

Another environmental disaster averted



Protec learners in high spirits at the FFS Expo for Young Scientists. Two award-winning projects are in the foreground.

FFS is planning to double sponsorship of the Protec Inanda branch to R200 000 a year.

Protec is a non-government organisation that supplements training of young scholars with aptitudes for mathematics and science. Up to 30 Grade 10, 11 and 12 learners from five high schools in Inanda receive regular mathematics and science tuition on Saturday mornings and during holidays. Tuition is provided by dedicated teach-

ers, and learners this year are expected to visit FFS refineries as part of their curriculum.

“It is planned to include another five schools to double the number of learners to 60 eventually,” says Don Cochran, FFS general manager of finance and administration.

The programme has been running since 2003 and most of the first group of Grade 12 learners passed the recent mathematics and science matric

examinations with flying colours.

He says the Inanda project is a natural extension of the sponsorship of the annual FFS Expo for Young Scientists that attracts some 600 science-related projects from schools throughout KZN.

■ FFS is in its 16th year of sponsoring the Expo, which has nurtured thousands of young scientists and attracted many of them to the engineering and scientific fields. ■