



How to Apply to College



On Wednesday, May 5, 70 students crowded into the Mae Jemison auditorium to learn about applying to college. Two speakers from the University of Pretoria's Dept. of Student Recruitment & Retention answered questions on financial aid, areas of study, and grade requirements.

What is Child Trafficking

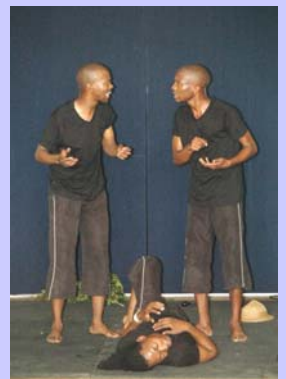


Human Trafficking

On Wednesday, May 12, Pauline Birot, an educator and social worker from the International Office of Migration (IOM), addressed 70 students on the dangers youth face in South Africa. She warned students to "be careful of things that sound too good to be true."

Teachers Study Human Evolution

On May 13, 30 secondary school life science teachers and department heads were treated to an educational theatre performance and workshop on the subject of human evolution, led by PAST, the Paleontological Scientific Trust, a group that travels to schools throughout Africa to teach students and teachers the story of the "tree of evolution."



Field Trip to the Botanical Gardens

On May 18, 30 students visited the South African National Biodiversity Institute at the Botanical Gardens.

SANBI's Environmental Education Office led the program on endangered South African plant species to raise awareness around World Plants Conservation Day. Students toured the garden grounds and learned to identify various types of medicinal plants. They also discussed ways to preserve threatened Cycad species in South Africa.



"Teach Africa" Video Conference

Five Grade 12 students participated in the State Dept. and Africa Society's Teach Africa Leadership Summit via a digital video conference link at the Mae Jemison U.S. Science Reading Room on June 3. They shared their views on technology and development with high school students from the District of Columbia.



June Calendar

We are open for regular hours from Monday through Friday during June and July.

- June 3 DVC with Teach Africa
- June 4 Information Literacy Training, Session 4
- June 6 Sabimaths and English Access Field Trip
- June 9 Last day of school!
- June 11 World Cup opens; InfoLit Training, Session 5
- June 16 Library Closed (Youth Day)
- June 17 Science Café Program
- July 2 Chris Theron, UP Professor of Physics
- July 13 Back to school

May Statistics:

251 books checked out; 1911 visitors.

Rwanda Named Global Host of World Environment Day 2010

From the official WED Web site,
<http://www.unep.org/wed/2010/english/news.asp>:

Rwanda, the East African country that is embracing a transition to a Green Economy, is the global host of **World Environment Day 2010**.

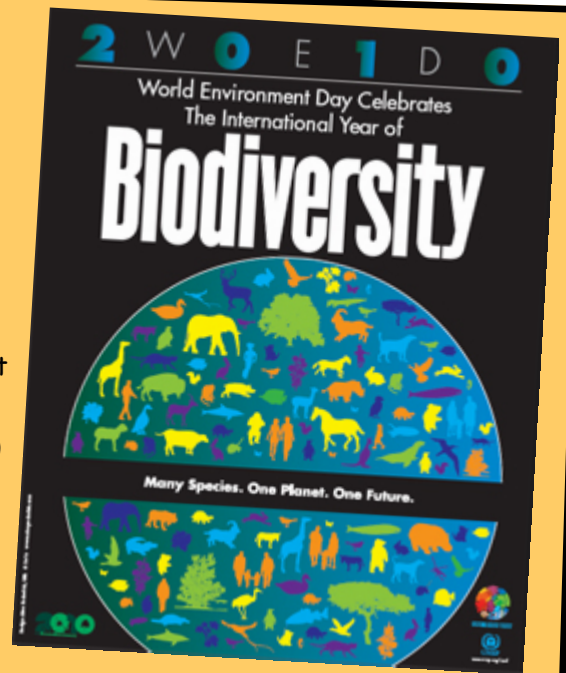
World Environment Day (WED), which aims to be the biggest global celebration for positive environmental action, is coordinated by United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) every year on **5 June**.

This year's theme is 'Many Species. One Planet. One Future.' - a message focusing on the central importance to humanity of the globe's wealth of species and ecosystems. The WED theme also supports this year's UN International Year of Biodiversity.

Rwanda's combination of environmental richness, including rare and economically-important species such as the mountain gorilla, allied to newly evolving and pioneering green policies is among the reasons why UNEP welcomed its offer to be the global 2010 host.

While the country faces many challenges ranging from overcoming poverty and developing sustainable energy resources to land degradation, this 'land of a thousand hills' is developing forward-looking strategies including the development of renewable energies including hydropower, solar power, biogas and methane gas for power generation.

Rwanda is already internationally-renowned for introducing a ban on plastic bags, nationwide environmental clean-up campaigns and the restoration of previously degraded natural rain forests as part of a chimpanzee conservation program.



Chess Club Participates in Centurion Open Tournament

Chess club instructor Thembe Nene took a small group of dedicated Chess Club members to the Centurion Open Tournament over the course of four days in late April 2010.

Afterwards, Themba commented: "The tournament was a success on all levels. Socially, the kids were able to spend time together and learn more about each other. I was really touched when I saw them sharing their lunch resources (without being told by anyone to do so) just to make sure that those who didn't have food didn't go hungry. On a professional level, our players showed some progress. This was our third outing and, prior to this, we couldn't get game wins in the team. This time around, I'm proud to report that some of them were able to win a few of their games ... I'm extremely proud of the progress they've made."



Chess student Mmathapelo Makunyane concentrates on her next move at the Centurion Chess Open.