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Greetings to you. Not of meaningless salutation, but arising out of the hope and heritage which both you and I have.

It means something for one Christian to greet another. How much have you thought recently of Christ's words "to love one another". Gradually over the past few weeks I've started to see startling new implications of this command in my relationships with people.

For loving people seems to open up new dimensions of life and enjoyment. Instead of being vaguely aware that there are certain animate beings who affect my consciousness in various ways I suddenly realise that these are people with the same sort of dynamic motivating principle that I have, and so I start to feel something towards people. I begin to sympathise with them in their problems, appreciate their apprehensions, thrill with their joys, and long and grieve for them wanting them to know Christ as I do.

The sad fact that prevents this attitude growing into something that really glorifies Christ is my constant bias to self gratification in all my personal relationships this is something which can only be overcome by a constant drawing upon God. As I exercise my right of communicating with my Lord the Holy Spirit nullifies the power of these selfish impulses and clears the way for me to know what it is to love people.

If you have found new and exciting things about loving people I would love to know. I hope your vacation is going well. It is terribly easy to forget the work that we as Christians are doing at University when we are away from it. Therefore let us keep our thoughts constantly fresh with enthusiasm for the Lord's work at university.

This Apologia might help.

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EDITORIAL

J. NELSON

Ruth Snell is the new "Apologia" editor. Contributions of articles on any topic relevant to the activities of the Union or of general interest to members should be forwarded to Ruth Snell, 279 Hancock Street, Doubleview, or forwarded via any Committee Member. Short contributions in the form of letters are also welcomed. Now is the time to set your thoughts down on paper, since when the academic year starts you will have the need for study as an excuse for not doing anything.

As the University continues to increase in size strains will develop in the Union due to programming difficulties. This may eventually lead to a situation, where, as in Melbourne Uni., most activities are organised along faculty lines. As this happens the role of Apologia as a cohesive force within the Union will become of increased importance.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

At 20th Nov.	General Fund	\$72.09
	Mission "	\$16.00
	O.U.F.	<u>\$11.40</u>
		\$99.49
	Camp A/c	<u>\$70.35</u>

It can be seen from this statement that funds are quite inadequate for running a mission on the scale envisaged for 1967. To be conducted efficiently the mission will need a few hundred dollars. This is not such a staggering amount when one considers that if all the members donated one days holiday pay to the mission fund it would amount to something in the vicinity of \$600.

EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES ON COMMITTEE RETREAT

These extracts have been made to bring facts that will interest the members of the Union before you. We hope this information leads to action.

Aims of the Union :- A statement was adopted by the Committee - "The Aims of the E.U. are vital in that they maintain continuity and give direction to the activities of the E.U. All prospective members should know the aims of the E.U. and have a desire to fulfill them.

The fourth aim concerning "missionary interest" is equally important as it balances the preceding aims, being a natural fulfilment of christian activity".

E.U. Relations with other groups :- "The E.U.'s policy on cooperation with other groups is that no joint activities can be entered into with any groups whose aims are sufficiently divergent from those of the E.U. as to make participation by the E.U. intellectually disobedient to scriptural teaching as outlined in the Doctrinal Basis.

However, E.U. encourages individual members as christians to join in activities with other groups as far as such participation does not contradict, nor detract from the furtherance of the aims of the E.U."

Evaluation of 1966 :- It was felt that many members used E.U. as a prop, while what was needed was a firmer relationship with Christ.

Plans for 1967:- It was felt in fresher work that more effort should be concentrated on the survey on Orientation Day, and that this should be followed, at a convenient date, by a folk night where the claims of Christ and the aims of the E.U. can be presented.

It was decided not to hold a first term camp next year since its purpose was fulfilled by training weekends and seminars.

Mission :- It was decided that if no speaker was obtained by the 25th of December that plans for the 1967 mission should be cancelled.

1967 First Term Programme :- Public addresses are to be bible expositions with evangelistic appeal, and seminars are to replace BSGs in First Term. Public addresses are to be on the following topics in First Term :

exposition of John Chapter 1
Jesus as teacher and Lord
What Jesus said of God
What Jesus said about Sin
What Jesus said about Sinners
Man in the Kingdom of God
Wisdom
Righteousness

A number of seminars are to be held on; The Christian and - committal, prayer, bible study, witness and faith.

It was resolved that Bible Studies should be held by the E.U. in February and that Tom McMath should organise these.

COMMITTEE RETREAT

(Ron Hu, Secretary)

Committee Retreat was held from 27th-29th Nov. at Woorooloo. It was a very profitable weekend and we really felt the Holy Spirit at work among us.

The committee has drawn up a few statements with regard to the E.U.'s policy for 1967. We hope and pray that all of us, as members of the U., will play our part in the proclamation of the Gospel.

During the vacation there are activities in which E.U.ers can participate. To mention a few there are :

- a) C.S.S.M. - Beach Missions

Enquiries - ring Mr. Robert McMath 30.4699.

- b) Overseas Student Welcome - people are required to meet overseas studs. at the airport and assist them in settling down in a new environment. Ring Mr. Tom McMath 30.4699

- c) Bible Studies - there will be several of these during the vacation. The E.U. has managed to borrow six tapes of Mr. Norman Burns' addresses on the Book of Romans. Ring, Mr. I. Barns, 60.1588

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The Secretary will be away from 26th December, to 31st January and no longer living in 51 Broadway.

Any enquiries about the E.U. Programme in 1967 can be dealt with by writing to Mr. Chris Prince at C/- Post Office, Guilderton.

TRAINING WEEKENDS

Another series of training weekends is going to be held in 1967. To obtain the maximum benefit from them, adequate preparation is needed by all members taking part. That is why they are being organised this term; so that you may have the long vacation to catch up on the reading that we find so difficult once Uni. begins.

- Topics :-
- The Person and Work of Christ
 - Prayer and the Sovereignty of God
 - The Holy Spirit
 - The Second Coming
 - The Scriptures
 - The Church

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2. The second part is devoted to a detailed analysis of the economic situation in the country.

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9. The ninth part is devoted to a detailed analysis of the role of the people in the country.