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Farewell to Fort Hare professor

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ALICE, Tuesday. — A crowd which packed the auditorium of the University of Fort Hare gave a tremendous ovation to the resigning members of the university staff at a farewell function held in their honour.

Speaking of Professor Z. K. Matthews the principal, Professor Raymond Burrows, said: "He is a man of many firsts, a learned, courteous and friendly colleague."

Professor Matthews, he said, had been the first graduate of Fort Hare in 1912; the first African Bachelor of Law at the University of South Africa, the first non-European chairman of the Fort Hare senate.

He had also been the first non-White acting principal of Fort Hare to deliver the graduation address and the first to hold the chair of African studies.

Professor Matthews had served as a member of the advisory board appointed by an earlier Minister of Education on the development and financing of African education.

He had also been a member of the Royal Commission on higher education for Africans in British East Africa and the Sudan, which was responsible for the founding of the Makerere College at Kampala and the Gordon University at Khartoum.

His wife is a licenciate of the Royal Academy of Music, London, and B.A. (Arts and Social Science) of Fort Hare.

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