

Saturday 14/4/84
Lunch speech.
D.S.H.

CHANCELLOR'S TOAST LIST 1984

- 1 When guests have reached their places at table, CHANCELLOR says grace.
- 2 After the first course has been cleared, CHANCELLOR proposes formal toast:
"The State President".
- 3 After the main course has been cleared, VICE-CHANCELLOR rises spontaneously to propose toast to honorary graduates
- 4 After this toast, CHANCELLOR, (apart from pointing out that "we have just had the pleasure, this morning, of hearing Dr Human speak") invites Dr Chubb and Dr Kingwill to respond briefly, explaining that he is taking them in alphabetical order)
- 5 After coffee, CHANCELLOR rises to indicate end of luncheon

April 1984

GRADUATION LUNCHEON SPEECH BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR,

DR D S HENDERSON

What greater pleasure can there be after a hot and harrowing day than to wander in the cool light of evening through a truly beautiful garden. Judiciously planted shade trees sigh in the soft breeze. A rich sward of lawn lies brilliant green and smelling clean from recent rain. Flowerbeds are a blaze of harmonious blooms that subtly change with the seasons. A walk along meandering gravel paths edged with soft ferns and violets brings you to well-tended ranks of plump and healthy vegetables, where three friendly gardeners, hoe, fork and watering-can in hand, happily snap off crisp young beans or peapods for you to chew as you stroll on toward the heady perfume of the rose garden.

But wait, isn't there something familiar about those friendly gardeners? Is it just my imagination? Or could our three Honorary Graduates for 1984 really have got together and created this beautiful garden?

It is not my imagination telling me that one of our honorary graduates lists gardening in the SA Who's Who as his favourite recreational activity. He, I think, would have no difficulty in talking the others into starting such a venture, for their talents, skills and inclinations would mesh admirably in the undertaking of such a project.

1 Cornelis Human, man of the country, man of the people, would provide the land, the seed, the fertilizer, the food to feed the workers, indeed the whole industrial and technical infrastructure necessary to sustain the garden.

Ashton Chubb would go to indefatigable lengths to persuade an agricultural college some two hours drive away to establish a branch in the garden, in order to give new generations the knowledge and skills necessary for the continued creation of green and flower filled gardens.

And Denys Kingwill would be totally involved with establishing and guiding research institutes to investigate the most effective means of mulching, transplanting, weeding, to achieve the maximum potential of each and every plant in the garden.

Our three happy gardeners, during whose careers each one has achieved a large measure of self-fulfillment, have given to those around them, and to this country, the precious gift of themselves. As Voltaire's immortal everyman Candide said "il faut cultiver notre jardin", (one must cultivate one's garden) - We must enrich and enhance and create order in the world in which we find ourselves in order to justify our very existence. Our three honorary graduates have, in no small measure, cultivated their garden, our country, and I ask you to rise and drink a toast to our honorary graduates, Dr Chubb, Dr Human and Dr Kingwill.