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PRESIDENT'S PALAVER

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How often have you been forced to stop and consider - to consider what you are doing and where are you going? Like me, I suppose you are either surprised or shocked to find so often we: (a) are going nowhere in particular, (b) are doing nothing very constructive, or (c) aren't particularly worried anyway.

Christians, this is particularly disastrous. It's usually symptomatic of disharmony with our Lord - robbing us of power and effectiveness: meaning we can't really glorify Him who has done so much for us in making us sons instead of slaves.

Part of the beauty of living close to Christ is that He makes us function as whole people. We are able to think, assess, approach situations with critical insight - not in a cold, intellectual way, but in the dynamic, spirit-filled way in which Jesus is leading us.

~~We are able to live~~ ^{What would it be like} if the barriers between people could be easily perceived? So many isolated units reaching out in a very superficial way. Christ breaks down this isolation and paves the way for real communication. It is in our fellowship with other Christians we practise and experience this; where we learn to die to self. The area of personal relationships requires the attitude of taking up one's cross, denying oneself and following Christ.

Beware of the inclination to dictate to God as to what you will allow to happen if you obey Him.

- Oswald Chambers.

EDIT ORIAL

R. SNELL

Have you ever read these words in Hebrews 13:16? "But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased."

"Apologia" is one means by which YOU can communicate aspects of your Christian faith to your fellow-students. All these valuable thoughts you had during vacation should be put down on paper NOW (in legible writing) and shared with your Christian friends before the academic year has caught up with you, or even overtaken you. Articles and letters to the Editor on topics relevant to the Evangelical Union, or of interest to its membership, are welcomed. These should be left in the Union's pigeonhole at the Guild Office, or forwarded to the Editor, either directly or via a Committee Member.

Our campus Newspaper, "Pelican", is another means by which we can communicate. Why should it not be used by us to stimulate interest in Christianity, on this campus? This can be done by means of interesting, well-written articles and provocative letters to the Editor. These can be helpful in preparing the University populace for the Mission in July. Contributions may be handed to me or to a Committee Member, from where they will be forwarded to "Pelican" Staff.

Notice that communication is a sacrifice - it takes ^{ity} time and effort; but notice, too, the reward - the pleasure of God. . So take up those pens and write

Oh, and don't forget the bit about "doing good" too!!

DO YOU

regularly use "The Intercessor" as fuel for prayer?

mission MISSION mission

E.U. is having a mission.

Eternal souls may depend on it.

A mission requires money.

The money comes from YOU.

Therefore GIVE.

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Is your brain just bursting with ideas?

Then YOU are the person we want!

Why?

There is a possibility of a paper being produced in conjunction with the mission in July. This is for campus-wide circulation and is quite apart from "Apologia". All ideas, suggestions and advice regarding a title, motto, articles, illustrations, etc. should be forwarded to Gordon Stone within the next 2-3 weeks. Contributions may have a satirical slant, but this is not essential.

Get busy and THINK!!

FEED YOUR FAITH AND YOUR DOUBTS WILL STARVE
TO DEATH.

The following is the ITINERARY of ALLAN CHAPPLE, our immediate past-President, who at present is serving as a travelling Graduate with the IVF. Please uphold him regularly in your prayers.

7 Feb - 22 Mar	Brisbane
23 Mar. - 24 Mar	Sydney
25 Mar - 27 Mar	Scripture Union Easter Academy
28 Mar - 12 Apr	Sydney (SUEU - Uni Colleges/UNSWEU)
12 Apr - 19 Apr	Newcastle (NUFU and CF)
20 Apr - 21 Apr	Sydney
22 Apr - 5 May	Melbourne (MUEU)
2 MAY - 22 May	Melbourne (Monash EU / Colleges)
23 MAY - 26 MAY	TSE Conference, Ormond College.
27 MAY - 4 JUN	Melbourne
5 JUN - 11 JUN	Geart/Launceston
12 JUN - 23 JUN	Monash
24 JUN - 19 JUL	Perth
20 JUL - 10 AUG	Adelaide (AUEU/College EUs)
11 AUG -	Probably Melbourne during Second Term Vacation).

EU Presidents and other General Committee Representatives to determine his itinerary for August - December, when General Committee convenes in Sydney in June.

THE 23RD PSALM FOR BUSY PEOPLE

The Lord is my pace-setter, I shall not rush,
He makes me stop and rest for quite intervals,
He provides me with images of stillness,
 which restores my serenity.
He leads me in ways of efficiency, through calmness
 of wind,
And His guidance is pence.
Even though I have a great many things to accomplish
 each day
I will not fret, for His presence is here.
His timelessness, His all importance will keep me in
 balance.
He prepares refreshment and renewal in the midst of my
 activities.
By anointing my mind with His oils of tranquility,
My cup of joyous energy overflows.
Surely harmony and effectiveness shall be the fruits
 of my hours.
For I shall walk in the pace of my Lord, and dwell in
 HIS house for ever.

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Don't be stingy, GIVE!!!

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(c/o Kingswood) or G.R. Stone

DO NOT leave in pigeon-hole

WHAT IS THE OVERSEAS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP?

The Overseas Christian Fellowship (Perth), or O.C.F., is a Fellowship of overseas students who are called to share the love of God and the experience of knowing JESUS CHRIST as Saviour and Lord with their fellow students.

It aims to present the Christian Gospel as in the Word of God, and to stimulate the growth of a full and balanced life in its members.

Members are invited to share in the activities of the O.C.F. as often as possible.

O.C.F. FIRST TERM PROGRAMME, 1967.

Friday night meetings are held in the Central Methodist Mission Hall, 283 Murray Street, Perth. Time : 7.30pm.

MARCH

- 17th "The Student and His Study" - Prof. Allan Williams
- 24th Good Friday : Visit Leiswick Convention, Scarborough Baptist.
- 31st Annual General Meeting.

APRIL

- 7th "The Danger of Wrong Values" - Rev. Watkin.
- 14th Freethinker - "No Religion Please" - Rev. J. Abraham.
- 21st "Christianity is a Western Religion" - Dr. G.D. James.
- 28th Bible Study - Jude

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- 5th "The Cross" - Rev. B. Hall.
- 12th "Cleansed and Called" - Rev. Millar
- 19th CAMP
- 26th "Prayer" - Mr. Raymond

The wounded spirit is often hid, lying tortured and
torn by desiring fear
In very hiding comes its pain
And yet to give it knows not how.

So it tries from its security
To fill that void of emptiness and desolation
By indulgence in another's soothing consolation
Trapped still within its walls of self.

The act is doomed, for to be consoled requires the
gift of consolation.
The spirit, wounded more by its rejection,
Sinks deeper into the world it fancies safe
Knowing not that death lies not in giving, but in self-
protection.

The spirit must change, for to feel the bite of such
frustration
Would be intolerable.
And so it changes, hardens and decays.

How much better would it be
Had the spirit in its pain and fear
Taken the path that leads to death apparent:
Death indeed and yet the path to life.
For to its sense a sphere of new dimension,
Full of sensitivity, love and meaning consolation
Would open, touch with tenderness and life.

Such is possible even in the glare of cold and hard
reality
The Christ in life and death and resurrection
Provides the means and indeed becomes the way
To this new sphere
And this despite the deadness and empty degradation.

It seems so easy and yet the ease lies in truth distorted
That the spirit may in folly cling to its security
And die a death that failed to see the life
Any possibility comes not from its own ability
For to its aid a greater Spirit comes

(cont.)

The word dynamic, enabling the wall to be broken, the fear overcome and the hardness softened.
 Imperceptibly, the heart is opened and by degrees the climate changes.
 Self can live no longer and so it dies.
 And dies ^{and dies} again as it passes through the refining fire
 The spirit learns to give and in this giving finds its consummation.

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