

CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE - OPENING OF UNIVERSITY OF TRANSKEI 6 MAY 1977

FROM RHODES UNIVERSITY, I BRING GREETINGS AND GOOD WISHES TO THE  
UNIVERSITY OF TRANSKEI.

IN THE CHAIN OF UNIVERSITIES, RANGED LIKE LIGHTHOUSES AROUND THE SOUTHERN  
COAST OF AFRICA, A BRIGHT NEW LUMINARY APPEARS TO-DAY. SET ON THE SUNRISE-  
SIDE OF RHODES UNIVERSITY, ITS PRESENCE WILL IMPART TO US THE COMFORTING  
WARMTH OF PROXIMATE FELLOWSHIP IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

A NATION KNOWN THROUGHOUT HISTORY FOR ITS TENACITY IN WAR AND ITS  
ENDURANCE IN WORK, IS RAISING A NOBLE EDIFICE IN ITS MIDST FOR THE PURSUIT  
OF KNOWLEDGE AND TRUTH. FATHERED BY A YOUNG STATE, AND MOTHERED BY  
WISDOM, IT CANNOT BUT PROSPER AND GROW WITH THE VIGOUR OF YOUTH AND THE  
SAGACITY OF INHERITED TRADITION. THE NEW FLAME THAT IS KINDLED THIS DAY  
IN AFRICA WILL DRAW IN MULTITUDES THE CHILDREN OF YOUR NATION TO LIGHT  
THEIR OWN TORCHES AND TO BEAR THESE TO THE FARTHEST BOUNDS OF YOUR DOMAIN.

WE SHALL BE READY TO ACCLAIM YOUR WORK, YOUR STRIVING, AND YOUR FUTURE  
ACHIEVEMENTS, AND TO SHARE WITH YOU THE UNIVERSAL TASK OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
TO GIVE SHAPE AND DEFINITION AND DIRECTION TO THE THOUGHTS OF YOUTH.  
MAY GOOD FORTUNE ATTEND YOU AS YOU GO FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH, AND  
MAY YOU ALWAYS KNOW THAT OUR GOOD WISHES GO WITH YOU.