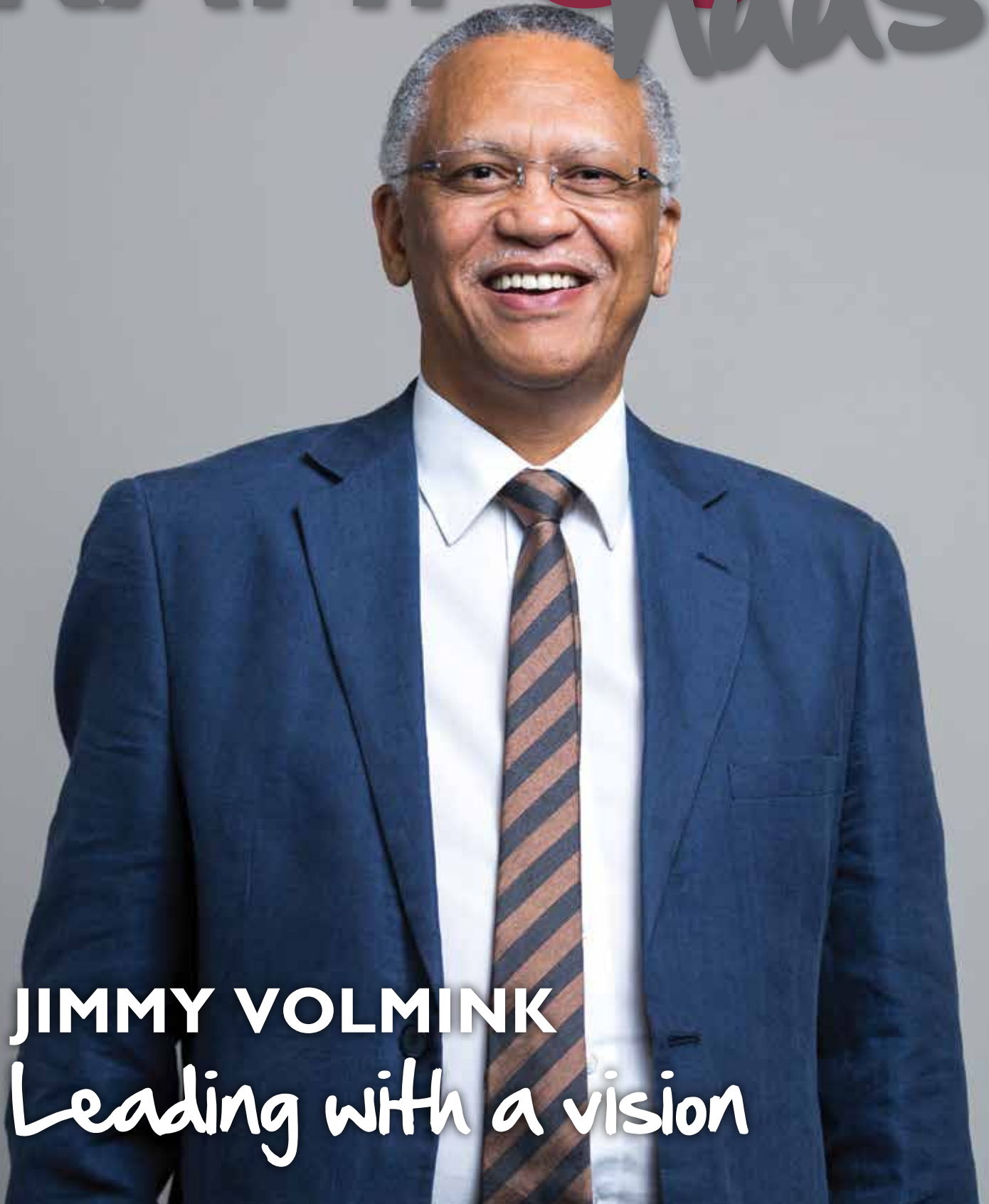


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VAN DIE Redakteur

In Oktober het ons hier in Stellenbosch, en op universiteitskampusse regoor die land, gesien hoe studente protesteer vir verandering. Hierdie #FeesMustFall-veldtog het debatte aan die gang gesit oor die finansiering van en transformasie in hoër onderwys.

Verandering is inderdaad die een ding waaroor ons seker kan wees. En ná die afgelope tyd se protesoptogte kan ons seker wees dat die universiteitslandskap in Suid-Afrika oor 'n paar jaar dalk baie anders daaruit sal sien.

Vandeesmaand kan jy in *Kampusnuus* lees oor MOOC's, staanlessenaars en allerlei nuwe uitbreidings wat by die US aan die gang is – alles dinge wat in die toekoms ons werk by die Universiteit sal verander.

Met hierdie uitgawe van *Kampusnuus* loop 'n fase in my loopbaan ten einde en is dit inderdaad tyd vir verandering. Hoewel ek steeds aan die Universiteit se Afdeling Korporatiewe Bemaking verbonde bly, sal ek voortaan aan ander publikasies werk.

Op 1 Desember neem René-Jean van der Berg die leisels as redakteur van *Kampusnuus* oor. Sy is 'n ervare koerantjoernalis wat die afgelope paar jaar ook die universiteitswese goed leer ken het as mediaskakelbeampte by die Universiteit van die Vrystaat in Bloemfontein.

I would like to say thank you to all who have contributed and interacted with *Kampusnuus* over the past five years. It has been a wonderful experience for me to interact with SU's staff members and be part of their achievements and sharing it with the rest of campus.

A big thank you to all my colleagues at the Division Corporate Marketing who have supported and encouraged me over the years – especially those who have gone out to gather news and write engaging articles or capture memorable moments on film.

Alles van die beste, en sorg dat jy nooit 'n uitgawe van *Kampusnuus* misloop nie.

Wayne

Avonturier op 'n Vespa



Johan Spamer van die Departement Logistiek noem homself 'n sosiale avonturier. En in "Movember" vat hy weer die pad met sy Vespa om bewustheid vir kanker te skep.

Die bewusmakingsveldtog sluit in ... mediadekking met behulp van verskeie radiostasies wat ons rit volg en lugtyd gee vir onderhoude. Kansa gee vir ons inligtingsbrosjures en sonbrandmiddels wat ons gratis versprei. Daarby verkoop ons Kansa-armbante wat die verskillende vlakke van bestraling deur die dag kan aandui – dis veral gewild onder kinders. Ons vra glad nie donasies nie; skenkings moet aan Kansa gaan, en as iemand Vespamera wil ondersteun, kan hulle vir ons koffie koop of die Vespa se klein agt-liter brandstoftenk help opvul.

Ons ry met ouer Vespas ... uit die vroeë 1980's en daar is geen brandstofmeter nie. As die Vespa so paar rukke onder jou gee, dan weet jy dis nou tyd om die kraantjie na "R" te draai vir reserve en te begin brandstof soek. Ons neem wel op langer ritte ekstra brandstof saam en haal gemiddeld so 25 km op 'n liter. Ek het al sonder brandstof gaan staan op my rit na Durban, maar selfs dan stop 'n barmhartige samaritaan wat met graagte help.

Ek doseer nie net ... by die Departement Logistiek, en spesifiek in die vakdisipline Vervoerekonomie, nie, maar soms vat ek ook letterlik die pad met een van my Vespas. Ek is ook die PSO Oude Molen se Besoekende Hoof, en as 'n sosiale avonturier wil ek bewusmaking skep vir die Kankervereniging (Kansa), soos nou weer in "Movember"-maand.

My Vespa-avonture het in Februarie 2013 begin ... met 'n rit vanaf Kaapstad na Durban via Koffiebaai, geborg deur 'n koffiemaatskappy. Ek het by verskeie verspreidingspunte en restaurante gestop vir bemaking, terwyl die publiek die rit op Facebook kon volg. Ek is ook met een van hulle produkte tot by die spits van Kilimandjaro – darem sonder die Vespa! Daarna het ek saam met 'n vriend die groep Vespamera gestig waardeur ons veral vir Kansa met ons Vespa-ritte bewusmaking skep. Ons sien die lewe as 'n avontuur, maar daar is 'n groter boodskap.



Die goedheid van mense ... wat belangstel, ons ondersteun, die ritte volg en dié wat na ons kom met hul stories van kanker of van familieledede laat ons soms sonder woorde. Ons word meer aangeraak en bemoedig deur mense se verhale as ons eie avontuur, en dít maak elke rit die moeite werd.

- Vespamera neem deel aan die Toy Run op 29 November 2015, wanneer hulle weer speelgoed insamel vir minderbevoorregte kinders. As jy wil bydra, kontak Johan by jspamer@sun.ac.za of 021 808 3212.

Ons eerste rit vir Kansa ... was vanuit die Kaap na Namibië. Watter avontuur was dit nie, met een van die Vespas se bande wat reeds op dag twee gebars het. Deel van die avontuur is die interessante mense wat jy langs die pad ontmoet. Ons het probeer om binne Kansa se riglyne te bly deur net sekere tye in die son te wees. Een middag bevind ons ons toe onder 'n koelteboom in Namibië met die Desember-son in sy volheid. Die vulstasie waar ons wou vertoef by Grunau, natuurlik met heerlike lugverkoeling, het afgebrand en ons sit buite en wag dat dit koeler word. Gelukkig herken 'n verbyganger ons nadat hulle van Vespamera op radio gehoor het, en daar kry ons dadelik gratis verby met lugverkoeling.



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KAMPUS hoogtepunte

In 2015 het die US 'n paar hoogtepunte beleef:

- Die Fakulteit Ekonomiese en Bestuurswetenskappe vier sy 90ste jaar, en die Militêre Akademie word 65 jaar oud.
- Die US Konservatorium bied 80 konserte in 2015 aan.
- Op 21 Maart word Huis Russel Botman House geopen.
- Medici by die US se Tygerberg-kampus maak geskiedenis deur die eerste penisoorplanting te doen.
- Johan Cronje, van die Vrystaat, word op 12 Maart die eerste atleet om 'n droommyl in Victoriastraat te hardloop tydens die vyfde Dagbreek/Maties Straatmyl.
- In April begin prof Wim de Villiers sy termyn as die US se twaalfde rektor en visekanselier.
- Vyf vroue word aangestel in nuwe SARCHI-leerstoele by die US.

Kampusnuus wishes all its readers and their loved ones a blessed and happy festive season. Enjoy your holiday, travel safe, and relax. See you in 2016.

Residence commemorates Prof Russel on his birthday

Students of Huis Russel Botman House (HRBH) gathered on Sunday, 18 October to pay tribute to the late Prof Russel Botman on his 62nd birthday.

A Yellowwood, South Africa's national tree, was replanted in Botman's honour as a symbol of growth and homecoming for those that reside in HRBH. The tree was removed from the front of the residence while it was being built, and kept at the university trial farm where it underwent rehabilitation and was preserved. It has been successfully replanted in front of the residence and forms the first part of the restoration of the area surrounding the residence.

"In observing Prof Russel Botman's birthday, it is our wish to celebrate his life and legacy and reaffirm our commitment, as a residence, to reconciliation, human dignity and social justice," according to Resident Head, Mathew Smorenburg.

Chairperson of HRBH Carlo



Students of Huis Russel Botman House planted a Yellowwood tree to commemorate the late Prof Russel Botman's birthday on 18 October.

MacConney says that the residents shared an incredibly special moment. "Just as Prof Botman's legacy lives through this institution, so will the tree act as a symbol of growth for those who stay in this house."

The act of planting the country's national tree is representative of the development of the residence and is symbolic of an influential man.

"Prof Botman had an incredible

drive to create opportunities for commendable students to gain access to higher education.

"HRBH is one of the manners through which his legacy is being preserved," adds MacConney. The residence was named after the former SU rector after he passed away on 28 June last year. It serves as one of the first gender-inclusive residences at the University, housing 253 senior students.

US hou eerste jaarlikse gedenklesing vir Botman

Die US se Fakulteit Teologie het op Maandag 19 Oktober die eerste jaarlikse Russel Botman-gedenklesing in die Attie van Wijk-ouditorium by die Fakulteit aangebied.

Die hooflesing is gelewer deur prof Dirkie Smit, uitgelese professor verbonde aan die Fakulteit binne die dissiplinegroep Sisteemte Teologie en Ekklesiologie. Sy lesing was getiteld "Om geskiedenis te maak ter wille van komende geslagte – Oor die teologiese logika van Russel Botman se toewyding aan transformasie".

Response op die lesing is deur prof Mary-Anne Plaatjies van Huffel, namens die Verenigende Gereformeerde Kerk in Suider-Afrika (VGKSA), en prof Nico Koopman, namens die US, gelewer.

Wyle Botman, voormalige US-rektor, was passievol oor die skep van geleenthede vir verdienstelike studente om toegang tot hoër onderwys te



Prof Dirkie Smit lewer die eerste Russel Botman-gedenklesing.

verkry. Hy is onverwags op 28 Junie 2014 in sy slaap oorlede is

Botman is in 2000 by die US as professor in die Departement Praktiese

Teologie en Missiologie aangestel. Hy was ook die stigter van die Beyers Naudé Sentrum vir Publieke Teologie.

Die jaarlikse gedenklesing word aangebied deur die Fakulteit Teologie, die Beyers Naudé Sentrum vir Publieke Teologie en die kuratoria van die NGK en die VGKSA.

Danksy ruim ondersteuning van skenkers het die Russel Botman-beursfonds ook van krag tot krag gegaan. Dié beursfonds het op sy 60ste verjaardag op 18 Oktober 2013 tot stand gekom as die ideale manier om sy nalatenskap te vier en sy droom van 'n beter toekoms vir die volgende geslag te verwesenlik.

Personeel kan ook tot die beursfonds bydra. Vir direkte inbetalings: Standard Bank, rekeningnommer 07 300 695 5 en takkode 05 0610. Die verwysing "Botman" moet bygevoeg word.

ASSAf inaugurates Prof Moodley

Prof Keymanthri Moodley, Director of the Centre for Medical Ethics and Law at SU's Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, is one of 31 leading scientists who has been inaugurated as members of the Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf).

These new members were inaugurated at ASSAf's annual Awards Ceremony in Stellenbosch on 14 October, bringing the total membership to 472.

As the official Academy of South Africa, ASSAf has as core function to honour the country's most outstanding scholars by electing them to membership of the Academy. ASSAf members are drawn from the full spectrum of disciplines.

New members are elected each year by the full existing membership, and ASSAf membership is a great honour and is in recognition of scholarly achievement.

Moodley will also participate in the Chinese Academy of Sciences, Royal Society, US National Academy of Medicine, and US National Academy of Science's summit, to be held from 1 to 3 December.



Prof Keymanthri Moodley

She will be part of a panel discussion of international approaches and perspectives on human gene editing.

NNS erken twee navorsingsadministrateurs van US

Die Nasionale Navorsingstigting (NNS) het vanaf 30 September tot 2 Oktober sy jaarlikse Navorsingsadministrateurswerkwinkel by die Summerstrand Hotel in Port Elizabeth gehou waar twee US-personeellede vereër is. Hierdie werkwinkel betrek afgevaardigdes van hoëronderwysinstellings, navorsingsrade en belanghebbendes van regoor die land en streek. Vanjaar se tema was "Improving Research Partnerships".

Die doel van die jaarlikse werkwinkel is om besprekings te fasiliteer rondom die verskeie prosesse

Maties Sport eer sy sportsterre



Ilhaam Groenewald, Mohamed Ally (Sportbestuurder: Atletiek, wat die toekenning namens Victor Hogan ontvang het), Justine Palframan, Ilse Hayes en Fanie van der Merwe by die toekenningsgeleentheid. Foto: ANTON JORDAAN

Atletiek en krieket was die groot wenners by Maties Sport se jaarlikse toekenningsaand wat op Donderdag 15 Oktober gehou is.

Die baanatleet Justine Palframan en die veldatleet Victor Hogan is onderskeidelik as 2015 se sportvrou en sportman van die jaar gekroon, albei vir 'n tweede jaar agtereenvolgens.

Paralimpiese atlete Ilse Hayes en Fanie van der Merwe is aangewys as ParaSport-sportvrou en -sportman van die jaar. Hul afrigter, dr Suzanne Ferreira, is benoem as afrigter van die jaar vir individuele sportsoorte. Palframan, wat Maties en Suid-Afrika by die IAAF Wêreldatletiekampioenskap in Beijing asook die Wêreldstudentespele in Suid-Korea verteenwoordig het, het ook die toekenning vir die beste individuele prestasie van die jaar ontvang nadat sy vroeër vanjaar die eerste SA vrou geword het om goud in die 400 m by die Wêreldstudentespele te wen.

Sy het kompetisie gehad in ParaSport-sterre Hayes en Justine

Asher. Hayes het in April 'n wêreldrekord in die 100 m (T13) opgestel, terwyl Asher vanjaar as die wêreldkampioen in die handfietsryklas H2 gekroon is.

Die Steinhoff Maties Krieketspan het die prys gewen vir die spanprestasie van die jaar en hul afrigter, Andrew Wylie, afrigter van die jaar vir spansportsoorte.

Die span het die Boland-liga vir die vierde jaar agtereenvolgens gewen en was naaswenners in die USSA- en Varsity Sports-kompetisie. Die span was ook die naaswenners in die Nasionale Krieketklubbekampioenskap.

Ilhaam Groenewald, Hoofdirekteur: Maties Sport, het gesê die doel van die aand was om uitnemendheid te vier. "Maties Sport se doelwit is om 'n omgewing te skep waar jong leiers 'n gebalanseerde lewenstyl kan geniet," het sy bygevoeg.

Lede van die Maties ParaSport-klub het van 21 tot 31 Oktober in Doha aan die Internasionale Paralimpiese komitee se Atletiekwêreld-kampioenskapbyeenkoms deelgeneem.

in die toekenningsbestuursiklus. Dit is ook 'n geleentheid vir die NNS om terugvoer te gee oor wat bereik is en uitdagings wat ervaar word.

Rozelle Petersen en Nugent Lewis van die US is vereër as individue wat die waardes van die NNS uitleef.

Petersen is die Statutêre Rade se koördineerder vir die Nagraadse Studente Befondsingskantoor. Die Grant Management and Systems Administration (GMSA)-personeel van die NNS het haar vereër.

Lewis is die Administrateur: NNS Ná-toekennings in die Afdeling

Navorsingsontwikkeling. Hy beklee die posisie sedert Februarie 2014.

Beide is vereër vir hul verstaan van die NNS se befondsingsprosesse.



Rozelle Petersen en Nugent Lewis

Reuse-hupstoot vir MIV-toetsing

'n Veldtog om meer mense aan te moedig om vir MIV te toets, het daartoe gelei dat honderde pendelaars en taxi-drywers gestroom het na 'n mobiele kliniek, bestaande uit agt tente, wat by Kaapstad-stasie opgeslaan is.

Tydens die drie weke lange projek op die besige stasie het spanne beraders en verpleegkundiges MIV-berading en -toetse gedoen, vir TB en diabetes getoets, bloeddruktoetse gedoen en advies oor gesinsbeplanning gegee. Hulle het ook kondome versprei en uitgevaar oor moontlike simptome van seksueel oordraagbare infeksies (SOI). "Die tente was nooit leeg nie. Daar was die hele tyd mense wat getoets is. Ons het die mense gehelp deur hulle te help om hulself gesond te hou, en indien MIV-positief, om mediese hulp te kry," het Leandrie September, Koördineerder van die US se Desmond Tutu TB-sentrum (DTTS) by die Tygerberg-kampus, gesê.

Die tente is as deel van die Doelwit 5000-veldtog opgestel, en word befonds deur die President's Emergency Plan for Aids Relief (PEPFAR) deur die Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Amerika. Die doelwit is om binne drie maande 5 000 meer mense in Kaapstad te kry om vir MIV te toets.

Gedurende die dag het twee mense met luidsprekers op en af op die stampvol Perronne, by taxi-staanplekke en deur winkels gestap en mense aangemoedig om getoets te word, terwyl ander pamflette uitgedeel het en mense na die tente beduide het.

Die reaksie het die verwagtings van die DTTS by verre oortref.

"Dit was fantasties. Mense wat nie gewoonlik na 'n kliniek sou gaan vir 'n MIV-toets nie, word nou getoets. Meer as die helfte van die mense wat getoets is, was mans. Baie jong mense en mense wat nie bewus is



Vuviseka Pefile en Nosipho Dlangalavu, albei beraders by die Desmond Tutu TB-sentrum, in die tent waar hulle mense vir MIV toets en berading gee. Foto: KIM CLOETE

van enige tekens of simptome van die siekte nie, loer in. Ons verskaf vroeë opsporing en 'n skakel na MIV-sorg," het Sue-Anne Meehan, Bestuurder van die Gemeenskaps-MIV-voorkomingsprogram vir die DTTS, gesê.

PhD graduate first African to receive DAAD prize

Dr James Meja Ikobwa, a doctoral graduate of the Graduate School of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, recently became the first academic in Africa to receive the Jacob- and Wilhelm-Grimm-Förderpreis from the German Academic Exchange Service (better known as DAAD).

The award is the highest recognition in international German Studies for young academics.

The Förderpreis (in English "Incentive Prize") was established in 2011 and is awarded to young academics in the field of German Studies outside of Germany who have distinguished themselves in research and in mediating German language, literature and culture.

The award winner is chosen from a specific world region by the Academic Advisory Board of DAAD each year.

Ikobwa received the prize from Prof



Prof Dr Christian Fandrych (left) from Leipzig University, who is also the president of the DAAD academic advisory board, hands over the Jacob- and Wilhelm-Grimm-Förderpreis to Dr James Meja Ikobwa at the prize giving ceremony held in Shanghai.

Dr Christian Fandrych, the President of the DAAD Academic Advisory Board who is also affiliated to Leipzig University.

"Winning this prize just two years after receiving my PhD from SU is by far the highest point of my young

career and at the same time a humbling experience knowing that whatever one does and does well, counts and has a profound impact that one may not be aware of," said Ikobwa.

He won the prize based on the quality and relevance of his PhD thesis, academic publications and his promotion of the German language in Kenya and East Africa.

His thesis, entitled *Gedächtnis und Genozid im zeitgenössischen historischen Afrikaroman* (in English "Memory and Genocide in the contemporary historical African novel") focused on "armed conflict and genocide as concepts" that "have shaped perceptions of Africa in the global imaginary and the political and literary memory of post-World War II Germany", and looked at how literature could be used as one of the most potent media of reflection in this regard.

Grootste diplomatieke afvaardiging besoek Stellenbosch

Die grootste afvaardiging in sy soort wat tot nog toe by die US besoek afgelê het, is met hul besoek op Matieland-gasvryheid getraakteer. Die diplomatieke personeel van 16 lande – Angola, Bulgarye, Frankryk, Duitsland, Madagaskar, Mauritius, Namibië, die Filippyne, Roemenië, Rusland, Slowenië,

Spanje, Sri Lanka, Switserland, Vanuatu en Zimbabwe – is almal lid van die Kaapse Konsulêre Korps, wat 50 lande verteenwoordig.

Die besoek was die inisiatief van prof Prieur du Plessis, Visedekaan van die Konsulêre Korps, erekonsulgeneraal van Slowenië en ook 'n lid van die

US-Raad. Die groep, wat almal tot die Konsulêre Korps van Kaapstad behoort, het by verskillende sentrums van die Universiteit aangedoen.

"Die besoekers was veral beïndruk met die LaunchLab, die MIV-sentrum en die navorsingsprojekte wat by die US plaasvind," sê Du Plessis.

Beursfonds huldig prof Ron Sanderson



Prof Ron Sanderson

Wyle prof Ron Sanderson se nalatenskap tot die polimeerwetenskap-vakgebied sal gehuldig word in die vorm van 'n beursfonds vir honneurs-

studente in polimeerwetenskap aan die US. Sanderson is in 1970 by die US in die Departement Chemie aangestel. Op daardie tydstip was hy die enigste polimeerwetenskaplike in Suid-Afrika en het die vakgebied nog nie as 'n akademiese dissipline in Afrika bestaan nie. Oor die volgende 40 jaar het hy baanbrekerswerk verrig om polimeerwetenskap as 'n navorsings- en onderrigveld by die US te vestig. Sanderson is in Augustus by sy huis in Somerset-Wes oorlede. Volgens prof Peter Mallon, Hoof van die Departement Chemie en Polimeerwetenskap by die US, is die doel van die beursfonds om 'n volhoubare bron van finansiële ondersteuning te kan bied aan een of twee verdienstelike studente wat vir die HonsBSc-graad in Polimeerwetenskap by die US ingeskryf is. Vir meer inligting, kontak prof AJ van Reenen (ajvr@sun.ac.za) of Mallon (pemallon@sun.ac.za).

SU under-13 players get nod for SA squad

Three players from the SU Football Club under-13 team have been selected to represent South Africa as members of the national under-13 team.

Keathen Newman from Idas Valley, Swelihle Ntsabo from Kayamandi, and Thabiet Abass from Mitchells Plain will all soon don the colours of the SA squad when they take on other under-13 teams from around the world.

The three local players represented Western Province in a youth provincial tournament that took place in Gauteng during the October school holidays. At the tournament, they were subsequently selected as members of the SA team.

The players are all products of the SU Football Development Programme, an initiative launched by



Ter viering van die Stellenbosch Nagskuiling se 24ste verjaardag het Maties Sport se personelede toilettware soos seep, tandeborsels, tandepasta en room ingesamel en dit op Vrydag 16 Oktober aan verteenwoordigers van die nagskuiling oorhandig. Dit vorm deel van Maties Sport se deurlopende ondersteuning van hierdie gemeenskapsprojek. Die Stellenbosch Nagskuiling is op 17 Oktober 1991 geopen en bied oornagfasiliteite en basiese sorg aan haweloses. Tilda Schoonwinkel (heel regs), ondervoorsitter, het die Maties Sport-verteenwoordigers bedank en gesê hul ondersteuning en spesifiek hul bereidheid om na die nagskuiling te kom "is 'n riem onder die hart". Langs haar staan lhaam Groenewald, Hoofdirekteur: Maties Sport, wat die nagskuiling se personeel bedank het dat Maties Sport deel van die projek kan wees.

the University in 2012 and aimed at achieving excellence in football in the communities surrounding Stellenbosch.

"Keathen, Swelihle and Thabiet have benefited immensely from the SU Football Development Programme. They have been exposed to a variety of tournaments, have been challenged at a higher level and have received top-notch coaching. They are all immensely talented and actually played up one level by competing in the Maties under-15 league games this season," says coach of the SU Football Club under-13 team, Carlo Krieling.

As part of the SU Football Club, the three players practise three times a week at the University's Lentelus Football Field and also play matches on most Saturdays. It's evident that all the hard work has paid off for these three players.

"It's been an amazing journey with them," says Krieling. "When I joined the coaching team in February this year, I was very harsh on discipline from the start. And I have to hand it to these three – they responded so well and really rose to the challenge. I'm very proud of them," he concludes.

Innovus, the university's innovation company manages SU Football.



The under-13 football stars (from left to right) Keathen Newman, Thabiet Abass and Swelihle Ntsabo.

Taking SU to the world

In 2016, Stellenbosch University (SU) will present its first free and open online course – also known as a Massive Open Online Course, or MOOC.

At the 26th International Council for Open and Distance Education (ICDE) World Conference at Sun City in October an announcement was made that Stellenbosch University will join the ranks of several top universities in the world by presenting free and open online courses, or MOOCs – Massive Open Online Courses.

This will be done in partnership with FutureLearn, one of the world's foremost social learning platforms.

The four-week course, around the theme of the African Philosophy of Education, is expected to go live in early 2016.

Conversations will be sparked by short pre-recorded videos, articles, activities, course readings and assessments which make up the course. The course will also be characterised by FutureLearn's distinctive approach to learning through conversation, with learners around the world able to interact with each other and the experts leading the course.

"After careful planning and deliberation over the past few years, a partnership agreement was established that will allow centres of research excellence within the University, that are renowned for a particular specialisation, to present courses on FutureLearn," says Dr Antoinette van der Merwe, Senior Director: Learning and Teaching Enhancement at SU.

"The partnership with FutureLearn will strengthen SU's standing as a world-renowned research institution and will afford the University the opportunity to enhance teaching and learning initiatives by sharing courses on a worldwide platform and expand its footprint internationally by offering a free MOOC that will be accessible to all."

FutureLearn, the first UK-based platform for MOOCs, has over 2 million registered users from 190 countries with five million course registrations between them. SU joins a partnership of almost 80 of the world's leading universities and specialist education providers offering free online courses of the highest quality across a range of subject areas.

Simon Nelson, Chief Executive of FutureLearn, said: "I am delighted to welcome Stellenbosch University as the latest African institution to join the FutureLearn partnership. It's my

About FutureLearn

FutureLearn is a social learning platform based in the UK and providing free, online courses from the world's leading educators. The partnership consists of UK and international universities, alongside specialist education institutions and centres of research excellence from around the world. All these offer high quality courses to anyone with an internet connection, anywhere in the world. FutureLearn is wholly owned by The Open University (in the UK), which has over 40 years of expertise in distance and online learning. For more information, visit www.futurelearn.com.

hope that FutureLearn can provide a valuable conduit for SU's world-leading research to reach a global community of learners online."

SU's Division for Learning and Teaching Enhancement, which was tasked with overseeing the University's introduction into the MOOC arena, is working closely with distinguished professor Yusef Waghid of the Faculty of Education in the development of this first free and open online course – targeted at all individuals but that may appeal in particular to individuals wishing to enhance their own professional development in all spectrums of education.

"Barring a few exceptions, Massive Open Online Courses produced in Africa concerning African perspectives have been minimal. To this end, Prof Waghid hopes to accentuate the African voice on this international platform, through a course themed in the field of African philosophy of education that will further amplify the African voice," says Van der Merwe.

Says Waghid: "African philosophy of education is often wrongly perceived along the lines of 'I am, therefore we are'. We are interested in extending this maxim towards: 'I am, therefore we are and because we are, therefore I am and I can' – a view of education that emphasises both community and individual autonomy in pedagogical encounters."



'n Nalatenskap vir almal

Onlangs is die Frederik Van Zyl Slabbert-versameling in die JS Gericke-biblioteek bekend gestel. Dit is 'n magdom items – van boeke tot briewe – wat vertel van die lewe van 'n merkwaardige Suid-Afrikaner en voormalige Kanselier van die US.

Meer as 4 000 items wat aan wyle dr Frederik Van Zyl Slabbert behoort het, is nou in die Universiteit Stellenbosch se JS Gericke-biblioteek beskikbaar vir navorsers en mense wat belangstel in die lewe van 'n man wat gereken word as een van die vormers van Suid-Afrika se demokrasie.

Hierdie items, wat sy geskifte insluit, bied boeiende insig in die denke van Slabbert, wat tot kort voor sy afsterwe in 2010 die Kanselier van die Universiteit Stellenbosch was.

Die versameling sluit korrespondensie, parlementêre en buite-parlementêre toesprake, lesings, artikels en dokumente in wat Slabbert se betrokkenheid by wetgewing en weerstandsbewegings weerspieël, beide as leier van die amptelike opposisie en sy persoonlike betrokkenheid.

Die versameling is in 2014 deur die Slabbert-familie aan die US geskenk en is oor die afgelope 18 maande deur Hanna Botha, voormalige hoof van spesiale versamelings by die US se biblioteek, gekatalogiseer.

Daar is reeds baie belangstelling in die materiaal, plaaslik en internasionaal, vir die verfilming van 'n TV-dokumentêr, asook vir boeke en artikels wat tans geskryf word. 'n Skildery van Slabbert, waarvoor Prof Russel Botman (voormalige US-reektor) opdrag gegee het en wat meesterlik deur Fiona van der Merwe uitgevoer is, is tydens die bekendstellingsgeleentheid van die versameling onthul.

Botha sê wat vir haar uitgestaan het van die versameling, was die lêers wat handel oor die Parys-Dakar-konferensie in 1987 – die vergadering met die ANC-leiers in ballingskap en 'n groep van meestal Afrikaner-politici, akademici en sakeleiers in Senegal, asook die daaropvolgende stigting van die Sentrum vir Demokrasie, Ontwikkeling en Kultuur in Afrika op die eiland Gorée, net langs die kus van Dakar.

"Die versameling bied 'n rekord van Slabbert se diepe betrokkenheid in die werking van die Suid-Afrikaanse politiek in die jare van die Nasionale Party-regering, die oorgangstydperk en die vorming van die nuwe Suid-Afrika. Vandag het hierdie dokumente historiese waarde ver buite die doel waarvoor dit geskep is."

Saam met die versamelings van omstrede politici soos DF Malan en Japie Basson, sowel as die sosioloog SP Cilliers en Dian Joubert – onder wie Slabbert studeer het en wat reeds in die Manuskrif-seksie gehuisves word – open dit nuwe moontlikhede vir navorsers van Suid-Afrikaanse geskiedenis en politiek.

Ellen Tise, Hoof van die US Biblioteek- en Inligtingsdiens, voeg by dat nuwe feite oor sy ontmoetings met persone van invloed oor die politieke spektrum, in en buite Suid-Afrika, bekendgemaak word in sy korrespondensie met hulle. "Baie dokumente wat nooit in die openbare domein was nie, bied fassinerende feite oor wat agter die skerms tydens



US-reektor Prof Wim de Villiers met Hanna Botha (links) en Tania Slabbert.

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die gesprekke en vergaderings met die ANC, toe nog in ballingskap, en ander Afrika-leiers gebeur het."

By die bekendstellingsgeleentheid van die versameling het Slabbert se dogter, Tania Slabbert, die US bedank dat haar pa se werke so beskerm word. Sy het vertel van haar kinderjare-herinneringe en hoe sy met "ontslag en wonder" gekyk het hoe haar pa en jarelange vriend, Jannie Gagiano, ontelbare ure spandeer het aan debatte rondom 'n hout tafel op Gagiano se stoep.

Tania het bygevoeg dat selfs al was hulle betrokke in hewige en intellektuele debatte, was elkeen ewe bereid om die ander se standpunte in te sien. "Ja, die bekendstelling van my pa se versameling is 'n baie emosionele oomblik vir my. My pa was my beste vriend."

Meer oor Frederik Van Zyl Slabbert

Frederik Van Zyl Slabbert is op 2 Maart 1940 in Pretoria gebore en het in die destydse Pietersburg (nou Polokwane in Limpopo) grootgeword. Ná matriek in 1958 het hy Teologie aan die US kom studeer, maar ná 18 maande besluit om sy kursus na Sosiologie te verander.

Hy het sy PhD in 1967 aan die US voltooi, waarna hy ook hier klas gegee het, asook by die Rhodes-universiteit en die Universiteit van Kaapstad. In 1973 is hy aangestel as hoof van die Sosiologiese departement van Wits.

As kommentator, sakeman en politikus word Slabbert dikwels beskryf as een van die skeppers van ons demokrasie.

Sy lewenslange verbintenis met die US het sy volle loop geneem toe hy in 2008 as Kanselier aangestel is. Die verbintenis is voortgesit deur die Frederik Van Zyl Slabbert Instituut vir Studenteleierskapsontwikkeling wat in 2011 van stapel gestuur is.

Collaborations build a future for CRUISE

Statistics South Africa recently committed to a number of important future collaborations with Stellenbosch University through its Centre for Regional and Urban Innovation and Statistical Exploration (CRUISE). By LYNNE RIPPENAAR-MOSES

As part of the drive to advance regional science education, the Centre for Regional and Urban Innovation and Statistical Exploration, or CRUISE, was established at SU in 2009 with the financial support of Statistics South Africa (Stats SA).

It is primarily a research centre and is situated in the Geography and Environmental Studies Department. The centre focuses on social and economic development issues locally, regionally, nationally and internationally and places a strong emphasis on quantitative empirical research. It has been active in research since its inception and has maintained a strong output level.

CRUISE forms part of the ISibalo group of institutions, which aims to advance the use of statistics in research in Africa.

While CRUISE is considered a research centre it also has an important teaching function. According to the agreement between SU and Stats SA, one of CRUISE's responsibilities is to capacitate government officials in the field of urban and regional development and planning. To this end, CRUISE started offering a Master's degree in Urban and Regional Science from 2011 and since then 67 students have either qualified or are in the process of obtaining a degree as urban and regional scientists, with several hailing from different parts of Africa.

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Following a recent symposium, jointly hosted by Stats SA and ISibalo-CRUISE at STIAS in Stellenbosch, further collaborations were announced which include the continued financial support of CRUISE by Stats SA beyond 2019 and the establishment of the first permanent office of a future African Division of the Regional Science Association International at CRUISE.

Representatives involved in the high-level meeting between Stats SA and the University to discuss future collaborations, included the Statistician-General, Pali Lehohla; SU Rector, Prof Wim de Villiers; the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Prof Johan Hattingh; and CRUISE Director, Prof Manie Geyer.

At the symposium, Geyer discussed the state of regional science in Africa. He demonstrated how, for historical reasons, Africa has been lagging behind other regions of the world in regional science education since the emergence of the discipline after the Second World War.

"This makes a concerted effort to advance the discipline on



From the left are the representatives who were involved in the high-level meeting between Stats SA and the University regarding CRUISE: Prof Manie Geyer, Director of CRUISE; Prof Wim de Villiers, SU Rector; Pali Lehohla, Stats SA Statistician-General; and Prof Johan Hattingh, Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

the continent an imperative," says Geyer.

"At the meeting the introduction of CRUISE as part of the ISibalo group of statistical organisations was explained. The development of the centre over the past six years was also discussed and Lehohla expressed his organisation's satisfaction with the rate at which urban and regional scientists are trained and the number of publications that have been published since CRUISE's establishment," said Geyer.

CRUISE has since added a new Master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning to its programme portfolio and is in the process of adding a new Master's degree in Development Demography as well as PhD programmes in urban and regional science, planning and demography in 2017.

At the meeting the logic of untangling CRUISE from the current structure in which it is situated, was also discussed.

"The parties agreed that it had become a necessity to establish a new Department of Planning and Urban and Regional Science in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, which in turn would enable CRUISE to independently brand urban and regional science and planning at SU," explains Geyer. "It was also agreed that the work that was started at CRUISE should continue. To further advance the cause of urban and regional science in South Africa and Africa two crucial decisions were taken at the meeting. First, a commitment was given by the Statistician-General for the continued financial support of CRUISE by Stats SA after the first contract period ends in 2019.

"The second was that a position will be created in the structure of Stats SA that would serve as the first permanent office of a future African Division of the Regional Science Association International. This office will be situated at CRUISE, a step that would cement the long-term working relationship between Stats SA and the University," Geyer says.

G'n tyd vir leeglê

Dit gebeur nie elke dag dat jy 'n MBA-student is wat ook vir ander MBA-studente klasgee nie. Maar só is dit met dr Renata Schoeman, wat boonop terselfdertyd twee praktyke as psigiater bedryf. AMBER KRIEL het met haar gesels.

Die sin wat sy dié meeste in haar lewe gehoor het, is: "My kind, jy moet minder doen", vertel dr Renata Schoeman, MBA-student en deeltydse lektor by die Universiteit Stellenbosch Bestuurskool (USB).

"Ek is maar van nature energiek en nuuskierig. Ek is ook baie georganiseerd, maar my kop is baie deurmekaar omdat dit so besig is."

'n Mens sou maklik kon glo dat Schoeman met tyd kan toor. Nie net is sy 'n MBA-student en gee self ook klas in leierskap vir MBA-studente sedert Desember 2014 nie, maar haar twee psigiater-praktyke, een in Bellville en een in Somerset-Wes, hou haar ewe besig.

Schoeman se wenk aan mense wat kla dat hulle nie tyd het nie, is: "Mense moet besef 15 minute is nie te kort nie. Daardie 15 minute moet 'n mens benut. Lees 'n artikel, hekel 'n ryttjie, beantwoord e-posse. Die geheim is om nie onbenutte tyd te hê nie."

Carin Burger, haar sekretaresse van die afgelope ses jaar, sê Schoeman se veelsydigheid staan uit. "Renata dink nooit dat sy nie iets kan doen nie. As daar 'n uitdaging is en sy weet niks van die onderwerp nie, gaan vind sy uit en leer haarself. Dan doen sy dit beter as enige ander persoon wat al jare daarmee werk."

Die geheim? "Sy glo in haarself en haar eie vermoëns," sê Burger oor Schoeman. "Geen taak is vir haar te klein of te groot nie."

Nadat Schoeman in 2010 haar PhD in neurokognisie by die US verwerf het, het sy besluit sy is klaar met swot. Maar dié onderneming het net vir omtrent 'n jaar geduur voordat sy kiewelrig begin raak het. Haar MBA-reis het in 2013 begin – twee dae nadat die ligamente in haar regterenkelle ingegee het. "Ek was dus letterlik op krukke toe ek met die program begin het."

Einde verlede jaar het sy ook op die MBA-program in leierskap vir die vyf MBA-groepe begin klasgee. "Ek het redelik baie terugvoer aan die dosente gegee toe ek nog klasgeloop het en het ook gapings gesien in die module, soos hoe om uitputting te voorkom. Prof Marlize Terblanche-Smit, Hoof van die MBA-program, het my toe gekontak en gevra of ek wil klasgee."

Sy sê dit gaan oor interpersoonlike leierskap, selfsorg, en die "versorging" en ontwikkeling van spanlede. "Ek voel sterk



Dr Renata Schoeman

daaroor en glo jy kan nie na ander omsien as jy nie eers na jouself omsien nie."

'n Gebalanseerde leefstyl is daarom vir haar belangrik. "Dit maak nie saak hoe besig ek is nie, ek oefen elke dag. Die bietjie tyd wat 'n mens aan oefening bestee het soveel ander voordele."

Tussendeur is daar haar eie MBA-navorsingsprojek wat sy in September ingedien het, getiteld *A funding model proposal for private health insurance for Adult Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder in the South African context*. "Dit bring my werk en die MBA vir my heerlik bymekaar," vertel sy.

"Ek is passievol oor die bewusmaking van geestesgesondheid in die korporatiewe wêreld, sowel as die uitbreiding van dienste. Ons het ook 'n Suid-Afrikaanse "ADHD Special Interest Group" begin en ons is tans besig met die skryf van Suid-Afrikaanse riglyne om sodoende ook befondsing vir volwasse ADHD te bewerkstellig.

"My betrokkenheid by die MBA-program is ook goed daarvoor, want dis tog waar ons korporatiewe mense weer uitstuur na die werksplek – êrens moet hulle blootstelling daarin kry," vertel sy oor haar rol as lektor op die USB se MBA-program.

Ná dit gesê is – en in ag geneem hoe besig haar eie lewe is – verklap Schoeman 'n "geheim" oor hoe sy kop bo water hou: sy beskou haarself eintlik as 'n "huishen" wat al te graag hekel, bak en brou, tuinmaak en harp speel.

Pianist Joseph Stanford receives SU Parnassus Award



Prof. Joseph Stanford (left) with Prof. Winfried Lüdemann.

Photo: KARIN MARITZ

Celebrated pianist and piano lecturer, Prof. Joseph Stanford, an alumnus of Stellenbosch University, received the SU Parnassus Award on Sunday, 1 November.

Stanford currently teaches piano at the University of Pretoria, but is well known as one of South Africa's foremost piano lecturers.

The Stellenbosch University Parnassus Award was instituted in 2005 as an award to candidates who live in South Africa and have made exceptional contributions to the field of music. "Generally speaking, musicians specialise in one or other discipline, be it as performers, teachers, composers, musicologists, church music practitioners, music technologists, conductors or music administrators. From time to time the careers of certain musicians surpass the achievements of colleagues and peers in the country. The consistent achievements of such a person over a long period, or the significant impact of their careers internationally, constitute exceptional achievement and is deserving of recognition," according to the criteria for this award.

The award is made to only one person in any single year, although it is not necessarily offered every year. Nominations for recipients are made to the executive committee of SU's Music Department by full-time and part-time staff members of the department.

The recipient receives a specially designed trophy, as well as a certificate.

Dr Pieter Grobler, piano lecturer at SU and former student of Stanford, nominated Stanford for this award.

In his commendation, Grobler writes: "Stanford's contribution through teaching has made a profound contribution to the music landscape of South Africa on various levels: foremost as a piano performance teacher, secondly as a teacher of methodology, lecturing in music theory, and lastly as a study leader for countless dissertations. Perhaps most importantly his contribution was made through the synergy of practical musicianship, music theory and methodology in his teaching."

Stanford received the award after a concert by the international piano duo Natalia Lavrova and Vassily Primakov on 1 November in the Endler Hall.

Etenstyd

Meeste van ons ken Cubaña as 'n plek waar studente uithang en laat nagte spandeer. Maar bedags is dit heel rustig en kan 'n mens tog 'n aangename middagete geniet.

Cubaña, geleë in Pleinstraat, se spyskaart is nogal soos 'n padkaart – dit vat tyd om jou te oriënteer. Daar is heelwat geregte op die spyskaart, en omdat dit bekend is as kuiierplek is die lys mengeldrankies ook bladsye lank.

Jy kan ontbyt tot 14:00 geniet, en daar is heelwat disse wat ook goed as middagete sal vaar, soos die "Breakfast Nachos".

Slaaie en burrito's met vulsels soos hoender, spek en geroosterde groente is ook volop. Of kry 'n toebroodjie, waarvan die gesmoorde vark 'n heerlike opsie is.

Benewens nachos en quesadillas, kan jy ook 'n steak met verskillende souse kies, burgers (selfs 'n gevulde burger), en boonop 'n kosmandjie (oftewel "baskettas") met enigiets van vleisrepies en hoendervlerkies tot gekrummelde calamari en ribbetjies.



Read

A book on how critical citizenship can be promoted in university curricula, teaching and learning has been dedicated to the late rector of Stellenbosch University, Prof. Russel Botman, to honour him for the important work he did in promoting critical citizenship in higher education.

Botman was instrumental in changing the course of teaching and learning at SU by promoting the relevance of university work to societal challenges.

The book, *Engaging the curriculum in higher education: A critical citizenship education perspective*, was published

Dié maand moet jy 'n draai maak by die US se JS Gericke Biblioteek om 'n sonderlinge kartografie-uitstalling te besigtig. Lees 'n boeiende boek, opgedra aan wyle prof. Russel Botman, wat die Fakulteit Opvoedkunde die lig laat sien het, of geniet middagete by Cubaña.

Kyk

'n Fassinerende kartografie-uitstalling van boeke en kaarte is tot einde November in die Africana-lokaal van die JS Gericke Biblioteek te sien.

Die uitstalling vorm deel van die International Map Collectors' Society (IMCoS) se jaarlikse simposium, wat vanjaar in Kaapstad gehou is en items wat verband hou met kartografie en ontdekkingsreise vanaf 1580 tot 1830 onder oë geneem het.

Die tema van IMCoS se konferensie was: "400 Years of cartography of travels to and in Southern Africa, from the Portuguese explorers (c. 1500) to the Boer War (c. 1900).

Anneke Schaafsma van die Biblioteek het die uitstalling saamgestel. "Die organiseerder van die konferensie, dr. Roger Stewart, het gevra dat die Universiteitsbiblioteek 'n uitstalling in die Africana-lokaal maak om by die simposium se tema aan te sluit. Die konferensiegangers (ongeveer 45 persone) het die uitstalling op 20 Oktober besoek," vertel Schaafsma.

Meer as 40 kaarte van Afrika

tussen 1570 en 1824 – waarvan sommige geraam, sommige gemonteer en ander binne-in atlasse en boeke van vroeë reisigers is – word in uitstalkaste en teen die mure in die Africana-lokaal vertoon.

"Die kaarte sluit alles in van volledige kaarte van die kontinent tot by 'n kaart van die Stellenbosch-omgewing. 'n Paar vroeë illustrasies van Suid-Afrikaanse flora en fauna kan ook besigtig word," sê Schaafsma.

Die materiaal kom uit die Africana-biblioteek se voorraad. Heelparty van die vroeë boeke en die meeste van die kaarte is afkomstig uit die Africana-versameling, wat in 1958 deur Hugh Solomon aan die Biblioteek geskenk is.

Volgens Schaafsma is hierdie kaarte 'n belangrike stuk kulturele erfenis wat nuttig is vir huidige sowel as toekomstige



studie en navorsing. Om dié uitstalling te voltooi het heelwat tyd en beplanning gevra. "Dit het verskeie weke geneem om te kies wat uitgestal gaan word, op watter manier en in watter volgorde dit uitgestal gaan word, en om al die onderskrifte en verduidelikende notas te maak. Die items wat in die uitstalkaste te sien is, volg chronologies op mekaar en word tematies verdeel in 'Explorers, cartographers and geographers' en 'Naturalists in Southern Africa,'" verduidelik Schaafsma.

by Dr. Elmarie Costandius of the Department of Visual Arts in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and Prof. Eli Bitzer of the Centre for Adult and Higher Education in the Faculty of Education.

"Over the last seven years Eli and I engaged in conversations about how to incorporate critical citizenship education in curricula. This book is a result of this engagement. It aims to contribute to the literature on critical curriculum inquiry in higher education and to enhance the debate on how to facilitate critical citizenship education in universities, especially against the background of on-going social transformation in South Africa," says

Costandius.

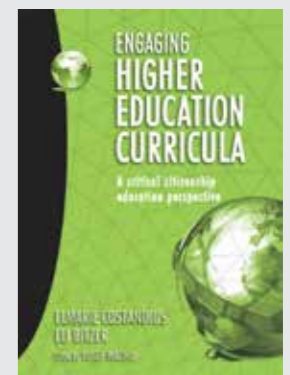
The authors looked at the university's role in economic and social development, how its graduates can individually and collectively contribute as productive and involved citizens, as well as how expectations from government may be met.

"One key challenge is to provide learning opportunities for students that may help them to contribute and make a difference in various spheres of society," the authors state.

"Since students (and staff) sometimes retreat into own zones of comfort, it is necessary for their assumptions and perceptions to be challenged. The development of a

critical citizenship perspective through teaching and learning may provide an excellent opportunity for such change to happen."

The book is published by SUN MeDIA.



Taking a stand

Most of our working day is spent behind a desk looking at a computer screen. Sitting still for long periods could influence your health. Why not try a standing desk? By WILMA STASSEN

Standing desks are becoming increasingly popular and many office workers use this novel gadget to help relieve back pain. However, the standing desk was originally designed to reduce the risk of heart disease. Currently there is little scientific evidence to affirm that it aids to alleviate sitting-related spinal pain.

World Spine Day was marked on 16 October and the theme for this year is "Straighten up and move". The theme places emphasis on the importance of a healthy spinal posture and activity.

"The standing desk was developed to counter the so-called global sitting epidemic," says Prof Quinette Louw of the Division of Physiotherapy at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences of Stellenbosch University.

"Research has linked sitting for long periods of time – like most office workers do – with an increased risk of heart disease. Using the standing desk engages more muscles and increases a person's metabolic rate, which could be protective against heart diseases.

"In general most people purchase a standing desk to relieve spinal pain and they are not aware of its potential benefits for cardiovascular health," says Louw.

She is currently leading an evidence review with Dr Sjan-Marie van Niekerk to evaluate the evidence into the effects of standing desks. Evidence that standing desks relieve spinal pain is sparse and results on the effect of standing desks on spinal pain are inconsistent between studies.

"It could potentially relieve pain in some people, but it should not be regarded a one-size-fits-all solution to relieve

spinal pain," says Louw. She explains that person-specific factors such as the underlying pathology of the spine and other contributing factors must be evaluated on an individual basis.

For instance, if you have osteoarthritis, increased spinal joint compression while standing for long periods may increase pain. A common misconception about standing desks is that many people think they should stand for prolonged periods, but current guidelines suggest that standing should be done at intervals of 15 to 20 minutes.

"Maintaining any position for too long, whether you are sitting or standing, could strain the neural, muscle and joint systems and cause pain. Changing your position regularly is thus important and a standing desk adds value by providing an alternative working position," explains Prof Louw.

Tips for a healthy spine

Prof Quinette Louw makes the following suggestions on how to keep your spine healthy while working on your computer:

- While sitting, avoid spinal positions that are too upright or too forward. Find a comfortable neutral zone and regularly move your spine within this zone.
- Make sure that your desk is not too low – the top of the monitor should be just below eye level.
- Vary your computer tasks. We found that mouse clicking, in particular, is associated with static postures and pain.
- Regularly change your working position or posture

DO NOT SIT:



Volmink leads with a clear vision

Prof Jimmy Volmink, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (FMHS), was recently reappointed for a second term, commencing on 1 January 2016. RONEL BESTER spoke to him about the highlights and challenges of his first term, and his vision going forward.

As he had been the Deputy Dean: Research at the FMHS for five years before taking over the mantle of Deanship, Prof Jimmy Volmink had a good idea of what to expect in his new role. "Still, I didn't realise just how demanding and stressful this job could be. At the start of my term I read somewhere: 'Remember, the difference between Dean and dead is just one letter!' So I guess I should be grateful to still be alive and kicking," Volmink says with his trademark humour.

One of the highlights of his first term was his interaction with people. "Our faculty is blessed with so many gifted staff and students who are dedicated to making a difference in the world. Getting to know them better, and seeing some of the amazing things we've been able to achieve by working together, has been a great inspiration. I've been particularly impressed by the quality of our student leaders on campus."

He notes that the faculty's "people first" agenda is bearing fruit. "It is amazing to see how people thrive and excel when they feel there is someone who believes in them and has their back. I have learnt that people will follow you if they trust you – so integrity, fairness and patience are absolutely critical. But leadership is not about pleasing everyone all the time. Leaders have to make tough choices, which will invite disapproval; they must be willing to embrace criticism and learn from it."

Volmink cites the establishment of a unique Rural Clinical School, which supports health professional training in medically underserved areas, as an exciting educational innovation. "We provide transformative education which equips students to effectively address the healthcare needs of underserved and disadvantaged communities, stimulates critical thinking and innovation, and advances leadership and social accountability," he says.

"Our research also addresses some of the nation's most critical health challenges. It has been extremely pleasing to see the phenomenal growth in the faculty's research outputs, doctoral degrees and grant income." Yet, he believes the faculty "needs to move from occupation with bean counting to a greater focus on cutting-edge research which moves forward the frontiers of science and generates innovations in healthcare delivery".

His vision is that the FMHS will become the leading health sciences institution on the African continent, as measured by both the quality of its graduates, and the impact they have on science and society. "We should certainly continue our drive to be world-class in all spheres of activity. But I think it is also important to constantly assess what difference our activities



Prof Jimmy Volmink

Photo: STEFAN ELS

are making to the health and quality of life of individuals and communities.

"I don't think it is sufficient to produce health professionals who are technically competent (that should be a given); we want our graduates to be recognised for the leadership they provide in shaping future healthcare practice and policy.

"To keep up with our population growth and the shift from infectious to chronic non-communicable disease, it will be necessary to significantly increase the number of doctors and nurses produced in South Africa."

The faculty has already begun to increase its intake of medical students, but this will need to be scaled up even further. The faculty also plans to reintroduce its undergraduate nursing programme soon.

Volmink says one of the biggest challenges to supporting this growth is the availability of a suitable training platform. "We hope to extend our training to new public sector facilities in the Western Cape, Eastern Cape and Northern Cape provinces, and further roll out training in private hospitals.

"Currently, we are rethinking the traditional MB,ChB model of training to see if it would be possible to move towards a Graduate Entry Medical Programme (GEMP) comprising four years of clinical training, preceded by a three-year bachelor's degree. This will provide scope for re-curriculation, with the possibility of adding some humanities and social sciences subjects to our traditional science subjects," Volmink says.

"The health and social challenges we face in South Africa are daunting, and may seem insurmountable. However, I am convinced that as a collective we have the skills, knowledge, experience and ingenuity to secure a brighter future for our children and grandchildren."



Prof Mark Cotton (second from right) of the Department of Paediatrics and Child Health in the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (FMHS) delivered his inaugural lecture on Wednesday, 7 October. The title of his address was "Children HIV, TB, infections, trials and a few other things along the way". Pictured with Cotton are Profs Jimmy Volmink, Dean of the FMHS; Eugene Cloete, Vice-Rector: Research, Innovation and Postgraduate Studies; and Mariana Kruger, Head of the Department of Paediatrics and Child Health at the FMHS.

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Profs Corné Schutte (left) and Alan Brent (right) of the Department of Industrial Engineering in the Faculty of Engineering both delivered their inaugural lectures on Monday, 19 October. Schutte's topic was "The status and challenges of industrial engineering in South Africa", while Brent talked about "The transition to a green economy: A systems approach to managing technology". Pictured with Schutte and Brent is Prof Hansie Knoetze, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering.

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Die Fakulteit Opvoedkunde het op Donderdag 15 Oktober 'n woordeboekuitstalling aangebied om saam te val met Internasionale Woordeboekdag. Studente en personeel het die geleentheid gehad om rond te snuffel vir skoolwoordeboeke en vakwoordeboeke in vele tale, en om vrae aan die verteenwoordigers van verskillende uitgewers soos Pharos, Pearson, Oxford en Woordeboek van die Afrikaanse Taal (WAT) te stel. Noah Webster is op 16 Oktober gebore en Woordeboekdag word internasionaal ter ere van hierdie beroemde Amerikaanse woordeboekmaker gevier.

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