

Power For All

CPUT sets up Renewable Energy Technology Centre

BY CANDES KEATING

CPUT will play a key role in shaping South Africa's energy future.

The university, together with several other local higher education institutions, will establish the multi-million rand South African Renewable Energy Technology Centre at the Scania Site on the Bellville Campus.

The centre has received overwhelming support from the South African government. The Department of Higher Education and Training has allocated R105 million for the construction of the facility and the initial operating costs.

The project has also received valuable support from the German development agency, GIZ, under the auspices of the South African German Energy Programme as well as from the South African National Energy Development Institute and Green Cape.

TRAINING

The centre is a first for the African continent, and will play a leading role in the training of technicians and other staff needed to drive South Africa's renewable energy sector.

The facility will be a green building that will showcase renewable energy and energy efficiency technology. It will be used in training and research activities.



INNOVATE: The South African Renewable Energy Technology Centre will provide specialised training for the renewable energy sector

Over the next few months, a project team made up of various national and international experts will build the centre.

This project is championed by Deputy-Vice Chancellor: Research, Technology Innovation and Partnerships, Dr Chris Nhlapo, and the CPUT project team includes Howard Fawkes, Dr Wilfred Fritz, Dr Dieter Sommer, Connie-Ann Bracht and Sven Pietrangeli.

Fawkes says they have already started working on the project.

"Developing the qualifications is just one of the many challenges of this project. For now we are

looking at Wind Turbine Technician and Photovoltaic Technician courses," says Fawkes.

'The centre will be a national facility and will be a doorway for the renewable energy industry to access research from CPUT'

The project team will later develop courses in biofuel and solar thermal technology as well as an advanced diploma in renewable energy.

RESEARCH

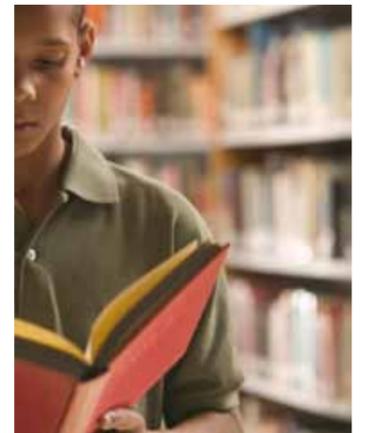
Nhlapo says energy is one of the

seven key focus areas identified by CPUT in the RTI Blueprint as a key area for Research and Innovation within the next ten years.

"It speaks directly to our pocket of excellence and strength. It is also aligned to the Department of Science and Technology Grand Challenges, South African National Development Plan, Global Millennium Development Goals and the Western Cape strategic objective," says Nhlapo.

The centre will be a national facility and will be a doorway for the renewable energy industry to access research from CPUT and other South African higher education institutions.

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AGENTS OF CHANGE

BY CANDES KEATING

Teachers must become agents of change, says Ronald Fortune, principal of the non-profit school Christel House.

Fortune, who made headline news this year for his approach to teaching at poor schools, spent a morning motivating Education students at the Wellington Campus.

Based in Ottery, Christel House only caters for the poorest of the poor. To gain entry to the school, students must meet one requirement – they must live in a shack or any other kind of informal dwelling. Over the years, Fortune and his team of dedicated educators have helped the province’s poorest learners realise their dreams. Last year, the school achieved a matric pass rate of 97%.

DEDICATION

And how do they do it? By going that extra mile, says Fortune.

“It is not business as usual. Schools cannot only be about cognitive development. You have to develop all areas of a child,” he says.

Fortune says teachers must know and understand where their learners are coming from. He says at underprivileged schools learners lack parental support and have to contend with poor living conditions and inadequate access to infrastructure such as energy, sanitation and water services. “You must teach with poverty in mind,” says Fortune.

HOPE

He says teachers must develop learners holistically and go that extra mile to ensure they leave school as well rounded individuals, who can play a positive role in their communities.

“We must have teachers who are passionate and who want to

develop their learners. Too many children are lost in the system.”

He says teachers must identify

the shortcomings in learners and constantly look at ways to improve lessons and the school experience.

“If you want to bring hope into a child’s life, then you as a teacher must take responsibility,” says Fortune.



IMPACT: Ronald Fortune (centre) with Education lecturers Vincent Bosman and Dr Calvin Whittles, who arranged the meeting with the Education students

BOOKS FOR ALL

BY KWANELE BUTANA

In pursuit of academic success and sustainable community engagement, an Education student initiated a book drive for learners at a disadvantaged school where she undertook her teaching practice.

The drive resulted in Tracy Heath handing over 1 600 reading books, 250 cushions and nine bookshelves to the Harmony Primary School, in Steenberg.

Motivated by her passion for literacy and the desire to encourage children to start reading from a tender age, Tracy requested book donations from bookshops and individuals.

Bargain Books, Exclusive Books, Parliament and the Wetton Scouts donated copious amounts of books in IsiXhosa, English and



READ: Education student Tracy Heath

Afrikaans. The Sunflower Fund donated material from which members of her Girl Guides and Scouts movement made cushions for the reading areas in classrooms. The group also built bookshelves from recycled wood donated by Tracy’s family.

“The school simply didn’t have the money to provide these resources in the classrooms

and if the teachers wanted anything they would provide it for themselves,” says Tracy.

She then started bringing books for the lessons she was teaching and saw the impact the books and the pictures had on the children.

“I initially wanted to provide only my class with a library in the classroom, and then after visiting other classrooms and realised there was a larger need”.

She says many of the children come from homes where literacy is not a focus and books are very limited. Thanks to this project, there are reading corners in all classrooms in the school’s Foundation Phase.

“Our hope is that the literacy corner will become a place of fantasy and excitement where children will be exposed to good children’s literature and therefore foster the joy of reading,” she says.

Positive Thinking

BY THAMI NKWANYANE

CPUT in conjunction with iThemba Labs and the South African Agency for Science and Technology Advancement teamed up to host a role modeling project on the Bellville Campus.

The event was attended by learners from five local schools and aimed to motivate the youngsters and encourage them to make a success of their lives.

The youngsters had the opportunity to hear from various speakers, who despite obstacles have reached their goals.

One such speaker was medical student at the University of Stellenbosch, Thembeisa Qwabe, who

took the learners through her sweet-sour journey as a bright student, who against all odds managed to get where she is, losing her mother and grandmother in the process.

The death of her grandmother was a serious turning point in her life resulting in her failing for the first time and her bursary being taken away. She never gave up and bounced back, even receiving a Rector’s Award for succeeding in her studies with all odds stacked against her.

Director of Marketing and Communication Norman Jacobs urged the learners to learn from Qwabe’s story.

“What a remarkable young lady. I trust that her story will inspire many of you.”



Registration Success

BY CANDES KEATING

After a glitch-free online registration process, CPUT hopes to roll out this process full scale by 2015.

Registrar Nikile Ntsababa, who has been driving the modernisation of the CPUT registration process, says the 2013 online process was a huge success, with large numbers of students opting for this user-friendly system.

But Ntsababa has even more reason to celebrate this year.

ONLINE

Initial test runs showed that the online registration process would take a student between 10 and 15 minutes. But to everyone's surprise, the process, from start to finish, took students a mere five minutes.

Ntsababa shares this success with the ITS Department, who were instrumental in the technical aspects of the registration process as well as Project Team members and MCD with regards to planning, administrative support and communication aspects, respectively.

"We had no major internet or network problems this year.



ENROLLED: A student has his photograph taken for placement on a student card

The IT system was functioning well on all the campuses."

With normal registration wrapped up, Ntsababa and his staff are currently dealing with late registrations to cater, particularly for students who could not register during the normal registration period due to financial difficulties. They will eventually turn their attention to the 2014 registration process.

"We want up to 80% of the programmes to meet the criteria for online registration.

Currently approximately 40% of the programmes meet the criteria."

CRITERIA

"This therefore limits the number of students who can register online. We therefore appeal to faculties to ensure that most, if not all, of their programmes meet the criteria for online registration."

Ntsababa says in addition to that, they are also going to address the issue of late applications.

"Our biggest challenge at CPUT is that we are running two parallel processes at the beginning of the year. We are running applications and registrations processes at the same time. Under normal circumstances applications should already be closed as early as October of the previous year," he says.

"We are now going to move towards a system where we will no longer have late applications and walk-ins. During registration, we want to only concentrate on the registration process."

FUNDING BOOST

Advancement clinches half a million rand

BY JAN WEINTROB

The CPUT Advancement Department is moving from strength to strength in its bid to increase fundraising revenue.

Hot on the heels of the unveiling of its "1st Decade of Prominence and Prosperity" campaign, the department has received a further boost to its coffers of almost half a million rand from the Kresge-Inyathelo joint initiative.

This multi-million rand initiative aims to support the long-term financial sustainability of higher education institutions in South Africa by enhancing fundraising and Advancement efforts.

Advancement Director, Milcho Damianov, says, "We feel not only privileged and proud to be the recipients of further funding from Kresge-Inyathelo, but obliged to continue the furious pace of development of Advancement here at CPUT.

"The latest grant, given to only three universities in South Africa, is not only recognition for our past efforts, but encouragement to take our operations to the next level."

Damianov has lauded the very powerful role played by Inyathelo as mentor and strategic driver in bolstering Advancement practice in South Africa. A non-profit organisation dedicated to strengthening civil society and higher education institutions, Inyathelo's partnership with the US-based funders, the Kresge Foundation, has helped the CPUT increase fundraising revenue fourfold over the past five years.

"Now we need to roll-up our sleeves and exceed the expectations of our generous funders. This will undoubtedly enhance student access, improve graduation rates and help position CPUT as a world-class facility that embraces the cutting edge of technology."

Building smart communities

BY KWANELE BUTANA

The newly-established CPUT School of Accounting held a Community Engagement Breakfast that was attended by schools and industry role players in the region.

Acting head of the school, Willem Lotter, invited the different role players to submit proposals to the school pertaining to how they could collaborate.

Lotter says the school aims to produce leaders in academic and professional accountancy through innovative teaching and



PARTNERSHIP: Staff members from the CPUT School of Accounting were joined by school teachers and industry role players during the school's Community Engagement Breakfast

close liaison with commerce, industry and the accountancy professional bodies.

He discussed the community engagement activities in which the school is involved

and committed to rolling out accounting related programmes that will uplift the community.

Dean of the Business Faculty, Prof Mzikayise Binza, says community engagement is vital for the institution. He says CPUT wants to collaborate with schools and would like to be trusted as their preferred institution in the region.

CPUT Service Learning manager Jacqui Scheepers presented the national policy milieu relevant to community engagement and explained how the CPUT mission was aligned to the national policies.



EXPERT ADVICE

Innovation adds value to a university

BY CANDES KEATING

CPUT innovators had the opportunity to hear from Prof Lars Jonsson, a leading figure in innovation in the higher education sector.

The General Manager of Uppsala University Holding Company and General Director of the university's unit UU Innovation, Jonsson delivered a lecture at the Bellville campus. The event was hosted by Deputy-Vice Chancellor, Research, Technology Innovation and Partnerships, Dr Chris Nhlapo, who is driving innovation at CPUT.

The lecture titled: "Profit for the University or the Society - How should a knowledge transfer system at the university be managed?" gave researchers a fresh perspective on innovation at higher education institutions.

Jonsson says innovation at higher education institutions go far beyond financial gain.

"My mission from the Vice-Chancellor is to have an innovation

support system that is a driving force in both research and educational quality for the whole university, and not necessarily to deliver a financial profit," he says.

Jonsson says while their university has an impressive rate of patents and spin-off companies, it is also concentrating efforts on supporting researchers and faculties with research and how they can add value to their efforts.

Jonsson also cautioned universities against implementing incentive systems, which are linked to university profits. He said such systems will lead to the neglect of inventions with small profits but which will have a high impact on society.

Nhlapo, who outlined CPUT's Research, Technology and Innovation Blueprint at the event, says innovation is vital in the higher education sector.

He says while innovation is a challenging space, it is a must for the development of the country.



INTELLECTUAL: Innovation expert Prof Lars Jonsson and Dr Chris Nhlapo, who is driving innovation at CPUT

New appointment

BY CANDES KEATING

Just two months after taking up his new post as Director of the Centre for Postgraduate Studies Prof Michael McPherson has streamlined the centre's administrative process and revamped its webpage.

And his to-do list for the 2013 academic year is extensive.

Well aware of the challenges facing young researchers, McPherson and his team of six staff members are fixing the basics to ensure CPUT remains at the forefront of developing the new scholars.

"We want to see postgraduate students come in, register, complete their courses and graduate," says McPherson, who previously coordinated research activities in the faculty of Applied Sciences.



LEADER: Director of the Centre for Postgraduate Studies, Prof Michael McPherson

"Our aim is to increase funding for bursaries and fellowships"

Top on McPherson's to-do list is funding.

"Our aim is to increase funding for bursaries and fellowships by sourcing from outside over and above the usual subsidy from the Department of Higher Education and Training. This will allow us to increase the number of postgraduate students," he says.

McPherson also plans to increase the number of post doctoral fellows and adjunct professors as well as to streamline all administrative processes related to postgraduate students and postdoctoral fellows. This will be done in line with the CPUT's Vision 2020 and the RTI 10-Year Blueprint.

However, he says the centre cannot work in isolation and will form closer ties with the six Deans and other key role-players in academic and administrative departments.

NUMBER CRUNCHING

BY CANDES KEATING

CPUT lecturers, Dr Calvin Whittles and Dr Mark Jacobs are two of the province's most prominent mathematicians who have been handpicked to work on a multi-million rand maths improvement project.

The LEDIMTALI project, which stands for Local Evidence Driven Improvement of Mathematics Teaching and Learning Initiative, forms part of the First Rand Foundation Chair in Mathematics Education that was awarded to the University of the Western Cape.

The R10-million project aims to improve the number and quality of maths passes at marginalised schools.

Whittles says it's an honour to be part of such an important project, which will change the face of maths teaching and learning at

high schools. The project is now in its second year.

The research team, which is made up of a number of researchers from across the Western Cape, are working with 10 schools in the province. Whittles says the researchers spent the first year focusing on Grade 10 teachers and learners and this year will turn their attention to Grade 11. He says their assessments are driving what they do and how they do it.

Jacobs says some of the interventions include improving teachers' analysis of what is required from the policy documents, such as curriculum documents.

He says they are also holding interactive workshops with teachers and are making resources available to schools that would otherwise not be possible.



BETTING ON FASHION

Students scout best dressed at J&B Met

BY NURAHN RYKLIEF

The J&B Met is one of the most prestigious events on the South African social calendar.

It draws South Africa's most fashionable individuals who have their sights set on the golden ticket and the ultimate title of best dressed.

But for a group of ten CPUT Fashion Design students there was no space for playtime – they were there to find couples or individuals whose style stood out from the crowd.

The ten third-year Fashion Design students each relished the opportunity to experience the extravaganza that called for the avant-garde to express themselves through the theme Made To Fly.

GLAMOUR

The spotters were given criteria that the couple/individual had to abide by. These included sticking to the theme and elegance. The group then chose thirty couples, who were then judged by a panel of celebrities.

As a first timer to the met, Lauren Cottle, says that she thrived in the experience.

"It was a bit surreal, but great fun!"

A highlight of the day for both Lauren and fellow spotter Michael Venter, was the fashion show.

"It was a great experience that confirmed that we are in the right industry. It's where we want to be," says the students.



DRESSED-UP: Fashion Design students were picked to be fashion spotters at this year's J&B Met



BREAKTIME: A group of Fashion Design third-year students take a break from fashion spotting



STYLE STAKES: This J&B metter teamed the theme Made to Fly with her favourite colour

WARM WELCOME

BY CANDES KEATING AND KWANELE BUTANA

CPUT staffers and senior students went all out this year to welcome the cohort of first years.

And to make sure they felt at home, academic departments put together exciting and jam-packed orientation programmes.

There was no time to rest for the first years, who participated in activities that ranged from trolley championships to ones based on the popular reality TV show, The Amazing Race.

A highlight of the orientation season at CPUT was the Welcome Day, organised by The Department of Student Affairs and Support Services.

The department hosted two events on Cape Town and Bellville campuses which saw performances by some of the biggest musicians who are making international headlines and dominating airwaves on radio and television stations across Southern Africa.

The line-up included the band Hot Water, while other major attractions were the multi-award winning Micasa and sizzling hot newcomer, Dr Malinga.

Micasa performed songs from its album Micasa Music, including the hit These Streets, which scooped the MTN Record of the Year at last year's South African Music Awards.

Dr Malinga, of the hit song

Via Orlando fame, bedazzled the crowd at both events with interactive performances filled with energetic and acrobatic dance moves.



CELEBRITY: Kalawa Jazzme Record's latest find, Dr Malinga, does his trademark jump while performing at the first year welcoming event on the Cape Town campus



SPEED: Students at the Wellington Campus participated in the annual Trolley Race



Awareness Drive

Creating an HIV-free generation

BY KWANELE BUTANA

Charging forward with its commitment to an HIV-free generation, the CPUT HIV/Aids Unit has prepared an array of programmes aimed at students.

The year's activities kick off with the 'First Things First' campaign, an HIV counseling and testing drive commissioned

by the Department of Higher Education's Programme on HIV/AIDS.

Its purpose is to encourage students and staff to get tested in the mobile clinic that will visit all campuses and the university's service points during the next few weeks.

The HIV/Aids Unit's Acting Head

of Department, Alex Semba, says an Abstinence Club will also be launched this year.

GOALS

"We are telling the students that we are here to help you achieve your goals," says Semba.

Recruitment of members for the club will commence during the

university's Condom Week, in which the use of condoms will be promoted by the unit's Peer Educators who will be dressed in costumes made out of condoms.

Later this term, the unit will run focus group discussions for students. Semba says the unit will invite students to join discussion groups, which will focus on specific topics

related to their lifestyles. These discussions will be held in residences on all campuses while lunchtime discussions will be arranged for daytime students.

For more information on these programmes, watch out for updates via newflash, posters or contact the unit directly on (021) 460 4253.

STUDENT LEADERS

BY KWANELE BUTANA

CPUT Vice-Chancellor, Prof Lineo Mazwi-Tanga, briefed this year's Student Representative Council (SRC) about their responsibility as student leaders at a Meet and Greet ceremony organised by the Department of Student Affairs.

Mazwi-Tanga informed the student leaders about their responsibility to the tens of thousands of CPUT students and asked them to see less of

themselves and recognise the needs of their constituency.

In line with her open-door policy, the Vice-Chancellor invited the students to communicate problems they encounter with her office before they engage in mass demonstrations.

Welcoming the student leaders to their new role, Dean of Students Cora Motale drew their attention to the university's structures as well as their schedule of meetings and explained the students'

role with regards to these meetings.

Motale challenged the students to revise the SRC constitution and raise the issues which they want to have included in the new constitution.

The event was attended by all the members of the three local SRCs as well as members of the Central SRC. On the same day, Central SRC members were busy developing the SRC's Strategic Plan for the year.



MEET: CPUT Vice-Chancellor, Prof Lineo Mazwi-Tanga met with the SRC

Customised Training

BY CANDES KEATING

Need to brush up on your skills? Then look no further than the impressive training opportunities offered by CPUT's Learning and Development Department this year.

The department has thought of it all and developed customised workshops and training programmes that will address the needs of academic and administrative staff across the CPUT campuses. From driving workshops to minute taking and advice on how to deal with corrective action, CPUT staffers have no excuse not to develop their skills.

The department has also introduced some new and exciting programmes such as Soul Power- Personal Mastery. This one-day workshop will help individuals to develop a personal

vision and goals.

CPUT staffers also have the opportunity to participate in training programmes organised by the Cape Higher Education Consortium. The programme "Creating the Leading Edge" is aimed at managers and supervisors, while academic staff members have the option to enrol for the "Quality Teaching in Higher Education" programme.

For more information on the training programmes, please see your newflash folder for the Learning and Development Prospectus 2013.

If you have any questions about your Learning and Development needs, please get in touch with Nadine Waterwitch at waterwitchn@cput.ac.za or Phumelelani Mayongo at mayongop@cput.ac.za.



TRAINING: Staff members have access to a wide-variety of skill developmental programmes



ANIMATED BRILLIANCE

CPUT alumnus puts her stamp on design industry

BY NURAHN RYKLIEF

A trailblazer in the field of 2D Animation, Graphic Design Alumnus, Megan Abbot, is making her mark in the industry.

Abbot has worked on campaigns for some of South Africa's most popular brands, including Windhoek Lager, SAB, and Truworths. She has also overseen numerous projects for Etv.

Abbot's first introduction to the world of graphic design was a three-day job shadow at Conduit Productions, a leading production house in South Africa. Later, while studying at CPUT, she had a chance meeting with an ex-colleague from Conduit and was offered a three-month internship.

Her natural flair for design did not go unnoticed and saw her clinch a permanent placement as a 2D animator and designer. Abbot attributes her success to the hands-on training she received at CPUT and the

support of lecturers such as Bruce Snaddon and Wayne Coughlan.

'I thoroughly enjoyed studying at CPUT. It's been my springboard to the design world, they taught me the basics and allowed me to discover what I found exciting'



AMBITIOUS: Megan Abbot is known in the industry as an expert in the field of 2D Animation

"I thoroughly enjoyed studying at CPUT. It's been my springboard to the design world, they taught me the basics and allowed me to

discover what I found exciting," she says.

Abbot recently resigned from Conduit and is now venturing

into the design industry as a freelance designer. And already she has a number of clients' lined-up, waiting for her to work her magic.



DETAILED: An example of Megan's stellar work

Rejuvenate at Wellness Clinic

BY NURAHN RYKLIEF

Feeling stressed out and in need of some pampering? Then look no further than the CPUT Wellness Clinic, which is situated on the Cape Town Campus.

Those making use of the clinic's wide range of services



TRANQUIL: The CPUT Wellness Clinic is introducing a number of new health and beauty enhancing treatments

are guaranteed a professional experience.

"Meeting meticulous industry standards is our priority, in order to produce high-calibre somatologists," says Head of the Department of Wellness Sciences, Dr Nicole Brooks.

RELAX

The Wellness Clinic simulates an industry environment where Somatology students have the opportunity to hone their skills in health and skincare therapies.

The clinic is due to reopen in March, much to the relief of their regular clients. And an added bonus is the introduction of a number of new and invigorating treatments.

One of the new treatments is the much talked about Microderabrasion, a mechanical skin resurfacing technique which removes dead skin cells

and increases blood circulation to promote a youthful and healthy skin.

This treatment will be offered by BTech students and must be booked in advance. In addition, the clinic will be introducing chemical peels and Endermologie sessions during this year.

"The aim and objective is to offer you a wider variety and to maximize the experience with enhanced results after the facial," says Wellness Clinic Manager, Nashieta Ebrahim.

The Wellness Clinic is open for business from March and will operate on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 11am and 3pm.

For more information you can also drop a mail to wellnessclinic@cput.ac.za or contact the clinic at 021 460 3437.

NUTRITION SERVICE

BY NURAHN RYKLIEF

Committed to the holistic health of the CPUT community and the wider public, the Wellness Clinic is launching a nutrition service.

The new service will be run by a registered dietitian and senior lecturer, Roy Kennedy.

The service will focus on nutritional assessments and will look at body composition assessments as well as glucose and cholesterol monitoring.

General nutrition consultations will be available; however, the department is not able to offer

a full clinical nutrition service for disease-specific care.

Clients with medical aid will be able to claim reimbursement if their funds permit, but must pay the department upon each visit. The cost will depend on the nature and duration of the consultation and will be charged according to recommended fee structures.

The service will be available to CPUT staffers as well as the public on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am to 3pm during the academic year.

Consultation is by appointment only and bookings can be made at the Wellness Clinic.



MARTIAL ARTS

Student masters Afro-Brazilian dance sport

BY KWANELE BUTANA

Capoeira is consolidating its place at CPUT with more students showing interest in it, although the sporting activity remains unknown to many South Africans.

Capoeira is a form of Brazilian sport that combines martial arts, dance, art and music and embraces happiness. The sport was introduced in Brazil in the 16th century by slaves from Africa who used it as a form of defense.

Nkosomzi Speelman, a Mathematical Technology student, recently came back from a trip where he represented the university in Oxford, England, as part of an international Capoeira team.

DANCE

During his visit, Nkosomzi trained with different experts from Brazil and the United Kingdom.

The Abolicao Capoeira team, which was founded in Oxford in 1999, started its South African branch in 2003 in a rural village of Hamburg, Eastern Cape. Hamburg is Nkosomzi's home village, and he is part of the strong group of students who emerged from the regular classes the team offered in the village's old town hall.

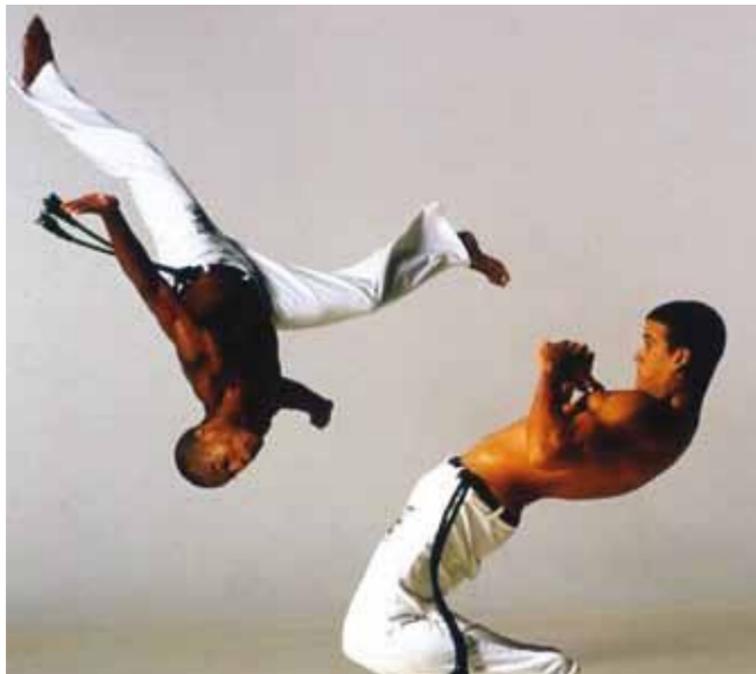
The sport has become a very important part of Nkosomzi's life as he has taken the responsibility of running training sessions on the Bellville Campus. Training classes take place in the Student Services Centre from Monday until Thursday and starts at 4.30pm.

DEDICATED

"I would love to see Capoeira being introduced to many people

throughout the African continent," says the soft-spoken Nkosomzi who commends the sport for keeping his village group away from crime and drugs.

The Capoeirista, who has performed in various festivals in the Eastern Cape as well as featuring on the SABC's Headwrap television show, says he wants to travel to Brazil to study the history and philosophy of the sport.



ACTION: Student Nkosomzi Speelman and a fellow Capoeirista perform some of the martial art dance moves

Sports Scene

From Surfing to Basketball, the Department of Sports on the Cape Town Campus is offering a wide range of sporting activities this year.

department will once again offer Zumba and hip hop classes.

For more information on the sporting activities contact Raileen Neilson at 021 4603844.

Interested in becoming a licensed athlete, then look no further than the CPUT Athletics and Road Running team. Those who join the team will get a CPUT running vest, licence number and be able to participate in road races and walks taking place in Cape Town.

The department is also running their "Learn to swim" programme, which will take place at the Long Street baths. Students can also sign up for surfing lessons, which will take place twice a week at the Muizenburg Beach.

Some of the other popular sports codes that will be offered this year include basketball, handball, netball, judo, karate and chess. For those who want to shed some extra kilograms, the



FUN: Basketball is one of the many sporting activities that will be offered on the Cape Town campus this year

SPORTING PIONEERS

BY NURAHN RYKLIEF

The CPUT Sport Management Department is preparing for great things in 2013.

After the department's outstanding performance at the SASReCon Sport Science in Action Conference, staff members of this Mowbray-based unit are looking forward to a number of exciting developments this year.

Late last year faculty members scooped several awards for top presentations at the conference.

DEVELOP

Head of the Sports Management Department, Prof Simeon Davies, played an integral role in organizing the conference as well

as bringing international key note speaker, Scott Minto, from the San Diego State University to our shores.

Minto is the Director of the world's leading Sport Management MBA Programme and has visited CPUT where he presented to the Business Faculty on the emerging developments in the sport industry as well as how his specialist MBA caters for this educational and career need.

AWARDS

At the conference, Dr Sharhidd Taliep won best paper and presenter with his presentation on transformation in South African cricket and Brendon Knott was runner up with his

paper on mega-events in the economics and business track.

Commenting on the conference, Minister of Sport and Recreation, Fikile Mbalula says, "The conference is aimed

at bridging the gap between theory and practice in the conduct and delivery of sport science in South Africa whilst at the same time closing the gap between science and techniques implemented in the practice of science in sport."



ACHIEVERS: Dr Sharhidd Taliep, Brendon Knott, Thabisile Goba, Scott Minto and Prof Simeon Davies



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