

## **Relocation of the Albert Luthuli Centre for Responsible Leadership to Dippenaar House**

As of 11 January 2013 the Albert Luthuli Centre for Responsible Leadership has moved from the Economic and Management Sciences Building to Dippenaar House, previously known as Tourism House. The Department of Tourism Management has since moved to the Economic and Management Sciences Building.

Sam Dippenaar, his wife Margherita and their five children moved into the house at 67 Duxbury Road in 1940, hence the name Dippenaar House. This house had been specially designed and built for them by skilled Dutch craftsmen and had, among others, five bedrooms, a lounge, dining room, two studies, a spacious kitchen, a double garage and outside rooms.

Mr SJS Dippenaar was the founder and owner of the well-known company Dippenaar & Reinecke, which was established in 1935 and is still controlled by the same family today – one of the sons, Mr Francois Dippenaar, being the executive director. For many years the company was the official supplier of UP's corporate dress, and today it still supplies the prescribed academic dress.

The house was occupied by the Dippenaars until about 1970, when it was acquired by the University of Pretoria and Mr and Mrs Dippenaar moved to Lynnwood.

At one stage it was used by the University's Sports Office and by the University's commando as its head office. The 'outside' study of the house (left front) was also frequently used as a workplace by student ministers of the Universiteitsoord congregation where they could prepare their sermons undisturbed.

Many former students will also recall how, in spring, they picked flowers (usually without permission) in the beautiful Dippenaar gardens.

In 1993 the house was occupied by the Department of Tourism and subsequently called Tourism House until January 2013.

The Albert Luthuli Centre for Responsible Leadership relocated to the house from the Economics and Management Science Building on 10 January 2013.

The house still has charm, character and original architecture. It features a gorgeous hardwood walkup stairway and is surrounded by a well-manicured garden outside.

