

V.C.A. Clerihews (1966)

To the Vice-Chancellor, the Pro-Vice-Chancellors, and the Deans
with best wishes for the year nineteen hundred and sixty seven.

Professor H. Ingham Ashworth
Smokes cigars; what is their ash worth?
The Opera House, I ween –
Or his allowance as Duty Dean?

Professor M. Chaikin
May well be a Dean to everyone's liking;
However, Fred [Ayscough, acting Dean]
'll be right instead.

Professor J.F. Clark
Gives us always that vital spark:
Now, what has he
To say to Tasy?

For Professor R.H. Myers
(And the Psalmist) "All men are liars":
He and Machiavell'
Would have got on well.

Professor E.B. Smyth
Is not to be trifled with;
Otherwise, Lord have mercy
On the whole Faculty of Commercy.

Professor B.J.F. Ralph,
Like that river of fable, Alph,
Throughout the present juncture, ran
Inaccessible to man. [and CJM was acting Dean]

Professor F.F. Rundle
Carries his great big bundle
Sadly; will he ever be merry
Sir Frank of Sir Jerry?

For Professor John Thornton
Boards should be sat on, not fawned on;
With the Razor of Occam
He will always knock 'em.

Professor A.H. Willis
Wants to know how much the bill is;
And he can hardly wait
To know who will pay it.

Professor C.J. Milner
Neither will nor will na'
Confirm or deny
That the author of these verses is "I".