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END OF YEAR PARTY 1979

IN A SENSE, THE END OF EVERY ACADEMIC YEAR IS THE END OF ANOTHER CHAPTER IN THE HISTORY OF RHODES, BUT PERHAPS MORE SO THIS YEAR, WHEN WE HAVE TO TAKE LEAVE OF NO FEWER THAN 5 PROFESSORS OF THE UNIVERSITY. PROFESSOR RAMSTAD RETIRES AT THE END OF THIS YEAR, PROFESSOR SMUTS WILL BE ON LEAVE FOR SIX MONTHS BEFORE RETIRING AT THE END OF JUNE, WHILE PROFESSOR FRANCISCO-LA GRANGE, PROFESSOR GLASSER AND PROFESSOR WOODS HAVE ACCEPTED APPOINTMENTS AT OTHER UNIVERSITIES. SINCE, AT THEIR OWN CHOICE, NO OTHER FAREWELL FUNCTION WILL BE ARRANGED FOR THEM, MAY I REFER BRIEFLY TO EACH IN THE ORDER IN WHICH I HAVE MENTIONED THEM.

PROFESSOR RAMSTAD

WHEN PROFESSOR RAMSTAD CAME TO RHODES AS A VISITING RESEARCH FELLOW, IN 1974, HE ALREADY HAD A VERY LONG CAREER BEHIND HIM, AND AN EQUALLY LONG LIST OF PUBLICATIONS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND OTHER ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS. HIS EARLIER UNIVERSITY EDUCATION WAS IN OSLO. HIS DOCTORATE IN PHARMACY CAME FROM LIÈGE. HIS CAREER AS LECTURER AND PROFESSOR TOOK HIM TO THREE CONTINENTS AND INCLUDED THE UNIVERSITIES OF OSLO, PURDUE AND IFE (IN NIGERIA). IN ALL THESE CENTRES HE LEFT A RECORD OF ENDURING ACHIEVEMENT, AND HE IS WIDELY ACKNOWLEDGED FOR HIS PIONEERING WORK IN BIOSYNTHETIC RESEARCH IN THE FIELD OF PHARMACY. A FEW

MONTHS AFTER HIS ARRIVAL, HE WAS APPOINTED PROFESSOR AND HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES, AND IN THE SPACE OF FOUR YEARS HE NOT ONLY SUCCEEDED IN CHANGING THE NAME OF THE DEPARTMENT, AND THE NAME OF ALMOST EVERY COURSE THAT IT OFFERS, BUT ALSO LAID THE FOUNDATION FOR ITS CHANGE OF STATUS TO A FACULTY. AT THE END OF 1978 HE RELINQUISHED THE HEADSHIP OF THE DEPARTMENT BUT AGREED TO CONTINUE AS A PROFESSOR FOR THIS YEAR. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR ALL THAT PROFESSOR RAMSTAD HAS DONE FOR OUR SCHOOL OF PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES. WE ARE PLEASED TO KNOW THAT HE WILL BE CONTINUING HIS OWN RESEARCH WORK HERE, AND WE WISH HIM ALL HAPPINESS IN HIS RETIREMENT.

PROFESSOR SMUTS

PROFESSOR SMUTS, RETIRING HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AFRIKAANS EN NEDERLANDS, HAS SERVED THE UNIVERSITY FOR MORE THAN 21 YEARS. HE IS A PRODUCT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN, WHERE HE COMPLETED HIS PH.D. IN 1944 AND ALSO GAINED HIS FIRST EXPERIENCE OF LECTURING. AFTER TWO YEARS ON THE STAFF OF THE TRANSLATION BUREAU, IN PRETORIA, HE HAD 5 YEARS AS DEPUTY CHIEF TRANSLATOR IN THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, FOLLOWED BY SIX YEARS AS EDITOR OF THE AFRIKAANS DICTIONARY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF STELLENBOSCH. HE WAS APPOINTED A SENIOR LECTURER AT RHODES IN 1958 AND SUCCEEDED TO THE CHAIR OF AFRIKAANS/NEDERLANDS IN 1971. HIS RESEARCH

AND PUBLICATIONS COVER A CONSIDERABLE FIELD, BUT WITH LEXICOGRAPHY AS A CONSTANT FORTÉ. IN THE PAST FEW YEARS I HAVE HAD A CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH PROFESSOR SMUTS, NOT ONLY AS A FAITHFUL MEMBER OF STAFF, BUT ALSO AS A FAITHFUL CORRESPONDENT, AND I AM FAMILIAR NOT ONLY WITH HIS WORK BUT ALSO WITH HIS VIEWS ON MANY MATTERS. LOOKING TO-DAY AT HIS LONG PERIOD OF SERVICE AT RHODES, I THANK HIM SINCERELY FOR HIS CONTRIBUTION TO SO MANY ASPECTS OF UNIVERSITY LIFE OVER ALL THESE YEARS, AND WE WISH HIM, AND ALSO MRS SMUTS, THE BEST OF HEALTH AND HAPPINESS IN THEIR RETIREMENT. ALLES VAN DIE BESTE!

PROFESSOR FRANCISCO-LA GRANGE

PROFESSOR FRIEDA FRANCISCO-LA GRANGE, HEAD OF OUR DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK, LEAVES US AT THE END OF THIS YEAR TO FILL A SIMILAR POST AT THE RAND AFRIKAANS UNIVERSITY. AFTER COMPLETING HER M.A. AT STELLENBOSCH (TO WHICH SHE LATER ADDED THE D. PHIL. DEGREE), SHE SERVED FOR 10 YEARS AS SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER OF THE CITIZENS' HOUSING LEAGUE, IN CAPE TOWN, FOLLOWED BY 2 YEARS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE. SHE WAS APPOINTED A LECTURER AT RHODES, IN THE OLD COMBINED DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL WORK, IN 1960 AND PROMOTED TO SENIOR LECTURER IN 1968. IN 1971, SOCIAL WORK BECAME A SEPARATE DEPARTMENT, AND SHE WAS

APPOINTED TO THE NEW CHAIR IN 1972. SHE ALSO SERVED FOR SEVERAL YEARS AS WARDEN OF MILNER HOUSE. IN THE WIDER COMMUNITY SHE WAS EXTREMELY ACTIVE IN THE ORGANISING OF VOLUNTARY WELFARE WORK AND IN THE FURTHER EDUCATION OF WELFARE WORKERS, AND SHE SERVED ON SEVERAL STATUTORY BODIES AND COMMISSIONS. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR HER LONG PERIOD OF SERVICE TO RHODES, AND SHE TAKES WITH HER OUR BEST WISHES FOR THE FUTURE.

PROFESSOR GLASSER

PROFESSOR LESLIE GLASSER, WHO HAS HELD THE CHAIR OF PHYSICAL CHEMISTRY FOR THE PAST 13 YEARS, IS MOVING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WITWATERSRAND AT THE END OF THIS YEAR. A B.Sc. - GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN, WHO SUBSEQUENTLY TOOK HIS PH.D. AT THE UNIVERSITT OF LONDON, HE BECAME A LECTURER IN PHYSICAL CHEMISTRY AT WITS IN 1960. HE WAS PROMOTED TO SENIOR LECTURER IN 1966, AND HIS APPOINTMENT AS PROFESSOR AT RHODES, BECAME EFFECTIVE IN JULY OF THAT YEAR. HIS RESEARCH WORK TOOK HIM TO PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, IN 1968, AS A RESEARCH ASSOCIATE; TO THE MAX PLANCK INSTITUTE, IN 1972, AS EXCHANGE FELLOW; AND

TO THE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF WALES, IN 1975/76, AS RESEARCH FELLOW. HE SERVED A TERM OF OFFICE AS DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF SCIENCE, AND ALSO AS WARDEN OF THE OPPIDANS HALL. BOTH HE AND MRS GLASER CONTRIBUTED IN MANY WAYS TO THE LIFE OF OUR UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY, AND FOR ALL THIS WE OFFER THEM OUR SINCERE THANKS AND OUR GOOD WISHES FOR THE YEARS TO COME.

PROFESSOR WOODS

PROFESSOR DAVE WOODS IS THE ONLY RHODES GRADUATE AMONGST THE DEPARTING PROFESSORS. IT WAS HERE THAT HE TOOK HIS B.Sc. (HONOURS) DEGREE AND SERVED FOR A YEAR AS A JUNIOR LECTURER, BEFORE GOING TO OXFORD AS A RHODES SCHOLAR. WHILE WORKING FOR HIS D.PHIL., WHICH HE RECEIVED IN 1966, HE ALSO PERFORMED A VARIETY OF ACADEMIC DUTIES AS DEMONSTRATOR, TUTOR AND ASSISTANT LECTURER. HE RETURNED TO RHODES AS SENIOR LECTURER IN MICROBIOLOGY, WAS PROMOTED TO PROFESSOR IN 1972, AND BECAME THE FIRST OCCUPANT OF THE NEW CHAIR WHEN THE DEPARTMENT OF MICROBIOLOGY WAS SEPARATED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY.

HIS MANY PUBLICATIONS ARE AS WELL KNOWN AS THE RESEARCH WORK THAT GAINED INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR HIS DEPARTMENT. HE ALSO SERVED AS WARDEN OF THE FOUNDER'S HALL. THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER AT RHODES, HE PARTICIPATED VERY FULLY IN ALL THE WORK AND ACTIVITIES OF THE UNIVERSITY, AND BOTH HE AND MRS CHARLOTT WOODS WILL BE SADLY MISSED. WE EXTEND TO BOTH OF THEM OUR THANKS AND OUR BEST WISHES FOR THE FUTURE.