the HR department.

**New temp staff providers**

UCT’s Human Resources (HR) Department hosted a presentation on 28 June to introduce the employment agencies that were recently selected as preferred providers of temporary staff for the university.

After a formal tender process, a selection panel comprising key UCT stakeholders appointed Ayanda Mbanga Communications, Corporate Placements, Kelly Group, Shamrock Recruiting and the Tower Group to service UCT from 1 July.

The agencies are mandated to assist UCT in meeting its employment equity targets, and the appointment of five agencies will give the UCT community a wide choice when sourcing temporary staff.

Yvonne Macdonald, manager of staff recruitment and selection at HR, said: “This was a successful tender process and the agencies chosen will offer a professional recruitment service, with particular emphasis on placing suitably-skilled black candidates in temporary assignments.”

**Health tender: Prof Norman Faull, head of UCT’s Lean Institute Africa.**

Temp service: Attending the HR event were (from left) Iise van Vuuren of Shamrock Recruiting, Athena Wilken of Kelly Group, Samantha Prinsloo of the Tower Group; Pruniel Thornes of Ayanda Mbanga Communications; and Katerina Wright of Corporate Placements.
Campus struck hard by footie fever

UCT proved to be not the spared soccer fever that gripped the country during the recent FIFA World Cup. Well before the first kick-off, staff and students were dressing up in national colours and makarapas; blasting their monotonous vuvuzele (yes, we know it got a bit much towards the end), enjoying impromptu games of football or staging more elaborate events (hats or other more elaborate events). Our academics got into the act, too. Here, then, is our little photographic montage of how UCT got the kick-off. (For those who didn’t make it into this Monday Paper, why not check out UCT’s Flickr site, following the link from the UCT homepage.)

Visitors feeling peckish could drop in at this well-branded caravan, parked just outside Baxter Hall, for some choccies and snacks.

The occasion put several lasting legacies in place at UCT. New systems that will contribute over the long term to the management of the residence sector in general, and to the development of the university’s vacation accommodation in particular. The university also picked up some unexpected tips, reported John Critien, executive director of Properties and Services, at a PASS Forum last week. “We learned that we have the capacity to manage contracts – and in our students – to run a small hotel here,” said Critien.

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Among the local visitors were volunteers from FIFA’s local organizing committee. In turn, many of the foreign guests were visiting South Africa for the first time, and they commented on the professionalism and warm welcome provided by UCT.

The student volunteers who served as marshals and receptionists became excellent ambassadors for the university, often working beyond the call of duty,” said vice-chancellor Dr Max Price.

The campus also served as one of the city’s largest transport hubs, with more than 2 150 cars parked on UCT property every match day, and thousands of people made use of the City’s Park & Ride services. These services were also available to CA2010 guests.

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So no sooner did ICTS move to a new building in Mowbray than they got disoriented and came up with new ways to locate their PCs – some resorting to a chant-and-vuvuzela tracking system.

Pride: Some of the staff and students that made CA2010 such a blast.

Samantha Payne, Anja du Plessis, Qingping Liang, Wei Mao, Eva Gumble, Hilda Phatswana, J. Johnny Ootokot (at back), Mpho Rasebene, Vahanawale Masutha, Erard Sullivan, Sinqotha Basu and Emer Prof John Simpson.

David Malack of the School of Management Studies didn’t just join the fan walk on the last match day in Cape Town, but also a project of the Cape Higher Education Consortium to evaluate the impact of the FIFA World Cup on the city and its residents.

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