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ANOTHER SUCCESS FOR THE DUT DENTAL CLINIC

SINEGUGU NDLOVU



DUT Dental Technology Department Lecturer Peter Furber examines the final result of the recent procedure at the DUT Dental Clinic - the fitting of a prosthetic eye on an eight-year-old girl whose left eye was gouged after a traumatic rape.

The Durban University of Technology recently gave a KwaZulu-Natal little girl, who had been mutilated by a teenage boy, a new found confidence when it fitted her with a prosthetic eye.

The girl, 8, who cannot be named to protect her identity, lost her left eye earlier this year in a traumatic rape meted out by a 15 year-old boy who violently attacked and tried to kill her.

The procedure, headed by DUT Dental Technology Department Lecturer Peter Furber was so successful that the schoolgirl was unwilling to have her new eye removed after it was fitted for the first time.

Explaining the procedure, Furber said an impression of the empty socket was taken. This was necessary to create an exact replica. Once the eye impression was taken, the final model was then made. Furber said ensuring that the iris colour of the artificial eye matches that of the patient's right eye was of utmost importance. "The eye was built in wax which was then transferred to acrylic. After that, the white part of the eye was painted and we put a final layer of acrylic and the eye was ready," said Furber.

The procedure took four days. The prosthetic eye closely resembles an ordinary one and has 85 percent movement.

The little girl's guardian said she (the girl) was so excited about the eye that she was even admiring herself in the mirror. The guardian said she and the little girl are happy with the new eye. "She's eager to go back to school. This has given her back her confidence," said the guardian.

DUT STUDENT BACK FROM LONDON OLYMPICS

NALEDI HLEFANE



Banyana Banyana defender Zamandosi Cele during one of her practice sessions.

Zamandosi Cele, the DUT second-year Public Management student who was selected to represent South Africa in the national women's team, Banyana Banyana, during the 2012 London Olympics, has returned to South Africa with a mission to perfect her skill.

Banyana Banyana returned at the beginning of August after being eliminated in their Group F match with World Cup champions Japan. Regardless of the team's early elimination, Cele, from the DUT Midlands Campus said participating in the tournament was a great eye-opener.

"International teams get continuous training and were ahead of us as a result. Our team trains intensely only when tournaments are coming up. I believe that if other companies sponsored more leagues in the country and host additional training camps, then the team would compete better," she said.

Cele, 21, said the highlight of the tournament was playing Japan to a goal-less draw. This was a good morale booster and was testament that Banyana Banyana is indeed a strong international competitor.

Cele has become something of a celebrity in her hometown, Willowfontain, Pietermaritzburg and the DUT Midlands Campus community is just as excited. Fathima Haffajee, Director: Student Services and Development at the DUT Midlands campuses, said the Department and the Midlands Sports Department are very proud of her achievement.



EDITOR'S CORNER

Climate change is one of the most serious threats facing the world today and it is exciting to see how the Durban University of Technology is doing its bit to protect the environment by adopting sound green initiatives.

Our "green page" on page 2 showcases some of these wonderful initiatives. It is also wonderful to see how our students have joined in the fight to save our environment. Judging by these initiatives, DUT is well on its way to becoming the first carbon-neutral institution in South Africa.

I am very excited about the announcement of the DUT KZN Newsmaker of the Year 2012 (page 3). This year, sport, piracy and conservation shaped the headlines in KwaZulu-Natal. I have voted for my choice. You can also support this proudly DUT initiative by simply SMSing the name of your Newsmaker of the Year to 34382. Each SMS is charged at R2.00.

The Corporate Affairs Division is also excited about the new look of the ConDUiT. Developed by staff and students of Workspace - a Work-Integrated Learning (WIL) design studio within the Department of Visual Communication Design at DUT - the new design is part of the University's revised corporate identity intended to reposition its public image.

We're finally out of winter's cold grip. Enjoy the outdoors, the long summer nights and our warm Indian Ocean.

SINEGUGU NDLOVU

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DUT MIDLANDS HOUSE COMMITTEE SCOOPS GREEN AWARD

SINEGUGU NDLOVU

DUT Midlands Campus House Committee and Residence Assistants recently won three awards for their role in energy conservation during the first African Green Campus Conference held at the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University.

The conference seeks to empower young green champions with skills and knowledge which they can use to educate others about sustaining the environment.

DUT contested in five out of six categories and secured the number one spot in the Best Green Campus Initiative (division one). Midlands Housing Manager Khetha Mngadi said DUT was also crowned first runner up in the Most Innovative Idea on Green Campus category and also received R5000 in prize money.

"Sabelo Njoko, a House Committee member was crowned Best Dressed Male in the AGCI fashion show using waste materials. With limited resources, our residences students have responded positively to our call for energy conservation. This is beginning of greater prospects for all of us," said Mngadi.

DUT Vice-Chancellor Professor Ahmed Bawa congratulated the group. "My heartiest congratulations to our students," he said.



DUT Midlands House Committee and Residence Assistants team recently savoured the taste of sweet victory at the first African Green Campus Conference.

GO GREEN AT DUT

DUT COMMUNITY ANSWERS THE GREEN CALL

NOMVULA SIKAKANE

The Go Green @ DUT project, a campaign seeking to educate students and staff on how to take care of the environment was recently launched at the University.

The campaign was initiated because of concerns from staff and students about the serious problem of litter as well as the lack of recycling at the University.

Through the DUT Vice-Chancellor; Professor Ahmed Bawa and Alan Khan; Director of Corporate Affairs at DUT, a task team was formed to address the concerns.

The initiative is being piloted at the Ritson and Steve Biko campuses. Dr Poovie Reddy, Community Health Studies HOD said it will be evaluated at the end of the year before being rolled out at other DUT campuses. Environmental Health students assisted with the groundwork for the initiative.

"We want to promote recycling and a pride and responsibility in our DUT environment. One of the important elements of the Green@DUT project is the submission of an anti-litter and recycling pledge by staff and students. The pledge will be available online. A list of people who have dedicated themselves to this pledge will be published", said Dr Reddy.



DUT Environmental Health Studies students clean up the University during the Go Green @ DUT clean-up campaign aimed at raising awareness about waste disposal at DUT.

DUT EARNS RECOGNITION FOR GREEN ENERGY INITIATIVES

NALEDI HLEFANE

Durban University of Technology was recently recognised by the renewable energy company Value SA for its efforts in decreasing the carbon footprint in the environment.

As a company that specialises in implementing green initiatives, Value SA acknowledges and appreciates DUT's work on renewable energy, said Value SA CEO Derek Naidoo.

The company is looking at a possible partnership with DUT to advance green objectives as part of the University's plans to be the first carbon-neutral institution in South Africa.

The possible partnership may also include Eskom and Value Addition (FZC), Value SA's Dubai based mother company.

The three companies recently met with the University at the Steve Biko Campus for the first discussion in which the University made presentations on its renewable energy strategy and projects. Some of DUT's key goals are promoting research, education and training as well as becoming a testing hub for solar thermal heaters.

DUT has conducted a number of projects in impoverished areas of KZN, one of which was at Myeka High School, where DUT installed solar panels for energy.

CONSERVATION, PIRACY AND SPORTS NOMINATED FOR DUT KZN NEWSMAKER OF THE YEAR AWARD

NOMVULA SIKAKANE AND NONGCEBO KHUMALO

AmaZulu Football Club, which celebrated its 80th anniversary earlier this year, was crowned as the KZN Newsmaker of the Year 2012, at a glittering gala dinner held at the Durban City Hall.

The football club received thousands of public votes, beating the COP17 Climate Change Conference, Save the Rhino KZN campaign, as well as Vera Hecht - the Durban woman who negotiated for more than 20 months with Somali hostage-takers for the release of her brother Bruno Pelizzari and his partner Deborah Calitz. Hecht was announced as the first runner-up, while Save the Rhino KZN campaign became the second runner-up.

Launched in 2011, this year's KZN Newsmaker of the Year event was hosted in association with the eThekweni Municipality, in the spirit of Heritage Month and in keeping with the Celebrate Durban campaign.



Philani Mabaso PR and Communications Manager at AmaZulu FC, with the awards

The event was conceptualized at DUT with the help of the DUT Journalism Advisory Board and the Department of Journalism. Four members comprised the adjudicating panel that shortlisted the four newsmakers of the year. The panel included Mary Papayya (Journalism Advisory Board Chairperson and Regional GM AVUSA), Judy Sandison (SANEF Regional Convenor and Editor SABC), David Canning (Training Editor Independent Newspapers and former Editor: The Mercury) and Dr Mikhail Peppas (Senior Lecturer, Department of Journalism DUT).

An elated AmaZulu FC spokesperson Philani Mabaso said the football club did not expect to get the award since the club "was not doing very well on the field. But the win shows the good relationship we have with our supporters. It's good to know that our brand is in people's eyes and ears even when we are not winning games. It (the KZN Newsmaker of the Year award) motivates us as a team," said Mabaso.

Alan Khan, DUT Senior Director for Corporate Affairs said, "this is the second year running that sport has won the KZN Newsmaker title. Last year it was Hashim Amla, who has since gone on to achieve even greater things and now, AmaZulu win the 2012 award. I'm already looking forward to the 2013 KZN Newsmaker of the Year and we at DUT hope to build and grow the event with our partners in the media and at the municipality in the years to come."

eThekweni Mayor James Nxumalo said journalists play a crucial role in society, adding that they (journalists) should remain independent. Nxumalo said it is the media's role to report news that is fair and accurate and that journalists should in turn expose lies and corruption wherever it exists without fear.

"The eThekweni Municipality has chosen to support this event as it highlights the achievement of local citizens. We recognise people who have made us proud as people who live in KZN", said Nxumalo.

KZN Newsmaker of the Year Convener, Mary Papayya said the primary role of the newsmaker event is to bring to focus the events and personalities that have attracted the lion's share of the news spotlight and have touched the hearts and minds of people in the province. It also offers a platform for the public, the consumers of news, to share in the crowning of a KwaZulu-Natal news related story or event that most affected them and shaped their thinking."

BONGIWE MSOMI'S LIGHT SHINES AGAIN

NONGCEBO KHUMALO



Bongiwe Msomi in action during one of her games.

FASHION STUDENT FLIES DUT FLAG AT VODACOM DURBAN JULY

NOMVULA SIKAKANE AND NALEDI HLEFANE



Up and coming designer Tammy Sturrock (right) stands proud after being crowned Durban's Young Designer of The Year.

Picture: By Jeandre Venter

DUT recently took centre stage after one of its students won the 2012 Vodacom Durban July Young Designer Award, earning herself amazing prizes which include a trip to London as well as R15 000 in spending money, make-up hampers, a Guess handbag and a Blackberry curve handset.

Tammy Sturrock's victory, 22, was announced a day prior to the Vodacom Durban July horse race.

The third-year fashion and textiles student's reinvention of the submissive 50s woman fused with the theme of the competition: A Material World, gave the design a "fresh and classic yet practical image" which captivated the judges.

She used 100 percent cotton embroidery anglaise as her main focus and added prints, subtle shoulder pads, 100 percent cotton voile and bamboo fabric for style and detail.

"Tammy Sturrock won because her design was clever, elegant and perfectly styled," said Fashion Co-ordinator Tiffany Prior.

Meena Bagwandin, Sturrock's third year lecturer, echoed Prior's sentiments, saying Sturrock understood the brief and executed it very well. "Her interpretation was brilliant - she even printed her own garment. Her technical ability was very good from start to finish," said Bagwandin.

For someone who had never entered a competition before, Sturrock was humbled by her achievement. She counts working with fashion stalwart Terrence Bray for three weeks as the highlight of her career. "It was an extreme eye opener, as I started to realise how intricate and precise garment construction really is," Sturrock said.

"I would like to create my own label or do amazing work with my brother, Brendan Sturrock, who is also a DUT graduate," she added.

Bongiwe Msomi is moving higher up the ladder of success.

The DUT Sports Studies student was recently selected to represent South Africa in the University Sports South Africa (USSA) netball team.

Msomi was invited to selections following her stupendous performance in the 2011 Singapore netball tournament, which saw

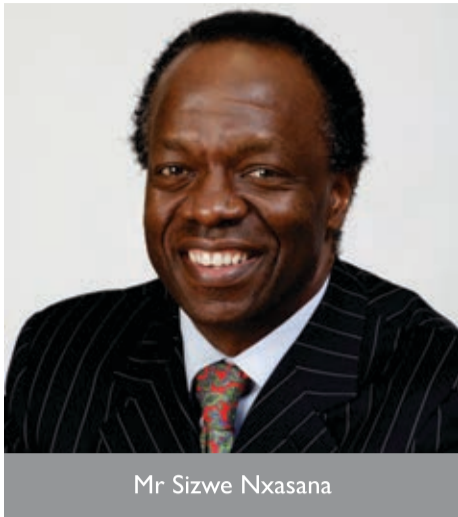
her winning a gold medal.

She, and three fellow members of the SPAR national netball squad, were then chosen to represent South Africa at the World University Netball Championships held at the Good Hope Centre in Cape Town.

"Being selected to represent my country and DUT was an honor," said Msomi.

TOP SOUTH AFRICANS HONOURED BY DUT

SINEGUGU NDLOVU



Mr Sizwe Nxasana



Ms Ela Gandhi

Two top South Africans were honoured by the Durban University of Technology during its Spring Graduation on Thursday September 6, 2012.

Sizwe Nxasana, one of South Africa's most prominent executives, received an honorary Doctor of Technology Degree in Accounting in recognition of his exceptional business leadership involving major enterprises while Ela Gandhi, who is a peace activist and former DUT Chancellor was awarded an honorary Doctor of Technology Degree in Health Sciences for her untiring commitment to community welfare, non-violence and reconciliation in South Africa and internationally.

The two received their awards on Thursday September 6, 2012. Nxasana, the CEO of FirstRand Limited is one of South Africa's first 10 Black Chartered Accountants. He holds a Bachelor of Commerce Degree from the University of Fort Hare, an Honours Degree in Accounting Science from the University of South Africa (UNISA) as well as a Honorary Doctorate of Commerce from the University of Fort Hare, 2004.

In 2003, he led the listing of Telkom on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange as well as on the New York Stock Exchange.

Having joined FirstRand Limited in 2006, Nxasana became the group's CEO. Under his guidance, FirstRand sailed through the economic recession and is the best performer amongst the four largest banks in South Africa on the JSE.

Gandhi, the granddaughter of the late Mahatma Gandhi and former ANC Member of Parliament is the Trustee of the Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Trust which holds property donated by Mahatma Gandhi to the Natal Indian Congress (NIC) during apartheid. The NIC transferred the property to a trust to keep it away from the reach of the apartheid government. Ela matriculated at the former Durban Indian Girls High School, after which she obtained a Social Sciences degree from the University of South Africa (Unisa). She is also a member of the Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Trust, the Mahatma Gandhi Salt March Organising Committee as well as Honorary International president of the World Conference on Religion and Peace (WCRP).

DUT GRADUATION BY NUMBERS

NALEDI HLEFANE

A total of 973 students graduated during DUT's Spring Graduation at the Fred Crookes Sports Centre on Thursday, 6 September 2012.

Various qualifications were presented to graduands from the six faculties and the Business Studies Unit.

Undergraduate courses:

A total of 592 students received their National Diplomas, 264 of which were female and 328 were male. There were 351 Bachelor of Technology (BTech) graduands in total. Of these, 126 were female and 225 were male. Only one female Bachelor of Education student graduated.

Post graduate courses:

Sixteen (16) female students received their Master of Technology (MTech) degrees while 12 male students received theirs. One (1) Doctor of Technology (DTech) degree was conferred to a female student. Three (3) students with disabilities graduated. The highest number of graduands came from the Business Studies Unit in the Bachelor of Technology in Management.

Sessions:

In the first session, degrees were conferred to students in the Faculties of Accounting and Informatics, Applied

Sciences as well as the Faculty of Arts and Design.

The three faculties had four, two and one Master of Technology (MTech) students respectively.

In the first session, DUT conferred an honorary Doctor of Technology Degree in Accounting to CEO of FirstRand Ltd and chartered accountancy great, Sizwe Nxasana.

Students from the faculties of Health Sciences as well as Engineering and the Built Environment graduated in the second session. Ten (10) qualifications were conferred to MTech students, eight (8) from the Health Sciences Faculty and two (2) from the Engineering and the Built Environment Faculty.

In this session, the Honorary Graduand was Ela Gandhi, Trustee of the Gandhi Development Trust.

The final session of the Spring Graduation took place at 5pm where graduands in the Faculty of Management Sciences graduated. This faculty had 11 MTech graduands, the highest number as compared to all faculties, and one Doctor of Technology graduand.

The Guest Speaker was Wiseman Madinane, Executive Manager at Transnet and President of DUT Convocation.

DUT STAFF MEMBER APPOINTED TO INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION BOARD

NALEDI HLEFANE

Shakeel Ori, the Director of Co-operative Education at DUT, has been appointed to serve on the Advisory Board at one of the World Association for Co-operative Education's (WACE) International Satellite Offices which is based at Suranaree University of Technology (SUT), Thailand.

This came after Ori expressed his interest, when approached, to serve on the SUT board during a WACE conference in Turkey this year.

"Being invited to serve on this Advisory Board, which will service Asia, is recognition of the expertise that we possess at DUT in terms of co-operative education. I have always found it personally beneficial to assist in the development of Co-operative Education. Although Co-operative Education has been practised in Thailand for many years, many Asian countries are just developing this concept and working with them will help me develop new ideas and or re-affirm old ones," said Ori.

Ori is passionate about the incorporation of co-operative education into the tertiary institution sphere. He is also one of two South Africans serving



Shakeel Ori, Director of Co-operative Education at DUT

on the Board of Directors of the WACE.

Last year, DUT signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Suranaree University of Technology in Thailand. The MoU is about staff and student exchange, primarily focusing on Work-Integrated Learning (WIL) students.

Ori said the MoU and his appointment will further enhance this relationship.

DUT STUDENT FLIES DUT FLAG

SINEGUGU NDLOVU



DUT graduate Cedrick Nzuzwa with Danial Read from Optron.

Cedrick Nzuzwa, 22, a DUT surveying student recently put the University on the map after winning the 2011 South African Geomatics Institute's (SAGI) Optron Award, which is given to the best surveying student.

Nzuzwa, who graduated during DUT's Spring Graduation on Thursday September 6, 2012, received this award, which was accompanied by a cash prize of R5000, about a month ago. The Optron Award is given to the best diploma student (S1 - S4) across the four South Africa Universities of Technology offering a national diploma in surveying.

Nzuzwa achieved 15 distinctions with a total aggregate of 78 percent, beating students from Mangosuthu University of Technology, Cape Peninsular University of

Technology as well as Tshwane University of Technology.

He attributes his victory to "hard work" and being surrounded by diligent, positive friends. While he had a social life, Nzuzwa said his studies always remained his number one focus while studying at DUT.

His former lecturer, Terry Hunter is extremely proud, describing Nzuzwa as a humble but diligent student. "Cedrick as a student was unassuming, hard working, conscientious and dedicated. He comes from a financially disadvantaged background and has overcome huge adversities. This young man will go places," said Hunter.

Nzuzwa is currently employed and hopes to do his BTech soon.

SANCO DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE LAUNCHED AT DUT

SINEGUGU NDLOVU



SDI CEO Sipho Khuzwayo and DUT Vice-Chancellor Professor Ahmed Bawa sign the MoU which will promote co-operation, the exchange of information, expertise and joint projects between DUT and the SDI.

The South African National Civic Organisation Development Institute (SDI) was successfully launched at the DUT Ritson Hall, Ritson Campus on Thursday June 7, 2012.

The launch coincided with the signing of a MoU between DUT and SANCO. The MoU will promote co-operation, exchange of information as well as expertise and joint projects primarily, but not limited to, the fields of community development, education and training as well as research and development in all disciplines.

High profile guests including Trade and Investment Department Deputy Minister Elizabeth Thabethe, SANCO President Lemias Mashile and Transport Minister Sibusiso Ndebele attended the event.

DUT LIBRARIAN TOURS MAGNIFICENT BIBLIOTECA GENERAL HISTÓRICA

SINEGUGU NDLOVU



DUT Librarian, Trish Gierke (centre), photographed in the Biblioteca General Histórica with University of Salamanca Librarian Eduardo Hernández Pérez (on her right) and Ángel María Martínez Sánchez from the Department of Translation and Interpreting at the University of Salamanca (on her left).

Trish Gierke, DUT Librarian, recently returned from Spain where she toured the magnificent library, Biblioteca General Histórica, centred at the heart of University of Salamanca's rich tradition of research.

Founded by King Alfonso IX in 1218, University of Salamanca is Europe's oldest University and was the first institution to receive the title of "University". Today, it boasts various colleges and a student population of more than 30 000.

"The library is charged with the awesome responsibility of being custodian of the vast bibliographic heritage of the University, together with any holdings acquired by virtue of its functions, both historical and current, especially relating to research" said Gierke.

The library's historical collections include codices and manuscripts and is very involved in 21st century-style digitisation projects.

TOP ENGLISH STUDENT AWARDS

NOMVULA SIKAKANE



Marion Wilson, Clive Wilson (award sponsor), Patience Mutsvairigwa (top English student 2011), Terry Herd (DUT English and Communications Senior Lecturer and Programme Co-ordinator) and Nereshnee Govender (DUT part-time level I English lecturer).

For the past 22 years, Durban University of Technology has been hosting the Sharon Wilson Award for top English students sponsored by Clive Wilson, husband of the late Sharon Wilson.

There are over 5000 students taking English as a subject at DUT. There is no selection process for the English award. The winner is awarded the prize by acquiring more marks than the other students.

This year, the price was set at R2 200, in commemoration of the awards turning 22 years old. Wilson started this prize giving at R500. He started an Old Mutual trust fund some years ago, investing R2000 to carry out the awards after his retirement.

Patience Mutsvairigwa, 26, who was named the Top English Student for 2011 is a second year DUT Human Resources Management student. She is on the Zimbabwean Presidential scholarship, sponsored by the Zimbabwean government. Mutsvairigwa obtained a 96 percent mark on the language, and gives

all the credit to her lecturer; Nereshnee Govender "who made the language interesting".

"I am so happy to receive this award. God is great; it is all by his grace. I am also honoured to be representing my country and DUT," said Mutsvairigwa.

DUT English and Communications Senior Lecturer and Programme Co-ordinator Terry Herd said she remembers Sharon's devotion to the students. Herd was Wilson's friend and colleague and she speaks highly of her dedication to her work and to the University.

Clive Wilson gave a short speech before handing over the prize to Mutsvairigwa, encouraging the DUT staff to continue doing a great job. "English is a global language, dominant in most parts of the world. I am proud of the English lecturers for teaching a world recognised language," said Wilson.

The money in the trust fund has gone up to R6000 and it will continue growing sponsoring the awards forever.

DUT HOSTS PUBLIC LECTURES

NALEDI HLEFANE

DUT is proud to announce the launch of its Community Lecture Series, a run of open public lectures which were held at the DUT Hotel School Conference Centre, Ritson Campus, between August and September.

The Enterprise Development Unit (EDU) and the Division of Corporate Affairs organised the first phase of the seminars, at the request of the University Vice-Chancellor Professor Ahmed Bawa, whose brainchild the establishment of these lectures was.

EDU Co-ordinator Cindy Stewart said the first three lectures were a trial phase and that their success would result in more lectures being hosted by the institution.

The lectures were all inclusive featuring a variety of topics that are designed to benefit, amongst others, parents, scholars, budding scientists and photographers.

The first lecture, entitled "Beauty Secrets: Tips Every Woman Should Know", took place on Saturday 25 August 2012. This was followed by "What your kids eat: Healthy Meals For School Lunchboxes" on Saturday 1 September 2012 and finally, "Internet Safety: What Every Parent Must Know" on 8 September 2012.

To ensure a smooth transfer of valuable skills and knowledge, DUT invited experts to speak on the chosen topics.

This marketed the programmes offered within the institution while profiling DUT as the University of choice.

DUT INTERIOR DESIGN STUDENTS TO REVAMP THE DUT CITY CAMPUS

NOMVULA SIKAKANE



Interior design Lecturer Michelle Hankinson (first on the right) and the second-year interior design class, which has been tasked with giving three areas of the DUT City Campus a new look and feel.

DUT's interior design students have been tasked to revamp the City Campus, a job they have gladly accepted.

The second-year students are renovating the campus as part of their Work-Integrated Learning (WIL) programme which requires students to do 80 hours of community work.

The Department was approached by the DUT Arts Faculty Executive Dean Dr Kenneth Netshombo as he wanted the students to uplift the Campus. The student courtyard, canteen and the staff courtyard will be revamped.

The students will individually design a scheme that will create a happier and artistic space for the campus community.

"We felt charity begins at home and that is how the My Campus Project came to life," said Michelle Hankinson, Interior Design Lecturer.

Three students have been sectioned into three working groups for each designation.

Hankinson appealed to people or any party to sponsor the project. The students need items including wall paint, pendant lamps, plants, potting medium, fixed sitting, mosaic tiles and timber slats. The students have been given a deadline of Friday September 14, 2012 to finish the task.

EMPOWER YOURSELF, WOMEN URGED BY THE DUT GENDER FORUM

On August 9, 1956, 20 000 women stood together with one voice chanting 'Wathint' abafazi, Wathint' imbokodo' (You Strike a Woman, You Strike a Rock) which has come to represent the courage and strength of South African women.

Empower yourselves by using the Domestic Violence Act to protect yourself from violence at your homes, the Independent Complaints Directorate to complain if the police violate your rights, the Commission For Gender Equality if you are discriminated against because of your gender, the CCMA if you are a victim of unfair labour practices and the SA Human Rights Commission if you feel that your rights have been violated.

WALKING WITH DIGNITY: THE DUT RICKSHAW RENOVATION PROJECT

SINEGUGU NDLOVU



William Sibiyi, a sixth generation rickshaw owner from Nongoma, pulls the new rickshaw prototype which is now being actively used on the Durban Beachfront.

Students and staff from Workspace, a Work-Integrated Learning graphic design studio in the Department of Visual Communication Design at DUT have embarked on a project to renovate and restore 25 Durban rickshaws and their pullers' outfits.

The project, in collaboration with the Durban Rickshaw Pullers Association, eThekweni Municipality's Business Support, Tourism and Markets Unit and other sponsors aims to, among others, restore dignity to the men continuing the rickshaw tradition and to invigorate an interest in the rickshaw service.

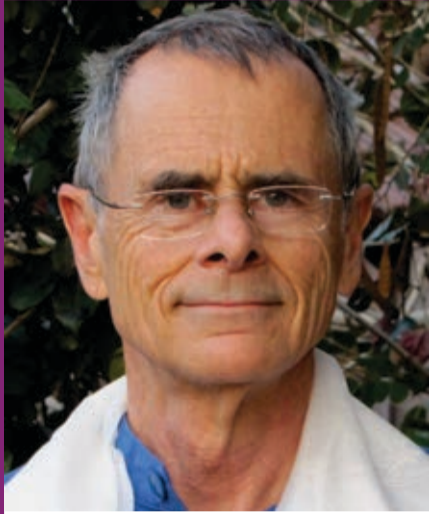
"The aim is to later, through various design and craft interventions, attempt to assist the craftsmen on the Durban Beachfront, expose students at Workspace to the visual constructs and colour conventions found in the beadwork of polities

within KZN. The intention is to inspire the reformulation of this source into contemporary design aesthetic, while retaining the visual integrity of these forms," said Rowan Gatfield, DUT Visual Communication Design Lecturer and Workspace Creative Director.

The rickshaws operate along the Golden Mile, which is one of the major tourist attractions in the city. According to Gatfield, the word 'Rickshaw' is said to have been derived from the Japanese word Jinrikisha - 'Jin' meaning 'man', 'riki' meaning power and 'sha' meaning 'carriage'.

Today, only 25 of the original 2170 rickshaws remain. "The potential of this kind of intervention to support the visual language of tourism, commerce, design and art education in KwaZulu-Natal is becoming increasingly apparent," said Gatfield.

ICON CALLS FOR A NATIONAL DIALOGUE ON VIOLENCE



Crispin Hemson, ICON Director

Following the killing of 34 miners by police at Marikana, DUT-based International Centre of Nonviolence (ICON) has called for a national dialogue on violence.

Whatever the strengths and the achievements of reconciliation and building of new institutions since 1994, South Africa can now no longer ignore the terrible problem with which we still live, writes Crispin Hemson, ICON Director.

Our societal structures continue to be caught up with violence, which becomes visible in such disasters, or in the spate of political assassinations in KwaZulu-Natal. Political action has consisted too much on identifying one or other groups as the enemy.

We have failed to develop a political and civic culture that values the lives of all in society, and in our failure, have perpetuated the damage done through colonialism and apartheid.

A society based on attempts by one or other groups to gain control and to seize resources is incapable of addressing the deep problems of social inequality and environmental degradation.

We know that achieving the end of violence is a long task, but, as South Africans, we have taken on long tasks before. Such a dialogue can only work if the process itself is genuinely inclusive and is based on some gentleness in how we handle each other. While values such as Ubuntu and respect are much spoken about, they are generally absent from our political and community life, and their time has come.

The views expressed here are solely of the author and do not necessarily express those of the Durban University of Technology or the Corporate Affairs Division.

DUT MIDLANDS CAMPUSES IMPACTING IMPOVERISHED COMMUNITIES THROUGH SPORT

NALEDI HLEFANE



(L-R) Pietermaritzburg Sports Officer Michael Mbatha, DUT Vice-Chancellor Professor Ahmed Bawa, UAS Manager Mdu Madlala and Fathima Haffajee Director of Student Services & Development at the DUT Midlands Campuses

DUT has entered into a partnership with the uMgungundlovu Academy of Sports (UAS) in a project geared towards enhancing local sporting skills while contributing to sport education and development as well as stimulating the local economy within the district (uMgungundlovu).

The two parties signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) earlier this year.

The core objective of the MOU is social and local economic development. Under the MOU, the parties are to develop and implement high performance sports development programmes. The parties are to then derive monitoring and evaluation strategies for the mentioned programmes and also obtain funding.

The two institutions have committed themselves to ensure the successful implementation of all the goals listed in the MOU which include providing athletic support services through training as well as providing specific sport science and medical support services at sporting events.

Elaborating on this, Fathima Haffajee, the Director of Student Services and Development at the DUT Midlands Campuses said that a formal agreement has been concluded around sports infrastructure upgrades culminating in a grant of R1.15m from the National Lottery Board for the upgrade of the basketball court, soccer fields and the swimming pool on the Riverside Campus.

DUT STUDENTS JET OFF TO THE STATES

NOMVULA SIKAKANE AND NONGCEBO KHUMALO



The four students with their HOD Dr Erasmus Mnguni (second from left) and Work-Integrated Learning supervising tutor Jaya Naidoo (third from right). The students (from left) are: Evashini Munsami, Ayanda Tsibela, Demisha Moodley and Simphiwe Dube.

Four DUT students from the Department of Tourism and Hospitality have been awarded scholarships by the United States Embassy to spend a year of study in the USA as part of the Community College Initiative Programme (CCIP).

Ayanda Tsibela and Simphiwe Dube, both third-year students in the Tourism Programme as well as Demisha Moodley and Evashini Munsami, second-year students in the Hospitality Programme left last month.

The students will each study at four separate universities in the USA where they will represent DUT, while also acquiring knowledge in their respective fields. The department's Work-Integrated Learning (WIL) supervising tutor, Jaya Naidoo said the relationship between the DUT department and the overseas colleges happened three years ago.

Dr Erasmus Mnguni, the Head of the Hospitality and Tourism Department, said while this overseas scholarship programme is an exciting journey for the students, it also "puts the University on the map and if our students behave well, good relationships (with the USA colleges) will be sustained."

The students were all elated about their journey.

FIRST THING'S FIRST CAMPAIGN

NOMVULA SIKAKANE



DUT students queuing up to get tested.

DUT's HIV/AIDS Centre visited all campuses at the University to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS and other related diseases in its second instalment of the First Thing's First campaign.

This campaign is especially targeting first-year students as most of them have never tested for HIV before.

To encourage student testing, the centre presents first-year students with a USB with information about HIV/AIDS as well as other information about additional testing centres available to them.

Zett Masondo, Professional Nurse at the DUT Student Health and Counselling Centre, said the centre decided to do a second instalment of the programme because of its success during the first semester.

Btech Mechanical Engineering student Ayanda Phakathi said he regularly tests for HIV because he is a blood donor: "When you start testing, you cannot stop because you always want to know your state of health, and you cannot ignore the urge that pushes you," he said.

BUDDING TALENT SHOWCASED BY DUT 2ND YEAR FINE ART AND JEWELLERY DESIGN STUDENTS



DUT second-year Jewellery Design student Silindile Mbelu shows off her stunning ring inspired by the flower known as the Blushing Bride. Mbelu's piece was part of "First Hand: Paper and Metal", an exciting exhibition which ran at the DUT Art Gallery. Second-year Jewellery Design students had to design of a ring based on a flower indigenous to the United Kingdom or South Africa while Fine Art students were tasked with working with the theme "Figure and Space".

DUT SIGNS MOU WITH MICROSOFT

NOMVULA SIKAKANE



DUT Vice-Chancellor Professor Ahmed Bawa (left), Microsoft Managing Director Mteto Nyati (second from right), DUT Information Technology Lecturer Cassim Vanker (right) and the students who won the Microsoft mobile applications hackathon.

The Information Technology Department at DUT has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with software giant Microsoft which will act as an important building block in developing a generation of "inspired young minds" who will find creative solutions that solve tough challenges.

The MoU, signed on Monday August 6, 2012, follows Microsoft's Windows Phone platform hackathon at the Moses Mabhida Stadium in which 49 DUT Information Technology students participated. The students worked tirelessly through the weekend to develop mobile applications for Microsoft's Windows Phone. Third-year DUT IT student Mzolo Nkosi (pictured in the middle) won first prize and as part of this, his application will be featured on Microsoft's Windows Marketplace, giving him the opportunity to make money from his winning app.

"I went a few days without sleep, making sure my application was exactly what I want it to be," said Nkosi.

DUT Vice-Chancellor Professor Ahmed Bawa said working with Microsoft presented a good opportunity for DUT. "We are a university of technology. It's about time we get involved in such developments," he said.

DUT IT Lecturer Cassim Vanker said working with Microsoft has been a great experience for the University and its students.

GERMAN EXCHANGE STUDENTS EXCITED ABOUT STAY AT DUT

NOMVULA SIKAKANE



Dr Lavern Samuels (fifth from the left) and the IEP office staff are proud to welcome yet another group of German exchange students. IEP intends to make the students' term of study at DUT a worthwhile experience.

DUT recently welcomed another group of exchange students from Germany.

As a formal welcome, the International Education and Partnerships (IEP) Office organised an orientation for the group, inviting different academic and supporting departments of the institution.

The 13 students from Loerrach University of Cooperative Education as well as Ravensburg University of Cooperative Education will spend a term at the University.

It is their first time in South Africa and the group is eager to explore the culturally rich country. Beyond this, the students hope to gain as much academic knowledge as possible.

This exchange programme, between the three universities has been running for the past four years and the number of students has increased significantly each year. IEP is determined to make the students' stay fruitful.

Professor Sibusiso Moyo, Director: Centre for Research Management and Development expressed her delight on the arrival of the students. "This is a great opportunity for our students, Germans are known for their hard work and that will teach our students to study more," she said.

Andrea Irg (22), one of the exchange students, said she has always wanted to come to South Africa and learn IsiZulu. "I heard that Durban is very rich in culture and tradition so that's where I thought I would get the taste of real Africa," she said.

OPEN WEEK AT DUT

NONGCEBO KHUMALO AND NOMVULA SIKAKANE



DUT Student Recruitment Manager Rodney Maharaj assists learners from Hopeville High School during Open Week.

Over 850 schools arrived at DUT in July for Open Week, where different departments at the University gave matric and grade eleven pupils valuable information about of the courses offered at the University. The event was held at the Fred Crookes Sports Centre, Steve Biko Campus.

The University started this initiative six years ago, inviting high schools to interact with other students and experts on chosen fields.

Rodney Maharaj, Student Recruitment Manager said this initiative has been successful over the years and the department has seen a rise in the number of applications for study at DUT. "This initiative aims to create awareness and for scholars to interact with experts on a face-to-face basis before applying," he said.

Students are given CAO forms with general information. At each stand, they get detailed specific brochures about a particular course of study.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMME: FINAL YEAR STUDENTS ENJOY BOOT CAMP

SINEGUGU NDOLOVU



DUT Management Practice 3 students from the Environmental Health Programme at Boot Camp SA, Giba Gorge.

Management Practice 3 students from the Environmental Health Programme in the Department of Community Health Studies, spent a fascinating and fulfilling day at Boot Camp SA, Giba Gorge, on July 18, 2012 with Sergeant Razor, a.k.a. Reuben Sewpersadh, and other camp personnel. Here, key topics including time management, communication, trust, teamwork, leadership, networking of ideas and motivation were unpacked in a fun, physical and intelligent manner. Joy Kistnasamy, Environmental Health Lecturer said the students, "though initially overcome with fear, totally enjoyed the awesome and disciplined experience".

"The students reflected that this type of empowering management and leadership skills bodes well for their future, both personally and professionally," she said.

DUT ALUMNUS MAKES DESIGN COMPETITION TOP EIGHT

NALEDI HLEFANE



Barely two years after completing her Fashion and Textiles Diploma at DUT, Durban-born fashion designer Sheena Unwin is on the road to success.

No stranger to victory, Unwin won the 2010 Annual DUT Fashion Show award. She is one of eight finalists competing for the 2012 Elle Rising Star Design Award, an annual initiative by Elle SA and Mr Price.

With a judging panel that includes Elle SA Editor Jackie Burger, Elle's Fashion Director Poppy Evans and a representative from Mr Price, being in the shortlist affirms the finalist's noticeable talent.

The candidates have to design an eight-outfit range clearly depicting their labels and what they stand for as designers. This

is submitted in storyboard format and accompanied by a short biography and a brief motivation describing the ideas and inspiration for their ranges.

The finalists stand to win a R25 000 in cash which will aid in the launch of their career. The grand prize also includes a coaching course and other exciting incentives.

For Unwin, the competition is an opportunity to help launch her label and to get the needed business knowledge. "I'm currently working on a proudly South African label that I'm hoping to have available to the public some time next year," she said, adding that the judges will have their work cut-out for them.

"Our ranges are all so completely different, so all we can be is the best at what we do. I think the judges have a huge task at hand," she said.

The winner will be announced at a red-carpet event in Johannesburg where all the ranges will be showcased runway-style.



Far left: Storyboard - DUT alumna Sheena Unwin presents "Dearland", a proudly South African range that we could see at Mr Price stores soon.

Left: Sheena Unwin

CULTURAL DIVERSITY CHALLENGE 2012

NONGCEBO KHUMALO



The Cultural Diversity Challenge 2012 organisers pictured with their supervisor Sihle Mbanjwa (forth from left), from the DUT Student Counselling and Health Department.

As part of their second year assignment, a group of five Public Relations students hosted the DUT Cultural Diversity Challenge 2012 that made students from different cultural groups work together.

The event took place at the Curries Fountain Stadium on Friday 20 July 2012.

This idea came about after the students conducted a survey across the five DUT campuses in Durban and found out that as much as DUT students do not have a problem mixing with students from other cultures, most seem to keep amongst their own little groups.

The event was hosted in conjunction with the Department of Student Counseling and Health and included a series of obstacle courses including an egg race, short put and a 100m relay.

The Zebras, the champions of the day, said the competition was challenging but their team-work paid off. The man of the match was Praise Dube, also from the Zebras.

“Our event was a success; it allowed people from diverse cultures to interact. Unfortunately, we couldn't get all races but we are happy with the turnout,” said a pleased Yolisa Ndlovu, one of the organising students.

LGBTIA MINI-LEK GOTLA AT DUT



Members of DUT's Shadows in the Rainbow, an organisation representing Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex and Asexual (LGBTIA) students at DUT, as well as the Kaleidoscope Youth Network hosted a conference aimed at building leadership capacity.

The first regional mini-lekgotla titled “Tomorrow's Leaders Today” was held from Thursday (28 June 2012) to Sunday (01 July 2012) at the Steve Biko Campus where leadership capacity building was discussed.

CHANGE IN DUT ADMIN FEES

DUT Vice-Chancellor Professor Ahmed Bawa, after consulting Senior Management in response to student requests, has agreed, with immediate effect to revise the fees in respect of the following:

1. Confirmation of Registration Letter: From R10 to no fee.

The Vice-Chancellor has decided that these be issued by departmental Secretaries as well as faculty office staff.

2. Academic Transcript/Results Statement for registered and non-registered students: From R50 to R25.

These formal statements will continue to be issued by faculty office staff only and should not be required by students on a regular basis. Students, when requesting such formal statements, should be reminded that they receive examination results statements after each examination period. Furthermore, students may print their results statements directly from the DUT Student Portal.

Results may also be accessed via the automated telephone enquiry system (Cell Number: 082 236 2222).

Dr Gops Chetty: Special Assistant to the Vice-Chancellor

DUT GOLF DAY

The Department of Convocation and Alumni Relations at DUT held a Charity and Bursary Fundraising Golf Day at the Randpark Golf Club, Johannesburg, on August 8, 2012. DUT Vice-Chancellor Professor Ahmed Bawa was the keynote speaker.



Prof Bawa (middle) with Koos Radebe from Tracker (left) and Snuki Zikalala (right) at the recent DUT Convocation Charity Golf day in Johannesburg.



Jackie Phamotse, the Longest Drive winner, being handed her prize by Prof Bawa.



Winners Zipho Gumbi (second from left) and Khumbulani Cele (right) with Prof Bawa and Koos Radebe (Tracker)

EMPOWERING WOMEN FOR SOCIAL CHANGE

NOMVULA SIKAKANE



Women attending the one day workshop themed: Empowering Women for Social Change.

The Durban University of Technology's Gender Forum hosted a workshop facilitated by Lubna Nadvi, lecturer at the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) under the theme: Empowering Women for Social Change.

The well-attended workshop was aimed at empowering women. Nadvi spoke about challenges women encounter in their everyday life, be it academically, domestically or in their communities. Nadvi sits on the Advice Desk for the Abused, a South African NGO dealing with domestic violence.

Women attending the workshop found that in as much as their backgrounds may be different, their experiences are similar and they are fighting the same battles.

Nadvi said in some cultures women are still seen as inferior to men.

DUT Gender Forum Chairperson Ranilla Pillay said if you empower a woman, you empower a nation. Quoting Mahatma Gandhi's classic quote, "Be the change you want to see", Pillay emphasised that change starts from within and is an individual journey.

"If you can allow yourself to change for the better, you have the power to uplift other people around you," said Pillay.

Nadvi said women need to stop feeling inferior to men. "Women need to be confident enough to climb the corporate ladder without feeling less of a person when men are present. Women must not allow perception define who they are. Women need to claim their positions," said Nadvi.

CUPPA CANSA AT DUT

NOMVULA SIKAKANE



Judith Mdletshe, Isolempilo Clinic Admin Assistant; Soori Wardthen, Campus Health Manager; Lynette Chetty, Senior Professional Nurse; Jeslyn Hoover, second-year PR Student; Lerato Mndaweni, Isolempilo Clinic Admin Assistant; Sbongile Khuzwayo, Umoja staff member and Nomusa Mhlongo, Senior Professional Nurse at DUT.

Cuppa Cansa Day was recently hosted by DUT's Isolempilo Campus Health Clinic to raise funds that will go towards fighting cancer.

For years now, the Department of Student Health dedicates their time to serving tea, coffee, muffins and scones to the DUT staff community for R10 and all proceeds go to the Cancer Association of South Africa (CANSA). Cuppa Cansa at DUT is about colleagues, friends, survivors and acquaintances getting together to have fun and to help fight cancer. The clinic staff funds the initiative from their own pockets, with the help from the Food and Nutrition Department which bakes the scones and muffins at a very reasonable price.

Sooriagandhi Wardthen, Campus Health Manager said over the years, the Department of Student Health has included students in fundraising. The Department had stands outside the Steve Biko library and another at the ML Sultan Campus. "Our target is staff, so this year we made personal deliveries to their offices as requested," said Wardthen.

The total amount that was raised this year is R3 249.00, with the Department of Information Technology donating R590.00. Most staff members donated more than R10 out of the goodness of their hearts. Some staff members made contributions in memory of a loved one, a family member or colleague living with cancer. Wardthen said anyone wanting to donate to the CANSA foundation can go directly to their offices located at Umbilo Road.

The Department of Student Health thanked everyone who donated and made the initiative worthy.

CALL TO BRING PROFESSOR LEWIS NKOSI'S UNPUBLISHED ESSAYS INTO ONE VOLUME

SINEGUGU NDLOVU

The Durban University of Technology, in partnership with the English Academy of Southern Africa recently held a commemorative lecture at the DUT City Campus, where calls for a project that would bring the unpublished essays of DUT posthumous honorary graduate, Professor Lewis Nkosi, into one volume were made.

This call for the "Collected Essays of Lewis Nkosi" was made by Professor Michael Chapman, Emeritus Professor at UKZN. Titled "Lewis Nkosi: Commemorating The Exile at Home", the seminar was held at the Arthur Smith Hall, DUT City Campus. Professor Chapman delivered the keynote address.

DUT Arts and Design Faculty Executive Dean Dr Kenneth Netshimbo, Professor Stanley Ridge, English Academy of Southern Africa President, DUT Arts and Design Faculty Deputy Dean Professor Graham Stewart and Professor Lindy Stiebel who co-edited "Still Beating the Drum", an authoritative critical study of Lewis Nkosi's work, all attended and delivered addresses at the lecture.

Born in Chesterville, Durban, on 5 December 1936, Professor Nkosi died on 5 September 2010. He attended local schools before enrolling at the then M. L. Sultan Technical College, Durban. He joined Drum magazine as a writer in 1956, a magazine founded in 1951 by and for African writers. In his book "Home and Exile and Other Selections" published in 1965, Nkosi described Drum's young writers as "the new Africans cut adrift from the tribal reserve, urbanised, eager, fast-talking and brash", a description writer Neil Lazarus felt fitted Nkosi as well. Professor Nkosi endured severe restrictions on his writing due to the then publishing regulations found in the Suppression of Communism Act and the Publications and Entertainment Act passed in the 1950s and 1960s.

Regarded as one of the great essayist to come from the continent of Africa, Professor Nkosi is chiefly known for his scholarly studies of contemporary African literature. He authored the book "Mating Birds" in 1986 where he was critically acclaimed for his prose style and narrative structure. The work has also been compared with Albert Camus's 'The Stranger' by several others.



DUT Arts and Design Faculty Deputy Dean Professor Graham Stewart; Dr Betty Govinden, English Academy of Southern Africa council member; Professor Michael Chapman, Emeritus Professor at UKZN; Professor Stanley Ridge, English Academy of Southern Africa President and Professor Ahmed Bawa, DUT Vice-Chancellor at the DUT/English Academy of Southern Africa Commemorative Lecture titled "Lewis Nkosi: Commemorating The Exile at Home".



The DUT Midlands Campus Choir recently walked away with eight trophies at the South African Tertiary Institutions Choral Association (SATICA) 2012 Choral Competition in Cape Town. A total of 22 choirs participated in the competition which was held in July.

DUT HOSTS WORLD OF WORK

Over 90 companies with over 400 representatives visited DUT to give career guidance and information on company requirements during this year's World of Work (WoW) careers fair which attracted thousands of students seeking employment.

Hosted by the DUT Department of Co-Operative Education, the event attracted the South African Air Force as well as companies from as far as Johannesburg and has been very fruitful over the years.



Thousands of students seeking employment visited this year's WoW.



Representatives from Hybrid Automation, an engineering solutions company, a third-year computer systems student and Shakeel Ori, DUT Head of Co-Operative Education.

Dr Blade Mzimande (second from right), Minister of Higher Education and Training visited the DUT Indumiso Campus, Pietermaritzburg, on Friday, 6 July 2012. Meeting with University heads, including DUT Vice-Chancellor Professor Ahmed Bawa (centre), the Minister and his delegation discussed DUT's plans to forge relationships with local FETs and high schools as a way of improving education. The proposal, expected to take action over the next five years, will create easy enrollments and make the qualification standard more accessible for students from FET colleges.



Leesha Raman, SANBS Technical Training Officer; Vanitha Rambiritch, SANBS Head of Technical Training and Hillary Zitha, SANBS National Manager of Technical Training (front row from left). Nokuzola Guzana, SANBS Training Consultant; Enver Gielink, SANBS Marketing Representative and Bongwiwe Zungu, SANBS Technical Training Officer (back row from left).

