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Thinking anew and changing perspectives are some of the things universities do best. Especially through research we create new knowledge which changes the way the world thinks.

At Stellenbosch University, staff members are constantly confronted with situations that alter their thinking and it changes us all, even if it is only in a small way. This month, *Kampusnuus* tells you stories about enlightening experiences.

On page 8, we chat to Vice-Rector Prof Eugene Cloete about "Wheelchair Wednesday" – the day that he spent two hours in a wheelchair while still doing his work at the office. He tells us how these two hours made him think about those things we take for granted.

Fiela Snell van Kayamandi het haar Graad 9 voltooi deur 'n program van Maties Gemeenskapsdiens en is aangewys as die beste student. Sy vertel op bladsy 9 hoe hierdie program geleentheid vir haar skep en haar lewe aansienlik verander.

Die koms van demokrasie in 1994 het ons ganse land verander en niks sou ooit weer dieselfde wees nie. Vanjaar vier Suid-Afrika 20 jaar van demokrasie, en by die US vier ons dit ook. Lees op bladsy 10 oor die geleentheid wat in Mei gehou is en hoe ons vir die res van die jaar hierdie groot mylpaal sal gedenk.

Kampusnuus also chats to Prof Anthony Leysens of Political Science about his icy trail running experience in Poland – an extreme challenge that was a life-changing experience for him. Read more on page 11.

Prof Michael Samways, chair of the Department of Conservation Ecology and Entomology, gives a fresh perspective on love and nature in a new book released in May. With a title like *Alchemy of Love: Finding love, harmony and happiness* it's sure to be an interesting read. He tells us more on page 15.

Geniet hierdie uitgawe van *Kampusnuus*.

KAMPUS klets

We really hope that this initiative (to reconsider evening tests and exams) as well as hopefully other security measures will keep our children safe. As parents we are very concerned about our daughter's safety on campus, especially when she has to write tests in the evenings and sometimes only finishes at 21:30 or 22:00. After the recent incident which took place when a student was kidnapped but luckily escaped, it is really an alarming situation! The trauma caused by this is horrible for the victim but just as much for all the other students. Thank you.
 – Jeanette Brynard

(Met verwysing na die US se heroorweging van eksamens en toetse saans. Sien ook bladsy 7.) Enige inisiatief om die veiligheid van studente te verseker word sterk ondersteun. Ek neem aan dat hierdie voorstel nie die enigste sal wees nie. – F Hendrikz

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Prof Piet Naudé's appointment is awesome news! (See page 4.) Congrats, Prof Naude. I know that you are going to make huge inroads as director of the Business School.
 – Helen Wright

SU's 20 years of democracy celebration was absolutely stunning! (See page 10.) More humour on campus will be nice. Evita Bezuidenhout was brilliant! – Ursula Petersen

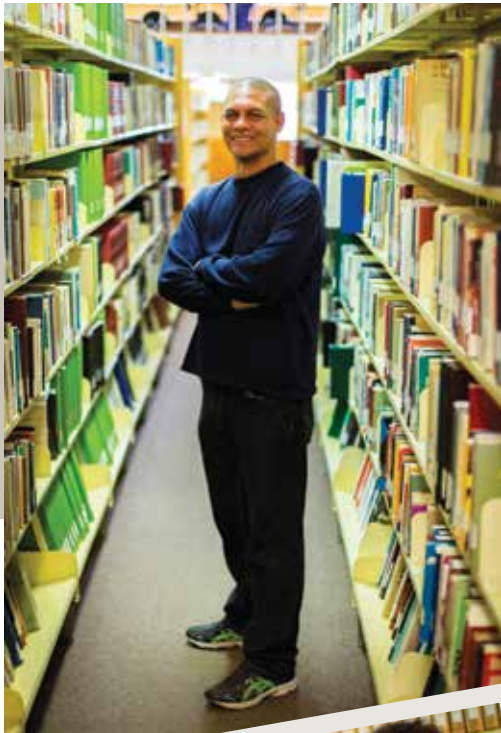
Prof Simon Schaaf, so stil-stil ontvang jy 'n nasionale orde. (Sien bladsy 7.) Welverdiend en baie geluk. Ons as skoolvriende is trots op jou bydrae wêreldwyd!
 – Jenine Jemima Bence



Watched the @StellenboschUni choir last night and wow, they are incredible! Ashamed I never saw them while I was studying there. – Lize Hartley

'n Helpende hand

As een van die bekendste gesigte by die Universiteit Stellenbosch se Fakulteit Teologie, bied Mark Koopman deur sy kopieerwerk en ander werksaamhede al vir meer as 25 jaar 'n helpende hand aan dosente en studente. Deur ALEC BASSON.



My werk by die Fakulteit Teologie behels onder meer ... die maak van kopieë vir die verskillende departemente en die hantering van interne en eksterne pos. Ek was voorheen verantwoordelik om massas kopieë van voorgraadse en nagraadse materiaal, wat tesse ingesluit het, te maak. Vandag word dit deur privaatpersone gedoen. Behalwe vir kopieerwerk, verleen ek bystand by funksies, konferensies en verskeie ander aktiwiteite wat by die fakulteit plaasvind. In dié verband moet ek sorg dat sale en lesingslokale skoon en reg is, en die gebou binne netjies en skoon is. Vroeër het ek ook ná ure die fakulteit se buitelandse besoekers van en na die lughawe vervoer.

Ek geniet my werk by die fakulteit ... omdat ek gereeld nuwe mense, veral studente van ander dorpe en lande, ontmoet. Ek kry daaglik met mense van ander kulture, tale en agtergronde te doen en dit is vir my lekker om met hulle te kommunikeer en my ervaringe met hulle te deel. Die kultuur en gees wat onder teologie-studente heers, maak dit die moeite werd om elke dag op te staan en werk toe te gaan.

So tussen die werk deur ... kry ek ook darem kans om deelyds aan die US te studeer. Ek is dankbaar vir die universiteit en die fakulteit vir die geleentheid om die BTh-kursus in Jeugwerk te kan volg. Ek is so tussen eerste, tweede en derde jaar en geniet die kursus baie. Dit is egter nie so maklik soos wat dit klink nie, want ek het 'n gesin wat ook aandag moet kry. Ek bly egter positief en glo ek sal bo uitkom.

Om van werk en studies te ontsnap ... draf ek gereeld en neem ook aan marathons en ultra-marathons deel. Ek hou baie van draf en hardloop al vir 26 jaar. Ek kon selfs daarin slaag om my hele gesin by dié sport te betrek. In 2011 het ek my agtste Comrades-marathon en sewentiende Twee Oseane-marathon voltooi. Ek het ook al verskeie toekennings en pryse gewen.

Wat die pad vorentoe betref ... wil ek graag my studies voltooi en terselfdertyd ook op my eie manier ander US-personeel aanmoedig om gebruik te maak van die geleenthede wat die Universiteit aan sy werkers bied.

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Piet Naudé nuwe direkteur by USB



Prof Piet Naudé

Prof Piet Naudé, bekende akademikus, openbare spreker, rubrieksrywer en tans adjunk-visekanselier van onderrig en leer by die Nelson

Mandela Metropolitaanse Universiteit (NMMU) in Port Elizabeth, is as direkteur by die Universiteit Stellenbosch Bestuurskool (USB) aangestel. Hy beskik oor meer as twintig jaar se bestuurservaring by 'n universiteit.

Prof Russel Botman, US-rektor, beskryf Naudé se aanstelling as die begin van 'n opwindende fase by een van die vlagskip-departemente van

die US se Fakulteit Ekonomiese en Bestuurswetenskappe.

Naudé het al sy kwalifikasies, insluitend 'n doktorsgraad in teologie en 'n meestersgraad in filosofie, met onderskeiding aan die US behaal. Hy is tot vandag die enigste student wat president van die studenteraad was en terselfdertyd die Kanseliersmedalje as beste finalejaarstudent ontvang het.

Hy het sy loopbaan in 1980 as 'n deelydse junior lektor in filosofie by die US begin, en is sedert 2012 'n buitengewone professor by die US.

Naudé is sedert 1992 by die voormalige Universiteit van Port Elizabeth en nou NMMU betrokke. Hy het destyds as dekaan by die Letterefakulteit daar begin. Hy was van 2008 tot 2011 die eerste voltydse direkteur van die NMMU se bestuurskool. Daarna is hy as viserektor en lid van die NMMU se uitvoerende bestuursplan

aangestel. In sy vroeë loopbaan was hy 'n predikant in die NG Kerk.

Naudé sê hy is verheug om die volgende USB-direkteur te wees en hy sien daarna uit om op 1 September te begin. "Ek sien daarna uit om met alle belangegroepes saam te werk om die reputasie van die USB te versterk as 'n plek wat aan die voorpunt staan van die jongste hoëvlak-bestuurskennis en wat terselfdertyd as 'n bron van sosiale ontwikkeling en hoop dien vir diene wat uitgesluit is van die voordele wat die ekonomie bied."

Naudé beklemtoon dat hy die US se huidige visie en spesifiek die USB ten volle steun. Hy is gretig om die bestuurskool se voetspoor in Afrika uit te bou, om nuwe virtuele leergeleenthede ten volle te benut, en om die USB se projekte vir sosiale betrokkenheid, soos die Kleinsake-akademie, te versterk.

New registry highlights shortcomings in renal therapy



Prof Razeen Davids

Prof Razeen Davids, head of the Division of Nephrology at SU, recently released the first report of the new South African Renal Registry.

The registry was established by Davids and Dr Julian Jacobs on behalf of the South African Renal Society. This report is the first official report since 1994 that describes the provision of dialysis and transplantation for patients with end-stage kidney disease in South Africa.

"The registry is quite a milestone for us in the South African Renal Society because we have been without official data on transplantation and dialysis in the country for about 20 years," says Davids, who serves on the Society's executive committee and chairs the registry with Jacobs.

"The aim of this registry, and in fact all disease registries, is to study the

course of the disease, and variations in treatments and outcomes. In our case we are especially interested in disparities in the delivery of care," says Davids.

The new report describes the situation of dialysis and transplantation, also referred to as renal replacement therapy, in South Africa as at the end of 2012. Although the establishment of the registry is a great achievement, the report paints a bleak picture of the provision of renal replacement in South Africa. There are 191 treatment units listed for the country's population of 52,3 million, of which most are in the private sector.

In 2012, there were around 8559 patients receiving renal replacement therapy, which translates to a treatment rate of 164 per million population – this is on par with some of the poorer countries in the world.

"We are very far from where we need to be, and even though we have competing priorities, such as HIV/Aids and crime, we need to allocate more resources to treating our patients with end-stage kidney disease," says Davids.

Prof Dzama heads food production programme

Stellenbosch University will play an instrumental role in a new Food Security Centre of Excellence (CoE) that was launched at the University of the Western Cape recently.

SU, with lead researcher Prof Ken Dzama, will host the Food Production Programme under the theme of "food creation". Dzama is also part of the Management and Executive Committee (MANCO) of the centre, which consists of eight top senior professors drawn from participating universities who will oversee the research programme of the centre.

The Food Security CoE is a virtual centre comprising of several South African and international universities, science councils and international organisations.

Dzama, from the Department of Animal Sciences in the Faculty of AgriSciences, has been involved in the crafting of the CoE proposal from the very beginning.

US en munisipaliteit teken ooreenkoms oor veiligheid

Ons neem saam verantwoordelikheid vir hierdie dorp en sy veiligheid.

Dit was die boodskap van die ondertekenaars van 'n memorandum van samewerking tussen die Stellenbosch Munisipaliteit en die US, wat op 8 Mei by die munisipale kantore in Pleinstraat onderteken is.

Conrad Sidego, uitvoerende burgemeester en prof Russel Botman, US-rektor, het die ooreenkoms namens die munisipaliteit en die US onderteken. Die ooreenkoms verbind die munisipaliteit en die US tot "samewerking op die gebied van kringtelevisie ter beveiliging van die dorp en die kampus met die vooruitsig van 'n misdaadvrye universiteitsdorp".

Volgens die ooreenkoms is die twee vennote reeds verbind tot samewerking op verskillende gebiede, insluitende samewerking tussen die verskillende wetstoepassings- en sekuriteitsagentskappe. Albei vennote beskik oor kringtelevisiesistels wat aangewend word vir pro-aktiewe monitering van hoërisiko-omgewings en misdaadoplossing. Die grenslose kampus- en dorpsgebied, gedeelde strewe na 'n misdaadvrye dorp en die feit dat beide oor kringtelevisie beskik,



Prof Russel Botman en Stellenbosch-burgemeester, Conrad Sidego, onderteken die ooreenkoms.

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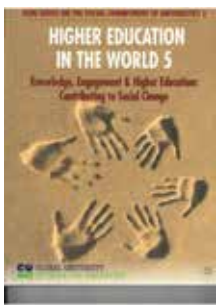
baan die weg vir samewerking tussen die munisipaliteit en die US.

Die partye onderneem onder meer om mekaar te konsulteer en te ken tydens die beplanning, posisionering en uitbreiding van kringtelevisiesistels, om beeldmateriaal onderling beskikbaar te stel ter bevordering van misdaadoplossing en om kameraposisies, prosedures, praktyke

en geklassifiseerde inligting met die strengste vertroulikheid te hanteer.

Botman het gesê die US deel die verantwoordelikheid teenoor die dorp en sy mense en ook die probleme en risiko's wat daarmee saamgaan. "Die ooreenkoms help ons om aan die dorp 'n boodskap te gee dat ons saam na mekaar kyk en dat niemand aan misdaad uitgelewer is nie."

Slamat contributes to international report



"This is the biggest, most comprehensive work on community university engagement ever, and I consider it a privilege to have

been approached to be a contributor," says Dr Jerome Slamat, Senior Director: Community Interaction at SU.

He was one of only three South Africans who contributed to a recent report by the Global University

Network for Innovation (GUNI).

The report, which forms part of the GUNI Series on the Social Commitment of Universities, is a product of three years' research with contributions by 73 authors worldwide. It is published by Palgrave MacMillan.

The gist of the report is that higher education institutions should continue to drive social change and help create a better world in the 21st Century.

Titled *Higher Education in the World 5 – Knowledge, Engagement and Higher Education: Contributing to Social Change*, the report explores the ways in which people understand the roles

and potential roles of knowledge, civil society and higher education institutions in creating a just and sustainable world.

Comprising six major parts, it is the most comprehensive report to date on the global dimensions of community university engagement.

Slamat says the insights contained in the GUNI report confirm his long-held contention that "knowledge-based community university engagement holds considerable promise for the sustainability of the university in the 21st century and could turn out to be an unlikely source of regeneration for the institution called the university".

Prys na ontslape Gerrit Brand genoem

Die bestuur van die Andrew Murray-prysfonds het 'n nuwe skrywersprys bekend gemaak wat genoem is na die ontslape US-teologiese dosent dr Gerrit Brand, asook Emeritus-Aartsbiskop Desmond Tutu.

Die Desmond Tutu-Gerrit Brand-

prys sal toegeken word vir opkomende of debuutskrywers in enige amptelike taal van die land. Die fonds ken reeds die Andrew Murray-prys vir Afrikaanse Christelike en teologiese boeke, sowel as die Andrew Murray-Desmond Tutu-prys jaarliks toe.

Brand is verlede jaar in die ouderdom van 42 oorlede, en was van 2010 dosente in sistematiese teologie aan die US. 'n Boek oor Brand se bydrae tot teologie, *Godverlanger*, is ook onlangs uitgegee, met Robert Vosloo en Willem de Vries as redakteurs.

Van Zyl Slabbert se versameling by US

Die dokumentêre nalatenskap van dr Frederik van Zyl Slabbert, bekende anti-apartheidspolitikus, is in April vanjaar in die Dokumentesentrum van die JS Gericke-biblioteek opgeneem.

Dié aankondiging is gemaak by die derde jaarlikse Frederik Van Zyl Slabbert-erelesing wat deur Jay Naidoo, voormalige minister in deesdae direkteur van die Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN), gelewer is.

Die versameling sluit onder meer Slabbert se boeke in, asook korrespondensie en dokumente wat met sy beroepslewe en belangrike gebeure in die onstuimige Suid-Afrikaanse politiek verband hou, onder meer die stigting van die *Vrye Weekblad*, die Afrikaanse anti-apartheidskoerant, en talle akademiese geskrifte.

Slabbert was 'n opposisie-leier, politieke ontleder, sakeman, patriot en aktivis vir maatskaplike en politieke verandering. Hy was 'n studenteleier, koshuishoof, dosent én kanselier van die US. Hy het die land se geskiedenis

help vorm en sal veral onthou word vir sy visie om lede van die apartheidsbestel, Afrikaanssprekende sakelui, studenteleiers en akademië, sowel as verbanne bevrydingsbewegings in 1987 in die Dakar-vergadering byeen te bring.

“Die versameling herinner ons aan die Matie-student en denkleier wat deurgaans inklusief, innoverend en toekomsgerig was,” het prof Russel Botman, US-rektor, gesê.

Slabbert se dogter Tania het gesê met die viering van 20 jaar van demokrasie bied haar pa se werk 'n noodsaaklike nalatenskap en 'n belangrike historiese konteks vir so baie van die sosiale, ekonomiese en politieke uitdagings wat die land nog



Riko en Jane Slabbert, onderskeidelik seun en weduwee van Frederik Van Zyl Slabbert, saam met Jay Naidoo by die Frederik Van Zyl Slabbert-erelesing.

in die gesig staar. Tydens die erelesing het Naidoo studente daarop gewys dat hulle meer mag het as wat hulle dink en 'n beroep op hulle gedoen om aktiewe burgers te wees. Naidoo het gesê daar is die afgelope 20 jaar baie vordering gemaak, maar hy het korrupsie onder staatsamptenare en hul arrogansie betreur en bygevoeg daar lê nog baie werk voor.

New leader for SU horticulturalists



Dr Lynn Hoffman. Photo: ENGELA DUVENAGE

Continuous solutions to industry specific problems, training of students who can add value to commercial agricultural activities, and the expansion of already

excellent industry partnerships – these are the objectives envisaged by Dr Lynn Hoffman, new chairperson of the Department of Horticultural Sciences at SU.

Hoffman's research focuses on the cultivation and export of cut

flowers, and especially fynbos species. She follows in the footsteps of Prof Karin Theron, who after ten years as departmental chair will now take on a stronger research role at the University. Theron will do focused research into the use of mechanisation in the pre-harvest activities of, among others, the fruit industry.

“We place emphasis on producing undergraduate and postgraduate students who have outstanding practical and theoretical knowledge to make a difference in the fruit and cut flower industries,” says Hoffman about the studies offered in the department, which is currently the only one in the country with a strictly horticultural training programme.

Hoffman serves as treasurer of

the Southern African Society for Horticultural Sciences (SASHS), and is treasurer and secretary of the International Protea Association (IPA). She was also, until recently, president of the South African Protea Producers and Exporters Association (SAPPEX), which has now been transformed into Cape Flora SA.

Hoffman, who hails from the Overberg, has been working at SU since 1998, after teaching at the University of Limpopo and doing research for the Department of Agriculture at Roodeplaat near Pretoria.

She says the Department of Horticultural Sciences has recently started a process of recirculation to review the training offered to agriculture students.

Green Fund maak toekennings aan US

Die US het onlangs drie groot kontrakte met die Green Fund, 'n program wat onder die Ontwikkelingsbank van Suider-Afrika val, onderteken. Dit is die eerste keer dat toekennings van dié fonds aan die US gemaak word.

Die drie toekenningshouers

is prof Johann Görgens van die Departement Prosesingenieurswese (R2,5 miljoen), prof Gerhard Venter van die Departement Meganiese Ingenieurswese (R1,06 miljoen) en prof Marina Rautenbach van die Departement Biochemie (R3,2 miljoen).

Volgens Comelia Malherbe, Bestuurder: Navorsingskontrakte van die Afdeling Navorsingsontwikkeling by die US, het die Green Fund 'n eenmalige oproep vir projekvoorstelle gemaak nadat hulle R30 miljoen van die Ontwikkelingsbank ontvang het.

PGIO launches MatieBuddy Programme

As of the second semester in 2014, the Postgraduate and International Office (PGIO) will manage a buddy programme for new incoming international exchange students at SU.

The MatieBuddy Programme will form an integral part of the Stellenbosch experience for many international students.

The programme sets out to promote cultural exchange between

local Maties and their exchange counterparts, giving them the chance to exchange diverse ideas, opinions and lifestyles.

Werner de Wit, Coordinator: International Student Life and Success at the PGIO and responsible for coordinating the MatieBuddy Programme, says by pairing up local and international students, they make sure that all new international exchange

students receive help and feedback from students at SU, before, during and after they have settled in Stellenbosch.

The buddy will help ease culture shock and give an "insider" perspective and experience on Stellenbosch student life.

The MatieBuddy programme will assist international students from before their arrival in Stellenbosch.

US-navorsers ontvang Nasionale Orde



Prof Simon Schaaf

'n Pediatriese TB-navorsers en klinikus van die Fakulteit Geneeskunde en Gesondheidswetenskappe, prof Simon Schaaf, het op 27 April die gesogte Nasionale Orde

van Mapungubwe (silwer) van president Jacob Zuma ontvang.

Hierdie orde gee erkenning aan Suid-Afrikaners vir uitnemendheid en uitstaande prestasie tot voordeel van Suid-Afrika en verder. Dit erken Schaaf se uitstekende bydrae tot die gesondheidswetenskappe, het dr Cassius Lubisi, kanselier van die Nasionale Ordes en Direkteur-Generaal van die Presidensie gesê. "Sy fokus

op middelweerstandige tuberkulose word gesien as baanbrekerswerk in die bestuur van die siekte."

Oor die toekenning sê Schaaf: "Dit is 'n groot eer en dit erken al die werk wat die span by die US se Desmond Tutu TB-Sentrum in die behandeling van middelweerstandige TB by kinders oor die jare ingesit het."

Hy is een van die fakulteit se twee A-gegradeerde wetenskaplikes.

Paul Sauer-gebou vier 50 jaar

Die Paul Sauer-gebou, wat die US se Departement Bos- en Houtkunde huisves, het op 15 Mei sy 50ste verjaardag gevier.

Dié E-vormige gebou is op 15 Mei 1964 deur die destydse minister van bosbou, Paul Sauer, ingewy en is vir net R180 000 opgerig danksy finansiële en boumateriaalskenkings vanuit die bedryf.

Die gebou se argitek, JB Collins, was sy tyd vooruit deur ruim gebruik te maak van volhoubare boumateriaal en -tegnieke wat deesdae gewild raak binne "groen"-argitektuur.

So kom al die hout wat in die gebou gebruik word uit hernieubare plantasies in die Wes-Kaap. Die tafels in die laboratoriums is van gelamineerde dennehout (*Pinus radiata*) gemaak. Die meeste binnemure is van sapele-panele gemaak wat verskuiwings in die uitleg van kantore vergemaklik, asook meer energiebesparend is as standaard bakstenmure.

Die gebou was oor die jare die tuiste van vele eerstes op kampus: die US se eerste rekenaarnetwerk is hier geïnstalleer, asook die eerste elektronmikroskoop. Dit is tans die tuiste van die enigste industriële-skaal



Studente en personeel van die Departement Bos- en Houtkunde het saam die 50ste verjaardag van die Paul Sauer-gebou gevier. Foto: ANTON JORDAAN

X-straal-rekenaartomograaf (ook bekend as 'n CT-skandeerder), wat deur die US se Sentrale Analitiese Fasiliteit bestuur word.

Onderrig in bos- en houtkunde het in 1932 aan die US begin. Die US is steeds die enigste tersiêre instelling in Suid-Afrika wat graadkursusse in houtprodukkunde, bosbou en natuurlike hulpbronne bestuur aanbied, en sodoende onderrig verskaf aan onder meer bosboukundiges, houtprodukkundiges, hulpbron-,

plantasie- en houtontginningsbestuurders.

Tans bied die departement onderrig aan sowat 70 voorgraadse en 30 nagraadse studente, waarvan talle van verskillende Afrika-lande kom.

Volgens Anton Kunneke van die Departement Bos- en Houtkunde word allerlei aktiwiteite beplan om die 50-jarige bestaan van die gebou te vier.

Meer inligting oor die gebeure sal eersdaags deur die departement bekend gemaak word.

In someone else's chair

As part of the Wheelchair Wednesday challenge, Vice-Rector Prof Eugene Cloete recently spent two hours doing his work from a wheelchair. He shared his experience with ILSE ARENDSE.

Always put yourself in someone else's shoes. If you feel that it hurts you, it probably hurts the person too. And that is exactly what Prof Eugene Cloete, Vice-Rector (Research & Innovation), recently did when he took up the challenge to spend two hours in a wheelchair.

The challenge called Wheelchair Wednesday and organised by the Helderberg Association for Persons with Disabilities, is designed to make people aware of the daily challenges faced by wheelchair users.

Cloete says the fact that he had a son with a disability had made him more aware and sensitive to the issue of disability. Yet, doing this challenge has given him a renewed insight.

"You know how life works – it's easy to talk but a different ballgame when you have to do something yourself."

He says his Wheelchair Wednesday experience started early that morning. "I had to put some thought into what I was going to wear so that I could move without restriction."

"I truly believe that we can learn more from people with disabilities than what they can learn from us."

Cloete says the moment he sat down in the wheelchair he felt something was wrong with him. "I realised that I am no longer part of people who could walk normally. Everybody looked at me differently and I was initially afraid that I won't be able to manoeuvre the wheelchair properly." Luckily he could easily wheel the chair around, but definitely not without a few challenges.

"It was a struggle to get into my office without bumping into the door frame. When I had to make a cup of coffee, I had to get help. I also ended up drinking my coffee in the kitchen because I wasn't prepared to tackle the ride to my desk with hot coffee in hand. And while I usually heat my lunch, I was forced to eat it cold because I could not reach the microwave."



Prof Eugene Cloete during a meeting in his wheelchair.

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So what would he like able-bodied people to realise? "Go out of your way to accommodate people with disabilities. You have no idea what power a friendly face can have in helping someone out of isolation. See them as normal people with extraordinary abilities. Just think of all the things we take for granted."

Cloete says SU is purposefully working towards creating an inclusive environment for students and staff to unleash their full potential.

Upgrading the infrastructure to ensure that students and staff with disabilities are accommodated is an integral part of the Campus Master Plan. He admits, however, that much still needs to be done.

"We must make an effort to think differently. Freedom of movement is extremely important and society as a whole is making things more difficult. By not putting much thought into how we design buildings to provide easy access, we are basically limiting their life opportunities," Cloete says.

"I want us to have empathy and add value to each other's lives. I truly believe that we can learn more from

people with disabilities than what they can learn from us."

- In May, Cloete was appointed to the board of the National Water Research Commission by the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs, Edna Molewa.



Prof Cloete on the way to his office in his wheelchair.

Fiela se inspirasie

Maties Gemeenskapsdiens (MGD) se program vir Volwasse Onderrig en Opleiding (VOO) het al vele suksesverhale opgelewer, waarvan Fiela Snell, 2013 se topleerder, een is. LYNNE RIPPENAAR-MOSES vertel meer.

Vir Fiela Snell van Kayamandi het MGD se VOO-program baie beteken en vir haar deure help oopmaak waarvan sy nooit kon droom nie. "Maar natuurlik hang alles van jouself af – jy skryf in en jy moet die harde werk doen. Tog het ek al gesien hoe baie leerders inskryf en 'n maand of twee later sien jy hul stoele is leeg."

Maar Snell het deurgedruk en onlangs is sy aangewys as die top VOO-leerder by 'n seremonie in Idasvallei. Sy het haar vlak 4-sertifikaat, gelykstaande aan graad 9, voltooi en vier A's behaal met 'n gemiddelde persentasie van 80%.

"Ek wou al lankal terugkeer skool toe en my studies voltooi, want ek het nooit destyds skool klaargemaak nie. Toe ek by Pick n Pay op Stellenbosch begin werk het, het 'n werker daar vir my van die VOO-program vertel wat sy voltooi het. Ek het toe meer gaan uitvind," vertel dié ma van twee kinders, dogter Conré (18) en seun Clinton (9).

Snell is een van talle wat danksy die VOO-program verder studeer om hul kans te verbeter om werk te kry of bevorder te word. Elke jaar registreer meer as 250 leerders om hul vlak 1 (gelykstaande aan graad 3), vlak 2 (graad 5), vlak 3 (graad 7) en vlak 4 te voltooi.

Die program, wat meer as 20 jaar bestaan en onder die vaandel van die Departement Hoëronderwys en Opleiding aangebied word, is in twee dele, naamlik die akademiese program en die vaardighedsontwikkelingsprogram.

Laasgenoemde bied opleiding in kralewerk, kookkurse, videoopleiding en rekenaaropleiding, sowel as lewensvaardighedsopleiding met betrekking tot dwelmmishandeling, bendegeweld, mensehandel, MIV/vigs, selfvertroue en tienerswangerskap.

Omdat die VOO-program 'n sterk ontwikkelingsfokus het, is die kundigheid wat aan kliënte oorgedra word toegespits op gemeenskapsbehoefte en om 'n kultuur van entrepreneurskap onder gemeenskapslede te bevorder.

Volgens Linda Jacobs, projekbestuurder van die VOO-program,

fokus die verskeie vlakke op vyf leerareas – Afrikaans, Engels, lewensoriëntering, aanvullende gesondheidsorg, asook reis en toerisme.

Studente moet al vyf leerareas/vakke voltooi om 120 krediete te ontvang en sodoende vir die nasionale Algemene Onderrig en Opleiding-sertifikaat te kwalifiseer.

"Die program maak dit moontlik vir ons leerders om werksgeleenthede sowel as bevordering binne die maatskappye waar hulle reeds werk, aan te gryp, soos byvoorbeeld in Snell se geval, terwyl die vaardighedsbeen van ons program dit weer moontlik maak vir ander om hul eie besighede te begin. Twee oudleerders bedryf nou hul eie bakkery en tuisnywerheid in Idasvallei."

Oor haar ondervinding van die program, sê Snell: "Die onderwysers het baie gehelp. As hulle vir jou take gegee het, het hulle gevra hoe jy vorder. En as jy nie iets verstaan het nie, kon jy teruggaan vir hulp."

Tydens haar studies het daar 'n geleentheid vir 'n toesighouerspos by Pick n Pay opgeduik en 'n kollega het haar aangemoedig om aansoek te doen.

As deel van die keuringsproses moes sy ook 'n toets aflê. Sy was baie verbaas toe sy hoor sy het die pos gekry.

"Ander kandidate het matriek gehad, maar ek het steeds beter as hulle gevaar. Ek dink dit is te danke aan MGD en hoe hulle 'n wêreld van moontlikhede vir my oopgemaak het."

Snell en haar eks-man, Peter, het albei die VOO-program voltooi, en Conré, 'n oudleerder van Hoërskool Lückhoff, sê sy was so geïnspireer deur haar ouers se toewyding dat sy hulle wou wys sy kan net so suksesvol wees.

Sy het in haar matriekjaar hard studeer en met 'n A-simbool geslaag. Vanjaar is sy 'n eerstejaar by die Universiteit van die Wes-Kaapland en studeer LLB (Regte) danksy 'n NSFAS-beurs wat sy ontvang het.

Snell beplan om in Augustus in te skryf vir die matriekprogram. "Ek sal graag daarna nog verder wil studeer," sê sy met 'n breë glimlag.

"Aan die een kant wil ek vir die staat werk of dalk as verpleegkundige, selfs in 'n bestuurspos by 'n restaurant. Ek is 'n onafhanklike mens, so ek wil vir myself en my kinders kan sorg. Deur verder te studeer kan ek net nog meer bereik."



Fiela Snell (regs) en haar dogter, Conré.

Foto: LYNNE RIPPENAAR-MOSES

20 jaar van demokrasie

Die Universiteit Stellenbosch het van 12 tot 16 Mei Suid-Afrika se 20 jaar van demokrasie gevier. Maar meer geleentehede word vir die loop van die jaar beplan. ILSE ARENDSE berig.

Demokrasie is 'n beginsel wat elkeen se reg op insluiting en deelname erken en beskerm. En ná 20 jaar van demokrasie in Suid-Afrika, is dit beslis 'n geleentehede om te vier. Juis daarom het die US van 12 tot 16 Mei deur uitstallings, vertonings en gesprekke ons 20 jaar van demokrasie gevier. Maar nog geleentehede lê voor.

“Die jaar 1994 was nie net 'n hoogtepunt in ons land en universiteit se geskiedenis nie, maar die begin van 'n pad waar ons as universiteit ook nou anders dink oor toegang tot kennis, ons verhouding met gemeenskappe, ons navorsingsmetodes en -uitsette en hoe ons mede-eienaarskap van ons universiteit verstaan en bestuur.

“Dit is die viering van ons eie pad na inklusiwiteit, maar ook 'n herinnering dat ons nog op pad is en dat Maties nog in 2044 ons stories sal vertel,” sê Monica du Toit van die Sentrum vir Inklusiwiteit en mede-koördineerder van die vieringe.

Volgens haar het hulle doelbewus gefokus op aktiwiteite wat nie inbreuk maak op die druk akademiese tyd nie, maar wat deurlopende gesprekke oor onder meer demokrasie en ons visie vir die toekoms sou aanmoedig.

So wat is volgende? Die uitstallings *Dear Mr Mandela*, *Dear Mrs Parks*; *Children's Letters*, *Global Lessons en Freedom XX: 20 Pieces of Democracy*, is nog tot 31 Desember te sien. Benewens deurlopende gespreksessies en opleiding kan personeel en studente ook die kalender dophou vir die Vrouedag-byeenkoms in Augustus, Losltdag en Erfenisdagvieringe in September, asook die Diversiteitsweek van 29 September tot 3 Oktober.

• **Neem deel aan die gesprekke oor #20YOFstellies op Twitter met @20Yostellies.**



As deel van die demokrasie-vieringe het die US-kunststudent Annika van der Westhuizen 'n interaktiewe visuele kunstwerk uit 2m x 3m-hoenderdraad geskep met die woorde “We belong here” met materiaal daarin geweef. Saam met die doek is vyf houers, elk gevul met materiaal in die kleure van die land se vlag. 'n Stelling is op elke houer geskryf (soos “Ek het hoop vir hierdie land”) en toeskouers kon kies watter stelling hul sienings die beste weergee. Hulle maak dan die stukke materiaal uit hul gekose houers aan die hoenderdraad vas. Foto's: STEFAN ELS



Die destydse ambassadeur van die fiktiewe voormalige tuisland Bapetikosweti, Evita Bezuidenhout, het saam met Maties 20 jaar van demokrasie kom vier met haar “staatsrede” in die Neelsie. Deesdae, vertel sy, kook sy kos vir die span van die ANC se hoofkwartier in Johannesburg, Luthuli-huis – veral suikervrye koeksisters. Hier is sy saam met haar Julius Malema-“baba”.



Lees op bl. 12 meer oor twee demokrasie-uitstallings in die US Kunsmuseum.

Jana van Onselen, 'n US-kunststudent, het 'n sambreel-uitstalling getiteld *Reënboognasie* in die Biblioteek-gaatjie geskep. Die sambreel beeld beide die beskermende funksie en diversiteit binne Suid-Afrika se demokrasie uit.

An icy endeavour

While many runners can be found pounding the pavement for their daily exercise, running up a mountain in extreme icy conditions is all in a day's work for Prof Anthony Leysens of SU's Political Science Department. LYNNE RIPPENAAR-MOSES spoke to him.

Some three years ago after trading in his road running shoes for a pair suited for rough terrains, Prof Anthony Leysens started practising trail running.

His latest feat, running up the 1 620m high Mount Sněžka (meaning "snowy mountain") at the beginning of the winter season in Poland, was tackled during an academic exchange visit to the University of Wrocław from 22 November to 7 December last year.

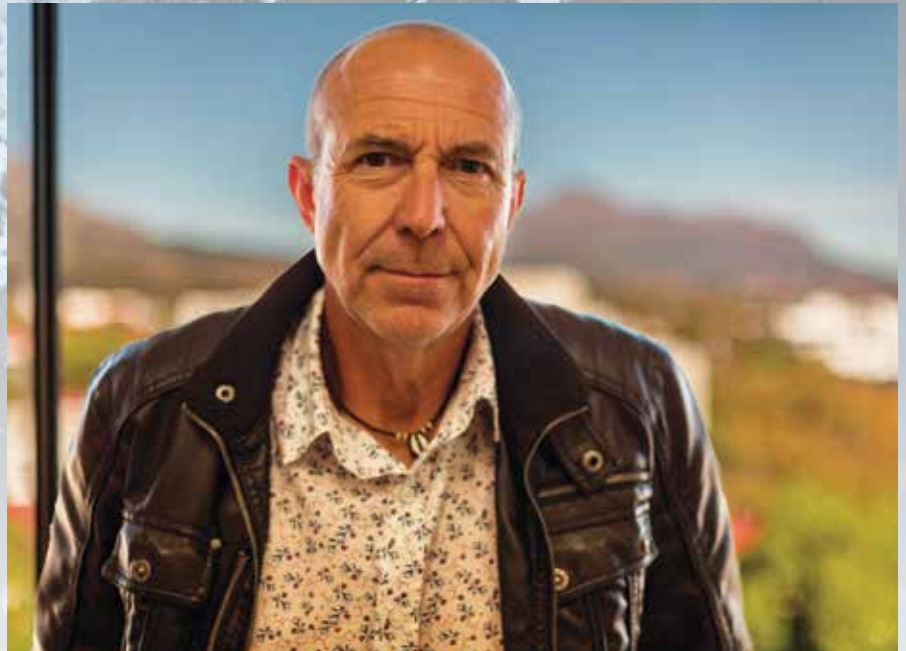
"Before I left for Poland, I had already started preparing for the run and had bought gear for the conditions I would be running in. The mountain is 1 620m high and straddles the border between Poland and the Czech Republic. The climate on the mountain – which the Poles call 'little Siberia' – is unique because the high wind speeds coming from the north result in a micro-Arctic or Alpine environment," explains Leysens.

"On the day of my run (30 November), the wind speed suddenly picked up to 50km/h and the temperature dropped to -7°C. The average yearly temperature on the summit is -2°C."

Leysens' trek up the mountain started from Karpacz, with a 6km hike in snow to the Samotnia mountain cabin in the company of his Polish colleague, Dr Sebastian Plóciennik, from the Institute of International Relations at Wrocław, his wife, Martha, and their son, Roch.

"That's only the first stretch," says a smiling Leysens. "I stayed overnight at Samotnia cabin and the next morning, at about 07:00, when the wind had died down, my colleague woke me to start the 6km run to the peak of the mountain."

From there he focused on completing the 12km trail run and did so in just under two hours. "The wind speed was unbelievable; I could barely stand up straight," he says.



Prof Anthony Leysens

Photo: STEFAN ELS

But how does one prepare for this kind of trail?

"By the time I had set my sights on doing this run, I had already built up some three years of experience in trail running in local conditions, but of course I had never experienced the type of weather conditions that I experienced in Poland," says Leysens.

He eased into trail running after becoming bored with road running and being advised by a friend to give it a go. "I started doing runs up the hill behind our house in Somerset West and searched trail running websites for information about the sport and the type of gear I would need for which conditions."

Over the next three years, he spent his time building up the fitness and endurance required for trail running. He participated in trail running events such as the Helderberg Mountain Challenge, a 15km run via the West Peak, and the 35km Jonkershoek Extreme Challenge, to name a few.

"I think what attracted me most to trail running, was the solitude and

the sense of adventure, but also the challenge of testing oneself against some of the toughest terrains out there."

While Leysens' visit to Poland included a chance to pursue his fitness passion, it is his other passion – teaching – that led to him being in the country in the first place. He spent three weeks in the country thanks to a multidisciplinary exchange agreement between several European universities and the Political Science Department at SU.

The agreement was drawn up by Leipzig University in Germany and has led to the formation of a consortium of universities that participate in offering courses as part of Leipzig's MA in Global Studies. Leysens' module focused on the challenges and problems linked to the transformation of South Africa's political economy.

Asked if he will attempt another challenging run while on an academic visit, Leysens grins and says, "Wherever I go, I always start thinking about the highest peak or the closest mountain in my vicinity, because where there is a mountain, there is a trail to conquer."

The art of democracy



The exhibition *Dear Mr Mandela, Dear Mrs Parks: Children's Letters, Global Lessons can be seen at SU's Art Museum.* Photo: STEFAN ELS

Two art exhibitions celebrating 20 years of democracy in South Africa can be seen at SU's Art Museum.

Titled *Dear Mr Mandela, Dear Mrs Parks: Children's Letters, Global Lessons* and *Freedom XX: 20 Pieces of Democracy*, these exhibitions will be on view at the Museum until 31 December.

Also, the exhibitions form part of the University Museum's observation of International Museums Day, which was celebrated world-wide on 18 May. The theme of this year's International Museum Day is "Museum collections make connections".

Dear Mr Mandela, Dear Mrs Parks: Children's Letters, Global Lessons is a travelling exhibition on loan from the Nelson Mandela Museum in Mthatha, Eastern Cape.

The inspiration for this exhibition came from the hundreds of children around the world who wrote letters to Nelson Mandela and the late American activist Rosa Parks, both internationally renowned for their work in human rights.

The letters reveal why children revere Mandela and Parks, and also highlight young people's desire for guidance and understanding about life.

The exhibition highlights Nelson Mandela and Rosa Parks' devotion to freedom, democracy and emancipation, and raises greater public understanding of the parallels in the struggles for equality and justice in the United States

and South Africa through the letters of children.

The exhibition was developed when the Michigan State University Museum and the Nelson Mandela Museum were awarded one of the first four grants from a new programme of the American Association of Museums, Washington, DC, and the US Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

The grants are designed to strengthen connections between people in the US and abroad through museum-based exchanges.

A replica of the exhibition opened in the United States in January 2010 on the occasion of Martin Luther King's birthday and is now travelling through the breadth and width of America.

The *Freedom XX: 20 Pieces of Democracy* exhibition is curated by the staff of the University Museum. Each of the staff members (with the exclusion of the director) was asked to select an artwork or artworks that, in his/her opinion, represented the period 1994–2014.

To add more interactivity, they are inviting visitors and members of the public to democratically vote for the artworks of their choice in this exhibition.

The exhibition not only invites members of staff to speak up but extends this rare curatorial privilege to the public as part of celebrating twenty years of our vibrant democracy.

● Etenstyd

Reeds vroeggend trek die reuk van koffie die lug in by die ou VCSV-gebou in Ryneveldstraat wat nou die Häzz-koffiewinkel met sy kenmerkende blou logo huisves.

As jy hier inloop, sien jy hier en daar iemand voor 'n rekenaar, sommige bespreek hul volgende groot idee, en in die hoek op 'n leerbank sit iemand en lees die dag se koerant.

Häzz se toonbankpersoneel is vriendelik en neem jou bestelling (wegneem of sit) flink en laat dit dan oor aan hul goed opgeleide baristas om vir jou daai perfekte, selfgeroosterde, koppie koffie te maak.

As jy nie lus is vir koffie nie, kan jy tee of warmsjokolade bestel. En moet tog nie vergeet van hul deli met toebroodjies of vars gebak nie. Häzz verkoop ook sy eie pakkies koffie.

Dis nou byna winter en hul koffie en atmosfeer sal verseker dat jy jou dag met 'n bietjie warmte aanpak.



● Read

What are the causes of xenophobia, and what does hatred of foreigners in South Africa say about the state of democracy in this country 20 years after its inception in 1994?

These questions are at the heart of a new book, *Imagined Liberation: Xenophobia, Citizenship and Identity in South Africa, Germany and Canada*, by sociologists Heribert Adam and Kogila Moodley. Published by SUN PRESS, it forms part of a series of publications by the Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study (STIAS).

Adam and Moodley are STIAS fellows. He is Emeritus Professor of

Daar is geen rede om hierdie vakansie ledig te wees nie. Die Stellenbosch Internasionale Kamermusiekfees is weer in Julie terug in die Endlersaal, lees 'n boek oor hoe xenofobie Suid-Afrika se demokrasie beïnvloed, of geniet 'n koffie by Häzz.

● Luister

Musici van regoor die wêreld kom weer in Julie byeen vir die gewilde Stellenbosch Internasionale Kamermusiekfees, wat deur die US Konservatorium aangebied word.

Die fees word sedert 2004 aangebied en lok jaarliks meer as 250 musiekstudente van regoor Suid-Afrika wat meesterklasse en lesse kom neem by die vooraanstaande wêreldklas-musici wat vir dié fees genooi word.

Die studente kry ook geleentheid om in etensuurkonserte op te tree.

Van Vrydag 4 Julie tot Sondag 13 Julie bied die fees sy reeks aandkonserte aan waarin die genooide kunstenaars optree. Dié konserte word elke aand in die Konservatorium se Endlersaal gehou.

Van die kunstenaars tree gereeld by die fees op, met Daniel Rowland (viool), Frank Stadler (viool), Gareth Lubbe (altviool) en Weston Sprott (tromboon) wie se name al oor die jare sinoniem met die fees geword het.

Van die ander oorsese musici wat al hier bekend geword het, is Abel Pereira (Franse horing), Demarre McGill (fluit), James Austin Smith (hobo), asook die dirigent **Daniel Raiskin** (foto regs) wat in twee konserte die feesorkes sal lei.

Onder die Suid-Afrikaners tel die tjellis Peter Martens, wat ook die feesdirekteur is, Anzel Gerber (tjello), die pianiste Luis Magalhães, Bennie van Eeden en Pieter Grobler, asook Pamela Kierman (Franse horing).

Die konsertprogramme, saamgestel deur prof Nina Schumann, die fees se artistieke direkteur en klaviersosant aan die US, lewer altyd interessante musiek op. Onder dié werke is 'n aantal Suid-Afrikaanse premières.

Op vanjaar se program is kamermusiekwerke van bekende komponiste soos Brahms, Mendelssohn, Schumann en Stravinsky, asook van minderbekende komponiste soos Ernő Dohnányi (1877–1960), Giya Kancheli (gebore 1935) en Nikolas Kapustin



(gebore 1937).

'n Wye spektrum van musiek uit verskillende periodes kan gehoor word.

Tydens een van die konserte sal die aktrise en komediant Tumi Morake as verteller optree.

Sociology at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, and she Professor Emerita in the Department of Educational Studies at the University of British Columbia.

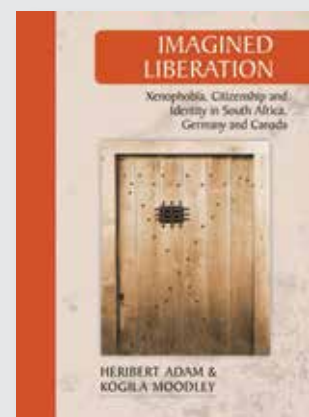
Most of the research and writing for their book took place during three visits to South Africa from 2011 to 2013 while they were resident at STIAS.

"*Imagined Liberation* traces how the dream of an inclusive, non-racial democracy faded in South Africa," the authors say in their introduction.

Analysis of South Africa forms the mainstay of the book, but the other two countries mentioned are given substantial attention as well.

In the case of Germany, the treatment of asylum seekers and Islamophobia are highlighted, while Canada is held up as a model for enlightened immigration policies.

For Adam and Moodley this work is more than just another research project. The two had met in Durban in 1966 when Moodley was a lecturer at the then University College for Indians (later University of Durban-Westville, now part of the University of KwaZulu-Natal), and Adam was a visiting scholar from Germany. They fell in love but their relationship fell afoul of the Immorality Act. Moodley was fired from her job and Adam banned from South



Africa. They got married in Germany two years later.

The book can be ordered at www.sun-e-shop.co.za.

Alles wel met BeWell

Die US is nie net verantwoordelik vir sy personeel se welwees nie, maar ook dié van sy studente – en daarvoor sorg die Sentrum vir Studentevoorigting en -ontwikkeling se BeWell-mentorprogram. PIA NÄNNY vertel meer.

Die US as 'n geheel moet die welwees van sy studente koester. En dié boodskap, dat die US ook intern hoop skep deur doelbewus na die welwees van sy studente om te sien, kan 'n baie kragtige instrument wees.

Daarom is prof Charl Cilliers, Direkteur: Sentrum vir Studentevoorigting en -ontwikkeling (SSVO), opgewonde oor die feit dat meer koshuise en PSO-wyke vanjaar by die BeWell-mentorprogram ingekoop het en dat die aantal mentorsessies wat in 2014 aangeteken is, dramaties toegeneem het vergeleke met 2013.

Hoewel die konsep van studente-welwees reeds sedert 1998 formeel by die US bestudeer word, is die BeWell-mentorprogram in sy huidige formaat in 2013 geïmplementeer. Die doel van die program is om studente se potensiaal te optimaliseer deur hul welwees in verskeie dimensies van hul lewe te bevorder.

Om mentors te bemagtig is hulpmiddels (welweeskaarte) hiervoor ontwikkel. Hierdie kaarte bevat besprekingsinligting en -vrae oor die ses welweesdimensies, naamlik emosionele, spirituele, fisieke, intellektuele, sosiale en beroepswelwees.

Volgens Cilliers was die impak van die program ongelooflik. "By studente, koshuise en omgewings wat regtig ingekoop het, het ons 'n geweldige positiewe reaksie in terme van hul beleving gesien, en ook 'n korrelasie in die verbetering van

die akademiese prestasie van eerstejaars (in daardie koshuise of omgewings).

"Nie dat hierdie mentorprogram die enigste faktor is wat 'n rol gespeel het nie, maar ons weet daar is 'n baie positiewe verband tussen die twee," sê Cilliers.

Waar daar in 2013 altesaam 1 992 mentorsessies aangeteken is, is daar teen 12 Mei 2014 reeds 4 215 mentorsessies ingevoer. Cilliers en dr Ludolph Botha, Senior Direkteur: Afdeling Studentesake, skryf die toename toe aan die slimfoontoepassing (app) wat dit vir mentors en mentees maklik maak om hul sessies op 'n mobiele toestel in te voer, asook die "gamification"-element. Die "gamification"-proses verhoog betrokkenheid deur deelname aan te moedig (mentors verdien punte wanneer sessies ingevoer word).

"Mense is geneig om studentesukses net aan akademie te koppel," sê Botha. "Maar hulle vergeet vir 83% van hul tyd is studente nie in 'n klas nie. Baie universiteite laat daardie deel van universiteitslewe aan die toeval oor. Dié tyd kon vir ko-kurrikulêre ontwikkeling gebruik word. Dit is alles in die mentorstelsel vervleg.

"Ons sê jy kan nie intellektueel floreer as jou emosionele, fisieke of spirituele welsyn af is nie. As jy intellektueel wil floreer, moet jy eintlik floreer in die totaliteit van jou menswees," voeg hy by.



Is jy wel?

Welwees beteken om gesond, gelukkig en goed aangepas te wees in al die fasette van jou lewe – jou fisieke, emosionele, intellektuele, sosiale, geestelike en beroepswelwees. Hier is 'n paar vrae uit die mentors se Welweeskaarte wat jy jousef kan afvra:

Fisiek: Dink jy dis nodig om jou lewenstyl aan te pas om jou fisieke welwees te verbeter? Hoe? Wanneer wil jy hiermee begin?

Emosioneel: Is daar enige sterk positiewe emosies wat jy meer gereeld sou wou voel? Ervaar jy soms negatiewe emosies? Hoe kan jy dit op 'n positiewe manier hanteer?

Intellektueel: Dink jy daar is van jou intellektuele vaardighede wat jy verder behoort te ontwikkel?

Beroep: Wat kan jy doen om te verseker dat jy gelukkig is in jou werk?

Sosiaal: Dink jy gesonde verhoudings met die mense rondom jou is belangrik vir jou eie ontwikkeling?

Spiritueel: Wat is die belangrikste waardes wat vir jou rigting gee in jou lewe?

Of love, harmony and happiness

Serendipity is the experience of having a pleasant and happy surprise. And it was such an encounter that ENGELA DUVENAGE had when meeting conservation ecologist, Prof Michael Samways, for the first time.

The meeting was set up with the idea to chat about yet another feather in the by now well-feathered cap of this A-rated entomologist and conservationist, who has been chair of the Department of Conservation Ecology and Entomology for the past decade. Based on the scientific citation indexing service Web of Science's latest rankings, Samways is now globally the leading author in insect conservation, and is ranked third among authors in biodiversity conservation.

His publication list will, after all, soon top 300 full scientific papers. He has also authored 57 book chapters, and 15 books/special issues, all with major publishers, and is now working on a major book with the publishers Wiley-Blackwell on matters relating to practical insect conservation.

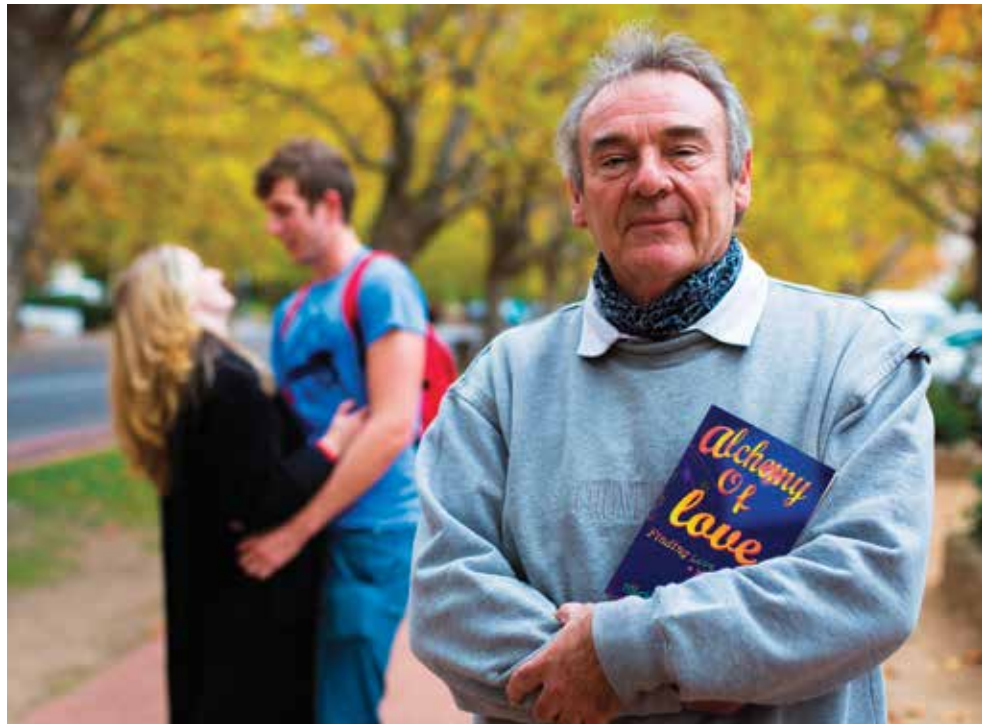
However, the discussion never dwelt too long on his conservation endeavours across the agricultural mosaic, about how he has helped to restore Seychelles island ecosystems, or his rediscovery of lost dragonflies.

Instead, it was another mint-fresh book from his pen that was the topic of engrossed discussion. His *Alchemy of Love: Finding love, harmony and happiness* (published by Ayni Books) is available through Amazon in hard copy or as an e-book since the beginning of May. "It's a multi-faceted self-help book that combines deep philosophy and biology on how to find happiness through giving out love and finding harmony in our lives," Samways elaborates.

In it, he combines his insights into spirituality, biochemistry and biology which he has gleaned after years of studying nature and learning from the spiritual leaders he met during his numerous travels.

Besides giving biological insights on the more obvious aspects of romantic love, such as how to woo a woman and on finding a partner, Samways also dwells much deeper into tuning into our subtle senses, fixing our relationship with ourselves, and also the interactions with family and friends.

In the Western world at least, people aspire to finding love and happiness. Samways believes that all aspects of giving love (in its various forms) with enthusiasm converge on happiness, and that one's spiritual journey to love and eventual happiness involves first overcoming trauma and disillusionment. He also



Prof Michael Samways

Photo: STEFAN ELS

believes that finding true romance involves understanding one's deep emotions, biology and higher consciousness.

"Happiness, rather than being a goal, is then a reward," he reflects. "It's all an alchemical process based on recognising our inner immutable being, and not letting the whims of the ego interfere with expression of the inner being."

Samways in short

- Recipient of a Citation of Excellence from the World Conservation Union/Species Survival Commission Chair (2014)
- Received the Distinguished Scientist Award (2011) at the Global Conference of Entomology
- Recipient of the Senior Captain Scott medal from the South Africa Academy for Science and Art, the John Herschel medal from the Royal Society of South Africa, and the gold medal from the Academy of Science of South Africa
- Received SU Rector's Awards, most notably a double in 2013 for both his publications and postgraduate output
- Fellow of the Royal Society of South Africa, a member of the Academy of Sciences of South Africa
- Current president of the international Orthopterists' Society
- Supervised 26 PhD and 38 MSc theses



Prof Andrew Levin (middle) of the Department of Anaesthesiology and Critical Care in the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences delivered his inaugural lecture on Thursday, 22 May. The title of his talk was "Anaesthesia: The Sleep of Life. Arterial oxygenation and one-lung Anaesthesia". Pictured here with Levin are Prof Eugene Cloete, Vice-Rector (Research and Innovation), and Prof Marietjie de Villiers, Vice-Dean of Teaching in the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences. Photo: OONA RADEMEYER



Prof Thomas Jones (middle) of the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering in the Faculty of Engineering delivered his inaugural lecture on Tuesday, 13 May. The title of his address was "Unmanned aircraft control: Finding simple solutions to complex problems". Pictured here with Jones are Prof Willie Perold, Vice-Dean (Research) in the Faculty of Engineering, and Prof Eugene Cloete, Vice-Rector (Research and Innovation). Photo: JUSTIN ALBERTS


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