



The Enemy of Great

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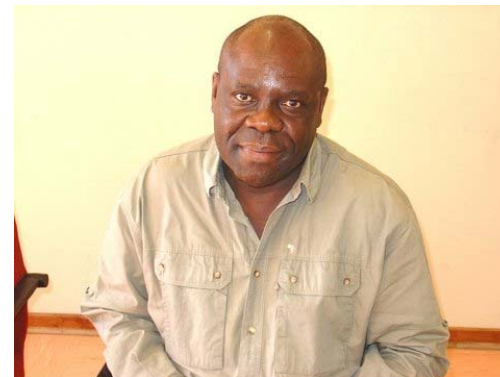
Introduction

In memoriam:

Prof. Ray Smego, Head:
School of Medicine, Bloemfontein
Campus



Dr George Samiselo, Lecturer,
Department of English,
Qwaqwa Campus






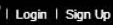


The Enemy of Great






“Good is the enemy of great. And that is one of the key reasons why we have so little that becomes great. We don't have great schools, principally because we have good schools. We don't have great government, principally because we have good government. Few people attain great lives, in large part because it is just so easy to settle for a good life. The vast majority of companies never become great, precisely because the vast majority become quite good — and that is their main problem.”

- *Jim Collins, Good to Great*

What does it mean to be great?









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Fixtures & Results


Varsity Cup Table


#	TEAM	PL	W	D	L	PD	BP	PTS
1	 Shimlas	1	1	0	0	54	1	5
2	 Maties	1	1	0	0	21	1	5
3	 NWU-Puk	1	1	0	0	3	0	4
4	 NMMU	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
5	 Ikeys	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
6	 Tuks	1	0	0	1	-3	2	2
7	 UJ	1	0	0	1	-21	0	0
8	 Wits	1	0	0	1	-54	0	0

Round 1





29 - 8
04.02.2013 16:45
Danie Craven Stad..., Stellenbosch







26 - 23
04.02.2013 19:00
Fanie du Toit Stad..., Potchefstroom






5 - 5
04.02.2013 19:00
UCT Rugby Fields, Cape Town







7 - 61
04.02.2013 19:00
Wits Rugby Stadium, Johannesburg



Round 2



V
11.02.2013 16:45 (TV)
Tuks Rugby Stadium, Pretoria



2012 Varsity Cup Standings & Fixtures/Results

Varsity Cup Results 2011


Varsity Cup Results 2010

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Agtste ry: Mnr. J. C. Smith, C. I. du Plessis en N. M. Meyer.

Middelste ry: Mnr. G. J. Bergh, mev. C. du Plessis, A. G. Visser en mnr. W. Serfontein.

Voorste ry: Mnr. D. Naudé, A. G. Visser, J. Pozyn, H. J. Klopper (Hoofvoorsitter) en J. P. Boshoff (Hoofklerk).

Let Wel. Die twee dames dien alleen as versiering en behoort nie aan die personeel nie.

Seven important achievements (so far)

1. A firm indication of broad support from external stakeholders and local communities for the direction and leadership offered by the university



Seven important achievements (so far)

"...I was charmed by the sense of journey the campus has made, by the inspiring students I met, and the openness and global character of the campus. It has become a jewel." - *Editorial by Ferial Haffajee, Editor of City Press*

I had breakfast this morning with Archbishop Tutu and he shared with me how much the honorary doctorate from the University of the Free State means to him. - *Dr Deon Snyman, Restitution Foundation*

Seven important achievements (so far)

2. A stable undergraduate student culture with growing evidence of improved academic credentials in the incoming class and more inclusive student communities



Seven important achievements (so far)

This Kovsie mom wants to sincerely thank the UFS for an amazing first year my daughter, Marne, experienced. She was given the opportunity to not only study at the best university, but also to find fulfillment in her passion for diversity. I am looking forward to see her grow more as a second-year. I know that my child is part of the best university. May Kovsies go from strength to strength! - *Alida du Plessis*

I applied at the UFS for a Medical degree because the university seems to me to be not only a school, but rather a home where you can gain knowledge as well as values. - *Danielle Cloete, Girls' High School Bloemhof*

I have learnt that being in a very diverse environment, a person has to assimilate and expect accommodation from the dominating cultures. As a prospective teacher, I carry with me a lot of values learned here, which will be applied to my teaching. – *Chrissie Mbewe*

Seven important achievements (so far)

3. A small but growing group of potentially world-class young academics who rise to the challenge of higher standards for scholarship



Seven important achievements (so far)

The university that head hunts the best! - *Moipone A Kobuoe*

As alumnus of the university, I believe that positive and significant changes to the development of a tertiary institution like UFS would not have been possible without a hardworking, conscientious and dedicated people.

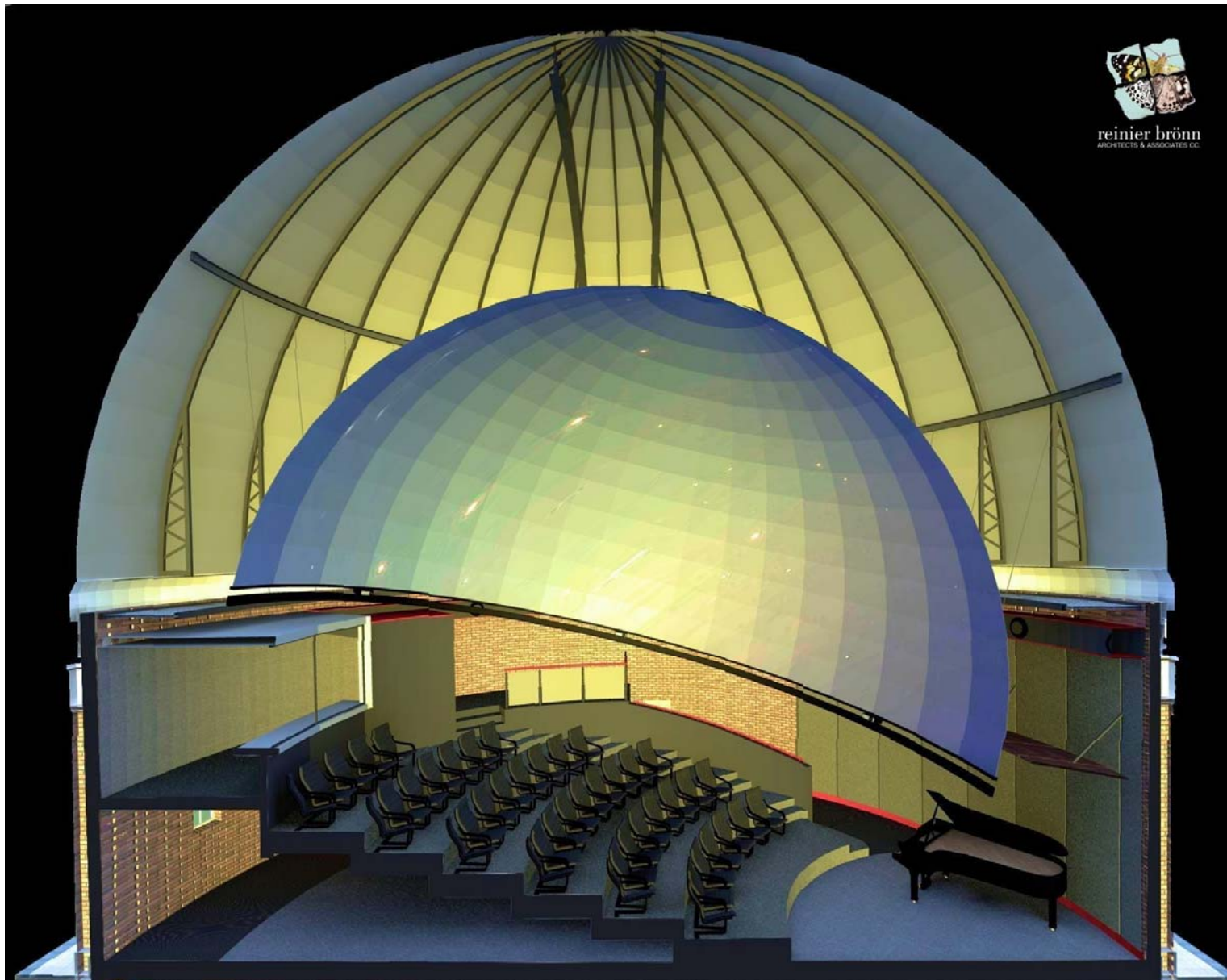
– *Oyeyinka Omoshoro-Jones*

Seven important achievements (so far)

4. A physically attractive campus with impressive expansions in buildings and infrastructure







Seven important achievements (so far)

The Head of Protection Services at the university took me on a tour through the security system and I am very impressed with what the university does to ensure the safety of students. - *Ben van Niekerk*

I was walking back from the UFS Sasol Library the other night and I suddenly realised how safe I felt. I just want to thank you for making our Bloemfontein Campus a safe and secure one. For the homely atmosphere, for the secure environment where we as females do not get harassed, and for the security and panic buttons that give us added reassurance. I appreciate all the work you have done to make Kowsies a home. God bless you. - *Jacqui Middleton*

Seven important achievements (so far)

5. A sustained marketing drive that has delivered more and more top students from non-traditional school sectors in and outside South Africa



PAUL BESTER,
Hoërskool Jim Fouché,
Bloemfontein, se ouers is mnr.
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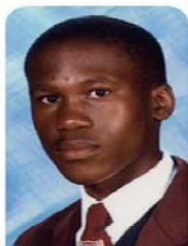
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ouers is mnr. Nkareng Petros
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Seven important achievements (so far)

A couple of weeks ago we visited the UFS in Bloemfontein. From start to finish we were treated with true Kowsie friendliness and kindness. Not only did we receive information, we were also overwhelmed by kindness, and left the next day with warm hearts and pleasant memories. – *Jimmy and Sandra Bassingthwaighe, Okahandja, Namibia*

If you continue with this innovative thinking then the UFS will soon become the Ivy League institution of South Africa. - *Chris Abels, United Kingdom*

4. Seven important achievements (so far)

6. A core group of senior academics who are more and more competitive in global research and scholarship



Seven important achievements (so far)

There will be much more hurt before our country is healed, but it will be the KOVSIE doctors, psychiatrists and teachers applying the plasters and it will be the KOVSIE architects, quantity surveyors, jurists and farmers building and regulating a new country. - *Marzanne Lombard, proud former member of Soetdoring and Welwitschia residences*

Seven important achievements (so far)

7. A solid base of staff members in the support services who are becoming more skilled, efficient and dedicated in providing the platform for making a great university





Seven important achievements (so far)

I sell this place with such pride to anyone in this world. From today onwards, I Evodia Rethabile Motsokobi will never stand back for anyone; simply because I'm a Kovsie. - *Evodia Motsokobi, UFS staff member*

Congratulations for the excellent service we received from you during my son, Ruan van Buuren's registration for the final courses of his degree, which he is going to do through E-learning this year. You handled the registration process in an outstanding manner. Please accept our sincere thanks for this.

- *Dr RB van Buuren, Johannesburg*

Seven priorities for 2013

1. The growth in numbers and quality of postgraduate students
2. The planned westward expansion of the main campus (New Master Plan)
3. The drive for quality and productivity in research
4. The development of an advancement culture throughout the university
5. The acceleration of diversity and equity in all aspects of campus life, and especially in academic appointments
6. The building of a positive and supporting staffing culture at the university
7. The continued investment in undergraduate student leadership

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