

Phil Denny

RHODES UNIVERSITY

MEMORANDUM

TO: THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

FROM: J DENNY

PROPOSED GUEST LIST TO WELCOMING PARTY FOR DELEGATES TO DIVINITY'S SUMMER SCHOOL

The following list of guests is suggested for the cheese and wine party you are giving on February 4, 1986.

There will be 130 delegates and Divinity staff.

Professor D Edwards)
Mrs E Wakely) Spouses of staff attending or assisting at school
Mrs T Suggit)

Professor & Mrs A Holland
Dr & Mrs R G Crawford (Professor Holland's replacements)
Professor & Mrs W Mitchell
Professor D Kruger
Professor & Mrs E Higgins
Professor & Mrs H Parolis
Dr & Mrs G White
Professor A J Kerr
His Worship the Mayor & Mrs La Trobe
Mr & Mrs T Long
Dr J Dippenaar (Chairman of Grahamstown branch of SA Medical Association)

I would be grateful if you would indicate any changes you want made.

J Denny

J DENNY

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6 January 1986

Approved

- 1) Consult with Mr. Hawkes whether he wants any of the local clergy invited
- 2) What is the venue?

D.S.H.

8/1/86

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SUMMER SCHOOL

Reverend Hawkes has requested that the following local cler
and their wives be invited:

The Very Reverend R Barker and Mrs Barker
Reverend F Nelson and Mrs Nelson
Reverend Dr B Clarke and Mrs Clarke
Reverend B Barnes
Reverend Dr D G L Cragg and Mrs Cragg
Reverend P Nicholl and Mrs Nicholl
Pastor D Turner and Mrs Turner
Dominee S Le Roux and Mrs Le Roux

The function is to be held in the Senior Common Room,
invitation is enclosed for your information.

J Denny

(F) Speeches

9/1/86

Miss Burnett

TO: THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

FROM: PRESS OFFICER

SUMMER SCHOOL: LIVING AND DYING

The main speaker during the School will be Dr Douglas MacAdam, BA, MB, BChir, MA (Cambridge), BD (London), LRCP, MRCS, MRCGP, FRCGP, FRACGP. He and the Revd Gerald Hawkes have known one another since their student days in London.

He is Senior Lecturer in Community Practice at the Medical School, University of Western Australia, Perth. He is also a Minister of the United Reformed Church and has founded hospices in both England and Australia.

The delegates to the School include about 50 ministers of religion, 50 nurses, 30 doctors, social workers, psychologists etc

The draft of the speech is attached. (X)

M Burnett

(X) This is a very good piece of work. I think you have struck just the right note

D.S.H

10/1/85

Draft

SPEECH TO WELCOME PARTICIPANTS TO THE THE FACULTY OF DIVINITY SUMMER
SCHOOL: LIVING AND DYING (FEBRUARY 3 - 7, 1986)

TUESDAY, FEBURARY 4, 1986

It is good to welcome you all to Rhodes University. I wish, in particular to extend our warmest thanks to Dr Douglas MacAdam for his contribution to the Summer School. I hope that you will enjoy your stay here and find, when you leave that you have gained in knowledge, understanding and fellowship with one another.

At Rhodes we believe that if education is to have any real value it must involve the whole person. It is sometimes difficult to keep track of this principle in our age of specialization, but it is a principle that we need to remember if we are to help our students to become productive human beings.

When Basil, Cardinal Hume, the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster, was Abbot of Ampleforth, he attended a meeting of heads of church schools during which the role of these schools was discussed. It was agreed that pupils should be prepared for tertiary education, to serve their communities, to be good Christian citizens, but he summed up his objectives when he said: "At Ampleforth we prepare our boys for death".

In the later half of the 20th century we seem, as nations and individuals, to have lost the Christian faith that ought to be the motivating force for thought and action, and the spiritual side of life

is discounted as unimportant.

Few nowadays express their faith as directly as did Sir Thomas More in his last letter to his daughter, Margaret, on the eve of his execution: "Fare well my deere childe and praye for me, and I shall for you and all your friends that we maie merily meete in heaven". The words 'merily meete in heaven' would sound odd to many in this century, though they should not, because the Christian Gospel has not changed.

While the advances of medical technology are to be appreciated - many of us would not be here tonight if they had not occurred - people are becoming increasingly concerned about the quality of life of such passive newsmakers as Barney Clark and other recipients of permanent artificial hearts; Baby Fae, who lived for 21 days with an implanted baboon heart; David, the boy who lived for 12 years in a sterile plastic bubble in a Houston hospital because he was born without the capacity to make sufficient antibodies to fight even the simplest infections; and countless others who are denied the right to die with dignity.

Death is the one constant in life, it always has been and will remain so, but it has become the great obscenity of our time and we are in danger of regarding it as our worst enemy. When a patient is rescued from the brink of death it is a victory, and rightly so, but death is merely postponed.

The growth of the hospice movement, with its concern more with the

quality of life before death than with the extension of that life, is something to be encouraged and supported.

I wish you well as you delve more deeply into this vital area of medical, spiritual and social care.