

UP celebrates Centenary with candle light walk

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A special candle light walk by students to celebrate the University of Pretoria's centenary will take place at the University of Pretoria (UP), Main Campus, at 19:30, on Thursday 7, February 2008.

The candle light walk on the eve of the official birthday celebrations of the University, will start from the Prospect Street gate along the Circle Route, past the Old Agricultural Building, Engineering, through the lane of Yellow Fever trees, left into University lane, past Theology and past the front of the Old Arts Building, turn right after Old Arts Building and move into piazza/ student centre.

The procession will enter the piazza at 19:50. Most participants should reach the piazza by 20:00.

After a short ceremony involving the former Chairperson, Chilu Chani, current Chairperson of the SRC, Ms Yolande van der Westhuizen and the Vice-Chancellor and Principal of UP, Prof Calie Pistorius, the centenary flame will be lit by Prof Pistorius. The flame symbolizes one hundred years of scholarship and learning and will burn throughout the centenary year to mark the historic event.

Internationally renowned sculptor and UP alumni laureate Angus Taylor is responsible for the design of the vessel, while Walter Pel of Sasol Technology designed the flame burner. SASOL sponsored the flame burner as part of their research and development collaboration with the University.

Please visit www.up.ac.za/centenary and click on the centenary link for the centenary programme.