



GREEN GRAPHICS: Jonathan Du Bois, right, was placed first in the DarkGreen LightGreen Climate Change Competition. Skye Steen, left, was pleasantly surprised to be placed second.

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Sizzling climate posters in DUT contest

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"THE last contest like this I entered was in primary school. It was a colouring-in competition and I won a T-shirt."

Jonathan Du Bois, a second-year graphic design student at the Durban University of Technology, admitted that the prize of a one-year fee waiver he had won at the DarkGreen LightGreen Climate Change Competition was a definite step up.

"I'm just over the moon," said an excited Du Bois.

He credited his girlfriend, Caley van den Berg, for inspiring him to enter.

"She's always re-using and recycling things and she adores nature," he said.

He said that he had chosen the concept because braaiing was a "proudly South African" concept.

"It's a national pastime – but it was also significant, in the

poster, of carbon emissions," he said.

He was particularly excited about the waiving of fees because he was paying for his own studies.

Skye Steen, placed second, said that she did not even expect to be in the top 10, because she was the only first-year student who had entered.

"I'm so excited – I've never entered a competition like this before," she said.

She won a 50 percent waiving of fees.

The competition coincided with Durban's hosting of the 17th annual UN Conference of the Parties (COP17), said Professor Lingam Pillay, to promote interest in the conference.

"We encouraged students to either submit an academic or design approach – but COP17 themed – poster," he said.

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