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Welcome alumni

IT GIVES me enormous pleasure to be writing to you all in this – my first – UCT newsletter. My portfolio areas are currently Student Affairs, International Relations, and Development and Alumni Affairs. It is a basket of responsibilities which I believe matches my own interests and characteristics, and I am excited by the prospect of being the one who looks after the welfare of UCT's students, past, present and future. In the case of alumni in particular I really do believe that the University is only as strong as the wider community within which it finds its niche.

I hope that *UCT News* gave you all some good holiday reading and that these newsletters in between will fill you in on developments at your alma mater. A major development has been the location of the responsibility for alumni affairs within each faculty, following the very effective models developed by the 'medics' and by the Law Faculty, whose successful reunions prove the wisdom of maintaining the links with the special part of the University that was most formative in your lives.



Professor Thandabantu Nhlapo

We intend in the coming months to hold small alumni functions structured around the travel of UCT academics and other South African leaders in all spheres of life, so please stay in touch, and we certainly will be in touch with you. Please pass this letter on to anyone you know who may have an interest, or just send us their contact details.

With best wishes,
Thandabantu Nhlapo
(Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor RT Nhlapo)

From the VC's Desk

2006 BRINGS news of three key appointments: Professor Kathy Driver as Dean of Science, Professor Marian Jacobs as Dean of Health Sciences, and Professor Bongani Mayosi as chief specialist and head of the Department of Medicine at Groote Schuur Hospital.

'It is the first time in UCT's history that we have appointed women to the high profile positions of Dean of Science and Dean of Health Sciences, respectively. It is also the first time in history that a black person has been appointed to head up the department of medicine at UCT. These are significant advances as we embed ourselves in our vision of living transformation on our campus,' said the Vice Chancellor.

Professor Njabulo Ndebele, who has just started his second term in office, has announced his commitment to the Living Transformation campaign, a campaign which is aimed at deepening the transformation process at UCT. See www.uct.ac.za/uct/docs/vc/transformation.pdf for more details.



Professor Njabulo Ndebele



USA generosity remembered

Barbara Finberg (1929 – 2005)

BARBARA FINBERG, philanthropist, non-profit leader and one of the longest serving members of the UCT Fund Board, died in March 2005.

“The University of Cape Town and the UCT Fund, as well as Carnegie Corporation and the other many other organizations with which she was actively associated, are poorer for her passing but blessed to have had the benefit of her wisdom, devotion and active support and involvement over the years,” said current Board member, David Meachin, who served with Barbara during her many years on the UCT Fund Board.

A Stanford University graduate, Barbara worked for the State Department and the Institute of International Education, before joining the Carnegie Corporation of New York. During her 38 years at Carnegie, she focused on the need for early childhood education policy. Her efforts led to the creation and launching of the PBS television show “Sesame Street”. She retired from the Carnegie Corporation as executive vice president.

From 1996 through 1998, Mrs. Finberg advanced the mission of non-profits as chair of Independent Sector, a national organization of more than 740 philanthropic and non-profit organizations in the United States.

In addition to the Board of the UCT Fund, Barbara was a member of governing boards for many organizations committed to the welfare of women and children and to preserving human rights.

The Board is deeply grateful for Barbara’s long service and her generous support for the University. The UCT Fund received \$50,000 from her estate, a bequest that will provide much-needed support for future generations of UCT students.

Two great supporters of UCT, Barbara Finberg and Alan Pifer, passed away in 2005.

Alan Pifer (1921 – 2005)

ALAN PIFER, longtime friend of UCT and past president of Carnegie Corporation, passed away on 31 October 2005 at the age of 84. Described as one of “philanthropy’s legendary figures” in the *Chronicle of Philanthropy*, Pifer worked throughout his career to strengthen the rights of historically disadvantaged groups.

As Carnegie Corporation President from 1967 to 1982, Pifer led the foundation’s focus on social justice in supporting projects that sought to eliminate racial inequality, fight poverty, and promote educational opportunity. Beginning in the 1970s, Pifer was instrumental in reinstating the Corporation’s involvement in South Africa. He helped to create public-interest law projects to train black lawyers in South Africa and increase legal representation. In the mid-1970s, the Corporation established the Second Carnegie Inquiry into Poverty and Development in Southern Africa at UCT, to examine how non-profit groups might help to eliminate economic and social inequities.

Pifer also played a key role in establishing the UCT Fund, Inc. He was founding Chairman of the Fund from its inception in 1984 until he retired in 1992. The Fund raises funds in the United States to support the University’s commitment to provide financial aid for black students and to maintain UCT’s standing as a world class educational institution.

At a Memorial for Alan Pifer, held at the Century Association in New York in January 2006, former Vice-Chancellor Stuart Saunders offered the following tribute:

“Alan Pifer was a gentleman in every sense of the word. He was committed to social justice and to ensuring that those who were disadvantaged had a chance in life. He was passionate about helping to ensure that black South Africans could get a good tertiary education long before that enjoyed any popularity in South Africa. Scores of black South Africans owe their ability to attend UCT to his efforts and today many of them occupy key positions in government and in the professions, in business and in industry in our country. Nothing was ever too much trouble for him. I count Alan amongst my closest friends. I have never known a finer man, a more gentle man or a more compassionate man. We all miss him greatly but he will never leave us. We will live constantly reminded of him and of what an individual can achieve against all the odds. Hamba kahle, Alan.”

Alan Pifer was honored in early 2005 for his many contributions to UCT and to the UCT Fund.

At a ceremony at the Carnegie Corporation in New York, hosted by Carnegie President Vartan Gregorian, a presentation was made to Alan’s sons, Matthew and Dan. A painting of Alan, presented to UCT, now hangs in the Bremner Building. Current and former members of the Carnegie Corporation and Directors of the UCT Fund attended the ceremony.

[l to r: Vincent Mai, Trevor S Norwitz, Matthew Pifer, David Meachin, Dan Pifer, Kofi Apenteng, Vartan Gregorian, Margaret Touborg]



New staff at the UCT Fund

IN JANUARY the UCT Fund welcomed new staff member, Tina Barsby, UCT graduate and former staff member, now living in Amherst, Massachusetts.

Tina joined UCT in 1982, as a student in the Faculty of Arts and a Baxter Hall resident. An English and History major, Tina went on to do a secondary education diploma and a Masters degree in Literary Studies. She joined UCT's academic planning office in 1987, and later became director of a new student recruitment and admissions office. She is delighted to be back at UCT.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to re-connect with UCT, and with friends on both sides of the



Tina Barsby joined the UCT Fund in January.

Atlantic. I look forward to strengthening contacts with alumni and friends of UCT in North America," she said.

USA at UCT – 40 years on



Back l-r Rodney Mazinter (1957), Lawrence Miller (1964), Ray Klingismith (1964) & fellow basketball player Alan Bruce Brand (1964) Front l-r Francois Theron (1961) Hazel (nee Greef, 1963) & husband Em. Professor Anthony Hall.

RAY KLINGISMITH of California met up with some of his UCT peers recently, thanks to work by the UCT database & research team.

When Ray came to UCT in 1962, there were just two American students on campus. Last year 579 American students enrolled at UCT, out of a total of over 4,000 international students (20% of the total student population).

The majority of U.S. students enter UCT on the Semester Study Abroad Program. The Program started in the mid 1990s with a special linkage

with Princeton University. Princeton chose UCT as one of its first study abroad destinations, sending students to spend a semester at UCT taking mainly Humanities courses.

Semester Study Abroad at UCT has grown significantly over the years. The average number of exchange students on the Program more than doubled from 2002 to 2005.

This year UCT's International Office, currently celebrating its 10th anniversary, enrolled its highest semester intake of 400 students.

Canadian studies at UCT

THE SOUTH African Association of Canadian Studies (SAACS) was launched at the Centre for Extra-Mural Studies at UCT in November 2005, the first Association on the continent of Africa. Distinguished Canadian philosopher and historian, John Ralston Saul, was the guest speaker at the launch, which was attended by over 200 people, on the topic: "Diversity, multiple loyalties and citizenship: Canadian and South African experiences".

SAACS aims to explore the connections and differences between Canada and South Africa, facilitate the exchange of scholars, and mount public lectures by prominent academics and cultural figures. The Association will focus on Canadian literary studies; education studies; contemporary cultural studies, including heritage studies and multiculturalism; gender studies, with an emphasis on women in science, collaborative studies in the natural sciences; comparative international and economic affairs and the politics of peacemaking. It plans to develop chapters in other parts of South Africa.

Of its eight founding committee members, six are UCT faculty. They include Associate Professor Ingrid Fiske and Medee Rall of the Centre for Extra-Mural Studies; Professor Anusuya Chinsamy-Turan and Associate Professor David Jacobs of Zoology, Associate Professor Lungisile Ntsebeza of the Department of Sociology and Professor Crain Soudien, Head of the School of Education.

In the first few months of 2006 the Association has organized lectures by visiting Canadians such as literary critic Professor Elaine Newton, theologian Dr Adele Reinhartz, entrepreneur Leonard Brody, sociologist Professor Kogila Moodley and political scientist Professor Heribert Adam. Its key activity will be participation in a high profile August colloquium on women and science to commemorate the 50th anniversary of National Women's Day. This event will be convened by award-winning UCT scientist and Chair of South African Women in Science and Engineering, Professor Anusuya Chinsamy-Turan.

Canada connects

THE UCT FOUNDATION in Canada held a very successful and well-attended alumni luncheon meeting and address by the Vice-Chancellor of UCT Professor Njabulo Ndebele in Toronto.

UCT alumni were fortunate to hear Prof Ndebele reading from his latest book, *The Cry of Winnie Mandela*, at the International Festival of Authors where he was a distinguished invitee.



Members of the UCT Foundation Board at the luncheon (left to right): David Groll (Treasurer), Stephen Jennings (Secretary), Professor Ndebele, Les Kottler (President), Henry Blumberg (Chairman), Dr. Marcia Blumberg, Dr. Stanley Jonathan.

Mezzabotta memorial lecture

Dr MARGARET Mezzabotta, a Senior Lecturer in Classics who was tragically killed in a car accident in 2000, was renowned for her inspirational teaching and her support of her students as well as for her wide-ranging research interests, which included Greek drama and ancient science.

A memorial lecture on April 21 will begin with Professor Marianne McDonald, who was a friend and colleague of Dr Mezzabotta and who is currently a professor of Classics and Theatre at the University of California San Diego, speaking on 'Medea - The Beginning'.

World famous playwright, and author of the novel *Tsotsi*, Athol Fugard, will also read a new short story *Jason* at the event.

Supreme Court Justice Ginsburg visits UCT

JUSTICE RUTH Bader Ginsburg lectured at UCT in February, at the invitation of UCT alumni Justice Albie Sachs.

While in South Africa, Justice Ginsburg also addressed gatherings at the Constitutional Court, several other universities and in informal settings. At the Constitutional Court Justice Ginsburg focused on moves to bar the citation of "the laws and decisions of other nations" in Supreme Court rulings. She began by noting: "South Africa's 1996 Constitution famously provides in Section 39: 'When interpreting the Bill of Rights, a court . . . must consider international law; and may consider foreign law.'" The U.S. judicial system "will be the poorer", she argued, "if we do not both share our experience with, and learn from, legal systems with values and a commitment to democracy similar to our own".

Justice Ginsburg's topic at the UCT talk was "Advocating the Elimination of Gender-Based Dis-



Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg with Cape High Court Judge Lee Bozalek.

crimination: The 1970s New Look at the Equality Principle". She reflected on her experience in the 1970s, when she played a key role in the launch the Women's Rights Project of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Both speeches are available online on the Supreme Court's Web site: www.supremecourtus.gov/publicinfo/speeches/speeches.html

UCT Study Abroad alumna working to bring the world together

IN 2003 DeeAnn Resk came to UCT as a study abroad student with the School for International Training. Now DeeAnn is exploring the world's horizons again, using keys skills learned during her time in Cape Town.



DeeAnn Resk interacts with a Japanese elementary student during a "Community Service Learning Day" with the Up with People program in Tokyo, Japan in October 2005.

Resk came to Cape Town to learn about South Africa's rich multicultural heritage, history, and social change.

"My experience at UCT and in South Africa in general was an amazing, eye-opening, life changing experience," she said. "I learned about the concept of *Ubuntu*, the spirit of respect, dignity, compassion, and community that can be such a powerful tool in creating change. My hope is that more people in the world can live the concept of *Ubuntu* and become catalysts for making positive differences in their communities."

Resk went on to work in Tokyo, Japan with "Up with People", a global leadership and travel program for young people. "I believe 'Up with People' is a program that really allows people to put the philosophy of *Ubuntu* into action," said Resk.

Alumni sightings

UCT-trained soprano **Angela Gilbert** enjoyed critical acclaim for her debut at San Diego Opera in the title role of Gaetano Donizetti's "Lucia di Lammermoor" during San Diego's 2006 International Season in February. Describing Gilbert as "an impressive 'discovery'", National Public Radio's Pat Launer commented: "She is compelling in every scene, as actor and singer. But it is the celebrated third-act mad scene where she dazzles most. She is shattered, desperate, entranced, lost in an ecstasy of despair, her insanity marked by frenzied head-banging. ... Her voice is pure, clear, supple, crystalline, not overpowering but completely in control." Gilbert will return to San Diego in 2008 to sing the title role in Maria Stuarda.

The 13th African Film Festival opens in New York on April 20th. The Festival features 44 films from 16 African countries, including several films from South Africa. The Festival runs until May 29th; for more information, see website: www.africanfilmny.org. The Festival includes the U.S. premiere of *The Mother's House*, the latest documentary by **Francois Verster**, UCT MA graduate who worked with Barenholtz Productions in New York. *The Mother's House* won the Best Documentary award at the Cape Town World Cinema Festival in 2005, and at the Milan Film Festival this year. Described as a "coming of age" for South African documentary, the film profiles the struggles of three generations of women against poverty and sexual violence. The film chronicles four years in the life of Miché Moses, a teenager growing up in the Cape Flats who tries to make sense of her highly conflicted household and the broader world around her. *The Mother's House* will also be screened at the 13th Hot Docs Canadian International Film Festival in Toronto (April 28 through May 7).

Also showing at the New York African Film Festival is *U-Carmen eKhayelitsha*, winner of the Golden Bear for Best Film at the 2005 Berlin International Film Festival. Directed by Mark Dornford-May, *U-Carmen eKhayelitsha*, translates Bizet's classic Carmen into Xhosa and locates it in Khayelitsha in Cape Town. UCT music graduate **Pauline Malefane** co-wrote and translated the screenplay for *U-Carmen eKhayelitsha*, and she plays Carmen in the film. The film also features UCT music alumni Lungelwa Blou and Zorro Sidloyi.

Works of several South African artists, among them UCT alumni **Zwelethu Mthethwa**, **Jo Ractliffe**, **Mikhael Subotzky** and **Guy Tillim**, are included in "Snap Judgments: New Positions in Contemporary African Photography", the first major U.S. exhibition in a decade to examine current photographic works from Africa. The exhibition runs from March 10 through May 28, 2006 at the International Centre of Photography (ICP) in New York. Details at www.icp.org

Alumni Sightings is intended to publicize the achievements of people in the UCT community. If you – or someone you know in the UCT community or among alumni in the US and Canada – has recently received an award, participated in an interesting event, or is involved in an important endeavor, please let us know. Email Tina Barsby at uctfund@comcast.net

Class notes

1955: George Abrahams wasn't able to attend his 50th Law Reunion but sent in his best wishes to his classmates and former lecturers saying "You can tell all of them that I am still making use of everything that I learned from them (sometimes on the same side and sometimes adverse) in the practice in New York. I wish I knew then what I know now!"

1965: Geoff Kingma did a post graduate apprenticeship at AEI, UK. He moved to Toronto and got a job with Texas Instruments as a manufacturing engineer. Geoff retired in 2002 and his wife Ruth retired two years ago; she had been running the North York main library. During her last few years she was involved in the amalgamation of all the library systems into the new TPL (Toronto Public Library).

1967: Chris Burger and his family immigrated to the US in 1971 to join the Engineering Mechanics Faculty at Iowa State University where he worked with William Riley in the newly formed Dynamic Photoelasticity Laboratory and initiated a program in phyto-mechanics using strain gages to measure the instantaneous dynamic responses of trees to their environment. He is currently Professor Emeritus in Mechanical Engineering and past director of the Institute for Innovation and Design in Engineering at Texas A & M University.

1968: Greg McClune & Rob Fulton are practising law in California & Canada respectively. A former head of Smuts hall, Rob took much pleasure in being back in the old dining room, venue of the 2005 Law Reunion dinner.

1993: Simon Smith, son of Professor Derek Smith (Head of Information Systems at UCT), has a degree in Architecture from UCT and ran a Web development company before becoming Creative Director of the software firm Macromedia Inc. Adobe.

2000/01: Lisa Murison (nee Flack) was top student at Harvard Law School and is now at the New York Bar. Mesh Pillay is practising in Toronto having graduated LL.M from Duke.

2003: Justin Goldblatt wrote 'Being at Harvard (2005) has been an incredible experience. While the Massachusetts winter was hard, long and cold, I feel very privileged to have been given the opportunity to do the LL.M here. The most intellectually challenging experience has been in the Human Nature course with Roberto Unger and Steven Pinker. Pinker is a cognitive scientist who gives evolutionary accounts of human nature (challenging ideas of the 'blank slate') and then Unger responds in the most beautiful but incomprehensible prose one could hope to hear.' (Justin is currently with a firm in NYC).

Send your news, profiles, publications, or any other items of interest to uctfund@comcast.net or update your information on www.uct.ac.za/alumni/update_details.php If you know of UCT graduates in the U.S. or Canada please forward this newsletter on to them or refer them to www.uctfund.org



Engineering & the Built Environment

WWW.EBE.UCT.AC.ZA/

IT WAS the alumni who made EBE history this year! The Mechanical Engineers of 1965 initiated a reunion and managed to trace 20 of the 24 in their class; 11 came and were joined by 11 more from '60-'65. They were hosted by the head of the department, Professor Bob Tait, and a highlight was attending the open day where the final year students presented their theses.

The Construction Studies graduates from 1989 and 1990 arranged a gala dinner at the Two Oceans Aquarium with guest speaker Chris Drummond, Chairman of Property Ventures; the following day they visited the campus and had lunch at Forries.

"In 2006 we look forward to continue reconnecting with our alumni and we hope that we will make a meaningful contribution to growing the worldwide network of our alumni, so many of whom continue to distinguish themselves in many different walks of life," commented the Dean, Prof Cyril O'Connor.

The Faculty continues to emphasize the importance of generating robust international peer-reviewed research. An exciting development is the newly-established Sasol Advanced Fuels Laboratory in the Department of Mechanical Engineering where Sasol employees and academic scientists are involved in multi-million rand research projects to develop high quality, low emission synthetic fuels for the future. (www.safll.uct.ac.za)



Professor Cyril O'Connor

Commerce WWW.COMMERCE.UCT.AC.ZA/



Professor Doug Pitt

"COMMERCE GOALS for 2005 were set within the broad parameters of the University strategic objectives: to be research led, innovative in our teaching and learning and more clearly representative of the demographics of the changing South Africa," comments Prof Doug Pitt, Dean of Commerce.

"Research outputs continued to improve during 2005 and, in terms of teaching last year saw improvements in the throughput rates of many of our undergraduate courses, and for the second year in a row, UCT accounting graduates achieved a 100% pass rate (as against a 45% national pass rate) in the Part 1 Board examination. Notably, too, a number of Master's graduates achieved distinctions. The number of PhD enrolments has continued to rise - of particular interest is the continued

participation of the Department of Economics in the African Economic Research Consortium. Given the urgency and importance of the transformational imperative, it is pleasing to note that our extended curriculum programmes continue to attract financial support from outside. These programmes aimed at the 'previously disadvantaged' received support from the Saville and Ramaphosa Foundations and Sanlam (the latter having just announced continuation of funding). Vodafone funding also came on stream during 2005 in support of black academic appointments," said Pitt.

Science WWW.SCIENCE.UCT.AC.ZA/

THE FACULTY of Science appointed a new Dean, Professor Kathy Driver, at the beginning of 2006. Kathy is the former head of the School of Mathematics at the University of the Witwatersrand and is a National Research Foundation B-rated scientist.

Kathy takes over from Professor Daya Reddy who served the faculty with so much distinction during his seven year term as Dean. One of Professor Reddy's many legacies is a body of some 7,000 active alumni. "Contact was started in 2003 and it has been wonderful to have so many graduates write in to us and express their delight at reconnecting with their alma mater," he said.



Professor Kathy Driver

The second Distinguished Alumni Lecture took place in August. In 2005 the speaker was Professor Emanuel Derman, former managing director of Goldman, Sachs & Co. and author of *My Life as a Quant*, an account of his experience on Wall Street and his application of the methods of physics to the world of markets. He graduated from UCT in 1964 with a BSc in applied mathematics and physics (distinction) and a BSc (Hons) in theoretical physics (first class) in 1965. In the United States, he completed a PhD at Columbia University. He is currently the Director of the Program in Financial Engineering at Columbia University, a columnist for *Risk* magazine, and a risk advisor to an investment management company. The title of the lecture was "The Use and Misuse of Financial Models" and the lecture theatre was packed to capacity with over 250 people attending.

Information on the 2006 lecture will be sent out in the July *Contact* Newsletter; if you are not on the mailing list please e-mail mhilton@science.uct.ac.za

Humanities WWW.HUMANITIES.UCT.AC.ZA/

ON 15TH MARCH 2006 the opening night of *The Seagull* took place at the Little Theatre on the Hiddingh campus. This marks the 75th anniversary of the Little Theatre, which mounted *The Seagull* in 1931 as its very first production. This production is one of many highlights of the year of the Department of Drama and follows close on the heels of Geoff Hyland's highly successful run of *Twelfth Night* at Maynardville in January.

Graduation in December 2005 resulted in nearly 1400 graduates in the social sciences, the arts and the creative and performing arts being capped by the Chancellor. We are particularly proud that amongst this group are 28 PhD students – the largest number of PhD students to graduate out of all of the faculties in this graduation cycle. In addition, two colleagues, Peter Andersen (English Language and Literature) and Yvonne Banning (Drama), received Distinguished Teacher's Awards.

This ceremony marked the close of a busy and productive year for all departments in the faculty. A number of new books were launched through the year (including Etienne van Heerden's *In stede van die liefde*) and the creative and performing arts continued to please with a range of dramatic, dance and musical performances,

and exhibitions, of which we are justly proud. The relatively new Centre for Film and Media studies is going from strength to strength and drawing exciting new talent into UCT. Numerous scholars have received NRF research ratings notably David Chidester (Religious Studies) and Bill Nasson (Historical Studies) who both received NRF A ratings in 2005, and Fiona Ross (Anthropology) was awarded a P rating.

The Faculty of Humanities does not as yet have a strong tradition of maintaining contacts with its alumni. We hope to change this in the very near future. Over the next year we will be paying special attention to strengthening relations with our alumni, and in so doing, possibly play

some role in helping alumni to stay in touch with each other. We hope that this will bring us into closer touch with our extended family, and enable us to share in the triumphs which so many of our alumni have notched up in a wide range of fields.



Professor Paula Ensor

Health Sciences WWW.HEALTH.UCT.AC.ZA/ALUMNI

PROFESSOR MARIAN Jacobs has taken up the position of Dean of the Health Sciences faculty. Prof Jacobs is well known in academic circles as Professor of Child Health, Director of the School of Child and Adolescent Health and Director of the Children's Institute.

Professor Ralph Kirsch retired as chief specialist and head of the Department of Medicine at Groot Schuur Hospital at the end of 2005. The new appointment is Professor Bongani Mayosi. Prof Mayosi

specialized in cardiology at UCT, and was then awarded a Nuffield Scholarship which took him to Oxford University where he joined the Molecular Cardiology Research Group, researching the genetics of heart muscle disease, a series of conditions which are particularly prevalent in Africa.

A major feature on the annual calendar is the 'Medics' reunions. 2005 bought no fewer than 165 alumni back to campus from the classes of 1980, 1975, 1965 and even 1955 (50 years on!). Not surprisingly, 70% were from South Africa, but North America was well represented with 12 each from the USA and Canada.

If you were the class of '56, '66, '76 of '81, come and walk down the corridors of Groot Schuur with us this December!



Professor Marian Jacobs

Law WWW.LAW.UCT.AC.ZA/



Professor Hugh Corder

THE DEAN, Professor Hugh Corder, has agreed to complete an extended term as Dean and will hold the position until the end of 2008. Prof Corder had this to say: "As I sat at graduation looking out over the largest LLB group since 1994, with two of my colleagues, Tom Bennett and Danie Visser, recently welcomed as Fellows and with Mohammed Paleker about to receive a Distinguished Teacher Award, I knew I had made the right decision.

"The Faculty is in really good shape, and in terms of transformation too. From one woman lecturer in 1986 we now have 23 women on the academic staff that totals 49; 60% of the LLB students will be women and the racial split has tipped from 50/50 over the last few years to a majority of black students.

"However, the one issue that remains to be addressed is the relatively small number of 'black African' students from South Africa and I am particularly pleased to announce that thanks to the generosity of alumni, as well as to revenue earned from our Endowment Fund, we will be able to offer scholarships to six black African LLB students from South Africa next year.

"I am hoping that more local law firms will come on board because if we could offer bursaries to ten black Africans that would mean that a significant 15% of our undergraduate LLBs will be drawn from the largest talent pool available in this country. I don't need to tell you the impact that would have on our goal of sustainable justice."

GSB shines on international stage

FOR THE second year running the UCT Graduate School of Business is the only South African MBA programme to be ranked in the prestigious *Financial Times*' Global Top 100 MBA Rankings. It ranked at 66 in the 2006 survey, 16 places up from its ranking of 82 in 2005. GSB executive short courses are also rated in the top 10 worldwide according to a recent survey by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU). According to Frank Horwitz, Director of the GSB, the rankings give students and employers locally and around the globe the assurance that a qualification from the GSB measures up to the best in the world.

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