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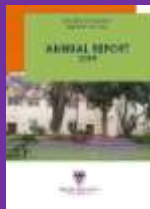
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## Orientation, Registration, Facts and Figures for 2011

### Vice-Chancellor's Welcoming Speech

Vice-Chancellor Dr Saleem Badat welcomed the new first years and their parents to Rhodes University. With a characteristic blend of humour and seriousness, Dr Badat outlined the purposes of a university, and then, more specifically, what the new students can expect from Rhodes University and, in turn, what Rhodes expects from them.

[Full article.](#) [Complete speech.](#)

Further reading:

[Special O-week supplement](#) – with articles on:

Innovative infrastructural and spatial development; Naming of new and old residences; Rhodes one of the most productive; Environmental Education Learning Centre heralds a new era; New Deans and HODs for 2011; RU Sports scoops Lotto grant

### New "Hilltop" Residences Occupied



Rhodes University has completed Phase 1 of a R150-million project to build seven new residences over three years. Three new residences built behind Kimberley Hall, temporarily named Hilltop 1, 2 and 3 due to the unique location, enjoy the best view on campus. [Full article.](#) (Photo: Justus Wager)

### Facts and Figures

On 21 February we had 6664 students registered - of this 731 are Postgraduates (Honours, Masters and PhDs).

Approximate growth in undergraduate numbers

Faculty	2002 - 2011	2010 - 2011
Humanities	42%	-0.2%
Commerce	20%	-3.7%
Science	20%	5.8%
Pharmacy	41%	0.0%

## Alumni in the News

### New Chairman for Rhodes UK Trust

Following the untimely passing of **Derek Jacobs**, we are pleased to announce that Mr Geoffrey de Jager has taken over as Chairman of the Rhodes University UK Trust.

Born and educated in South Africa he graduated from Rhodes in 1973 with a BCom and an LLB from Natal University. He now lives in Oxford. [Full article.](#)

### Rhodes Graduate to Head Space Agency

**Dr Sandile Malinga** has been appointed as the CEO of the newly launched South African National Space Agency (SANSA), a position which he has been caretaking since January 2010. Dr Malinga, who hails originally from Soweto, did his first degree at the University of Swaziland and then enrolled for the two-year BSc Honours programme in Physics & Electronics at Rhodes in 1991. He went on to an MSc in 1995 and a PhD in 2001 focusing on meteor physics, with the distinction of being the first black South African to obtain a PhD in space science. He also commenced his working life at Rhodes, taking up a position as a Temporary Lecturer and assisting with lab work and tutorials. [Full article.](#)

### Patagonia Extreme Cold Swim Challenge.

Old Rhodian and Extreme Ice Swimmer, Andrew Chin, left Cape Town on 11 February with four other South Africans to participate in the [Patagonia Extreme Cold Swim Challenge](#). The aim is to do three extremely cold-water swims in a short time frame: the Beagle Channel, the Strait of Magellan and Cape Horn. [Full article.](#)

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## 2011 a Celebration Year!

### The Old Rhodian Union celebrates its Centenary.

All our reunions and luncheons held during the year will reflect 100 years of the ORU. On campus celebrations will take place over an extended Founders' Weekend (26-28 August 2011). Why not come back to Grahamstown and celebrate with us?

### SRC 101 Celebrations

Celebrations will take place during the second week of May. For more information please contact the SRC President Allan Magubane [srcpresident@ru.ac.za](mailto:srcpresident@ru.ac.za)

SRC pictures on 

[Proposed itinerary](#)

### CSD (Centre for Social Development) – 2011 marks 30 year birthday

The CSD will host several events aimed at highlighting the impact their activities have had on the local community, including a thanksgiving service dedicated to the memory of Dr Thelma Henderson, the founder of the Centre. [Full article.](#)

## Annual Fund

### Play your Part - Donate before 28 February to get your tax rebate.

If your donation qualifies in terms of Section 18A of the Income Tax Act 58 of 1962 and you are registered as a South African taxpayer, you will be issued with a Section 18A tax receipt certificate. For more information regarding **Tax Benefits**, **Annual Fund projects**, or **donating** to Rhodes University, please contact Bunnady Landman on +27 (0) 46 603 8569 or email:

[annualfund@ru.ac.za](mailto:annualfund@ru.ac.za).



[Play your part, donate now](#)

## Stay up-to-date with Grahamstown News

### Through Grocott's Mail

South Africa's oldest independent newspaper has been keeping Grahamstown residents informed about the city's triumphs and tribulations for over 140 years. Now, no matter where you are in the world, you can take out a digital subscription to Grocott's Mail and receive an exact-replica e-Edition of the paper even before it's finished its print run! [More information.](#)

### Know it now with Grahamstown NOW

Grahamstown NOW is a new mobi-site from Grocott's Mail, providing users with handy information about latest Grahamstown events, business specials, local radio & cinema schedules, weather, webcams, news, maps and a Grahamstown Guide. Access it on your phone (or PC) at [www.ghtnow.co.za](http://www.ghtnow.co.za).

## Calling all Adamson House Old Rhodians - [click here](#)

## Latest Books in our Old Rhodian Bookcase

**Herbert Wilfred Arnott** – A tribute of Old Rhodian written by Oscar Prozesky  
**The Rock that is Higher than I** – The Autobiography of The Right Rev Bill Bendyshe Burnett  
Edited by **Andrew and Barbara Burnett**

**Doreen Court** – *Succulent Flora of Southern Africa*

**Tony Granger** – His latest book. *Tax-Efficient Investments Simplified*

**Shaun Johnson** – *The Native Commissioner and Strange Days Indeed*

**Gustav Kriel** – *Leadership and Social Change*

**Barbara Mutch** – *Karoo Plainsong* [Read article.](#)

**Steuart Pennington** - *Knocking on Heaven's Door*. Photo book of the 1965-1975 Reunion

**Dianne Stewart** donated 7 of her books!

**Miriam Shumba** – *That Which Has Horns*

**Terry Tastard** - *Ronald Knox and English Catholicism*

**Jennifer Ann Thomson** – Two of her books – *GM Crops* and *Genes For Africa*

[For more details about Old Rhodian authors - click here.](#)

The next edition will be after graduation which is on 7, 8 and 9 April 2011.

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