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A DAY IN
THE LIFE...



Balancing Life

Physical Planning:
Meet the team

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STAND A CHANCE TO WIN...

One of two prizes; an accommodation voucher for one night stay for two people including breakfast or a breakfast voucher for two people at the Protea Hotel Mowbray, and Wild Fig Restaurant. To be entered into the draw, write and share with us interesting things that are happening in your work space or make a contribution to the Spring/Summer Newsletter.

Prizes will be drawn on 31 October.

WORD FROM OUR EDITOR

It is with great pleasure that I present to you another edition of the LIFE Newsletter. I hope that you will enjoy the content that has been put together. I would like to express my appreciation to those of you who wrote and gave their feedback on the previous Newsletter. I would also like to thank those who won prizes in the last Newsletter and took the time to share about their experience at the Baxter Theatre.

In this issue I would like to draw your attention to the stories on pages 12 and 16. When you are looking for a space to relax with your friends and families visit the Protea Hotel in Mowbray and see some of the work P&S has done there. Also for a creative view, please visit the Irma Stern Museum which hosts monthly art exhibitions. Check out the competition that we are running (details on the inside cover) and stand a chance to win one of the two prizes. Share with us what you are doing or planning to do regarding improved waste recycling in your work space and email us at info-ps@uct.ac.za.

Lilian Mboyi
LIFE Editor



Photo by Je`nine May



A NOTE FROM ANDRÉ

Executive Director; Properties and Services

The year has really gone fast, I guess that is what happens when there is a lot happening. We started the year focusing on the process of the insourcing of our cleaning, security and transport staff. In July, eight hundred and five new staff members joined P&S. As we continue to manage this transition and keep our focus on providing the university with uninterrupted service, I urge you all to exercise patience and be supportive of each other. It is also important to know work policies and stay respectful of our colleagues in all our interactions.

Some of our colleagues have had a long relationship with the university and have reached significant milestones and are featured here. It is always interesting to learn what keeps some people inspired to go on doing what they do and be of service to others through changing and challenging times. In May we sadly lost one of our long-serving colleagues Peter Flandorp who had been with the University for over forty-one years. In July Xolisile Michael Klass one of our Jammie Shuttle drivers passed away and Zukisani Makhaba, a CPS officer was tragically killed. It is always traumatic for those who work closely with a person to deal with their passing.

In the last few months, we have completed some important construction and restoration projects namely the New Lecture Theatre (see some of the photos featured) on Upper Campus, Palm Court which is a student residence in Mowbray and the Protea Hotel on our Valkenburg Estate.

Over and above the responsibility of managing and maintaining the vast properties of the university, we offer a range of services to the university community. One of the ways through which we offer value is towards the conservation of the environment and managing and recycling waste. Please read this article and familiarise yourselves with the ways in which we can contribute towards waste management.

I encourage you all to maintain your stamina as the year draws to a close, and when examinations and end of year activities start, let us continue giving our best in service to the university.





A DAY IN THE LIFE OF CLAUDINE CACAMBILE THE WARM SMILE OF MEULENHOF BUILDING.

Claudine is the face and smile that people see when they walk through the door of the Properties and Services department in the Meulenhof Building. Employees and visitors to the department are made to feel at home the minute they open the door. Her welcoming smile makes visitors feel comfortable to ask her anything. She welcomes even those who are anxious or late by managing to calm them before they go into their respective meetings or interviews.

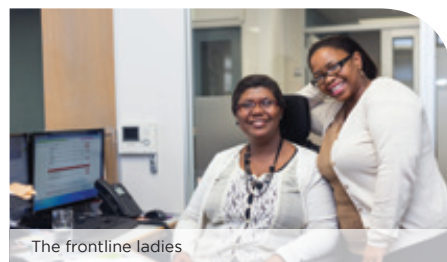
Working in this environment means having to deal with all kinds of people. She gets along with them by always conducting herself as a professional. Her warm, bubbly, caring and supportive disposition allows her to give her best to those that she encounters. She is always eager to help and goes the extra mile to assist.

Is this your first job with UCT?

Yes, I started in the Properties and Services department as a receptionist and I am still happy in my role. My first job was with Boston House College. Thereafter I worked for the City of Cape Town for 4 years before joining UCT in 2009. I have an Office Management and Secretarial Diploma.

What does your job involve on a day-to-day basis?

I welcome visitors to the department and direct them accordingly. I also handle a variety of calls including making appointments, taking visit requests, handling queries, administration work, registration of third party access and providing information if required.



The frontline ladies



A happy moment

What do you enjoy most about your job?

I mostly enjoy assisting people when I can; building up contacts and gaining knowledge on a variety of subjects. I also enjoy meeting and associating with different kinds of people.

What is a major highlight of your time at UCT?

In October 2015 during the #feesmustfall protests the students stormed into our building and told us to vacate. I was so scared that to this day the Risk Services Director still teases me about how petrified I was. It was a traumatising experience but now we laugh about it.

In a few words, tell us about yourself.

I am an honest and punctual person and easily cope under pressure. I am married to a youth leader at an Old Apostolic Church. Together we work to groom and help youth members to achieve their goals. I also make time to focus on my three beautiful children. I also love going on holiday yearly so that I can have my own time away from everything and everyone.

What is your philosophy or slogan for life?

Dream, feel, give, live, hope, laugh, love, inspire and believe. Do not try to change the essence of that which you are. People can often draw you into a field of negativity. If you feel like you can't maintain your awareness and objectivity, there's nothing wrong with removing yourself from the situation.

HENRY VAN RENSBURG

Assistant Post Room Supervisor



When did you start working at UCT?

I started in 1970 in the gardens and worked until 1973. In 1974 I moved to Jameson Hall where I set up for exams and graduation ceremonies, working there for 20 years. After that, I moved to the Post Room where I am currently.

What does your job entail on a day-to-day basis?

I am responsible for registers going to various departments. I also deal with local and overseas parcels and letters. I have six people reporting to me. They are all friendly people working in a friendly environment.

Our responsibility is to distribute mail on Upper Campus. We sort, deliver and collect all mail. All other Postal Services on campus come and collect from our office i.e. Medical School, Bremner, Break Water Lodge etc.

How can you describe your time at UCT?

Things have changed a lot over the four decades that I have been here. The economy has also changed significantly. In the 70s the bus fare from Mowbray to UCT on the Golden Arrow bus was 5 cents. In the early years while sweeping the Jammie steps there were just a few black people on campus and a lot of whites. White people sat at the top of the Jammie steps and the blacks at the bottom. Now people of all colours mingle freely in that space.

In the 80s a lot of movement in and around the Jameson Hall took place. Protests by students for academic freedom were prevalent. Police would charge and the students would just sit defying orders to disperse. At times students would be sjamboked, tear-gassed and policemen would be chasing them all over the campus.

When I joined UCT, the building of the Baxter Theatre was in progress. A beautiful rose-garden was nearby and people came and had their wedding photos taken in the gardens. There were lots of beautiful gardens all over the campus then. The walk from Bremner to Upper Campus was surrounded by rose bushes. Now there is more greenery,

I remember that people were more friendly back then and they were respectful and would greet. We also played soccer with the students in the fields. Now it doesn't really feel like one is part of the university. In the old days, the Vice Chancellor used to gather old and new staff in the Jameson Hall once a year for a dinner and dance party. Partners and retirees would also come to these events, and that way people got to know each other.

What do you enjoy about your job?

In my office, people are very friendly. It is a stress-free environment. Over the years people get to know you and it becomes like family. I enjoy my work very much. I will be retiring in two years time.

What have been the highlights of your career?

- Seeing Mr Mandela on his first visit to UCT
- President Obama's visit
- Shaking Cyril Ramaphosa's hand
- Meeting Ahmed Kathrada
- Meeting Dr Mangosuthu Buthelezi
- Meeting the Minister of Sports, Fikile Mbalula

Your personal life?

My whole working life has been with the university. I have four children, two boys and two girls; and two grandchildren. I always dreamt of my daughter coming to study at UCT which didn't happen. I, however, managed to send her to UWC which was a big achievement.

PHYSICAL PLANNING

Aiming high - towards a functional and environmentally sustainable campus



ROBYN MULLER
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT

Robyn Muller, a Landscape Architect with over 16 years working experience managed her own practice for over 11 years as a professional landscape architect. She was recently afforded the opportunity to work at UCT Properties and Services: Physical Planning Department, as the landscape architect on a permanent basis. This was a transition to a new working environment, new challenges and was an opportunity to expand her knowledge base. For Robyn, this translated into a wonderful opportunity to work on a beautiful campus with the magnificent setting and backdrop of the Table Mountain National Park, which she loves and has hiked and climbed innumerable times.

As the University's first Landscape Architect, Robyn's role in the Physical Planning Department is to effectively utilise her professional skills and knowledge to facilitate the developing and maintenance of an environmentally sustainable campus that is functional and aesthetically pleasing.

The initial task when she started working at UCT in July 2014 was to compile an overall Landscape Framework document with associated plans as part of the University's Integrated Development Framework (IDF). The aim of this document is to inform, manage and guide future development across all campuses. The first draft of this document was completed in August 2015 and will be updated following feedback from various role-players, committees and subcommittees.

Landscape Planning of the external infrastructure forms part of her responsibilities. Incorporating feedback from various committees, she ensures that the aesthetics, existing and new services, security, property management and maintenance aspects are addressed in all external space and landscape planning projects. From a planning perspective, she provides input on optimal parking locations and layouts, pedestrian and cycle facilities and this also extends to external types of furniture such as seating, shelters and arbours, retaining walls, pedestrian lighting, etc.

Some of the projects that she has been involved in at UCT are the Upper Campus-South Bus Stop; Educare pedestrian link; EGS Landscape Project; Educare parking; Middle Campus-Mendi Memorial space reconfiguration; Lower Campus-Baxter Theatre Complex; North Garden security; Hiddingh Campus-Rosedale Parking; Universal access ramp and the waste/recycling disposal site.

Among the many things that define Robyn is that she can also speak a bit of isiXhosa. Her husband and best friend has complimentary interests, as he is also a tree lover and an enthusiastic cultivator of bonsai. They both enjoy spending time with close family and friends and juggle their spare time in a diverse range of outdoor activities, such as hiking, gardening, cycling, picnics, gym and pilates as well as identifying scores of distinctive indigenous and endemic plants. They are both Botanical Society members and do spend a lot of time in the Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens.



The relocated South Bus Stop as integrated into the New Lecture Theatre Project



EGS Project with a focus on indigenous flora and environmental focus



CARIN BROWN
PHYSICAL PLANNING ARCHITECT

Carin, is the head of the dynamic team who assist all faculties and departments with changes to their new or existing space requirements. In the last few months, she has focused on up-cycling spaces using existing materials and furniture to create sustainable cost effective solutions for users. She is involved in all aspects of planning and enjoys the variety of project types that she is involved in. The project lists vary from chemical labs and classrooms to courtyards and canteens. Carin says of this range, the most satisfying projects are those where student involvement and budget constraints optimise her architectural expertise to create dynamic solutions.



LIESLE VAN WYK
SPACE MANAGER

Liesle describes her job as one that requires one to be a 'jack-of-all-trades' and 'two-pronged' – 70% reporting to the Director of Physical Planning and the other 30% to the Systems Manager. She is a qualified interior designer specialising in 3D design and rendering. She is also responsible for the maintenance and updating of the Archibus software driven space database. Liesle loves her job and says that she is never bored and is constantly learning to develop her skills and knowledge base. She is the youngest of 5 girls and has an "amazing" son. She says her grandfather was the one who sparked her love of design, as he was an aeronautical engineer.



NIGEL HAUPT
DIRECTOR PHYSICAL PLANNING

Nigel is an Architect and an Urban Planner. He provides overall leadership, direction and management to the Physical Planning Department. Nigel ensures that any physical developments serves the university's academic and institutional plans and are in line with the Integrated Development Framework (IDF).

He considers it a privilege to work at UCT and sees every day as just another opportunity to be involved in decisions that he hopes would add value to an already unique physical environment.

He tries (and this gets harder every year!) to keep fit by cycling regularly and he enjoys playing chess and the guitar.



MAURA SANDEROFF
ARCHITECTURAL TECHNICIAN

Maura is a technologist who has a wide range of skills. She uses these skills to design space, detail construction projects and map the Jammie Shuttle routes. Maura embraces her UCT projects with a passion that comes from many years of service, a fundamental understanding of the environment, and a love for staff and students.



EVELYN ADAMS
**SENIOR SECRETARY
TO NIGEL HAUPT**

Evelyn is the Senior Secretary to the Director of Physical Planning. She is responsible for a range of general office duties that ensure the efficient and effective running of the Planning Office. Her warm and gentle disposition goes a long way in keeping the Physical Planning team feeling positive and motivated. Evelyn also serves in a mentoring role to other women in her community. She is an excellent cook and baker who now and then likes to delight her colleagues with one of her creations.

WASTE MANAGEMENT AND RECYCLING



In 1990 the University of Cape Town signed the Talloires Declaration and since been working toward setting an example of environmental responsibility through sound environmental policies and practices. This declaration for sustainability was created by and for presidents of institutions of higher learning at a conference of 22 universities convened in Talloires, France. The document is a declaration that institutions of higher learning will be world leaders by developing, creating, supporting and maintaining sustainability.

Our waste management partners are Waste Control and Smart Waste. Waste management forms part of that effort toward a sustainable environment both externally and in the university. This is done by reducing the amount of solid waste that is generated and recycled thereby creating a positive impact. To increase recyclable volumes Properties and Services have set up a recycling system which it is in the process of making uniform throughout the university. Getting this right would benefit the whole university community both financially and toward creating a healthier and cleaner environment.

What is recycling?

Recycling is the process of converting waste materials into reusable objects to prevent waste of potentially useful materials. Doing this results in reduced consumption of fresh raw materials, energy usage, air pollution (from incineration) and water pollution (from landfilling). Recycling is a key component of modern waste reduction and is one of the key components of the "Reduce, Reuse and Recycle" waste hierarchy.

What is recyclable?

Paper - White paper, including paper which has been written or typed

on, computer paper, glossy paper magazines, newspapers, books (whole and bound notebooks), brown paper bags, paper packing material and envelopes.

Plastic - All plastic items including plastic bags or wrap, plastic containers and pallet wrap clear or coloured.

Bottles and cans - Aluminium drinking cans, lids, aluminium foil and light steel cans and items.

Cardboard - Cardboard sheets and boxes, egg cartons and empty pizza boxes that are not contaminated with food. Portions of cardboard saturated with oil may be torn off from the rest and placed with the non-recyclable waste.

Tetra-packs (e.g. milk cartons) and styrofoam is also recyclable. Items such as paper, plastic, bottles, cans, cardboard, styrofoam, and tetra packs can all be grouped together for recycling.

In addition, the university collects food waste from the residence dining halls for composting, printer cartridges and e-Waste (items that contain electrical and/or electronic components) from departments on campus for recycling.

What is non-recyclable?

Food contaminated paper, card boxes and hazardous wastes are non-recyclables.

Precautions

Please do not place any hazardous waste into either general or recyclable waste. The university has proper procedures in place for the disposing of hazardous materials such as hazardous chemicals and medical waste e.g. needles. These items can only be disposed in designated areas and receptacles.

How do we and the university benefit?

If everyone took a moment to

consider our choices before we discard waste, this would escalate to responsible waste disposal practices throughout Properties and Services by setting a good example to follow. When we reduce solid waste, we save the university money by cutting down the monthly waste disposal bill. Recyclable waste produces income of which the university receive 66 percent of the income generated.

Individual commitment

Recycling is an individual choice and like any act of being responsible, it starts with you. Encourage your colleagues to reduce, separate and recycle waste. If the waste management system in your department is not clear, be part of the solution. Find out how it can be corrected by introducing clearly marked bins. Have a system of collecting the recyclable waste and help the cleaners easily collect and get it to the correct collection points.

Contact people

If you have any queries or need help with your recycling, contact the following people:

- Ms Noelene Le Cordier - Senior horticulturist, Grounds and Gardens

Email: noelene.lecordier@uct.ac.za or cell: 082 496 8843

- Mr Justin Connors - Operations Manager, Grounds and Gardens

Email: justin.connors@uct.ac.za or cell: 076 521 9043

- Mr Mogamat Benjamin - Service Controller

Email: mogamat.benjamin@uct.ac.za or cell: 0837756016

- Mr Brett Roden - Printer cartridges/e-waste

E-mail: brettiroden@uct.ac.za or phone: 021 650 3487



Yagija Salie



Roland September



Pam De Viliers



Rosina Court



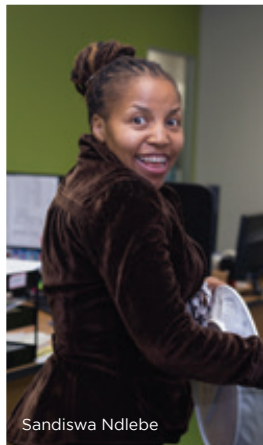
Janine Osman



Henry Van Rensburg



Gloria Robinson



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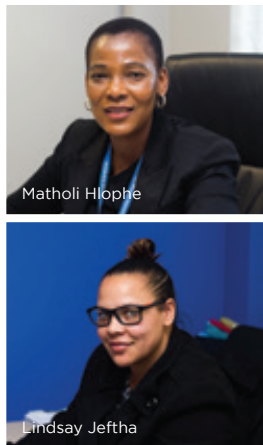
Saajid Ely



Natalie Allies



Matholi Hlophe



Lindsay Jeftha



Ruysana Jansen, June Reeler and Irene Bocard



Zatoen April and Clifford October



Chris Briers



Fundi Msila



Thaabet Abrahams



Rushda Behardien

HEALTHY LIFESTYLE



BLOOD PRESSURE KNOW WHERE YOU STAND – GET CHECKED

High blood pressure also known as hypertension is a “silent killer” and does not always announce itself until it is too late. It is a highly prevalent condition and is the highest contributor to cardiovascular disease worldwide. The earlier hypertension is diagnosed, the earlier it can be managed with medication and lifestyle adaptations such as dietary changes, weight loss, stopping smoking and eating less salt.

The ideal blood pressure is 120/80mmHg. It can be a little higher or a little lower than this and still be considered healthy.

EAT WELL. MOVE DAILY
HYDRATE OFTEN. SLEEP LOTS
LOVE YOUR BODY

STAND A CHANCE TO WIN!

Write to us on info-ps@uct.ac.za with the subject line **P & S Newsletter**, and tell us what you think of the health pages or make your own contribution and **stand a chance to win one of 2 prizes** for either accommodation or breakfast at the Protea Hotel, Mowbray.

WINTER MEALS

Date & Avocado salad

(Contributed by Yaseen Parker)

Dressing ingredients:

2 tablespoons low fat mayonnaise
Half tsp crushed chilli
1 tablespoon lemon juice
Half tsp ground pepper

Salad ingredients:

5 to 6 cups torn lettuce, including rocket
¾ cup quartered dates
1 avo, cut up into pieces
¼ cup almonds
1 tablespoon sesame seeds (optional: roast the sesame seeds and almonds together for enhanced flavour)
½ cup feta cheese (optional)

A lovely thick vegetable soup from my Granny's Cook book

(Contributed by Charl Esau)

Ingredients:

2 Tbs Olive Oil
3 medium carrots (diced)
1 large onion (diced)
2 cloves garlic (minced)
2 cups peeled and cubed squash
1/4 tsp ground all spice
Pinch cayenne pepper (more to taste)
1/4 block chicken stock
1 tin diced tomatoes
4 sprigs fresh thyme
2 cups kale/chard (optional)
1 cup/can chickpeas

Method:

- Heat the oil over medium heat and add the carrots
- Fry onions until they soften.
- Add the garlic and cook for 1 minute. Add the squash, spices, chicken stock, tomatoes and thyme.
- Bring to a boil and reduce the heat. Cover and simmer for 10 minutes.
- Add the chickpeas and cook uncovered.
- Blend the soup if you prefer a very smooth consistency.
- Serve with a dash of crème fraiche and homemade cornbread.
- Soup can be prepared in advance – in the fridge it will keep for 3 days, frozen for 2 months.



BODY

Balancing the Body.

In order to balance the body, we need to focus on the body's own well-being. Goals for your body should be to remove toxins from your body, promote free flowing energy throughout your body and follow your body's natural rhythm.

The body was created to achieve growth.

Every-body's purpose is different; therefore each body is designed to fulfil a specific purpose. We have different genetic traits, and physical inclinations that together make our bodies and our physical experiences unique. The way in which you treat your body can have a profound impact on your body's balance. This includes the natural cycles of sleep, diet and exercise. Listen to your body to find out its unique requirements.

Listen to your body. Each body has its own constitution and its finely attuned state of functioning. However, there are some general principles that are designed to energise and purify the body of toxins that we ingest daily in food substances and liquids. To improve your body's chemistry, try to follow the following principle:

Exercise Principles

- Vary the type of exercise so you exercise different muscle groups and the mind does not get bored.
- Choose exercise activities that you enjoy.
- Try to exercise outside where possible. The sun and fresh air, especially in a relaxing, natural environment, are energising and will strengthen the body-mind connection.
- Choose low impact activities. Strenuous exercise where your body feels strained is not necessary unless you are training for high-level fitness.
- Try integrating physical activity that strengthens the body-mind connection into your exercise regime. Such activities can have a profound impact on your overall state of being as they work on the body-mind as a single entity.
- And remember to seek professional advice before applying any major lifestyle changes.

MIND

Balancing the Mind

In order to balance the mind we need to focus on what it needs to have a positive influence on our state of being. Goals for the mind should be to want to develop your level of self-awareness of your personality; to focus on subjects that benefit you and to learn to quieten the mind at will.

Meditation is the long-established practise of calming the mind. With practise, meditation helps to bring the body into alignment. So the substance of meditation is really focused thought.

Journal writing is another good way to clear the mind of unwanted thoughts. When we write our thoughts down on paper, they lose some power over us because they have been expressed.

Focusing the Mind causes us to become conscious of the state of our body in each moment. When we become conscious of our thoughts, we become conscious creators. This is a true expression of what we already have within us that takes us in the direction we wish to go.

SPIRIT

Balancing the Spirit.

There is no scientific definition or explanation for the spirit. We can say that it has been known for saving us from impending danger through intuition and guiding us through life experiences that serve to teach us in some way. How do I strengthen my spirit connection?

Living with love is the key to harmonising the spirit.

Love underpins our whole lives, every aspect of life and the meaning of life itself. Use your awareness of love to guide your own behaviour. The more frequently you reorient your actions with love, the closer you will walk to the path of healing, not just your health but all aspects of your life.

Forgiveness liberates our spirit. Living with forgiveness liberates our spirit from the pain of attachment, and others who may have been consciously or unconsciously involved in our pain. It is unconditional: it requires no response from another. To forgive is the ultimate gift of humanity.

How to access your Spirit wisdom? Our spirit wisdom comes to us in the form of intuition. Intuition is a subtle form of communication from our spirit telling us what serves us. That is, our spirit knows and tells us what is in our best interests. Living consciously and developing your intuition will put you be in touch with your spirit wisdom.



Charmaine Adriaanse and Felicity Antha



Ryan Jacobs



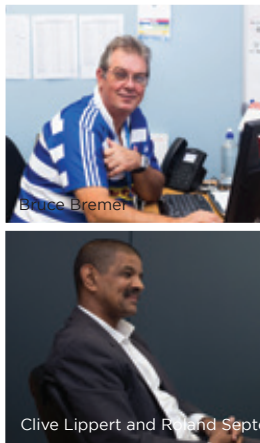
Shanaaz Wilson



Joy Arnold and Ashley Bell



Nigel Haupt



Bruce Bremer



Peter De Wet



Clive Lippert and Roland September



André Theys



Brett Roden



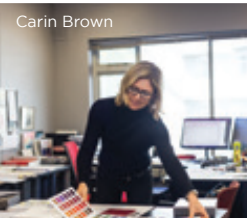
Grant Wilson and Harry Fisher



Christo Odendaal



Barry Platen



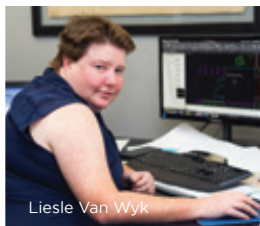
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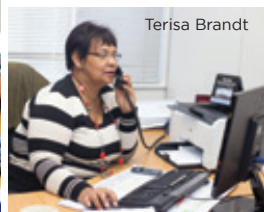
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Zulpha Salie



Lilian Mboyi



Derick Müller



Keith Witbooi

WELCOME TO OUR WORLD

Meet the new 2016 staff members who have already settled in and had time to become part of the P&S family.

Matholi
Hlophe



Area Maintenance Manager for Middle, Lower and Other Campuses – I enjoy working for UCT as I am learning new challenges every day. I enjoy spending time indoors and outdoors, attending various maintenance meetings and checking contractors work, engaging with different stakeholders including internal and external clients.

Thabo
Kibido



Assistant Maintenance Manager – Thabo Kibido, born in the Eastern Cape, married to my beautiful wife with two lovely kids. I am a Christian and a family man who finds it difficult to live without my family even for an hour. I like sports, especially soccer. I am also an easygoing type of a person and love people especially those in my circle.

Zolile “Zorro”
Sobe



Senior Traffic Warden – Zolile means quiet one in my language, IsiXhosa. I am both quiet and bubbly depending on the situation. I love interacting with people and therefore enjoy my job, which exposes me to different people. My strength is my smile, I am always happy. I love watching soccer and my favorite teams are Pirates, Manchester United and Barcelona. I also listen to music especially Soul and Neo-soul.

Pat
Julies



Traffic Services – I can sum up my life in one quote “If better is a possibility my best will never be good enough”. I love to give of only my best in everything I do. In my spare time I enjoy spending time with my wife and two kids Jade and Jaimie, and enjoy singing in the New Apostolic Choir. I love my job, as I am a protector.

Michael
Gertse



Senior traffic Warden – I was with the Metro police before joining UCT as a temp in 2015. I worked at the Medical School doing admin and venue bookings. I have had a passion for traffic and policing since I was a boy. I enjoy my job as it is rewarding. I love soccer and rugby and used to play both in my young days. Now I assist coaching a junior under 14s team “Red Rovers” in Rocklands, Mitchells Plain. I spend most Saturdays on the soccer field.

Nobuzwe
Dani



Call Centre Operator – I Love spending time with my family. I have a great sense of humour and I am always bubbly and happy.



Historic Placard



Original Walls Of The Property

VALKENBURG ESTATE: PROTEA HOTEL MOWBRAY, WILD FIG RESTAURANT, BAR AND CONFERENCE FACILITY



Manor House

The Valkenburg estate is located along the Liesbeeck River off the N2 towards the airport neighbouring the famous Valkenburg Hospital. Within this estate lies a historic UCT property, the Protea Hotel Mowbray, Wild fig restaurant and Conference facility. The hotel is on UCT property and the Manor House and Wild Fig Restaurant are on municipality land which is managed by UCT.

This property was restored by Properties and Services and the Finance department to a multi-function business area.

As you enter the estate you are met by a heritage Manor House which is about 200 years old and is used as a reception area by the hotel. In the centre of the parking area stands one of the oldest trees in Cape Town, the Wild Fig Tree after which the restaurant is named. As you move along the property there is a courtyard with two wings of accommodation as well as a barn converted into a loft accommodation. The history of the estate is displayed along the walk way walls as you walk to the accommodation units. One

of the original horse stable walls has been previously built up to an accommodation gable wall. This wall feature is nicely expressed in one of the classic rooms of the hotel.

The bar area of the famous Wild Fig Restaurant, Bar and Conference facility, is recognised as a heritage site. This section of the property is nicely covered by vines creating a relaxing atmosphere.

Another historical fascination on the the property is the grave yard. It is said that the original owner of the property was buried here. This area too has been restored.

This project took a long 8 to 10 months to complete the refurbishment and was completed on 28 February 2016. The heritage buildings were the most challenging aspect of the project. However, upgrading it to receive the latest technology and style for hotels proved to be no issue for the Properties and Services team.

This place is enjoyed by many students, staff and visitors all year round.



The Wild Fig Tree

Stand a Chance to WIN...

To stand a chance to win a voucher for a one night stay including breakfast for two people or a breakfast voucher for two.

Breakfast valued at R350.

See inside front cover for competition details.

SERVICE APPRECIATION LETTERS AND LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr Theys,

Just a quick thank you to your Jammie shuttle team. I made a request yesterday regarding the Sandown shuttle route, the man who answered the phone (unfortunately I did not get his name) was helpful and Mr Clive Lippert has already responded to me within a day making the change I asked about. I know it may seem like a small thing, but I appreciate it.

In general also, very grateful for the drivers on the Sandown route, from my experience taking it almost every morning and afternoon, they are on time, courteous to other drivers and provide a professional service.

Thanks again.

Regards,

Ms Nqubeko Hlekwayo

Hi Lilian,

Firstly, well done on putting together such a bold, attractive and informative newsletter, with lots of interesting reads. The quality of the newsletter was also something that caught my eye, with the image quality and pages being very crisp and captivating. It was interesting reading about what my other colleagues are doing, and I especially enjoyed the healthy lifestyle page, which I thought was an 'out of the box' approach to a conventional newsletter.

My contribution to the health page would be a winter 'Date & Avo' salad.

I'm sure the next issues will be as great, if not better than your first newsletter.

Regards,

Yaseen Parker (Pr Eng)

Hi Lilian

I attended the 2015 in Review show at the Baxter being a prize that I won from the Newsletter. My 22-year-old son accompanied me and we had a ball of a time. Not only was the show nice but also we were blessed to see more than one stand-up comedian in one show. It was an absolute treat and my son was very impressed with the Baxter Theatre in general.

Looking forward to the next opportunity.

In appreciation.

Asbley Bell

Dear Liesle,

Here is a short message regarding works in Biological Sciences (BIO) in 2014/2015. We had two projects, which were successfully and timeously completed, despite the disruptions at the later part of the year.

1. The new combined BIO 3rd year Teaching laboratory was completed within short time frame and within budget, consolidating 2 labs and increased capacity from 30 to 60 students. New refurbishments included a BIO "greening" brief to recycle up to 65% of all materials used, resulting in a return of a substantial amount of CAPEX to UCT central finance. The upgrade also included new Health and Safety compliance and improved visual teaching aides. The new lab is popular and in high demand and users is very happy with the input from P&S for assisting us with this.

2. The total replacement revamp of the old BIO HW Pearson HVAC system was completed within 6 months, and within budget. The new HVAC has improved air-conditioning and capacity to the Bolus Library, especially the specialized rare books section. BIO is very grateful for this and looking forward to future phases of improving the 2nd and 1st year labs.

A million thanks to all who made inputs into these successful projects.

Regards,

Mutbama Muasya - A/Prof

Head, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Cape Town.

Good day

My name is Thembakazi Ntetha, a first year student at UCT. Being newly exposed to the transport system of the university, the first thing that sprang to mind was that of a transport service that was infested by a group of indifferent and grumpy old people. However, with continuous use of the Jammie Shuttle, I couldn't help but notice their admirable approach toward the students and their undying motivation to provide a better service, with punctuality and professionalism being at the core.

That, to a person accustomed to cruel drivers who take delight in leaving passengers behind for failure of making it to the bus stop a few seconds earlier was a cultural shock. With that being said, I thought to take some time to thank the Jammie drivers for an impeccable service. I hope many more students come to the same realisation and show their appreciation.

Regards

Thembakazi Ntetha

Hello Andre and Lilian

I've just read the P&S Life Spring/Summer newsletter and it is wonderful!

Congratulations on the fresh look and the lovely, people-centred approach.

Cheers

Steff

LONG SERVICE AWARDS



45 Years

John Pagel

Forty-five years at UCT – that is as long as I have been married. In a way it is a bit like a marriage, because when I started work here, in 1970, at the age of 17 it was a bit like falling in love.



25 Years

Noelene Cordier

Working at UCT is extremely rewarding, engaging and equally challenging. Even with all the complexities – the ability to work and engage with colleagues from diverse backgrounds is an enriching and a rewarding experience.



25 Years

Abdullatief “Abdul” Smith

The advice that I would give younger people is this – they should understand that wisdom only comes with experience.



25 Years

Clifford October

Over the years, I saw people come and go and it was good to know them. As the years passed I started to love my work by being on time and keeping my managers and those whom I came in contact with happy.



25 Years

Barry Platten

It has been an exciting journey, sometimes disappointing, sometimes challenging but overall it has been enjoyable, especially in my current department where a fantastic manager makes all the difference to a good or bad day.



15 Years

Angie Ngalonkulu

I have learnt that a sense of humour and an enormous amount of patience is crucial to the job. UCT forms an integral part of the future and I serve it with pride. UCT has become my second home.



15 Years

Terisa Brandt

During my 15 years at UCT I had the privilege of working with four different managers. My previous administration and secretarial skills held me in good stead for these change overs (saying this with a smile). I have learned a lot and made some good friends during my 15 year tenure and will always value that.

OUR COLLEAGUES THAT PASSED AWAY THIS YEAR



Zukisani Makhaba
CPS Officer



Peter Flandorp
Service Controller, Bremner



Xolisile Michael Klaas
Jammie Shuttle Driver

IRMA STERN MUSEUM

The Irma Stern museum was established in 1971 and is governed by the University of Cape Town and the Irma Stern Trust. We are privileged to have this historic gallery as one of the offerings falling within Properties and Services. Staff in Properties and Services and throughout the university are encouraged to take advantage of this treasure in our midst and visit the various exhibitions that are show-cased monthly by South African artists.

The month of May yielded some important events in terms of Irma Stern's work, her personal history, and international reputation. Art auction house Strauss and Co. hosted a dinner for clients in the dining room of the museum to celebrate the upcoming sale of "Portrait of Freda Feldman in Basuto Hat" by Irma Stern dated 1943. This portrait, one of the artists finest, and one of several of the sitter, celebrates a great friendship fortified by a brilliant correspondence which brings to light new insights into Irma Stern's private life.

Deputy VC Professor Sandra Klopper, in her capacity as one of South Africa's foremost art historians, together with her husband Prof Michael Godby are, writing a book on the correspondence. The art community eagerly awaits it's publication through UCT press. Professor Klopper presented a slide lecture to a packed audience in the lounge of the Museum on May, 5th. The organisers had requested that hats be worn in honour of the portrait which was displayed with the hat! The buyer was to be rewarded with the actual Basotho hat as part of the deal. Delicious snacks and sparkling wine were a fitting addition to an elegant and informative evening.



Christopher Peter, Director discusses the merits of the carved Congolese stool, known as the Buli Stool, with VIP visitor, Lord Linley, nephew of Her Majesty the Queen of England, who was on a visit to Cape Town for the International Cape Town Art Fair in February. The photograph by Tessa Gordon, a South African photographer, living in Boston, who was exhibiting at the Museum in February.

The Buli Stool is one of the most important items of African Art in the world. It is one of 20 known items attributed to this master craftsman who worked at the end of the 19th century early 20th century in the South Eastern region of the Congo.

It is believed it was acquired by Irma Stern in Zanzibar in 1939.



Curator, Mary van Blommestein with the portrait in the lounge of the Irma Stern Museum.

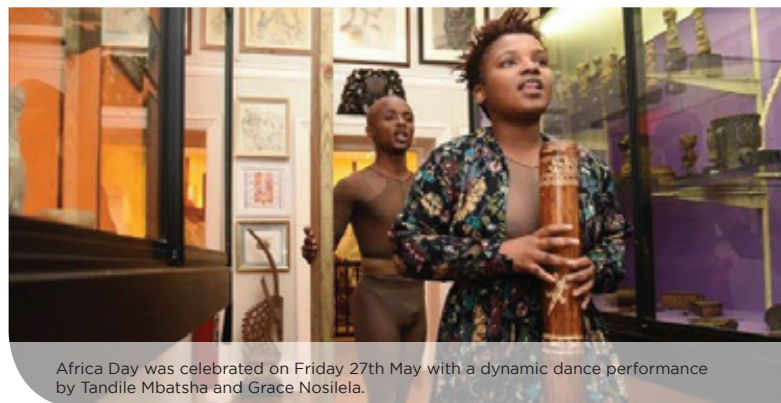


The photograph shows Irma Stern's dining table set for dinner. Irma Stern's magnificent painted cupboard can be seen in the background

Mary van Blommestein, Irma Stern curator organised the Africa Day event at the Irma Stern Museum in association with IAPO who kindly provided some funding for the dancers and some for refreshments.

This event was well attended and celebrated Irma Stern as an artist of Africa, and the house and the collection as a jewel in Africa. The performance portrayed the excellence of these two talented dance artists whose interpretations were rich in expressive narrative history and interpretation of Irma Stern's extraordinary life.

All the above is a fitting tribute for a year in which we acknowledge, with appreciation and gratitude the 50th anniversary of the death of Irma Stern on 23rd August 1966. Her legacy leaves much to celebrate.



Africa Day was celebrated on Friday 27th May with a dynamic dance performance by Tandile Mbatsha and Grace Nosilela.

PROJECTS AND CAPITAL WORKS:

NEW LITTLE THEATRE'S WORKSHOP BUILDING ON HIDDINGH CAMPUS



Main foyer spaces



Change rooms



Wardrobe workroom



Wardrobe collection



Hats collection storage - Wardrobe

NEW LECTURE THEATRE (NLT)



View from University Avenue



Staircase



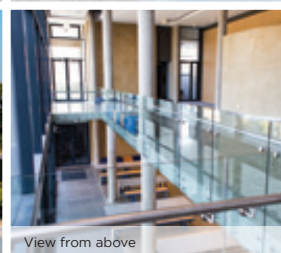
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Social Space



Corner of Library Road

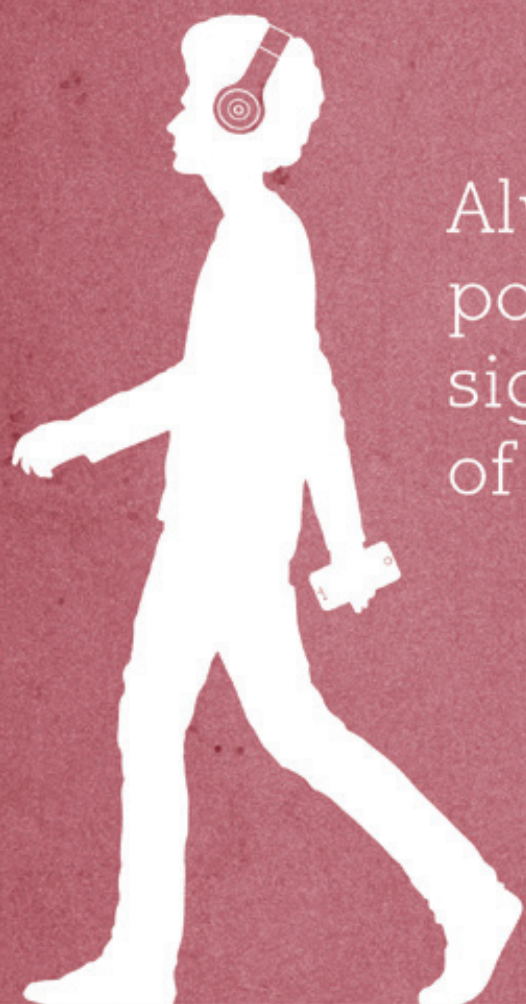


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