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HERE'S TO 50 YEARS!



THE University of the Western Cape (UWC) celebrates its 50th anniversary this year – a golden celebration that gives us a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the journey from past to present.

It's a remarkable milestone for both the institution and all those who have passed through the gates since 1960.

The Engaging with Change theme has been chosen for the year-long celebrations that will commemorate

the remarkable transformation from the "second class" higher education institution created by the apartheid state to a world class University that is ranked number 7 in Africa in European Webometrics ratings and 5th in South Africa in proportion of rated researchers out of 24 South African universities.

It is a pleasure to welcome you as new students on this significant year in the University's existence.

Join us in being Proudly Udubs!

A place of quality,
a place to grow, from hope
to action through knowledge

RECTOR'S GREETING

WELCOME TO OUR WORLD OF KNOWLEDGE

THERE is now no longer place for any doubt that global change is occurring at an incredible rate.

This change is all encompassing and impacts on the lives of everyone on our planet. We know with certainty that the polar ice caps as well as Greenland's glaciers are melting much faster than anticipated.

We know with certainty that the earth is becoming warmer and that the great forests that absorb carbon dioxide and release life-giving oxygen are being destroyed at alarming rates.

We also know with certainty that the human population is increasing dramatically and that we humans will be challenged to find enough energy and water and other resources of this kind to sustain life.

How can we possibly respond to these many life-threatening changes?

The answers lie in our brains, in the genius that we have demonstrated up until now, in the use we make of the best knowledge that we already have, and in the new knowledge that we can and must create if we are to endure.

In our wisdom, we humans have created very special places to help us find answers to our many challenges.

We call these places universities and they carry the hopes of our people.

The University of the Western Cape (UWC) brings together talented and committed teachers, researchers and students to share the best of the knowledge that we have available to us, and to create the new knowledge that we need.

These are very special people: people with singular talents, people with enquiring minds, people driven to know, people prepared to challenge and change and people



■ UWC Rector, Prof Brian O'Connell

committed to mastering the disciplines through which we have created the technologies and the understandings that have brought us to this point in our history.

Our future now depends on how you and the generations to come will use what we already know as a base for discovery and innovation.

UWC has already proven that it is possible to rise from humble beginnings and operate at levels of excellence if one is determined and dedicated.

Some of our faculties rank with the best in Africa, and many of our programmes lead the field in our nation. Our alumni have made their mark everywhere and our repu-

tion is growing stronger in consequence.

We offer our students an opportunity to grow in every sense and to use their knowledge to enhance the quality of life within our communities and to give hope that we will indeed find the answers to the many new questions that both nature and society are putting to us.

We welcome you to our community of passionate and determined creators and sharers of knowledge.

We will help you to develop your special talents as your gift to our nation and the world.

PROF BRIAN O'CONNELL
UWC RECTOR



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WORLD-CLASS EXCELLENCE— reasons to be proudly ‘UDUBS’



UWC has achieved excellence in a number of research areas.

In particular, UWC:

- Is the only place in Africa undertaking comprehensive work on the hydrogen economy, researching the use of hydrogen instead of fossil fuels as an energy resource.
- Is the African leader in bioinformatics. The South African National Bioinformatics Institute (SANBI) is one of a small group of comparable top-level centres worldwide, and hosts Africa's only Cray supercomputer. SANBI conducts cutting-edge research in key diseases facing Africa.
- Is a leader in biotechnology, with a special interest in the genetics of life forms that thrive in extreme conditions, and their implications for our understand-

ing of microbial molecular ecology.

- Holds the UNESCO Chair in Geohydrology, and plays a leading role in networks across Africa in water resource research and training.
- Has the largest and most productive School of Mathematics and Science Education in Africa.
- Is home to The International Centre for Indigenous Phytotherapy Studies (TICIPS), a UWC-University of Missouri project exploring the interface between Indigenous Knowledge Systems and empirical science.
- Has three World Health Organisation (WHO) collaborating centres for capacity development, teaching and research in Dentistry, Pharmacology and Public Health.
- Has a Centre for Humanities Research,

exploring humanities theory about social and cultural transformation in Southern Africa and the continent.

- Offers a Master's Degree in International Trade Law as a joint initiative with several South African and International partners.
- Is a leader in Constitutional and Human Rights Law, with a special interest in children's rights.
- Is involved in a joint archive project with the University of Witwaterstrand and King's College in London to digitise the archives of UWC Chancellor, Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu.
- Is home to Africa's main centre for Free and Open Source Software (FOSS) development and several pioneering Information and Communication Services projects of international scope.

THEN AND NOW

From humble beginnings...

THE University of the Western Cape was an apartheid creation, established in 1959 in terms of the extension of Higher Education Act of 1956 as a University College for “non-whites other than Bantu”.

In the ‘70s and ‘80s it rejected the ideological foundations on which it was established.

In its intellectual struggle against apartheid it researched what the state was neglecting, became a home of the left, adopted an open admissions policy, and encouraged African applicants to enrol for study.

Identifying with the University’s academic and political goals, Desmond Tutu, an iconic figure in the struggle for social justice, became UWC’s Chancellor in 1987.

With the advent of democracy in 1994 a large part of the leadership of the new South Africa came from UWC.

The University also had a body of relevant research to inform policy development. Since then it has continued to be at the forefront of the intellectual debate and implementation of the country’s transformation.



■ The Lifesciences Building being erected

Today, true to its commitment to the to the disadvantaged, UWC provides education of high quality, leads South Africa in several fields of research, and makes a major contribution to the nation’s human resources needs. Remarkably, it achieves this while keeping fees low in response to the socio-economic circumstances of most of its students.

Currently UWC, under the leadership of Vice-Chancellor and Rector, Prof Brian O’Connell, is among the best universities in Af-

rica and the largest single producer of Black graduates in South Africa and celebrates its growth in post-graduate and research focuses.

UWC has seven faculties: Arts, Community and Health Sciences, Dentistry, Economic and Management Sciences, Education, Law, Natural Sciences. In addition to its undergraduate degrees, UWC is home to a number of research schools, institutes and centres – all carrying out cutting-edge work towards building a better society for all.

ARCHIVING THE POLITICAL HISTORY OF SA

THE Robben Island World Heritage Site has rich archival resources mostly based at the Mayibuye Archive, situated in the Main Library on campus.

The Mayibuye Archive is one of the largest archives of liberation struggle materials in the country. The collections include many unique materials relating to the struggle for freedom, or to Robben Island and imprisonment under apartheid.

There are artefacts, historical documents, photographs, artworks and audio-visual materials depicting South African culture and the history of the struggle for democracy.

The Mayibuye Archive is a strategic resource for the World Heritage Site and a valuable resource for South Africa and the world community as a whole.

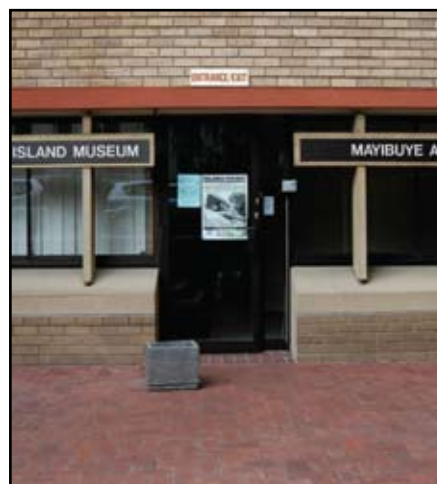
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■ The new school of Public Health Building



■ The R500-million Lifesciences Building nearing completion in 2009



E LEARNING

VIRTUAL ASSISTANCE

UWC established the eLearning Development and Support Unit (EDSU) in May 2005.

eLearning is any learning that is enhanced through access to, and use of technology that can be used to create, distribute and retrieve digital content via a computer.

It is the responsibility of the eLearning team to ensure that academics understand the importance of eLearning in education and how it can be used to enhance their instruction.

The eLearning team regularly blogs, providing eTeaching-and-Learning techniques, linked to actual best practices of lecturers and students at UWC. To view these eTeaching tips, visit the eLearning blogs at <http://tinyurl.com/n62on6>.

Join the community of practice by commenting on these active blogs and share your best practices.

Various Projects fall under the banner of eLearning:

eLearning Student Support

This unit is part of the eLearning Development Support Unit (eDSU) which is responsible for training students how to navigate and manage their content and assessment tasks on the eLearning system. The eLearning system provides an interface for students to interact with educational content, communication and assessment tools. The team provides face-to-face training sessions as well as one-on-one office consultation support.

Contact Mr Mavela or Mr Mayedwa at our eLearning Centre (next to Cassinga Computer Lab, in the residential area) from Monday to Friday between 09h00-16h00. We also offer telephonic support (021) 959 2501 and email support at elarning@uwc.ac.za.

Bookings for student training sessions should be done two weeks in advance.

EDSU Research team

In alignment with the UWC Institutional Operating Plan (IOP): Research and Research & Development has been earmarked as one of the key strategic areas of the IOP's strategic vision. It is the responsibility of the EDSU to drive the IOP's strategic vision and through this aim the necessary establishment of the EDSU Research Team. The team has set its vision to be a leader in the advancement of the EDSU's vision through the provision of high quality research output that will enhance eLearning at UWC.

The team comprises four full time staff members and has set as its objectives to:

- Undertake research on the development on eLearning globally and nationally;
- Closely monitor and examine the implementation of eLearning at UWC so as to enhance the adoption of eLearning and provision of support services by EDSU at UWC;
- Measure the progress being made towards the achievement EDSU objectives and to;
- Share EDSU experience and investigate areas of further exploration through the publication and presentation of research papers.

Contact: Okasute Jason Kasuto (Research Team Coordinator) Tel: (021) 959 3414

Materials Development Team

The team produces material that supports face-to-face training and just-in-time learning for the use of software applications and the Learning Management System. The team was initially established to create front-end user documentation (manuals) that assists individuals (staff & students) in using the Learning Management System. Currently the team also

creates documentation for the Mark Administrative System and for software applications on which our sister teams deliver training.

The team offers CD-Rom development as a service, to promote eLearning's, blended approach to learning. In the past year we have produced a number of CD-Roms for both Marketing and Educational purposes.

The team is also engaged in training. The team assists the University Web manager to train staff on using the UWC Web Portal to manage their own content. We also offer a course called Introduction to Web design which runs in the second Semester for first year Foundation students in the Arts Faculty.

The team comprises four members and three student assistants.

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Digital Academic Literacy

The DAL team is responsible for delivering ICT skills to novice students. The DAL content sometimes forms part of an existing course e.g. 20% of Introduction to Legal Studies has a focus on computer skills. In CHS it is a full five credit course. The course is concerned with:

- Word-processing and keyboard skills
- Internet with a focus on HIV/AIDS websites, Email, Spreadsheets and Presentation skills
- Playing an educational game
- Consenting students take part in research on HIV/AIDS
- Learning Management Systems (LMS)

The Digital Academic Literacy course has been designed in such a way that the novice user of digital media becomes empowered within one semester to demonstrate adequately the application of the skills in the use of the e-learning tools at their disposal at the University for academic purposes. This means that the student learns about the software, hardware and effective use of the Internet, including the distribution of information according to the approved procedures at UWC. Largely this course is viewed as "getting started" in digital media skills for academic purposes. All content in the course is focused on various issues around HIV/AIDS.

The DAL team can be contacted at (021) 959 2534 or 2669

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CAMPUS STORE

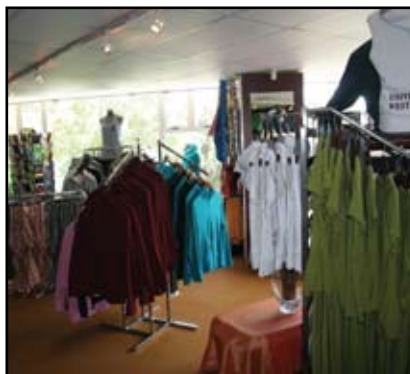
Udubs style

Kit yourself in UWC apparel from head to toe at the Campus Lifestyle store situated on the first floor in the B-Block. The store has a wide range of items from clothing to executive gifts. The store is also able to develop custom made clothing lines for sport codes, departments or a commemorative clothing item to mark a special occasion. So don't be the last to be Proudly Udubs and make your way there.

For further info contact:

Campus Lifestyle Store: (021) 959 9341

Ridah Jappie: 082 886 7070



FACILITIES

ASSIGNMENTS MADE EASY

HERE is some information about the facilities that the University offers to make your life easier:

The Writing Centre: Independent research might be a new and tricky experience for first years. The Writing Centre, located in the Old Arts building, offers support by assisting students with writing as well as helping them manage their assignments effectively. There is also a computer lab where students can type out and print their assignments.

The HP digital print centre: is available for those who need to produce posters for conferences and for students' research events. It allows students to produce quality posters and other multimedia for presentations and assignments.

Internet access: There are nine walk-in labs around campus that house approximately 600 computers, all of which have internet access. There is also a wifi setup now available. A total of 96 areas are covered thus far, including the library, student centre and the GH building. This means that students who own laptops can access the internet from any of the designated areas.

VIB Bookshop: is located on the ground floor of the student centre and offers stationary, a fax service, book binding, laminating,

photocopying, photo developing, printing (colour and black and white) and postal services. The shop also sells prescribed books, phone cards and many other necessities. Those students who are on an Edu-Loan can use their cards to pay and a debit card facility is also available.

Printwize: has facilities for binding, photocopying, faxing, laminating and is located on the 1st level of the Student Centre. Printwize also has printing available on the premises but only for theses. It has made printing facilities available on level 6, 7 and 13 of the library as well as in most walk in labs. Money can be loaded onto your student card to make use of these facilities.

Printwize: Tel: 021 959 3013

VIB bookshop: Tel: 021 951 3343



■ Printwize CEO Ashley Fransman showing the capabilities of the HP digital print centre.

TRANSPORT TO CAMPUS

CAMPUS COMMUTING

UWC is ideally situated for commuters as it is accessible from all corners of the Peninsula and parts of the Boland.

This is an advantage to students who do not own motor vehicles as it allows them to access the campus almost effortlessly and cost effectively.

UWC is located in between three major minibus taxi and bus routes, thus making it easily accessible on both Modderdam Rd and Symphony Way via these modes of transport.

An added bonus is that campus is a stone's throw away from the Bellville taxi rank and bus station where one can find connecting taxis and busses that go as far as Worcester and Malmesbury.

The rear entrance of the university that faces Erica Drive is adjacent to Unibell train station. Travelling by train definitely is the best mode of transport for those of us that cannot afford to be late. It is also by far the cheapest way to commute over long distances to campus.

For students living in official residences off campus there are busses that move to and from campus at fixed times daily for the duration of the academic year. These busses operate from 08:00 to 22:00 in order to cater for students that need to use University facilities after hours.

SECURITY ON CAMPUS

CAMPUS POLICE



■ Access control vehicle boot search

THE safety and security of students and staff have always been prioritised at UWC.

Each year new developments are made concerning this issue in order to ensure that everyone within the University premises can function well without having to be concerned about being a victim of crime.

The safety of students and staff is ensured each day of the year by Campus Protection Services (CPS) and three private security companies. This team of trained security officials is responsible for securing the campus access points, residences and all major buildings.

They also conduct patrols around campus and the perimeter 24 hours a day.

Whenever major events take place on campus a team of security officers are deployed to ensure the safety of guests attending these events. CPS has also installed CCTV cameras at certain spots on campus that are monitored all day from a surveillance room.

Although it is evident that UWC has state-of-the-art security mechanisms in place, stu-

dents and staff members should be vigilant at all times, and avoid dark areas on campus. Sadly crime is a society scourge and UWC is part of that same society.

The campus community is urged to assist CPS maintain a state of safety and general security on campus by reporting suspicious individuals and law-breakers.

Students and staff are also expected to declare ownership of all electronic items upon entering the University premises in order to prevent theft of university property and their declared items.

Laptops and other everyday items can be permanently declared by Mr Ebrim Fillis at the Asset Management Dept (Opposite the EMS Faculty).

The general message from CPS is: you are safe, play it safe and if u fail to comply with the rules you will be caught.

Security: (021) 959 3777

Mr E Fillis: (021) 959 2532

LIBRARY

A treasure trove of knowledge

UPON entering the Library one is met by elements of modernity with classic clean lines that suggests that one can enjoy great facilities and staff support.

Librarians are located in offices on the level of the Library associated with their faculty to ensure that help is just a call away.

This also keeps the noise contained so that creative thoughts and ideas are not disrupted. There are computers and printers on each level.

Recognising that students rely on networked resources for many tasks associated with their studies, a common area called the 'Knowledge Commons' has been created. The Knowledge Commons is well equipped with 108 new PCs, a print room, six group study rooms, laptop workspaces and a formal training room. It is manned by a team of well trained student assistants who rove among working students so that no one needs to be disrupted by technical or procedural issues.

This space enables downloading, printing notes or assignments from eLearning and electronic database searches. You can also make use of the group study rooms to do group work or struggle with the writing process. Students can also get help with referencing styles, or receive formal training on library resources in this space.



DENTAL SERVICES

TEETH WELLNESS

IN addition to the normal dental services offered below, the Dentistry Faculty has a health train that travels around the country – one week in a town.

The Transnet Foundation is responsible for the running costs of the train. Final year Dental and Oral Hygiene students from all the dental faculties in the country, work on the train for

approximately six to eight weeks.

One full time dentist is responsible for supervising the students. There is also nursing, optician and pharmacy students on the train.

Dentistry sites	Services	Contact person
The Oral Health Centre, Tygerberg	Orthodontics, Restorative Dentistry (Fillings), Prosthetics, Periodontics and Oral Medicine, Oral Hygiene, Maxillofacial and Oral Surgery, Paediatric Dentistry, Theatre Services	Dr Carstens (021) 9373007
The Oral Health Centre, Mitchells Plain	Orthodontics, Restorative Dentistry, Prosthetics (Dentures), Periodontics and Oral Medicine (Soft tissue disease), Oral Hygiene, Maxillofacial and Oral Surgery, Paediatric Dentistry	Prof N Myburgh (021) 370 4002
Mitchells Plain Day Hospital	Paediatric Services (Children under 12)	Dr S Harnekar (021) 937 3106
Gugulethu Dental Clinic	Maxillofacial and Oral Surgery (Extractions and other surgery in the mouth)	Sis Lulu/Sis Adonis (021) 637 9055
Red Cross Children Hospital	Dental clinic and Cleft palate unit	Dr S Harnekar (021) 937 3106
Groote Schuur Hospital	Maxillofacial and Oral Surgery, Oncology and Maxillofacial prosthetics (Replacement of a lost structures with an artificial one eg eye / ear)	Prof G Kariem (021) 9373179
Scottsdene Community Clinic	Pain and sepsis	Prof Aj Louw (021) 937 3151
Bottelary Community Clinic	Pain and sepsis, Primary Health Care, Atraumatic Restorative Technique (Filling without drilling)	Prof Aj Louw (021) 937 3151
Phelophepa Train	Pain and sepsis, Basic Restorative Dentistry (Fillings), Primary Prevention	Prof Aj Louw (021) 937 2151

Wellness the natural way on campus

YOU need a healthy body and mind to see you through the hectic assignment deadlines and examinations. Check the services available on campus that will help you keep healthy and energetic.

The UWC School of Natural Medicine

Unani Tibb on Fridays: Based on the philosophy of empowering individuals to heal themselves. The discipline of Tibb include natural and herbal medicines and treatments, regimental therapies such as cupping, meditation, massage, acupressure, as well as essential teaching on lifestyle management.

Consultation hours are from 12:00-15:00

Naturopathy on Wednesdays: Naturopathy is the practice of natural medicine using various modalities to treat and prevent illness. A naturopath aims to find the underlying cause of the disease rather than just treating symptoms and assists the patient in developing a healthier lifestyle. Modalities include nutrition, exercise, nutritional supplements, herbal medicine and homeopathy.

Chinese Medicine & Acupuncture on Thursdays: Chinese Medicine has been used successfully for thousands of years. Using acu-

puncture, Chinese herbal medicine, nutritional advice, and acupressure massage, the aim is to treat energy imbalance to facilitate healing.

Phytotherapy on Tuesdays: Phytotherapy uses extracts from natural origin specifically formulated to treat and/or prevent disease. Phytotherapists are specialists in the formulation of herbal prescriptions that are uniquely designed for each patient to treat and manage disease.

Consultation hours for Naturopathy, Chinese Medicine and Phytotherapy are from 9:00 – 13:00;

Consultation fee: R30 excl. meds for Acupuncture,

R50 for Naturopathy and Phytotherapy and R60-R80 for Unani Tibb.

Appointments can be made at the Clinic, Ground Floor, Student Centre or by contacting Shoneez at 021 959 3063/ 9337 or email shoabrahams@uwc.ac.za

Physiotherapy on Monday to Thursday from 08H30 -15H30: If you have any disorder of movement and function in your body the Physiotherapy clinic offers treatments such as exercise, manipulation, heat and ultrasound.

Find them in the B Block – 2nd Floor

Dietetics by appointment only: Dietetics aims to improve the health of people through dietary changes, research and community outreach.

The Clinic will open only in the second term in 2010. The days and times will be announced during the first term.

Contact Ms Solomons or Laverne – (021) 959 2688.



UWC HIV & AIDS programme

services

Care & Support SERVICES

Free confidential HIV COUNSELLING & TESTING

Individual Counselling & SUPPORT GROUPS

Developing Innovative Approaches to PREVENTION

Peer Education PROGRAMMES

Teaching, Research & ADVOCACY

Free Male & Female CONDOM DISTRIBUTION

Community Outreach PROGRAMMES

CAMPUS HIV AND AIDS PROGRAMME

DO YOU KNOW YOUR STATUS?

THE campus HIV and AIDS Programme was established in 2001 in recognition of the significant impact that the HIV and AIDS epidemic has on society.

The Programme aims to develop a model, integrated response to the epidemic that incorporates teaching, research, care and support, community outreach, advocacy, prevention and management of the epidemic.

The programme is involved in a range of different activities. These include capacity building and information workshops for staff and students, acting as a resource centre, free distribution of condoms, provision of free voluntary counselling and testing services, nutritional, medical, psycho-social and spiritual support for students and staff infected and affected by HIV,

peer education programmes, and an interactive theatre group.

The programme is also involved in a number of innovative curriculum integration projects on campus, has established a volunteer programmes that links students to community organisations working in the field of HIV and AIDS as well as exciting and innovative research projects.

There is a strong focus on addressing gender power issues and on involving men as partners to curb the spread of the epidemic on campus.

The HIV and AIDS Programme Office, located in the Education Building, works in conjunction with the University's Student Health Centre.

Contact: (021 959 2648)

For more information about our services:

PHONE : 021 959 2247 / 2448 / 3091

EMAIL : Tania: tnergmas@uwc.ac.za or Joachim: joacobe@uwc.ac.za

Alternatively VISIT OUR OFFICES : Rooms 6-11, Ground Floor, Education Building

STUDENT DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT

HOME FROM HOME

THE Student Development and Support office is all about providing service to students and guiding them through their academic and social orientation.

Accommodation Office

About a quarter of the students at UWC are in University residences. Many of the others stay at home, but private lodgings are required by a significant number.

The Accommodation Office helps students who are looking for lodgings off campus.

If you need help call the Accommodation Office, (021) 959 2568

Residential Services

The Residential and Catering Services Office allocates and manages accommodation in University residences for about 3500 full-time UWC students.

There are eight residences on campus, another within easy walking distance of the campus in Belhar, and one in Bellville South. All residences are fully furnished and have lounges and recreation facilities. Students are accommodated in single or double rooms with beds and desks.

Students who live more than 60km from the campus have first priority in the allocation of residence places.

Applicants for places (or for readmission to residence at the beginning of a new year) must be in good academic and financial standing and have a clean disciplinary record. Details of what these requirements mean are available on request.

If you are admitted to residence, you must bring your own bedding and towels.

In addition, you may bring a kettle, mugs, and items to decorate the room.

Meals prepared by Food Services are available in five communal dining halls. You are not obliged to use the dining halls as a resident student.

Tel: (021) 959 2999, (021) 959 2568, (021) 959 2725



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WE ARE GOLDEN





Western Cape



KEEPING YOU INFORMED

RECOGNISING the need to make the UWC web portal more user friendly Web Master, Wesley Diphoko, and his team came up with a design that is more accessible and streamlined.

The team organised all of the information more effectively, updated old information and links, and topped it off with a beautifully designed interface. Their aim was to create a modern media, marketing and communication tool that is truly representative of the University.

Besides the website, UWC has three publications that also form part of its voice. The *On Campus* is a monthly publication while *Perspectives* and *360 degrees* are annual publications.

All of these publications target the student, alumni and staff population, and are aimed at creating and maintaining awareness about the developments and achievements of the University.

These publications and the website play an important role in creating a sense of pride about the institution and in projecting our achievements to the world.

For daily updates UWC posts campus notices via email to all users. Watch out for these to keep up with what's happening in our busy calendar of events.



STUDENT SUPPORT IS CENTRE'S AIM

THE Centre for Student Support Services provides broad student centered development and professional services, programmes, training opportunities and resources aimed at enhancing the quality of life and wellness of the campus community.

The focus is to engage students' potential in order to assist them in achieving goals at UWC and to develop responsible and responsive citizens for tomorrow.

The vision is to develop a safe, secure and supportive campus environment that enhances student learning on multiple levels.

The Centre conducts research and engages with national issues and debates to provide a cutting edge service that meets students' development needs.

It is staffed by dynamic professionals who are registered with national bodies and provide high quality, free and confidential services.

The Centre has five departments:

STUDENT DEVELOPMENT:

This department facilitates the successful entry and exit of students.

It organises a nationally renowned and campus wide Orientation Programme that facilitates academic, social and personal/emotional adjustment of first year students.

The Career Development Programme provides information, career assessments, exhibitions, assistance with CV writing and interviewing skills.

The department also assists the Student Governance on campus and in residences (SRC and CHC) with elections, training and induction.

STUDENT ACADEMIC SUPPORT:

THIS department offers effective, flexible, creative and student centered academic development initiatives and aims to support students in achieving their academic goals.

It offers workshops and ongoing group and individual training to develop specific and generic learning skills.

This department runs: the Student Mentoring Programme, that utilises highly performing senior students to mentor first year students.

This has multiple benefits for the mentor, the mentee and the campus community as a whole. Regular experimental workshops that focus on students' immediate skills enhancement, such as time management, coping and stress management skills, memory enhancement, study skills, exam preparation and many others are also offered.

OFFICE FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES (OSD):

THE ultimate goal of the OSD is to promote equity, equality and inclusivity by empower-



■ From left to right: Evadne Abrahams (acting coordinator: Students with Disabilities) Laetitia Permall (Coordinator: Academic Support) Birgit Schreiber (Director: Centre for Student Support Services) Rone Gerger (acting coordinator of Therapeutic Services) Winston Middleton (Manager: Student Development)

ing differently abled students to function as independently as possible.

The objective of the OSD is to increase access to and ensure participation in the academic programme for persons with disabilities. These include the blind, visually impaired, deaf, mobility impaired and wheelchair bound students on campus.

As far as possible, personal contact is made with prospective students when they are in Grade 10.

They receive counseling to guide them in their career choices. An assessment of each student's individual needs is done in order to plan optimal utilisation of available resources. Students who present with learning and other non visible disabilities are assessed by a professional and highly skilled team and a programme of support and intervention is designed for each individual student.

The OSD liaises with lecturers, tutors and other relevant staff members to provide students with academic material ie enlarged or Brailled notes.

It also ensures that lecture venues are physically accessible.

Bursaries from the Department of Labour for students with disabilities are administered jointly with the Financial Aid Office.

OSD facilities include:

10 computers, five of which have a voice programme called JAWS for the blind and visually impaired. Visually impaired students also have access to computers with 22 inch LCD monitors that they can use to zoom enlargement programmes. They can also use a Merlin Reader that enlarges written text.

There are two scanners as well as two Braille embossers for preparing Braille text for students.

A photocopier is available to enlarge material for use by visually impaired students.

LEADERSHIP AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

This department develops individual and

collective leadership skills, facilitates the Leadership Academy and capacity building for student governance on all levels.

UWC students have the opportunity to develop a leadership portfolio that enhances their civil functioning and also enables responsible leadership.

PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES:

THIS department provides a range of professional and confidential, developmental, preventative and curative psychological services for personal, social, familial and other problems and concerns.

Open workshops and psycho-educational therapeutic groups that allow access to problems and offer resolutions in the safe space shared with peers are also conducted.

Other services include trauma debriefing, crisis intervention, and any kind of mental health related work with students.

The service also trains and supervises intern psychologists from national and international academic institutions.

It provides dynamic learning experiences in a wide and varying context, in line with requirement of the Professional Board of Psychology.

The internship programme is recognised as an exemplar of excellence in the country.

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Psychological Services:

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Leadership and Social Responsibility:

(021) 959 2299

PROUDLY UDUBS

SING IT !!

“STUDENT today...Alumnus tomorrow”, this is a concept the Alumni Relations Office strongly believes in. It is this idea that spurred on the “Proudly UDUBS” campaign.

The Campaign was started in 2008 with a hugely successful talent competition that produced some quality entertainment.

According to the UWC Alumni Relations Office, current students will be the driving force of the University’s success in the future. The aim of the pre-alumni programmes such as this is to enhance students’ university experience by exposing them to pride and tradition of the University of the Western Cape and to connect students with those who have gone before them – alumni.

2008 winner JDM used the competition as a launching pad and has since performed at various shows in and around Cape Town. Solo artist Mzimkhulu Breeze Lucas won last years competition with his soulful voice.

If you think you have what it takes to be UWC’s next star, keep your eye open and your vocal chords ready for the next Proudly Udubs competition.



■ Winner of last years event Mzimkhulu Breeze Lucas



■ Guest performer and MC Chad Saaiman



■ JDM members , Mzimkhulu Breeze Lucas and Chad Saaiman

SOCCER

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?



■ Winning team, The Originals



■ Alumnus Brandon Pillay on the ball

DO you think you can play football? Fancy yourself as a bit of a skillful player? PROVE IT !

The Kings of UWC Football tournament brings together the campus’s best football players of today and yesteryear.

This event is not for the parttimers who want a kick about in the park.

The tournament is held at the back of the Student Centre field (aka The Dell).

This is where football gladiators such as current New York Red Bulls, Major League Soccer midfielder Danleigh Borman once skilled his way to legendary status; where Raldo Andrews and the Originals conquered all in their path to claim the ultimate football prize at last year’s tournament.

If at this point you are thinking about how great it would be to make your mark on The Dell, then keep your eyes open for details of the next tournament which should be some time in March.

If you are thinking that this sounds a bit dangerous then go away – the big boys are talking.

FEED THE NEED

EATS AND TREATS

IF you are a newbie at UWC you will soon come to learn that you are spoiled for choice when it comes to dining or 'dite' as it is more commonly known by the student population.

There are a number of eateries on campus that offer everything from traditional African and Indian dishes to sushi and the delectable local Gatsby.

If you are a sucker for fast food then Captain Dorego is the place to go. It is one of the oldest fast food joints on campus and an old favourite of both students and staff as it is conveniently situated in the Student Centre. The staff starts preparing food at 3am to ensure that the meals are ready when the doors open.

One place that is legendary to Alumni and current students alike is The Barn. This bar/fast food joint is known for its mouth-watering inexpensive Gatsbys and fast food. It is open from 11:00 to 23:00, thus making it popular with the "night owls".

If you enjoy good coffee and mouth-wa-

tering confectionaries then you should get yourself Nompumelelo's Coffee Shop in the B Block. Nompumelelo's is also well known for great sandwiches and an African-themed relaxed ambience.

For those of us who are suckers for Chinese and Japanese dishes The Chinese Restaurant in the A Block is a blessing from above. They serve lip-smacking spring rolls, fresh sushi and fried noodles. They also offer patrons a unique Far-East cultural experience.

Zasembo Cafe is home to the best milkshakes and coffee on campus. The unique thing about the place is that it always has freshly baked cake for those of us with a sweet tooth

For the best home-style meals on campus Val's Diner is home away from home. Val's offers a great variety of dishes and is a favourite with Academic staff and foreign delegates alike. The diner is a family owned business, and this obviously contributes to the homely touch of the meals it serves.



RELAX ... TAKE IS EASY IN THE CHILL SPOTS

ALL work and no play make for a very dull UWC student.

It is important for one to take some time to just kick back, chill and regain one's energy between lectures.

UWC provides its students with a variety of places for just that purpose, some of them formal, others not so much.

There are informal spots that most students simply accept to be a chill-out spot.

The back of the Student Centre houses quite a few groups who use the open area as their base of operations.

Once first years get into the swing of things at campus, the flow of this chill area will come naturally.

The formal options come in the form of dining halls and restaurants each with its own distinct look and feel.

Nompumelelo's in the B block has a laid back café feel with comfortable couches and tasty pastries.

The Chinese food shop in the A block has a similar homely feel. Val's is the largest dining hall where staff and students alike enjoy some down time and the best coffee on campus.

The Student Centre has is where most students go to put up their feet up and play dominoes or klaverjas to get their mind off

the pile of assignments that await them after classes.

LCD televisions give students some visual stimulus while the guys from UWC

radio play some funky tunes that create the jovial atmosphere that in many ways encapsulates what makes UWC such a special university.



PROTECTING YOUR RIGHTS

Free Legal Aid Services

THE University of the Western Cape (UWC) Legal Aid Clinic is a public interest law Clinic that provides free legal services to communities and persons who cannot afford the services of a private attorney.

The Clinic provides legal assistance to indigent and marginalised persons and communities who qualify in terms of the Clinic's criteria and means test assessment.

Legal Services

The Clinic provides legal assistance in :

- Divorces and Maintenance,
- Children Rights
- Domestic Violence
- Land & Housing matters
- Consumer and Debt Counselling
- General Practice
- Public Interest Legal Matters.

The Cape Human Rights Cluster (CHRC)

CHRC promotes access to justice in poor and marginalised communities.

As part of the CHRC activities the Clinic provides coordination and backup services to the advice offices and law clinics in the Bolland, Metro and West coast region of the Western Cape .

Legal Aid Board

The Clinic, in cooperation with the Legal Aid Board (LAB) provides civil legal aid representation to indigent accused in criminal matters at Fezeka and Mitchell's Plain Community Courts.

Community Outreach

- Khayelitsha Satellite Office is based at the Khayelitsha Court. The UWC Clinic forms part of the Social Crime Prevention

Unit and provides legal services in civil matters to the community with the aim of violence prevention.

- The Street Law Programme aims to introduce the law and human rights for practical understanding of the law for people to understand the law to people of all levels of education.

Contact

UWC Legal Aid Clinic
Old Library Building
Modderdam Road
Bellville
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Office Consultation Hours
Monday – Thursday 08h30 – 16h30
Friday 08h30 – 16h00

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL WELCOMES YOU

THE SRC of 2009/2010 welcomes you to our beautiful campus and hope that your stay with us is an enjoyable and academically excelling time. We dedicate the upcoming year to academic excellence and celebrating the 50 years that UWC has been in existence.

We would like to extend our helping hand to students by urging them to visit the SRC office should they require any assistance. Various substructures and affiliates exist under the umbrella of the SRC. The substructures include the Central House Committee, the Sports Council and Faculty Councils.

We wish you all are prosperous academic year and enjoyable experiences.

Contact: (021) 959 2802, src@uwc.ac.za, The SRC is located in the Student Centre on the 2nd Floor.

Your SRC

The SRC has many affiliated structures these structures that are meant to be student developmental and make student life vibrant and interesting. These include:

Political Structures:

- African National Congress Youth League (ANCYL)
- Pan-Africanist Students Congress of Azania (PASMA)
- South African Students Congress (SASCO)
- Young Communist league of South Africa (YCLSA)

Religious Structures:

- Anglican Society (ANSOC)
- Assembly of God of Movement for God (A.O.G.M)
- Association of Catholic Tertiary Students (ACTS)
- Conquerers Covenant Student Ministry (CCSM)
- His People Campus Ministr (His People)
- Impact Movement (Impact)
- Methodist Students Society (Methssoc)
- Muslim Students Association (MSA)
- New Apostolic Church Student Society (NACSS)
- Rapha Campus Ministry (RCM)
- Seventh-day Adventist Student Movement (SDASM)
- Student Christian Organisation (SCO)
- Twelve Apostolic Student Association (TASA)
- United Presbyterian Student Society (UPRESS)
- Zion Christian Church Students

Fellowship (ZCCSF)

Educational:

- Black Management Forum (BMF)

Social Structures:

- Differentially Abled Students Association (DASA)
- I Care Society (ICS)
- UWC Radio (UWC Radio)



■ SRC President Dananai Muchemenye

TALENT ABOUND

EXPRESS YOURSELF THROUGH PERFORMING ARTS

THE creative hub of UWC is without a doubt the Performing Arts Centre.

The Centre is a non-academic unit at the University with the mandate to promote the Performing Arts among students and the broader community. The centre offers the following services and facilities:

DRAMA

The Black Box Theatre: offers drama training and performances under the tutelage of David Muller on Tuesdays from 1pm to 3pm at R300 a month.

The Expanding Horizons Programme: led by Esley Philander, this promotes creativity through improvisation, scriptwriting and performance skills. These classes are free.

The Centre is also always happy to consider presenting the theatre works of individuals seeking a venue, subject to conditions and approval by the Centre management.



■ Performers at the Residences



■ Minstrels performing in front of the main hall

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

This department is very diverse and offers exciting opportunities for musicians of all levels of competence.

Music tuition is offered in most popular instruments such as the piano, guitar, violin, flute, cello, brass instruments, organ, and singing (both contemporary and classical).

The cost of these lessons is determined by individual teachers, but is always less expensive than with teachers off-campus.

For recipients of music bursaries at the Centre. They also offer (at no cost) classes in the theory of music, music history and form and analysis.

Students are encouraged to sit for the examinations of external accreditation bodies such as Trinity College London, Royal Schools of Music or UNISA.

In most cases, no prior experience in music is required. All that is essential is your own dedication and commitment to success.

The centre is however able to provide instruments other than pianos.

MUSIC ENSEMBLES

The UWC Choir

This is the official University choir and is open to all students, staff and alumni – subject to an audition. The choir is trained and conducted by Peter Roux and meets once a week for two hours.

The UWC Chamber Orchestra

This year the Centre will revive its chamber orchestra which is open to all musicians who have achieved at least music Grade V level and is subject to an audition.



■ The Creative Choir

The Creative Arts Choir

The Centre is justifiably proud of the Creative Arts Choir which has been enjoying great success both nationally and internationally when on tour. The choir is conducted by Elia Radu and meets every evening at the Centre. Acceptance is also subject to an audition.

The ERUB Children's' Choir

The ERUB Children's' Choir is also housed at the Centre. This is a long-standing ensemble with an enviable reputation both locally and internationally. The choir is open to all children up to the age of 14 and acceptance is subject to audition.

The present director is Peter Roux.

Your Own Group

The Centre is also happy to assist musicians and singers wanting to establish their own groups. Make contact to find out what assistance is available.

DANCE

The dance programme at the Centre presents classes in all forms of dance including, contemporary, jazz, hip hop, modern, ballet, etc. Most dance styles can be accommodated but the presentation of these classes is dependent on the number of students applying for tuition.

Check with the Centre regularly to ascertain which classes are currently available.

ITHUBA

IAF presents monthly Cafes at the Centre at which talented UWC students and invited performers have a platform to showcase their talents. IAF accepts requests for performance opportunities and also recruits community artists. The cost of cafes is minimal and usually includes coffee and a muffin.

The major function of the IAF is the Ithuba Arts Festival – a week-long performing arts extravaganza which is presented over five days at various venues on campus. Look for the 2010 festival brochure from March for details of the many performances on offer.

Should you want to participate, IAF can be contacted via the Centre Office:

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- Facsimile: 021 959 3883
- E-mail: performingarts@uwc.ac.za
- Director: Emeritus Professor NJ Basson
- Telephone: 021 959 2320
- E-mail: nbasson@uwc.ac.za
- Projects Coordinator: Mr Tony Heldsinger
- Telephone: 021 959 2982
- E-mail: aheldsinger@uwc.ac.za



■ Drie Manskap Hip Hop group

EERU AND THE CAPE FLATS NATURE RESERVE SERVICES

AN OASIS OF LEARNING

THIS Unit is part of the Faculty of Natural Sciences and has its origins with the establishment of the Cape Flats Nature Reserve on the campus of the University of the Western Cape.

The mission of the Unit is to promote environmental education opportunities amongst educators, learners and communities. The Nature Reserve is 30 hectares in size and consists of sand Fynbos and Dune Stranveld. The reserve serves as an outdoor classroom for students at the university as well as for the many learners from schools that come to the Unit for environmental education activities. In addition, the Unit has a Nursery that grows indigenous plants for the establishment of indigenous gardens in communities.

The Unit offers students an opportunity to experience fynbos on their own campus. The reserve has a system of well designed paths and service roads, and sometimes is used as a venue for cross-country and other sports events. More than 220 different plants can be found in the reserve. The landscape offers a view of Table Mountain,

Tygerberg hills and the campus of UWC – and the visitor would be delighted to find grysbuck, various birds in the beautiful dune and flatland environment.

The Resource centre has a collection of materials (books, magazines, etc.) that can be used when students have assignments to

do. The venue of EERU which can house 60 people can be used for smaller meetings or workshop sessions.

For more information contact :
 Natasha Kensley – Ext 2498/3274
 Ivy Kinnear – Education Officer – Ext 3384



For the love of the game

UWC sport has a long and proud history of sporting excellence and boasts provincial and national team members and champions from various sporting codes.

During the Orientation Week the Sports Council sets up booths for first year students to sign up for their sport of choice.

UWC has modern sport and recreation facilities, such as a tartan athletics track, cricket oval, courts for netball, squash, tennis and volleyball, as well as hockey, rugby and soccer fields. It also has a well-equipped gymnasium. The Stadium houses the Health and Fitness Club which has state-of-the-art equipment such as:

- A 12-station super circuit
- A Smith machine
- Free weights
- Cardiovascular machines, and
- A stretch area

The sports stadium, which is floodlit, can accommodate 20 000 spectators. In addition to its tartan track, which is used for athletics, its sports field is used for major soccer and rugby events.

The University also has one of the few covered and heated “rimflow” Olympic size swimming pools in the Western Cape. It is the only High Performance Centre for swimmers in the Western Cape.

The UWC Sports Council represents the student sport organisations. It is affiliated to SASCOC which brings together student-sporting bodies in all tertiary institutions in the country.

Winter and summer games are held annually, and 70% of our codes participate in these

prestigious tournaments hosted in different parts of the country. The sport and recreation facilities and activities on campus are administered and coordinated by the Sports Administration Office located at the stadium.

Each sport has a Sports Administrator and it is this person who will be of utmost importance to the development and progress of UWC sportsmen and women.

These administrators are:

Head of Department: Ilhaam Groenewald

General Administrator: Derick Orderson - Pool

Administrative Assistant: Avril Langeveld

Sports Administrators:

J Walters: Athletics, Hockey

E Wyngaard: Dance Sport, Boxing, Hiking, Chess

A Wrangmore: Cricket, Basketball, Table Tennis, Karate

T Jones: Squash, Tennis, Badminton

E Cloete: Volleyball, Netball

M Tshonti: Bodybuilding

M K Pretorius: Rugby

J Laka: Football

G Bentley: Aquatics

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■ Lwandiso Kwababana , UWC boxer



■ Thebe Mashweu , UWC chess player



■ UWC sports stadium –the venue for an international friendly between Poland and Iraq in 2009

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