

ADDRESS TO CONVOCATION SATURDAY 2 APRIL 1977

MR PRESIDENT OF CONVOCATION, MR. CHANCELLOR ~~MR~~, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

REFERENCE HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE TO THE DEATH, IN 1976, OF THE THIRD CHANCELLOR OF RHODES UNIVERSITY, DR. W.J. BUSSCHAU, AND TRIBUTE HAS BEEN PAID TO HIS MEMORY. MY REPORT WOULD NOT BE COMPLETE, HOWEVER, WITHOUT AN EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE FOR THE SERVICE THAT HE RENDERED TO THE UNIVERSITY DURING HIS TENURE OF OFFICE THAT COVERED A DECADE IN OUR HISTORY. THE CO-OPERATIVE AND GRACIOUS MANNER IN WHICH HE, AND ALSO MRS. BUSSCHAU, PARTICIPATED IN THE LIFE OF THE UNIVERSITY, WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED WITH LASTING APPRECIATION.

RHODES UNIVERSITY CAN BE GRATEFUL FOR THE MEN WHO HAVE HELD THE OFFICE OF CHANCELLOR IN THE PAST, AND EQUALLY GRATEFUL THAT A MAN OF THE STATURE OF DR. IAN MACKENZIE HAS NOW ENTERED INTO THIS HIGH OFFICE WHICH IS THE HEADSHIP OF THE WIDER COMMUNITY OF THE UNIVERSITY. WE WELCOME HIM AS OUR NEW CHANCELLOR, WE THANK HIM FOR ACCEPTING OUR HIGHEST OFFICE, AND WE WISH HIM A LONG AND HAPPY TERM OF OFFICE.

ALSO IN 1976, A NOTABLE RESIGNATION FROM THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL WAS THAT OF THE HON. DR. JUSTICE J.D. CLOETE, WHO HAD SERVED CONTINUOUSLY AS A MEMBER OF COUNCIL SINCE 1954, AND AS CHAIRMAN SINCE 1963. AN ELOQUENT TRIBUTE WAS PAID TO JUDGE CLOETE THIS MORNING BY THE PUBLIC ORATOR (WHO ALWAYS SEEMS TO BE STEALING MY LINES ON THESE OCCASIONS) AND I CAN MERELY ADD A SINCERE WORD OF THANKS FOR THIS LENGTHY PERIOD OF DEVOTED SERVICE TO RHODES. IT IS A RECORD THAT WILL BE HARD TO EQUAL.

HERE ALSO, WE WERE FORTUNATE TO HAVE, IN MR. LOUIS DUBB, FORMERLY VICE-CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL, A WORTHY AND HIGHLY EXPERIENCED SUCCESSOR TO THE OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN. IN ADDITION, IT WAS OUR ^{few thanks} GOOD FORTUNE TO HAVE THE HON. MR. JUSTICE N.C. ADDLESON AVAILABLE TO TAKE OVER THE OFFICE OF VICE-CHAIRMAN. MR. DUBB'S FORMER POSITION AS CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE IS NOW IN THE CAPABLE HANDS OF MR. B. MANCHEVSKY.

ALTHOUGH IT IS STILL IN THE FUTURE, I HAVE GOOD REASON TO MAKE A BRIEF REFERENCE TO-DAY TO THE IMPENDING RETIREMENT OF THE VICE-PRINCIPAL PROFESSOR E.S. TWYMAN. IN THE FIRST PLACE, IT GIVES ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO TELL HIM, IN PRAESENTIA, HOW GRATEFUL THE UNIVERSITY IS FOR THE MOST VALUABLE SERVICE THAT HE HAS GIVEN OVER MORE THAN A QUARTER CENTURY,

(1951 - 1977), FIRST AS PROFESSOR OF BOTANY, AND, FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS, AS VICE-PRINCIPAL. IN A FEW MONTHS' TIME WE WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SAY MUCH MORE ON THIS TOPIC. HE WILL BE SUCCEEDED IN AUGUST BY PROFESSOR J.W. BROMMERT, PRESENTLY PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS EDUCATION AND DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF EDUCATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WITWATERSRAND.

MY SECOND REASON FOR REFERRING TO PROFESSOR TWYMAN'S RETIREMENT, IS TO PRESENT THE COMPLETE PICTURE OF CHANGE IN ALL TOP LEVEL OFFICES IN THE UNIVERSITY, THAT WILL HAVE OCCURRED IN A SHORT SPACE OF LESS THAN TWO YEARS, INVOLVING THE CHANCELLOR, VICE-CHANCELLOR, VICE-PRINCIPAL, CHAIRMAN, VICE-CHAIRMAN AND CHAIRMAN OF THE MOST IMPORTANT COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL. WE CAN ONLY BE GRATEFUL FOR THOSE WHO PREVIOUSLY HELD THESE OFFICES WITH SUCH DISTINCTION, AND FOR THEIR MOST WORTHY SUCCESSORS. ~~IN SUCH OFFICES AS CHANCELLOR, CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL.~~

THIS PROCESS OF CHANGE IS FURTHER ACCENTUATED IF WE RECOLLECT THAT OTHER SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL WHO HAVE ONLY VERY RECENTLY ACCEDED TO OFFICE INCLUDE MR M. BEAL, FINANCE OFFICER AND MR. R.C. BEST, DEAN OF STUDENTS. FURTHER NOTEWORTHY CHANGES IN THE SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE HAVE BEEN THE APPOINTMENTS RESPECTIVELY OF MR. W.D. MILLS AND MR. J.J.M. VAN HEERDEN TO THE NEWLY CREATED POSTS OF BUSINESS MANAGER

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AND PHYSICAL PLANNING OFFICER. THE WHOLE OPERATION OF THE BREAD-AND-BUTTER AND BRICKS-AND-MORTAR SIDE OF THE UNIVERSITY'S LIFE SHOULD PROCEED FAR MORE SMOOTHLY AND EFFICIENTLY THROUGH THIS DEVELOPMENT.

STAFF

DURING 1976, RETIREMENT ON SUPERANNUATION BROUGHT TO AN END THE DIRECT ASSOCIATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CERTAIN LONG-SERVING MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMIC STAFF. PROFESSOR L.A. HEWSON, DEAN OF DIVINITY AND PROFESSOR OF NEW TESTAMENT STUDIES, RETIRED AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER, AS DID PROFESSOR HUGH CHAPMAN, DEAN OF STUDENTS. THEY WERE FOLLOWED AT THE END OF THE YEAR, BY PROFESSOR J.J. GERBER, PROFESSOR AND DEAN OF EDUCATION AND PROFESSOR H.E.W. ERBE, PROFESSOR OF GERMAN. EACH IN HIS OWN FIELD, THESE MEN HAD GIVEN VALUABLE SERVICE TO RHODES OVER MANY YEARS, FOR WHICH WE ARE TRULY GRATEFUL.

MR F.G. MUIRHEAD, ASSISTANT REGISTRAR (ESTATE AND BUILDINGS) ALSO RETIRED DURING THE YEAR, AFTER A LENGTHY PERIOD OF SERVICE, WHILE TWO OTHER RETIREMENTS THAT WILL BE OF INTEREST TO MANY OLD STUDENTS WERE THOSE OF MISS A.M.T. GUEST, SECRETARY TO A SUCCESSION OF VICE-CHANCELLORS^{*}, AND MRS. M.I. VERNER, WHO HAD SERVED THE UNIVERSITY AS COMMITTEE CLERK FOR MANY YEARS.

* happily with us for one more year
in another capacity.

RESIGNATIONS, IN ALL CASES TO ACCEPT SUPERIOR POSITIONS ELSEWHERE, WERE THOSE OF DR. J.A. BENYON (HISTORY), DR. D.R. MATRAVERS (APPLIED MATHEMATICS), DR. R. WINTERBOTTOM (ICHTHYOLOGY) AND DR. D. RIORDAN (PURE MATHEMATICS). PROFESSOR MICHAEL ROBERTS COMPLETED HIS SECOND CAREER AT RHODES WITH THE EXPIRY OF THE TERM OF HIS APPOINTMENT AS DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RESEARCH. *He has been succeeded by Prof Opland.*

SENIOR APPOINTMENTS DURING THE YEAR INCLUDED THOSE OF PROFESSOR J.N. SUGGIT (NEW TESTAMENT STUDIES), PROFESSOR B. POTGIETER, (PHARMACOLOGY), MR. K.S. PRINSLOO, AS SENIOR LECTURER IN ACCOUNTING, AND MR. D.P. STEYN AS SENIOR LECTURER IN PSYCHOLOGY.

SEVERAL MEMBERS RECEIVED PROMOTION DURING THE YEAR AT ALL LEVELS OF THE ESTABLISHMENT. THREE HEADS OF DEPARTMENT WHO HAVE BEEN ADVANCED TO THE RANK OF FULL PROFESSORSHIPS ARE C.A.J. GIFFARD, T.V.R. BEARD AND R. SARGEANT. NEW ASSOCIATE PROFESSORS ARE DR. A.P. BRINK, DR. F.L. COLEMAN, MRS. E.R. HUNT, AND DR. M. VAN WYK SMITH, WHILE THE NEW SENIOR LECTURERS ARE DR. R.E. JACOB, DR. I. KANFER, MR. J.E. MOULDER, MR. J.A.G. PERRY, DR. L.E. SWITZER, DR. B.J. WILSON, DR. A.P. HENDRIKSE AND DR. P.D. TERRY.

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ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT

IN A WORLD OF VARIABLE NEEDS AND CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES, UNIVERSITIES MUST LAUNCH NEW VENTURES AND REVISE OLD ONES AT TIMES, IF THEIR WORK IS TO REMAIN RELEVANT TO CONDITIONS AROUND THEM. THE SENATE HAS AGREED THAT MORE EMPHASIS SHOULD BE PLACED ON RESEARCH AND POSTGRADUATE WORK, AND THAT RHODES SHOULD NOT ENVISAGE AN INDEFINITE EXPANSION WITHOUT LIMIT. A FIGURE OF 3500 STUDENTS HAS BEEN SET AS A TARGET FOR THE NEXT TEN TO FIFTEEN YEARS.

A NUMBER OF PRACTICAL STEPS TOWARDS THE FIRST OF THESE OBJECTIVES HAVE ALREADY BEEN POSSIBLE.

THANKS TO THE EDA FISHER BEQUEST NEARLY THIRTY POST-BACCALAUREATE RESIDENCE BURSARIES HAVE BEEN AWARDED.

WITH THE AID OF A GRANT FROM THE GOVERNORS OF THE RHODES UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION TRUST TWENTY-FIVE POSTGRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS WITH AN EMOLUMENT OF R1000 HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED.

PROVIDED THE NECESSARY OUTSIDE SUBVENTION IS FORTHCOMING THE DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY WILL PROCEED WITH AN M.SC. COURSE IN EXPLORATION GEOLOGY.

FINALLY, WE HAVE VERY RECENTLY RECEIVED CONFIRMATION FROM THE TRUSTEES THAT WE MAY PROCEED WITH THE ADVERTISEMENT OF THE PAUL AND STELLA LOWENSTEIN CHAIR OF DEVELOPMENT STUDIES, TO BE HOUSED IN THE INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RESEARCH. THIS FULLY SUBVENTED NEW VENTURE IS A VERY EXCITING ONE INDEED. WE ARE HOPING TO APPOINT AN INCUMBENT NOT ONLY CAPABLE OF THEORETICAL CONTRIBUTION IN THIS SPHERE, BUT ALSO WITH SUFFICIENT INSIGHT AND EXPERIENCE TO LEAD PRACTICAL PROJECTS DESIGNED TO AMELIORATE THE VERY ADVERSE SOCIAL CONDITIONS TO BE ENCOUNTERED IN THE EASTERN CAPE, BORDER AND TRANSKEI AREAS.

THERE HAS ALSO BEEN A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF OTHER ACADEMIC CHANGES, MAINLY AT THE UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL. • IN ADDITION TO THE EXISTING CURRICULUM FOR THE B.A. DEGREE, FOR WHICH TEN COURSES ARE REQUIRED, INCLUDING AT LEAST FOUR NON-INITIAL COURSES, THERE WILL HENCEFORTH BE THE ALTERNATIVE CHOICE OF A CURRICULUM CONSISTING OF NINE COURSES, INCLUDING FIVE NON-INITIAL COURSES. THIS ALTERNATIVE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THOSE STUDENTS ONLY WHO ATTAIN A HIGH STANDARD IN THEIR FIRST YEAR OF STUDY.

+ A B.A. (TRANSLATION) DEGREE HAS BEEN INSTITUTED, WITH TRANSLATION AS A THREE YEAR MAJOR SUBJECT WITH ANOTHER TO BE SELECTED FROM THOSE OFFERED IN THE FACULTY OF ARTS. TRANSLATION I WILL BE ACCEPTED AS A CREDIT

TOWARDS THE B.A. DEGREE. RHODES IS THE ONLY UNIVERSITY TO OFFER A DEGREE IN THIS FIELD.

- + TO ASSIST CANDIDATES INTENDING TO STUDY FOR A DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION, AN ALTERNATIVE FIRST-YEAR COURSE IN MATHEMATICS, KNOWN AS MATHEMATICS IE, HAS BEEN INTRODUCED.
- + THE CURRICULUM FOR THE B.PHARM. DEGREE HAS BEEN EXTENSIVELY RESTRUCTURED TO CONFORM TO PRESENT-DAY PRACTICE AND TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE S.A. PHARMACY BOARD.
- + THE B.COM. DEGREE CURRICULUM HAS BEEN REMODELLED TO CONTAIN TWELVE INSTEAD OF FOURTEEN COURSES. AS COMPARED WITH THE THREE ALTERNATIVES OFFERED IN THE PAST, SEVEN ALTERNATIVE CURRICULA ARE NOW AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS.
- + ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT IN THE FACULTY OF COMMERCE IS THE INTRODUCTION OF A POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT.
- + THE CURRICULUM FOR THE B.SOC.SC. (SOCIAL WORK) DEGREE HAS BEEN EXTENDED FROM THREE YEARS TO FOUR YEARS.

- + THE SYLLABUS FOR ANTHROPOLOGY HAS BEEN ENLARGED TO CHANGE IT FROM A TWO-YEAR TO A THREE-YEAR MAJOR SUBJECT.

- + WE HAVE ALSO BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN FURTHERING THE NEGOTIATIONS TO ESTABLISH AS A GROWTH POINT A BRANCH OF RHODES IN EAST LONDON, CATERING INITIALLY TO THE B. COM. DEGREE ONLY. WE HAD HOPED TO MAKE A START IN 1978, BUT THE PATH OF NEGOTIATION IS FAR FROM OVER AND THIS DATE IS OBVIOUSLY NOT REALISTIC.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

- WE HAVE CONTINUED A STEADY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME DURING 1978. THE FOURTH SIDE OF THE QUADRANGLE, WHICH WILL HOUSE MAINLY LANGUAGE DEPARTMENTS AND THE HISTORY DEPARTMENT, WILL BE COMPLETED BY JUNE THIS YEAR. RENOVATIONS ARE BEING UNDERTAKEN IN THE OLD DROSTDY BARRACKS IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THE EXTERIOR IN ITS HISTORICAL CHARACTER BUT TO MODERNISE THE INTERIOR FOR THE LINGUISTICS DEPARTMENT.

- THE "OLD MUTUAL" SPORTS PAVILION ON THE NEW PROSPECT FIELD HAS BEEN COMMISSIONED AND THE CONTRACTOR TOOK OCCUPATION OF THE SITE A MONTH AGO. THIS IS A PROJECT VALUED AT OVER R250,000 AND WILL TAKE APPROXIMATELY 2 YEARS TO COMPLETE.

ON THE OLD TRAINING COLLEGE, NOW KNOWN AS ST. PETER'S, WE HAVE UNDERTAKEN THE FOLLOWING WORK :-

- + WINCHESTER HOUSE HAS BEEN RENOVATED AS A TRANSIT RESIDENCE AND WILL BE OCCUPIED IN TURN BY RESIDENTS OF 10 OF OUR OLDER RESIDENCES WHILE THEY UNDERGO RENOVATION AND MODERNISATION OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.
- + CANTERBURY HOUSE HAS BEEN RENOVATED AND WILL FORM THE NUCLEUS OF A NEW HALL, THE NAME OF WHICH IS YET TO BE DETERMINED.
- + THE DINING HALL AT ST. PETER'S HAS BEEN RENOVATED. *As a paradigm example of Sir Herbert Baker's art, this acquisition is a gem indeed.*
- + A FURTHER SECTION OF THE OLD TRAINING COLLEGE WILL SOON BE IN THE HANDS OF CONTRACTORS AND WILL BE RECONSTRUCTED TO SUIT THE NEEDS OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.
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- + A LECTURE ROOM ~~IS~~ ^{mainly} NEARING COMPLETION ON THE OLD TRAINING COLLEGE TENNIS COURTS AND WILL BE USED BY THE LAW DEPARTMENT, WHICH IS NOW ACCOMMODATED IN THE ADJACENT LINCOLN HOUSE.
- + THE MAIN ST. PETER'S BUILDING IS NOW UNDER EXAMINATION TO DETERMINE ITS SUITABILITY FOR CONVERSION TO TEACHING ACCOMMODATION FOR THE ACCOUNTING, COMMERCE AND ECONOMICS DEPARTMENTS.

- + PLANNING IS UNDER WAY TO PROVIDE EASY ACCESS BETWEEN ST. PETER'S AND THE MAIN RHODES BUILDINGS.

A CONTRACT HAS BEEN CONCLUDED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONS TO THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, VALUED AT R380 000,00.

IF WE TURN NOW TO RESIDENCES, THE FOLLOWING WORK IS UNDER WAY OR PLANNED TO START IN THE NEAR FUTURE :-

- + JAMESON HOUSE IS TO BE RENOVATED AND MODERNISED BEFORE THE END OF THE THIRD TERM. THIS RESIDENCE WAS BUILT IN 1923.
- + ORIEL HOUSE WILL FOLLOW THE COMPLETION OF JAMESON AND WILL BE SIMILARLY MODERNISED.
- + THEREAFTER, PROBABLY LATE IN 1978, WE SHALL TURN OUR ATTENTIONS TO MILNER HOUSE.
- + ST. MARY DINING HALL WILL UNDERGO A FACE-LIFT AND A SMALL EXPANSION TO CATER FOR MORE STUDENTS, AND THE KITCHEN WILL BE RENOVATED DURING 1977.

IN ADDITION TO ALL THESE MAJOR CONSTRUCTION WORKS, A HOST OF MINOR WORK CONTINUES. PERHAPS NOT SO MINOR, AND CERTAINLY OF CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE FOR THE FUTURE RUNNING OF THE UNIVERSITY, IS AN INVESTIGATION INTO OUR CHARGES FOR ENERGY - ELECTRICITY, HEATING, OIL, GAS AND WATER. THE OUTCOME OF SUCH AN INVESTIGATION MIGHT MEAN A CONSIDERABLE CAPITAL INVESTMENT IN BRINGING THE WHOLE OF THE UNIVERSITY'S CAMPUS, INCLUDING ST. PETER'S, ONTO ONE COMMON BULK SUPPLY OF WATER AND ELECTRICITY FROM THE GRAHAMSTOWN MUNICIPALITY.

WE ARE ALSO EXAMINING OUR WATER RETICULATION SYSTEM AND ARE CONTEMPLATING THE POSSIBILITY OF A BOREHOLE/PUMP STORAGE SYSTEM BOTH TO RELIEVE OUR HIGH ELECTRICITY COSTS ON PUMPING AND TO PROVIDE SOME INSURANCE AGAINST FUTURE DROUGHTS.

STUDENTS

IN 1976, THE UNIVERSITY'S ENROLMENT EDGED CLOSE TO THE 2500 MARK TO SET A NEW RECORD. PRESENT FIGURES FOR 1977 INDICATE, HOWEVER, THAT THE 1976 RECORD HAS ALREADY BEEN ECLIPSED BY MORE THAN 125.* THIS CONTINUAL RISE IN NUMBERS IS GRATIFYING AND SHOULD ALSO BE REGARDED, AGAINST THE

BACKGROUND OF OUR DETERMINATION TO PRESERVE OUR RESIDENTIAL CHARACTER, AS

A noteworthy and gratifying^{satisfying} aspect of this growth of 5% has been the substantial increase in Hons + Hons level numbers

QUITE AN ADEQUATE RATE OF GROWTH. WE CAN NEVER BE BLIND, HOWEVER, TO THE FACT THAT HIGHER STUDENT NUMBERS WOULD BRING CERTAIN ECONOMIES OF DIMENSION WITHIN OUR REACH THAT ARE NOT AVAILABLE TO US AT PRESENT. THE PRECARIOUS POSITION IN WHICH INDIVIDUAL SMALLER DEPARTMENTS CAN BE PLACED AT PRESENT BY FLUCTUATIONS IN THEIR ANNUAL ENROLMENT, WOULD ALSO BE REMEDIED BY FURTHER GROWTH.

THE HIGH STANDARDS MAINTAINED BY THE UNIVERSITY CONTINUE TO BE ENDORSED BY THE SUCCESSES ACHIEVED BY OUR STUDENTS AND OLD STUDENTS IN THE FIELD OF OPEN COMPETITION FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND OTHER ACADEMIC HONOURS. THEY ALSO CONTINUE TO ACHIEVE MUCH IN THE FIELD OF SPORT, AND LAST YEAR 49 STUDENTS GAINED PROVINCIAL COLOURS, WHILE 23 WERE SELECTED FOR S.A. UNIVERSITIES SIDES. (AND, OF COURSE, WE WON THE RUGBY INTERVARSITY !)

HUMAN RELATIONS

A DEVELOPMENT OF WHICH I AM PARTICULARLY PROUD, AND WITHOUT AN ACCOUNT OF WHICH THIS REPORT WOULD BE INCOMPLETE, HAS BEEN THE VERY GREAT IMPROVEMENT IN THE CONDITIONS OF SERVICE OF OUR UNSKILLED AND SEMI-SKILLED STAFF. IN THE SHORT SPACE OF ONE YEAR WE HAVE ADVANCED THE MINIMUM PAY

BY 50%, PUT ALL OUR WORKERS ON MONTHLY PAY, PLACED THEM ALL ON THE SAME PENSION SCHEME AS THAT ENJOYED BY THEIR MORE SKILLED COLLEAGUES, AND APPOINTED A PERSONNEL OFFICER, MR. P. MABONGO, WITH PARTICULAR RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR AFFAIRS. THE DISASTROUS FIRE IN THE NEW WING OF THE SETTLERS' HOSPITAL HAS SET BACK OUR NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THE OLD PRINCE ALFRED INFIRMARY, WHERE WE HAD HOPED TO ESTABLISH A SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL CENTRE FOR OUR BLACK WORKERS. IN ADDITION, THE TERMS OF THE NEW SPORTS POLICY HAVE MEANT A FAR GREATER USE OF OUR SPORTS FACILITIES BY ALL MEMBERS OF STAFF.

I MUST MAKE MENTION ALSO OF THE GREAT CONTRIBUTION OF THE RHODES WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION. THEY HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF SEWING AND LITERACY CLASSES, AND FOR TWO VERY SUCCESSFUL TOURS OF OVER 400 EASTERN CAPE SCHOOL CHILDREN OF OUR FACILITIES. THE ASSISTANCE OF OUR WOMENFOLK IN PROMOTING THE WELFARE OF THE UNIVERSITY IS SOMETHING FOR WHICH WE CAN ALL BE VERY GRATEFUL.

FINANCE

THREE FACTORS, APART FROM THE UBIQUITOUS SPECTRE OF INFLATION, HAVE LARGELY BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PRESENT WORRISOME STATE OF OUR FINANCES :

THE GREATLY INCREASED COST OF ENERGY, TO WHICH I HAVE ALREADY ALLUDED.

A LAST MINUTE 2,3% CUT IN GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY, WHICH RESULTED IN A REDUCTION OF OUR INCOME OF R100 000.

A MUCH IMPROVED PENSION SCHEME, TO WHICH THE UNIVERSITIES ARE NOW EXPECTED TO CONTRIBUTE ON A SCALE NOT ENVISAGED WHEN THE SCHEME WAS INTRODUCED.

THE OUTLOOK FOR 1977, WHILE SOMBRE, IS FAR FROM BEING DISASTROUS, THANKS IN A LARGE MEASURE TO THE ECONOMICS WHICH WE HAVE ALREADY PUT INTO EFFECT, AND TO THE ~~TER~~TERMINOUS CO-OPERATION OF STAFF AND STUDENTS ALIKE. IN THE LIGHT OF THE GREAT NEED FOR FISCAL VIGILANCE THE CONTINUED VERY GENEROUS LEVEL OF SUPPORT OF OUR DONORS, IS DOUBLY APPRECIATED.

APPRECIATION

PRESIDENT

ALL IN ALL, MR. ~~CHAIRMAN~~, YOU WILL SEE THAT IT HAS BEEN A VERY BUSY YEAR, AND IF YOU NOTICE SOME FLECKS OF GREY AT MY TEMPLES OR DEEPER FURROWS IN MY BROWS, THE REASONS HAVE BEEN ADEQUATELY ADVANCED.

I WISH, IN CONCLUSION, TO EXPRESS MY THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED, BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY, TO THE WELFARE OF OUR UNIVERSITY : TO THE MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL WHO SACRIFICE THEIR TIME, AND OFTEN TRAVEL LONG DISTANCES, TO ASSIST IN THE MANAGEMENT OF THE INSTITUTION : TO THE GOVERNORS FOR THEIR VALUABLE EFFORTS ON OUR BEHALF: TO THE STAFF FOR THEIR SUPPORT, AND FOR THE SERVICE RENDERED OUTSIDE THEIR NORMAL DUTIES IN THE FORM OF RESEARCH WORK, PUBLICATIONS, PUBLIC LECTURES, AND SERVICE TO PUBLIC BODIES AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS. WITH THIS SUPPORT, WE MAY VENTURE BOLDLY INTO THE YEARS AHEAD.

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