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CONFERMENT OF THE DEGREE OF
DOCTOR OF LITERATURE

Honoris Causa upon

BERNTH LINDFORS

Bernth Lindfors was born in Sweden in 1938 but grew up in the United States. He took a BA in English at Oberlin College, an MA at Northwestern University and a degree in English and Education at Harvard University.

In 1961, in response to an appeal from the Kenyan government which wished to re-establish its schools system, he went to teach in Kisumu for two years. During these years he witnessed the burgeoning of a new literature in Africa.

He returned to the US and completed a doctorate in African literature at the University of California, Los Angeles. He then moved to the University of Texas in Austin, where he built up a remarkable and influential school of African literary studies. There he spent his entire academic career.

Professor Lindfors has published voluminously on African literature, folklore, oral literature, performance and biography and on comparative literature. He has produced nine books, 96 contributions to books, 170 articles and innumerable book reviews. He has also edited 26 volumes of essays, interviews and manuscripts. He was the founder of the international journal Research in African Literatures and edited it for twenty years, and he was also one of the founders of the African Literature Association. Besides all this, he has been an outstanding and resourceful bibliographer. He has produced several huge volumes entitled Black African Literature in English, volumes which catalogue practically everything published in the field.

He has been the recipient of numerous prizes, scholarships and research grants. Among the bodies which have recognized the importance of his work are the Ford Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Fulbright Programme, and the Guggenheim Foundation.

Professor Lindfors has been a great facilitator and promoter in the now large field of African literary studies. He has travelled widely in Africa and knows very many of the people in the field, both the creative artists and the critics and academics.

The University of Natal honours Professor Lindfors for the intelligence, dedication, imaginativeness and generosity with which he has contributed to the field of African literary studies.

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CONFERMENT OF THE DEGREE OF

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

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CAROLYN GRUBBS WILLIAMS

Dr Carolyn Grubbs Williams is president of the Bronx Community College, a unit of the City University of New York. She also serves on a number of national boards, many of which she has chaired, including the American Association of Community Colleges, the National Council on Black American Affairs, The American Council of Education, the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning and the New York State Education Commissioner's Advisory Council on Higher Education. In 1999 Dr Williams was invited to participate with other top leaders in the fields of education, business and labour at a national summit on 21st Century Skills for 21st Century Jobs, convened by Vice President Al Gore.

Prior to assuming the presidency of the Bronx campus, Dr Williams was president of Los Angeles Southwest College, 1991-1996. In Detroit, Michigan, Dr Williams also served as Dean of Student Affairs at Highland Park Community College and as Vice-Provost for Academic and Student Affairs, and Acting Vice-President for Academic Affairs at Wayne County Community College.

Dr Williams earned her BS in Sociology, MA in Urban Planning and PhD in Higher Education. She has a long and distinguished career in higher education with a focus on community college education. She has an established national and international reputation as an expert in designing programmes to help community college students continue their post-secondary education.

In South Africa, Dr Williams has played a leading role in the foundation of the Midlands Partnership Programme in Pietermaritzburg. This Ford-funded project was modelled on the Urban partnerships programmes established in 16 cities in the United States. These bring together tertiary and secondary educational institutions, community organisations, NGOs, commerce, industry and local government, to establish a partnership network aimed at increasing the numbers of disadvantaged students into and through tertiary education. The Midlands Partnership Programme has been instrumental in setting up the iNdlovu Partnership College which co-ordinates the various education and training offerings in the Pietermaritzburg region. The iNdlovu Partnership promises to provide a model for other such initiatives and it is eliciting the interest and support of international funding agencies.

Dr Williams's contribution to the realisation of this enterprise has not only been visionary and advisory, but through the Bronx Community College she organised the crucial initial funding which ensured that the iNdlovu Partnership College could be established, thus providing opportunities for further

her education
and training to the communities of this region. The University of Natal honours Dr Williams
for her
contribution to the transformation of our society and for her dedication and imagination in
the service of
others.

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FELLOW OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NATAL

PROFESSOR JOHN STAINER FIELD

Professor John Field has distinguished himself over the past twenty five years, both as a researcher in the field of organic chemistry and in the teaching and supervision of undergraduate and postgraduate students.

Upon the completion of his Doctorate at the University of Cambridge, UK, he held successive post-doctoral fellowships at the Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada and at the University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg. He was appointed Lecturer in Chemistry at the University of Witwatersrand in 1976. Four years later he joined the University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg.

Professor Field has published 100 articles in prestigious journals and supervised or co-supervised 15 MSc and 8 PhD students. He has also delivered research lectures at universities in Brazil, Europe and the USA. His research achievements, e.g. in the very difficult area of structural platinum coordination chemistry, have already been influential, worldwide, in top-ranking international research institutions such as Caltech (USA) and the University of Hong Kong. His research team is recognized as one of two world leaders in the area of structure-property correlations involving luminescent platinum (II) systems. According to one of his referees: "Field has made major contributions to the development of transition metal coordination chemistry, especially where two or more metal atoms are involved, and there are no practitioners in this increasingly important area who have not been influenced by his work". Another states: "Through his students, Professor Field has had a significant influence upon the quality and standards of research being carried out in the Diamond and Superhard Abrasive industry".

He has received several research fellowships, including the prestigious Alexander von Humboldt Fellowship to the University of Freiburg, Germany. On a national level, he serves on several

professional bodies. He has also served on various Faculty and University Committees.

It is recommended that the University of Natal award a University Fellowship to Professor John Stainer Field in recognition of distinguished academic achievements.

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FELLOW OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NATAL

PROFESSOR MICHAEL RICHARD PERRIN

Professor Michael Richard Perrin has distinguished himself in the field of Zoology. He is one of the best known and most quoted workers in Southern Africa on ecology, behaviour and physiology of mammals.

He completed his Doctorate degree at Exeter University in Devon, UK, in 1971. Thereafter, he moved to Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda as a Lecturer in Zoology. After a two-year research fellowship in Canada, he joined Rhodes University in 1976 as a Senior Lecturer in Zoology. Professor Perrin was appointed Head of Department and Professor of Zoology at the University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg in 1981. During the period 1986-1989 he served as Dean, Faculty of Science on the Pietermaritzburg campus of the University. From 1996 he has been the Director of the Research Centre for African Parrot Conservation at the University of Natal.

As a researcher, Professor Perrin has co-authored more than 150 articles in journals of international standing and more than 130 conference presentations; has contributed to 10 books and numerous popular articles. He has supervised 31 MSc and 15 PhD students.

Any literature search on ecophysiology, behavior, or ecology of mammals in general, and African mammals specifically, would indicate the incredible depth and breadth of Professor Perrin's scholarly contributions. His work has had a great influence on other studies in this field, and has helped to generate enthusiasm among other workers. According to one of his referees :
"Mike Perrin's publication are mostly in international scholarly journals which are read in many countries of the world. Hence his work is known world-wide". Another states: "Due to the breadth of his work in Africa, I believe he has laid the framework for much of the work in conservation being accomplished today". Apart from serving as a referee for several prestigious journals e.g. Zeitschrift Saugetierkunde and Journal of Animal Ecology, he is also called upon to evaluate research and conservation projects by national and international funding organizations, e.g. the NRF, the Rockefeller Foundation(USA) and the Belgian National Fund.

It is recommended that the University of Natal award a University Fellowship to Professor Michael Richard Perrin in recognition of distinguished academic achievements.

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CONFERMENT OF THE DEGREE OF
DOCTOR OF LAWS

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GERT JOHANNES GERWEL

Liberalism is about a diversity of perspectives all engaged in research and educational experiments, and in the wider conversation of justice. No university in South Africa has succeeded in developing a more idiomatic, experimental, reflective, strong willed, and independent perspective on all of these matters than the University of the Western Cape, which during the 1980s and 1990s became a haven for intellectuals, with vibrant intellectual and political agendas. This achievement was largely due to the vision, expertise and leadership of its then Vice-Chancellor: Professor Gert Johannes Gerwel, whom we honor today. He rose from Lecturer in Afrikaans and Dutch Literature to the position of Vice Chancellor in 1987, a position he held until 1994, shepherding that university from its apartheid status as a homeland for coloured persons into a cosmopolitan centre for intellectuals,

Knowing that economics is crucial to autonomy, Professor Gerwel's vision and leadership also included the raising of magnificent funds from the European Union. UWC stands as a model for all,

a model which does not say, â\200\234emulate meâ\200\235 but instead, â\200\234do your own thing in your own wayâ\200\235.

The experimental character of UWC placed it in the forefront of designing National Educational Policy for the new dispensation, and Professor Gerwel was a founding member of the National Education Policy Investigation Group (1990-1992), a participant in the International Development Research Centre Mission, â\200\234Towards a Science and Technology Policy for a Democratic South Africaâ\200\235 (1992-3), and a Member of the Education Committee of the African National Congress (1991-1993). The stamp of his vision, clarity and leadership may be found in many of South Africa's forward looking educational policies.

In 1994 Professor Gerwel was recruited by Nelson Mandela to the position of Director-General for the President and Secretary of the Cabinet of the Government of National Unity. He was awarded, in 1999, the Order of the Southern Cross, Gold, by Mandela. Since exiting the government, Gerwel has occupied the positions of Chancellor, Rhodes University, the Nelson Mandela Distinguished Professor in the Humanities at the Universities of Cape Town and the Western Cape, and the Chairperson of the Human Sciences Research Council. He has also entered the private sector, where he is a Chairman of Brimstone Investment Corporation and Africon Engineering International, and Director of Old Mutual and of David Philip Publishers and a member of various charitable boards. He has received six honorary doctorates from South African and international universities,

including Clark College, Atlanta, City College of the City University of New York, the University of the Western Cape, and Wits University. It is said that the seventh is always the best, and it is a great privilege for the University of Natal to stand in that position.

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DISTINGUISHED TEACHER AWARD

LYDIA McDERMOTT

Professor Lydia McDermott has provided an exemplary contribution to course developments in the Faculty of Human Sciences, Durban.

As Director of the Multilingual Studies Programme, she has developed from scratch modules that understand the importance of multilingualism and multiculturalism in the working world of South Africa. The first-level module Languages in a Global Context, in text-based and online form, attracts over 100 students. It has been adjudged an exciting introduction to the complexities of communication in the global situation. The two-year major, Language in the Working World, contributes to several initiatives, including Management and Communication Studies, Industrial, Organisational and Labour Studies, and the Diploma in Arts Administration.

Professor McDermott organised the first distance learning programme in the Faculty: the Further Diploma in Education (Language Teaching). As a result of her success in upgrading practising teachers, the Dutch Language Union and the sponsors of the programme have agreed to broaden the scope of support from Afrikaans to all the languages of KwaZulu-Natal.

Professor McDermott's teaching is informed by vision, creativity, sympathy, and meticulous organisation, preparation and delivery. Teaching for Lydia McDermott has the purpose of guiding good citizenship in times of challenging educational change.

ARONSON, RONALY

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RONALD ARONSON

Philosophy begins with love. In the Republic Plato focuses on the good as philosophy's central principle, arguing in the first dialogue that the good - reason's motivation and ultimate destination - is also the real object of all love. Love for the good, the n, is platonic philosophy's motivation, its guiding principle, and its final destination.,

These words were written by our honorary graduate, Ronald Aronson, a scholar whose outstanding academic accomplishments alone would merit his honorary status today. He wrote them as an introduction to a book published at the end of the 1980s. This book was written as a kind of love letter to and about our country at a time when South Africa was enmeshed in Apartheid. Although he has been awarded high academic honours before - for his 8 books of analyses of the French philosopher Jean Paul Sartre, for work on Albert Camus, on critical engagements with historical materialism, and on the Dialectics of Disaster, from the Holocaust to Stalin to Vietnam - we are honouring Ronald Aronson today for both this impressive and substantial scholarship and for his life as an activist or, what he calls, a practising philosopher. Since his first visit here his relationship with this University has grown and been sustained by his considerable energy and intellectual effort. Over the last 15 years he has made a selfless and significant contribution to student exchanges between the USA and the University of Natal.

Perhaps we are the first University to honour you by using the word love in our oration. Your presence here today signifies our loving response to your affair with us. It also signifies our commitment to the good - to the use of our minds and energies towards reasoning and engaged practices. By honouring you we are honouring those who link University communities and graduates of these communities (such as the women and men whose graduation we celebrate here tonight), to the world beyond the University space, an engagement exemplified in your own life.

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DR ROBERT ADAM

DIRECTOR GENERAL: DEPARTMENT OF ARTS,
CULTURE, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Robert Martin Adam is Director-General of the Department of Arts, Culture, Science & Technology in Pretoria. He is qualified in both Chemistry and Physics, and was closely involved in the struggle to transform education in our country.

Born in Springs in 1955, he matriculated at Diocesan College in 1972 and registered for Chemistry at the University of Cape Town. In 1978 he obtained the degree BSc(Hons) with Distinction, and, as the top Honours student was awarded the Gordon Percy Memorial Prize. Thereupon he left for the UK and was appointed to a research contract in carbon technology at Surrey University.

Returning two years later, he joined the South African Committee for Higher Education (SACHED), an organization once described as 'a candle in the night'. This organization had been established in response to the cynically named 'Extension of University Education Act' (1957), which, in reality, closed the established universities including Natal, to black students. Using a loophole in the law, SACHED sought for alternatives to apartheid education. Working with this organisation, Dr Adam headed the team which developed distance learning material for the subjects of Physical Science and Mathematics.

In September 1981, whilst with SACHED, Dr Adam was arrested by the apartheid security police. He was placed in solitary confinement for 9 months before being sentenced to a 10-year prison-term - at the youthful of 26.

Determination and perseverance enabled Dr Adam, while imprisoned, to embark on his qualifications in Chemistry. Registered with the University of South Africa, he completed his Honours and MSc degrees in Theoretical Physics by correspondence, both with Distinction.

Following the unbanning of all liberation movements and the releasing of political prisoners by former State President, Mr FW de Klerk in February of 1990, Dr Adam, now 35, became employed as a Research Associate at UNISA in Pretoria. He took up the National Scholarship, awarded him as the top Masters student at that University, and completed his doctoral degree in Theoretical Physics in 1991. On getting married to Miss Elizabeth Gavin, the couple departed for Amsterdam where Dr Adam took up a post-doctoral fellowship at the Vrije Universiteit.

On his return to South Africa in 1993, Dr Adam joined the Department of Physics at the University of Natal on its Pietermaritzburg campus. But, there was a more important calling and in 1995 already, he accepted the position as Chief Director: Science & Technology in the newly established national Department of Arts, Culture, Science & Technology, in Pretoria. Soon he was promoted to Deputy Director-General, and 3 years later, in Sept 1999, aged only 44, to Director-General, managing

ing a staff
complement of approximately 500, and an annual budget in excess of R1bn.

Among its many achievements, the Department, with Dr Adam as Director-General, has created new institutions like the Innovation Fund, or the National Research Fund (1999); and signed Management of Science and Technology agreements with 20 countries. It even accepted an invitation from the Chilean government to review its policies in science and technology, a task which resulted in a co-authored book.

Dr Adam has thus not fully exchanged his academic hat for that of an administrator. He still researches, and publishes his findings in international, peer-reviewed journals on Nuclear Physics, and the latest was released as recently as February of this year.

With this curriculum vitae, Dr Adam is well equipped to talk to us tonight on the attainment of

excellence; the importance of free and independent thought; and, above all, on steadfastness and the belief in a vision.

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MR PRAVIN GORDHAN

COMMISSIONER: SOUTH AFRICAN REVENUE SERVICES

Pravin Gordhan completed a Bachelor of Pharmacy degree at the University of Durban-Westville during the early 1970s. During his undergraduate years, Pravin Gordhan demonstrated strong organisational and leadership skills: he led civic struggles against the inferior living conditions of black communities and the attempts by the apartheid regime to divide society along racial lines. His commitment towards justice for all has remained one of the cornerstones of his beliefs. He worked as a pharmacist for a short while at King Edward VIII Hospital but was then detained by the apartheid regime as a result of his political involvement.

Between 1991 and 1994, Pravin Gordhan was an integral part of the constitutional transition of South Africa. He chaired the Convention for a Democratic South Africa Management Committee – the negotiating forum for a free South Africa – and he was also co-chair of the Transitional Executive Council, which was tasked with ensuring South Africa's transition process prior to the historic 1994 elections.

In 1994, he became a Member of Parliament representing the ANC. He chaired the Parliamentary Constitutional Committee, which was responsible for the implementation of the new constitutional order and played a leading role in drafting the present constitution of the democratic South Africa.

In 1998, after being deployed from Parliament as part of Government's drive to transform the public service, he was appointed as Deputy Commissioner for the South African Revenue Services (SARS). A year later, in 1999, he was appointed as Commissioner. This appointment was on the basis of his proven track record in South Africa's democratic transition and his ability to encourage all stakeholders to support transformation initiatives.

In the past three years, there have been significant changes in SARS. These include:

- a marked improvement in revenue collections,
- radical tax policy changes,
- a visible increase in the tax and customs compliance culture,
- enhanced status and capacity for the SARS's Customs component,
- a task management approach to compliance, and
- an all-encompassing transformation and modernisation programme.

Pravin Gordhan leads an administration whose value to the South African economy is openly acknowledged by government leaders. The Minister of Finance in his recent Budget speech, singled out the Commissioner by remarking that the Budget is largely the fruit of the effort of the National Treasury and the Revenue Service. Special thanks are due to . . . Pravin Gordhan for the leadership [he] has given.

Pravin Gordhan has represented South Africa in many international undertakings, including several peace-keeping missions. He is often called upon to make presentations at tax seminars and conferences. Notwithstanding all these activities, he has still made time available to study. He followed up his undergraduate studies by completing a postgraduate Diploma in Human Resources Development, and he is currently registered for a Postgraduate Diploma in Economics with the London School of Economics.

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MR MOSIBUDI MANGENA

DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION

Mr Mosibudi Mangena was born on 7 August 1947 in Tzaneen. He is married and has two children.

Mr Mangena's academic pursuits have been in the field of Applied Mathematics and he holds a Master of Science degree in Applied Mathematics from the University of South Africa.

He is the author of three books:

On Your Own
A Twin World
A Quest for True Humanity

Mr Mangena's political career has been illustrious, and has played a significant role in shaping the destiny of our country. At its founding Congress in December 1972, the Black People's Convention (BPC) elected Mr Mangena to the office of National Organiser. This led to his

being imprisoned on Robben Island from 1973 to 1978. He was subsequently banned and restricted to Mahwelereng (Potgietersrus) until he fled into exile in 1981. During this time, Mr

Mangena was elected Chairman of the Black Consciousness Movement of Azania (BCMA), and Commander-in-Chief of the Azanian Liberation Army (AZANLA).

In 1994, Mr Mangena returned to South Africa and was elected President of the Azanian People's Organisation (AZAPO) in the same year. He currently holds the position of National President of AZAPO.

In June 1999, He became a Member of Parliament, and on 26 January 2001, was appointed Deputy Minister of Education. During that year, Mr Mangena launched the National Strategy for Mathematics Science and Information Communication Technology Education, and has been instrumental in launching initiatives for the advancement of research and study in these areas.

He has done much to foster understanding of the need for education to address conflicts and crises in society, and of the importance of developing critical scholarship.

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PROFESSOR JONATHAN JANSEN

DEAN: FACULTY OF EDUCATION
UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA

Jonathan Jansen is Dean of the Faculty of Education and Professor of Curriculum Studies at the University of Pretoria. He was Acting Vice-Chancellor at the University of Durban-Westville before coming to the University of Pretoria in July 2000. His early training was in the field of Science Education (he studied at the University of Durban-Westville and Connell University) and later in the areas of International Development Education, and Education Policy Studies, obtaining his PhD from Stanford University. His books include Knowledge and Power in South Africa (1991) and Changing Curriculum: Studies on Outcomes Based Education in South Africa (1999).

His current research focuses on the study of mergers and restructuring in higher education; school improvement studies; comparative studies of multicultural classrooms; the state and intellectuals after apartheid; and the politics of education policy in Southern Africa. Professor Jansen serves on the boards of various non-governmental organisations as well as national and international academic journals.

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honoris causa upon
NTHATO HARRISON MOTLANA

Dr Nthato Motlana has been a respected medical practitioner, fearless civic leader, astute politician and shrewd business executive; he is one of the visionaries who created New Africa Investment Limited (NAIL).

Dr Nthato Harrison Motlana was born in Marapyane near Pretoria in 1925. After successfully completing a BSc degree from Fort Hare University he went on to obtain an MBBCh from the University of the Witwatersrand in 1954. Dr Motlana distinguished himself in the medical field as a committed and excellent medical practitioner. During the 1976 Soweto uprisings he treated students who were injured by the apartheid police free of charge as a result of which he earned the title of "The People's Doctor". The list of his achievements include the creation in 1977 of the first black Medical Aid, Sizwe Medical Aid, now one of the top medical schemes in the country, and the Lesedi Clinic, now known as Lesedi Private Hospital, the first African-owned clinic in the country which was officially opened in January 1985. In addition he was Chairman of the Medical Education of South African Blacks Committee, which provided enormous support to Blacks in the health services, and served as a trustee of the MEDUNSA Trust.

Dr Motlana has always been passionate about the need to improve education in the black community and thus bring about economic upliftment. He was a founder and trustee of the Educational Opportunities Council, one of the largest scholarship funds in the country. In 1983 he became a trustee of Promat Colleges. He went on to be appointed as the first black Chancellor of the Technikon SA in 1995, to act as Chancellor of the University of the North-West from 1996-2001 and to serve as a member of the Council of the University of the Witwatersrand from 1991-1997.

On the political front, it is significant to note that he joined the ANC Youth League in 1949 and in 1952 was elected as its General Secretary. In the 1950s Dr Motlana was harassed by the police, detained and subsequently banned for five years. In 1977 he was once again detained in the apartheid prisons. In the wake of the 1976 Soweto Riots he played a very important role in the Black Parents Association, helped found and chair the Committee of Ten and also became President of the Soweto Civic Association.

Dr Motlana's business acumen started in the late 1960s with a general dealer's shop, Sizwe Stores, in Mofolo South. Other enterprises that came before NAIL were Phaphama Commercial Enterprises, Africhem, Africa Marketing, Kwacha Investments and Methold. In 1993 Dr Motlana became the first Chairman of NAIL, a consortium of black business investors, which acquired effective control of Metropolitan Life in a deal amounting to R171m. NAIL was built from zero to a

giant with controlling assets of about R20bn and profits estimated at R300m.

In 1993, the Institute of Management Consultants of Southern Africa named him Man of the Year and the Sunday Times identified him as one of the Top Five businessmen of the year. Prior to his retirement he served on the corporate boards of more than 20 companies.

The University of Natal honours Dr Nthato Motlana for his dedication to improving human society.

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FELLOW OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NATAL

PROFESSOR GIRISH MAHASUKHLAL MODY

Professor Girish Mody has achieved international recognition for his teaching, research and professional contribution to rheumatology and rheumatic diseases.

Upon completion of the MBChB degree at the University of Natal in 1974, he proceeded to obtain several postgraduate qualifications, including MD(CapeTown), FCP(SA) and FRCP(London). In 1994 he was elected as an International Fellow by the American College of Rheumatology. Presently, he is the Aaron Beare Family Professor of Rheumatology in the Department of Medicine.

Professor Mody has an impressive list of research articles published in prestigious journals. He serves on the editorial board of a number of international and national journals on Rheumatology, and has been keynote speaker at several international conferences. As a visiting professor, he has lectured at the University of Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania and at Makerere University, Uganda.

Professor Mody is presently President of the African League against Rheumatism. As a Rheumatologist of international repute, he recently received the highest of accolades when being asked to serve as ambassador for the "Bone and Joint Decade", a programme that recognizes and honours global and national thought leaders. According to one of his referees: "Girish Mody's great strength is that of establishing international collaboration and there is no doubt that this has brought great strength to his department in Durban and will have positive repercussions for the development of Rheumatology in Africa over the years to come."

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FELLOW OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NATAL

PROFESSOR DAVID ANTHONY ROCKE

Professor Anthony Rocke has distinguished himself academically in the field of anaesthesia. Notably, he has specialized in obstetric anaesthesia and has had a considerable influence on the practice of anaesthesia in this field.

He completed his medical degree in Wales in 1973 and proceeded to specialize in internal medicine. He moved to South Africa in 1976 and did his registrar year in Respiratory Medicine at King Edward VIII Hospital. Towards the end of 1978 he changed direction and specialized in the field of anaesthesia. He joined the University of Natal in 1986 and was appointed as Professor of Anaesthetics in 1987.

His experience in anaesthesia is broadly based but in recent years his focus has been on obstetric anaesthesia. His many contributions in this sphere have been vital to its progress, and his international standing in this field is evidenced by his appointment as Editor of the International Journal of Obstetric Anaesthesia. He was elected as a Fellow of the Royal College of Anaesthesia in 2000.

He has published widely in local and international journals of high standing as well as contributing many chapters to books. Professor Rocke has almost 100 publications to his credit of which about one third are in the field of obstetric anaesthesiology.

He has frequently been invited to speak at international conferences; during 2000 he was an invited speaker at the World Congress of Anaesthesiology in Canada. He was chairman of the organizing committee for an All African Congress of Anesthesia held in Durban in September. Also, he was a member of the Scientific Committee of the 2000 World Anaesthesiology Congress and was instrumental in bringing the World Congress of Anaesthesiology to South Africa in 2008.

He is a member of numerous associations and societies and was chairperson of the Obstetric Anaesthesia Committee of the World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesiologists from 1996 to 2000. He has been a scientific reviewer of all the major anaesthesia journals and has served on the editorial board of Obstetric Anaesthesia Digest and the Journal of Current Anaesthesia and Critical Care.

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UNIVERSITY OF NATAL

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Conferment of the degree of
Doctor of Laws (honoris causa)
upon

WALTER MAX ULYATE SISULU

Saturday, 15 June 2002

09h30 for 10h00

Johannesburg

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The Chancellor

Chancellor is an office that goes back to antiquity: the original Chancellor or cancellarius (as the office was known) regulated access to the Roman Tribune. In medieval times, the office became associated with the heads of the writing departments of the early kings. Because so few people were literate, a chancellor was necessarily learned. This is why the heads and spokespersons of the early universities were also accorded the title. More recently, the office has become largely symbolic. The executive head of a university is its vice-chancellor.

Justice Pius Langa is the sixth Chancellor of the University of Natal. His predecessors are: The Honourable D G Shepstone (1949-1966), Dr G G Campbell (1967-1973), Dr B A Armitage (1973-1983), the Honourable R N Leon QC (1983-1992), and Archbishop D E Hurley (1993-1998).

The Mace

The Chancellor's Mace is used on ceremonial occasions presided over by the Chancellor and is regarded as the Chancellor's staff of office. It symbolises the University's protection of its Chancellor.

The use of the mace as a symbol of authority has a long history. The head of a copper mace, which apparently dates back to the 12 Century before Christ, has been excavated at Beyce Sultan in Asia. In the early centuries, churchmen who went to war often carried a mace in preference to a sword. One side of the mace-head was beautifully decorated with the owner's emblem and on the other side was a large knob which served as a weapon, but was always round as a reminder of church law forbidding the shedding of blood. In the early centuries the mace was a symbol of the king's authority. During the power struggle between the king and the Commons in the 13th Century, the king gave the speaker the mace as a symbol of his indemnity against arrest.

The Mace was designed by Mr G H Atkins, senior lecturer in sculpture in the University's Department of Fine Arts. The Mace was made in England, it was first used at the 1970 graduation ceremonies.

The Armorial Bearings (see front cover)

The armorial bearings of the University of Natal were awarded by the College of Arms in London.

The two black wildebeest come from the arms of the Province of KwaZulu-Natal. They are shown in full course to symbolise movement and progress. The two open books represent the universal heritage of knowledge and the two centres of the University, Durban and Pietermaritzburg. The five pointed star refers to the naming of Natal by Portuguese navigators when they landed for the first time at Durban on Christmas Day in 1497. Stella Aurorae (star of the dawn) symbolises the role of the University in bringing to light new knowledge and spreading the enlightening influence of education.

Academic Dress

The wearing of gowns by judges, ministers, teachers and scholars is an ancient and significant custom. When the graduating students at universities receive their diplomas or degrees, they, too (and for some, only once in their lives) wear the caps and gowns and so participate in this long tradition. By wearing the ancient regalia, they join hands with students past and students present.

In modern academic ceremonies the standard cap and gown are almost universally worn. Of all the components of the costume, the hood conveys the greatest amount of information: it makes clear the level of the degree, the faculty in which it was given, and the institution which awarded it.

Convocation

After being capped by the Chancellor, each graduate moves across the stage and hands the hood to the President of Convocation (or representative). The President places the hood upon the graduate's shoulders. At the end of the ceremony, after the Chancellor's procession has left the stage, the President leads a procession of the new graduates out of the hall, row by row, to symbolise their acceptance into, and future membership of, the Convocation of the University of Natal, the statutory body through which graduates have the opportunity to play a continuing role in the affairs of the University.

OFFICERS

Chancellor

Acting Vice-Chancellor

Chairman of Council

Deputy Vice-Chancellor
(Students and Transformation)

Deputy Vice-Chancellor
(Research and Development)

Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor
(Academic)

Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor
(Administration)

Pro Vice-Chancellor
(Executive Director: NUDF &
Public Affairs)

Pro Vice-Chancellors
(Academic)

Registrar

President of Convocation

The Honorable Justice PN Langa
Deputy President of the Constitutional Court
Bluris, LLB(Unisa), LLD(honoris causa) (UNIZUL)

DA Maughan Brown
BA(CapeTown), MA(Cantab), DPhil, (Sussex)

A Rogoff
CA(SA)

EA Ngara
B4 Hons,MPhil, PhD(London)

SS Abdool Karim
MBChB(Natal), MS(Epidem) (Columbia), FFCH(CommHith) (SA),
MMed(CommHith), PhD(Natal)

A Kaniki
BALS(Zambia),MS(Illinois),PhD(Pittsburgh)

LW Roberts
PREng, MScEng(Natal), PhD(London), DIC, HonF. SAIMEchEng,
MASME

JD Volmink
BScHons(UWC), PhD(Cornell) *

MA Hellberg
BScHons(CapeTown),PhD(Cantab), FRSSAf FlnstP
TH King

MAFA(Witwatersrand), UED(Natal)

PM Malgas
BAHons(UWC)

Z Mlisana
MBChB(Natal), FCP(Paed) (SA)

PROGRAMME

University Officials and Honorary Graduand take their positions

The Chancellor constitutes the Congregation

Welcome to Guests

Professor A M Kaniki
Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic)

Honorary Graduand

Professor S S Abdool Karim
Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research & Development)
presents the Honorary Graduand

Address
Mr Walter Sisulu/Representative

The Chancellor dissolves the Congregation

National Anthem

The Congregation is invited to join in the singing of the National Anthem

The Congregation is requested to stand while the University Officials
and Honorary Graduand take their positions

Please ensure all cellphones are turned off

CONFERMENT OF THE DEGREE OF
DOCTOR OF LAWS

Honoris causa upon

WALTER MAX ULYATE SISULU

Walter Sisulu has been described as the â\200\234moving spiritâ\200\231 behind all the major ANC campaigns of the 1950s. He made a highly tangible and courageous contribution to the success of the South African liberation movement and has demonstrated, throughout his life, an unswerving commitment to the interests of the black majority.

Born in Transkei in 1912, he left school at the age of 14 while in Standard Four, and worked in a variety of jobs including masonry, carpentry, paint-mixing, banking, advertising â\200\224 and real estate, where he went about buying and selling freehold land that was available to Africans. He was a miner in Germiston and a paint-mixer in Johannesburg, a packer for a tobacconist â\200\224 and a baker, a job from which he was dismissed as an agitator after leading bakery workers on a strike for higher wages.

During this time, Sisulu made a study of Xhosa history and wrote a series of articles about national heroes for Bantu World, a white-owned paper directed at African readership. In 1954 he published a book on African nationalism, commissioned by the government of India, and went on to exercise his writing talent in articles for New Age, the Guardian, and Liberation.

After joining the ANC in 1940 Sisulu was at the centre of ANC affairs until his arrest at Rivonia in 1963, during which time the ANC grew in membership, strength and profile. As founder member of the ANC Youth League, Sisulu, together with Nelson Mandela and Oliver Tambo, played a leading role in the development of the strategy of mass action. Sisulu assumed an active and committed role in the work of agitation, mobilisation and organisation, for which he became well known.

Sisulu was known as a person who worked behind the scenes to build the organisation and carried much of the burden of the organisationâ\200\231s work. He guided the ANC into the underground after the banning of the organisation in 1960, and laid the foundation for the shift to active self-defence against the violence of the state, which ultimately gave birth to Umkhonto we Sizwe.

Sisulu was the main defence witness in the Rivonia Trial. Although he anticipated the death penalty, he was jailed for 25 years on Robben Island for his role in the struggle. During his incarceration he took an active part in the political education of prisoners and provided personal and political support to Mandela. He also completed a BA in Art History and Anthropology.

After his release Sisulu was elected Deputy President at the ANC National Conference. He continued to involve himself in programmes aimed at improving opportunities for education, black empowerment, small business development and job creation.

Sisulu has been honoured with the awarding of four honorary doctorate degrees, and was made Honorary Chancellor of the University of Venda.

It would be accurate to say that Sisulu has dedicated his entire life, through the African National Congress, to the struggle against apartheid. It is fitting that the University should honour this veteran of the struggle for his commitment to freedom, democracy and human rights.

The University of Natal is honoured to award the degree Doctor of Laws (honoris causa) to Walter Max Ulyate Sisulu.

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A Brief History of the University of Natal

Natal University College - The forerunner of the University of Natal - opened its doors in Pietermaritzburg in 1910 with eight professors and 57 students, eight of whom were women. Lectures in Classics, English and Philosophy, Law, Modern Languages, Botany and Geology, Chemistry and Physics, Mathematics and Zoology were spread over various venues, including Maritzburg College, the Natal Museum building and at the City Hall.

It was not until August 1912 that Old Main Building - built on 40 acres of land donated by the Pietermaritzburg Corporation - was opened by the then Minister of Education, F.S. Malan and the core of the present-day Pietermaritzburg campus was established. The following year, Natal University College (NUC) ceased to be a state institution, becoming instead a state-aided body.

In 1923, NUC extended its tuition to Durban with university level courses in Commerce and Engineering at the Technical College, but it was not until 1928 that Durban agreed that NUC take over full responsibility for university classes in Durban, thereby establishing the characteristic dual nature of the University of Natal. A generous donation by T B Davis, whose son, Howard Davis had been killed during the battle of the Somme in World War I, facilitated the building of Howard College on the Berea which formed the core of a separate campus in Durban. Howard College was formally opened in 1931.

Largely through the efforts of Fabian Socialist Dr Mabel Palmer, separate classes for 19 "Non-European" teaching students at NUC were introduced in Durban in 1936. This number, reflecting an obvious need for training of this nature, grew to nearly 900 by 1960. However, like the University's Medical School, founded in 1951 for black students, classes still reflected the segregated nature of South Africa under apartheid. The government's Extension of University Act of 1959 limited new enrolments, other than those at Medical School, to whites and thwarted the University's aspirations to serve the educational needs of broader society. This act also restricted the autonomy achieved when NUC was granted full university status in 1949. It was not until 1983 when the University circumvented the government's racial admission "quotas" by an appeal to the High Court, that the University could fully resume its role of serving the educational needs of the broader community. Today, about 20 000 students, representing all sectors of South African society, are enrolled at the University of Natal.

In 1953, the administrative control for the University was shifted from Pietermaritzburg to Durban. In response to mounting travelling costs, the two centres were academically separated in 1973, with each centre having parallel faculties of Law, Humanities, Commerce, Science, and Social Science. Recent restructuring has meant the merging of some faculties across both campuses, with Faculties of Education, Engineering, and Law being shared by both campuses. Unique to Durban are the Faculties of Community and Development Disciplines, Management Studies, Science and Medicine. Unique to Pietermaritzburg is the Science and Agriculture Faculty. There are separate Faculties of Human Sciences on each campus.

The University of Natal is fortunate to boast among its past vice-chancellors and principal

s some exceptional leaders. Its first principal, John Bews (1930-38), was a world-renowned botanist while Dr E G Malherbe (1945-65) was known internationally as an educationalist. In 1993, the University of Natal was the first South African University to appoint a woman as its principal when it appointed Brenda Gourley to the position of Vice-Chancellor. Chancellors have also been distinguished figures, not least the present Chancellor, Judge Pius Langa, and the recently retired Archbishop Denis Hurley. Students include Alan Paton, Steve Biko and Alec Erwin. From the Medical School, come illustrious alumni such as Dr Ben Ngubane, Dr Mamphela Ramphele, Dr Zweli Mkhize and Professor Ronnie Green-Thompson. Honorary graduates include Nelson Mandela, Roy Campbell and Abdullah Ebrahim.

The University of Natal is committed to service through excellence in teaching and research and is opposed to discrimination on the grounds of race, colour, nationality, religion or gender. It is known as a centre for excellence in Africa, is one of South Africa's top research institutions, and has links with almost 260 international institutions. Alive to the demands of a rapidly changing global environment, the University has embarked on a thorough reform of curricula and university structures and is currently a leader in multi-disciplinary studies and is engaged in significant HIV/Aids research. In recognition of its role in society, the University of Natal is also committed to greater emphasis on community-based education and service learning.

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National Anthem

Nkosi sikelelâ\200\235 iAfrika
Maluphakanyiswâ\200\231 uphondo lwayo
Yizwa imithandazo yethu

Nkosi sikelela

Thina lusapholwayo.

Morena boloka
Setjhaba saheso
Ofedise dintwa lematshwenyeho.

O se boloke, O se boloke
Setjhaba saheso

Setjhaba sa, South Afrika,
South Afrika.

Uit die blou van onse hemel

Uit die diepte van ons see

Oor ons ewige gebergtes

Waar die kranse antwoord gee
Sounds the call to come together
And united we shall stand

Let us live and strive for freedom
In South Africa our land.

Gaudeamus Igitur

Gaudeamus igitur, juvenes dum sumus;
Gaudeamus igitur, juvenes dum sumus;
Post jucundam juventutem,
post molestam senectutem,
Nos habebit humus, nos habebit humus.

Ubi sunt qui ante nos in mundo fuere?
Ubi sunt qui ante nos in mundo fuere?
Vadite ad superos, transite ad inferos,
Ubi jam fuere, ubi jam fuere.

Vita nostra brevis est, brevi finietur;
Vita nostra brevis est, brevi finietur;
Venit mors velociter, rapit nos atrociter,
Nemini parcetur, nemini parcetur.

Vivat Academia, vivant Professores,
Vivat Academia, vivant Professores,
Vivat membrum quodlibet,

vivant membra quaelibet,

Semper sint in flore, semper sint in flore.

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