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STUDENTS' REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

Grahamstown, Cape Province Telephone 3422

23rd October, 1969

Dear Dr. Paton,

I have been instructed by the Rhodes Academic Freedom Committee to invite you to deliver the inaugural D.C.Oosthuizen Memorial Lecture, on our Local Day of Affirmation of Academic Freedom in 1970. The subject can be of your own choosing, but should be related in some way to Academic Freedom.

The date for this is to be during the second week of May, if it is suitable for you.

We would consider it an honour to have you as guest speaker at one of the most important functions of our Academic year.

Yours sincerely,

P. L. Pringle

PATRICK PRINGLE.
EDUCATION COUNCILLOR.

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November 6th. 1969

Mr. P. Pringle,
Education Councillor,
Rhodes University.

Dear Mr. Pringle,

I am honoured to accept your invitation to deliver the inaugural D.C. Oosthuizen Memorial Lecture. I do not think it will be difficult to choose a subject, and this will undoubtedly be that of personal freedom, of independence of thought and mind, of a proper, but not servile, obedience to authority, in fact the things for which Professor Oosthuizen stood. It should not be difficult to relate this to the topic of academic freedom, but academic freedom would not itself be the main theme. Is this agreeable to you?

I should be grateful if you would let me know the exact date of the lecture as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Alan Paton.



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24th November, 1969

May 13

Dear Dr. Paton,

I must apologise for a belated reply to your letter of November 6th, but the University has been very much involved in the end of year examinations for the last few weeks.

I am very pleased indeed that you will be able to deliver the inaugural D.C.Oosthuizen Memorial Lecture. The news of your acceptance has been received with enthusiasm by both students and staff. Your choice of subject is, I think, very fitting.

The Local Day of Affirmation will be held on Wednesday 13th May, if this date is acceptable to you. We will, of course, pay your expenses. I will forward further details to you as soon as arrangements are finalised.

We look forward both to hearing you speak publicly, and to meeting you personally.

Yours sincerely,

P. L. Pringle

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