

UCT staff's tribute to First

AN ad hoc staff committee at the University of Cape Town yesterday held a memorial meeting to pay tribute to former political activist and academic Ruth First, 59, who was killed by a letter bomb in Maputo last week.

Speakers included a lecturer in African history, who did not wish to be identified, and Mrs Amy Thornton, a former colleague of Ruth First on the New Age newspaper which was banned in 1962.

About 500 people at the meeting were told that the murder of Miss First — on the premises of the Eduardo Mondlane University in Maputo on Tuesday last week — was an attack on academic freedom which affected academics in South Africa.

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