

Vice-Chancellor

OPENING OF THE NEW BUILDINGS FOR THE DEPARTMENTS OF ENGLISH, GEOGRAPHY

AND LIBRARIANSHIP AND GEOLOGY AT 18h00 ON THURSDAY 15 MAY

I should be grateful if you would join the other members of the Chancellor's procession in the robing room - Room 222 on the ground floor of the Old Arts Block-no later than 17h45 on 15 May.

The procession will start at the sounding of a fanfare and will proceed juniores priores through the two quads and up the cloister steps. On arriving at the library level the procession will divide and fill the two front rows, beginning at the second row. Members of the procession will occupy the seats as indicated in the attachment hereto.

When all the members of the procession are in their places (the Chancellor being the last to arrive) and the mace has been set, the Vice-Chancellor will move to the microphone and say a few introductory words. The Chancellor will then address the gathering and at the end of his speech the buildings will be formally opened by the switching on of flood lights illuminating in turn the Geology Building, the Geography Building and the English Building.

During the opening ceremony the choir and the brass ensemble will play and sing Beethovens "Creation's-Hymn".

When the opening ceremony has been completed, and after a short pause, the Chancellor, preceded by the Bedellus will lead the procession back to the Old Arts Block. The choir will sing and will join the procession immediately after the Registrar and will be followed in turn by those invited guests who may wish to do so.


JOHN WILKINSON

REGISTRAR

9 May 1986

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RHODES UNIVERSITY

OPENING OF NEW BUILDING : 15 MAY 1986

CHANCELLORS PROCESSION

Proceed juniores priores, return seniores priores

REGISTRAR

DEAN OF DIVINITY

DEAN OF PHARMACY

DEAN OF COMMERCE

DEAN OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

DEAN OF LAW

DEAN OF EDUCATION

DEAN OF ARTS

DEAN OF SCIENCE

PROFESSOR V W SMITH

MRS WEBB

PROFESSOR EALES

PROFESSOR DANIEL

VICE-PRINCIPAL

CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL

VICE-CHANCELLOR

BEDELLUS

CHANCELLOR

PROCEDURE FOR OPENING CEREMONY : Thursday May 15, 1986

18h00 The Bedellus (Mr Harwood) uses Campus Protection Officer's radio to inform Mr Piggott (near brass ensemble) that procession is ready.

Mr Piggott uses radio to tell Bedellus to start, and at same time signals to Prof Nowotny to start fanfare. After fanfare the Choir sings Purple and White until Chancellor reaches throne.

When Choir stops, Chancellor takes seat, Bedellus sets down mace and takes his seat, congregation sits.

Vice-Chancellor walks to lectern for short speech introducing Chancellor and resumes seat.

Chancellor walks to lectern to give his opening speech ending with the words :

" I felt honoured to be asked to preside at this ceremony. To symbolize this the buildings will be illuminated in the order : Geology, Geography and Librarianship, and English. I now have much pleasure in declaring open the buildings for Geology, Geography, Librarianship and English."

During applause the Chancellor resumes his seat, the brass ensemble and the Choir stand up.

At the end of applause the brass ensemble plays part one of Creation's Hymn, Mr Rautenbach signals for Geology lights to be switched on.

As part one ends Miss Ceri cues Mr Rautenbach to signal for Geography lights to be switched on simultaneously with choir starting to sing part two.

As part two ends Miss Ceri cues Mr Rautenbach to signal for English lights to be switched on simultaneously with ensemble and choir jointly playing and singing part three (final) of Hymn.

During part three Bedellus takes up position behind mace table.

After applause
Bedellus raises mace
Chancellor rises
Congregation rises

Bedellus shoulders mace
and leads procession down steps to Old Arts Block
Choir follows Chancellor's procession singing Tsena, Tsena
Ushers direct VIPs seated in rows 3, 4 and 5 of centre block to follow choir

After centre block is emptied
right hand block is directed to follow
and finally left hand block follows

Chancellor's procession proceeds to Room 222 to disrobe (academics!)
Choir and congregation proceed to Senior Common Room

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SEATING PLAN FOR THE CEREMONY

[15.5.1986]

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| Mrs Webb | Prof Daniel | President of Convocation | Chairman of Council | Chancellor | Vice- Chancellor | Vice- Principal | Professor Eales | Professor V W Smith |
| Dean of Science | Dean of Education | Dean of Social Science | Dean of Pharmacy | | Dean of Divinity | Dean of Commerce | Dean of Law | Dean of Arts |
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