

# Searching for newsmaker of the year in KZN

**WHAT** was the most talked-about event or personality in KwaZulu-Natal this year?

That's what the Durban University of Technology (DUT) and its journalism advisory board are asking members of the public in a bid to find which person, organisation and topic most shaped headlines this year in the KZN Newsmaker 2012 competition.

Last week, the organisation launched the competition — now in its second year — listing news personalities, topics and sporting heroes that claimed the limelight between June 2011 and June 2012. This year, DUT has joined forces with the eThekweni Municipality. The winner will be announced at a gala event still to be finalised.

The panel of judges includes Sanef's KZN convener Judy Sandison, Independent Newspapers training editor David Canning and DUT journalism department senior lecturer Dr Mikhail Peppas.

The candidates for the KZN Newsmaker of the Year 2012 are:

- COP17 (The climate-change conference hosted in Durban);
- Vera Hetch, who negotiated for more than 20 months for the release of Durban sailors;
- Save the Rhino KZN campaigners; and
- AmaZulu Football Club.

SMS lines are now open. Each SMS is charged at R2. — *Rivania Govender*