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Faculty of Law hosts Society of Teachers of Law conference

The University celebrates its centenary in 2008 with the theme *A century in the service of knowledge*. The centenary starts officially with the University's birthday celebrations on 8 February 2008 and ends with the Laureate Ball on 15 November 2008. While the University commemorates its centenary, the Faculty of Law celebrates its 90th birthday in 2008. As part of the centenary and 90 year celebrations, the Faculty will host the Law Teachers' Conference; a Prestige Lecture Series by Judges; a Birthday Ball for staff, students and alumni; the African Human Rights Moot Court Competition; the 5th Annual Trade Moot; and the Faculty Cultural Festival.

One of the flagship events, the Society of Teachers of Law of Southern Africa (STLSA) Conference, will take place from 21 to 24 January 2008. The conference offers an ideal forum to discuss some of the most recent developments in all fields of law. Although the primary theme of the conference is the Harmonisation of Law in Africa and the challenges that globalisation and the need for closer regional co-operation pose for the law, there will be discussions on a diversity of topics on almost all aspects

Prof Caroline Nicholson, convenor of the Society of Teachers of Law of Southern Africa Conference in discussion with Prof Stefan van Eck, centenary celebrations convenor of the Faculty of Law



of the law. Selected conference papers will be published in the accredited journal, *De Jure*.

The convenors of the conference have included workshops on class actions and legal education and skills as well as a panel discussion on the future of family law. Other sessions included in the programme canvass the Civil Unions Bill, Labour Law, Child Law, Consumer Protection Law; Therapeutic Jurisprudence; Clinical Law; Jurisprudence; Constitutional Law; Human Rights Law and many more. The number of sessions has been reduced from previous years so as to make each session longer and thus optimize the opportunity for meaningful discussions. A new presenters' session has been included in the programme where three young academics will make presentations and compete for a book prize sponsored by Oxford University Press.

Speakers will include such legal luminaries as Judge Edwin Cameron, Sir Bob Hepple and Prof David Pugsley. Other speakers come from Australia, Puerto Rico, Mauritius, Swaziland and Lesotho.

'The Law Teachers Conference will also give delegates the opportunity to meet old friends and make acquaintances in an academic environment' says Prof Caroline Nicholson, Head of the Department of Legal History, Comparative Law and Legal Philosophy, who is the organiser of the Conference.

In the tradition of the STLSA conferences, delegates can look forward to a full programme that includes exciting entertainment. The President of the Pan African Parliament has been invited to appear as a guest speaker at the cocktail function; delegates will enjoy an informal braai sponsored by LexisNexis, at which guests will be treated to jazz music, and a formal gala dinner sponsored by Juta.



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Note from the Dean

I hope that the pages of this TUKSLAW NEWS will give its readers a sense of what life in the Faculty is all about, of the people who work and study here, of our aspirations and achievements and, in some cases, our frustrations. TUKSLAW NEWS is intended to serve as a mirror, reflecting to ourselves that which we are, and a window to enable others to catch a glimpse of what we do.

TUKSLAW NEWS is designed to ensure better communication between Faculty staff, students and alumni, and the legal profession and donors, as well as our partners and peers at other universities in South Africa and overseas. Promoting the role of lawyers and of law in our society is a collective effort, and we want to share with all our partners in the enterprise.

The first edition of TUKSLAW NEWS covers the entire 2007. It is envisaged that the publication will appear more regularly in future.

Thanks to Annalize Brynard who is the editor of this first edition.



Prof Christof Heyns

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Appointments



'Ons taak is om afgeronde regsgeleerdes aan die professie te lewer'

– Prof Trynie Davel

Prof Trynie Davel is aangestel as die Hoof van die Departement Privaatreg. Sy is sedert 1 Januarie 1980 'n dosent in dié Departement.

Prof Davel is vanaf die stigting van die Sentrum vir Kinderreg die Direkteur daarvan. Sedertdien het die Sentrum gevorder van 'n eenheid wat op navorsing en die uitbou van die vakgebied Kinderreg fokus, tot 'n gespesialiseerde regslyn wat met behulp van litigasie in die openbare belang kinderregte daadwerklik bevorder.

Wat haar betref, is die Fakulteit Regsgeleerdheid in 'n opwindende fase, omdat die Fakulteit met die oog op internasionale erkenning en mededingendheid geposisioneer word. 'Die kerntaak van die Fakulteit Regsgeleerdheid is om afgeronde regsgeleerdes aan die professie te lewer wat trustees van geregtigheid en ambassadeurs van die Fakulteit sal wees.'

Prof Davel beskik oor uitgebreide doseerervaring, maar op die oomblik spesialiseer sy in veral Kinderreg, Deliktereg en Skadevergoedingsreg. Sy het reeds vier doktorsale kandidate afgelewer en 'n verdere sewe studente voltooi op die oomblik hulle proefskrifte onder haar leiding. Twee verhandelingsstudente het die LLM-graad onder haar voltooi en sy is ook die koördineerder van die gedoseerde LLM-program in Kinderreg. Sy is die mede-outeur van 'n standaardhandboek oor die Personereg, die redakteur, outeur en/of mede-outeur van sewe ander boeke, nege hoofstukke in boeke en 33 artikels en vonnisbesprekings. Sy het reeds twee keer die Uitmennende Presteerder-toekenning van die Universiteit ontvang.



Prof Trynie Davel, nuwe Hoof van die Departement Privaatreg

Sy tree gereeld as spreker by nasionale en internasionale kongresse op, behoort aan verskeie internasionale verenigings en is ook onlangs as die ondervoorsitter van die Behorende Raad van die Inter-universitêre Sentrum vir Onderwysreg en Beleid verkies.

New Head for Mercantile Law

Prof Stefan van Eck was appointed as Head of the Department of Mercantile Law. He joined the Department of Mercantile Law in 1988 as an Academic Assistant. 'I became a member of the Department to further my post-graduate studies, but became so attached to teaching and the academic environment that I decided to make it my career', he remarks.

Being the biggest department in the Faculty, it became clear to him that if teaching and research fare well within the Department of Mercantile

Law, it normally augers well for the Faculty as a whole. The Department currently has among its faculty members nationally recognised authors, opinion formers in their fields of expertise, researchers, editors and teachers who are acknowledged on a regular basis as lecturer of the year.

Prof van Eck views the students of the Faculty of Law as a pool of human capital that will soon make a contribution to the broader

South African society. 'We do not only train prosecutors, attorneys, advocates, magistrates and judges – we also prepare well-rounded young people who will shape the country in the fields of commerce, politics and government. It is exciting to meet former students and hear about the progress they have made after they left the University,' he says.

Having completed his doctoral thesis in the area of labour dispute resolution in 1993, he served articles at the University of Pretoria Legal Aid Clinic and was admitted as an attorney during 1997.

Prof van Eck has participated in research and teaching assignments in Australia, the USA, Spain and France. He sees his recent lectures at the University of Paris (Sorbonne Campus) during September 2007, as one of the highlights of his teaching career. Apart from serving as co-author with Prof Fanie van Jaarsveld of *Principles of Labour Law* and *Kompendium van Arbeidsreg*, he has also contributed chapters to international publications such as *International Insolvency Law: Themes and Perspectives* (Ashgate Publishers) and *Legal Protection of Worker's Human Rights: Regulatory Changes and Challenges* (Hart Publishers), due for publication during 2008.

Prof van Eck's outside interests include cycling, canoeing and travelling. He hopes to participate in his 8th Cape Argus Cycle Tour in March 2008.



Prof Stefan van Eck, appointed as Head of the Department of Mercantile Law



Appointments



'The challenge is to find the balance between maintenance and innovation'

– Prof Frans Viljoen

Prof Frans Viljoen was appointed as the new Director of the Centre for Human Rights

Prof Viljoen obtained the degrees LLB, MA (in Afrikaans literature) and LLD (on the African regional human rights system) from the University of Pretoria and the degree LLM from Cambridge University. His doctorate, entitled *The realisation of human rights in Africa through inter-governmental institutions*, awarded in 1998, is squarely focused on the main research and teaching concerns of the Centre, for Human Rights.

Since its inception in 2000, Prof Viljoen has been the academic co-ordinator of the LLM (Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa) programme, presented by the Centre in collaboration with seven partner law faculties across Africa.

Prof Viljoen received a National Research Foundation (NRF) rating of 'B2' and has published numerous articles and other contributions in the field of international human rights law, and more specifically, African

human rights law. He has also conducted research for the United Nations, the African Union, and non-governmental organisations, and is editor-in-chief of the *African Human Rights Law Journal* and co-editor of the English and French versions of the *African Human Rights Law Reports*. He recently published a monograph, entitled *International human rights law in Africa*, with Oxford University Press.

He has visited 40 of the 53 African countries and his working knowledge of French is an asset in establishing and maintaining contact with many of the Centre's partners in Africa.

Having been involved in two programmes at the Centre for Human Rights, from their inception, Frans is aware that merely maintaining the current momentum and standards is a significant challenge. According to him: 'It is important to ensure that these programmes are further supported and strengthened, not only to ensure their survival, but also their growth. However, the greatest challenge is to build innovatively on past accomplishments, and to establish the Centre as a research institution that responds to the burning issues of our time.'

Three staff members promoted

Three staff members have been promoted with effect from 1 January 2008. They are Dr Stu Woolman and Dr Bernard Bekink from the Department of Public Law who are promoted from Senior Lecturer to Associate Professor, and Mr Tshepo Madlingozi from the Department of Legal History, Comparative Law and Legal Philosophy who is promoted from Lecturer to Senior Lecturer.



Dr Bernard Bekink



Dr Stu Woolman



Mr Tshepo Madlingozi

UNESCO award for Centre for Human Rights

On Africa Day, 25 May 2007, the Centre for Human Rights was awarded the 2006 UNESCO Prize for Human Rights Education. The ceremony, which was attended by over 200 invited guests, was held in the Auditorium of the Faculty of Law. The keynote address was delivered by Deputy Minister of Education of South Africa, Mr Enver Surty.

The announcement of the award was made in Paris on International Human Rights Day, 10 December 2006, by the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Mr Kiichiro Matsuura.

Prof Neo Mathabe, Chairperson of the South African National Commission for UNESCO, congratulated the Centre on behalf of the South African UNESCO office. She was followed by Prof Calie Pistorius, Vice Chancellor and Principal, who emphasised that the Centre is a symbol of excellence to which the University aspires.

In a recorded message, UNESCO Director-General, Mr Matsuura, said that the award recognised 'the Centre's active participation in the construction of a democratic, apartheid-free society in South Africa and its significant contribution to the building of a culture of human rights by means of education and training in South Africa and on the African continent'.

The Chairperson of the International Jury of the UNESCO Prize, Prof Abdelfatah Amor of Tunisia, who also attended the ceremony, said that in deciding in favour of the Centre, the Jury wished to 'pay tribute to an institution that made remarkable efforts to build and consolidate a democratic, apartheid-free society in a country that suffered for so long from this scourge.'

In accepting the award Prof Christof Heyns, former Director of the Centre for Human Rights, paid tribute to his colleagues who have built the Centre over many years, and in particular to his predecessor, the former Director of the Centre for Human Rights, Justice Johann van die Westhuizen of the Constitutional Court.



Mr Norman Teku, Acting Director of the Centre of Human Rights was the Master of Ceremonies of the occasion

Prof Christof Heyns, former Director of the Centre for Human Rights, receives the award from Dr Claudia Harvey while Mr Vladimir Voldin looks on



Gus Waschefort receives scholarship for post-graduate study



Gus Waschefort with Ms Gill Jacot-Guillarmod of the Centre for Human Rights

Gus Waschefort, who completed his LLB degree last year *cum laude* and has represented the Faculty at a number of international moot court competitions, was awarded the prestigious FirstRand Laurie Dippenaar Scholarship for post-graduate study.

His programme of study is a two-year research-based Master's degree (MPhil) at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) at the University of London. The topic of his research relates to the prevention of the recruitment of child soldiers, and their demobilisation.

International scholarship for Head of Procedural Law



Prof André Boraine

Prof André Boraine, Head of the Department of Procedural Law, received an International Association of Restructuring, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Professionals (INSOL) International Scholarship.

This International Scholarship entails that Prof Boraine is on a part-time basis involved in research projects covering insolvency law developments in Africa, the Middle-East and Europe. INSOL Scholars are responsible for issuing quarterly reports on current legislative and case law developments relevant to international insolvency in their respective regions. INSOL Scholars also work closely with INSOL's Technical Manager to formulate new projects, including long-term studies in conjunction with organisations such as the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, and the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law.

Colours in sports for law students

Two third-year LLB students, Hanri Ehlers and Gert-Andries van der Merwe, were awarded colours in sports at the Sport Awards Dinner in October.

Hanri received colours for netball while Gert-Andries was awarded colours for rugby.

Hanri Ehlers and Gert-Andries van der Merwe





Dean's merit list a singular achievement

To have one's name appear on the Dean's Merit List has become a singular achievement for students in the Faculty. The students were invited to attend a cocktail function to celebrate their achievement.



Prof Christo Botha, Head of the Department of Public Law (centre) with students



Students at the Dean's Merit List cocktail function



Taking Pretoria to the world and bringing the world to Pretoria

'Internationalisation in the Faculty of Law involves taking Pretoria to the world and bringing the world to Pretoria' says Prof Christof Heyns, Dean of the Faculty of Law.

Internationalisation in the Faculty is driven by the Internationalisation Committee with Prof Anton van der Linde from the Department of Private Law as Chairperson. 'The Faculty intends to capitalise on its leading position in Africa and its network on the continent, but does not focus on Africa exclusively', says Prof van der Linde.

In terms of existing exchange programmes with overseas universities, 11 international students participated in the LLB programme at the Faculty. They were also actively involved in day to day student life. One of our students, Riëtte Meyer, participated in the exchange programme at the Freij Universiteit in Amsterdam. Several lecturers of the Faculty visited our overseas partners for the purpose of teaching, conducting research and attending conferences.

The Faculty presents the LLM in Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa through the Centre for Human Rights, which involves a partnership between our Faculty and several African Universities.



Prof Anton van der Linde, Chairperson of the Internationalisation Committee

Riëtte Meyer with a Chinese friend among the 'tulips from Amsterdam'



Many Faculty members were elected to international bodies and committees, for example the International Bar Association. Staff members are encouraged to deliver papers at international conferences and to focus on international publications. From time to time members of the Faculty act as external evaluators with regard to LLB programmes at other African universities.

3rd-year LLB student in exchange programme in Netherlands

Riëtte Meyer, a 3rd-year LLB student, was part of an exchange programme at the Freij Universiteit, Amsterdam, in The Netherlands. The programme consisted of three electives for her final year LLB.

Since the policy in The Netherlands is that up to 40 per cent of students attending universities should be exchange students from other countries, Riëtte was one of a few hundred exchange students from all over the world. 'Not only did I get the opportunity to become friends with people from different backgrounds and cultures, but in our courses the lecturers focused on the different legal systems represented by the students in our class', she said.

Riëtte also mentioned that the programme was not only a great opportunity to study principles not covered in any undergraduate law course in South Africa, but that she benefited from the experience of writing academic papers, and of doing oral and take-home examinations.

Dosent baat by Europese belastingstelsel

Me Elzette Muller van die Departement Handelsreg het gedurende September 2007 Europa besoek vir navorsing vir haar LLD-proefskrif getiteld *Wealth transfer taxation*. Haar proefskrif handel oor aspekte van boedelbelasting, skenkingsbelasting en kapitaalwinstbelasting.

Me Elzette Muller in die Squires Regsbiblioteek by die Universiteit van Cambridge





Loretta Feris appointed as international advisor on UNEP programmes

Prof Loretta Feris from the Department of Public Law was invited by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to act as an international advisor to governments on the UNEP Programme for the Development and Periodic Review of Environmental Law for the First Decade of the Twenty-first Century (Montevideo Programme).

These programmes were instrumental in providing UNEP with strategic guidance in addressing key environmental concerns through the development of new treaties and other soft law instruments. As a result of the Montevideo Programmes, legal instruments are developed to address issues such as biodiversity protection and ozone depletion.

Prof Feris attended a meeting in Geneva, Switzerland, to which 15 experts from around the world were invited to review the implementation of the Montevideo Programme III and to consider elements for a future Montevideo Programme IV. The group of advisors will present their work at the end of November for further consideration and negotiation by the Governing Council of UNEP.

Prof Loretta Feris was also recently appointed to the Teaching Committee of the World Conservation Union (IUCN) Academy of Environmental Law. She is also a Law Commissioner of the IUCN.



Mr Tshepo Madlingazi

Pan African Parliament involvement

Mr Tshepo Madlingazi from the Department of Legal History, Comparative Law and Legal Philosophy and the Dean, Prof Christof Heyns, have on a number of occasions acted as resource persons for the Pan-African Parliament (PAP) Sub-committee on Rules, Privileges and Discipline. On these occasions

they presented background papers focusing on the harmonisation of laws on the African continent.

Mr Madlingazi was invited to a meeting hosted in Botswana in March by the PAP and the SADC Parliamentary Forum to present a paper entitled 'The role of PAP and regional Parliamentary bodies in the harmonisation of laws and policies in Africa'. He has also presented a discussion document to the PAP sub-committee on Peace and Human Rights.

Europese aanslag op besoedeling bestudeer

Me Birgit Kuschke van die Departement Privaatreg het in September in die Verenigde Koninkryk, België en Nederland besoek afgelê om navorsing vir haar LLD-proefskrif getiteld *Insurance against Damage caused by Pollution* te voltooi.

Sy het by die Squires Regsbiblioteek van die Universiteit van Cambridge navorsing gedoen, op uitnodiging van Prof Herman Couzy as tydelike genoot by die Regsbiblioteek van die Katholieke Universiteit Leuven gewerk, en het ook by die International Insurance Law Library in Leuven en die biblioteek van die Erasmus Universiteit in Rotterdam navorsing gedoen.



Me Kuschke buite 'n vyftiende eeuse woonkwartier in Leuven, België

Lulu Matakala at Cambridge University

Ms Lulu Matakala, Lecturer in the Department of Legal History, Comparative Law and Legal Philosophy, is currently completing her doctoral degree at Cambridge University



Stefan van Eck teaches at the Sorbonne in Paris

Prof Stefan van Eck from the Department of Mercantile Law was invited to present a series of lectures on labour law at the Université Paris I – Sorbonne.

Prof van Eck taught as a group of 20 South African students, who had been selected to participate in a one year full-time Master's degree programme. The students were selected from a pool of South African applicants who have acquired more than 5 years working experience after having obtained their engineering degrees.

The course administrator, Mr Francois Morvan, says that this teaching initiative emanates from a joint project between the South African and French governments to train a group of elite South African engineers, who after the completion of their studies in Paris and their return to the African continent, will hopefully become the future managing directors of engineering firms in South Africa.



Prof Stefan van Eck at the University of Sorbonne in Paris



Christof Heyns appointed as Fellow at Oxford

Prof Christof Heyns has been appointed as Visiting Fellow at Kellogg College, Oxford University for a two-year period. He has also been teaching in the Master's Programme at Oxford for a number of years and has been reappointed to this position in the University for 2008. He teaches and coordinates the Comparative Regional Human Rights Systems at Oxford, which is part of the Master's of Studies of Law Programme and which is attended by students from all over the world. According to Prof Heyns: 'There is no reason why the best and brightest students from our Faculty cannot excel in programmes like these. We as a Faculty should set ourselves the task of producing a Rhodes Scholar within the next five years.'

Prof Heyns has been reappointed for 2008 as Adjunct Professor at the George Washington School of Law of the American University in Washington DC, where he has been teaching for seven years.

Master's students visit Rwanda, Sierra Leone and Somaliland

Every year, the 30 students on the LLM (Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa) Programme of the Centre for Human Rights visit places of interest to their course on the African continent. This year, in March, ten students went to Rwanda, ten to Sierra Leone and ten to Somaliland.

Rwanda

The students who went to Rwanda visited Parliament to attend sessions; they visited embassies and in Kigali, the capital of Rwanda, they had discussions with the Gacaca Court Secretariat. They also visited the University of Butare and met the Vice-President of the Human Rights Commission.



Sierra Leone

The main event of the trip to Sierra Leone was when the students visited the Special Court in Sierra Leone (SCSL). They also had a meeting with Justice Iloe, Chairperson on the Legacy Working Group of the SCSL, as well as the Chief Justice for Sierra Leone, Dr Ade Renner-Thomas.

Students view pictures of the atrocities of the war at the office of the Council of Churches

Somaliland

Somaliland used to be a part of Somalia but declared independence in 1991 after a devastating war waged by the troops of former Somali President Said Barre.

The students were accompanied by a visiting professor to the Centre for Human Rights, Dr David Padilla, Adv Fritz Gaerdes and Adv Jacob van Garderen (from Lawyers for Human Rights), Ms Susan Precious (Programme Manager) and Mr Martin Nsibirwa (LLM Programme Manager).

Some of the highlights included a briefing by the Ministers of Justice and Education of Somaliland. They were also addressed by the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Hargeisa, Prof Eimi Haybe Abdi.



LLM Students outside the African Union in Addis Ababa

Head of Public Law delivers inaugural address

Prof Christo Botha, Head of the Department of Public Law, delivered his inaugural address in October 2007. The title of his address was 'Failed states, fading dreams and a failing constitutional democracy: The (critical) role of public law academics'.

In his address Prof Botha argued that thirteen years after South Africa's transition to a constitutional democracy under a supreme constitution, the role of public law academics must be based on substantive and fundamental critical reflection, which should not be conflated with reactionary criticism based on political convictions, personal predilections or popular perceptions.

In a continent abounding with failed states, public law academics must increasingly enter into a substantive critical discourse about fundamental constitutional law issues, in the process addressing the spectre of the



Prof Christo Botha (centre) with Prof Christof Heyns, Dean and Prof Chris de Beer, Vice Principal responsible for the Faculty of Law

South African state adorned with external value-laden constitutional symbolism, but with a crumbling democratic core. However, such a critical discourse also imposes the obligation of constructive engagement in an effort to address at least some of the problems. 'All legal academics are necessarily involved in the public law domain. Their crucial role is fostering a culture of respect for the rule of law, leadership and constitutional accountability amongst the lawyers and judicial officers of the future' he said.

Faculty raises admission requirements for new LLB students



Prof Melanie Roestoff, Chairperson of the LLB Committee of the Faculty

The Faculty Board decided to raise the admission requirements for new LLB students. Prof Melanie Roestoff from the Department of Mercantile Law, who chairs the LLB Committee, submitted the proposal to the Board in April 2007. The new admission requirements will be implemented in 2008 for the 2009 student intake.

Under the old system all students with a minimum M-score of 14 who applied before the end of September of the preceding year were automatically accepted into the LLB. Under the new system preference will be given to students with a minimum M-score of 18 (or the equivalent score under the new Admission Point Score system). These students will be accepted upon application until July, after which students with lower scores - to a minimum of 14 - will be admitted.

In addition to the above, new students are required to provide a letter of motivation, setting out why they want to study law and also why they want to study law at the University of Pretoria.

UP hosts launch of Forum of Editors of Law Journals

The editors of most of South Africa's academic law journals recently met at the Faculty of Law to form the Forum of Editors of Law Journals. This launch was initiated by the South African Law Deans Association (SALDA), which asked the Faculty of Law to be the host of the inaugural meeting

The editors of 19 journals met to discuss ways to contribute towards enhancing, in the long run, the quality of legal publishing and also to act in a pro-active way to ensure that the unique nature of legal research is understood in the broader research environment. Prof Johan Mouton, from CREST at the University of Stellenbosch, gave a bibliometric overview of legal journals, as seen in the context of academic journals in South Africa and internationally.

The Forum will look at a number of issues, including a code of good practice for legal journals. Its first meeting will be held at the University of Pretoria in January in 2008, during the Law Teachers Conference.





Chaskalson honoured

During the Winter Graduation Ceremony of the Faculty of Law, former Chief Justice Arthur Chaskalson was honoured with the LLD degree (*Honoris Causa*).

According to commendation, Judge Chaskalson was not only entrusted with building and strengthening the first Constitutional Court of South Africa, but he was also instrumental in shaping the constitutional dispensation in which this court could be established.

The honorary Doctorate was awarded to pay tribute to him as a jurist and exceptional human rights advocate. Judge Chaskalson remains actively involved in legal issues world wide, in doing the work of the International Commission of Jurists, an Institute of the Constitutional Court.

In the past, the Faculty has awarded honorary doctoral degrees to former Chief Justice Ismail Mahomed and the former President of South Africa, Mr Nelson Mandela.



Prof Christof Heyns, Dean, with Judge Arthur Chaskalson

Three staff members graduate



Dr Stu Woolman

During the Spring Graduation Ceremony in September 2007, three staff members were awarded degrees.

Dr Stu Woolman from the Department of Public Law was awarded the LLD degree. The title of his thesis is *The Selfless Constitution: Experimentation and flourishing as the foundation for South Africa's basic law*. His study leader was Prof Karin van Marle.

Dr Annelize Nienaber from the Department of Legal History was awarded the LLD degree upon completion of her thesis entitled *Ethics and human rights in HIV-related clinical trials in Africa with specific reference to preventive HIV vaccine efficacy trials in South Africa*. Her study leader was Prof Frans Viljoen.

Mr Lourens Grové of Law Clinic was awarded the LLM degree in Public Law (Medical Law). His dissertation is entitled *Framework for the implementation of euthanasia in South Africa*. His study leader was Prof Pieter Carstens.

Dr Annelize Nienaber



Mr Lourens Grové

African Moot Court Competition in Senegal



Participants in the Senegal Moot Court competition

In August, the Sixteenth African Human Rights Moot Court Competition was presented by the Centre for Human Rights at the Université Gaston Berger, Saint-Louis, Senegal. Over 70 universities from across the continent participated in this year's competition.

Over the last 15 years, 708 teams from 111 universities in 43 African countries have participated in the Competition held in 13 different countries on the continent. The Moot Court Competition has become one of the most useful mediums for contact and exchange between law students, academics and judges from all over Africa in African human rights issues and debates.

The Moot Court Competition brings together law students, academics, judges and human rights experts from all over Africa to argue and debate a hypothetical human rights case in a mock courtroom. Each university is represented by two students and the human rights lecturer. Separate preliminary rounds were held in English, French and Portuguese.

Several renowned international jurists served as judges in the final round and simultaneous interpretation was provided.

UP regstudente weners by Vrystaatse Eerstejaar Skynhofkompetisie



Twee TUKSREGTE studente is tydens die Vrystaatse Eerstejaar Skynhofkompetisie as die weners van die Engelse spanne aangewys.

Die uitdunrondtes is alternatiewelik in die Vrystaatse Afdeling van die Hooggeregshof en die Hoogste Hof van Appèl in Bloemfontein gehou.

Universiteite wat hierdie jaar aan die kompetisie deelgeneem het is Pretoria, Vrystaat, Johannesburg, Rhodes en Noord-Wes.

Ian Learmonth en Gustav Preller van UP is aangewys as die weners vanuit die agt Engelse spanne wat deelgeneem het. Dieselfde span se betoogshoofde is ook as die beste aangewys en Gustav Preller is as die beste spreker aangewys.

Uit 'n totaal van agt Afrikaanse spanne het een UP span (Inge Vrey en Paul van Marle) in die finale rondtes deelgeneem. Liné Lerm en Danielle Coetsee was die ander lede van die Afrikaanse span en Nicole Breen en Kennedy Haraseb van die Engelse spanne.

Die finale rondtes van die kompetisie is, onder andere, aangehoor deur Regters Edeling, Hefer en Lombard.

Eerstejaar regstudente wat aan die Vrystaatse Eerstejaar Skynhofkompetisie in Bloemfontein deelgeneem het saam met hul afrigters, Me Anne Louw en Mnr Lourens Grové

Faculties host lecture by Chancellor

The Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences, hosted a presentation by the Chancellor of the University, Prof Wiseman Nkhulu, in November. The topic on the presentation was 'NEPAD: An Assessment of Progress and Challenges'.

Prof Christof Heyns, Dean of the Faculty of Law; Prof Cebile Pistorius, Vice Chancellor and Principal; Prof Wiseman Nkhulu, Chancellor; Prof Esmé du Plessis, Chairperson of Council and Prof Carolina Koomhof, Dean of the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences



LexisNexis SA Intervarsity Mock Trial Competition



Morgan Courtenay and Kathleen Hardy

In September students of the Faculty of Law participated in the 4th LexisNexis SA Intervarsity Mock Trial Competition in Durban. The Faculty won the national competition in 2006.

Teams participating this year were the Universities of Pretoria; KwaZulu-Natal; Rhodes; Cape Town; Nelson Mandela; South Africa; North West; Witwatersrand; Fort Hare and Johannesburg.

The Faculty was represented by two final-year students, Morgan Courtenay and Kathleen Hardy. The team was coached and managed by Mr Lourens Grové from the Law Clinic.

The Faculty will host the SA Intervarsity Mock Trial Competition during 2008.

International Law in Domestic Courts Online Service

The International Law in Domestic Courts (ILDC) Online Service of Oxford University Press gives access to cases from domestic courts around the world dealing with all aspects of public international law.

Students and alumni of the Faculty of Law have contributed to the ILDC Online Service, especially in respect of Africa. The service currently includes cases from 10 African countries.

The cases are easily searchable in a rapidly expanding database which currently covers more than 65 jurisdictions. The ILDC Online Service includes summaries and the full text of the cases in the original language. For judgments in languages other than English relevant parts are translated. Brief commentaries put the judgments in context. The ILDC Online Service is a unique source of information for research and litigation in the field of international law.

Prof Christof Heyns, Dean of the Faculty of Law, is a member of the ILDC Editorial Board and Mr Magnus Killander, researcher in the Centre for Human Rights, is the ILDC Associate Editor responsible for Africa. Oxford University Press has recently agreed to make this service available free of charge to the Faculty.

PULP non-fiction

The Faculty of Law is perhaps the only faculty in the country with its own publishing house. The Pretoria University Press (PULP) publishes scholarly works on law not in the first place intended as textbooks or practitioner's reference works, hoping to stimulate the publication in book form of high-level critical and theoretical engagements especially with African law.

PULP has published seven such scholarly works, with three more due in 2007 and two early in 2008. PULP publishes collections of primary legal documents from Africa - legislation, case law, and regional legal instruments and a series of discussion pamphlets aimed at generating and reflecting public debate about issues of concern within the university context. In 2008 PULP will launch a law journal entitled *The Constitutional Court Review*.

Recent PULP publications

- The Centre for the Study of AIDS and the Centre for Human Rights at UP, in 2006 engaged in a research project to give a voice to Southern African perspectives on issues pertaining to HIV, AIDS, law and human rights. Four researchers were selected to address issues of increasing importance in the context of HIV and AIDS in the sub-region. The publication, *Human rights under threat: Four perspectives on HIV, AIDS and the law in Southern Africa* with Prof Frans Viljoen, Director of the Centre for Human Rights and Ms Susan Precious from the AIDS and Human Rights Research Unit as editors, brings together their papers, provides an introduction, and includes some useful SADC instruments. An independent peer review of the papers was done before publication.
- *The application of the doctrine of a loss of a chance to recover in medical law* by Pat van den Heever, practising attorney in Cape Town is the first ever major work dealing with the application of the doctrine of a loss of a chance in medical negligence matters in South Africa.
- Another book recently published by PULP is *Law, memory and the legacy of apartheid: Ten years after AZAPO v President of South Africa* by Prof Wessel le Roux from the Department of Public and International Law at UNISA and Prof Karin van Marle from the Department of Legal History, Comparative Law and Legal Philosophy at UP.

The first part of the publication focuses on the ability of law to institute and sustain a different politics of memory. In the second part of the publication the focus of the essays shifts from jurisprudential reflections on the politics of memory to more direct engagements with issues of reparation and restoration in the wake of past injustices.



PULP published the third edition of *Compendium of Key human rights documents of the African Union* edited by Prof Christof Heyns and Mr Magnus Killander in English and the first editions in French and Arabic. The Portuguese version is currently in production.



UNESCO launches book on poverty

In August this year the Faculty hosted a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) book launch. The book, *Freedom from poverty: Who owes what to the poor?* is published by Oxford University Press.

Mr Pierre Sané, Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences, UNESCO, delivered a public lecture at the launch.



From left : Prof Ramaranka Mogočane, Vice Principal ; Prof Christof Hoyns, Dean ; Mr Pierre Sané ; Prof Calle Pistorius, Vice Chancellor and Principal and Prof Chris de Beer, Vice Principal



Justice Brian Southwood and his wife, Isabeau, of the High Court, with Prof Pieter Carstens



LLM students who attended the book launch

Bekink in committee position at International Bar Association

Dr Bernard Bekink from the Department of Public Law is currently the Senior Vice Chairperson of the Public Law Committee of the International Bar Association (IBA).

The IBA is the principal organisation of international law societies, legal practitioners and bar associations. Since its founding in 1947 the IBA has contributed to legal development on a global scale.

The IBA has three main objectives, namely the encouragement of international legal information exchange, support for the principle of *trias politica* and the freedom from interference in the legal field and support

for human rights. In addition, various publications and symposiums supply the necessary network opportunities for legal practitioners. This also provides improvement of proficiency that is known to be unrivalled, in particular: the Public Law Committee (PLC) falls under the Legal Practice Division of the IBA and is mainly aimed at addressing public law issues of international interest.

Dr Bekink has been a member of the PLC since 2004 and his aim is specifically to further the aims of the PLC on the African continent and to act as a mediator between African countries and the PLC in general.

Publikasie plaas nuwe Kinderwet in die kollig

Regter Belinda van Heerden van die Hoogste Hof van Appél het in Oktober as gasspreker by die Fakulteit Regsgeleerdheid opgetree tydens die bekendstelling van 'n nuwe publikasie genaamd *Commentary on the Children's Act* met JUTA as uitgewers.

Die redakteurs van dié omvattende kommentaar oor die nuwe Kinderwet 38 van 2005 is prof Trynie Davel en dr Ann Skelton van die Sentrum vir Kinderreg.

Vytien outeurs het aan die publikasie meegewerk, en behalwe prof Trynie Davel en dr Ann Skelton het me Anne Louw, van die Departement Privaatreg en me Carina du Toit van die Sentrum vir Kinderreg, ook elk 'n hoofstuk geskryf. Elkeen van die hoofstukke van hierdie losblad-uitgawe dek 'n hoofstuk van die betrokke wet.



Fakulteit outeurs van die publikasie is prof Trynie Davel, me Anne Louw, me Carina du Toit en dr Ann Skelton



Prof Frans Viljoen, author of *International Human Rights Law in Africa*

Comprehensive book published on human rights in Africa

International Human Rights Law in Africa by Prof Frans Viljoen, the recently appointed Director of the Centre for Human Rights, is a comprehensive analytical overview of human rights law in Africa. The book, published by Oxford University Press, examines the institutions, norms and processes for human rights realisation provided for under the United Nations, the African Union, and sub-regional economic communities in Africa, and explores their relationship with the national legal systems of Africa states.

Three cross-cutting themes are followed throughout the book: national implementation and enforcement of international human rights, legal and other forms of integration, as well as the role of human rights in the eradication of poverty. The book also provides an introduction to relevant human rights concepts.



Prof Stella Vettori with her new book

Book explores employment contracts

The Employment Contract and the Changed World of Work by Prof Stella Vettori from the Department of Mercantile Law was published earlier this year by Ashgate Publishing Limited in London. The world of work has undergone major changes in the last two decades. The book examines these changes in their international context.

According to Prof Chris Nagel from the Department of Mercantile Law, 'This book is a much-needed addition to the literature on labour law, both in South Africa and abroad. The subject is very topical both in the national and international context.'

The view of Mr Justice Landman of the High Court of South Africa is: 'How is the contract of employment to remain relevant in the changed world of work? Stella Vettori brilliantly shows that the implied duty of good faith is the ideal vehicle for adapting the contract to changing conditions.'



Prof Pieter Carstens

Publication deals with the principles of medical law

Foundation Principles of South African Medical Law by Prof Pieter Carstens from the Department of Public Law, and Ms Debbie Pearmain, is the first textbook to thoroughly debate the *Foundational principles of medical law in context of the South African Constitution*.

The publication offers an authoritative text on the South African health care system; the regulation of the medical profession in South Africa; the legal basis of the doctor-patient relationship relating to the law of contract; the patient's privacy and medical confidentiality and many other issues.

Principles of local government in the spotlight

Principles of South African Local Government Law, by Dr Bernard Bekink, serves as a guide to obtain insight into local government and its functions.

The book explains the current legal dispensation of South African Local Government and underpins the municipal system's compliance with constitutional obligations. It also elucidates the local sphere's role in the system of co-operative governance and describes the local government's duties and responsibilities. The book aims to provide structure to the local sphere's legal dispensation.

Principles of South African Local Government Law provides information to the reader regarding the normative principles that form the basis of local government's legal dispensation, staffing matters, municipal finance, municipal public administration, the role of traditional leaders in the local sphere, and many more.

Reference is simplified with plain language that complements better understanding of this field of law.



Dr Bernard Bekink



Prof Martin Scheinin (regs) saam met Ambassadeur van Finland, Mr Heikki Tuunanen

Martin Scheinin lewer openbare lesing

Prof Martin Scheinin, Professor in die regte by die Åbo Akademi Universiteit in Finland, het in April 'n openbare lesing by die Fakulteit aangebied oor menseregte en terrorisme.

Prof Scheinin is die Verenigde Nasies se Spesiale Rapporteur vir die Beskerming en Bevordering van Menseregte en Fundamentele Vryhede in die Stryd teen Terrorisme. Hy doseer Konstitusionele en Internasionale Reg en is ook die Direkteur van die Instituut vir Menseregte by die Åbo Akademi Universiteit.



Justice Albie Sachs on campus

In April, staff and students of the Faculty attended a lecture on *Transformative Constitutionalism*, presented by Mr Justice Albie Sachs. The lecture formed part of the LLM programme in Constitutional law.

Justice Albie Sachs, Prof Koos Malan from the Department of Public Law and Prof Christof Heyns, Dean.

Halton Cheadle lectures on constitutionalisation

In October Prof Halton Cheadle, a labour lawyer and Director and co-founder of the Resolve Group, presented a guest lecture on constitutionalisation to the LLM Labour Law students.

Prof Cheadle, who teaches labour law at the University of Cape Town, has acted as a Judge of the Labour Court and the Eastern Cape Division of the High Court. He has been appointed to various commissions of enquiry and government delegations and is a former special advisor to

the Minister of Labour. He was the principal architect of the Labour Relations Act, 1995. He continues to participate in the drafting of legislation for a number of government departments and countries.

Prof Cheadle is the co-author of a number of leading textbooks. His most recent works include *Current Labour Law and South African Constitution: The Bill of Rights*.

Prof Halton Cheadle with Prof Stella Vettori from the Department of Mercantile Law

Van der Vyver lectures on the rights of the child

Prof Johan van der Vyver from the University of Emory (USA) presented a Faculty lecture on Friday 17 August in the Auditorium. The title of his lecture was *International Law Dimensions of Rights of the Child: American and South African Perspectives*.

The lecture formed part of a new Faculty initiative to introduce a Faculty lecture series.





Prof Hans Visser

Gedenklesing vir Hans Visser

Prof Hans Visser van die Departement Privaatreg is op Donderdag 14 Junie 2007 na 'n kort siekbed oorlede. Prof Visser het 'n uitnemende loopbaan as navorser op 'n verskeidenheid van geblede in die reg gehad.

Die Fakulteit het in Julie 2007 vir prof Visser 'n gedenklesing in die Auditorium aangebied. Die gedenkdiens is deur vriende, kollegas, familie, studente en vriende van die Fakulteit ter nagedagtenis bygewoon.

Die gasspreker was prof Johan Beckmann van die Departement Onderwysbestuur en Beleidstudie in die Fakulteit Opvoedkunde van UP. Sy onderwerp was 'Realigning school governance and the law - Hans Visser on cases and policies'.



Me Marlene Visser en prof Trynie Davel, Hoof van die Departement Privaatreg

Openbare lesing deur John Dugard



Prof John Dugard

Prof John Dugard, Buitengewone Professor in die Fakulteit, het in Maart 'n openbare lesing gelewer oor *Menseregte in Suid-Afrika: Verlede, hede en toekomst*. Hy het 'n perspektief gegee wat gebaseer is op sy eie ondervinding.

Prof Dugard is wyd bekend vir sy belangrike rol in die beskerming van menseregte tydens die apartheidsjare in Suid-Afrika, asook die oorgangstyd na demokrasie. Hy word internasionaal beskou as 'n leier op die gebied van die internasionale reg. Prof Dugard is 'n *ad hoc* regter in die Internasionale Geregshof in Den Haag en 'n lid van die Internasionale Regskommissie van die Verenigde Nasies, asook die Spesiale Rapporteur vir die Verenigde Nasies Menseregteraad oor die Besette Palestynse Gebied.

Prof Dugard doseer Internasionale Menseregte in die Sentrum vir Menseregte.

IACL provides forum to constitutionalists



Mr Norman Taku of the Centre for Human Rights

Mr Norman Taku, from the Centre of Human Rights, is the Deputy Secretary-General of the International Association of Constitutional Law (IACL).

Mr Taku's responsibilities are the general management and administration of the IACL, including the preparation and follow-ups of bi-annual Executive Committee meetings; coordinating all memberships (over 200 individuals, national associations and specialised institutes) including financial arrangements; shared responsibility for the regular update of the IACL website and English French translation.

The Secretary-General of the IACL, Prof Theunis Roux (Director of the Constitutional Court Institute, SAIFAC) is also co-editor of *Constitutional Law of South Africa* with Dr Stu Woolman from the Department of Public Law. Several graduates of the Centre's LLM in Human Rights and Democratisation programme are also based at SAIFAC.

The principal objective of the IACL is to provide a forum in which constitutionalists from all parts of the world can begin to understand each other's systems, explain and reflect on their own, and engage in legal comparison.



Centre for Child Law presents case in the Constitutional Court

Adv Ann Skelton

She appealed to the Constitutional Court, arguing that the constitutional rights of her children had not been given sufficient weight at the time of sentencing.

The Court invited interested parties to appear as *amicus curiae*, literally 'a friend of the court', and directed that papers be served on the Centre for Child Law – virtually an invitation to get involved in the case.

The case was argued on 22 February 2007. Paragraph 6 of the judgment by Justice Sachs reads as follows: 'The Centre for Child Law of the University of Pretoria was admitted as *amicus curiae* and Ms Skelton made wide-ranging written and oral submissions on the constitutional, statutory and social context in which the matter fell to be decided.'

The Constitutional Court recently handed down judgment in the case of *M v The State* (Centre for Child Law acting as *amicus curiae*).

The case dealt with an appeal by Ms M, a mother of three boys. She had been found guilty of fraud to the value of R19 000.00 and received a four-year jail sentence. On appeal this sentence was changed to correctional supervision to be served in the community, but Ms M was still required to serve one sixth of her sentence in prison.

Re-building the Faculty

The Building Committee of the Faculty initiated renovations of the building related to problems such as rising damp and new initiatives such as the zebra crossing in front of the building. During this, the entire building was repaired and currently the waterproofing of the Library is being re-done.

From left: Prof Christof Heyns; Dean; Mr Marcel Theron and Mr Willie Scheepers, from Technical Services; Mr Simon Maponya, Faculty Manager and Prof David Burdette, from the Department of Mercantile Law examine the outline of the renovation plans



Faculty plan submitted

The new plan for the Faculty of Law was submitted to the University Executive by the Dean and the Heads of Department in September. Previously the draft plan was discussed with various stakeholders in the Faculty, and it will be discussed at length with the Faculty at a strategic session in January.

The ambitious and comprehensive plan covers the period from 2007 to

2010, and provides for renewal in the Faculty on many fronts. This includes the greater internationalisation of the Faculty, and a stronger focus on post-graduate work. A part of the plan that was particularly well-received was the introduction of a full-time doctoral programme, catering for 30 students from around the world.

According to the Dean, Prof Christof Heyns: 'We are uniquely placed at the Faculty of Law. We can improve an excellent institution even further'.

Law of Africa Collection



*Ms Sibongile Luwaca
from the Law Library
at the Lesotho laws*

The Oliver R Tambo Law Library is home to the world's largest collection of the Law of Africa. The Library collects primary sources (legislation and law reports) from as many African countries as possible in order to facilitate research into the legal systems of Africa. The library has already built up a reasonable collection, which contains material on most of the SADC countries, as well as many other African countries. The material is available in paper format or in electronic format (CDs).

A database of citations to the law reports of African countries is also in the collection, containing over 9 000 records. The database may be used to find specific cases or to search for cases on specific topics. All of the judgments are kept in the collection of the law library.

'Material from African countries can be very difficult to gather. A donation from the Open Society is enabling us to broaden the collection by fetching material that would otherwise be impossible to collect. On a recent trip to Lesotho we collected a set of the Laws of Lesotho from 1960 to date, as well as the new law reports for that country', says Ms Shirley Gilmore of the Oliver R Tambo Library.

David Burdette groet

Prof David Burdette van die Departement Handelsreg wat alom bekend is vir sy sin vir humor en positiewe uitkyk, het aan die einde van Augustus die Universiteit verlaat om hom saam met sy vrou Alexa (en hulle twee honde) in die Verenigde Koninkryk te gaan vestig.

Prof Burdette is aangestel as professor in regte by Nottingham Law School, Nottingham Trent University. Hy werk in die Centre for Legal Research (CLR), Academic Legal Studies (ALS), en vorm deel van 'n groep van vier akademici wat bekend staan as die Insolvency Law Research Group (ILRG). Hul hoofsaak is om fondse deur middel van navorsingsprojekte te genereer vir staats- en ander instellings; om publiseerbare navorsing van hoë gehalte te lewer; om as studieleiers vir doktorsale studente op te tree en om nuwe LLM-programme te ontwerp en van stapel te stuur.



*Me Jackie Delpont en Fearika Heyns by die
afskidsgeleentheid*



*Prof David Burdette ontvang 'n Springbokrugby
as geskenk vanaf die Fakulteit*

Afskeid van Marlene Botha



Me Hannie-Marie Swart van die Dekaaanskantoor oorhandig 'n geskenk en blomme aan Marlene

Me Marlene Botha, sekretaresse van die Dekaan van die Fakulteit, en werksaam in die Fakulteit vir die afgelope 13 jaar, het aan die einde van Julie die diens van die Universiteit verlaat.

Prof Duard Kleyn, voormalige Dekaan van die Fakulteit Regsgeleerdheid wat agt jaar saam met Marlene gewerk het, sê die volgende van haar: 'Met haar aanstelling as die enigste sekretaresse in die kantoor van die Dekaan, het Marlene 'n geweldige leemte in die Fakulteit gevul. Op haar rustige en selfversekerde manier het sy die uitbouing van die kantoor ondersteun en fasiliteer: die aanstelling van 'n fakulteitsbestuurder, 'n skakelbeampte, 'n menslike hulpbronbeampte, boekhouer en tweede sekretaresse.'

'Marlene het studente, kollegas en die breë publiek beïndruk met die vriendelike, professionele en hulpvaardige manier waarop sy hulle, soms onder moeilike omstandighede hanteer het. Met haar vlymskerp rekenaarvaardighede het sy my lewe en dié van talle om haar aansienlik vergemaklik. Ek mis haar.'



Me Hanneljie Louw van die Departement Prosesreg en me Amelia Jansen van die Dekaaanskantoor by Marlene se afskeid

Alta Erasmus says goodbye

Ms Alta Erasmus, from Student Administration left the Faculty at the end of September. Staff members said goodbye to her at a function. Ms Erasmus has for many years been responsible for international students.

Ms Henriette van der Watt, Ms Rina Malan and Ms Alta Erasmus





The Annual Law dinner

Lecturers of the year: Prof Jolandi le Roux; Prof Rian Cloete; Ms Birgit Kuschke; Dr Sulette Lombard and Prof Neil van Schalkwyk

The annual law dinner, one of the highlights on the social calendar of the Faculty, was held on 19 October 2007. 450 students and staff members arrived in the rain to enjoy the evening together at the Amphi Theatre of the Voortrekker Monument.

The tables were decorated in red and black, there were sparkling lights, delicious food, good company and dancing which had many people stay until the early hours of the next morning.

One of the highlights of the evening was the announcement of the lecturers who were voted Lecturers of the Year by their students. Prof Neil van Schalkwyk was voted lecturer of the year by the English and Afrikaans first-year groups; Mrs Birgit Kuschke by the Afrikaans and English second-year groups; Dr Sulette Lombard by the English third-year group; Prof Rian Cloete by the third-year Afrikaans groups; and Prof Jolandi le Roux by the Afrikaans and English fourth-year groups.



The royal King and Queen was a prominent hand in the playing cards theme of the evening



Prof Rian Cloete with his wife Salomé, and prof Stefan van Eck with his wife Corné



Ms Tronel Joubert with her husband, Etienne

Students enjoyed the event

Ms Judith Goldenhuys and Mr Ian Hargrove



Regsfees vier kreatiwiteit en diversiteit

TUKSREGTE het op Donderdag 20 September 2007 die diversiteit en kreatiwiteit van sy studente en personeel gevier. 'n Regsfees met 'n 'huiskonsert' aanslag het ongeveer 400 personeellede en studente na die geleentheid getrek wat in die Regsgeleerdheidsgebou plaasgevind het.

Die personeel en studente het hulle kunswerke uitgestal, toneelstukke op die planke gebring, hul eie orkeste laat optree en spesialiteitsgeregte voorgesit.

'Dit is vir ons belangrik dat ons mekaar leer ken, ook buite die klaskamers, as mense met 'n verskeidenheid van talente en fasette, waarvan die reg net een is', sê Prof Christof Heyns, Dekaan.

Feesgangers is getrekteer op 'n verskeidenheid geregte wat ten minste 13 internasionale kultuurgroepe verteenwoordig het self deur studente en personeellede voorberei is. Dit het ingesluit melkert, Indiese pannekoek met groente kerrie, koeksisters, speserye-rys, gebraaide 'plantain' (piesang), spinasie met seekos, gekeurde hoender, stukkies beesvleis met aartappelslaai en warm beet, appeltart met karamel, bryani, rotti rolletjies, fudge, kierre en rys en boereworsrolletjies.

Teen sonder het die orkeste aan die beurt gekom. Musiek het gewissel van 'n klassieke aanslag, tot jazz en rap. Die hoogtepunt van die aand was 'n orkes van die Fakulteit, Die Outlaws, bestaande uit personeel en studente. Die orkes het bestaan uit 12 lede en het liedjies soos House of the rising sun en Streets of London gespeel. Hulle laaste liedjie was 'n oorgang van Bob Dylan na Guns and Roses se 'Knocking on heaven's door'. Die orkes Janice and the Half Jacks het die dag op 'n hoë noot geëindig.

Prof Heyns het gesê: 'Die fees was 'n reuse sukses, en ons wil kyk of dit 'n tradisie kan word. Dit was 'n baie goeie ondervinding, en eintlik is dit

waaroor die Fakulteit gaan – daar is ruimte vir almal om hulle verskeidenheid van talente en drome uit te leef. Ons soek juis mense hier wat talente op verskillende fronte het, en ek het baie daarvan hier gesien. En ek het die kans gekry om in 'n regte Rock and Roll band te speel!'



Pieter Carstens op klavierbord



Lede van die toneelgroep van 'Cry of a broken woman'





Floyd Makhanya van die sanggroep Isahakar



Bernard Bekink van die Outlaws op die mondfluitjie



Die Outlaws



Open Day at TUKSLAW

During May, the Faculty opened its doors to prospective students and their parents. Information sessions in the Auditorium were followed by discussions between parents, prospective students and staff of the six academic departments, the Law Clinic and Law House.

Frequent tours of the building gave visitors the opportunity to view the Sanlam Art Collection, the architecture of the building and the library.

Open Day at the University is the most important day of the year for prospective students. 'Open Day is an ideal opportunity for prospective students to speak to lecturers, senior students and staff from Student Administration', says Ms Bessie Slabbert, Head of Student Administration.



Ms Thea Illsley from the Department of Procedural Law talks to a prospective student



Ms Bessie Slabbert, Head of Student Administration informs visitors about the LLB programme





Legal profession brought to students

On the first Career Day at the Faculty in August, law firms in Pretoria and Johannesburg brought the legal profession to the doorstep of the third and final year law students.

Career Day created an opportunity for students to introduce themselves to law firms, submit their *curricula vitae* and ask questions about the profession.

Fifteen firms, publishing groups and other possible employers participated.

The Faculty invited different speakers from the profession to address the student about life as an advocate, an attorney or as a judicial officer.



Students had the opportunity to speak to representatives from law firms



Students submitted CV's and applications to law firms



Students were informed about career opportunities in the legal profession



UP and UJ law faculties meet

Staff of the Faculty visited the Faculty of Law at the University of Johannesburg for an informal lunch at their recreational grounds.

The annual lunch at one of the two faculties serves to strengthen relationships, to share developments in the legal profession and to get to know one another.



Prof Dawie de Villiers (UJ); Jean Sonnekus (UJ); Trynie Davel; Anton van der Linde and Rassie Malherbe (UJ)

Prof Stefan van Eck; Patrick O'Brien (UJ); Nicola Smit (UJ), Christo Botha and André Boraine



Ms Thea Illsley and Ms Ronel Jordaan from the Department of Procedural Law with Prof Louis de Koker (UJ)



Sekretaresdag gevier

Die sekretaresse van die Fakulteit Regsgeleerdheid het op Sekretaresdag 'n middagete by Tuscan Barbeques in Groenkloof geniet.

Hulle is van links Mev. Luzelle Coetsee (Departement Privaatreg); Desireé Willemse (Sentrum vir Kinderreg); Louise du Plessis (Handelsreg); Carole Viljoen (Sentrum vir Menseregte); Hanneke Louw (Prosesreg); Juanita Larkin (Publiekreg); Sunét Slabbert (Regsgeeskiedenis); Hetta de Beer (Handelsreg); Hannie Pretorius (Dekaanskantoor) en Amella Jansen (Dekaanskantoor)





Law House 2008 encourages student participation

The Law House of 2008 would like to improve student participation. 'We do not only want to provide an excellent education, but a pride in the Faculty of Law as well. The Law House urges all students to support the campaign of participation', says Justin Benjamin, Chairperson of Law House 2008.

Student involvement in debates, moot courts and research projects is important as Law House agrees to create a tradition of being the top debaters - not only in Africa.

Some of the projects being driven by Law House are Rag which also includes fund-raising initiatives and community projects, the student newsletter *De Facto*; the Law Festival and different sports activities. Law House will also participate in the publication of the *Pretoria Law Review*, a Law Journal aimed at providing students with the opportunity to publish their own articles on the Law. Moreover Law House will arrange visits to the Constitutional Court, and help with recruiting top learners.



The Law House Committee for 2008 is: Rush Rautenbach (Rag), Bianca Balmelli (Academic), Azraa Janse van Vuuren (Marketing), Erica Schrader (Academic), Carolina Alexander (Rag), Francois Wessels (Culture), Thuli Ncheke (Open), Anchané Kriek (Vice Chairperson), Harri Ehlers (Sport), Justin Benjamin (Chairperson), Faan Kock (Social) and Jannie Scherman (Sport)

Law House participates in 'Pot en Pons'



The Law House participated in the annual 'Pot en Pons' at the Rag Farm. The theme this year was World War I.

Every residence, day house and faculty house was given a spot on the Rag Farm to practice their abilities through semi-theatrical performances. They had to cook stew and mix punch. The judges rated every house's stall, food and punch – the outcome determined each house's place in the rag procession. The Law House ended in the 5th position.

Justin Benjamin, Chairperson Law House 2008 with Harri Ehlers and a friend from Zeus

Regskliniek onthaal studente

Die Regskliniek het 'n afsluitingsfunksie gehou vir studente wat die vak Praktiese Regskunde neem.

Verskeie pryse is deur mnr Johan Muller van Snyman de Jager Prokureurs, wat die borg was, asook prof Christof Heyns, Dekaan van die Fakulteit, oorhandig.



Afsluitingsfunksie vir studente van Praktiese Regskunde

...en vier Lentedag



Die reën kon niemand weghou nie



Law House hosts Golf Day



One of the fundraising events of 2007 was the Law House Golf Day held at Zwartkops Country Club in April.

Golfers Gert Andries van der Merwe; Dr Bernard Bekink; Mr Marius Hurter and Prof Rian Cloete

Students from Law House who were on the organising committee

