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Bara rape silence

LENYARO SELLO

THE SOWETO police have hit a wall of silence in their investigation into the rape of a Wits medical student at Baragwanath Hospital on Monday.

Police spokesperson for Gauteng, Superintendent Thembi Nkhwashu said they were having difficulty with the case, "We opened a case on behalf of the victim because we heard about it from the media but no-one reported the incident."

The fifth year student was attacked on her way from the obstetrics ward to the blood bank at the hospital.

Nkhwashu said the hospital was not assisting in any way, "We went to the hospital but everyone was numb, no one is talking."

The police are not even clear on the identity of the victim. "We heard she was a nursing student and then the media said she is a doctor student from Wits," said Nkhwashu.

Dean of Health Sciences, Professor Helen Laburn said: "The victim has been severely traumatised and, on the night of the incident as well as currently, she is not in a position to give any details. "It may have been at a time when visitors were leaving the hospital or a change in shifts when there were more people milling around perhaps, but we really don't know the exact time or place."

The medical students are expected to march at Baragwanath Hospital today. An sms, circulated among medical students, says the march is to show the Health Department administration they are "full of energy to fight for change in health care

facilities for the staff and students that work within them."

"It's sad that something like this has to happen before something can be done. We are shocked about security at hospitals," said Sipho Magande, 5th year medical student.

"It is very unfortunate that it happened," said Nomcebo Mhlanga, 21, a 3rd year. "As medical students we are supposed to go to hospitals. We need to feel safe. Every medical student has gone through the process of going to the hospitals and we will still have to go in years to come."

"Baragwanath is a huge place," said Laburn. "The distance from one place to the other is far and that is a risk."

"It is not Wits's business to have provided hospital security. However, at Baragwanath as well as other hospitals we have Wits premises - like, we have a learning centre for our medical students - and that's our property. We are responsible for providing our own security for those premises and we do."

Laburn said regular academic hospital meetings had been held to discuss working conditions for staff and students, which included security. "I don't think security has been a big issue up to now. As far as I am aware, there has been no such serious incident for our students or staff before."

Nkhwashu said that anyone with information should come forward, "We should be chasing the suspect, not the people with information."

The SRC president Mbali Hlophe refused to comment..



THE BATTLE OF THE WALL HOTS UP: SAUJS protests after a university ban of their information campaign in response to the PSC wall on main campus. See page 3. Photo: Farhana Ismail

SRC member dismissed

PHAKAMISA NDZAMELA

SRC deputy-president Mike Ntola has been removed from office after failing to be registered as a Wits student.

SRC President Mbali Hlophe confirmed that Ntola was no longer a member of the SRC because he was not registered this semester. Ntola, in charge of external affairs, was one of two deputy-presidents.

He's got a BSc degree and early this year he studied a course at Wits Language school. "He planned to register for a postgraduate course in the second semester," Hlophe said.

Ntola tried to register for a postgraduate course in developmental planning but the department would not accept new applications this

semester due to under-subscription, Hlophe explained. He told *Vuvuzela* that the Dean of Students, Prem Coopoo, e-mailed him that he must relinquish his position.

It is alleged that Coopoo had learnt through the Wits Oracle system that Ntola was not registered as a student.

Ntola said he was disappointed that Coopoo dealt with this issue through e-mail. "I'm not very happy about what happened. The SRC president supported me all the way, but I did not get support from the Dean of Students." Ntola said the Dean "didn't look at possibilities of me registering for a short course" this semester.

Coopoo, told *Vuvuzela* that she acted in compliance with the SRC

constitution which stated that to be an SRC member one has to be a part-time or full-time student registered for a qualification. She said Ntola had been allowed to serve in the SRC because he was registered as a student with the Wits Language School and the school offered certificates of competence as a form of qualification.

Ntola had failed to register for a Masters in Development Planning as he had planned to do, she said, but had asked to register in the Wits Language School on August, 04, 2007.

Coopoo learnt from the Wits Language School that they no longer offered certificates as a qualification this semester.

New Zim leadership from Zanu-PF?

ERICA DREIJER

Zimbabwean Trevor Ncube, publisher of the Mail & Guardian, shocked a full Great Hall audience on Wednesday night by saying Zimbabwe needed a new political party and leadership was likely to come from the current Zanu-PF leadership.

Speaking at a Leadership Challenge in Zimbabwe forum, Ncube said the current political set-up, consisting of the ruling Zanu-PF and the opposition Movement for Democratic Change (MDC), would not help to change the current situation in Zimbabwe and a new party was required.

"I doubt that the leader is going to come from the MDC. For now we might find ourselves looking for leadership within the Zanu-PF," he said.

Over the years Zanu-PF has attracted a large portion of Zimbabwe's leadership, he said.

According to Ncube, none of the existing political parties, the church or the business community has the public interest at heart. They all want "power for power's sake" serving their own selfish needs and not that of the public.

A crisis of leadership exists, since "no one understands their (Zimbabweans') pain and articulates the vision that they need."

It's a paralysed society in which Zimbabweans "are looking for a home but they cannot find that home," he said.

The debate was facilitated by the Platform on Public Deliberations in association with Wits. It forms part of series titled "Which way next? Conversations on African leadership."

Another panelist, writer and activist Elinor Sisulu, questioned the concept of free and fair elections in Zimbabwe.

She said that at the moment "food is being used as a weapon to disrupt voting registration, as Zimbabweans chase after food".

In response, Tawanda Mutasah, executive director of the Open Society Initiative of Southern Africa, said it was more important to tie down a new constitution for 2008 than holding local elections. He said, in re-building Zimbabwe, the focus should move from the individual to building democratic institutions.

Sisulu said: "We are like lobsters, we only cry out when it's too late." Regional leaders have allowed three elections that were not free and fair in Zimbabwe.

Many people had known what was happening in Mashonaland (in the 1980s, when the government was accused of killing 20 000 people). "They did nothing about it. Or excused it. Robert Mugabe reduced it to a 'moment of madness,'" she said.

"Leaders need to be accountable. And freedom of speech is a responsibility that the public should exercise.

"Media freedom is a matter of life and death. We should be raising our voices," said Sisulu.

Mutasah said that "South Africa needs to play a progressive role in line with their democracy post-1994." He questioned President Thabo Mbeki for attending an unveiling of manuscripts that was discovered in Timbuktu recently, while ignoring the crisis that exists in Zimbabwe. "Is this the renaissance we want if people are being brutalised across the water and we are not doing anything about it?" he said.

When the lights failed to come on during the question and answer session, Sisulu said that "Zimbabweans have been conducting conversations without lights for a long time."

Mpofu no 'weakling'

VUVU VENA

You should never be head of the SABC if you are a weakling or don't like confrontation, the organisation's Group CEO, Advocate Dali Mpofu, said at Wits this week.

"Invariably when you please someone, you annoy somebody else... You must be prepared to loose (the job) if it is a matter of principle," Mpofu, an ex-Witsie, said at Ernest Oppenheimer House on Wednesday night.

"As the editor-in-chief of the SABC I am ultimately responsible for anything that goes right or wrong. It's all about making choices, choosing people, skills, programme times, and themes," he said.

Mpofu, who has been in the spotlight recently after preventing the Mail & Guardian newspaper from publishing allegations against him and the SABC's head of legal affairs, said his job was "very exciting".

"(It is) probably one of the most humbling things, to be asked to do a job like this for your country. It is actually service. There are some great moments though, like going to shows and the likes," he giggled.

He said the SABC was growing its international wing and would be opening a bureau in China next week. Their new 24-hour channel, SABC International, was not yet available in this country, he said, but it was "the first time that the African perspective will be portrayed and possibly contest how this continent has been represented in the media".

When asked about his battle with the Mail & Guardian, who wanted to publish documents alleging corruption in the SABC, Mpofu said he saw no public interest in the story. The SABC was investigating the issue privately and the Mail & Guardian only jeopardised the investigation so that they could sell newspapers.

"This watchdog thing is just a façade, the main thing is to sell newspapers, by crook or by hook," he said.

According to Mpofu, there is a leak within the SABC which he intends to investigate because documents were "stolen and leaked to the Mail & Guardian," he said. Starting his third year of Group CEO at the SABC on Wednesday, Mpofu said he has zero tolerance for corruption in his team or employees. On the other hand, he said the SABC was "fair game, it should be contested".

When it comes to the 2010 World Cup Mpofu believes too many promises had been made. "2010 should be used as a vehicle for economic benefit. I think we should concentrate more on the legacy of those few weeks."

Mpofu finished his LLB at Wits University in 1992. He was involved in a number of positions as a student leader.

SDLU – building the leaders of tomorrow

ERICA DREIJER

STUDENTS from different backgrounds attended the Student Development and Leadership Unit (SDLU) Winter Camp in the Magaliesberg last weekend.

The camp forms part of a new service that the University has created to ensure that graduates will also have the necessary life skills to make a success of their lives.

The SDLU was created this year in response to a finding that students often lacked essential life skills to survive in the "real world".

The main purpose of the camp was to allow students to gain the necessary skills to transform from "a student today" to "a leader tomorrow".

As one student who attended the camp said: "Through this camp I was empowered with all the tools I need to make a success of myselffrom here I can only go forward."

Fifty students attended the camp. They were recruited based on the reasons they gave as to why they thought they needed to attend the camp and not on their academic background.

The camp was the first in its kind hosted by the University and served as a pilot for future camps. The plan is to turn this into an annual event.

Different tools were used to create an active and practical learning environment to help ensure that students got the most from the weekend session.



LEADING THE WAY: This group of students attended the Student Leadership Winter Camp held in the Magaliesberg last weekend

Photo: Courtesy SDLU

The SDLU provides a substitute learning programme outside classes and is regulated by the National Association of Student Development (NASDEV).

NASDEV is the umbrella body for staff serving student development to ensure that well-rounded and educated citizens are created at tertiary institutions. It is accredited by the Department of National Education.

The SDLU is headed up by Lamese Abrahams and was formed to serve the student community and the SRC.

The main areas identified by the unit are training and development, arts, culture and recreation, events and student promotions and student governance.

The programme also seeks to design

custom-made courses to address different needs that are identified by various groups. Another initiative undertaken by the SDLU was to take students to the recent National Arts Festival in Grahamstown.

The purpose was to get students interested in arts and culture by providing them with an experience that they would not forget.

Two members from SDLU and 17 students travelled by bus to the festival where students were free to explore Grahamstown and the festival in whichever way they pleased.

They attended shows, visited flea markets, went clubbing and covered the town by foot.

The SDLU shares space with the SRC on the second floor of the Matrix and can be contacted on 011 717 9204.

YOUR VOICE

IS IT A GOOD IDEA TO LIMIT HUMANITIES STUDENTS AT ALL UNIVERSITIES?

I don't think we should cut down on Humanities students. We'd have less Exclusive Books workers!

Thomas Butler, Medicine 2nd year



No, because then we'd be out of a job!

Enid Schutte, Contract lecturer, Psychology Department



I don't think so. The country needs a lot more Commerce students, but from my personal point of view, students should be allowed to do what they want.

Nkosana Kalaote, BCom Finance, 3rd year



I think they should. They should concentrate on degrees that are in demand like Maths, Finance, Accountancy and so on.

Bonolo Ramokhele, BAcc 3rd year



I think it's a fantastic idea. Have you met some BA students?!

Lindsay Bacon, BA 2nd year



I think they should. There are already colleges that Humanities students should go to!

Tshepo Maikhoso, BCom 3rd year



What if you don't want to do a BCom? A BA is so broad and offers you so many opportunities.

Florence Mokgo, BA 1st year.



NEWS

Wits marketing head moves on

SEAN RITCHIE

FOR seven years Peter Bezuidenhout has dealt with the highs and lows of being the director of the Wits marketing and communication department. But now he bids the university a fond farewell as he moves into the private sector.

Since the start of his tenure in 2000, Bezuidenhout has overseen the development of many successful projects at Wits; including the building of the Matrix Student centre as well as the launch of Wits Enterprise, a company providing support services to academics.

According to Bezuidenhout it is the right time to leave the university as he has achieved what he set out to do.

"It is time for a change for me and for some new blood to come in," he says.

The 1990s saw a steady decrease in student numbers with enrolment dropping to 20, 000. One of the challenges faced by Bezuidenhout when he took up his post was to reverse this trend.

"There a lot of wonderful people working here but Wits had slipped on things like the 'hygiene factor' - things that you don't notice until there is a problem, including basics such as campus cleanliness and safety," he says.

To increase numbers Bezuidenhout says it was important "to get a positive message out about Wits. The infrastructure was tidied up and the Matrix was built to encourage student life on campus. We did a lot of advertising and marketing as well, both on and off campus. We had to make people believe in Wits"

The current, healthy, student



SO LONGS AND THANKS FOR ALL THE ADS: Wits bids farewell to its Marketing and Communications director of seven years
Photo: Sean Ritchie

population of close to 25000 is a testament to the success of these marketing strategies.

The start-up of Wits Enterprise in 2002 was another project Bezuidenhout is proud to have been associated with. The company facilitates the relationship between Wits academics and the private sector; it handles matters such as contract negotiation and the transfer of technology. Wits Enterprise has grown into a successful business over the last few years and expects to turn a profit of R80-million this year.

Bezuidenhout has many fond

memories of his years at Wits and says being able to interact with people working in 40 different disciplines has been fantastic. He describes the university as a 'beacon of hope' in the country.

Looking to the future of Wits marketing Bezuidenhout suggests there should be a greater focus on "attracting the right students" as well as striving to constantly increase the university's public image.

Bezuidenhout leaves Wits to join an executive recruitment company. His post at Wits is currently open to applications.

Farming, not frolicking, in Mozambique

JACKIE BISCHOF

When students from Wits travel to Mozambique for ten days, it's usually for the beaches, the parties and the diving. Free from university and crazy Jo'burg, many students see Mozambique as the place to play.

Except that 54% of the country lives below the poverty line. That makes it difficult to ignore the country's economic problems and hit the beach bar.

During the July holidays, the Wits Volunteer Programme (WVP) sent 16 university students - eight from Wits and eight from Maputo's Eduardo Mondlane University - to Hokwe, a rural community 300km north of Maputo.

Pairing students with community members, the WVP encouraged students to skip the beaches, drop the booze, pass the babes by and become empowered by working with community members for a week.

The programme was sponsored by WVP and SAMIGOS, an organisation of former Mozambican exiles. It is now in its fifth year.

Students spent a week working on community farms, helping with farming and agriculture, running HIV/AIDS awareness campaigns and doing career guidance with high school learners. They were responsible for planning the trip and for their activities during the week.

Thabo Putu, Programme Coordinator of Community University Partnerships (CUPS), said the trip's primary aim was to "expose young people to the challenges other people



FARMING FUN: Student volunteers get their hands dirty helping Hokwe community members in Mozambique
Photo courtesy of WVP

have" within the southern African community. Community members and students learnt from each other in a mutual exchange of information and skills.

Volunteer Rob Shongwe, a second year BSc student, said he was impressed by the farming skills of the Hokwe community, where most farmers were women. He was also inspired by the dedication of the school students.

In January, eight Wits students and eight Mozambican students will participate in a similar programme at the Mooiplaas community in Mpumalanga. If you are interested in getting involved with this programme, or other WVP initiatives visit <http://web.wits.ac.za/AboutWits/Entities/CUPS/WVP/>.

CAMPUS CELEB

Disa Magwentshu (19) is captain of the Wits women's first hockey team and a second-year B.Comm student. **Erica Dreijer** got to know her a little better.



How long have you been playing hockey for?

I started playing it in high school, in standard six. I have always enjoyed my sport and fell in love with hockey.

Do you participate in any other sport?

I play a bit of tennis and used to play tennis at school but play it more at a social level these days. I also play golf but haven't been on the course for a while. I enjoy sport and the outdoors. I like abseiling too. But I don't do it often. It's a challenge and it's a lot of fun. I first did it at a leadership camp.

What do you like to do in when you socialise?

I am sports junkie. That does it for me. I like going out with my friends. We go out most

weekends on Fridays or Saturdays or both evenings. At hockey we get to socialise after the games with our own team and other teams. Though we try to stay away from making our hockey our social lives.

What would you like to do after you complete your degree?

As part of my degree I am doing Marketing

and Information Systems. I am leaning more towards Information Systems at the moment and am thinking of becoming a systems analyst. But you never know what you really end up doing until you get out there. I enjoy working with new technology and I like the business side too. Being a systems analyst will allow me to match the two. However, I am not a techno monkey.

What do you do in your free time?

Uhm, what do I do? I guess I just like chilling with friends. Watch TV, watch sport on television. Watch movies. I just finished the latest Harry Potter. I have read all those books and enjoyed them all. This one was just as good. People kept on wanting to tell me what was going to happen. Having read it I wasn't disappointed. That's what I did with my free time last week.



National Rhythmic Championships

Wits will be hosting the National Rhythmic Championships this weekend. It will be held at the Old Mutual Sport Hall on Friday, August 3 and Saturday, August 4 from 9am to 7pm, for all those interested in attending.

Wits scores with new coach

ERICA DREIJER

ALDO VAN DEN BERG (29), who was part of the Easterns team that won the Supersport Series under Ray Jennings, has taken up a player-coach appointment at Wits and will attend his first training session on Tuesday.

Van den Berg is determined to see Wits players compete for places at a provincial and national level.

"By fine-tuning mental and playing skills I feel confident that I can help players get to the next and higher levels of the game," he said.

Van den Berg said that as a professional cricketer he understands the value of winning and competing at the highest levels. "But I also want to make a difference in the lives of all players, regardless of their natural ability, by helping them improve their skills."

He will take responsibility for all cricket teams at Wits and believes this will enable him to identify talent in the lower teams as well as attract new talent to the game.

"I also want to inject new interest and enthusiasm into the Wits social



INSTILLING TEAM SPIRIT: The new coach, Aldo van den Berg, hopes to take Wits' cricket to the next level.
Photo: Erica Dreijer

cricket scene. This will open up the sport to those that want to play for fun rather than competitively," he said.

Cricket has been a part of Van den Berg's life from a young age. He started playing as a professional straight from school and also travelled to England where he played country cricket

for Nottingham, Lancashire and Dorset.

In South Africa he has 34 first-class caps under his belt for Transvaal, Easterns and more recently the Pumas. Ray Jennings has been a major influence in his playing career and how he approaches coaching.

"Although Ray is sometimes a little unorthodox, get gets results," he said. Van den Berg switched from playing to coaching cricket far sooner than he thought he would.

"I never gave coaching much consideration. I used to think that I would play cricket until I was a 100. But once I got a taste of coaching, it changed my thinking. Now I love it. I get a lot of joy and satisfaction from seeing players improve," he said.

Currently Van den Berg also coaches schools cricket at Alberton High, where he is employed on a fulltime basis, and at the Hall Academy. He describes himself as a "positive person" who "grew up in a culture where you always give a 110%." He hopes to also instil these values through his coaching.

Wits volleyball team to compete in the Gauteng League



GOING PREMIER: Newly promoted volleyball team to deliver magic on Saturday at their first premeiship match.
Photo: Courtesy of the volleyball team

ERICA DREIJER

Wits' women and men's volleyball teams will start their campaign in the Premier Division of the Gauteng League after being promoted from Developing Division. Their first match will be held at Hall 29 on West Campus on Saturday at 11am. Both teams finished in the top three positions

of the Developing Division which secured them the promotion. Last month both teams participated in the Student Sports Union Tournament held at the University of the Western Cape in which they came in eighth position. The men's team managed to make it to the quarter finals in a tournament that featured 21 teams.

Ten Witsies to star at student games

ERICA DREIJER

TEN Wits students have been included in the South African national team to compete alongside more than 7,000 student athletes from 200 countries at Universiade that gets

underway in Bangkok on 8 August. Universiade, is the student equivalent of the Olympic Games and is staged every two years by the International University Sports Federation. The Wits students are Juliane Weber and

Aleksandar Popovic; Thami Kukulela; Ross Ferguson and Odette Richard; Allerdycy Fulton, Natasha Glassford, Coenraad van Tonder and Sally Buckton and Oteng Tlapeng. The games end on 18 August.

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Waiting it out

IN THE end, it's all about perspective. When you are sitting in traffic and the world crawls by, it feels like you'll only get there tomorrow. While preparing and writing exams, you believe they'll never end.

Only a month ago, we were still enjoying the last moments of our holiday, no care in the world, no pressures weighing us down.

Now, a couple of weeks into the new semester, the end of year feels awfully close. No time for excuses. We have to buckle down and get on with it, as pressure mounts daily.

At Vuvuzela, we are regulated by this wave of pressure and release. We hold out for the end of the week - every week.

Thursday is the day we put the paper to bed. As it looms, we feel an immense sense of panic. Insomnia sets in as we rush through to D-day. There is the almost tangible sense that we all stop breathing.

By the end of Thursday night, we let out a huge sigh of relief...

All students know the familiar feeling that the walls are closing in. They sigh, relieved to finish one deadline, only to face the next. This pressure is bad enough. It is all we should be concerned about - after all, it affects our entire future.

In these moments, the last thing we want to worry about is whether there'll be hot water the next time we take a shower (see story on pg 1). We want to rest assured that, when we pay for our education at a world class university, it will provide us with a quality end result that will make it all worth it (see pg 2). And we want to believe that the new leadership provided by the SRC will provide us with a body that considers our needs. (Read all about it on pg 1).

SETTING IT STRAIGHT

IN THE August 3 Vuvuzela, it was reported that former SRC deputy president Mike Ntola was registered at the Wits Languages and that the School offered certificates of competence as a form of qualification. It was reported that Wits Language School no longer [offered] certificates as a qualification this semester.

Dr Nhlanhla Thwala, Director: Wits Language School, has pointed out that this is not correct. The Wits Language School does not and has never offered qualifications. The Wits Language School awards certificates of attendance and certificates of competence for successfully completing and meeting the requirements of each short course. The certificates awarded by the Wits Language School do NOT confer a qualification.

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SLICE OF LIFE

I AM WHATEVER I SAY I AM

ANOTHER day, another year. Harsh reality has given me a sense of nostalgia for the simple days.

This is it. I'm doing what I always dreamed of, training to be what I always wanted to be. Unfortunately, I was deluded about how it would be.

Life always came to me on a silver platter, served with a golden spoon. That's not to say I was given whatever I wanted. But whatever I needed always came easy.

Now reality is forcing me to grow up. And three things hit me in my moment of epiphany.

Firstly, my undergrad friends are not on my wavelength any more, considering what they think of as a load of work. All that chilling for hours, sipping coke and...It's passed me by now, and it's happened quicker than I was ready to accept.

When this first dawned on me, I felt as though I was in a straitjacket in a room painted white, and I was dying. "I must stay young," were the only words I kept saying for months. I couldn't allow my last year of student life to be swallowed like this.

I had to grow up.

My second realisation was that I had to claim my own independence. I have finally had enough of people dictating who I should be and why. It's time for me to be me!



Vuvu Vena

THIS IS MY YEAR! I WILL BE WHATEVER I DESIRE TO BE!

People's opinions are always changing. Life taught me early that

I am the only constant. I can never betray myself...trust me, I have tried.

So I choose to be ME. No longer another person's ideal, but my own. I'm tired. Tired of being everybody's everything. It's better to be my own.

The third thing that came to me was the weight of adulthood. It hit me hard when I finally woke up. After two decades, things have developed new meanings.

The simplest of things have suddenly become more complicated and require longer hours of deep thought. What sucks is that the solutions keep on changing.

Weighed down by academics, social life and raging emotions, I am becoming ... exactly what I am becoming I hadn't realised until, in the course of one day, a number of strangers stopped to tell me I was beautiful. I knew then it was not a physical beauty they referred to. I was becoming beautiful, I am becoming beautiful.

Regardless of the tempests that erupt around me and within me, their ruthless waves wash over me and make me clearer than I have ever been.

CAMPUS CELEB

EVERY Wednesday night the Ski club overflows with students looking for cheap drinks and good times. Engineering students **Peter Brookstein** and **Calvin Rogers** are the barmen who deal with the madness, **Sean Ritchie** tracked them down in quieter moment.



Who is the drunkest student you have dealt with?

Calvin: No one has been really bad, we generally have a pretty good crowd. The other week some people climbed over the wall into the bus stop and were arrested for trespassing.

Peter: Its mainly just a big party. People are pretty good, they go chunder outside.

C: There was one guy who knocked himself out on the toilet seat.

What is the best thing about working the ski-club bar?

C: The people are awesome. It's definitely the coolest place in the world to work in.

P: You don't have to wait to be served. There's great

music and a good crowd.

Why are the drinks so cheap?

C: We are a student bar, we cater to students so we don't have to make a profit or pay rent for the place.

P: Any profit we do make goes back into the place so that helps. Drinks prices have been going up so we have to debate about raising our prices.

Where is your favourite place to snowboard?

C: We generally go to Lesotho as there is a club we can rent out for a good price.

P: Tiffendell is pretty good but its really expensive and the travel time is hectic so Lesotho is cool.

Have you had any bad snowboarding injuries?

C: Well I had an injury that prevented me from snowboarding. On Peter's birthday night I dislocated my elbow footskating on the wall outside the ski-club. It prevented me from competing in some events at the SA champs.

P: You land on your ass a lot when you are learning to board but you just have to get up and keep going.

What music are you currently listening to?

P: I listen to a lot of different music, mainly alternative rock.

C: I'm enjoying Jack Johnson and Chavez at the moment.

Favourite recent movie?

P: The Simpsons Movie was awesome. I also enjoyed Blades of Glory

C: I work at a video store so I watch a lot of movies. Transformers and 300 were cool.

Which superhero would you be?

P: Maybe Peter Petrelli, he's has a cool power.

C: Mohawk Man with the amazing power to dislocate and relocate my elbow. He would definitely be Peter Petrelli they have the some character.

P: Wait, I would be Hero Nakamura.

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Few candidates, few voters

PHAKAMISA NDZAMELA
 ON THURSDAY morning, August 23, students continued to cast their votes in the Student Representative Council (SRC) elections. This followed a meeting on Wednesday night in which candidates contesting the elections were told by the electoral office that the elections had been extended until Thursday. Wits Chief Electoral Officer Nathaniel Ndala-ka Dlamini told candidates of the ruling Progressive Youth Alliance (PYA) – comprised of the ANC Youth League, Young Communist League and South African Student's Congress – and the opposition Independent and Diverse Student Forum (IDSF) that the number of students that had voted was very low. Dlamini said only 14, 4 percent of the student population had cast their votes in the SRC elections. He added that with only 3 599 students voting, there was a "need to go the extra mile". In the meeting Andile Makholwa, a candidate of the PYA, raised a concern that it looked as if the electoral office had unilaterally taken a decision to

extend the elections by a day without listening to what the PYA candidates thought of the matter. Dlamini later asked *Vuvuzela* to leave as the meeting was meant only for candidates contesting the SRC elections. Leader of the IDSF opposition, Solomon Ntjana, later briefed *Vuvuzela* that "there's been an extension which we [IDSF] are not opposing. We were given an opportunity by the chief electoral officer to object or agree with the extension. IDSF agreed with the extension." Ntjana said the IDSF did not oppose the extension because they did not want an SRC election to be seen as illegitimate. He added that the SRC needed to be seen as a legitimate structure even if the minimum requirement of a 25 percent student vote was not going to be achieved. "I don't think the 25 percent minimum can be reached unless students can start queuing by 9am on Thursday morning." Musa Mthembu, a PYA candidate, informed *Vuvuzela* after the meeting of one of the main reasons for the

PYA's objection to the extension. "Given the fact that the number of voters was standing at 14, 4 percent, it was impossible to reach the required minimum of 25 percent student votes based on a one-day extension. "Our rights as candidates needed to be taken into account because we have been missing classes. Management should also take into account that candidates should go and study." Mthembu said the voter apathy in the SRC elections could also be attributed to the fact that the Law Student Council (LSC) had their own elections. This created confusion amongst students. "Sometimes if you ask a student if they have voted, they will say yes and you find that students are responding to LSC elections and not SRC." After the meeting Dlamini told *Vuvuzela* that the only thing he could say was that the electoral office was busy preparing posters to make students aware that elections had been extended up until Thursday. *Vuvuzela* was unable to get comment from the Dean of Students at the time it went to print.



VOTING POWER: A student exercises his rights by voting in the SRC elections
 Photo: Phakamisa Ndzamela

Bara security better

LENYARO SELLO
 SECURITY at the Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital in Soweto has improved since the alleged rape case in early August, according to the Wits Medical Students Council (MSC), which visited the hospital on August 16. In its own visit to the hospital, *Vuvuzela* faced empty corridors, dripping roofs and over-worked students and staff members. "I have 36 patients. I live here and, yes, security has improved a bit," said a doctor at the hospital. The security improvements come amid allegations that the lack thereof was endangering the safety of students and staff. The security debate at the hospital was sparked by the recent alleged rape of a fifth-year Wits medical student. The student was allegedly raped on her way from the obstetrics ward to deliver blood samples to the blood bank. More lighting in the corridors and security patrolling their designated points gave evidence of the improvement. Getting into the emergency ward required passing through two security checkpoints. "We have deployed 30 new security guards since the beginning of the month," said the hospital's security supervisor, Bigboy Mugomba. The police have stopped investigations into the alleged rape. "We don't have enough information about the scene. We have stopped investigations until further information comes up," said Gauteng Police spokesperson, Lungelo Dlamini. Students and staff members at the hospital staged a protest following the alleged rape. According to an SMS circulated amongst students, the aim of the protest was, "to fight for change in the health care facilities for the staff and students that work within them."



CARE TO MAKE A WITHDRAWAL?: The reporter checks out the improved lighting at Bara
 Photo: Sean Ritchie

Said Dlamini, "The victim came forward but was reluctant to go through with the case." Security guards have also been assigned to walk the students and the staff to the blood bank to deliver blood samples. "If someone wants to go to the blood bank, someone walks them or we get called this side to get them," said a security guard on duty.

WBS a name to remember

ERICA DREIJER
 WITS Business School ranked as the top business school in South Africa according to the Top Brands Survey held annually by the Sunday Times and Markinor. The business school improved its overall awareness from 15.8 percent in 2006 to 20 percent in 2007. Prof. Mthuli Ncube, director of the school, told *Vuvuzela* that he believes the increase is a result of all the new programmes that have been introduced. The school has introduced 70 short courses to address specific needs and a service delivery course that will be attended by 2 000 municipal staff members in the near future. Ncube said these programmes help to keep the school relevant by tackling public needs. Another initiative that was introduced to raise the school's profile was the "intellectual beehive", which involves public discussions on issues of national relevance. Ncube's goal is that Wits should be a place for "sculpting global leaders within Africa". He has identified nine initiatives or "pillars" to ensure that Wits remains top of its class. "Each day I wake up and decide on which pillar I am going to focus on," he said. The "pillars" include improving the current MBA programme and the faculty, international and community initiatives, and on-going engagement with corporates and WBS alumni. Ncube believes that it is important to maintain contact with alumni, as "they tell the real story out there". From next year, the MBA programme will include a two-month internship, to make the course more practical and help students gain experience in the field while studying. The school will also be building a hotel facility on campus to bolster international training. Ncube was acting director of the school from May 2006 and took up the position of director on January 1, 2007. He joined WBS in 2005 as Professor of Finance and holds a PhD in Finance from Cambridge University. He has just finished a book and has published ten papers in the last two years. He believes that his success can be attributed to time management, focus and passion. "I only do things that I am passionate about," he said. In 2006, WBS was ranked 45th in the world in terms of business schools. Ncube would like the school to rank at 35 before his term comes to an end.

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TO EVOLVE, WE MUST GROW

THE PROBLEMS facing our society seem to be so redundant. We cannot get past certain issues and resolve certain problems. It seems as though our nature is to hold grudges and repeat the same errors because of our pride, or maybe even our "primitive" mentality.

Ours is a country that is free, but when my colleagues marched through Baragwanath Hospital (see page 1) they saw many people that were caged. If it is not fear of rape, it's a fear of being robbed, of dying or even living in a morally degenerated society. I know most people are tired of the scandals of the government; they seem to have more scandal than service delivery on their year planner.

Most women are tired of not being allowed to walk alone at night by parents who are simply trying to find solutions to this crime-ridden society, and the only solutions that are offered at the end of the day are driven by "fear". We are encouraged to live as though something bad were going to happen; that way we are cautious.

Every month since May I have had something stolen from me: two cell phones in two months, and just last weekend a wallet. And as the future leaders of this country we are indifferent to these issues. What solution did I come up with? I leave everything at home when I go out, and I only take what I need. Why this solution? Nobody seems to care and I cannot rise against the tide alone.

As a community of students, we should heed the leaders we choose to take us forward (see SRC voting story on page 1). Our hope in each other is renewed by participation in sport (see page 8). We learn about other societies and other people's lives (page 4), all this is so we can grow and evolve, as people and as a community.

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TALKBACK

SAUJS Stands for Peace

SO WHAT'S all the fuss about?

Wall-wars, flags, flyers, petitions accusations, endless bantering; to the average Wits student the past few weeks events must seem slightly absurd. One day you arrive on campus and there is a wall in front of central block, next day there are 200 Jewish Students gathered holding South African flags, Israeli flags and pictures of murdered victims of terror and blown up busses. All this because of a conflict that is happening half way across the world, when there are countless other happening all over our own continent. What is it all about?

As far as I see it, there are two issues of concern for any morally upright South African student to be aware of. The first is the rights of all South Africans to freedom of expression and the right to legitimately defend your views without bias or prejudice as afforded to us by our very own constitution. The second is the right of human beings everywhere in the world to peace, safety and security and our moral obligations as South Africans to uphold those rights impartially and objectively in all situations.

Firstly, why did the PSC's (Palestine Solidarity Committee) security barrier elicit such a robust and angry response from Jewish students? The truth is Jewish students, many of whom have relatives in Israel, find such a protest fundamentally offensive. While we recognise the rights of the PSC to protest and further recognise that the security barrier has caused hardships for Palestinians, we cannot understand or condone a protest against the one thing that is actually saving the lives of civilians in Israel. Since the security fence was established terrorist attacks have declined by approximately 90 percent. Tragically, it came too late for the thousands of Israeli civilians, both Jewish and Arab, who have had their lives shattered by suicide bombers.

Israel does not want the barrier and tried all other methods to prevent it going up. However, as a nation state, it has the responsibility to protect its citizens and the fact of the matter is the fence has saved lives. The fence (of which only 3 percent is actually a wall) is not something unique to Israel. Not only are their similar structures in India, Morocco, Spain, Finland and China, among others, but South Africa also has a barrier complete with barbed wire and electric fencing on its border with Zimbabwe. It is therefore hypocritical to condemn only Israel in this regard.

It was in this light that the SA Union of Jewish Students (SAUJS) tried to put its voice across on campus. We wanted to show Wits students that 'only peace brings down walls' and encouraged students to sign our peace petition which calls for peace, negotiations and a two-state solution to the Israel-Palestine situation. Many Wits students recognised and supported our call for peace through negotiations. (By contrast, the Palestinian Solidarity Committee refused to sign the petition).

The university authorities have also not been very accommodating. Our simple peace posters required disclaimers; we were prevented from distributing our flyers and after gaining permission to paint the SRC graffiti wall it was soon painted over. Whilst SAUJS fully supports university rules it believes these rules must be applied consistently and impartially and that these rules must be transparent. It is only through knowledge and understanding of the situation that South African students can come to formulate their own opinion on the Middle East and in the process seek peaceful solutions to the ongoing violence in the troubled region. It is on this note that we call on our fellow students to support us in our call for peace in the Middle East.



SAUJS Chairperson
Caylee Talpert

Tarun Tejpal visits Wits for seminar

ERICA DREIJER

INDIAN editor, Tarun Tejpal, well-known locally for exposing matchfixing in cricket, will address Wits students on Journalism in a Democracy: A perspective from India, on Friday.

Tejpal is editor-in-chief of the weekly Tehelka, an independent weekly paper in India. The paper's Operation West End exposed corruption in India's large defence contracts. This led to the resignation of the minister of defence.

In 2002 he was named by Business Week as a leader of change in Asia.

Tehelka, also called the people's paper, was launched after the online success of

Tehelka.com.

Tejpal studied economics in Chandigarh and became a journalist in the 1980s. He worked for India Today magazine and helped found the rival Outlook.

His debut novel, The Alchemy of Desire, has been an international best seller. As the creator of India Ink, he became the first publisher of Booker Prize winning author Arundhati Roy.

The talk will take place at 3pm in the Grad School seminar room, South West Engineering Building, East Campus. For more information go to www.journalism.co.za or phone 011 717 4028.



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SLICE OF LIFE

A joyful ride to nowhere

A new car, best friends and a road trip - what could be better? Five o'clock strikes, excitement is overwhelming. Did I pack enough? It's just a weekend home, so whatever I forgot probably doesn't matter.

There's a car at the gate. A red polo plays sport, top of the range comfort line. Oh, and personalised number plates.

Now I really am jealous.

Bloody Jo'burg traffic, 350km to go and it's already late. An hour later we make it onto the N1 and stop at the first garage.

Petrol. Check! Tyres. Check! Water and oil. Check! Time for the snacks. I've been craving Oreos and she's getting peanuts. Oh and don't forget the drinks.

Seatbelts, pump the music and Free State here we come. First toll gate, ten bucks. Where did we put the change from the snacks? In the ash



Lenyaro Sello

tray. Cross the Vaal River and a board says: Welcome to the Free State Province. Enjoy your stay.

The next toll is 60km away. Cool,

let's gossip and enjoy the ride. Now it's only 2km ahead. We'd better find the cash. We find a R10 note and a few coins. The toll is R32.

Okay, stop the car. We're short of only R4. Surely there must be a couple of coins somewhere in the car? Check wallets. Yep, we have coins - three rands worth. Surely we can find R1? Unpack everything. No luck.

Let's ask for a coin. Okay, but from whom? It's half past six and dark. A car stops at the toll. They look friendly enough.

"You go ask."

"No you."

"Fine, let's go together and speak at the same time."

"I'm never doing that again."

"Get over yourself. It's not like we could have driven back to get an ATM."

Pass Kroonstad, and we'll be home in two and half hours. I'm already tired. Wait, there's a split coming up.

"The board says it's left."

"No, it's right. I'm telling you, it's right."

Right it is. Forty kilometres later, we're approaching Welkom. We're meant to be heading for Thaba 'Nchu.

"I told you it was left. Next time listen to me."

"Now is not the time. Should we turn back?"

"There must be another route. Besides, we're only 10kilos from Welkom..."

So basically, there we were in the city centre of a strange town in the middle of the night freaking out, "what

if we get hijacked. Stop laughing and drive". Stopped at a garage and asked for directions, 15 minutes later we were back on the highway.

"We have to go via Bloemfontein, it's a long way but we wont get lost."

Driving at 200km/h we decided we should be home by One. Finally made it to Bloemfontein. "Now how do we join the N8"

"Not again, call someone to direct us."

"No, you know Africans they wont say they dont know instead we are going to get lost."

"Fine lets try it ourselves."

Eight hours in the car, we finally made it home. Yes, I would do it again, but next time, I think we'll take a map.

NEWS

More women in mining industry

JUMA FORD

Mining in South Africa is slowly undergoing a transformation. The mainstay of the South African economy is traditionally a male-dominated environment, but women are joining the industry in increasing numbers. Wits University is helping in this transformation, as more women graduate and go into the field.

To date, Wits has had twenty female graduates in its School of Mining Engineering. The first woman graduated from the school in 1994, and the first black women to graduate with a degree came in 2002. From 2000 at least one woman student a year has graduated, which means the total figures should continue to rise after the end of the 2007 school year.

Mining engineering is a four-year degree. Most students at Wits manage the degree in five years, but it can take up to six.

According to Cathy Reichardt, a senior lecturer in the school, the female students tend to do better, and graduate quicker. "I generally find that female students are doing very well and often out-performing their male classmates."

Success in the mining industry requires more than just a degree. Experience and technical skills are a key factor, too.

At Wits, the students are required to do field work during vacation times in the later stages of their degree. The companies that supply bursaries to students also provide on-the-job experience. These companies include Anglo Plats, Impala, Anglo Coal and Eskom, among others.

Professor Richard Minnitt, JCI professor of Mineral Resources and Reserves, also believes that technical skills are a must.

"It's absolutely essential that [women] get into the industry...we need their technical ability and because of their mothering skills...they're probably a bit more environmentally sensitive." A timeline has been set by the mining industry charter that by 2009 the industry's workforce will comprise of at least ten percent women, but ironically this could lead to a major obstacle for women graduates.

Reichardt says, "When women get opportunities there is a temptation to believe that they are hired because of the charter requirements and not based on their ability, the challenge is for female graduates to prove this perception wrong."

Another obstacle for women is the cultural factor.

"Most cultures in SA value education except that students will postpone having children until they graduate...however, once women have completed their education, cultural expectations often pressure them to bear children soon thereafter...though that's changing."

Reichardt adds, "The problem is that as women we've been told that we can have it all; we just haven't been told that we can't have it all at once."

"Role models for women mining engineers are few and far between. My role models have never been females," says Reichardt. "We have to look for our own role models and not depend on other women."

Future women miners must, of course, be prepared to work in a world of high testosterone.

Reichardt said that she purposely went out and learned as much as she could about rugby to help integrate within the male mining community. As she put it, "if you don't like men you probably shouldn't work in the mining industry."

From an early age, girls are told that mining, and for the most part, any engineering career, is for men only.

They get told that it is a "dirty" industry, not something little girls would want to do. Teachers and parents are the only ones who can change this misconception.

They must encourage girls to start thinking about careers in the field. This includes pushing them to succeed in the disciplines of maths and sciences.

Estelle Trengove, who has been in the engineering field for over 20 years, as an electrical engineer believes that the main problems happen in the early years, and so even if some women do make it past university, change will still be slow to come.

As she said, "No, I don't see it really changing in the next ten years," which is well beyond the mining engineering fields goal of ten percent by 2009.

The struggle to get women equally represented in any field of work is going to take time and must be passionately pursued if it is to succeed.

Businesses and companies must be prepared to do all they can to help women enter the workforce. And men in the workplace must be prepared to lose their prejudices and misconceptions.

Wits ahead in sports rehab

NONDELELA MAPONYA

"A one-stop-shop for scientific sport services." This is how Prof Yoga Coopoo refers to the Centre for Exercise Science and Sport Medicine.

The centre was established in 2004 and is situated at the Wits Education Campus.

It aims to develop academic research, exercise science and sports medicine and engage the community on issues of exercise and sports.

The centre is employed by the South African Football Association (SAFA) to assist with their under-17 project to provide players with sports injury assessment and rehabilitation.

"This is a way to unearth and preserve talent for World Cup 2010," says Coopoo.

"We are also working with Swimming South Africa and give them advice and scientific support."

Wits is the only facility in Gauteng that has the Biolex Back Rehab Unit. It also owns one of the only three Isokinetic machines in Gauteng,

which was sponsored by Lotto.

"These are gems of machines and [it is] a privilege for Wits to have them."

When using these machines it takes a third of the time it would take in a normal gym to rehabilitate the back, which is twelve weeks reduced to three weeks using the same strength.

Teams have realised the importance of using the facility, because the machines adapt to and accommodate the strength of the individual.

Coopoo says the centre also helps people develop lifestyle programmes and gets them to make lifestyle changes. "The South African audience is among the highest in the world when it comes to chronic diseases and this is not [about] genetics but poor lifestyle habits." The centre uses interns studying sports science, sport medicine and bio-kinetics at the university.

"We are training doctors. This will assist in minimising the shortage for 2010."

Coopoo says that Wits along with the Metro Council are planning to



STRENGTH TESTER : Professor Yunus Coopoo with the Isokinetic machine . Photo : Nondlela Maponya

upgrade the facility and turn it into a high performance centre. They have set themselves a target of three to five years for the project, at a cost of around R60-million.

CAMPUS CELEB

Sabeeha Husain, a third-year BA International Relations and Law student, won Miss India South Africa. Nondlela Maponya spoke to her about her life outside the glamorous world.

What is your favourite colour?
Definitely red because it's a passionate bold colour.

Do you play sports?
No, but I go to gym four to five times a week

Where do you hang out?
It depends on where my friends want to go. It could be anywhere around Johannesburg.

Where do you chill on campus?
I do not have a hangout spot on campus. I just come for my classes and when that's done I go home.

What is your opinion on beauty pageants?
Firstly I disagree with the term beauty pageant. It is more than that. It is all



Photo: Peter Wickham

about being an ambassador.

Shoes or clothes: which would you

choose?
Definitely shoes: a girl needs more than one pair of black shoes.

What is your biggest fear?
Snakes and crocodiles.

What is your favourite book?
Fine Balance by Rohinton Mistry and my old time childhood favourite is Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

What is your favourite magazine?
Oprah magazine

Who is your favourite celebrity?
Mohammad Yunus, Nobel peace prize winner 2006.

How do you relax?
Painting and playing the piano. I also find gym relaxing. Soon, my favorite passtime will be driving my new Porsche.

What is your motto?
Everything happens for a reason and success is the best revenge.

Wits world ranking reeks

ERICA DREIJER

ACCORDING to the Webometrics Ranking on global universities released in July this year, Wits ranked third in Africa, and ended at 679th place worldwide.

This seemed far off Wits' goal of becoming one of the top 100 universities in the world by 2010. *Vuvuzela* decided to investigate further, to get a better understanding of what the ranking means.

Dr Mohamed Moolla, head of service and learning partnerships at Wits, says that Webometrics is not the only university ranking, and that all the rankings available could present a minefield if you didn't understand what each one measures.

To set the record straight, he said that the Wits 2010 goal extends to 2022, when the university turns 100.

Webometrics uses search engines like Google to establish a university's presence on the web, by looking at how many web pages come up.

The problem is that there isn't one search for Wits, as it is referred to as "Wits" and the "University of the Witwatersrand".

According to Professor Belinda Bozzoli, the Wits deputy vice-chancellor of research, "The university

tends to benchmark itself alongside the more serious research-based ranking systems, like the ISI Essential Science Indicators."

The ISI's ranking is based on regular publication in academic journals, and looks at the top one percent of universities in the world in 22 research fields.

Wits is ranked in seven fields out of the 22, and achieved the highest number of fields in South Africa.

It ranks 617 worldwide in ISI. At the end of the day, according to Dr. Moolla, the value of the ISI study is that it "provides an indication of the faculties in which a university has achieved excellence."

It is argued by some that this should be the main criteria used when deciding on a university, rather than its overall world ranking.

Said Prof Bozzoli, "In these [seven] fields we have already achieved our Wits 2010 goal of being in the top 100, as measured by this particular system."

"While [Webometrics] is important and a good indicator of internet-based teaching, it does not reflect the primary goals of Wits 2010, or the primary teaching orientation of Wits, which is on site and face-to-face," she

said.

Another ranking, out of Shanghai's Jiaotong University, publishes the Academic Ranking of the World annually.

It is a quantitative study that looks at faculty and alumni research output, as well as awards including the Nobel Prize.

Only 500 universities worldwide make the ranking, and Wits is in 305th place, alongside another 96 institutions.

But criticism against the above tool includes its heavy leaning towards science and technology related subjects, as it was originally developed to understand how Chinese universities stacked up against institutions in the West.

One more question that emerged was if universities in a developing country, like South Africa, should actually focus on achieving world rankings, when the focus should be for more people to gain access to higher education.

According to Dr. Moolla, the current ratio of under-grad to post-grad students at Wits is 70:30.

The government directive is that in five years time the post-grad student ratio needs to move up to 50 percent.

ELECTIONS ANNOUNCEMENT : 2007/2008 NOTICE TO ALL SRC CLUBS, SOCIETIES AND ORGANISATIONS (CSO'S)

In terms of the SRC Standing Orders, notice is hereby given to all CSO's, that elections of new executive committees must have taken place by Monday 3 September 2007. By Wednesday 5 September 2007 all election results have to be submitted to your Student Development Practitioner (SDP). The SDP's require executive portfolio allocation details and contact information. For guidance and assistance in running elections please consult your SDP. Furthermore, please note that the mandatory Induction programme for all new CSO executives will take place on Tuesday 11 September 09h00 - 14h00 (Venue still to be confirmed). A call for names of those attending Induction will be requested closer to the time. Finally please note that as part of the SRC Constitutional Review process - the model constitution for CSO's has been amended in alignment with the new SRC constitution. Please collect a Model Constitution from Marilyn Mafojane at SLDU reception.

Please return your
 • updated/ revised constitution
 • attendance register from AGM where elections took place
 • Form 1 - available from Reception
 • election results to your SDP by 15h00 the latest on 5 September 2007.

For further information please liaise with your SDP. Good Luck!!!!
 Lamese Abrahams
 Head: Student Development and Leadership Unit (SDLU) 31 July 2007



Calling all Clever Boys fans! Come and support the team when they play against Pirates at the Bidvest Stadium this Saturday, 3pm. Tickets can be bought at Computicket but will not be available at the door.

Ten tickets are up for grabs on a first come, first serve basis from Vuvuzela. One ticket per person only. Phone Juma on 082 687 9401 between 4.30 and 5pm this Friday (August 24) to claim your ticket.

Commerce wins rugby title



"The game was made up of two halves, the first half belonged to us [Commerce] when we had 22-5 at half time.

"It was the fifth year for the Medics to make it to the finals."

"t was a great game. Thanks for a good final. Thanks to all the supporters as well."

Next year Commerce plans to retain the title, they don't remember the last time the title was theirs.

In the curtain-raiser, Engineers played against SAUJS and won 20-5. Zak Myeza, captain of the Engineers, said,

"We defended well for most of the game and when we got the ball we scored every time. We had big hits the whole game and our defence is what won us the game."

He also said that they had a different referee this game.

"Next year we are going to win it, it will be the same team that will carry on to next year."

Captain of SAUJS, David Cohen, said,

"We played well. We had too many handling errors and we weren't clinical in the death. We scrummed very well.

"Next year we are going to get a technical advisor and a better fitness programme, and this will see SAUJS romping to the title."

Radebe a Clever Boy

ERICA DREIJER

CHIEFS striker, David Radebe has joined the Bidvest Wits team.

Radebe signed a two year deal with the team last Monday.

Radebe was approached by several other sides after Chiefs recently listed him for transfer.

"He's a recognised striker with ability and we hope he'll do well for Wits," said Bidvest CEO Derek Blackensee.

Blackensee told Vuvuzela that he believes Radebe would make a big impact playing for Wits and the transfer would help to "help to strengthen the strike force."

Joining Bidvest Wits will also allow Radebe to play more often.

The team needed beefing up after Boitemelo Molelane left to join National First Division side FC AK and Bidvest Wits refused to renew

Phumudzo Manenzhe's contract.

Radebe was approached by several clubs, including Moroka Swallows. He was the second player to find a new home from the seven that were placed on transfer by Chiefs, following Sphiwe Mkhonza's transfer to Super Sport United last week.

Other players that have been put on transfer include Gert Schalkwyk, Emmanuel "Scara" Ngobese, Patrick Mayo, Louis Agyemang and Serge Djiehoua.

Rumour has it that Wits' offer was around the R500 000 mark.

Radebe joined Chiefs at the start of the 2002-2003 season from Free State Stars. For the duration of his time at Chiefs, he made a total of 134 appearances in all competitions and contributed by scoring 35 goals.

Radebe could not be reached for comment.

COMMERCE AND MEDIC'S: Boys battle it out for the title Photo: Vuvu Vena

VUVU VENA

Commerce played to victory on Wednesday night against the Medics who were in the finals for the fifth time.

Commerce won the inter-faculty internal league 22-17.

Captain of the Medics, Andrew Strydom, said "We were pretty even going into the game, unfortunately we let them score too early in the game."

"They [Commerce] played well until the end," said Strydom.

Strydom, who sustained a neck injury during the match, will not be part of the team next year as he will be doing his internship, but, he said, "the rest of the team will be back next year, good luck to the teams that will be facing them [Medics] next year."

Winning captain, Ross Burman, said, "It was a very hard game, credit to the Medics for a great final."

Wits Karate champ



KATA. Ryan King came third in the u.70kg division at the KSA National Senior Championships that was held at the Matsport Centre in Pretoria last weekend.

Photo: Erica Dreijer

Wits gets a new karate committee



ICHI, NI, SAN. In the eighties, Wits' karate club was a force to be reckoned with. This is the new committee for 2007/8 that intends restoring the club to this position again. In the picture in the back from left to right is Kevin Harding, Nqobiztha Ndlovu, Sean Howell and Ryan King. In front is Tasha Wainstein, Serish Mungul and Isabelle Inder. Photo: Erica Dreijer

Athletics results



WITS ATHLETICS MEET SATURDAY 18TH AUGUST RESULTS:

1500M (MEN)
1st Robin Ballantine
2nd Charlie Baines

1500M (WOMEN)
1st Lauren Gerrand
2nd Makau Nkshidiseng

800M (MEN)
1st Nico
2nd Robin Ballantine
3rd Asaph Morema

800M (WOMEN)
1st Lauren Gerrand

400M (MEN)
1st Muzzenda Solo
2nd Kondwani Chumba

400M (WOMEN)
1st Makau Nkshidiseng
2nd Netsiendeulu
Ndivhuwo

200M (MEN)
1st Nhlanhla Nxumalo
2nd Lwandile Dlulane

200M (WOMEN)
1st Bongiwe Makhanya
2nd Tana Patsa

VUVUZELA

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The crazy world of journalism

THE WORLD of journalism is a tricky one. Everyone thinks they know what it's about. I mean, you just put pen to paper, get a couple of quotes, a picture and you are good to go.

In the past six months I have had to learn a lot, very quickly.

I have had to learn how to balance school and "work" - and it is not an easy job. What with everyone wanting a piece of you and all. It's about growing a thick skin, and just taking it all in your stride.

The day in a life of a journalist is filled with difficult decisions that are made on the spur of the moment.

It may sound like I'm complaining, but don't get me wrong. I love what I'm doing. It's all I've ever really wanted to do.

I can't deny the pressures of my profession, and I can't deny its limitations either.

But how many people have the power to influence so many people? And how many are sought after by so many powerful organisations? Its crazy!

But with this power comes great responsibility, and for me it is this that is the greatest challenge.

We do have a responsibility to our readers by providing information that is useful and helpful, balanced, accurate and fair.

It is all in a day's work really. We take it as it comes.

CORRECTION

Last week *Vuvuzela* ran an advert from the International Office asking all undergraduate international students who have not received their exemption certificates to contact the International office. Unfortunately the email address on the advert was misspelled the correct address is manotshe.segwai@wits.ac.za.

SLICE OF LIFE

Officially welcomed to South Africa

I HAD Monday off, wasn't in any hurry to get home, so stopped off at Campus Square for coffee. Bad decision.

This drunk guy sidles up to me without invitation and tries to tell me things I don't really want to know. I'm not listening but something tells me to humour him with attention and a cigarette, but he doesn't go away. I ignore him some more but no good. He comes back and sits down, waiting for me to stop pretending I don't notice him there.

So I look at him. He tells me in an oddly quiet way to look under the table. Hey! What do I see but a gun resting in his lap. He says that if I don't give him my phone he will start shooting the waiters and call his buddies and tell them to kill me if I leave the café.

This is persuasive talk.

I tell him he can have my cellphone but not my laptop. I give him my phone but that does not stop him telling me how crazy he is and how easy it would be for him to kill anyone in the café.

Finally he strolls off nonchalantly. I stay till closing time and get a ride home from the manager.

I go to bed wondering if I gave him my phone because I didn't want trouble for me or if I was concerned

about his threats of killing waiters.

Maybe that should have taught me something about life in Joburg. But last week disaster strikes again.

After finishing my well deserved cigarette I catch a taxi. There are four guys inside. I sit right behind the driver, thinking of the warm comforts of my messy room.

All of a sudden I feel a sharp pain on my skull. One of the guys behind me hit me on the head with a gun. Before I know it the taxi drives the wrong

way and four people are yelling at me about how they are going to kill me if I don't give them my money and phone. And I have to believe the threats. The gun is now cocked and pressed against my skull.

I keep telling them to stop hitting me on the head and to let me keep my bag. All I think about is that I hope the guy with the gun doesn't accidentally shoot me and that I need my bag because my passport and school notes are in it. I imagine my professor saying, "give him a warning letter, death is no excuse to miss class".

They give me my bag and dump me in a lot.. The major thing on my mind is my bleeding head and will I be able to get to school the next day to distribute the *Vuvuzela*.

Are my buddies sympathetic? Huh. All they say is I have been officially welcomed to South Africa.



Juma Ford

TALKBACK

Know Justice, Know Peace

IN LAST week's Talkback, SAUJS offered its side of the story about the illegal demonstration against the symbolic wall constructed by the Wits Palestine Solidarity Committee. While SAUJS claims to support "peace", they get it wrong by forgetting about justice. This is evident in their flippant characterisation of our solidarity work with Palestinians as making a "fuss".

Protest against Apartheid South Africa was not just a "fuss" and neither is condemnation of Apartheid Israel. It is a legitimate and urgent call for social justice and human rights.

Why all the "fuss" if the conflict "is happening halfway across the world"? Well, remember that Apartheid South Africa was halfway across the world from many of those who worked in solidarity with our liberation struggle. Wits PSC's work forms part of a similar solidarity with the struggle of the Palestinians.

As confirmed by the International Court of Justice in its 2004 opinion, Israel's Apartheid wall (over 700km long by 8m

high) continues the Israeli tradition of expansionism, theft of Palestinian land and forcible expulsion of its native residents. In the longer term, and in the words of the Israeli Peace Bloc, Gush Shalom, the Wall has the "intention of quiet ethnic cleansing, the sort that cannot be photographed, but is nevertheless as effective and devastating".

Comparing Israel's Apartheid Wall to an international border such as that separating South Africa and Zimbabwe is simply wrong. Not only is the Wall built inside Palestinian territory, but the occupation itself continues to deny the Palestinians their independence.

SAUJS claims it encouraged students to sign its peace petition and that the "Palestinian Solidarity Committee refused to sign the petition".

We refused to sign SAUJS's petition because it left out the most important component of peacemaking: justice. The Wits PSC supports the call for a peaceful resolution,

but this peace must be premised on justice. As the International Court confirmed in its judgment, Israel's Wall is unjust and represents a barrier to peace.

South Africans know as well as anyone how central justice is to achieving peace. Without our principled commitment to justice in this country, the process of reconciliation could never have begun.

SAUJS disingenuously applies the reconciliatory language of post-apartheid South Africa to pre-liberation Palestine. It puts the cart before the horse. In so doing, SAUJS attempts to efface the fundamental injustices being visited upon Palestinians by the Israeli occupation. Reconciliation can only occur between liberated peoples, not when one has its boot on the neck of the other.

As for the argument that the WitsPSC's replica of Israel's wall is offensive to Jews, well, it's like saying that women's rights are offensive to some men and must therefore not be promoted.

Jewish people have been the victims of unspeakable crimes. Despite their (often rather diverse) understandings of exceptionalism, they too bleed when pricked. Like other victims, they are never immune from inflicting on others what was inflicted on them.

We, in our solidarity with the Palestinians, have a particular responsibility to ensure that this struggle does not become a doormat for anti-Jewish racism. At the same time, principled Jews who are committed to "Never Again" must, with all other decent people, ensure that "Never Again" is not reduced to "Never Again to Us".

Our commitment to solidarity with Palestinians is part of a historical legacy of resistance to oppression worldwide, which includes rejection of slavery, colonialism, nazism, apartheid and occupation. Our principle is "Never Again to Any of the Human Family". And the Palestinians are humans, for do they not also bleed when they are pricked?



PSC Chairperson
Mohammed Desai

"Journalism is a moral weapon"

ERICA DREIJER

INDIAN Editor Tarun Tejpal told Wits student last Friday that he believes journalists should "develop into moral warriors" by distinguishing between what's right and wrong and backing what's right.

Tejpal is editor-in-chief of *Tehelka*, an independent weekly paper in India. The paper broke the cricket match-fixing story that exposed Hansie Cronje, former South African captain.

Being a journalist does not mean sitting on the fence, but getting involved, he said. He believes journalists must "roll up your sleeves, get into the gutter and do the dirty work".

The "easy way out [for journalists] is to be the dispassionate observer," he said.

He cited his own publication, *Tehelka* (literally meaning panic), an independent newspaper which he started with the intention of being in opposition to power. Originally it was published online, to cut down on costs like distribution, printing and paper and ensure that the "money can go where it should go, into journalism."

Tehelka was intended to serve the public by asking uncomfortable questions instead of delivering trivia about Bollywood and Paris Hilton's life, he said.

In 2001, after an eight-month

investigation, *Tehelka* blew the whistle on India's biggest corruption scandal by exposing bribery in a government arms deal. "All hell broke loose," he said.

The defence minister and a number of generals resigned. People were arrested. The government "just went for us," he said. Tejpal survived an attempted assassination. A commission of inquiry was opened and he "was accused of everything under the sun".

For three years, he and his family lived in constant fear for their lives. Some days they would literally have to

decide on which computer to sell, to stop the newspaper from being closed down. The website closed, but in the public's eyes, the journalists of *Tehelka* "became overnight heroes."

Tehelka had become aligned to something much bigger than just

being a newspaper. "We had become a metaphor for much larger truths," he said.

It became important to revive the newspaper. "My sense, was that if we let *Tehelka* die, the whole issue of investigative journalism in India would suffer a tremendous blow. If we bring *Tehelka* back, it gives a message that you might have to try something else, but you can succeed. It gives hope," he said.

Tejpal embarked on a nine-month campaign, travelling across India and addressing people on street corners and in night clubs asking them for their support.

Tehelka re-opened its doors in the beginning of 2004 as a print publication. According to Tejpal, there are three powers at work in a democracy: political power, money and the media. "In most democracies, money and political power work together hand-in-hand. The joker in the pack tends to be media," he said.

Journalists' role is to hold power and money accountable so that it acts responsibly and with accountability. He said: "Power and money have the ability to make themselves heard. So we [in the media] only need to represent those

that don't have a voice."

For Tejpal, "it's not about reaching the masses, it's the people that you reach that make decisions, those are the people you need to impact on. If you can shift the lens for those people, that's what important."



NEWS

South Africa goes green

LENYARO SELLO

A THIRD year BCom student is creating the first green map in South Africa - the third in Africa after Zimbabwe and Uganda.

Benji Shulman explains that the concept of the green map is to apply symbols which are the same everywhere in the world to particular areas.

In Zimbabwe the green map has been used as a planning tool, with a special map for the Victoria Falls area. Uganda has the first hand-drawn green map due to lack of computer access.

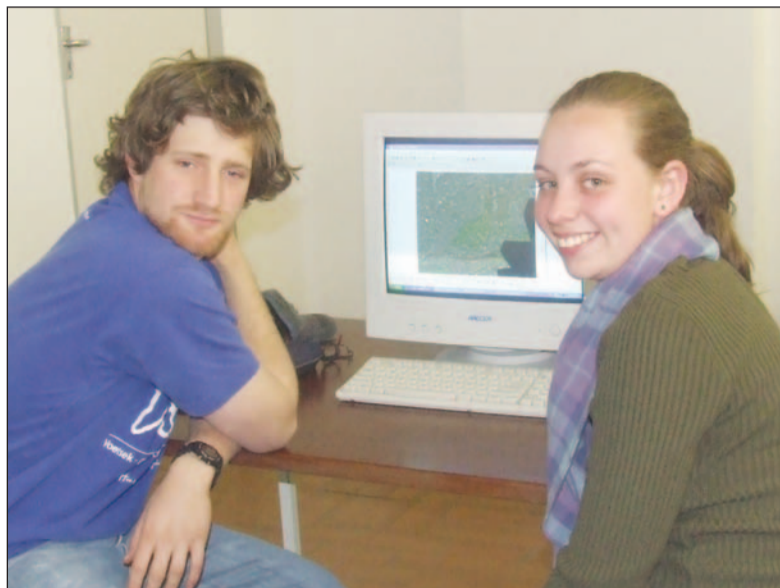
The South African version, dubbed Egoli green map, by Shulman depicts Jo'burg's north eastern areas.

"It is an environmental educational tool, and an advocacy tool," says Shulman.

"It is community friendly and the community can relate to their surroundings and understand where they are and what is going on around them," said team member, Claire Davis, 3rd year BSc.

The symbols on the map represent theatres, a zoo, duck pond, water resources, wet lands, art centre, historical areas, organic shops, sunset places and public transport.

The project was started in November last year and will be launched in



GREENING IT: Benji Shulman and Claire Davis take a break from their work
Photo: Lenyaro Sello

October.

Shulman says the idea to make the map came about in his second year of study. "We did a course in geography about map making and the whole thinking behind it and how they do it. I started researching on the internet, looking at different maps. I came across the green map system and I

emailed them. I got a team together and we started doing it."

The project uses architects, graphic designers, biologists and accountants to help develop the business plan.

"We had never done this before and that was a challenge. We work closely with the NGO Green Map System that is our support base."

A night at the Res Oscars

PHAKAMISA NDZAMELA

And the Oscar goes to ... the girl with the highest tolerance for alcoholic beverages.

The Medhurst residence at the Wits School of Education held its own "Oscar Awards" last weekend.

Besides the student who best holds her beverages, the ceremony also recognised the "sexiest lady" of the year, the most "intimidating lady", the most interesting weave and the most "talented lady".

The awards were "there to boost self-esteem of Medhurst girls," according to Yandisa Xhakaza, entertainment officer of the Medhurst House Committee. "It was something new and it has never happened in the history of Medhurst."

Colleen Lediga, the chairman of the All Residence Council (ARC) described the award ceremony as "one of those innovative events by house committees. It was also an opportunity to be in suits".

In keeping the evening entertaining the award ceremony featured hip-hop and comedy sessions.

Rob Sharman, the Head of Residence Life walked away with the 911 award for being there for the girls when there were no lights and hot water.

Sharman described the awards as "lovely, wonderful and a very elegant evening". He added that the evening was an example of how students enjoyed themselves without necessarily consuming alcohol excessively.

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The president toppler and the master of disguise feel the Power

ERICA DREIJER

NOT MANY can claim they contributed to the dismissal of a president.

Sheila Coronel and her team at the Phillipine Center for Investigative Journalism (PCIJ) can. Their evidence contributed to President Joseph Estrada being sacked in 2001.

Coronel is visiting Wits next week for the annual Power Reporting conference of the Investigative Journalism Workshop.

Coronel began her unofficial career in journalism at an underground newspaper and her official career when she joined the *Philippine Panorama* as a reporter in 1982.

In 1983 she reported on the protests that followed opposition leader Benigno Aquino's death. Aquino was killed on the tarmac of the Manila airport on his return from exile in Boston.

She came face to face with angry crowds shouting: "Write the truth. Write what you see." It was her first call to become an investigative journalist, Coronel has said.

She reported on human rights issues, the growing democratic movement and Corazon Aquino's election as president.

She also worked for the *Manila Chronicle* as a political



reporter and covered seven attempted coups against the Aquino government for The New York Times and The Guardian (London).

She and her colleagues started the Phillipine Center for Investigative Journalism in 1989, working from a borrowed office with second-hand equipment and no paid staff except for a secretary.

The PCIJ trained journalists in investigative skills and reported on major social issues like the military, poverty and corruption.

Some of their initial stories forced the resignations of officials, including several Cabinet ministers and one Supreme Court justice.

In 2000, they embarked on a year-long investigation on the wealth of Estrada, a boozing, womanizing former movie actor who was wildly popular among ordinary Filipinos.

They uncovered his extravagant lifestyle, which led to him being charged with corruption and finally to his dismissal.

Under Coronel's leadership, the Center became the premier investigative reporting institution in

the Philippines and Asia.

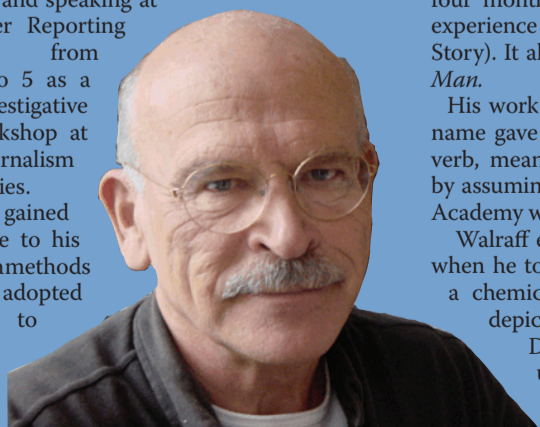
She is the author and editor of *Coups, Cults & Cannibals*, a collection of reportage; *The Rulemakers: How the wealthy and well-born dominate Congress; and Pork and other Perks: Corruption and Governance in the Philippines*, and has received numerous awards and widespread recognition of her work, including the Ramon Magsaysay Award, which some call Asia's Nobel Prize.

FARHANA ISMAIL

A MASTER of disguise, who exposes wrongdoing by pretending to be everything from a tramp to an editor and an alcoholic to a chemical factory worker, will be coming to Wits next week

Unorthodox investigative journalist, Gunter Walraff will be training and speaking at the Wits Power Reporting Workshop from September 3 to 5 as a guest of the Investigative Reporting Workshop at the School of Journalism and Media Studies.

Walraff gained prominence due to his unusual research methods in Germany. He adopted fictional roles to infiltrate industrial work places, secret services, arms



smuggling rings and newsrooms. One of the hard hitting exposes included in his book

Ganz unten (Lowest of the Low).

dealt with the exploitation and discrimination of Turkish guest workers.

He was instrumental in uncovering the dubious news gathering methods of Germany's most popular tabloid Bild. He did this by landing the job of editor for four months, under the pseudonym 'Hans Esser'. This experience is described in his book *Der Aufmacher* (Lead Story). It also formed the basis for the movie *The Inside Man*.

His work was given an unusual compliment when his name gave rise to a new word. "Walraffa" is a Swedish verb, meaning "to expose misconduct from the inside by assuming a role". It has been included in the Swedish Academy word list.

Walraff embarked on this type of journalism in 1969 when he took on the roles of a tramp, an alcoholic and a chemical factory worker. These experiences were depicted in the publication, *13 Undesired Reports*.

Despite being criticised, charged and prosecuted under, among others, Germany's privacy laws, Walraff continues in his quest to expose wrongdoing. His latest undercover operation was at a German call centre.

Walraff's books have sold millions of copies and have been translated into more than 30 languages.

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