

## ALUMNI UNITE

Historic launch of Alumni Association boosts CPUT's image and coffers

BY JAN WEINTROB

**Hundreds of CPUT alumni have committed themselves to plough back to the university.**

This commitment to give back to their alma mater was made during the historic launch of the CPUT Alumni Association, which took place on the Bellville Campus.

The Alumni Association will act as a platform for CPUT to engage and mobilise our alumni to give back to future generations. It will also provide a platform for alumni to network and support each other in their careers as well as mentoring current students.

This historic launch was supported by a number of key figures in the South African business, government and private sectors.

### SUPPORT

One such person was keynote speaker at the event, Edward Kieswetter, the Group CEO of financial services giant Alexander Forbes. Kieswetter summed-up the sense of shared commitment to support and give back to CPUT, when he spoke of the satisfaction inherent in the act of giving.

"My philosophy of life stems from my mother, who taught me that I am here to serve and be a blessing. I am here to seek ways to make a positive impact in the lives of those I encounter."

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"In a world riddled with the senseless pursuit of self-interest, these lessons brought balance. They also brought an understanding that hard work is not negotiable but working hard to only advance oneself is empty and meaningless."

Another highlight of the event was the introduction of the newly-elected executive members of the Association to those present. Jeff Daniels, who holds a B-Tech in Civil Engineering is the first-ever chairperson of the Alumni Association.

Andiswa Mali, who holds a

B-Tech degree in Quantity Surveying is the Deputy Chairperson, while Mandla Ntlanganiso, Simphiwe Ntlantsana and Mfundo Lee Marasi make up the remaining three members of the executive.

### WORLD-CLASS

The inauguration of the Alumni Association coincides with the launch of a campaign to champion CPUT as it approaches its first ten years as a merged institution.

The "1st decade of Prominence and Prosperity" campaign will lean heavily on alumni to position CPUT as a world-class,

socially-responsive university that embraces the cutting-edge of technology.

The campaign received a massive boost at the launch as HG Travelling Services, the university's official transport provider, donated a whopping one and a half million rand.

Owner of HG Travelling Services, Leon Daniels, says this first gift to the "1st Decade" campaign is intended to boost the coffers of the university.

"May CPUT, her students, and all her future alumni live up to the letters of the acronym CPUT – may they Create, Prosper, Uplift and Thrive."



LEADERS: CEO of Alexander Forbes Edward Kieswetter, Vice-Chancellor Prof Mazwi-Tanga and Chairperson of Council Mbulelo Bikwani

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

14 April

34th IATUL Conference

15-20 April

Autumn Graduation

23-25 April

Basic Financial Management Training

26 April

CPUT University Assembly



# Mowbray Campus revamp

BY KWANELE BUTANA

**In a move geared towards providing tertiary education to all deserving students, CPUT has built more classrooms and academic facilities at Mowbray Campus to accommodate the ever-increasing number of students.**

The campus, which houses the Faculty of Education and Social Sciences, has benefitted from a major revamp of R26 million.

Department of Further Education and Training head, Willie Smith, says the revamp was funded by the Department of Higher Education and Training.

The campus now boasts 60 new offices, including a new staff room and meeting rooms, and two new lecture theatres that can house up to 110 people.

The lecture theatres are equipped with data projectors, electronic screens and special desks to accommodate wheel chair-bound students.

## FACILITIES

Motivated by CPUT's commitment to universal access, the new building also has a wheelchair lift and two paraplegic ablution facilities.

For the first time, the campus has two fully-equipped

laboratories where students can conduct their experiments in physical and life sciences. There are two smart boards in each laboratory and eight computers in the Physical Sciences lab.

## RESEARCH

A research unit has also been built and consists of offices for

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the Head of Department and the Research Chair, a meeting

room and six workstations for researchers.

"This well-resourced unit shows that we take fulltime Post Graduate research seriously; it will attract better quality students and may increase our academic throughput," says the faculty's Head of Research, Prof Rajendra Chetty.

The dining hall in Viljoenhof Residence has been converted into a cafeteria for all students, while a computer centre with 80 workstations has been built on the residence's first floor.

The second phase of the building project will focus on expanding the library, foyer and several departments.



**PRIORITY: Universal Access for students with disabilities is a top priority at CPUT.**

## ACCESS FOR ALL

BY KWANELE BUTANA

**CPUT is set to provide the necessary facilities throughout its campuses to enable Universal Access (UA) for students with disabilities.**

Lack of physical access to and within buildings is a major factor contributing to the exclusion of people with disabilities from accessing higher education in South Africa. But CPUT plans to change this and is currently putting together a funding proposal to raise millions of rand to enable it to be UA compliant.

The funding proposal, developed by the university's Advancement Department, seeks to increase the institution's physical capacity and resources in order to accommodate 1 500 students with disabilities.

"We are looking at a holistic approach to making the university's campuses accessible to people with disabilities," says Milcho Damianov, Director of the Advancement Department.

The proposal also outlines the need to boost the facilities and equipment that are available at the university's Disability Unit.

The unit, which operates on all campuses, has 42 specialised workstations that benefit 225 students living with learning, sight, mobility and hearing disabilities. For satellite campuses these services are available in the libraries.

CPUT plans to acquire more specialised computer equipment as well as building dedicated study areas, ramps, lifts, ablution facilities, signage, texture and sound posting.

Dr Nina Dr Toit, head of the Disability Unit, says UA is about adapting the environment to suit everyone and is a critical factor for the inclusion of all members of the society.



EYE-CATCHING: An artist impression of the new Electrical Engineering Building

# MOVING HOUSE

## New facilities for Electrical Engineering

BY CANDES KEATING

**The Electrical Engineering Department can look forward to moving house in 2014.**

This month, work began on the 1 200sqm Electrical Engineering Building, which is being constructed on the site opposite the ABC Building on the Bellville Campus.

The building will see the

consolidation of the Electrical Engineering Department, which currently has offices on the Cape Town and Bellville Campuses.

This development follows the construction of the multi-million rand Mechanical Engineering Building on the Bellville Campus.

CPUT Architect Adriana

Hornea says a specialized contractor, which is to create the building platform, was appointed and has begun working on the site.

"It is aimed that the main contractor will be on site in the beginning of July," says Hornea.

The building will have a modern appearance, while keeping in line with the general

aesthetic character of the Bellville Campus. The two-storey building will feature two blocks, linked by a suspended gallery. It will boast staff offices, state-of-the-art lecture halls, open spaces and will also be energy efficient.

Hornea says if all goes according to schedule, the facility will be completed by the end of the 2014 academic year.



# NEW APPOINTMENT

## Director of Academic Administration joins CPUT

BY CANDES KEATING



*HIGHLY QUALIFIED: Kuselwa Marala is the Director of Academic Administration. She is also the Deputy Chair of the National Review Committee of the HEQC*

**Building a university that is highly efficient is core to CPUT's Vision 2020.**

And to ensure it meets the goals set out in the vision document, the university has rolled out various strategies to streamline its operations.

One such strategy is the appointment of a Director of Academic Administration to oversee the running of CPUT's key departments - Admissions and Registration as well as Exams and Assessment.

### ADMISSIONS

A hefty portfolio, but Kuselwa Marala, who has taken up this position, is not fazed by the task at hand.

Rather, Marala, who has more than 20 years of experience in the higher education sector, is seizing the opportunity to ensure all areas under her watch are operating optimally.

Hailing from Fort Hare University, where she headed up the Quality Management

Department, Marala is well aware of the challenges facing universities, especially that of admissions and registration.

### EXAMS

Marala says she is looking at ways to improve various areas of the system, which includes the roll-out of a one-stop-shop for students that will deal with admissions, registration and finance. Currently many of the departments dealing directly with student administration matters are scattered throughout the campuses.

"CPUT is an institution with a lot of potential. When you come in as a new person, you see there is space for growth and for making a meaningful contribution," she says.

Already four months at CPUT, Marala has successfully overseen registration, which is the university's biggest annual operation. Her departments are now gearing up for the highlight on the CPUT academic calendar - Autumn Graduation.

## INSTITUTIONAL PLANNING DEPARTMENT LAUNCHED

BY CANDES KEATING

**CPUT is streamlining its activities with the merger of the MIS and Institutional Research and Planning departments.**

The merger has resulted in the formation of the Department of Institutional Planning, which will be housed on the first floor of the Administration Building on the Bellville Campus.

David Bleazard, Director of the former MIS Department, will drive the new department's activities.

"The department's mandate has been broadened by CPUT Management to include most of the responsibilities of the Department of Institutional Research and Planning upon the retirement of the Director, Rob Woodward," says Bleazard.

The department's responsibilities include Strategic Planning, Academic Planning, and Institutional Research, in addition to HEMIS, MIS, and Web Development.

The department has also welcomed several new staff members. However, none are strangers to CPUT.

Marianne Bester, previously responsible for Curriculum Development in Fundani, has been seconded to the new department. Bester will be responsible for Academic Planning and Institutional Research.

Former staff members of the Institutional Research and Planning Department have also joined the team; Institutional Researcher Deona Richter as well as Secretary Quanita Behardien.

"I have every confidence that the new Department of Institutional Planning will continue to provide the same high level of service to the university community that its component parts have done in the past," says Bleazard.

# Building Expert

BY CANDES KEATING

**From managing some of South Africa's biggest building projects to helping house thousands of the country's poorest, Alex Honhaar is now making sure CPUT has adequate buildings to house staff and students.**

The newly-appointed Infrastructure Development and Planning Manager, Honhaar, comes to CPUT well qualified, having worked for Murray and Roberts, one of the largest construction companies in South Africa.

### PROJECTS

Prior to joining CPUT he played an integral role in

managing projects at the renowned Habitat For Community, an international organization that provides housing solutions for the country's poorest families. Just three months into his

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new position, Honhaar is already juggling several multi-million rand infrastructure projects, a task that is second nature to him.

During the next months he will oversee the revamp

of the Scania building, which will house the South African Renewable Energy Technology Centre. Other projects include the new Electrical Engineering Building on the Bellville Campus, the extension of the Mowbray Campus as well as a new 500-bed residence.

### CONSOLIDATION

The projects are all part of the CPUT consolidation process, which Honhaar has been tasked with overseeing.

"We are looking at a master plan for all five campuses. This plan will look at the future growth of CPUT in line with Vision 2020," he says. Honhaar, who is passionate



*SKILLED: Alex Honhaar, the newly-appointed Infrastructure Development and Planning Manager, has more than 20 years experience in the construction industry.*

about construction, says he hopes to make a positive impact on the CPUT community.



# KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER

## CPUT staff members share their skills in Botswana

BY KWANELE BUTANA

**Impressed by the high quality of training rendered at CPUT, a private college in Botswana has appealed to the university for an exchange programme that will see the university's staff teaching and conducting research in Botswana.**

CPUT has signed a Memorandum of Agreement with Boitekanelo College for the development of academic cooperation between the two institutions in areas of emergency medical training and research. The emphasis will be on external quality assurance by CPUT on

emergency medical programmes offered by the college.

Our staffers will review the curricula of emergency medical care programmes, assessment tools, clinical attachment modalities and all processes regarding teaching and support services at the college in order to advise its counterpart.

"As a private college we felt the need to enter into a partnership with a reputable institution such as CPUT," says Managing Director, Dr Tiro Mampane.

The college's academic programmes are accredited by, among other bodies, the

Botswana Health Profession Council and the Botswana Training Authority.

Health and Wellness Sciences Faculty Dean, Prof Dhiro Gihwala, says CPUT its fulfilling its vision and mission by helping other African countries to develop their own programmes.

"I feel very honoured for CPUT to be identified for benchmarking and (the college) wants their programmes to be as good as ours in three years' time."

Gihwala says the college's management has a lot of confidence in what the university can deliver.



*PARTNERSHIP: Staff members from the Health and Wellness Sciences Faculty hosted a delegation from Boitekanelo College in Botswana.*



*PARTNERS: Staff at the Business Faculty is collaborating with Germany's Brandenburg University to introduce a Master's degree in Business Informatics with specialization in Enterprise Resource Planning.*

## NEW MASTERS DEGREE

BY KWANELE BUTANA

**CPUT has concluded a co-operation agreement with Germany's Brandenburg University which will see the institutions collaborating on a new Masters Degree in Business Informatics (MBI).**

The degree, which is already offered at Brandenburg University, will see CPUT students travel to Germany to attend lectures in specific modules.

The Faculty of Business recently hosted a delegation from Brandenburg University and the two universities discussed the pertinent details of the new degree's syllabus.

### PILOT

In terms of the co-operation agreement between the two universities, Brandenburg University lecturers will start by teaching the degree's modules to a pilot group of CPUT students from July 2014. Module Certificates will be awarded to students who do

not qualify to be enrolled for the full Masters Programme. Upon completing the Masters Degree, graduates can enroll for a doctorate.

CPUT students will be awarded the degree by Brandenburg University.

CPUT is expected to later develop a related masters qualification which will be registered with the Department of Higher Education and Training in the following year.

Modules which will be offered in the MBI degree with specialization in Enterprise Resource Planning include the following - Strategic Management, Modelling of Processes, Research Methodologies, Value Based Information Technology, Advanced Software Engineering, Management of Co-operative Processes and Theories of Informatics.

A Memorandum of Understanding between the two universities will be signed later this year.



*REMEMBERING: Nicole Stohr looks on at the plaque that was unveiled at the Granger Bay Campus, in recognition of her husband, Captain Hubertus Stohr, the first head of the Department of Maritime Studies.*

## Honouring a Maritime Legend

BY CANDES KEATING

**Past and current staff members as well as students and alumni gathered to honour Captain Hubertus Stohr, the first head of the Department of Maritime Studies.**

Stohr, who passed away last year, was instrumental in designing and setting up the Maritime Studies programme.

Established in 1990, the department currently leads maritime training in South Africa and attracts students from across the country and the

African continent.

In recognition of Stohr's pioneering efforts and outstanding contribution to maritime training in South Africa, CPUT erected a plaque in the foyer of the Granger Bay Campus.

### MENTOR

Retired lecturer, Simon Pearson, who worked alongside Stohr, recalled the captain's dedication to his work.

"He wasn't just a good lecturer, he was a mentor to us all," he says.

Pearson says Stohr went beyond his call of duty, ensuring that each student received first-rate tuition and that lecturers enjoyed the necessary support.

His daughter, Anouschka Stohr, says teaching was her father's passion. Stohr says her father went as far as holding extra classes on weekends for students.

"He lived for his students," she says.

The plaque was unveiled by the captain's wife, Nicole Stohr.



# Listen and learn

## Media Department launches public dialogue series

BY NURAHN RYKLIEF

**The Media Department, Faculty of Informatics and Design, CPUT and Bush Radio 89.5 FM launched their inaugural Public Dialogues at the Bellville campus Auditorium.**

Under the theme Human Rights and the Role of Media Practitioners, the event raised many points about the role of journalists including that of upholding human rights.

The first Dialogue honoured the late Chris Gutuza, a former student in the journalism department in 1985. A celebrated professional, Gutuza worked in a series of community newspapers and produced community news for SABC channels. His life's work was dedicated towards community development and in 1996 he started the Media Training and

Development Trust.

Honouring such a media leader set the tone of the dialogue that hosted panelists Zubeida Jaffer – Journalist and Author; Western Cape Provincial Manager of the South African Human Rights Commission, Melanie Lue Dugmore and Programme Manager: Research, Training and Development at the Media Development and Diversity Agency, Manana Stone.

The interactive discussion saw the experienced panelists discuss various issues relating to the Media Practitioner and human rights with media students and staff from CPUT and Stellenbosch University, as well as various members of the media.

Many people who attended the dialogue agreed that it was overdue and much needed.

One stated that it was time to facilitate, listen and learn.

Dialogue organiser, Journalism Department's Xolani Vanda, says that it is important to allow students to engage and interact with media and industry role-players.

"It's very important to take a deeper perspective, it's time to engage more"

He adds that it's time to invigorate change.

"We have found that students are more into social networking than being socially aware, and we are trying to change that. Activism journalism is needed."

The inaugural dialogue is one of many to come, and all of them are meant to take place around milestones in South Africa's history.



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*WELL-RECEIVED: The inaugural dialogue proved a great success*



PHOTO CREDIT: BERTRAM MALGAS

*EXPERTS: The panel engaged on the issue of Human Rights and the Role of Media Practitioners*

# DESIGN FORCE

BY NURAHN RYKLIEF

**The Design Indaba features some of South Africa's best design work. This year was no different with CPUT's presence being felt.**

Held at the Cape Town International Convention Centre, the three day conference featured various designs, with many of CPUT Design alumni presenting their work.

CPUT is actively involved in this

annual event and to date has won numerous awards for their innovative stands.

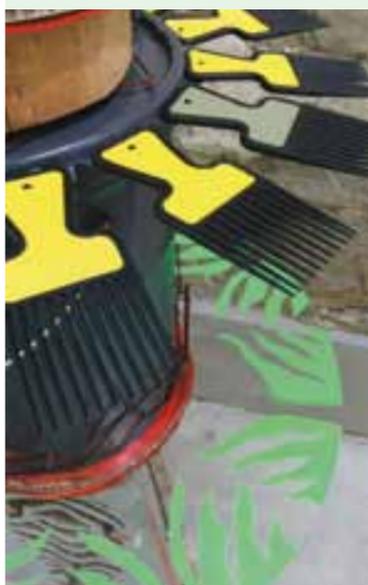
This year, the Faculty of Informatics and Design decided to feature all CPUT courses at the exhibition, as opposed to exclusively featuring information about its courses.

"In light of the fact that CPUT's World Design Capital 2014 office is housed within FID, we decided to showcase the entire institution as oppose to just one faculty. Design exists to some degree in all six faculties at CPUT," says FID's Munira Allie.

Most notably was the work of recent CPUT graduates, Interior Designer Rudolph Jordaan and Surface Designer Micah Chrisholms. Their piece, a totem, was featured in the 'Totemism: Memphis meets Africa' exhibition curated by Lidewij Edelkoort.

The exhibition was produced with the support of Woolworths, Interactive Africa and Design Indaba Expo.

This and other achievements reflect the calibre and international standard that is developed by the Informatics and Design faculty.



*TOTEM: The totem developed and produced by CPUT Alumni Rudolph Jordaan and Micah Chrisholms, was curated by international Trend Forecaster Lidewij Edelkoort*

# HOME GROWN TALENT

BY NURAHN RYKLIEF

**A few years ago, Thulisa Gogela had an idea to showcase traditional African cuisine in a modern way and make it appealing to everyone. Today, that idea has a life of its own in the form of her blog, Mzansi Style Cuisine.**

For Thulisa, the blog is her stamp on the world, a product of passion and pride and an unquenchable love for food and culture.

Recently, her efforts were noted when she was chosen for a feature in the Mail and Guardian's Book of South African Women 2012.

**'Future generations need to know about traditional food and must be passionate about it'**

For Thulisa, an MTech Consumer Science: Food and Nutrition student, the nomination and acknowledgement came as a complete bombshell.

"My initial reaction was one of complete surprise. I was shocked that someone nominated me. I had no idea that I inspired people. After the initial



*DRINK UP: A favourite, Strawberry Mageu*



*FOOD ENTHUSIAST: Thulisa Gogela is breaking barriers with her tasteful twist on local cuisine*

reaction of shock, I am now excited as the idea sinks in," says Thulisa.

The idea came to Thulisa, a self-described techie, when she searched for traditional dishes such as Umngqusho online and there would be limited results.

"I realised that there is a gap in what is available in terms of traditional food, and that there are people who want the authentic recipe and means of making the dishes."

By day, Thulisa is a product developer at Bokomo Foods, a job in which she has enjoyed much growth. Her career has always availed her the opportunity to travel. It was on one such trip to Johannesburg

that she discovered cuisine by locals that intrigued her to know more about an array of cultural cuisines.

"The idea of fusing flavours intrigues me. I believe that many dishes need to be modernised so that they will be appealing to all cultures."

One such fusion is a Strawberry Mageu, a traditional South African non-alcoholic drink made from fermented mealie pap. Another dish is Dumplings and Lamb Stew made with a twist.

**For more recipes and ideas visit [www.mzansistylecuisine.co.za](http://www.mzansistylecuisine.co.za), or follow her on Twitter @mzansicuisine or like her on Facebook.**



# ARCHIVE AND RECORDS AUDIT

BY CANDES KEATING

## CPUT's Archive and Records Officers are set to pay your office a visit.

During the next few months, Archivist Nikiwe Momoti and Records Officer Zolile Myeko will audit all CPUT documents. Momoti, who has been tasked with establishing an Archive Repository, will conduct a record appraisal at all CPUT departments.

### APPRAISAL

"We need to determine what has value and what should be kept. We are visiting the different offices to check all materials, ranging from documents to photographs to anything else that has historical value," she says.

Momoti is urging staffers not to destroy any documents and to also ensure that all materials of value are properly stored. On completion of the record appraisal, Momoti will establish

an Archive Repository on the Bellville campus.

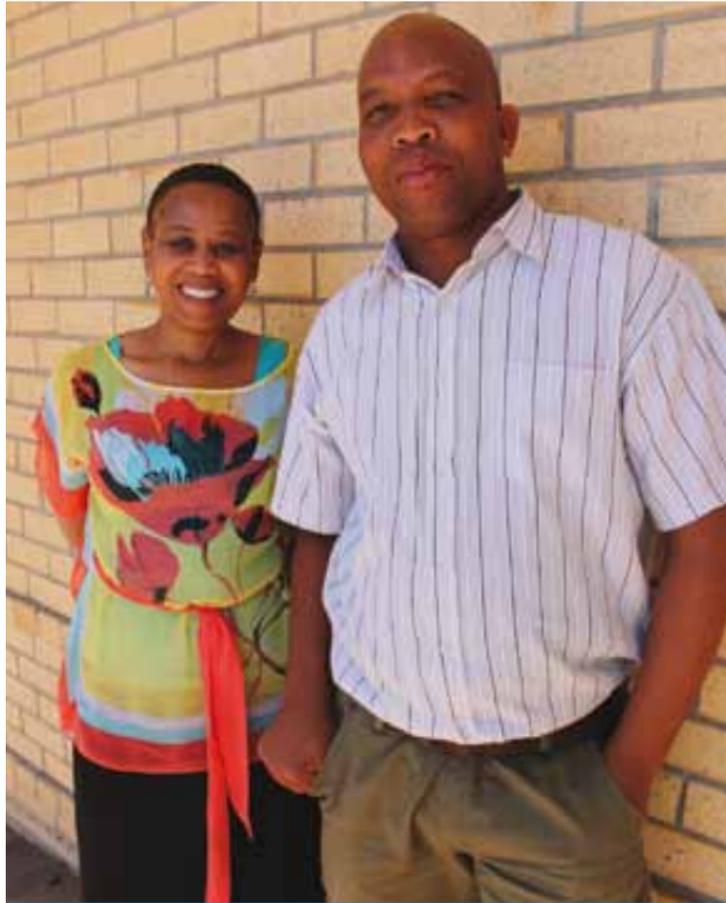
### FILING

Departments will also have to show Records Officer Myeko what documents they are storing.

Earlier this year, departments were sent letters asking them about the nature of their documents. That process is now being followed by visits to all offices, which will assist Myeko in setting up a Records Inventory. This process will be followed with the establishment of a Records Classification System and a Records Retention Schedule.

Myeko says it is vital for CPUT to have a functioning Records Retention Schedule as it will allow individuals to easily access documents.

**For more information on these processes, the office can be contacted on 021 959 5606/5607.**



ORGANISED: Archivist Nikiwe Momoti and Records Officer Zolile Myeko will visit all CPUT departments during the next few months.

## Protest against violence

BY KWANELE BUTANA

### Hundreds of Education students took to the Mowbray Main Road to express their disgust at the recent spate of violence perpetrated against women throughout South Africa.

Dressed in black, the students, their lecturers and learners from Thandokhulu High School lined up along the Main Road carrying placards denouncing the rape and murder of women.

The Education and Social Sciences Faculty issued each student and learner with a copy of the LEADSA Stop Rape Pledge in a bid to encourage them to spread the awareness in the communities in which they live.

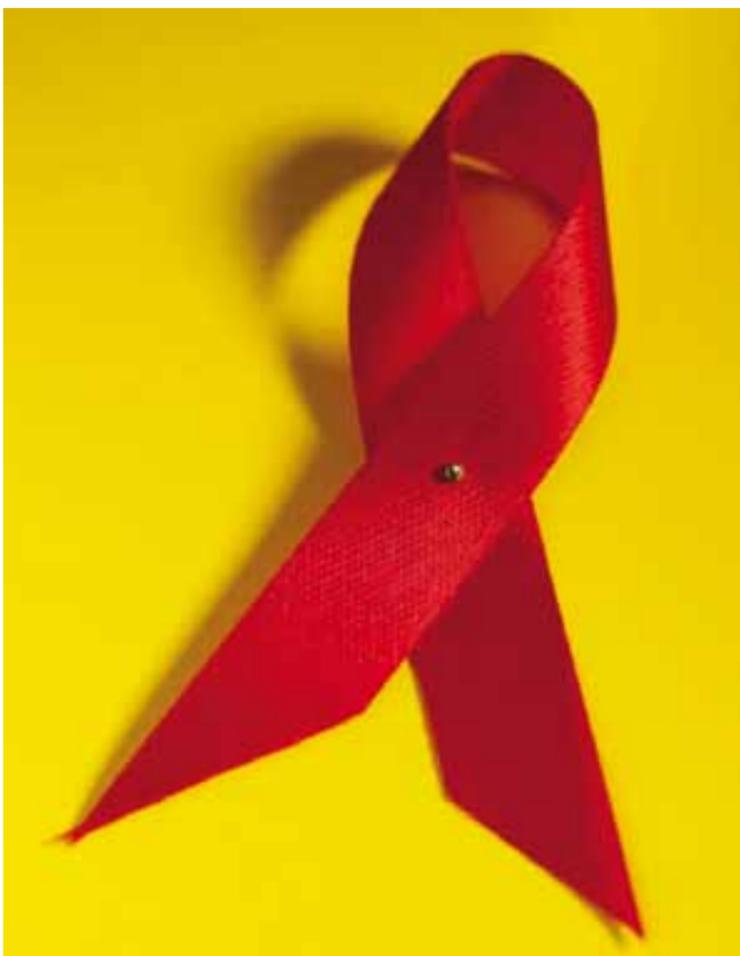
Dr Ivan November, the faculty's Assistant Dean, says it is important for the trainee teachers to have a strong voice against all forms of women and child abuse, as they will play an integral role in communities.

He says the successful turnout of students at the event was indicative of their commitment to the cause of violence which is mainly perpetrated against women and children.

Students on the other CPUT campuses also expressed their disgust at the recent spate of violent crimes against women. At the Tygerberg Campus, Radiography and Dental Technology students donned black clothing for a day. Student Counselling on the Bellville Campus also had a series of events, such as workshops and talks, which denounced violence against women.

# Informed communities

BY KWANELE BUTANA



INFORMED: The HIV/Aids Unit is distributing brochures containing an abridged version of the university's HIV/Aids policy

### The CPUT HIV/Aids Unit is distributing brochures containing an abridged version of the university's HIV/Aids Policy to students and staff to ensure that everyone knows that the university provides help to those who are infected or affected.

Prior to this move, the policy had been only accessible to staff members via the MIS portal but is now accessible to everyone at the university including the larger community.

Alex Semba, Acting Head of the unit, says the brochures were distributed to students during the orientation period and that other brochures will be placed in strategic areas in various faculties across all campuses.

"In the future, students will get brochures on the day when they register."

He says that they will distribute copies to all departments through key staff members.

The policy states that because youth and adults between the ages of 15 and 49 account for the majority of HIV infections, it becomes important for a tertiary institution to continuously focus on HIV/Aids, Sexually Transmitted Infections and TB prevention, control, and management.

*'In the future, students will get brochures on the day when they register.'*

The HIV/Aids Unit mitigates the impact of these infections by promoting and implementing innovative interventions among students, staff and the community.

No student or staff member is unfairly treated at the university merely on the basis of their HIV status.



# Social Media Savvy

BY NURAHN RYKLIEF

**A leading female voice in the male-dominated football industry, from online media to broadcast, Gail Swartz is a sports devotee with a respected opinion on all things sports-related.**

Social Media Editor at one of South Africa's leading soccer publications, Soccer-Laduma, Gail has been asked for her commentary on soccer matches and events on both radio (Heart104.9) and television (Etv).

Gail's interest in sports began at a young age, when at the age of 16 she began attending sport's matches and cutting out news clips of her favourite player or team. She then took her love for writing and sports even further when she enrolled for the Journalism course at CPUT (then Peninsula Technikon) in 2001. A decision that proved to be the right one.



*INSPIRED: Social Media Editor, Gail Swartz has led her company, Soccer-Laduma's online platform to great heights.*

Describing her time at CPUT, Gail notes one moment when she attended a talk by guest lecturer sports journalist, Avril Fillies.

"It was a defining moment for me, a moment when I felt that my dream can definitely be my reality," says Gail.

After graduating with her National Diploma in 2003, Gail returned in 2008 to complete her BTech.

Close to ten years later, Gail has worked in newrooms across Cape Town, has lived in London for two years, and soared at her time at Soccer-Laduma, having climbed from junior journalist to Social Media Editor in less than five years.

Understanding the importance of social networking and connecting with your audience, Gail and her team led Soccer-Laduma's online presence to include its website, Facebook which is currently on 120 000 likes and Twitter that stands at 40, 000 followers and its mobile site that is ranked in the top ten mobi sites in South Africa with more than 19 million page impressions.

**Follow her thoughts and opinions on Twitter @MissGailis**

# JET SETTERS

## Opportunity to study abroad

BY NURAHN RYKLIEF

**A hive of excitement filled the air at CPUT's Bellville campus as the EUROSA Erasmus Mundus Roadshow descended upon the campus.**

The EUROSA project is an Erasmus Mundus Action 2 Partnerships scholarship programme, funded by the European Commission. It is coordinated by the University of Antwerp and offers students, researchers, academic and administrative staff from South Africa an opportunity to study in Europe. It offers mobility grants to South African Masters students, doctoral researchers and staff to spend a period abroad at one of the partner institutions.

The Roadshow saw partnering international universities and co-ordinators answer various questions about their institutions and several presentations were given by Erasmus Mundus alumni.

CPUT's Charlene Petersen, who completed her master's degree at the University of Bologna in Italy, also did a presentation.

A published author, Petersen credits the programme with giving her a wealth of knowledge and growth in both her personal and professional lives.

"To all (who are) thinking about partaking in the programme, just do it! Take the opportunity, don't think twice about it," she says.

Erasmus Mundus Partnerships Project Assistant, Annelien Dewinter, says that partnering with CPUT has proved to be a great success.

"CPUT has a strong connection (with the project) and has always assisted us positively, the university's assistance has been greatly appreciated," says Dewinter.

The EUROSA grants are available in a broad range of fields of study including Agricultural Sciences, Architecture, Business Studies, Education, Engineering, Technology, Informatics, Medical Sciences, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, Communication and Information Sciences.



*EXPOSURE: The Roadshow saw Erasmus Mundus alumni share stories and advice through various presentations.*

# CPUT SPIRIT

BY NURAHN RYKLIEF

**First and second year Public Relations students spent a fun filled day at the Wellington Campus.**

Organised by the Informatics and Design Faculty and Student Affairs, the day aimed at developing team spirit and was an overwhelming success.

Head of the Public Relations Department, Prof Johannes Van Der Merwe says they had positive feedback from students.

There was a wide variety

of activities, which were organised by the Sports Management Department, the Team Building Institute and CPUT's Student Affairs team.

"Today is a perfect example on how student affairs can collaborate with faculties and offer something new. It's important to have days such as these as it builds character and allows the students to get to know each other as well as their lecturers outside of an academic environment," says Student Development Officer Annette Grobler.



*PIGGY BACK: Helping each other was the name of the game during the day*



*TEAM SPIRIT: The group of PR students and lecturers relished in the day's events*



*SUCCESS: Students provided great feedback on the day's events*



# SPORTS FORUM LAUNCH

## Wellington Campus students streamline sports activities

BY CANDES KEATING



SPORTS: The tennis team and netball players played some friendly games during the launch of the Sports Forum

**For students studying at the Wellington Campus, playing sport is an integral part of student life.**

The campus boasts the largest number of sporting codes and to ensure all activities are streamlined, students, with the support of the campus

Sports Co-ordinator, Tyrone Africa, launched the Wellington Campus Sports Forum.

***‘We are basically here to help students and make sure all sports on the campus is organised’***

The forum is a body that represents all sport clubs at the campus and will play an integral role in the running of sports clubs at the campus.

### STREAMLINE

Deputy Chairperson, Enanda Haasbroek, says members of the forum include all

chairpersons and the deputies of each sports club, as well as the sports representative in the Student Representative Council.

Haasbroek says the forum has been well received by all the sporting clubs who are looking forward to working together on sports related issues.

Haasbroek says the forum will be a one-stop-shop for all students’ sport related enquiries, complaints and comments.

### ASSISTANCE

For example, if students need to book a field to play a soccer match, they will just need to notify the forum, which will take care of all sports field bookings.

Haasbroek says the forum will also assist with matters such as fundraising.

“For example, if a student needs to participate in a national sports event and needs money to cover some of the cost, then the forum will assist by raising money through events,” she says.

“We are basically here to help students and make sure all sports on the campus is organised,” she says.

## Centre of Excellence for Handball

### CPUT leads sports development

BY KWANELE BUTANA

**Due to its reputation of producing national Handball players, CPUT has been earmarked by the national Department of Sports and Recreation as the institution where the development of the sport will be launched.**

The department will soon be piloting a Handball development project at CPUT’s five campuses as a Centre of Excellence, which will later be rolled out to other universities by the South African Handball Federation (SAHF).

### EXPERTS

The agreement was reached at a recent meeting in Pretoria between the Ministry of Sports and Recreation, SAHF, the International Handball Federation (IHF) and the African Handball Confederation (CAHB).

IHF and CAHB presidents committed their federations to sending Handball experts and materials to CPUT as well as conducting training courses for coaches and technical officials.

“This will put CPUT on the map,” says Ruth Saunders, Sport Development Officer for Handball at CPUT who is also SAHF president.

### TRAINING

The operations of the Centre of Excellence were discussed during meetings with the relevant stakeholders, including the South African Sport Confederation and Olympic Committee and presidents of other federations in the Southern African Zone.

“The overall experience of the visit working meetings was very positive and so overwhelming, and it’s going to make history for CPUT and SAHF,” says Saunders.

CPUT’s Handball coach, Shaun Mokhine, was appointed to help introduce the sport in Swaziland.

## Highlighting sport’s business side

BY NURAHN RYKLIFF

**Sport industry heavy weights and experts recently attended the inaugural Future in Sport Business Conference held at the Nedbank Auditorium recently.**

The two-day conference jointly hosted by CPUT, the Western Cape Department of Culture and Sport and Nedbank, discussed various challenges that face the business side of sport. The conference hosted various expert voices from the sports industry and government as well as athletes, academics and students.

“The conference has brought together partners



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**ACHIEVERS:** Prof Simeon Davies and Western Cape MEC for Cultural Affairs and Sport, Dr Ivan Meyer

to share visions of the future and develop partnerships to support growth and sustainability in the sport business industry. We were fortunate to have presenters with high levels of expertise,” said Head of the Sport

Management Department at CPUT, Prof Simeon Davies. Speakers included Davies, MEC for Cultural Affairs and Sport, Dr Ivan Meyer, Professor of Sports Science and Exercise at the University of Cape Town, Tim Noakes.



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