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ADDRESS OF WELCOME TO ARTS AND SCIENCES WEEK, MONDAY MAY 13 1985.

The tradition of Arts and Sciences Week, which began more than thirty years ago, is unique to Rhodes University. It is an important event within the University as it offers to scientists an opportunity to explore some of the mysterious workings of the world of Arts; and to the proponents of the Arts it provides a glimpse of a few of the wonders of science.

An important part of the tradition is the concept of "town and gown", that is, bringing townsfolk into the University to see for themselves that there is a great deal more to Rhodes life than the annual Rag procession.

It was Byron who said that:

"The days of our youth are the days of our glory",

bearing that in mind, I should like to welcome you all, town and gown, to the 1985 Arts and Sciences Week, whose theme is "Youth in Southern Africa". I trust that you will all take advantage of the interesting and varied programme and enjoy it as much as I know I am going to do.