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Research output is a key indicator of the stature of any university.

The culture of research and publishing in accredited journals has truly taken root at the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN). Our academics have remained competitive, acquiring many prestigious research grants and keeping us 2nd in research productivity in South Africa. Our research productivity as measured by SAPSE increased by 19% in 2006. In 2005 our SAPSE

From the desk of the Vice-Chancellor

percentage increase was 30% compared to the national average of 11%. This output translates to approximately R80 million in subsidy earned.

While the work done by our mature academics has laid firm foundations, it is critical that we develop a cadre of young and productive academics. These young people will carry the future of the Institution.

On 20 July I was privileged to present the Vice-Chancellor's Research Award to three gifted young UKZN researchers. This award, which is made annually by the University Council, is based on merit and is open to all academic staff who are under the age of 40.

Professor Dorrit Posel from the Faculty of Management's School of Economics and Finance is the 2004 recipient. In 2005 the award went to Dr Richard Mace from the Faculty of

Science and Agriculture's School of Physics. Professor Thumbi Ndung'u from the Doris Duke Medical Research Institute's Hasso Plattner Research Laboratory received the award in 2006.

Eight UKZN staff members have been appointed to the prestigious South African Department of Science and Technology's Research Chairs. UKZN also featured amongst the winners at the annual Technology and Human Resources for Industry Programme (THRIP) Excellence Awards held in Midrand in October 2006. Professor Deogratius Jaganyi, renowned Chemistry researcher and Deputy-Dean of the Faculty of Science & Agriculture, won the award for Outstanding Black Research/Project Leader. His PhD student, Ms Nontokoza Xaba, was the winner in the Best Black or Female Student Category. Both were

recognised for their contributions to scientific research in the field of Double Bond Isomerization.

The University Council recently awarded Fellowships to two permanent members of staff in recognition of their distinguished academic achievement and high quality scholarly work. The two new UKZN Fellows are Professor Duncan Brown of the School of Literary Studies, Media and Creative Arts, who has published widely in the field of South African literary and cultural studies and Professor Ann Coutsoodis of the Department of Paediatrics and Child Health who has received a string of accolades for her role in the global scientific community. In 2006, a fellowship was conferred on Professor Denis Brothers of Biological and Conservation Sciences.

Professor MW Makgoba



From the desk of the Executive Director of Public Affairs and Corporate Communications

Three and a half years after the merger the Institutional Audit process driven by the Council for Higher Education (CHE) offers the University community a splendid opportunity to evaluate, in a participative, consultative and systematic way, the extent to which we are doing what we set out to do. The new mission made what is termed in marketing speak,

a "brand promise". A promise of academic excellence in our teaching and learning endeavour, of innovative research in line with societal needs, and of a critical engagement with society through engaging in outreach programmes that are contextually located within social dynamics and reflective of an appropriate response to regional development priorities. Realising this promise, we believe, would render us "the Premier University of African Scholarship".

It follows that in measuring our fitness of purpose we are challenged to frankly address the transforma-

tional role played by UKZN within the policy and legislative context of higher education in South Africa. As the CHE points out, increased equity and access opportunity for previously marginalised groups, greater responsiveness to societal priorities in and through teaching and research and use of institutional resources and expertise to address issues relevant to our communities, are all clear goals against which we need to measure our progress.

On the face of it much has been achieved. Increased research output that places us as the second most

prolific publisher of accredited publications, the establishment of specific executive portfolios for both Access and Equity to drive the transformation agenda and praiseworthy community engagement projects providing services, empowerment opportunities and skills transfer are all visible indices of a stated commitment.

There is no reason to believe that the Institutional Audit will reveal anything but a positive, progressive trajectory.

Professor Dasarath Chetty

Message from the Alumni Affairs Team

The Alumni Affairs Team has continued to build and maintain relationships with alumni – both within South Africa and overseas – in 2007. The year has so far been busy and exciting – with interaction having taken place with over 98 000 alumni through social events, workshops, email and posted correspondence, telephone conversations and publications.

Highlights of the first six months of 2007 include very successful alumni dinners in Cape Town, Pretoria and Johannesburg during March and the Barnyard Theatre Supper evening which took place in Durban in May. In addition to these local events, a UK event to relaunch the

Rick Turner Bursary Fund was co-ordinated together with the UKZN Foundation in April. A second UK-based event is scheduled for October and will provide alumni with the opportunity to network, receive an update on their *alma mater* and to enjoy the entertainment planned for the evening.

The ever popular Leadership and Entrepreneurship Workshops took place in June, July and August on the Howard College, Westville and Pietermaritzburg campuses. For information on these Workshops, please contact our Office or refer to the website.

In order to maintain these relationships, it would be very much appreciated if

all alumni who have recently had a change in contact details would inform us. Also, please encourage any friends or relatives who are graduates and have not received any correspondence from the University in the past 12 months to provide our Office with their updated contact details. This can be done on the provided form (to be faxed or posted), via email or the website.

The Alumni Affairs Team looks forward to interacting and meeting with alumni during the year and welcomes suggestions for events and information for UKZNTOUCH.

**With our very best wishes,
The Alumni Affairs Team**



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Global Studies Programme

THE Academy of Science in Germany has recognised the Global Studies Programme as one of the top 10 best Masters programmes within the Humanities and Social Sciences Discipline. Spearheading the Programme in South Africa is Professor Ari Sitas, Head of School in the Department of Sociology and Social Studies.

In 2004 the Global Studies Programme won the BMW award in Germany for the best programme that increases intercultural understanding and intercultural competence.

The overall objective of the programme is to produce students who are global players and who understand what globalisation means by exposing them to different cultures of teaching and different societies.

The programme was launched in 2002, with UKZN, the Albert-Ludwigs University in Freiburg, and the Jawaharlal Nehru University in India.

The success of the initial

programme has led to the programme's extension in Africa with Makerere University, Dar-es Salaam and Botswana.

"The Global Studies Programme has been a learning process, I thought I was smart and dangerous and international enough but I have learnt so much from the students. It made me more aware of our research priorities and what it means to be global and local at the same time. Most of the students who have come through the programme hold very serious jobs in international organisations," said Professor Sitas.



Professor Ari Sitas.

Major boost for College resources

AN injection of R40 million into facilities and equipment has moved the College of Agriculture, Engineering and Science into a new realm of excellence. Schools within the College now enjoy state-of-the-art laboratories, improved offices and LANs, new teaching materials and modern equipment. Refurbishment of specialised workshops that support College academic endeavours translates into better service delivery and increased health and safety measures.

Widely recognised for producing world-class research, the College's acquisition of R40 million was a direct result of the merger and the relocation and consolidation of Faculties.

A large proportion of the capi-

tal was allocated to the School of Chemistry, which houses important regional facilities and equipment for teaching and research. Extensive improvements were implemented on the Westville campus, resulting in the largest and best resourced research

centre of its kind in sub-Saharan Africa. Modifications to equipment on the Pietermaritzburg campus were also effected as a result of creative negotiations with suppliers. This included Chemistry supplier, Brucker, donating funds to upgrade

the school's Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) Instrument. The University now possesses the most comprehensive and modern NMR facility on the continent.

Building nursing skills

A Consortium of Southern African Universities that are part of the Tau Lambda Chapter-at-large of Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI), an international nursing organisation, are working with universities in East Africa to develop nurse-specialists in different clinical fields of nursing and midwifery.

The STTI believes that improving the education of nurses and midwives improves the quality of care of communities and nations. In most African countries post-graduate education for nurses and midwives is not available, forcing them to travel to other countries at great cost to themselves, their families and their countries to obtain such qualifications.

The team members of the Consortium of Southern African Universities consist of representatives from UKZN, the Universities of North West, Pretoria, UNISA, Free State, and Botswana. Members of the team of educators from UKZN are Professor Yinka Adeju-

mo, Dr Busi Bhengu and Mrs Busi Ncama. The team travels regularly to Moi University in Eldoret and the University of East Africa in Baraton in Kenya to teach Primary Health Care, Advanced Midwifery and Neonatal Care as well as Research to groups of colleagues who will then serve their local communities as expert practitioners. They are not paid for their efforts.

The host universities where clinical masters programmes in nursing are being developed are Muhimbili University College of Health Sciences (Dar-Es-Salaam, Tanzania), University of Nairobi (Kenya), MOI University

(Eldoret, Kenya) and the University of East Africa (Baraton-Kenya).

Nurses and midwives from East Africa are trained in Durban, Potchefstroom and Bloemfontein to become future clinical teachers who will assist students in East Africa to develop specialist clinical skills. They visit clinical services, observe specialised care and are guided on the equipment needed in specialist units. This is one of the ways in which the project ensures that after the first group of students have graduated with Masters degrees in nursing or Midwifery, the local educators will be prepared to take over the

teaching from their Southern African colleagues.

Currently the consortium is reaching out to three French-speaking countries to assist them in the development of clinical Masters Degree programmes in nursing. The first year of the project was funded by the Ford Foundation for the four East African Universities. Currently, the World Bank, through NEPAD, is funding the project. The team is also being supported by H.E. Mrs Tabitha J Seii, the Kenyan High Commissioner in South Africa, who is assisting with sending books to Kenya.

Professors Emeritus

The University has conferred the title of Professor Emeritus on five academics.

The status of Professor Emeritus entitles the academic to use UKZN's library and other facilities, attend graduation ceremonies, inaugural lectures and installation ceremonies, join academic processions, access campuses and continue the benefit of fee remission.

Professor Robert Mervyn Gous, a Fellow of the University, is a respected scholar in animal and poultry science. He has undertaken research in this field over the past 35 years, his most significant recent contributions being the development of simulation models that predict food intake and growth of broilers and pigs, and the effect of light on the attainment of sexual maturity and subsequent production of broiler breeders. Professor Gous was recently awarded another 'A' rating by the National Research Foundation (NRF).

Professor Allan Wilson is a leading petrologist and analytical geochemist. The focus of his research is ancient (older than 3 billion years) volcanic rocks in northern KwaZulu-Natal, and the investigation of the origin of platinum in many parts of the world. He was honoured with a Fellowship award in 2005. He is Fellow of the Geological Society of South Africa, a Member of the Geochemical Society, a Member of the European Society for Geochemistry and is registered as a Professional Natural Scientist.

Professor Thomas Anthony Ford is a respected scientist in the field of Pure

and Applied Chemistry. He is a Fellow of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry and of the Royal Society of South Africa.

He played a significant role when the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) signed a co-operation agreement with the South African Chemical Institute (SACI) early this year. This agreement facilitates the establishment of continuous communication and exchange in the field of chemistry and related areas of knowledge for the benefit of chemical communities in South Africa and the United Kingdom. He is also a Fellow of the University.

Professor Terence Brian Doyle is a respected academic and physicist with a wide range of research interests. He is widely published and a frequent reviewer of journal articles.

Professor Doyle is a Member of Royal Society of South Africa and of the South African Institute of Physics. He served as Head of the School of Physics of the former University of Natal from 1999-2004.

Professor Andrew Ian Dale joined the former University of Natal in 1968 as a lecturer in the Department of Mathematics. In 1969 he went to the United States of America, and on completion of the PhD in Statistics at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, returned to Natal.

Professor Dale's interests are in the theoretical and historical aspects of statistics and probability. He has published some 30 papers on these topics. He is a member of several statistical associations and is a Fellow of the South African Statistical Association.



(l-r) Professor John Mubangizi, Deputy Dean: Law; Professor Michael Cowling, Dean: Law; Justice Louis Skweyiya, Constitutional Court Judge and Guest Speaker; and Professor Karthy Govender, Professor of Constitutional Law.

Law Faculty honours Griffiths and Victoria Mxenge

On 24 April the Faculty of Law commemorated the important roles played by Griffiths and Victoria Mxenge in the struggle to liberate the country from the shackles of apartheid. The fifth Griffiths and Victoria Mxenge Memorial Lecture was delivered by Justice Louis Skweyiya, a close family friend of the Mxenges.

Mr Griffiths Mxenge was born in 1935 in King Williams Town. He was a member of the African National Congress (ANC) from the mid 1950s when he was a BA student at the University of Fort Hare. He was later a student studying for the LLB degree at the University of Natal. His LLB studies were interrupted when he was convicted of being a member of the ANC (after it was banned in

1960) and sentenced to two years imprisonment on Robben Island. He returned to complete his degree and went on to become a well known civil rights lawyer who fearlessly defended the victims of the apartheid regime despite being harassed, detained and banned on frequent occasions. He was brutally murdered by Dirk Coetzee and the Security Police on 19 November 1981.

Mrs Victoria Mxenge was born in 1942 in King Williams Town. She trained as a nurse and midwife at the clinic in Umlazi before changing to law. She served articles at Mr Mxenge's law firm and after she was admitted as an attorney also engaged in civil rights work. Despite her husband's bannings, detentions and subsequent assassination she courageously continued the work for the law firm in the community and in high profile political trials including the UDF and NIC treason trials in

Pietermaritzburg. In 1985 she too was brutally killed by the Security Police.

Justice Skweyiya's theme focused on pursuing human rights through the law. He pointed out that many struggle heroes such as Mr Nelson Mandela and the late Mr Oliver Tambo were lawyers.

Justice Skweyiya highlighted that prior to 27 April 1994 days such as Human Rights Day and Freedom Day were not celebrated. But because of the sacrifices and the death of many unsung heroes and heroines we are able to celebrate them freely today and Griffiths and Victoria Mxenge belonged to that group of people.

Dean of Law Professor Michael Cowling commented that the Mxenge Lecture is one of the very important events on the Faculty calendar. Prominent speakers who have been committed to the liberation struggle such as Mr Nelson Mandela and Mr Jody Kollapen (Chairperson of the

South African Human Rights Commission) have been part of the lecture series. The address has also been given by other prominent Constitutional Court Judges, namely the Present Chief Justice, Judge Pius Langa and Judge Johan Krigler.

The lecture coincided with the Awards Ceremony to congratulate graduates who have done well. Professor Cowling urged students to remember that they are the future of what Griffiths and Victoria Mxenge fought for. Some of the prize winners included Ms Janine Will who completed her LLB Degree *summa cum laude* and walked away with the Abel Torf Prize for being the best overall student. Ms Emmylou Wewege also completed her LLB Degree *summa cum laude* and she received the KZN Law Society Prize for the best final year student.

Imperial College Fellowship for Vice-Chancellor



Professor Malegapuru Makgoba, Vice-Chancellor and Principal will be awarded the prestigious Fellowship of the Imperial College Faculty of Medicine in the United Kingdom in October this year in recognition of his outstanding contributions to medical research, international public health and to university administration.

Professor Malegapuru Makgoba

In announcing Professor Makgoba's nomination, the Principal of Imperial College, Professor Stephen Smith wrote: "Fellowships of the Imperial College Faculty of Medicine are awarded to persons not members of the Faculty who are of outstanding distinction in fields related to medical science or particularly supportive of the aims and vision of the Faculty."

An internationally-recognised molecular immunologist, Professor Makgoba has received many honours and distinctions, including the Science-for-Society Gold Medal of the Academy of Science of South Africa in 2002. In 2003, he

was elected member of the founding Co-ordinating Committee of the Global HIV Vaccine Enterprise. In 2006 he was selected as one of the 65 Caring Physicians of the World by the World Medical Association in recognition of outstanding contributions to "care, ethics and science" thereby consolidating his place as a role model for young scientists.

Professor Makgoba is a prolific author and has written several ground-breaking scientific papers. In 1989 he co-authored two of the most cited papers in immunology. Nine of his publications have been cited more than 100 times, four of which

have been cited more than 500 times, a remarkable record.

Professor Makgoba obtained his MBChB from the former University of Natal and a Doctor of Philosophy in Human Immunogenetics from Oxford University. He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of London and was elected as foreign Associate Member of the United States National Academy of Sciences' Institute of Medicine.

The British National Museum of Science and Industry selected his work in 1994 for a permanent display popularising state-of-the-art science in the 20th Century.

"It is indeed a privilege to have an academic of the stature of Professor Makgoba at the helm of the University. I am not surprised by yet another international accolade brought to the University through the distinguished scientific contribution of Professor Makgoba and I congratulate him on behalf of the University Community," said Professor Vincent Maphai, Chair of Council.

The Fellowship will be presented at a special dinner on 2 October at the Science Museum in South Kensington to mark the 10th anniversary of the Faculty of Medicine and the Centenary of Imperial College.



(l-r) Professor John Cooke, Dean of Science & Agriculture; Mr Holly Clarkson, Acting Chief Finance Officer; Professor Sheryl Hendriks, Head of Agricultural Sciences & Agribusiness; Dr Imtiaz Sooliman, Director of Gift of the Givers; Ms Lebogang Botsheleng, Deputy Director of the National Department of Agriculture; and Professor Pete Zacharias, Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Head of the College of Agriculture, Engineering and Science at the launch of the endowment.

Securing the future of agriculture

UKZN's School of Agricultural Sciences and Agribusiness has taken a significant step towards securing the future of agricultural development and agribusiness in South Africa.

A newly established endowment to address the serious and growing skills shortage in the agricultural sector was officially launched at the Royal Show in Pietermaritzburg. Potential donors, industry partners and University staff attended a dinner hosted by the School, in collaboration with the Royal Agricultural Society and the UKZN Foundation, to promote and launch this important cause. Guest speakers included Mr Holly Clarkson, UKZN's Acting Chief Finance Officer, and Dr Imtiaz Sooliman, Director of the internationally-acclaimed Gift of the Givers Foundation.

The proceeds of this endowment will support a concerted long-term campaign to intensively market careers in the agricultural sciences, agribusiness and related trans-disciplinary fields such as food security. The target

for the endowment is R3.5 million. It will be managed by the trustees of the UKZN Foundation, who include some of South Africa's most eminent business-people.

According to Professor Sheryl Hendriks, Head of the School of Agricultural Sciences and Agribusiness, "it would not be untoward to describe the growing scarcity of skills and capacity in the agricultural field as a looming national crisis." Consistent with world-wide trends, the number of students entering undergraduate and post-graduate study in the agricultural sciences is rapidly dwindling throughout the country. As one of the continent's premier sites for agricultural research and training, UKZN is home to one of the oldest agricultural degree programmes in South Africa,

and offers the largest constellation of agricultural and related disciplines of any university in Africa.

The School is committed to training agricultural professionals to address the critical skills shortage.

In his address at the launch, Dr Sooliman said that "Africans have to find a solution for Africa itself. We cannot fall back on anyone else." He reiterated that Africa is not doing enough for itself and felt that too little time is spent on the implementation of research. In reaffirming his commitment to Africa and its development, Dr Sooliman said that his foundation's 2006 contribution of R1.6 million to UKZN for agricultural scholarships and bursaries is only the start of a long term investment.

Scientists elected

South Africa's official national Academy of Science, which prides itself on "promoting excellence in science for society" recently named its 18 newly-elected members. Three scientists from UKZN feature among these top-ranked researchers: Professor Roseanne Diab, Professor Nithaya Chetty and Professor Norman Pammenter.

Launched in 1996, the Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf) "was formed in response to the need for an academy of science consonant with the dawn of democracy in South Africa including in its ranks the full diversity of South Africa's distinguished scientists." It has close ties with 90 similar international science academies that can "mobilise scientific thinking, skills and knowledge across the world." Over 250 academics form the membership of this Pretoria-based organisation who are nominated by their peers and elected *via* a secret ballot. Criteria for membership include scientific contribution to the problems and challenges facing South African society.

UKZN is closely associated with the Academy of Science as three of its academics, Professor Pat Berjak, Professor Manfred Hellberg and Professor Sunil Maharaj, form part of the 12 member council that governs the organisation. In addition, Professor Makgoba and Professor Coovadia were the 2003 and 2004 recipients of the academy's gold awards for outstanding achievement in the application of scientific thinking in the service of society.



Sportswoman of the year Kerry-Lee Harrington in action.

Sportswoman of the year

Kerry-Lee Harrington concluded 2006 on a high note, winning the UKZN Westville Sportswoman of the Year title as well as being named the KZN Badminton Association Sportswoman of the Year 2006.

She is a third-year Sports Science student. Kerry-Lee plays for the Protea badminton team and is the current number one lady's singles

badminton player in South Africa, number two for mixed doubles and number three for doubles. She started playing badminton as an extra mural sport at the age of nine in primary school.

In 2006, Kerry-Lee participated in seven national tournaments, including the SA Championships, which she won. She also took part in eight international tournaments, which included the Commonwealth Games in Australia and the World Student Badminton Games in China. She has

represented South Africa in many international games including the recent SASSU World Student Games in Wuhan, China 2006.

Kerry-Lee definitely considers sport as her future career. While completing her degree, she is also concentrating on qualifying to participate in the 2008 Olympics. She plays Premier league badminton for Tech Marist Club in Durban and also represents SASSU, KZN and South Africa. She is committed to training younger players.

International relationships

During the first quarter of 2007 UKZN forged a number of significant international relationships.

A delegation from the Sultanate of Oman, led by the Minister of Education, Her Excellency, Dr Rawya Saud Al Bousaidi, visited the University on 15 March. UKZN was represented by Vice-Chancellor Professor Malegapuru Makgoba, Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Head of the College of Humanities Professor Fikile Mazibuko and the Deans of Engineering, Health Sciences and Management Studies.

The governments of South

Africa and Oman have signed a broad agreement on co-operation and are looking to define specific programmes, particularly in the areas of Science and Technology and Higher Education. The delegation from Oman is exploring sending students, particularly at PhD level, to study in South Africa, academic staff visiting Oman to teach there, and collaborative research projects. Teaching staff are particularly needed in the area of communications and design.

After presentations by the Minister and the Vice-Chancellor, fruitful discussions were held on possible areas of collaboration.



Her Excellency, Dr Rawya Saud Al Bousaidi presents Professor Makgoba with a replica of an Oman dagger. The Oman delegation also received gifts from UKZN.

Intellectual pact

The Premier of the State of Queensland and Minister of Trade in Australia, the Honourable Peter Beattie visited South Africa to facilitate the signing of a co-operation agreement with UKZN on 22 March.



Professor Malegapuru Makgoba, Vice-Chancellor, and Director-General of the State of Queensland, Mr Ross Rolfe signed the agreement, which provides for staff and student exchange programmes, and research collaboration.

Addressing the 20 delegates from Queensland, Professor Makgoba said that UKZN has identified water as one of the research areas where collaboration is possible. The Honourable Peter Beattie added that research on water will make an important contribution to the

future of our planet. Environmental research, with a particular focus on the impact of climate change on agricultural systems, is another possible area for collaboration. UKZN's Pro Vice-Chancellor of Research Professor Salim Abdool Karim who acted as programme director for this event, responded that the shortage of water is a global challenge which we need to grapple with together. He said he looked forward to a flourishing relationship between UKZN and Queensland.

Mr Ross Rolfe (Director-General of the State of Queensland), Honourable Peter Beattie (Premier of the State of Queensland and Minister of Trade) and Professor Malegapuru Makgoba (Vice-Chancellor).

Against the odds

India-SA relations

India's High Commissioner to South Africa, His Excellency Mr RK Bhatia addressed the University community on "Reflections on India and on India-South Africa relations" on 22 March.

His Excellency, who was accompanied by the Durban-based Consul General of India, Mr Harsh Vardhan Shringla, presented 18 books on India to the University Library. The eThekweni Municipality was represented by Deputy Mayor, Councillor Logie Naidoo.

The High Commissioner said that India is in the process of undergoing huge transformation. India has 27 states, each with its own language and culture. However, there is unity in spirituality, intellectualism and religion. Democracy has matured and is healthy and vibrant.

Focusing on business trends,

he said that economic growth is booming and India has strong links with the rest of the world. India's relationship with South Africa "is based on a unique blend of unity and freedom through shared economic development". He highlighted a number of factors that mould South Africa and India together, including the 1,2 million South Africans of Indian origin, the 'Gandhi factor' and a broadly similar approach to domestic, economic and foreign policy. Investment relations between the two countries have grown tremendously in the past five years.

His Excellency emphasised that he would like to see a strategic partnership and intellectual co-operation developing between universities in India and South Africa. "I am happy to facilitate such communication," he said.

Professor Malegapuru Makgoba presents His Excellency Mr RK Bhatia with a gift.



Mfundo Ndlovu, a Master's student in the field of Agriculture and Extension Management has defied the odds and made a real success story out of his academic career. Currently working with Professor Albert Modi and communities in Umbumbulu, Mfundo is determined to make a difference in people's lives. He feels that he has finally found his niche in life and believes that Agriculture was always his predetermined fate or path.

The old adage, 'If at first you don't succeed, try again', is indicative of Mfundo's early academic career. In 2001, after finishing high school at Dundee Secondary, Mfundo enrolled in the Science Foundation Programme with an aspiration to eventually study geology. Despite finding the transition between high school and University quite a challenge, Mfundo persevered with his studies and managed to pass everything except for Maths. Unfortunately, with Maths being a key subject, Mfundo was academically excluded which meant that he could not further his studies in the science and technology field. After his appeal was rejected by the Dean, he was forced to go back home and tell his father the bad news. He recalls this as a particularly unpleasant experience as he "didn't know what to say" and felt that he had let his father down.

Despite the disappointment, Mfundo resolved to pick himself up and try something else. The

following year, with the help of financial aid, he embarked on a degree in Social Science because "everyone else was doing it". But fortunately for Mfundo, whose heart was never in social science, opportunity came knocking when he received a phone call from Steve Worth (School of Environmental Sciences) inviting him to apply for a Bachelor of Agriculture degree (BAgric). Mfundo jumped at this lucky break realising that this was a field to which he could relate and be successful in.

From this point onwards, there was no looking back for Mfundo. He was accepted for the BAgric degree which he completed with an average of above 60%. He then enrolled for the Post Graduate Diploma in Rural Resource Management and graduated at the top of his class. Next on his agenda was a Master's degree. This proved a big decision for him because as a 24-year-old, he felt that he should be out earning a salary. However, the desire to achieve as well as some persuasive coercion from his colleagues won out.

Mfundo's Master's degree, which he will complete at the end of this year, focuses on community gardening in the Umbumbulu district. He is also gaining valuable work experience by helping out in the Extension and Resource Management office on the Pietermaritzburg campus. He is most "grateful" that he is still here and can continue with his studies. There is even talk of a PhD – but for the moment he would rather just concentrate on his work and achieve his goal of "making a mark and helping people".



The new Faculty colours displayed on the stage at one of the graduation ceremonies on the Westville campus.

A celebration of academic excellence

UKZN conferred 7 420 degrees at 19 graduation ceremonies on the Pietermaritzburg and Westville campuses from 16-23 April. One hundred and eleven graduates received their degrees *summa cum laude* and there were 232 *cum laude* graduates. Eighty doctorates were conferred and there were 40 disabled graduates. Women constituted 61.2 percent of the total graduates.

The graduation ceremonies were a colourful, indigenous celebration of academic excellence. In keeping with its vision to be The Premier University of African Scholarship, UKZN's new academic dress is an exciting fusion of colours, designs and beadwork that reflects the University's roots in our continent and our province.

Work on the redesign of UKZN's

academic dress began in 2005, when the Academic Ceremonies Committee invited proposals for the gowns for Council, the Executive and Convocation. Staff at all levels and students participated in the process.

Chairperson of the Committee, Professor Fikile Mazibuko, says that the new designs were influenced by UKZN's vision and its new logo. "They identify us as an African university that is also rooted in the province of KwaZulu-Natal." She acknowledges the contribution of the University community: "The new academic dress is informed by their collective genius and creativity."

The UKZN anthem performed in isiZulu was written especially for the University with a view to celebrating the University's intellectual pursuits which impact on communities. The anthem was composed by Mr Philani Mnomyi a lecturer in the School of Music. He and Professor David Smith, also of the School of Music,

conduct the choir, whose renditions have been extremely well-received by participants in the graduation ceremonies. The choir themselves, whose performers come from different choirs representing a number of disciplines, came up with the new designs for their outfits, which incorporate the University colours.

The Committee continued its work in 2006 with a major project – the design of new hoods for the eight Faculties. The new Faculty colours are:

- Faculty of Science and Agriculture – Forest Green
- Faculty of Engineering – Yellow
- Faculty of Health Sciences – Lilac
- Nelson R Mandela School of Medicine – White
- Faculty of Education – Royal Blue
- Faculty of Humanities, Development and Social Sciences – Cerise

- Faculty of Law – Red
- Faculty of Management Studies – Orange.

The Committee is also working on the design of a new Mace. Professor Terence King in Fine Arts, in the School of Literary Studies, Media and Creative Arts, of the Faculty of Humanities, Development and Social Sciences and students from creative disciplines are driving the Mace design process.

UKZN Registrar, Dr Edith Mneney describes all of these exciting changes as a "new era...Our graduation ceremonies are the platforms which transform the academic atmosphere into celebrations fit for a University located in KwaZulu-Natal."

The Academic Ceremonies Committee continues to receive and deliberate on constructive criticism and ideas on Graduation and other academic ceremonies.

Vice-Chancellor's Research award

Vice-Chancellor Professor Malegapuru Makgoba awarded certificates and gifts to three UKZN researchers at a luncheon at the Govan Mbeki Centre on the Westville campus on 20 July.

The Vice-Chancellor's Research Award is awarded annually by the University Council. The award is made on merit and is open to all academic staff who are under the age of 40. It recognises exceptional research and research-related scholarly activities.

Professor Dorrit Posel from the Faculty of Management's School of Economics and Finance is the 2004 recipient. In 2005 the award went to Dr Richard Mace from the Faculty of Science and Agriculture's School of Physics. Professor Thumbi Ndung'u from the Doris Duke Medical Research Institute's HIV Pathogenesis Programme

received the award in 2006.

In his welcoming address Professor Makgoba said that the fundamental aspect that distinguishes a University is its research output. UKZN researchers have generated more than R80 million for the University through their research output. Professor Makgoba added that "we are growing a cadre of young and productive people. Research should be carried out by young people at the University because it is these young people who will carry the future of the Institution."

Professor Posel's research focuses on socio-economic concerns



Professor Thumbi Ndung'u; Professor Dorrit Posel; and Dr Richard Mace.

in South Africa. Her primary research areas investigate the nature of, and interaction between, labour market and household dynamics. Her research has included studies of key changes in the labour market in the post-1994 period, labour migration, the effects of the social pension and the economic implications of marriage.

Dr Richard Mace's primary research field is space plasma physics with particular emphasis on waves (linear and nonlinear), fluctuations and instabilities in nonthermal space plasmas containing excess of suprathermal tail particles distributed in energy

according to a power law.

Professor Thumbi Ndung'u's research interests are biological mechanisms underlying HIV/AIDS pathogenesis, and in the development of biomedical interventions that can be used in resourcing poor settings to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS. His research is concentrated on HIV-1 subtype C, which is the HIV strain that affects the largest number of HIV-infected people, and causes the highest rates in the populations it infects.

UKZN Fellows Dinner

Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research, Knowledge Production and Partnerships, Professor Ahmed Bawa hosted a dinner for University Fellows at the Govan Mbeki Centre on the Westville campus on 6 July.



Professor Bill Freund, Economic History; Professor Ahmed Bawa, DVC Research, Knowledge Production and Partnerships; Professor Ntombikile Mazibuko, DVC and Head of the College of Humanities; and Professor Vishnu Padayachee, School of Development Studies, at the Fellows Dinner.

The dinner is an annual social occasion, where new Fellows are also introduced and welcomed.

The University Council awards Fellowships to permanent members of staff in recognition of their distinguished academic achievement and high quality scholarly work. The Fellowships are conferred for life. University Fellows play a significant role in the academic community.

The two new UKZN Fellows are Professor Duncan Brown of the School of Literary Studies, Media and Creative Arts, who has published widely in the field of South African literary and cultural studies and Professor Ann Coutsooudis of the Department of Paediatrics and Child Health who has received a string of accolades for her

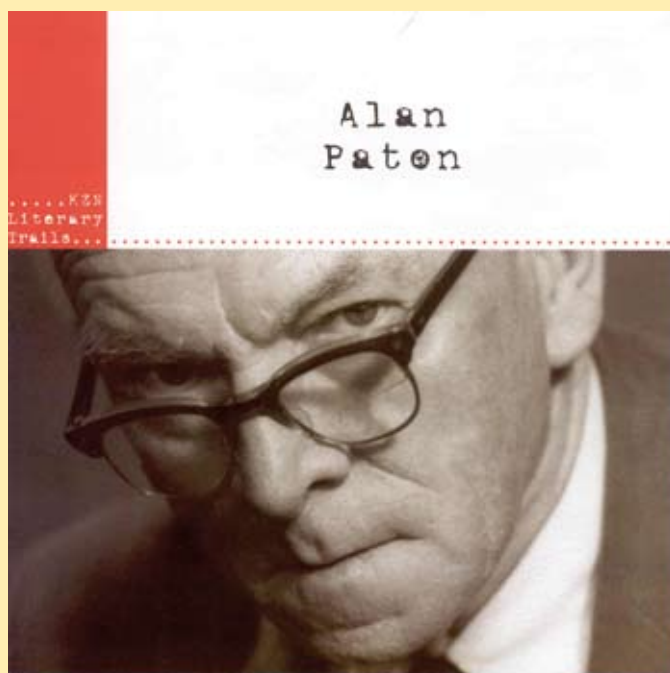
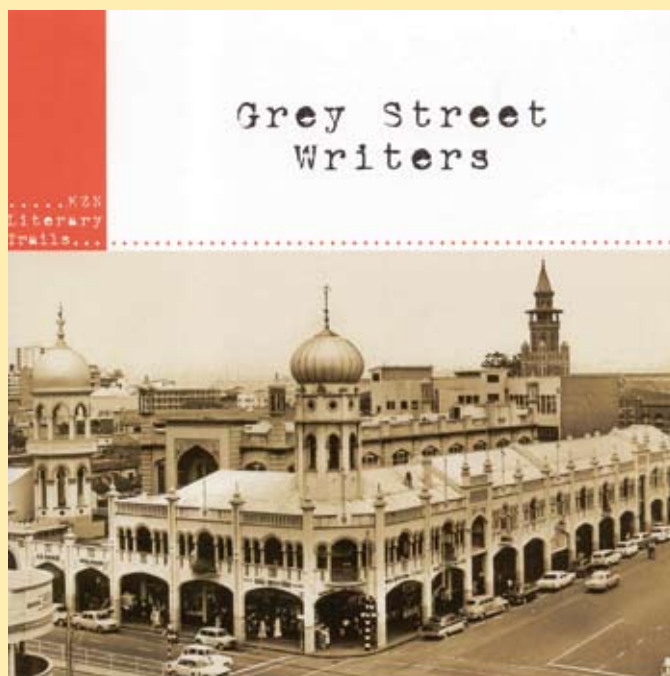
role in the global scientific community. Their Fellowships were conferred at the 2007 Graduation ceremonies. Professor Denis Brothers of Biological and Conservation Sciences, whose Fellowship was conferred in 2006, was also introduced at the dinner.

After enjoying a delicious dinner and listening to the mellow sounds of Martin Sigamoney, the University Fellows had an opportunity to discuss the latest developments at UKZN and how they can contribute positively to the Institution.

The dinner is an especially memorable occasion for retired Fellows, providing them with the opportunity to reconnect with friends and colleagues.

Literary tourism

Professor Lindy Stiebel from the Department of English Studies has recently undertaken a five year NRF project that explores links between writers and place in KwaZulu-Natal. Working with her in this project are colleagues Mrs Zoe Molver (Media Studies, UKZN) and Professor Graham Stewart (Durban University of Technology).



Literary tourism is intended to create awareness in students and tourists alike about the writers of KwaZulu-Natal. The project aims to create interest both in high profile writers and budding unknown writers. The outcomes of this project to-date have been outstanding and have received national and international interest.

Professor Stiebel says that the project began with major strengths in literature but not in tourism, adding that pulling the two areas together to make a field of literary tourism has required a broadening of reading and thinking on the part of the collaborators. Giving further direction to the project, Professor Mike Robinson was invited to talk on literature and tourism at the project's annual colloquium in 2005. Professor Robinson is the Director of the Centre for Tourism and Cultural Change at Sheffield Hallam University, UK.

The research aims of the project include developing literary tourism in KwaZulu-Natal through the development of appropriate inter-linked resources on literary tourism such as a literary map on a website, a related resource website which includes academic papers, and documentary films on selected literary figures and landscapes. The project has established links with others interested in this field both nationally and internationally, and networked with similar projects.

Supervision of postgraduate students researching theoretical issues in relation to literary tourism and constructions of identity as manifested through literary landscapes has been a significant part of the project. In 2006 the project had

15 students supported by grants. In the past four years it has graduated six MA students and nine Honours students and it will produce its first PhD this year. The project has gathered researchers in the field together at workshops and conferences, plus provided teaching aids for the study of KwaZulu-Natal writers at high school and university level. Though not directly on literary tourism, the first book to emerge from the project was recently published on Lewis Nkosi, a renowned writer born and raised in this province.

An important part of the project's work, the Literary Map of KwaZulu-Natal (see <http://www.literature.kzn.org.za>) consists of a number of author entries, each linked to a place on the map of the province, accompanied by photographs of the writer and places with which she/he is associated in life or writing. It currently hosts about 50 entries and receives over 3 000 hits a week from all around the world. It has been a wonderful resource for tourists and researchers alike. It was developed and designed by Professor Graham Stewart and is currently hosted by the provincial tourism authorities, TourismKZN. The site attracts interest from users both local and international, including the US, Egypt, Japan and Germany. The linked website (<http://www.literarytourism.co.za>), developed by Niall McNulty, research assistant to the project in 2006, contains academic papers, references and literary trails. This site is ranked number one in the Google search engine for literary tourism.

A feature of the project over the past year has been the development

Rider Haggard

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of literary trails. These trails trace the life of a writer and places linked to their writing. So far three have been constructed. The first one is on Rider Haggard, a late 19th century British writer who wrote popular novels set in southern Africa. Haggard is a name known both locally and particularly within the British tourist market. Closer to home, the second trail is on Alan Paton's Pietermaritzburg, tracing his time in that city: his birthplace, homes and school where he was both scholar then teacher, and the University (now UKZN) where he was a student. The third literary trail which came out this year is the Grey Street Writers Trail. This trail features writers such as Fatima Meer, Phyllis Naidoo, Imraan Coovadia, Aziz Hassim, Dr Goonam and Ravi Govender. The trail

consists of a brief biography of each writer, a short history of Grey Street and places linked to the writers and their works which tourists can visit. This year the project will do a Cato Manor trail and one on BW Vilakazi.

Remarking on this intriguing project, Professor Stiebel said that "literature is a life long love for me. We try to teach people to be critical readers. You must be able to understand the world around you – one way you can do this is through literature and what it says about places."

Professor Stiebel's next project is to write a literary guide to KwaZulu-Natal and develop literary tourism further within our province.

New book

***Selves in Question: Interviews on Southern African Auto/Biography*, edited by Judith Lütge Coullie (UKZN), Stephan Meyer (University of Basel), Thengani Ngwenya (UKZN) and Thomas Olver (independent scholar), was recently published by the University of Hawaii Press. It is the inaugural volume of the University of Hawaii Press' Writing Past Colonialism series.**

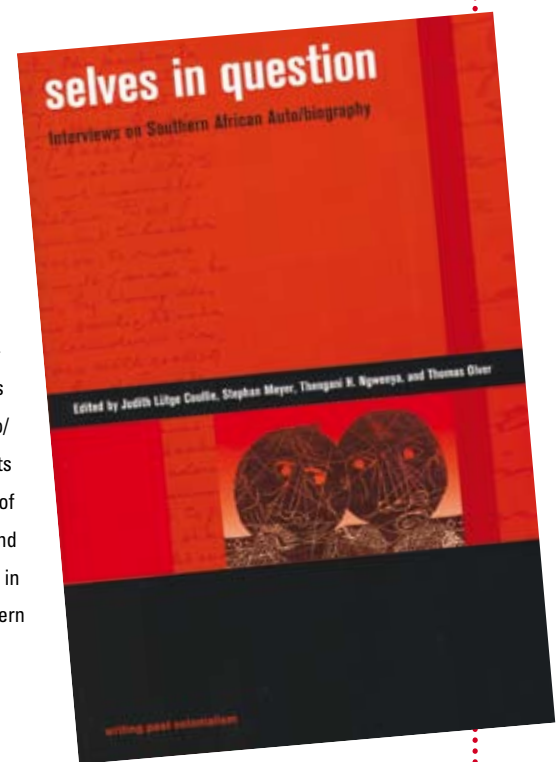
The Writing Past Colonialism series is the brainchild of the Institute of Postcolonial Studies, an autonomous educational institution linked to the University of Melbourne.

Selves in Question has a comprehensive and extensive introduction and 27 interviews by a number of interviewers, representing a range of disciplinary interests. Amongst the interviewers are academics from Education, Psychology, English, Drama and Performance Studies and Yiddish Studies.

The book examines the various ways in which auto/biographical accounts – across a range of genres – situate and question the self in contemporary southern

Africa. Those interviewed include writers and performers, the hardly known as well as the famous (such as Ezekiel Mphahlele, JM Coetzee and Doris Lessing). The men and women interviewed hail from Zimbabwe, Namibia, South Africa, Mozambique and Lesotho. The interviews (all in English) draw on a wealth of languages which the interviewees use in their auto/biographical texts: isiZulu, Xhosa, Afrikaans, Sesotho, English and Yiddish.

The book was the subject of no less than three launches around the world in 2006: at the South Africa Book Fair in June; at the International Auto/Biography Conference in Mainz, Germany in July; and at the Institute for Postcolonial Studies in Melbourne, Australia in August.



Alleviating poverty

Professors Quarraisha Abdool Karim, Roseanne Diab, Mark Laing and Sheryl Hendriks have been appointed to the Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf) Committee for the Alleviation of Poverty.

Based on the successful practice of the US National Academies of creating long-lived 'Boards' to oversee their activities in key focus areas, the Committee consists of leading national (and some international) researchers from a variety of disciplines. Selected problem areas will be discussed in a carefully planned multi-disciplinary workshop mode. One of the main objectives will focus on generating new insights that can assist government policy makers on the basis of properly debated scientific and technological findings.

Poverty is a major issue of concern in South Africa and the Academy believes that this Committee will make a significant contribution to its alleviation. The ASSAf Council has identified the following

three factors that will be afforded close attention by the Committee: small-scale agriculture, health of poor communities, and general environmental and other sustainability aspects of smaller cities.

All four UKZN professors bring with them specific skills and expertise. Their contribution will enrich the workings of the committee and provide multi-disciplinary knowledge to each focus area. Professor Quarraisha Abdool Karim, an infectious diseases epidemiologist, is a major player in South Africa's fight against HIV/AIDS. Professor Roseanne Diab is an environmental scientist who heads the Centre for Environmental Management. Her research interests are broadly based in environmental management with a specialist



Professor Quarraisha Abdool Karim.



Professor Roseanne Diab.



Professor Mark Laing.



Professor Sheryl Hendriks.

interest in atmospheric science. Professor Mark Laing heads up the highly successful African Centre for Crop Improvement and has extensive experience in the area of plant breeding. Professor Sheryl Hendriks leads the African Centre for Food

Security, which has been selected as the SADC Centre of Excellence for Strengthening Vulnerability Assessment and Analysis and is the lead institution for NEPAD Food Security policy and activities.



Scholar of Names

Dr Nobuhle Hlongwa, Head of IsiZulu Studies; Professor Marianna Visser, from Stellenbosch University; and Professor Adrian Koopman, Deputy Head of IsiZulu Studies.

PROFESSOR Adrian Koopman, Deputy Head of the School of isiZulu Studies on the Pietermaritzburg campus has been studying Zulu names since 1975, when he researched Zulu personal names for an Honours research project.

He continued researching Zulu personal names for his Master's dissertation in the early 1980s, and after 25 years, with over 16 academic publications and more than 20 conferences papers on names and naming

Crop scientist scoops awards

Associate Professor of Crop Science, Albert Thembinkosi Modi, who is also renowned for his work with the Ezemvelo Farmer's Organisation in producing and marketing traditional crops to Woolworths, made history at a recent congress held in Badplaas in the Mpumalanga province.

The Combined Congress of the South African Society of Crop Production (SASCP), the Soil Science Society of South Africa and the Southern African Society of Horticultural Sciences is an annual event that attracts South African and international experts interested in issues pertaining to soils, crops and the environment.

UKZN was well represented at this year's conference with staff and students from the disciplines of Crop Science, Soil Science and Horticultural Sciences presenting oral and poster presentations on a variety of current research topics. Professor Modi, however, took the honours when he won the prize for the best oral presentation for a person under

40 years of age as well as the overall prize for the best poster presentation at the congress. In terms of the history of the SASCP and the Combined Congress, this was a major milestone because never before has one person simultaneously won awards for an oral and a poster presentation at one conference.

A further highlight for Professor Modi was his election as President of the SASCP. He is the first Black president of the society since its inception in 1971. The SASCP is a science-based organisation that "provides leadership in crop science to promote training, research and technology" with an emphasis on sustainability and benefit to society.

Professor Modi's presentations

behind him, he decided to spend his sabbatical in 2000 writing a book. The result, succinctly titled *Zulu Names*, was published by the University of Natal Press in 2002, and won the University Book Prize for the best general book in the Humanities in 2004.

In 1999, after returning from his first international conference on names, in Santiago de Compostela in Spain, Professor Koopman was asked by the then Names Research Centre (NRC) in the Human Sciences Research Council, if the University

of Natal could house the extensive names archive of the NRC as it was about to be closed down. The result was the Onomastic Studies Unit, opened in 2000 in the Old Main Building on the Pietermaritzburg campus, with Professor Koopman as its Director. The archive's web page attracts queries worldwide.

Professor Koopman was elected Vice-President of the Names Society of Southern Africa (NSA) in 1997, and after a short spell as Editorial Secretary of the NSA journal *Nomina Africana*, was elected as



Professor Modi with the trophies he won at the Combined Congress.

at the congress focused on his basic seed science research and his rural development work. His oral paper entitled "Towards a vegetable seed vigour model" dealt with the prediction of seed performances for purposes of seed testing and seedling production. His poster presentation centred on a water harvesting approach for small-holder farmers.

"It was certainly one of the high-

lights of my career," said Professor Modi of the congress. He attributes his achievements to the conducive environment at the University and to the tremendous support he has received over the years from the University's Research Office. "I hope that the academic freedom I enjoy at the University will continue to exist and be cause for my future success as a researcher, lecturer and community volunteer."

its Editor in 2002. In 2006, Professor Koopman was elected the President of the NSA. In 2005 he was elected to the prestigious Executive Board of the International Council of Onomastic Scientists, the first person from Africa ever to be elected.

When the newly-formed UKZN called on academic staff to set up "Centres of Excellence" Professor Koopman, with the help of colleagues in the school of isiZulu Studies, sent the Executive a Proposal for a Centre for African Names Research (CANR) which could build on the leading role

played by the University in names scholarship in southern Africa and extend this to the whole continent. This dream came closer to reality in April this year when the University Research Committee recognised the CANR as a "Proto-Centre". Three other academic staff members of UKZN serve on the executive of the NSA: Professor Noleen Turner (Editorial Secretary), Professor John Hilton (Secretary/Treasurer), and Dr Nobuhle Hlongwa (Member).

Distinguished Teachers

Awards were presented to four academics in recognition of their contribution to the teaching and learning process at the University.

Professor Michael Green is a Senior Professor and Academic Co-ordinator of English Studies. The Distinguished Teachers Award is in recognition of his design, introduction, and teaching of a Creative Writing track through the undergraduate and postgraduate levels of English Studies.

Professor Green supervised the first Masters Degree in Creative Writing awarded by UKZN in 2002. He has completed the supervision of three more degrees, two of which were awarded with distinction, and is currently supervising a fourth. He is a previous recipient of the Distinguished Teacher Award in 1998 and an Excellent Teaching Award in 1997. He has taught Creative Writing at the University of Texas at Austin as an Exchange Professor and spent a year as a Commonwealth Fellow at the School of Oriental and African Studies in London.

Professor Trevor Hill, Senior Lecturer in Geography has a passion for teaching (including studying for a postgraduate diploma in teaching) with a particular focus on field-based courses.

His teaching approach has been strongly formulated around two mottos. The first is 'get in the field and get your hands dirty'. "My joy is my teaching, teaching well, and sharing experiences with students and fellow staff members, a bond which is enforced whilst on field trips. I feel very privileged to have



Professor Michael Green.

Professor Trevor Hill.

Professor Delia North.

Mrs Sally Hobden.

this vocation and hope it will inspire others to adopt my second motto: 'never let your work get in the way of your education'."

Mrs Sally Hobden is a Lecturer in the Faculty of Education: School of Science, Mathematics and Technology Education. She has written extensive course material for the primary mathematics education modules, and the foundation mathematical literacy module for pre-service teachers without a grade 12 pass in Mathematics.

"An academic is required to work in the areas of research, teaching and community engagement, but all too often the visible recog-

nition is given to achievements in research. This award is important to me because it recognises the time and effort I have put into my teaching. I am very aware of the sacrifices made by some families to send their young people to university and think that they deserve excellent teaching," she said.

Head of the School of Statistics and Actuarial Science, Professor Delia North has served the University for more than 25 years. She has not confined herself to teaching, but has also been actively involved in the design of the Statistics curriculum.

Professor North has received several awards in recognition of her

outstanding work, including the Annual Excellence Award from ESKOM in 2002, an award of appreciation from the Department of Education in 2003, and the Golden Key International Honorary Award in 2004.

She is a member of the South Africa Statistical Association Executive Committee, Chair of the South African Statistical Association Education Committee and sits on the Executive Committee for the International Association for Statistics Education. She has recently been nominated as Vice-President of the International Association for Statistics Education (IASE).

UKZN Fellowships

Professor Duncan Brown of the School of Literary Studies, Media and Creative Arts and Professor Anna Coutsooudis of the Department of Paediatrics and Child Health have been admitted to the Society of Fellows at UKZN for distinguished achievement in their disciplines.

Professor Brown has published widely in the field of South African literary and cultural studies. His contribution to literature is illustrated in his books *Voicing the Text* (1998), and *Oral Literature and Performance in Southern Africa* (1999). Both books have been well received by orality and performance scholars in the US and Europe. His latest book *To Speak of this Land: Identity and Belonging in South Africa and Beyond* published in 2006 is an interdisciplinary study of identity, textuality and belonging.

Professor Brown is a joint editor of the SAPSE-accredited journal, *Current Wing*, and a member of the editorial board of the SAPSE-accredited journal, *Scrutiny2*. He has served for a number of peer reviewed journals, both locally and internationally.

Professor Brown has been appointed Overseas Professorial Research Fellow at the Ferguson Centre for African and Asian Studies, Open University, United Kingdom for 2006-2008, in which capacity he has initiated a collaborative research project on "Religion and Spirituality in a Postcolonial Context".

"I regard this award as a great honour, as it is one of the highest awards made by the University in recognition of work which contributes to the national and international profile of the institution," he said.

Professor Coutsooudis is an esteemed academic and researcher who has received a string of accolades for research into vitamin A and nutrition and especially in the field of perinatal HIV.

Her most recent research is an investigation into the impact of exclusive breastfeeding in reducing the risk of mother to child transmission of HIV. She is a founder of the church-affiliated organisation, iThemba Lethu, which works to prevent HIV infection in young people and also assists with the integration of AIDS orphans into families.

She has served on the board of the Child Health and Nutrition Research Initiative, an international initiative of The Global Forum. Recently, she has been elected as Chairperson of the Technical Steering Committee of the World Health Organisation, Child and Adolescent Health Department and therefore plays a key role in reviewing World Health Organisation policies.

"This award sends out a message to the disempowered women and children of South Africa that they are important as well as showing that our University's mandate is not only academic excellence but also playing a part in addressing the inequities in our society," said Professor Coutsooudis.



Professor Duncan Brown.



Professor Anna Coutsooudis.

Rhodes Scholar

The KwaZulu-Natal Rhodes Scholarship Selection Committee selected Craig John Kesson as its 2007 KZN Rhodes Scholar Elect over 18 other applicants in October 2006.

Established by Cecil John Rhodes, the highly regarded Rhodes Scholarships have been operating since 1903. About 90 Rhodes Scholars are selected worldwide each year to benefit from the intellectual and other opportunities Oxford University offers. The Rhodes Scholarships are unique in that they are meant for students who are not only outstanding academics, but are all-rounders who combine intellectual excellence with leadership, commitment, involvement, character and other important attributes.

Craig was educated at Durban Preparatory High School and Durban High School, and completed his BA Honours in History at UKZN. He received matric prizes for History, English and Cultural Achievement. He represented South Africa twice as a member of the World Schools Debating Team that went to the World Schools Debating

Championship in Singapore in 2002 and as a member of the South African Delegation to the World Individual Debating and Public Speaking Championship. He was the first South African to win this championship in 2002. He has received commendations from the Parliament of the Republic of South Africa and the Office of the State President of the Republic of South Africa regarding various actions undertaken by Amnesty International UKZN. He received a scholarship from the Golden Key Society in 2004, and a Vice-Chancellor's Merit Scholarship and funding from the National Research Foundation. He was awarded the BSoc Science in History and Political Science *cum laude* in 2005 with several Dean's commendations and Certificates of Merit. He is an active member of the Treatment Action Campaign as well as the South African Institute of International Affairs (UKZN

branch), the Otherways Social Club for Gay Rights Awareness and the Howard College General Students Council.

Craig believes that being awarded the Rhodes Scholarship is an affirmation of all of the effort he has invested in his career as a student. "The Rhodes Trust considers many factors in its awarding of the scholarship and it is incredibly heartening to think that the Trust believes that I am a student who possesses the qualities of a Rhodes Scholar. To be awarded the scholarship is in many ways like being awarded a prize at the end of a long-race... it recognises the sacrifices made and the achievements along the way, and it's a reward for hard work and determination."

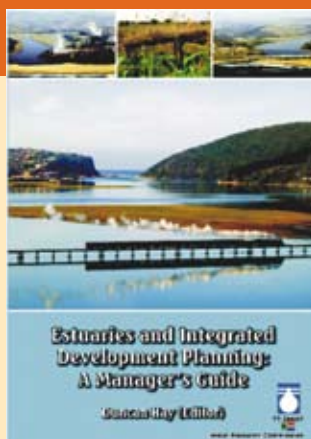
He hopes to study for an MPhil in Medical History in Oxford, beginning in September 2007. He wants to continue his research into the history



2007 Rhodes Scholar Craig Kesson.

of the blood services in South Africa and further his enquiries into the ways that different groups and people think about blood in South Africa. This is a substance that is invested with heavy cultural narratives that are at most times in conflict with the biomedical description of blood.

Secretary for the KZN Selection Committee, Mr Angus Stewart describes Craig as an exceptionally gifted and accomplished student who is a voracious reader with an intellectual independence, confidence and curiosity which enhances his academic strengths and passion for historical research.



The new guide published by the programme.

Managing natural resources

The Centre for Environment, Agriculture and Development (CEAD), in partnership with the Water Research Commission (WRC) and the Tony and Lisette Lewis Foundation (TLLF), and drawing on expertise from a number of institutions, has recently completed a three year project: Profiling Estuary Management in Integrated Development Planning. The project forms part of the long term, award winning Eastern Cape Estuaries Management Programme. It builds on a previous WRC funded research project which

established protocols for the governance, management, biodiversity protection, sustainable use, monitoring, rehabilitation, economic development and knowledge management of or at estuaries.

The project recognised that estuaries are key economic, social and ecological resources in the coastal environment and that they require active management in order to sustain benefits to society. It also recognised that most estuaries occur within local municipalities and it is these institutions

that need to lead and drive the governance and management process.

The project analysed the Integrated Development Planning (IDP) processes of local municipalities and developed mechanisms through which estuary management could be integrated into these processes. Key focal areas of the research included the legislative and policy context for management, the economic rationale for active management and the management process itself. The research findings were formally published by the WRC in a

Fulbright scholars

Three students from the College of Humanities have been awarded Fulbright Scholarships.

Mr Rogier Courau is a doctoral student in English Studies, specialising in African diaspora studies and is being supervised by Dr Catherine Woeber. His research is interdisciplinary, cutting across historical, gender, anthropology and performance studies. The project focuses on travel writing by Black South African and African-American intellectuals between South Africa and the US in the period 1913-1936.

As part of his study he has undertaken archival research on the writings of such individuals as Davidson Don Tengo Jabavu, a South African who visited Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute in the United States as a young man in 1913 and Eslanda Goode Robeson, whose *African Journey* (1946) is an account of her travels across Africa. A research fellow at the Centre for African Literary Studies (CALS) on the Pietermaritzburg

campus, Mr Courau is also interested in the work of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in South Africa in the period, and especially the writings of several bishops' wives. His research is also funded by the National Research Foundation.

Mr Zunaid Mansoor is keen to pursue an MFA at New York University, Columbia University and the University of California in Los Angeles (UCLA) in the United States of America. "I want to be able to compose filmic and television story concepts which adhere to rules of format, structure and style. These are constructed on the Classic Hollywood 3-Act Structure," explains Mr Mansoor.

As a student of film directing, he wishes to acquire practical vocational skills in all facets of the profession. He is the recipient of numerous awards including a National Research Fund Free-Standing Scholarship in 2004, a

UKZN Special Honours Award, and the Brightest Young Mind status, which he earned at a Brightest Young Mind Conference and Workshop in 2004.

He received a Bachelor of Social Science Degree and a Bachelor of Law Degree (LLB) *cum laude* from UKZN's Howard College campus.

Mr Thabo Msibi hails from the rural hills of Ntabamhlophe in Estcourt. He received his Honours Degree in Education *summa cum laude*. His dissertation focused on the perceived relationship between social and dress identities among young African males. He has been accepted at the University of Columbia in the USA.

"I am overjoyed and thrilled at this opportunity, especially because when I went for my interview, the chairperson told me after the interview that I'm still too young and should not feel inadequate if I don't get it," he says.

Mr Msibi received a National Research Foundation scholarship to do his Honours degree and was one of five Honours students who represented UKZN and South Africa in the Replenishing Democracy Project at Amherst College in the United States last year. He was also awarded the ABE Bailey Travel bursary, which allowed him to visit Britain for a month.



Mr Rogier Courau.



Mr Thabo Msibi.



Mr Zunaid Mansoor.

comprehensive technical report.

As part of the project and building on a commitment to effective outreach, an estuary management training course was developed for municipalities. Testing of the course took place at Port St Johns, Buffalo City and eThekweni Municipalities, and the response was extremely positive. This educational tool is now available in electronic format to trainers, practitioners and the general public. In addition, the technical publication was translated into a user-friendly estuary management

guide. Three thousand copies of the guide have been distributed to local municipal staff.

Acknowledging the success of the project and the overall programme, the WRC has agreed to another round of funding. Valued at R 1.5 million, the new project will research estuaries as catalysts for economic empowerment. WRC is particularly excited by this direction as it will provide lessons on how other aquatic ecosystems such as wetlands and rivers might also act as catalysts for economic empowerment.

TIRELESS CRUSADER

Former Member of the South African National Assembly Ela Gandhi is busier than ever since her retirement.

The grand-daughter of human rights activist Mahatma Gandhi, has established the International Centre on Non-violence (ICON) at the Durban University of Technology, where she also serves as Chancellor.

Gandhi obtained a BA degree in 1962, followed by a postgraduate diploma in adult education from the Howard College campus in 1994. She is proud to say that the basic



ELA GANDHI

knowledge of law, political science and English that she received at the University helped her in her practice of social work, in political activism and in Parliament as a member of portfolio committees.

Her current projects include working with religious communities to promote tolerance and encouraging the participation of religious communities in social issues such as HIV and AIDS and women abuse. She also works with a 24 hour help line for victims of family violence.

Gandhi feels that "in as much as we all need money to survive we ought not to take up tertiary education as a means to wealth but rather as a means to gain greater knowledge... as a means to become worthy South Africans... One does not have to be wealthy to do this."

She hopes that UKZN will "transform into an institution of which we can all be proud and which is able to produce graduates who will be able to make a difference in society."

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST

Environmental scientist Olivier Langrand is promoting innovative solutions to enable governments to conserve biodiversity.

Armed with a Masters of Science degree in Zoology and Entomology from the Pietermaritzburg campus, Langrand is in charge of international government relations and co-chair of the Center for Conservation and Government in the US. He is also Senior Vice-President at Conservation International, a non-profit organisation created in 1987. It operates in more than 40 countries, employs 1 000



OLIVIER LANGRAND

people worldwide and has a budget of about \$140 million per annum.

Langrand says that governments face significant challenges in reconciling conservation with national and regional development goals, financial constraints and political realities. Together with a team of eight people in the US and four in Japan he helps governments overcome these challenges by piloting new approaches to priority concerns, building diverse and powerful coalitions, and engaging and educating political leaders. What he likes most about his job is the possibility to reconcile his interest for biodiversity conservation with the economic and political reality of this world, demonstrating that biodiversity conservation and sustainable use of natural resources are critical elements of human welfare.

He says that there is still no place like home. He enjoys South African wines, especially the Cabernet Sauvignon from Thelema Vineyards in Stellenbosch and always supports the Springboks.

CHEMICAL ENGINEER

Beki Hlatshwayo is one of a handful of South African engineers who come from a historically disadvantaged background. A Chemical Engineer, he is employed at Tongaat Hulett Sugar as part of the Technology Management team.

Hlatshwayo was born in Orlando West, Soweto. He received his secondary education at Ziphathele High School in Clermont, Durban. His interest in engineering was generated after he was one of the finalists in the



BEKI HLATSHWAYO

Science Olympiad. He completed a BSc degree in Applied Mathematics and Chemistry at the University of Zululand, and completed his BSc in Chemical Engineering at Howard College campus in 1985. He was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship while working for CG Smith Sugar as an engineer-in-training, and obtained his Masters and PhD at Lehigh University in the USA.

He is the Vice-President of the Institution of South African Chemical Engineers and has served on a number of committees/boards related to the chemical engineering profession, the administration of KwaZulu-Natal tertiary institutions, science and public works councils, and social investment projects. He has also served as a trustee in various foundations/trusts. He is also involved with PROTEC to encourage school learners to take up science and engineering as a career.

He advises young aspirant scientists to love school, work hard for everything and never take short cuts because they don't work!

BRAVE ADVENTURER

Bridget Ringdahl travelled 6 000 kms on a bicycle through Asia in 2000, and topped this with a 13 000 km trip through South America in 2004. Her book, *Blonde on a Bike*, was launched at UKZN's Howard College Theatre in March 2007.

Ringdahl graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Biology, Environmental and Geographical Sciences from the Howard College campus in 1994. She is the National Co-ordinator for the South African Eco-Schools Programme



BRIDGET RINGDAHL

that is implemented by the Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa and WWF. She also holds an Honours degree in Environmental and Geographical Sciences from the University of Cape Town, and an International Masters degree in Environmental Sciences from Lund University in Sweden.

"I have always loved things that are physically challenging... travelling by bicycle affords complete independence and gives freedom from reliance on anyone," she says. "While many people are focused on making money, collecting cool cars or are hungry for huge houses, I choose to experience as much as I can about the rich potential of life through pedal power." During her trip in Tibet she was attacked with a knife on a highway and children also threw stones at her. But she also was the focus of much admiration and caring on her journeys.

Though she does not consider cycling a career, it has opened career pathways that she would have not thought possible without formal training. Since completing her trips, Ringdahl has written articles for a number of newspapers and magazines.

DYNAMIC BUSINESSPERSON

Gugu Moloi is a specialist in organisational restructuring, African affairs, development work, municipal infrastructure and finance, service delivery, and public private partnerships.

Armed with a BA (Law) degree from the Westville campus, a Masters in Town and Regional Planning from the Howard College campus, and a diploma in general management from UNISA, she is the founder and chair of Iman' Africa.

Moloi dreams of the time when all sectors of South



GUGU MOLOI

African society become active participants in the economy. She believes that individuals, business, government and civil society need to be empowered to meet the needs and economic opportunities created in South Africa and Africa within the context of the African Renaissance.

She was a finalist in the Business Woman of the Year in Africa in 2005, won the Business Woman of the Year Impumelelo award given by ABSA in the same year, and was placed in the Top 20 in 2004 and the Top 100 in 2005 in the *Mail & Guardian's* list of South African leaders.

She served on the Council of the University of KwaZulu-Natal as a committee member and Chair of the Planning and Resource Committee. She was also a non-executive director of First Rand Group and a National Manager responsible for technology for development policy at the CSIR.

CARING ANAESTHETIST

Dr Lionel Smith has received an award from the South African Society of Anaesthesiologists for his outstanding contribution to the advancement of the discipline in the Eastern Cape and in Port Elizabeth in particular.

The Society especially recognised his work in training medical officers for the Diploma in Anaesthesia. His outreach programmes in the region focuses on the upgrading of general practitioners' skills in anaesthesia with special



LIONEL SMITH

focus on obstetric anaesthesia.

Smith graduated from the Medical School in 1970. In 1985, through his association with the Eastern Cape Department of Health as an assessor, he recognised the need to introduce a programme that would reduce the procedure-related death statistics in the area that were attributed to the anaesthetic component. He began offering a Diploma in Anaesthesia to doctors initially from Livingstone Hospital in Port Elizabeth and this expanded to include doctors from rural areas within the Eastern Cape.

Smith also co-ordinates multi-disciplinary training programmes for nurses, physiotherapists, radiographers and doctors in total hip replacement, spinal surgery, vascular surgery and epidural nursing. He is currently a Principal Specialist in the anaesthetic department of the metropole group of hospitals in Port Elizabeth.

He still manages to find time to lead his community Hiking Club and develop his passion for the art of calligraphy.

SPORT ADMINISTRATOR

A healthy mind in a healthy body is what drives new Head of Sport Administration for the Howard College campus and the Medical School, Andile Nqini.

While South Africa's greatest challenges in the past were slavery, colonisation and apartheid, Nqini says that "today we are facing crime, AIDS and poverty... sport played a pivotal role in changing things in the past and it can continue to be a unifier in the future." Sport can be used as a positive tool to market the University and as a vehicle to



ANDILE NQINI

enhance students' quality of life.

He says it is important that all UKZN sporting facilities reflect South Africa's rainbow nation. He is working on a proposal with stakeholders to rename sporting facilities after heroes who made a mark in sport in South Africa including UKZN alumni.

Born into a family of freedom fighters, Nqini hails from Mdantsane Township, known as the home of boxing. He played athletics and rugby first division, and officiated boxing. His passion for boxing inspired his research on world champions like Welcome Ncita, Vuyani Bhungu and Mbulelo Botile for his BA Honours in Human Movement Studies degree at Fort Hare University. He taught in the Eastern Cape before joining UKZN. He holds a Management Certificate from Rhodes University, a Management Development Diploma from UKZN and is currently completing his MBA at the University.

EXPERIENCED DIPLOMAT

Advocate Mohamed Ahmed Cassimjee believes passionately in "a non-racial, non-sexist world and respect for diversity."

Born in Pietermaritzburg, Cassimjee matriculated at Woodlands High School in Pietermaritzburg. He earned his Law degree in 1987. He works for the Department of Foreign Affairs in Pretoria, serving as Assistant Director/Acting Head: Central Africa and Indian Ocean Islands; and Assistant Director: North Africa.

From 1996-2000 he served in the South African Embassy



MOHAMED AHMED CASSIMJEE

in Washington DC. He was the First Secretary/Counsellor with the South African High Commission in Uganda from 2001-2005 and was also the Acting Head and Political Counsellor of Mission Kampala.

He was involved in the Muslim Student Association which focused on assisting fellow students to build bridges between different religious, political and student organisations, organising and participating in protest politics and performing humanitarian work in the Pietermaritzburg area as well as assisting with relief efforts in Lesotho.

He was arrested in the late 1980s together with a number of students and academics of all races, religions and cultures for protesting against apartheid.

"It was also satisfying to have initiated the purchase of a home in Carpis Road when the Group Areas Act was still applicable. This is still serving as a place of worship and Head office for the Muslim Student Association in Pietermaritzburg."

Alumnus events

The Alumni Affairs office held a number of successful events in the first half of 2007. The Alumni Affairs Team looks forward to meeting more alumni at future events. Please ensure that your postal and email addresses are up-to-date so that you will receive invitations to our special events. Some of the activities included:



Cape Town.



Pretoria.



Johannesburg.

Competition Prize-giving

The fourth annual prize-giving for the Indwe Risk/Prestasi Short Story Competition took place at a leisurely lunch at the Inchanga Hotel on 2 March. This annual competition – which is open to all alumni of the University – was attended by 17 entrants as well as representatives from both the University and Indwe Risk/Prestasi. The theme for the competition – “Food for Thought” – generated a good and very varied response from both locally and internationally-based alumni and the three judges – Reshma Badal, Len Mzimela and Lauren Michel (all graduates of the University) – had a difficult job selecting the winning three.

The winners were:

First prize: **Dianne Stewart** (MA 1995)

Second prize: **Mark Ovenden** (BSc 1953)

Third prize: **Maja Zwolinski** (BSocSc 2006) – Maja also won a prize in 2006.

See pages 38-39 for extracts from the winning entries. The full stories are published on the Alumni website. We encourage you to submit entries for the 2007 competition which has the theme – “Family, Friends and other Creatures”. The prize money for 2007 has been increased to R5 000, R3 000 and R2 000 respectively and the closing date is 28 September.

Alumni dinners

Alumni dinners were hosted in Cape Town, Pretoria and Johannesburg on 14, 16 and 17 March respectively. The aim of these events was multi-fold and included: establishing and maintaining the friend-raising endeavours of Alumni Affairs, providing alumni with an update

on the University, enabling alumni to ask questions about their *alma mater* and to receive immediate answers, to network with one another and to enable the fund-raising initiative of the UKZN Foundation to be explained to the alumni.

The Guest Speaker at the events was Professor Dasarath Chetty (Executive Director of Public Affairs and Corporate Communications). Bruno van Dyk (Executive Director of the UKZN Foundation) also addressed the Cape Town and Pretoria dinners. All graduates received UKZN folders containing the latest material and publications from the University – including the 2007 Alumni calendar.

The Cape Town dinner was held at The Five Flies Restaurant in the city centre and was attended by 50 graduates. The graduates – who ranged from very recent to those of the 1950s – enjoyed the speeches and explanations to issues raised.

The Pretoria dinner was attended by a capacity crowd of over 70 graduates – with the majority coming from the 1990s and 2000s. Many of these graduates were MBChB and LIB graduates and had a fine time networking and discussing their experiences at University during this period. The food at the venue (The Baobab in Menlyn Shopping Centre) – was excellent – and the private venue (resplendent with the UKZN banner) was conducive to creating a platform for discussion and reminiscing. A number of the graduates were eager to support the University – with a cheque for R1000 given immediately by an LIB graduate and many promises of monthly contributions.

The Johannesburg dinner was

attended by 94 graduates and was held at The Grace in Rosebank. VIP alumni attending included Professor Phillip Tobias. Many questions were posed by the graduates and these were well answered by Professor Chetty.

At all three events graduates expressed the need for the University to maintain at least annual visits.

Re-launch of the Rick Turner Bursary Fund

A function in honour of the late Rick Turner was held at South Africa House, London on 18 April for alumni and friends of UKZN. The event was hosted by the UKZN Foundation and Public Affairs and Corporate Communications.

The well attended event at which the Rick Turner Bursary Fund was re-launched, was attended by many luminaries, including family of the late Rick Turner and politician Peter Hain. Bruno

van Dyk, Executive Director of the UKZN Foundation said that he was delighted with the enthusiasm in support of the Fund. "Renowned author, Ken Follet, donated 10 000 pounds to the Fund and it was gratifying to receive donations and pledges towards the Fund." Addressing guests, Professor Dasarath Chetty Executive Director of Public Affairs and Corporate Communications said that, "the University of KwaZulu-Natal linked the ideals with what Rick Turner stood for and the realisation of a non-racial democratic university that undertakes relevant research and has a significant impact on communities."

The Richard AD Turner Bursary Fund was established by a bequest left to the University by his mother, Winifred Jane Turner, in 2000. Its purpose is to provide postgraduate scholarships in the Rick Turner scholastic tradition of philosophy and political studies. The award is for Masters-level study. For further information contact Bruno van Dyk at vandyk@ukzn.ac.za

News from the Chairperson of the Alumnus Association for Europe, Caroline Harben

Quite a lot has happened recently for the Alumnus Association of UKZN for Europe.

We participated in co-ordinating a wonderful function at South African House in Trafalgar Square on 18 April to re-launch the Rick Turner Bursary Fund.

There were a number of people at this event who, while not alumni, have very close links with the University. It led me to thinking about the possibility of having another type of membership of the Association. As a result of subsequent discussions with the Alumnus Office in Durban, I am now very pleased to announce a new category of Associate Members. These members, (eligibility defined below), will receive the same benefits as alumni, for which there will be no charge. The only difference is that Associate members will have no voting rights. The Associate category will include:

- Former and current teaching staff of the University
- Donors to the UK Trust and the UKZN Foundation
- People interested in tertiary education who have links with UKZN
- People who have demonstrable other significant links to UKZN.

Any alumni who are aware of anyone who might be interested in joining should ask them to contact either the Alumnus Officer in Durban at chris-tensenf@ukzn.ac.za or me, Caroline Harben at harbenafrika@aol.com or on 44-(0)1235-553-225. The Alumnus Office in Durban will make any final decision on eligibility. All Associate members will in future be invited to all

alumnus functions held in the UK...

...which brings me to my next piece of news. It has been decided that the Association will in future be holding one annual function in London. The date and venue of this year's function was recently announced, but is repeated here:

Date: Wednesday 3 October, 2007
Time: 6.30 – 8.30 p.m.
Venue: South Africa House,
Trafalgar House, London

We are hoping to have an assortment of entertainment including music and speakers of South African interest. Please make a note in your diaries of this date! Invitation will be sent out nearer the time. We hope you will join us.

There is one more development which needs your attention! The Association is now calling for nominations for Committee members. Mike Miller (Vice-Chairperson) and I have operated over the past few years without a Committee largely because of the difficulty of garnering support for this. The time is now again right to make a formal request for people willing to participate in making the Alumnus Association more effective in Europe. And if I have any involvement, I make a pledge to anyone interested that it will not be bureaucratic or time-consuming! But we do need to share the decision-making amongst a wider group of people, and are therefore looking for people with interest and a little time to devote to the University's Alumnus Association in Europe.

CALLING UNIVERSITY OF KWAZULU-NATAL OLD BOYS

I am trying to get old of University of KwaZulu-Natal old boys who are living in Johannesburg to play in a social cricket league.

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Dear Alumnus,

The Alumni Affairs Office strongly encourages UK-based graduates to join the Committee of the Alumnus Association for Europe. These Committee Members will be responsible for planning and co-ordinating various events throughout the UK – with the main annual event taking place at South Africa House in London. Please will all interested alumni contact Caroline Harben (Chair of the Association) on email: harbenafrika@aol.com or by post: 20 Vintner Road, Abingdon, Oxon OX14 3PF.

With thanks and best wishes,
Finn Christensen, Alumni Affairs Manager

DATES TO DIARISE

OCTOBER:

3 October: UK Alumnus Event
29 October: Convocation AGM and Awards

DECEMBER:

Durban Alumnus Association Christmas Lunch

Keeping in touch!

Class Notes is a collection of short biographies sent to us by alumni from all over the world, highlighting their personal and professional achievements. Through these notes, alumni keep in touch and find old friends.

We have had an overwhelming response to our call for Class Notes. We have dedicated more pages to this section in this issue, but were still unable to accommodate all your submissions. Contributions that do not appear in this issue will be published in subsequent issues of UKZNTOUCH.



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1950s

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the biography, *Thunder Behind Her Ears – The Life and Writings of Bessie Head*, shortlisted for two prestigious prizes in 1995. Though retired now, she still is a dedicated Head researcher. The biography, out of print at the moment, will hopefully be reprinted in time for the celebrations planned to mark what would have been Head's 70th birthday in Gaborone and Serowe, Botswana and in Pietermaritzburg (www.bessiehead.org).
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1960s

TONIA COPE BOWLEY (NEE COPE)

– BSc'64 obtained her Teaching Diploma from UCT in 1965. For six years thereafter she taught senior school mathematics in Pietermaritzburg before spending a year on a working holiday in the Arctic Circle, Norway. From 1973–2001 Tonia was on the staff at Oxford University where she was involved in various research and teaching projects, all with a strong IT element. Her book on BASIC, published in 1981, was a bestseller. For several years she developed and ran an Image Processing Centre. At that time she carried out research, working with Prof Steven Piper (UKZN) and Durban City, on the usefulness of Satellite Remote Sensing for Third World Urban planning with Durban as the case study. In 2001 Tonia accepted the University's offer of medical retirement due to prolonged chronic repetitive strain injury. Her book: RSI - HOW TO AVOID IT and what to do if you've got it was published in 2006 (www.amazon.com or www.rsihowtoavoidit.com or email rsimouse@aol.com). Tonia and her husband Stephen launched The Thembisa Trust, a registered charity supporting disadvantaged people at the grassroots in 'The Beloved Country' (www.thembisa-trust.org or email rsimouse@aol.com)

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1970s

PETER DAVID EVERETT BERTRAM

– BSc(Agric)'70 worked for the Dept of Research and Specialist Services, Ministry of Agriculture in the then Rhodesian government. In 1972, Maureen Connell (BScAgric'69) and David got married. He transferred to the Ministry of Internal Affairs as a Cadet District Officer and in 1978 became the District Commissioner of Gokwe. In 1982 he took early retirement and the following year began studying at St Paul's Theological College in Grahamstown. He completed a Diploma in Theology and Maureen graduated from UNISA with a BA in Biblical Studies and Anthropology. In December 1984 David was ordained as a Deacon in the Anglican Church in the Diocese of Harare, and a Priest a year later. In 1991 he completed a BA Honours in Biblical Studies at the University of Zimbabwe. Maureen taught Religious Education and Divinity at Prince Edward, a boys' secondary school. They worked in several parishes in Harare. In December 2004 Maureen died of a congestive lung disease, and in July 2005 he moved to Polokwane, where he is currently the rector of Christ Church. He has been a member of the Third Order of the Society of St Francis for about 17 years. His three children are working in the UK.

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his many hobbies: beekeeping, carpentry, gliding, and in the local Hilton Anglican Church as a lay minister. He was also chairman of the KZN chiropractic chapter for two years. He then took up a three year contract in Holland, where he and his wife, Jean still live. He has published two novels under the name Bernard Preston – Frog in my Throat and Bats in my Belfry, written in the James Herriot genre and is busy with two more books.

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DERRICK VINCENT PAUL SHEPPARD – BSc'73 developed an interest in finance and accounting while completing a two year post-graduate national Diploma in Management Studies with a successful career in quality control management with Unilever in Zimbabwe. After returning to the UK in 1980 he completed chartered accountancy training with KPMG in their Bristol office. He went on to qualify as an ACIS specialising in financial management and administration and holds various financial management and business improvement roles with the Allied Domecq Group (now Pernod Ricard). He is a Graduate Member of the Chartered Management Institute in the UK. He enjoys spending time with his wife, son and daughter as well as mountain and coastal path walking, golf, and travel. He has fond memories of many happy weekends walking in the Drakensberg Mountains.

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1980s

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New books from the UKZN Press

STILL BEATING THE DRUM CRITICAL PERSPECTIVES ON LEWIS NKOSI

Edited by Lindy Stiebel and Liz Gunner.

Lewis Nkosi is one of South Africa's foremost writers and critics, and one of the few survivors of the exile generation dating from the Drum era. Up until now, however, no full length study has been done on his work. Besides his well known earlier works, Nkosi is still very much an

active writer.

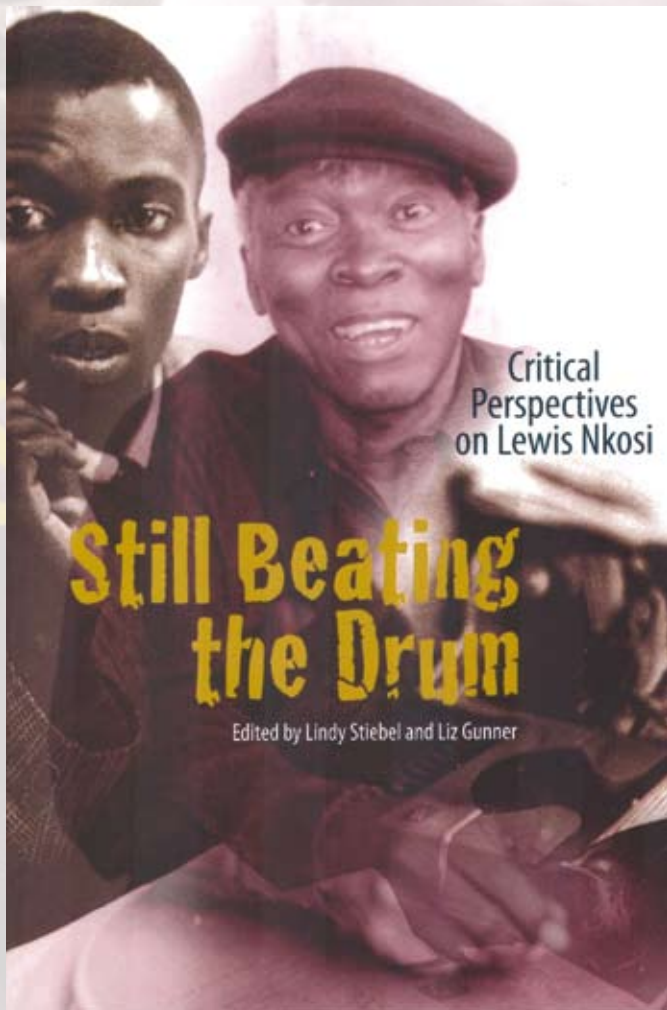
The book is divided into three parts: Part One collects papers from scholars around the world currently working on Nkosi's work in various genres; Part Two reprints key articles from different moments in Nkosi's critical writing, together with hitherto unpublished recent interviews with Nkosi; and Part Three provides the

reader with a timeline and extensive bibliography for Lewis Nkosi, both invaluable resources for scholars working on Nkosi given the scattered nature of much of his more ephemeral writings in the past.

Lewis Nkosi is an important figure in South African literature whose voice has been heard far and wide – this book aims to collect for critical consideration some of the echoes and reverberations his voice has generated.

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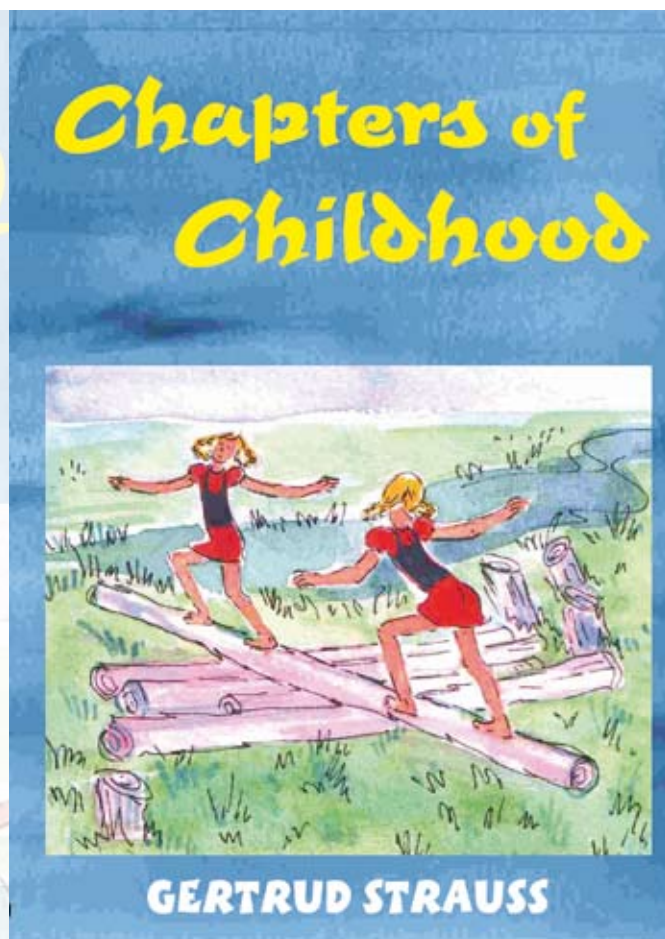




THE GOOD LUCK HOUSE SHERIN AHMED

The Good Luck House tells the story of a house in Overport in the days of apartheid – and of its landlady, Zulekha Baksh ('Auntie Julie' to her friends and enemies), who survives by subletting the house, and comes to identify with it as if it were a second self. She is eventually forced to relinquish it, however, as her tenants move on one by one, the house is condemned by the health department, and finally part of it is destroyed in a fire. Sad but also hilariously funny, this is not only Auntie Julie's story, but also that of a motley crew of tenants. It is a novel full of colourful characters and outrageous incidents and an unforgettable portrait of a past era, an almost-vanished way of life.

Sherin Ahmed grew up in Verulam, studied at the University of Durban-Westville, now lives in Centenary Park with her husband and three children, and has long been employed as a social worker in the Durban municipality. Her short stories have appeared in several anthologies. In 2005 she was the winner of the Gcina Mhlope Short Story Award.



CHAPTERS OF CHILDHOOD GERTRUD STRAUSS

Chapters of Childhood consists of four non-consecutive narratives which together recount the childhood of a girl growing up during the forties in one of the German farming communities of KwaZulu-Natal. Sensuously written and brilliantly observed, it gives a portrayal of the community and the characters in it which is both rebellious and affectionate.

Gertrud Strauss grew up in the

farming area of the Natal Midlands, where she received her schooling. She studied at the University of Natal in Pietermaritzburg, and taught in the English department of UNISA. She began writing in 1974 when her youngest child started nursery school. Since 1992 she has been involved in publishing. *Chapters of Childhood* is her second full-length volume, *The Blood Spot and other Stories* having appeared in 1999.



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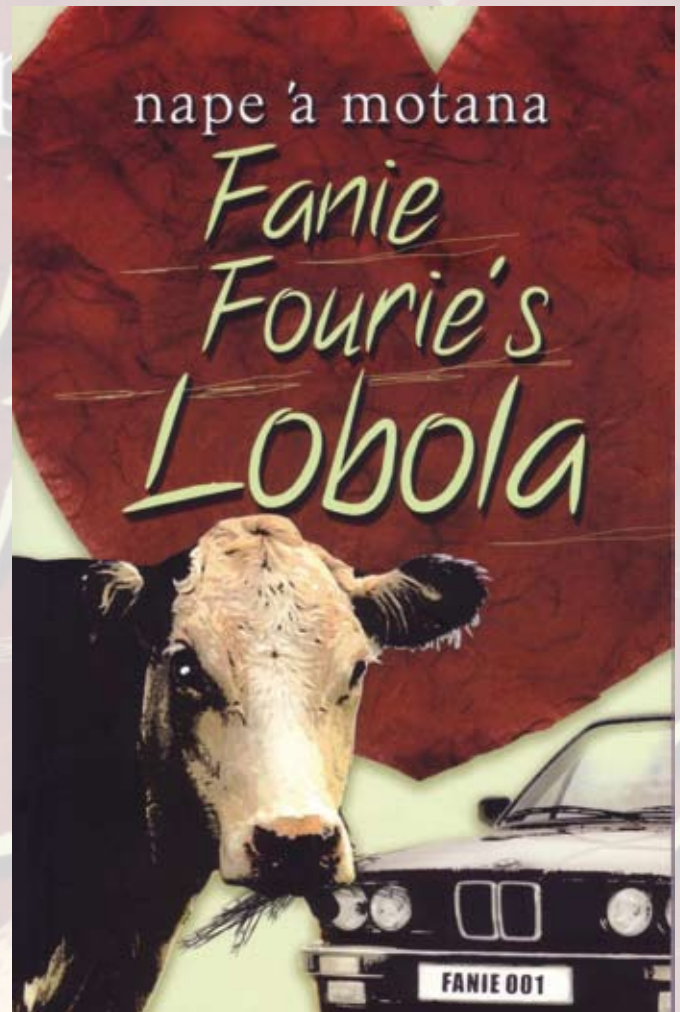
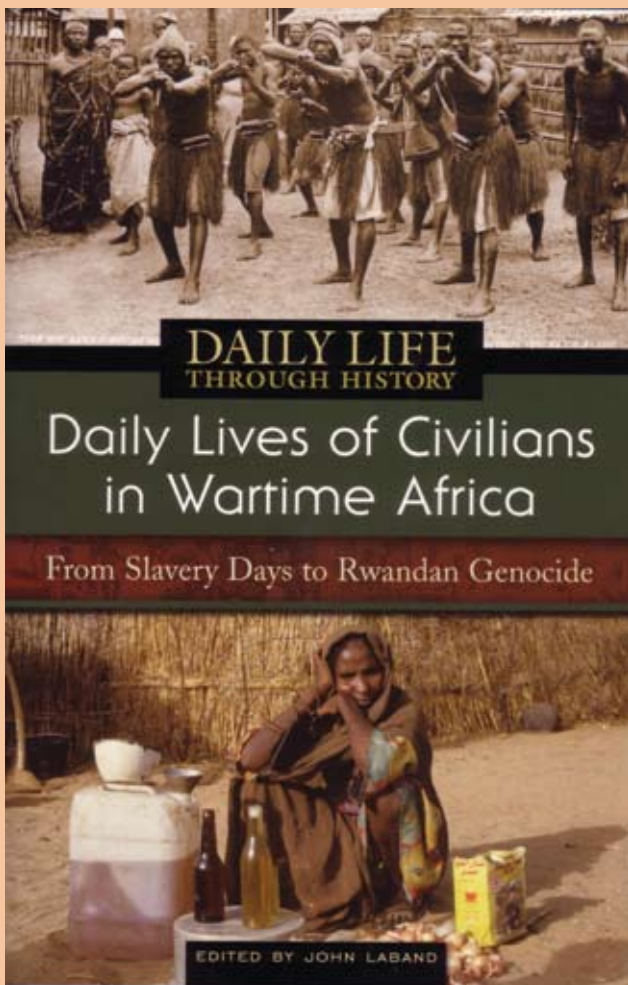
DAILY LIVES OF CIVILIANS IN WARTIME AFRICA FROM SLAVERY DAYS TO RWANDAN GENOCIDE

In most accounts of warfare, civilians suffer cruelties and make sacrifices silently and anonymously. Finally, historians turn their attention to those who are usually caught up in events beyond their control or understanding. This volume details the dismal impact war has had on the African people over the past 500 years, from slavery days, the Zulu War, World Wars I and II, to the horrific civil wars following decolonisation and the genocide in Rwanda.

Chapters provide a representative range of civilian experiences during wartime in Africa extending from the late eighteenth century to the present, representing every region of Africa except North Africa. Timelines,

glossaries, suggested further readings and maps are included, and the work is fully indexed.

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FANIE FOURIE'S LOBOLA BY NAPE 'A MOTANA

Fanie Fourie is a true blue 'boere seun' with an unrepentantly macho approach to love and life in general. But his worldview undergoes an abrupt reinvention when he is 'bitten by the louse and bedbug of love' and falls head-over-heels for Dimakatjo Machabaphala, a beautiful black nurse. In pursuit of true love the lovers must steer a path through the challenging intricacies of intercultural negotiation and leap the hurdles of racial bigotry, tenacious former lovers and the like; finally to emerge triumphant as traditionally united man and wife.

This delightful novel is filled with

naughty humour and ironic reversals of stereotype. With a deft and humorous pen the author evokes the colliding worlds of traditional and contemporary culture in a South Africa still struggling to renegotiate roles and relationships and shake off the complexes and prejudices of the past.

Nape 'a Motana is a Pretoria-based author, poet and playwright. His play, *The Honeymoon is Over* won the New Voices Award in 1995 and he is the author of *Sepedi Proverbs* (2004). *Fanie Fourie's Lobola* is his first novel.

2007 CONVOCAATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND AWARDS



In terms of the Statute of the University of KwaZulu-Natal and Section 9.1.2 of the Draft Constitution of the Convocation of the University of KwaZulu-Natal, notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Convocation of the University of KwaZulu-Natal will be held at Riverside Hotel and Conference Centre, Durban North on Monday, 29 October 2007 at 17h30 for 18h00.

Any member who desires to bring forward any business at this meeting will forward a statement to the Registrar setting forth, in the form of a motion, the subject proposed for consideration.

The motion(s) should be lodged with the Registrar, University of KwaZulu-Natal, Private Bag X54001, Durban 4000 by no later than Monday, 15 October 2007.

AGENDA

1. Notice convening the meeting
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes: Confirmation of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday, 30 October 2006.
These Minutes are available on the website: <http://www.alumni affairs.ukzn.ac.za>
4. Matters arising from the Minutes
5. Address by the President of Convocation
6. General

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Registrar

The Annual General Meeting will be followed by the Convocation Awards Ceremony, after which a finger supper and refreshments will be served.

Date: Monday, 29 October 2007
Time: 17h30 for 18h00.
Venue: Riverside Hotel, Durban North
Dress: Smart Casual

RSVP for catering purposes by Friday,
19 October 2007 to Corlia Ogle on
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The Indwe Risk/Prestasi Short Story Competition

Extracts from the winning entries of the fourth Indwe Risk/Prestasi Short Story Competition.

1st Prize

Bread for the Journey by Dianne Stewart

There is a proverb of Ganda origin in Uganda that states that a person who has not travelled far, thinks that their mother is the best cook. *Atan-nayita: y'atenda nnyina obufumbi (=okufumba).*

Although Jabu Dube had travelled quite extensively, as a student and on business, it was during spells of homesickness when living or travelling far from home, that she craved her mother's comfort food the most. It was at such a time that she did believe that her mother was the best cook in the universe.

.... It was her mother's vetkoek (dumplings or *amagwinya*) and the sound of them sizzling in the hot oil or the traditional Zulu potbread, *ujeqe* that she missed the most. Perhaps it was not so much the taste, but the ritual that was always associated with her mother's preparation of the bread that enticed Jabu into a web of nostalgia that summer night, as she prepared an evening meal in the steamy kitchen of her Kampala apartment, that looked out onto the street.

With the young Jabu at her side, peering over the table, Doris Dube tossed together the ingredients for the

bread with her gnarled fingers, until she had formed a smooth dough. As she kneaded the mixture, Doris Dube would never fail to tell her young daughter the traditional Zulu tale about the man who threw away his bread. The story commences with the man setting out at sunrise one Spring morning, on a long, long journey, carrying a large bag of bread with him, *padkos*, that would feed him along the way. But having walked for some distance over very difficult terrain, which included climbing over rocks and wading through streams, he found that the bag had become too cumbersome to carry. So, after eating his fill at breakfast, he decided to discard the bread to make his journey easier. Then, using all the energy he could muster, the young man flung the bag into the valley. It hit the earth with a thud, causing a shower of dust, and down, down, down the hill it rolled, gathering speed, before coming to rest against a rock. It caught the attention of curious and hungry field mice who wasted no time scuttling over to the bag. Eagerly they devoured the food in the bag, while the man continued on his dusty journey, oblivious to the

unexpected feast that the mice were enjoying.

He was, of course, hoping to find some hospitality along the way: caring people who would give him food and drink, but the apathetic people he encountered on the way complained of the late Spring rains, the drought that had ravaged their land and a lack of food. Some had even resorted to eating roots.

.... When she first arrived in Kampala, the local cuisine greatly aroused the curiosity of the gregarious Jabu, whose ready smile and cackling, unselfconscious laugh immediately endeared her to others and made them feel at ease. She tried street foods like groundnuts in a swirl of brown paper, and became friends with the vendor. She bought samoosas and chapatis. In those early days, the aroma of *mkate na mayai* cooking in the street, caused her to rush out of her apartment with great speed to secure some, and still she never grew tired of this former Arab dish of mince and egg in a neat parcel, fried in steaming hot oil.

2nd Prize

Food for Thought – The Recollections of a Foodie

by Mark F Ovenden

My waistline gives it away – I am what Alexander McCall Smith in his No 1 Ladies Detective Agency stories calls Mma Ramotswe – traditionally built. Very traditionally! Early factors pointed me in the direction of becoming a foodie: my father was involved with food – first with the Union Castle Line and then when he ran a hotel in Durban. So from an early age I was ordering my meals from a menu when home from Boarding school. I was always more inclined to savouries than sweets. There was a fish and chip shop called Jerichos on the way into Maritzburg from St Charles and when we were allowed out I made a beeline for it or else searched for a Perks steak and kidney or an Escourt pork pie. I remember some food crazes at school – one was eating sardines with condensed milk. It was a case of ‘The Emperor’s New Clothes’: no one wanted to be the first to admit they tasted terrible!

Because of the large Indian population, curries were an integral part of Natal cuisine in the 40s and 50s but, although then still largely UK influenced, there was enough of an input from other sources including Cape Malay, French, Italian and indigenous African to make it markedly superior. We also had a much wider selection

of what the British rather quaintly call exotic fruits and vegetables. It was only when I moved back to the UK for a five-year period in 1967 that I discovered just how dull their staple fare was – although it has improved enormously over the last few decades with copious imports and the adoption of an eclectic range of ‘foreign cuisines’.

Prior to 1967 my only contact with British food had been in hotels and restaurants: the hotels were uninspiring and I invariably chose French, Italian, Chinese or Indian restaurants. I must say a little about UK curry restaurants. Coming from Natal I thought I knew all about the cuisine of the Indian sub-continent. In truth I knew only mild, medium or hot versions of beef, chicken, pork, vegetable or fish curries served with rice. I was completely gob-smacked by the first menu I saw in the UK. What on earth were *koftas*, *bafats*, *lemaks*, *goojias*, *kormas*, *rogan josh*, *vindaloo*, *prawn pilau*, *fish molee*, *mologothannie*, *tandoori murgli*, *shakoothi*, *sambhara*, *kutchi bhindi*, *masoor dal*, *chapatis*, *naans*, *parathas*, *barhiya chaaval*, *potato bhurta*, *sabzi pullao*, *mughlai lamb biryani* etc, etc? Well I soon found out and what had started as a pleasant flirtation with the cuisines of India, Pakistan and Bangladesh became a life-long passion.

3rd Prize

Food for Thought

by Maja Zwolinski

"And for tomorrow I also want you to..."

"Bzzzzzzzz"

"You can use any..."

"BZZZ BZZZ BZZZ"

“And make sure you write clearly and...”

"Bzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzz."

"Mia are you listening?"

"Bzzzz." I looked up from the blue bottle bashing its head on the window. The whole class was staring at me, even the fly I had been watching was quiet. After a split second of confusion I smiled sweetly at my teacher,

"Yes Miss!"

She tilted her head and raised an eyebrow.

"It's especially important that we write clearly," I added, nodding and hoping that the look on my face made her think that this was very important to me and my spidery handwriting.

She seemed satisfied and turned back to the class while I looked back at the blue bottle who was rubbing its feet together, either trying to figure out a way to break the window into pieces or to take over the world. I wasn't sure.

“Right, so I would like a two page written report on why you think...”

"BZZZZZZZZZZZZZ,"

There went the idea of trying to take over the world.

I sighed and tried to pay attention, knowing that by now it was

useless.

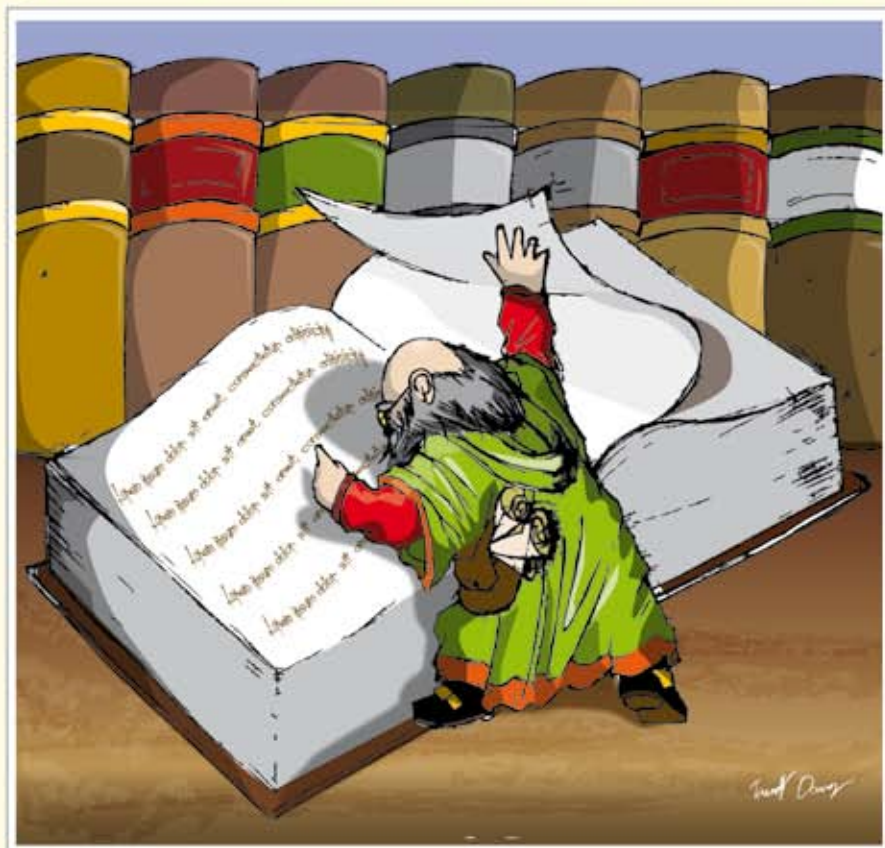
Later winding my way home I chewed over the idea. Not of taking over the world, but of my two page written report which I had later found out was on what I think food for thought means. Food for thought? I had no idea. Food is obviously for your stomach. Your head doesn't need it. I took another bite of my apple. My head never feels hungry. I sometimes get headaches but it never rumbles. Headaches... maybe that was my head's way to telling me that I'm hungry. Maybe I needed to ask someone who was an expert in this field. But who?... Who knows more about their head than anyone else?

The light came on – the newspaper lady, Mrs. Wallace.

Mrs. Wallace has a funny accent and she is quite an old lady (in my opinion anyway) who everyone knows is very famous for her migraines. Not a day goes by without me skipping past her and shouting out that I hope she has a nice day to which she'll answer that she would if her, 'blady' head every stopped hurting. Everyone tells her to go see a doctor, that maybe it's something serious, but she refuses, saying she would rather suffer. This I can understand, I think I would rather die than go see a doctor or a dentist so she's actually quiet smart and – maybe she would know what food for thought is.

Alumni of the University of KwaZulu-Natal are once again invited to participate in the Indwe Risk Services annual Short-Story Competition on

“Family, Friends and other Creatures!”



Closing date: 28 September 2007

**1st Prize - R5000
2nd Prize - R3000
3rd Prize - R2000**

Your story must be typed in double spacing on an A4 sized paper and must be between 4000 and 6000 words long. Post it to **Indwe Short-story Competition, PO Box 2795, Pietermaritzburg, 3200** or submit it by email to **shortstory@indwerisk.co.za**. Submissions close on the 28 September 2007. Please include your name, address, contact number, year of graduation and email address. **For further details call Angela Donval on 033 394 6120/2512 or visit www.indwerisk.co.za**



RULES OF THE COMPETITION: 1) Submissions must be original. 2) Previously published work will not be accepted. 3) A prize-giving function will be held towards the end of the year to which finalists will be invited but they must be prepared to fund their own way to the function. 4) Winners must agree to have their photographs and submissions published in the Alumni magazine, the website of the University and that of Indwe as well as local papers. 5) No entry fee or entry forms required. 6) Closing date for submission is 28 September 2007.

Where are they now?

If you can provide the updated contact details of the following alumni, please contact the Alumni Affairs Office

Ahern, Sheila Jane (Miss)	BA'83	Naidoo, Gnabragasen (Mr)	BProc'91
Allison, Pamela June (Mrs)	BSc'78, BSc(Hon)'79	Naidoo, Gonaloshnee (Miss)	BAcc'93
Ansell, Neville Bryan (Mr)	BSc Eng(Electrical)'79	Naidoo, Gonasagaren (Mr)	BEng(Electrical)'87
Barfoot, Jennifer Mary (Mrs)	BSc'71	Naidoo, Govindraj (Mr)	BOptom'89
Bass, Michael Ralph (Mr)	BCom'68	Ndlovu, Amanda Sibongile (Miss)	BSocSc'00
Bengani, Busisiwe Primrose (Miss)	BEd'00	Nduli, Siyabonga Brian (Mr)	BCom'99, BCom(Hon)'01
Bhengu, Thulebona Phillip (Mr)	BSc Eng(Electrical)'01	Nel, Etienne Pierre (Mr)	Llb'87, BProc'79
Blake, Joan Frances (Mrs)	BSc'69	Ngubane, Petros Mthandeni (Mr)	BEd'01
Cameron, Luke (Mr)	BSc Eng(Mechanical)'95	Nirmul, Sushilla (Dr)	MBChB'78
Capell, Allan Robert Devereux (Mr)	BSc Eng(Civil)'58	Nothard, Richard Alan (Mr)	BCom'79
Chetty, Anusha (Mrs)	Bed'00	Ntuli, Sithembeze Benedict (Mr)	BSc'00
Chiliza, Jeremiah Fiko Gane (Dr)	MBChB'61	Oxle, Darren Neil (Mr)	BSc Eng(Electronic)'95
Dickens, Joanne Nicola (Miss)	BSc Eng(Chemical)'95	Paruk, Mahomed Abdulla (Dr)	MBChB'69
Dlomo, Theko Khwezi (Mr)	BSocSc'00	Peer, Ebrahim Abdul Kader (Mr)	BSc'81, MBChB'86
Edwards, Jonathan Neil (Mr)	BSc'72	Phoswa, Thabile Patience (Miss)	BProc'00
Evans, David Aubert (Mr)	BSc Eng(Civil)'60	Potts, David Henry John (Mr)	BSc Eng'77
Feather, Sheryl Ann (Miss)	BA'81	Pringle, Robert MacDonald (Dr)	PhD(Agric)'69, BSc(Agric)'66
Gilmour, Sheila Ruth (Mrs)	BSc'76	Ramlall, Priyesh (Mr)	BCom(Acc)'01, BComAcc(Hon)'01
Govindsamy, Soundram (Miss)	BSc(Pharm)'70	Reddy, Deshinee (Miss)	BNurs'01
Grace, Cecil (Mr)	Llb'74	Rich, Tracey Jennifer (Miss)	BSocSc'90
Graham, John Douglas (Dr)	BSc(Agric)'61, MSc(Agric)'67	Roy, Lesley Elaine (Miss)	BSocSc(Nurs)'88
Hatley, Malcolm Edward (Mr)	BSc Eng(Agriculture)'81	Ruttle, Michael John (Mr)	BSc(QS)'81
Hlongwa, Tholani Salvatoris (Miss)	BA'00, BA(Hon)'01	Singh, Kabir (Mr)	BSc Eng(Electrical)'00
Hurrinanan, Sanjeev (Mr)	BSc Eng(Chemical)'95	Sirkin, Morris (Mr)	BSc(Land Surv)'49
Keys, Patrick David (Mr)	BSc Eng(Chemical)'76	Sooka, Navin (Mr)	BCom(Acc)'74
Labuschagne, Lesley Marie (Miss)	BA(FA)'85, HDE-PG'86	Tredoux, Pieter F (Mr)	BSc(Eng)'51
Lazarus, David (Mr)	BCom'78	Trollip, Peter Graeme (Mr)	BSc Eng(Mechanical)'89
Mabusela, Mmalesiba Dorothea (Miss)	BA'95, BA(Hon)'96	Vallabh, Mukund Rama (Mr)	BPharm'76
Maharaj, Vinay (Mr)	BA'88, HDE'89, BA(Hon)'94	Vinton, Leonard George (Mr)	Dip Town Planning'74
Maharaj, Vishenraj (Mr)	BSc Eng(Electrical)'93	Wade, Christopher Lawrence Gowie (Mr)	BSc Eng(Civil)'60
Maraj, Rajesh Rishidhaw (Mr)	BA'82	Woodley, Jennifer Jill (Miss)	BSc(Agric)'83
Masinga, Sydney Mlungisi (Mr)	BCom'00, BCom(Hon)'02	Wortley, Mark Elliott (Mr)	BA(Hon)'86, HDE-PG'87
Mathambo, Vuyiswa Prudence (Miss)	BSocSc'90, BSocSc(Hon)'91	Xulu, Bhethemba (Mr)	BCom'90
Mfeka, Lungile Molly (Miss)	BA'00	Zondi, Buyi Priscilla (Miss)	BSocSc'00
Moodley, Nadasen Moonsamy (Mr)	UED-PG'68, BA'67	Zuma, Sakhiwe Timothy (Mr)	BSc(Agric)'00

The Alumni Bursary Endowment Fund

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Generally, alumni invest in their *alma mater* because they are grateful to it and wish to contribute to its development and growth. They also recognise that a contribution to the University is a sure way of making a lasting contribution towards bettering the lives of others and advancing South African society.

Despite the largesse of some alumni, support from individuals in fact currently accounts for only 1% of donor income received by the University. In the United States, where there is a very well developed culture of alumni philanthropy, donations from individuals (largely alumni) to universities comprise approximately 80% of donor income.

Taking into account the 135 000 UKZN alumni who stretch across the length and breadth of the world, most of them with goodwill towards the University, the UKZN Foundation has taken a strategic decision to put in place a fund that will have broad-based appeal to all alumni, no matter their vintage or disciplinary backgrounds. Dubbed the Alumni Bursary Endowment Fund, its establishment is predicated on the fact that we have never really made it attractive or put in place mechanisms for large numbers of alumni to invest in the University and its students. It is hoped that this Fund will meet this shortcoming!

Proceeds from the Fund will be used to provide bursaries for students from disadvantaged backgrounds. Donors may dedicate their contributions to bursaries in the College of their choice (i.e. Agriculture, Engineering and Science; Law and Management Studies; Health Sciences; and Humanities), so permitting alumni to give something back to the particular discipline that has assisted their success, or indeed to another

academic domain in which they may subsequently become interested.

The Alumni Bursary Endowment Fund is a collaborative venture between the UKZN Foundation and the Alumni Affairs Office. It is anticipated that the endowment will be invested to yield income, which will then be used in the College of choice for disadvantaged, but talented, students who will be selected by a committee. As an introduction to this venture, a form is made available on the opposite page, which provides you with details of how to assist needy students in the College of your choice. It is anticipated that large numbers of graduates, especially those living abroad, will take advantage of this opportunity and that the fruits of this endeavour will provide a lifeline to talented students for many years to come!

Should you prefer to make a donation to another cause within the University, or perhaps wish to consider leaving a bequest, kindly make contact with the UKZN Foundation by one of the means provided on the form.

ALUMNI BURSARY ENDOWMENT FUND

PERSONAL DETAILS

Name: Date of Birth: (d) / (m) / (yr)
Postal Address:
..... Code:
Telephone (h): (w) (cell)
Email address:

MY COMMITMENT

I/We wish to invest in the Alumni Bursary Endowment Fund by contributing:

A monthly gift of (please specify amount)

An annual gift of

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I would like my support to be provided to the College of: (please tick)

Agriculture, Engineering and Science ☐ Health Sciences ☐ Humanities ☐ Law and Management Studies ☐

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OPTION A: DEBIT ORDER INSTRUCTION

I/We hereby instruct and authorise the UKZN Foundation to debit the amount of the donation specified against my/our account detailed below on the last working day of the month. I/We further grant permission for the fund to make any authorised amendments during the lifetime of the pledge.

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My banking details are as follows:

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Branch name: Branch code:

Type of Account: Current / Savings / Transmission (delete which is not applicable)

Signed at this day of 200

Signature: (Signature as used for signing cheques or according to the mandate held by your financial institution)

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Branch No.: 223626

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Vision, Mission, Goals and Core Values for the University of KwaZulu-Natal

VISION

To be the Premier University of African scholarship.

MISSION

A truly South African university that is academically excellent, innovative in research, critically engaged with society and demographically representative, redressing the disadvantages, inequities and imbalances of the past.

PRINCIPLES AND CORE VALUES

The University commits itself to the principles and values enshrined in the constitution of the Republic of South Africa and articulated in the preamble to the Higher Education Act of 1997 (as amended).

GOALS

The goals of the University are to:

- Promote access to learning

that will expand educational and employment opportunities for the historically disadvantaged, and support social transformation and redress.

- Create and develop an enabling environment for all learners and scholars to pursue their studies in accordance with the principles of academic freedom.
- Advance knowledge and culture through globally competitive teaching, learning, scholarship and research, innovation and scientific investigation.
- Foster a capacity for independent critical thinking, free engagement in fundamental discovery and a reappraisal and extension of traditional views of the world amongst students and staff.
- Support and contribute, across the academic enterprise, to national and regional development, and the welfare and upliftment of the

wider community.

- Provide holistic education which promotes an awareness of social responsibility and sound ethical practice in a diverse society.
- Promote and foster tolerance and respect for multilingualism, diverse cultures and social values.
- Promote excellence in teaching and learning through creative and innovative curriculum design and development, pedagogical strategies and assessment practices in accordance with sound quality assurance principles.
- Strengthen the institution through local and international collaboration, exchanges and partnerships with the private sector and higher education institutions in teaching, research and development enterprises.
- Conserve the physical environment and foster a culture of

responsible, ethical and sustainable use of natural resources.

- Increase opportunities for lifelong learning in response to the educational, social, political, scientific and economic challenges of our time.
- Equip graduates to serve as future leaders of the nation.
- Ensure effective governance through democratic representation, accountability and transparency.
- Promote the social and personal wellbeing of staff and students and foster the realisation of their full human potential.

The University views this vision and mission statement as a reflection of its core values and commitments. In carrying out its various activities, the University seeks to contribute to the building of a just South African society.

