

FEATURE PAGE

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It happened in Chem 320, but it could happen anywhere. The authors waive all claim to poetic merit for these opuses, and therefore remain anonymous. Any infringements on the copyright, however, will be dealt with severely; the culprit being forced to feed the poor husband for three consecutive noon hours.

By way of explanation, the three persons involved in this unique triangle are respectively: student, student's spouse, student's professor. The rest we leave up to your imagination and their poetic "genius."

LINES TO A CHEMISTRY PROF.

Hours in Chemistry must be spent
To produce a cultured gent.
(My goodness, how the hours fly by—
When pondering over formulae!).

Hours on Chemistry while in College
Will give the embryo doctor knowledge,
(But as the hour to eat draws nigh—
Do you hear our concerted sigh?)

Hours on Chem are necessary
But so are hours to eat in—very
And as you lecture noon hours fly
And bus to wife, and food goes by

Hours in Chemistry have not taught me
How to placate angry spouse;
Upset, sad and over-wrought, we,
Hungry, silent, leave the house
(Catching busses to return—
Back to town to earn and learn)
Doomed to ulcers—indigestion—
Cold food—and I'm getting thinner
Heed, oh Prof, our one suggestion
LET US OUT IN TIME FOR DINNER.

LINES TO AN ANGRY SPOUSE

Sixty minutes to the hour
All around the planet Earth:
This knowledge should not make us sour,
No, we should be filled with mirth!
For, whenever calculated,
Or followed by the second-hand,
Every hour always rated
Three—six—nought—nought seconds, and
Just think, what multitude of actions,
Of thoughts, of words, what subject matter
In Arts and Science, sums and fractions,
Into these seconds may be poured!
But then our life is all too brief;
We must not waste the precious hoard,
Lest our knowledge come to grief:
Of sixty minutes in the hour
The Chem. Prof has but fifty-five;
It therefore makes him very sour.
When twenty students don't arrive
Until five minutes, often more,
Have passed, filled with the wondrous sayings
Of the wise (and other men galore).
Just think, oh horror, of the weighings
On the eternal balance: Six thousand
Man-seconds squandered, what a crime!

So please, arise, oh Angry Spouse, and—
Make sure your husband is on time.

MORE LINES TO A CHEMISTRY PROF.

Yours is the task impossible—
To try each day
To fashion good pottery out of worthless clay
And to inveigle with a zeal intense
Small gems of wisdom into minds so dense—
A pack of callow youths whose aims be not world-
shaking
But rather the aims of he who composed while
tentmaking—
In fact their aims are lesser now,
They'd take the girl and wine and leave the bough
Oh well, let's ramble not
But you've forgot
That I too have a job—I mean
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The Editors Speak

N. B.: This first column of "The Editors Speak" is not too representative because of lack of exchange material (due to regular examinations I believe). Next column in from one to two weeks. Comments invited.

by M. V. JONES, UNB.

Democracy vs. I. U. S.

Why shouldn't the whole student body have a chance to vote for or against joining the I. U. S.? That's the opinion of the Varsity. It thought that some railroading was being done by the executive of the Students Administration Council. After a lengthy blast at the S.A.C. for being undemocratic the Varsity bowed to that body. It seems that a vote of the whole council meeting turned down the offer for a referendum.

The Queens Journal is more optimistic about the matter of joining I. U. S. It hopes that the Queens student council will quickly pass the measure—since the resolution drawn up by NFCUS in Winnipeg is "definitely not dangerous." The Journal also sees the coming together of French and English students an important phase of NFCUS activity. It may help to ward off such mistakes as were made by the English press and the French Bloc Populaire in the 1944 conscription issue.

The Argosy (Mt. Allison) feels that NFCUS is maturing at least enough not to show that pre-mature radicalism as evidenced by its action regarding I. U. S. NFCUS may prove to be a movement "that can do more for Canada and the students in particular than any Council of Churches, Associations of Mayors, or, Dominion-Provincial parleys."

Vets vs. Ottawa.

If Ottawa learned anything in the recent butter-price squabble, then increased grants for married vets should soon be forthcoming. The Varsity feels that although the Canadian government has been extremely generous with the vets it cannot afford to see its program go down the drain. In a short time savings will be gone and student vets will begin to leave college.

A South African Student Considers Politics In Universities

From Rhodes University, South Africa,
Editor "Rhodes Outlook."

Dear Sir,

I was extremely pleased with the second half of your editorial in which you very rightly pleaded for a reformation in our present system of electing the S. R. C.

The idea of electing a student because of his "personal popularity" is out of date. Rhodes is a growing institution and because of this rapid expansion it is impossible to get to know every student. It is essential and in the interests of all students, that when more than two candidates are proposed in each Hall, that some sort of programme should be pinned on the notice-

board. This programme could include statements such as: "Do you believe in Non-Europeans coming to Rhodes?" "What are your opinions on Current Affairs, sport, etc., etc.?" This is not canvassing as the term is more popularly known. The candidate is merely setting out his ideas in a fair and democratic manner, so that the vast majority of us, who are unacquainted with them, might have some idea who we are to represent "Rhodes student opinion."

This is, to my mind, the initial step to something which MUST inevitably come, if we like it or not, with the growth of our University—namely, politics, and party-politics at that! If we, as young South Africans have the slightest love, loyalty or call it what you will, for our country, we would with the rest of South Africans contribute at least something, no matter how small, to the solving of its many complex problems.

Rhodes will never develop into a University proper until we, the students, have learnt to be more conscious of our duty to our fellow citizens, and until the ridiculous clause, which the Council has imposed on politics is abolished. Politics and party-politics play an important part in overseas Universities, and it is high time we did something about it at Rhodes, which with the exception of a few ex-servicemen is still rapidly developing into a finishing school for the sons and daughters of the rich.

I know most Rhodians will throw up their hands in horror at the very thought of politics, and the excuse used is, "That in South Africa it involves racialism." If this is the reason which scares us from discussing politics openly, then surely this is all the more reason why we should face the facts and attempt to find the solution. Any student who tries to evade this "horrible topic" and who is content to live in the dark, is not worthy of his South African nationality, and is not fit to call himself a student. Politics should, and must, NOT be left to the day we leave Rhodes, or until we develop gout. As students we have an important role to play. After the very stirring speech of Princess Elizabeth I cannot conceive how any student can sit idly by and leave the destiny of South Africa and the Commonwealth, and above all world co-operation, in the hands of the few. We have a right, and it should be expected of us, to "meddle" in politics. There must be some 300 voters at Rhodes. This number alone should stir us to some sense of responsibility to our country.

I hope I have not been misunderstood in my criticism of the method of electing the S. R. C. I have made no personal attacks but any fair-minded Rhodian would, I think, agree that a change is needed. The present functions of the S. R. C. — Kaffir dances, grants for societies etc., are not enough. Student and 20th Century world opinion demands something more. The S. R. C. must go further, and with the rest of South Africa air their views on important questions of the day.

South Africa is truly in a horrible mess, due to the lack of fore-sight of past generations. The mantle of responsibility has now been handed down to our generation. It is imperative that we lend a hand in building a new and liberal South Africa which can face the future with confidence, and discard the traditional hatreds of the past.

Yours faithfully,

D. CALVERLEY PROSSER.



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winter on the return trip.