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UNIVERSITY OF NATAL

PIETERMARITZBURG CAMPUS

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Graduation/Diploma Ceremony

**Faculty of Human Sciences
(Commerce)**

Thursday, 13 April 2000

18h00

YMCA Sports Hall

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 12th 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** The Honorable Justice P N Langa
Deputy President of the Constitutional Court
Bhuris, LLB(Unisa), LLD(honoris causa)(UNIZUL)
- Vice-Chancellor** B M Gourley
CTA(Witwatersrand), MBL(Unisa), HonLLD(Nott)
- Chairman of Council** A Rogoff
CA(SA)
- Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor** D A Maughan Brown
BA(CapeTown), MA(Cantab), DPhil(Sussex)
- Deputy Vice-Chancellor
(Academic)** A C Bawa
BSc(Unisa), BSc(Hons)(Natal), MSc(UDW), PhD(Durham)
- Deputy Vice-Chancellor
(Research and Development)** E M Preston-Whyte
BSocSc(Hons), PhD(Natal)
- Deputy Vice-Chancellor
(Students and Transformation)** E A Ngara
BA(Hons), MPhil, PhD(London)
- Pro Vice-Chancellor
(Director: Public Affairs and NUDF)** J D Volmink
BSc(Hons)(UWC), PhD(Cornell)
- Pro Vice-Chancellor** P M Zulu
BA(Hons)(Unisa), MSocSc, PhD(Natal)
- Pro Vice-Chancellor
(Academic)** A M Kaniki
BALS(Zambia), MS(Illinois), PhD(Pittsburgh)
- Registrar** P M Malgas
BA(Hons)(UWC)
- President of Convocation** T Zietsman
BA(Natal), HED(Stell)
- Orator** C O Gardner
MA(Oxon)

DEAN OF FACULTY

- Human Sciences** R B Nicolson
BA(Hons) PhD(Natal), DTE(Unisa)

PROGRAMME

The Academic Procession enters the Hall

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR CONSTITUTES THE CONGREGATION

WELCOME TO GUESTS

Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor

ADDRESS

The President of the Students' Representative Council

ADDRESS

The Vice-Chancellor

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

The University of Natal Chorale

Conductor : S E Mkhulisi, *BMus(Unisa), BA(Hons)(Natal)*

PRESENTATION OF GRADUANDS AND DIPLOMATES

The Dean

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR DISSOLVES THE CONGREGATION

NATIONAL ANTHEM

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

The Academic Procession leaves the hall, followed by the Convocation Procession

The congregation is requested to stand
while the procession enters and leaves the Hall

Only officially authorised persons may take photographs and record the ceremony
Please ensure that cell phones are turned off

GRADUANDS

Master of Commerce

| | <i>Discipline</i> |
|---|--|
| * Kunene, Kim Niki, BCom(Hons) | <i>Business Information Systems</i> |
| Dissertation: | On the effects of structuring idea generation tasks and supporting consensus building in a Multi-Criteria Group Decision Making Environment. |
| Supervisor: | Professor D Petkov |
| Napier, Jason, BCom(Hons) | <i>Accounting</i> |
| Dissertation: | Capital budgeting techniques : Principles versus practice in South Africa |
| Supervisor: | Dr R Simson |
| Ngqaka, Kayaletu, BCom(Hons)(UNITRA) | <i>Economics</i> |
| Dissertation: | Tourism as an instrument of local development with particular reference to Port St. Johns in terms of the Wild Coast Spatial Development Initiative (WCSDI). |
| Supervisor: | Ms J Schroenn |

Bachelor of Accounting (Honours)

Bhayat, Sheereen, BAcct
Brodie, Clive Richard Francois, BAcct
Clarke, Guinevere Lauren, BAcct
Francis, Natasha Lucienne, BAcct
Govender, Merusha, BAcct
Naidoo, Kimesh, BAcct
Pakiry, Janine Uthamie, BAcct
Pillay, Logan, BAcct
Seonath, Manoj Kumar, BAcct
Steenkamp, Martin John, BAcct

Bachelor of Commerce (Honours)

| | <i>Discipline</i> |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| * Anastasakos, Stavroula, BCom | <i>Business Administration</i> |
| * Asafo-Agyei, Linda, BCom | <i>Business Administration</i> |
| Atkins, Timothy Michael, BCom | <i>Business Information Systems</i> |
| Banach, Gregory Janusz Edmund, BCom | <i>Business Administration</i> |

* Degree awarded **cum laude**

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|---|--|------------------------------|
| | Bekker, Justin Bailey, <i>BCom</i> | Economics |
| | Buchanan, Barbara Andriena, <i>BCom</i> | Business Administration |
| | de Comarmond, Marie Frederic, <i>BCom</i> | Business Information Systems |
| * | de Witt, Deborah Anne, <i>BCom</i> | Business Information Systems |
| | du Preez, Carl Dustine, <i>BCom</i> | Business Administration |
| | Elliot, Tia Drummond, <i>BCom</i> | Business Administration |
| | Forrester, Jody, <i>BCom</i> | Business Administration |
| | Gemmell, Natalie Ann, <i>BCom</i> | Business Administration |
| | Greenfield, Kirsten Jane, <i>BCom</i> | Accounting |
| | Gumede, Thabile Patience, <i>BCom</i> | Business Information Systems |
| | Harrilall, Rashika, <i>BCom</i> | Economics |
| * | Holness, Julia Anne, <i>BCom</i> | Economics |
| | Hughes, Mitchell Charles, <i>BCom</i> | Business Information Systems |
| | Joubert, Craig Paul, <i>BCom</i> | Business Administration |
| | Khan, Nasrin, <i>BCom</i> | Accounting |
| | Kocheleff, Alexis, <i>BCom</i> | Economics |
| | Lee, Debra Anne, <i>BCom</i> | Accounting |
| | Lindsay, Kirsten St. Clair, <i>BCom</i> | Business Administration |
| * | Lucht, Udo Hermann, <i>BCom</i> | Accounting |
| | Mahabir, Ameer, <i>BCom</i> | Business Administration |
| | Moodley, Elizabeth Laurell, <i>BCom</i> | Business Information Systems |
| | Motaung, Tsholofelo Portia, <i>BCom</i> | Economics |
| | Ndlovu, Lulu Zikhona, <i>BCom</i> | Economics |
| | Ndlovu, Moses Nhlanhla, <i>BSocSc, PGDipAppSocSc</i> | Business Administration |
| | Ngcobo, Kosie Howard, <i>BBA</i> | Business Administration |
| | Ngobese, Ignatious Felix Bongani, <i>BCom</i> | Economics |
| | Nidd, Wesley Richard, <i>BCom</i> | Accounting |
| * | Norton, Joanne Elizabeth, <i>BCom</i> | Business Information Systems |
| | Nshogozabahizi, Valens, <i>BCom</i> | Business Administration |
| | Pahiti, Polydoros Sotiris, <i>BCom</i> | Business Administration |
| | Paulton, Claire Frances, <i>BCom</i> | Accounting |
| | Perry, Wayne William, <i>BCom</i> | Business Administration |
| | Qua-Enoo, Emmanuel Appiah, <i>BCom</i> | Accounting |
| | Ramathuba, Vivian Vhonani..... | Accounting |
| | Roberts, Sarah Jane, <i>BCom</i> | Accounting |
| | Schaefer, Michael Neville, <i>BCom</i> | Business Administration |
| | Sewkissoon, Surendra, <i>BCom</i> | Economics |
| | Sewram, Arusha, <i>BCom</i> | Accounting |
| | Shimwela, Maka Nikubuka, <i>BCom</i> | Economics |
| | Short, Cara-Lee, <i>BCom</i> | Accounting |
| | Snowden, Shona Victoria, <i>BCom</i> | Business Administration |
| | Soopal, Dhesanand Coomar, <i>BCom</i> | Economics |
| | Tozer, Brendan Alexander, <i>BCom (Rhodes)</i> | Accounting |
| * | van Tonder, Renier Jacobus Willem, <i>BCom</i> | Business Administration |
| | Wang, Trygve Karl, <i>BCom</i> | Economics |
| | Watt, Diane Linda, <i>BCom</i> | Accounting |

* Degree awarded cum laude

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|--|--------------------------------|
| Whitfield, Jennifer Sarah, <i>BCom</i> | <i>Accounting</i> |
| Willcox, Edward Joseph, <i>BCom</i> | <i>Accounting</i> |
| * Wimble, Leith Edward Edmund, <i>BBusSc (Cape Town)</i> | <i>Economics</i> |
| Wray, Brendon John Lindsay, <i>BCom</i> | <i>Business Administration</i> |

Bachelor of Accounting

(Major subjects passed in the first class are shown in brackets)

| | |
|---|---|
| Brook, Anne Margaret (Managerial Accounting & Financial Management) | Naidoo, Yoshen |
| Chinaboo, Shaun | Noorgat, Mohamed |
| Cowden, Wesley Arno | Nyewula, Hazel Thembelihle |
| Dhanai, Mervin | Ramnath, Vinay |
| Fischer, Marilyn | Rampersadh, Kavinash Tikapersad |
| Govender, Deon | Robinson, Justin Bruce |
| Govender, Meshern | Sewpersad, Reshmee Yuveka |
| Griffiths, Zolton André | α Singh, Kumesheene (Accounting; Auditing; Managerial Accounting & Financial Management; Tax & Estate Planning) |
| Jhetam, Muhammed Bilal | Singh, Manoj |
| Jogessar, Akshar | Soldat, Denis (Managerial & Financial Management) |
| Knoesen, Darryl Ian | Thompson, Craig Neville |
| Maharaj, Cher | Totaram, Samara |
| Manning, Nicola Lynette | Tshailane, Karabo Gwendoline |
| Mokgehle, Ezekiel | Turvey, Janice Lyn |
| Moodley, Thanusha | van der Hulst, Marc Warren |
| Mthembu, Phumelele Philisiwe | Vather, Evanie |
| Naidoo, Leeann | |
| Naidoo, Parusha | |

Bachelor of Business Administration

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|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Bhengu, Bongumusa Clement | Grantham, Ruth Rochelle |
| Bizana, Nothando | Ngcobo, Israel Zama |
| Deeplaul, Shamman | Ntshingila, Cynthia Jabulile |
| Dladla, Thembani Helena | Zondo, Bhekinkosi Gervas |

Bachelor of Commerce

(Major subjects passed in the first class are shown in bracket)

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|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Abdul Carrim, Muhammad Nadeem | Booyesen, Elizabeth |
| Abdul Majid | Bundhoo, Vinaya |
| Aboo, Zaheera | Buthelezi, Zandile Ayanda |
| Ackon, Lilian Ekua Chochoe | Carte, Lesley Ruth |
| Allagapen, Rodney Kevin | Charles, Rochelle |
| Anderson, Ross Gwyn | Chetty, Lureshnee |
| Attwood-Smith, Richard Noel | Chetty, Prithashnee |
| Baguley, Neil Peter | Chohan, Mahomed Ahmed |
| Bain Venn, David John | Christie, Dean Leonard |
| Bayat, Ridwaan Dawood | Clarke, Deborah Caroline |

α Degree awarded **summa cum laude**

* Degree awarded **cum laude**

Clough, Amber Jane
 Coley, Grant Lawrence
 Crawford, Justin Ian
 Cubitt, Gregory John
 Cunningham, Shelly Anne
 Cunningham, Wayne Gordon
 Curtis, Graham Thomas Whitefoord
 Danisa, Nobukhosi Gugulethu
 de Meyer, Veruschka
 de Wit, Peter Claud
 Dey, Guy Richard
 Dhanooklal, Seema
 Dlamini, Senzo Eric
 Dlamini, Zamokuhle
 Dlamuka, Haward Jabulani
 Dodo, Cecil Tawanda
 Dorkin, Brenda Sandra
 Dottridge, Caroline Susan
 Dottridge, Simon William
 du Preez, Kerry-Lyn
 Elliott, Sally Katherine (Managerial
 Accounting & Financial Management)
 Ferrat, Emmanuel Jerome
 Ferreira, Graeme David
 Findlay, Collette Sandra (Supply Chain
 Management)
 Ford, Taryn Michelle
 Fox, Andrew Harvey
 Garden, Lisa-Claire
 * Garden, Nicola (Business Information
 Systems)
 Gardner, Hayley Jaclyn
 Govender, Melissa
 Govender, Thusendren
 Govender, Venetia Melissa
 Govender, Youves
 Graaf, Theresa
 Grant, Nicole Bronwyn (Supply Chain
 Management)
 α Griffiths, Lisa Anne (Business Information
 Systems)
 Gwatidzo, Moses Kudawashe
 Harcombe, Alan Aubrey
 Harding, Claire Anne
 Hardy, David Gareth

Hartnady, Natalie
 Hayes, Heather Anne
 Heine, Debra Michelle
 Hocknell, Ross Wayne
 Hoosen, Rahim
 Howson, Camilla Emily
 Ismail, Amina Ismail
 Keppler, Craig Jonathan
 Kerr, Julie Ann
 Kharwa, Ismail
 Khosa, Fumani Thomas
 Knight, Jason Austin
 Kwela, Bongumusa Radclyff Percival
 Lang, Richard Alexander
 Lawrence, Michael John
 Lazarus, Ashley
 Lindsay, Kirsten St. Clair
 Lucht, Peter Wilhelm
 Lunderstedt, Carl Adam
 Lumphoko, Goodness Abigail Nokuthula
 Mabaleha, Matankiso Mary
 Mackinnon, Ruth Elizabeth
 MacLachlan, Stuart Angus
 Macquet, Guy Jules
 Madale, Basani Rejoice
 Maharaj, Seema
 Makepeace, Penelope Amelia
 Makwane, Kabelo
 Mansfield, Shannon Lyn (Marketing
 Management)
 Maphumulo, Cedric Msawenkosi
 Maphumulo, Syabonga Duncan
 Maxwell, Jonathan Grant
 Meter, Craig
 Mkhize, Mqondiso
 Mkize, Zandile Anelo
 Mngomezulu, Thulani Sydney
 Moonia, Preshnee
 Moosa, Ebrahim Dawood
 Morris, Justin
 Morule, Thenjiwe
 Mthethwa, Ntuthuko Oscar
 Mtirara, Mlibokazi, Nontombi
 Mtshatsha, Nomathamsanqa Zinhle
 Samukelisiwe

α Degree awarded **summa cum laude**

* Degree awarded **cum laude**

Muchenje, Aaron Farai (Business Information Systems)

Mumby, Tyrone Edward

Musiyazviriyo, Gracious

Nabagesera, Aidah

Nagasar, Shakti

Naicker, Vanessa

Naidoo, Alan Jerome

Naidoo, Tanya Lu-Anne

Nellist, Kate Elizabeth

Ngcobo, Hlengiwe Sharon

Nhleko, Vusimuzi Ronald

Nicol, Howard Derek

Nzimande, Sizeka Zamile

Onia, Fathima Ayob

Oumar, Zaheera

Owthar, Dhipak

Ozoux, Lubin Marcel Bernard

Paterson, Samantha Jane

Pearman, Greig Robert

Pitse, Carol Nthabiseng Sokia

Plummer, Sean Michael

Powell, Jenni

Power, Kerry Simone

Rajah, Brandon

Rambaran, Avinesh

Ramdath, Reusheka

Ramlall, Rakesh

Ramparsad, Shabnum

Rampath, Nitasha

Robertson, Gareth Scott

Russell, Rupert George

Salemohamed, Bilaal Ahmad

α **Saunderson, Andrew John (Accounting; Managerial Accounting & Financial Management)**

Saxton, Nicola Jane

Sewgoolam, Kashmira

Shaw, Fiona Frances

Sikhakhane, Samkele Trevor

Singh, Farishta

Singh, Hemal

Singh, Manisha

Sithole, Nozibele Esme

α **Styter, Nadine Michelle (Psychology)**

Smith, Graham John

Smith, Leigh-Ann

Smith, Michael Bret

Solomon, Aneesa

Sparks, Kathleen Anne

Stott, Anthony James

Stoyanov, Ivan Christianov

Strauss, Lizelle Susan

Tickner, Kim Louise

Titshall, Julian Brian Charles

Todd, Fay

Todd, Jason Graham

Tsike, Selloane Collet

Tubb, David Simon

Tyrrell, Heather Louise Nairne

van der Westhuizen, Anthea

van Lienden, Richard Damian

van Vuuren, Kelly Lee

Vather, Geshree

Vorweg, Susan Anne

Watson, Neville

Webb, Georgina Joan (Managerial Accounting & Financial Management)

White, Sean

Williams, Chad Wayne Christoffel

Wimble, Stephen Edward

Xaba, Thandiwe Lilian

Xulu, Samson Nhlanhla

Yeeranna, Abellene

Yoganathan, Vidya

Zammit, Kelly Ann

Zondo, Michael

Zoutendyk, Cheryl Wendy

Zulu, Busisiwe Gloria

Zwane, Winnie

α Degree awarded **summa cum laude**

DIPLOMATES

Postgraduate Diploma in Accountancy

Cavanagh, Tanya, *BActt*
Harrilall, Tanura, *BCom*
Hendricks, Mark Andrew, *BActt*

Kirkland, Brendan Craig, *BCom*
Lewis, Dunbar Hugh, *BBusSc(Cape Town)*
Van Heerden, Craig, *BCom*

Postgraduate Diploma in Finance, Banking, Investment Management

Chakaduka, Georgina, *BCom*
Clough, Amber Jane, *BCom*
Ekenyane, Moeti Paul *BCom(UB)*
Ellis, Linda Janine *BA*
Howes, Duncan Mark, *BSc*
Kennelly, Gregory Arthur, *BCom*
Khumalo, Doris Priscilla, *BCom*

Lunika, Xasuxolo Lunga, *BSc*
Miller, Shaun Albert, *BSocSc*
Münster, Detlev Oliver
BSc(Witwatersrand), MPhil(Cape Town)
Pringle, Erik Wadner, *BScAgric*
von Fintel, Michael, *BSocSc*

Postgraduate Diploma in Human Resource Management

Bhengu, Gugulethu Hazel, *BSocSc*
Bridglall, Ashika Chithrunjen, *BSocSc*
Dludla, Nomusa Bertina, *BCur(Unizul)*
Jompolo, Minikazi Nontlanga Nancy, *BA(Unisa)*
Gumede, Nomkhosi Edith, *BACur(Unisa)*
Khan, Hashim Faizal *BA, HDE, BEd*
Khoza, Gloria Nonhlanhla, *BSocSc*
Kunene, Londiwe Sithembile, *BA(UDW)*
Madlala, Fundisiwe Gugulethu
Malinga, Celumusa Musawenkosi Peter
Magnificent, *BA, HDE(UDW)*
Matizamhuka, Elizabeth Ruza *BA (Leeds)*
Mgeenge, Thulile Ntonhle, *BSc*
Mgoza, Hellen Nomthandazo, *BA(Unisa)*
Mlaba, Nombuso Albertina, *BA(Unisa)*
Mntambo, Bhekani Zephania, *BAdmin,*
BEd(Unisa)
Mokhethea, Mamaaoa, *BA(NUL)*
Motaung, Nonhlanhla Precious, *BSocSc*

Mpofu, Tholumuzi Denton, *BA(UDW)*
Murwa, Raesetje Anastacia Sponono
Ndlala, Yvonne Lindiwe, *BAdmin(Unizul)*
Ndlovu, Khethiwe Excellent, *BSocSc*
Ndlovu, Musa, *BA(UDW)*
PGDiplnd Rel
Ngcobo, Musa, *BA(UDW)*
PGDiplnd Rel
Njilo, Blessing Zamokwakhe Gugulethu, *BA*
Ntshangase, Lungile Mary-Immaculate
Perumal, Kevin
Pillay, Vaneshrie, *BSocSc*
Rangoako, Poelo Sylvia, *BA(NUL)*
Shezi, Bhekizenzo Innocent,
PGDiplnd Rel
Sibenya, Princess Buyiswa, *BSocSc*
Soodiyal, Gayathree Devi, *BSocSc*
Subramanian, Claudius, *BA*

Postgraduate Diploma in Marketing Management

De Villiers, Nicholas James

BA(Cape Town)

Jafta, Zolile Vuyani Justice, BSocSc

Mbanjwa, Nozipho, BSocSc

Mkhatshwa, Lungile Virginia BCom (UNISWA)

Mngomezulu, Thuli BScAgric(UNISWA)

Molefe, Ngkatiseng Alice, BSocSc

Ngcobo, Nomshado Leah, BA

Njapha, Sibusiso Joseph

Ramongalo, Molisenzana Godfrey

BAdmin(UNIN)

Zungu, Njabulo Gordon, BA,HDE(UDW)

A video recording of the entire ceremony is available from the University's Audio-Visual Centre, telephone 260-5339.

The University has appointed Studio Sydney to photograph each graduand/diplomate as they are being capped. The proofs of these photographs will be posted directly to the students, within 14 days of graduation. Note:- all enquiries regarding photographs should be directed to Studio Sydney, telephone (031) 301-2169/305-1129.

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 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 principals 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. Brenda Gourley is the present incumbent. 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. 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 sikelel' iAfrika
Maluphakanyisw' 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.

