

SERVICE LEARNING SUCCESS

Students make their mark on local communities

BY CANDES KEATING AND KWANELE BUTANA

CPUT students are changing communities for the good.

From building sustainable houses to making graduation gowns for learners, students are using their skills to improve the lives of thousands of people living in the Western Cape.

And this year, their efforts have doubled, with the university experiencing an unprecedented growth in the number of service learning projects.

Manager of the Service Learning Unit, Jacqueline Scheepers says this year all six faculties implemented new projects, which are running alongside existing ones.

“This year we have seen more academic staff opt for a creative way of changing the curriculum,” says Scheepers.

A distinctive feature of CPUT, the projects see the university partner with communities, government and other organisations to address needs in communities.

INNOVATION

Scheepers says this year they have seen the infusion of innovation in a number of projects.

One such is the aquaponics project, a collaboration between the Horticulture Department and several non-profit organisations.

The project aims at developing a sustainable unit that will allow communities to produce fish and vegetable plants.

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Architectural Technology students are also thinking out of the box and are exploring building methods for sustainable houses in Khayelitsha that relies on sandbags.

These projects have helped CPUT to create stronger partnerships with government

and industry. Recently several new partners jumped on board the Adopt a River project, the brainchild of the Civil Engineering Department. Based in Makhaza in Khayelitsha, the project explores solutions to environmental problems.

PARTNERSHIPS

“This is the biggest partnership and it spans across government departments and various sectors. This project has a lot of promise due to its wide range of stakeholders” says Scheepers.

This initiative also received a thumbs-up from Deputy

Minister of Water Affairs Rejoice Mabudafhasi, who visited the project earlier this year.

Scheepers says they have also seen social innovation through various projects. One such is a programme run by the Samotology Department and Lentegeur Psychiatric Hospital in Mitchell’s Plain, where students are teaching patients health and wellness techniques.

And to celebrate its success, the unit showcased its projects and partnerships at the Service Learning Mini conference and Project Exhibition that took place on the Bellville Campus.



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Informative choices

Debut Life Orientation Teachers and Principals Information Session

BY NURAHN RYKLIEF

CPUT held its inaugural Life Orientation Teachers and Principals Information Session recently.

The event was organised and hosted by the School Liaison Division of the Marketing and Communication Department. It aimed at creating stronger ties with principals and life orientation teachers at Western Cape Schools.

Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Academics, Prof Anthony Staak, who delivered the opening address, placed great emphasis on the importance of building relationships with various schools and on the integral role teachers and principals play in students' lives.

INFLUENCE

"Staff at schools have a major influence in student's lives. They are there to guide students and therefore it is important for them to know what is available," he says.



CREATING TIES: Director of Marketing and Communication, Norman Jacobs with principals and teachers who attended the event

The day's event saw several CPUT heads of departments deliver informative addresses on their faculties and units.

Information discussed included entrance requirements, course structures and qualifications. Principals and teachers also

got insight into Work Integrated Learning and the research and innovation activities at the university.

Principals and teachers say the event was informative and will go a long way in helping them provide students with information

on tertiary education.

Heleen Joubert, Life Orientation Teacher at Northcliff House College in Hermanus, says she is now equipped with a wealth of information on CPUT, which she will share with her learners.

HIGH PROFILE VISITS

BY THAMI NKWANYANE AND KWANELE BUTANA



POSSIBILITIES: CPUT staff members with Ambassador Blanka Fajkusova

CPUT hosted a number of high profile guests, all who expressed interest in working with the institution.

The Ambassador of the Czechoslovakian Republic Blanka Fajkusova visited CPUT as part of her national tour to promote her country at universities in the region.

She expressed interest in co-operation with CPUT in various fields of research.

Dr Chris Nhlapo, Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Research Innovation and Partnerships, says CPUT is keen to explore establishing ties with other universities in the region.

"We need to pick and choose institutions in Europe in terms of our strategic goals," he says.

Meanwhile, the Mechanical Engineering Department hosted a delegation from the United States Department of Public Defense.

COLLABORATION

Programme Manager for the US Air force Office of Scientific Research, Sofi Bin-Salamon, says they are looking at various areas of collaboration, from research to academic exchange programmes.

"We want to fund your research initiatives and invite academics to conduct talks at conferences in the US," says Bin-Salamon.

Prof Gary Atkinson-Hope, Director of CPUT's Technology Transfer Office who met with the group says CPUT is keen on developing partnerships, which will benefit all stakeholders.

Award Winning Marketers

BY CANDES KEATING

The CPUT Marketing and Communications Department has come out tops at a national tertiary competition.

The department clinched nine awards at the Marketing, Advancement and Communication in Education (MACE) Excellence Awards, which was held in Cape Town.

MACE recognises excellence and the achievements of university and FET College practitioners in marketing, communication and advancement. It is one of the most prestigious inter-university competitions in South Africa.

The department scooped first prize in several categories. This includes media relations, advertising, posters and public relations.

It also clinched the highest overall marks for the



WINNERS: The CPUT Marketing and Communications Department clinched top prizes at a national university competition

advertising and electronic and digital media categories.

"This is the best that CPUT has ever done and is a testimony to the excellent work done in the department."

The department also walked away with the top award for

streaming of the April graduation ceremonies. This award was shared with the Department of Students Affairs and the Web Development Office.

Director of the department, Norman Jacobs says he is proud of CPUT's achievements.

"This wonderful achievement was a team effort and I am extremely proud of the MCD team, in particular Severus Cerff who submitted three of the four winning entries. This is the best that CPUT has ever done and is a testimony to the excellent work done in the department," says Jacobs.



R5 million for Chocolate Factory

Food Technology Department clinch funds for new centre

BY CANDES KEATING

From dark chocolate bars to toffee sweets, CPUT will soon be churning out chocolates and sweets by the dozen.

Thanks to a R5 million donation from the Department of Trade and Industry, CPUT is set to build a Chocolate and Confectionary Centre of Excellence at the existing Food Technology Facility.

This state of the art centre will be the only of its kind at a university in South Africa.

Head of the Food Technology Department, Associate Prof Jessy van Wyk, says the centre will have many functions of which the core will be to train students, staff and industry in the area of product development.

SPECIALISE

Currently training in this specialised area is only offered abroad, forcing local companies to spend huge sums on training courses.



SWEET: CPUT is set to build a Chocolate and Confectionary Centre of Excellence

But with the centre set to be up and running by late 2013, industry will be able to learn from experts at CPUT.

The center will also be used by industry for product development and by SME's for short production lines.

Van Wyk says they will also use the facility to produce

CPUT's own line of chocolates and sweets, which will be used primarily as marketing tools for the department and Agrifood Technology Station.

PRODUCTION

Currently Van Wyk and her team are finalising the finer details of the centre.

"We are busy refining the list

of equipment that we will install in the centre. There will be definite production lines for moulded and enrobed chocolates.

We are also envisaging several other confectionary lines, from lollipops to toffees and pan sweets," she says.

Research think tank

New research programme rolled-out

BY KWANELE BUTANA

CPUT has been hand-picked to participate in the Development Research Uptake in Sub-Saharan Africa (Drussa) programme.

Funded by the United Kingdom's Department for International Development, CPUT is one of 24 universities in Africa selected to participate in this prestigious programme.

The programme aims to help universities develop capacity and strategies that will see locally-contextualised developmental research outcomes used to address specific challenges in Africa.

It also serves as a guide to universities on how to improve accessibility to their research outcomes, which can be used by organizations and governments to inform policies.



FORERUNNERS: CPUT's Dr Chris Nhlapo and Prof Shaun Pather will drive the Drussa programme at the university

Dr Chris Nhlapo, Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research, Technology Innovation and Partnerships, says the launch of the programme at CPUT is an epoch-defining moment.

The first training session kicked off last month and saw representatives from the

universities attend a short-course on Research Uptake Management and Science Communication.

Developed by the Centre for Research on Evaluation, Science and Technology (CREST) at the University of Stellenbosch, the course is a first of its kind

in Africa. In 2013 various programmes on formulating policies will be rolled-out.

Nhlapo says one of the initiatives of the programme will also see the university's recent PhD graduates present their research in a lecture series in a bid to communicate their findings to the community.

He says research findings should be translated into the vernacular for the benefit of local communities.

Senior researcher at CREST, Dr Sara Grobbelaar, says Research Uptake Management will allow researchers to show that their research actually benefits the community.

FASHION SHOW

CPUT gears up for runway extravaganza

BY NURAHN RYKLIFF



EXTRAVAGANZA: A fashion student with one of the designs that will be featured

Third year fashion students are placing their final touches on their collections which will be showcased at the CPUT annual Fashion Show extravaganza.

Set to take place next month, the show promises to amaze and as previous years, the talent displayed will leave audiences in awe.

The theatrical show will showcase the work of the 30-something third year fashion design students, who have been hard at work on their designs.

DESIGN

Third year student, Zee Mhlanga explains that there's something for every taste.

"We are designing for all tastes, from evening wear, casual wear, tailored wear to envelope-pushing avant-garde, we have it all here," says Zee.

The show is set to take place on **27 November** at the Multipurpose Hall on the Cape Town campus.

Come out and enjoy a free show and be part of a fantastic experience that is set to showcase South Africa's up and coming designers.



PUSHING BOUNDARIES

Mechatronics students create 3D printer

BY CANDES KEATING

Third year Mechatronics students Gino Michels and Thierry Motomungu were not fazed when tasked to overhaul a 3D printer for their fourth semester project.

Annually third year Mechatronics students are tasked to complete a group project before going off to industry to complete their work integrated learning programme.

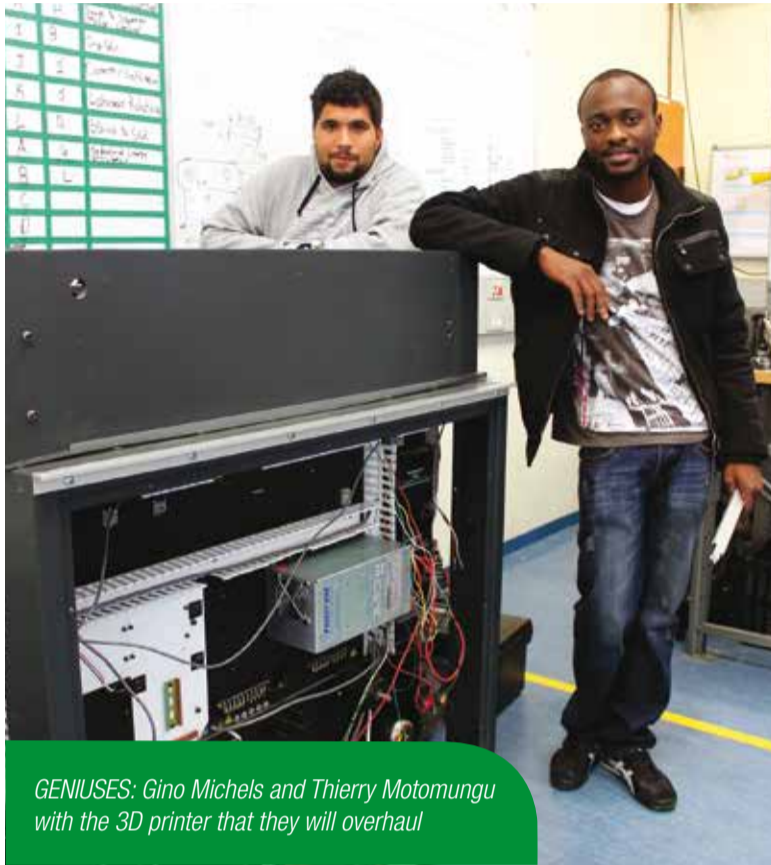
This year, Gino and Thierry landed one of the toughest projects – converting a standard 3D paper printer to a 3D extruder printer that uses ABS plastic.

Gino says currently there are such types of printers on the market, however, all are small in size.

During the next few weeks the duo will create a much larger version of a 3D printer that uses ABS plastic to print parts.

CHALLENGE

Thierry says 3D printers that make use of ABS plastics are very popular in industry and are used for the making of toys to



GENIUSES: Gino Michels and Thierry Motomungu with the 3D printer that they will overhaul

automotive parts.

Thierry says while the project is exciting, it has its own set of challenges and will require a lot of hard work and thinking out of the box.

“There is a lot of programming

involved in this project. We also have electrical and mechanical controls to build,” he says.

However, the duo is positive that they will successfully complete the project and clinch top marks.

Energy Authority

Expert shares expertise at electrical seminar

BY CANDES KEATING



TRAINING: Members of industry who attended the seminar

The Electrical Engineering Department is fast becoming the national authority on all matters related to substations.

The department's Centre for Substation Automation and Energy Management Systems hosted the “IEC 61850 and its Role in a Smart Grid” seminar, which was the only of its kind ever to be held on African soil.

Presented by Dr Alexander Apostolov, a world class specialist in Substation Automation, the seminar ran over three-days and attracted key-role players in the energy sector.

Apostolov looked at the implementation of various standards that have been set by the International Electrical Commission, smart grids and various other elements in the energy sector.

The third day of the seminar was dedicated to practical demonstrations presented by various specialists.

The centre has been running workshops related to the IEC 61850 standard since 2009. The workshops are playing a huge role in training and development of technicians and engineers in the national energy sector.

Savvy Journalists

Students learn how government works

BY THAMI NKWANYANE

The Western Cape Provincial Parliament recently held a workshop with first year Journalism students with the view of educating them on how government works and the processes that citizens need to follow when they want to interact with or address issues within government.

The highly charged session was kicked off by the facilitator, Melvin Dirkse, sensitizing the students on the importance of the Constitution and the National Anthem of South Africa thereby making them stand up and read the Preamble of the Constitution and the anthem.

He explained how these came about and the symbolic meaning they have to the general citizens of South Africa.

Students were also given a copy



INSIGHT: Melvin Dirkse, facilitator of the workshop, reading the South African Constitution with first year Journalism students

of the constitution and other supporting documents on how government works.

Xolani Vanda, Senior Technician at the Journalism department, says it is important for students to know how government works as

they often have to report on it.

“Often they are thrown in the deep end with no real knowledge. As a department we try to make sure that students are industry ready,” he said.

Food Symposium

BY CANDES KEATING

Experts agree that innovation is key to the growth of the South African food and beverage sector.

The Food Innovation Symposium, hosted by the Agrifood Technology Station, provided role-players in the sector with an opportunity to debate innovation and the way forward for the sector.

Deputy Director of the Agro-Processing Unit at the Department of Trade and Industry, Likani Lebani says many companies and institutions are involved in excellent research, however, development is often not pursued.

“You have to innovate and create a product that can be placed on the market,” he says.

Lebani says while there are pockets of excellence, much

more must be done in the industry to foster innovation.

He says businesses and universities must also make use of the various funding and development programmes offered by their department.

INNOVATION

“For innovation to be successful there has to be inputs in human resources and research.”

Head of the Agrifood Technology Station, Larry Dolley, says stakeholders should look at conducting an innovation survey in industry.

Dolley says several years ago, commercialisation was not actively pursued by university researchers.

“We must go back 5 years and look at what's been done and look at what has not been implemented,” he says.



PIONEERING STYLE

Fashion students take on denim design challenge

BY NURAHN RYKLIEF

A fantastically-talented group of second and third year fashion students are vying for a top international prize in one of the most stylish cities in the world, Monte Carlo.

The Jeansation competition attracts entries from 22 countries and 5 continents, and CPUT's seven fashion-design students are confirmed finalists.

One of the world's most unique and creative jeans competitions, Jeansation provides those involved with great international exposure.



DESIGNERS: Fashion students and their lecturer Jas Myburg will travel to Monte Carlo in November

The third-year finalists include Jacqueline le Grange, Shaun Smith, Fabian Ah-Sing and Heili van Wyk, while second-year

finalists consists of Celestine Kampire, Michelle Thornhill and Ingrid Preuer.

All the students are enthusiastic

and thrilled at the opportunity.

Following the competition's brief and theme - "The Friendly World", the young designers each drew inspiration from their own cultures or ones that inspire them and designed unique pieces that reflect their vision of the future of jeans fashion.

"Students will have the opportunity to interact with top international designers"

Having such a high number of finalists proves that CPUT is giving the fashion world what it wants and needs, and that there is an international standard to the work that is being delivered.

"This is a big step in the right direction as the students have the opportunity to interact with and be exposed to international designers and stakeholders," says lecturer Jas Myburg, who will accompany the students.

TALENT

The group is looking forward to the competition, which takes place in November.

Student Jacqueline says the competition is a huge learning curve for the group. However, she says they could not have achieved a place in the finals without the support of the department's lecturers and administration staff.

London is calling

Students jet off to Fashion Week

BY NURAHN RYKLIEF



DESIGN FLAIR: Tamsyn Johannisen and Zenobia Rasberg at the Burberry Show at London Fashion Week.

Flying the CPUT flag abroad, two third-year fashion students attended London Fashion Week after winning a Woolworths' competition that formed part of their Making A Difference Through Design programme.

Woolworths asked students to design a modern jersey collection for summer 2012 and the winners were given the opportunity to visit the Kingston University in London and attend the fashion week.

Tamsyn Johannisen and Zenobia Rasberg spent ten days in London and described the visit as a major event in their lives.

At Kingston University's Fashion Faculty, the duo gained valuable knowledge about the international fashion scene.

CREATIVE

"It was an amazing experience. We were exposed to new techniques and to what's happening internationally," says Tamsyn.

The highlight of the trip as described by Tamsyn and Zenobia was undoubtedly attending London Fashion Week, and particularly the Burberry show.

"The show was amazing, our favorite hands-down. It was innovative and unlike anything we've seen before," says Zenobia.

Fashion students from Kingston University visited Cape Town earlier this year, attended the Design Indaba and the Woolworths Design Centre.

Home grown talent

BY NURAHN RYKLIEF



FINE TALENT: Architecture student, Fareez Dollie scooped a prestigious PG Bison student competition award

Fareez Dollie's eye for detail coupled with his flair for design saw him clinch one of the top awards in the prestigious PG Bison 1.618 student competition.

This annual competition attracts numerous entries from a wide range of talented design students.

The brief called for students to come up with a design concept for a wealthy client who wants to develop a unique location in Southern Africa.

An extremely-talented third-year Architecture student, Fareez draws inspiration from his surroundings and is an avid researcher. These two aspects of his creative mind left him in good standing in the competition.

Fareez chose the Highveld as his location for the design and drew inspiration from a straw-coloured fruit bat, a species unique to the area.

After designing his concept, Fareez was on the fence about submitting his piece for the national competition. But after some motivation from his lecturers, Alex Noble and Alex Smuts, he entered the competition.

When his place in the top ten was confirmed, he was over the moon. Fareez says he never expected to clinch third prize at a gala event that took place in Johannesburg recently.

Excited about his future, Fareez plans to study further next year and fly the CPUT flag high, with more of his inspiring work. CPUT's Interior Design student, Carla Slabolepszy was placed in the top ten.



New Appointment

International advancement expert joins university

BY JAN WEINTROB

Positioning CPUT as a world-class, socially responsive university that embraces the cutting-edge of technology is just one of the goals of newly-appointed Director of Advancement, Milcho Damianov.

A graduate of the prestigious International Fundraising School at Indiana University, USA, Damianov also holds a post-graduate qualification in Marketing Management.

The Bulgarian-born director is equally adept at Corporate Communications, a discipline gleaned from his extensive work experience at tertiary institutions in Europe and Southern Africa.

His formidable skills were most recently pivotal to the success



GO-GETTER: Advancement Director Milcho Damianov aims to put CPUT on the global map

of the Uniswa Foundation, which spearheads advancement initiatives at the University of Swaziland.

As the first CEO of the foundation, Damianov's leadership and creative

management style were instrumental in promoting the university as a positive, credible and worthy institution.

What followed was an influx of international donor aid, the establishment of public-private-

partnerships, corporate social investment and private donations to Uniswa.

EMPOWERMENT

"Advancement is all about the empowerment of the dreams of others – making those dreams a reality. In the context of CPUT being a young and aspiring university, one of my roles is to align the activities of the Advancement Office with the overall strategic undertakings of the university. I aim to do so by leading with innovation and creativity."

Another of Damianov's principal tasks will be to broaden the partnership networks of CPUT.

"This will be done while successfully retaining our special relationships with existing friends, partners, funders and alumni."

Legal Eye

BY CANDES KEATING



LAW: Mariam Hartley is CPUT's new Contract Officer

When it comes to negotiating contracts between CPUT and service providers, Mariam Hartley is not afraid to lay down the law.

A law graduate from the University of the Western Cape, Hartley is the newly appointed Contracts Officer.

The position is a first at CPUT and falls under the Operations division of the Department of Finance.

Hartley's key duties will see her draft and negotiate all service level agreements between the institution and service providers.

The position carries huge responsibilities, however, this attorney is well prepared for the task.

Prior to joining the CPUT community, Hartley worked at Empowerdex, where she conducted BEE audits on companies.

She also completed a stint at a local firm where she specialised in property law.

Hartley has already drafted several successful service legal agreements and put in place various strategies to ensure CPUT and service providers both benefit from the agreements entered into.

"It is a very challenging job, but at the same time very interesting," she says.

ARCHIVE GURU

Records and Archives Department launched

BY CANDES KEATING

From files to artefacts, Gugulethu Ndenge is an ace at finding just the right place to store any document.

So who better to head up CPUT's newly established Records and Archives Department than Ndenge.

Holding honours in Library Information Science, Ndenge comes highly qualified, having held key positions at several organisations in South Africa.

Prior to joining the CPUT community, Ndenge was responsible for the all records at the Chief State Law Advisor's Office and also spent several years working at the renowned De Beer Group of Companies.

During the next few months, Ndenge will set up the Records



EXPERT: Gugulethu Ndenge is heading up the Records and Archives Department

and Archives Department, which will be based at the Bellville Campus. He says such a department is vital for CPUT.

ORGANISED

"For any organisation it is very important that all records are

kept. Records are the core of an organisation as it's important for historical, legal and compliance purposes," he says.

While the departments' primary role is to be responsible for the retention of historical documents and artefacts, it will also

assist the CPUT community in organising and retaining official records, correspondence, meetings minutes, photographs and artefacts.

NEEDS

The intention is to eventually create an institution-wide Records Management Programme to alleviate the extra time, money and space allocated to records management within each department and unit.

Currently Ndenge is conducting a campus wide record survey to identify the needs of CPUT departments and units.

Gugulethu Ndenge can be reached at ndengeg@cput.ac.za.

ARCHIVE GURU



SAILING THE SEAS

Globetrotting electrical engineering alumnus

BY NURAHN RYKLIEF

Beneke de Wet is a traveler at heart but he will always call South Africa home.

A CPUT alumnus, de Wet, has travelled the globe. From Europe to the Middle East, this CPUT graduate has confidently flown the university's flag wherever his adventures have taken him.

A qualified Electrical Engineer, de Wet works as a Remote Operated Vehicle (ROV) Pilot for SubSea7, a seabed-to-surface engineering, construction and services contractor to the offshore energy industry.

He is responsible for controlling unoccupied and highly maneuverable underwater vehicles from aboard the Normand Subsea, a multi-purpose offshore vessel, currently sailing the North Sea.



CONTROL ROOM: Beneke de Wet aboard the Normand Subsea vessel

De wet, who spends five months a time at sea, says he has CPUT to thank for his exciting career.

ADVENTURES

"CPUT offers education of an international standard. I believe it helped me tremendously with my chosen career path," says de Wet. He completed his National Diploma in 1994 and graduated

with his BTech in 1996.

As an individual who has made numerous contacts in his industry, de Wet believes that CPUT offered him the firm ground from which he branched out confidently into the working world.

Before his current position, de Wet held several other exciting

jobs. He worked as an expedition leader at the South African National Antarctic Programme and as a radio operator at Antarctic Logistics and Expeditions LLC.

Living a life less ordinary, de Wet represents an individual who never backed down from a challenge.

Green Living

BY NURAHN RYKLIEF

CPUT's students pulled out all the stops to raise awareness on environmental issues during CPUT's debut Green Week.

Organised by the Green Team, the event raised awareness about the importance of energy saving, littering, conserving water as well as various other environmental issues.

Events were held on both campuses as well as on Table Mountain and Macassar Beach, where a beach cleanup took place. Other activities included the screening of The Inconvenient Truth and Earth film.

Anette Grobler from the Department of Student Affairs says the event was a success due to the hard work of the Green Team.

"It's important for students to understand the importance of being environmentally aware and spreading the message," she says.

Eat Some More

BY CANDES KEATING

CPUT prides itself on excellence and when looking for a new caterer to join the Bellville Campus team, the university opted for the best.

Chef's Connection is a local business run by entrepreneur Dudley Kearns and has been appointed to run the staff diner and student café. The business has an impressive record.

From catering for government functions to other high-profile clients, Kearns and his team know their way around the kitchen. And the proof is in their impressive menu, which offers a range of tasty food options from grilled chicken burgers to tasty breakfast.

"We have a bit of everything on the menu and our prices are reasonable," he says.

However, Chef's Connection's signature product is cakes. Staff and students can



FOOD: Chef's Connection is the newest restaurant and caterer on the Bellville Campus

choose from cheesecake to dark chocolate cake, which is baked fresh each day.

Kearns says he would like to expand his services at CPUT by setting up a coffee shop and an ice-cream parlour.

But for now, the team is concentrating on making sure staff members are well-fed.

Staff and students can also enjoy tasty meals at Tabeisa, Sunset Bay and Indiwe, which are situated on the Bellville Campus.

Spring School

BY KWANELE BUTANA



WELL PREPARED: The Spring School class

To keep students focused on their studies during the recent vacation, the Department of Public Management organised a Spring School.

The first of its kind, the Spring School was aimed at third-year students and gave them a glimpse of what to expect in the fourth term.

Students were also given exercises to prepare them for their final exams. This included

various case studies, which they had to analyse.

Spring School co-ordinator, Dr Stanford Cronje, says the initiative was well received by the students.

The initiative also got a thumbs-up from students, who would like to see it become a permanent feature of the department's calendar.

Students say they are now well prepared for the final exam and are confident that they will do well.



Mini-Olympics



GAMES: Students showed off their sporting skills at the Mini-Olympics

CPUT students got the opportunity to show off their sporting skills at the Residence Mini-Olympics.

An annual event, the Mini-Olympics is hosted by the university's Residence Department and aims at engaging students in sporting activities.

The event saw students from Cape Town, Athlone and Bellville residences participate in several sporting events. Two Rugby teams, 18 Soccer teams and 14 netball teams competed for top prizes. Students also showed off their

skills in athletic events.

This year the Mini-Olympics ended in style with different residences scooping medals in various categories.

Viljoenhof Residence walked off with a gold medal and the title of netball champions, while City Edge Residence won second prize.

Cape Town Campus won the rugby tournament while the Bellville Campus took second place.

The much contested soccer tournament saw the Nicco-Malan Residence beat South Point 1-0.

Winning Streak

CPUT rugby team takes first place in Boland league

BY CANDES KEATING

Hard work, dedication and a love for the game have seen the CPUT rugby team clinch the first spot in the Boland Rugby league.

This huge feat came after the Wellington and Bellville campus rugby teams joined forces earlier this year and registered as a fully fledged rugby team in the Boland region.

Senior Sport Development Officer Sakkie Booysen says as an official rugby team, students spent the past few months battling it out on the rugby field against some of the top teams in the region.

Despite being a young team, the players made CPUT proud, winning the majority of their league matches.

"For the whole season we only lost one match and drew one out of 24 matches," says Booysen.

In October, the team played their final league match against the Villagers in Wellington and won 31-3, earning the title of League Champions for 2012.



CHAMPIONS: The CPUT rugby team is on a winning streak

Their win has also earned them the sought after promotion to the Presidents League for the 2013 rugby season. A total of 72 teams competed for this top prize.

DEDICATION

Booyesen says he is proud of the students who showed dedication to the game as well as to the coaches and team managers.

"All credit should go to the coaches and managers of the teams for their commitment, dedication and passion showed until the end. They have sacrificed a lot and persevered until the end," he says.

Booyesen says the team also received support from, the head of the Student Affairs Department, Malinge Gqeba.

He says the decision to play as a registered club is a move in the right direction for the growth and development of the sport at tertiary level.

"For us to qualify to play in the Varsity Shield we have to play in a League Competition of one of the South African Rugby Union provincial structures and I am of the opinion that we are on the right track," says Booysen.



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TEE-OFF SUCCESS

Staff golf team wins tournament

BY NURAHN RYKLIJF

The CPUT staff golf team is the best at university level in the country after winning first prize at the National Tertiary Staff Golf Tournament.

Hosted by the North West University, the competition was held at the Parys Golf and Country Estate and at the Vaal de Grace Golf Estate in the North West.

The university entered three teams in the A, B and C categories, with each performing brilliantly against their competitors.

The A team, which consisted of Johnny Basson, Bernard Pick, Eric van Zyl and Liesl Lombard, secured first place



TEAMWORK: CPUT's staff golf team won first place at the National Tertiary Staff Golf Tournament

and team member Johnny Basson finished seventh out of 114 participants.

HOLE-IN-ONE

In its 19th year, the national golf tournament has attracted the

attention of many universities and this year it hosted 12 universities from across the country.

The competition originally started with the then technikon's and with the mergers in 2005, the competition was opened up to

all tertiary institutions.

Next year sees the 20th Anniversary of the competition and CPUT is set to host the event.

"We are very excited and honored for the nomination to host the event next year. CPUT last successfully hosted the event in 2005, and we are currently awaiting the endorsement from ManCom to accept the nomination as host."

Basson says they would like other staff members to join the team.

"The only requirement is that you need to belong to a Golf Club and must be a staff member or a pensioner of CPUT," he says.