

BRUCE 'BILL'ITIN

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The Rise of Inequality and the New Economic Development Consensus

Inequality is on the rise globally and in Australia. The richest 85 people own the same wealth as the poorest 3.5 billion people. World leaders and global economic institutions are increasingly raising the alarm about the risk extreme economic inequality poses to social stability and the strength and sustainability of economic growth itself.

Oxfam International's Executive Director Winnie Byanyima is a grass-roots activist, human rights advocate, senior international public servant, and world-recognized expert on inclusive development and women's rights.

Speaker/Host: Ms Winnie Byanyima, Executive Director, Oxfam International

Venue: Molonglo Theatre, Level 2, JG Crawford Building 132

Date/Time: Wednesday, 12 November 2014/ 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

Escalation in the East China Sea: A Political and Military Possibility

Even if the leaders of China and Japan can lessen the significant political tensions between North Asia's two biggest powers, the East China Sea dispute could still spark a bilateral war that might also bring in the United States. Nationalist sentiment and the lack of crisis management mechanisms could make restraint difficult once this occurs.

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Speaker/Host: Professor Robert Ayson and Emeritus Professor Des Ball

Venue: Lecture Theatre 1, Hedley Bull Centre (130)

Date/Time: Tuesday, 11 November 2014/ 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM



Canberra Beer Week

Get excited beer lovers – this week Canberra is set to welcome some of the best brewers and breweries from across Australia and worldwide for a whole week of beer-related fun. Believe me, if there is ever a time for a quality craft beer, it's in the wake of exams. If you finish up this week and have a hankering for something better than VB or Rivet, head on over to www.canberrabeerweek.com to find out what's on. Alternatively, if you don't finish exams this week but you're feeling brave, head on over to www.canberrabeerweek.com anyway. Events are running all week until Friday – get on to it!



Who Said It: Patrick Bateman vs. Bob Carr

One is a raging narcissist with some serious personality defects; the other is a character from *American Psycho*. Correctly attribute the quotes to the former foreign minister, Bob Carr, or to the American dream supreme, Patrick Bateman.

- 1. "My ambition: to have a concave abdomen defined by deep-cut obliques."
- 2. "Bulgari or Hermes. You can't go wrong."
- 3. "Before leaving my office for the meeting I take two Valium, wash them down with a Perrier."
- 4. "I have more energy than 16 gladiators."
- 5. "There are more important problems than Sri Lanka to worry about. Sure our foreign policy is important, but there are more pressing problems at hand."
- 5. "Business class. No edible food. No airline pyjamas....I lie in my tailored suit."
- 7. "I want turkey, I want grass-fed beef ... This is the new Fuhrer-directive."
- 8. "In bed I'm wearing Ralph Lauren silk pyjamas."

Good Banter: A Look Back on the Year

In a recent meeting of the CRC, Saxon suggested that "good banter" is essential to a successful O-week event. The 'Bill'itin couldn't agree more, so as a reminder of what good banter means to us, let's take a look back at a selection of some the more successful (photographic) banter posts of the year.

Likes: 57 Contributor: Alex Holberton First up is a relic from way back in O-week. Our esteemed ex-president striking a seductive pose who could possibly resist?



Likes: 61 Contributor: Anna Christoff "Maya Suzuki is drunk and coming to Cube. That means everyone should." Pulling in a solid 61 likes is confirmation that Maya (contrary to her bio in the O-Week guide) is indeed



Likes: 69 Contributor: Jamon Shay Saxon, portrayed above by a particularly human looking chicken, is without doubt a banter celebrity. With other big hits including a whopping 100+ likes on his post-101km run photo and the infamous banana photo, it was a tough choice picking just one.



Contributor: Vaidehi Subramanyan "Don't worry, I can't tell which is which either." Seizing the illustrious number one place (according to extensive 'Bill'itin research) is a spotthe-difference of truly bewildering proportions. Congratulations Vaidehi on the piece of high quality banter.



The Street Theatre Presents Scandalous Boy

Scandalous Boy offers a striking re-reading of the story of Emperor Hadrian and his lover Antinous. Featuring Nicholas Eadie as the Emperor Hadrian with Ethan Gibson, James Hughes, Peter Robinson and Emma Strand, it's not one to be missed.

Ticketing: Tickets available at box office - \$25 student price

Venue: The Street Theatre, 15 Childers Street

Dates: 14 November Premiere, running until 23 Nov on select nights

From the Editor: That's a Wrap

Well that year went quickly. Or maybe - if you have a larger workload than me - it didn't (hint: it's not very hard to have more work than me). Either way, the end of another year at Bruce Hall is upon us. Thanks must go to all the people who have worked tirelessly toward making Bruce the best place it can be – to Marion, Tim, all of the staff, the CC's, the SR's and the 2014 CRC – a very genuine thank you. Have a great holiday break and get hyped for the return of the 'Bill'itin in O-week 2015!

QUIZ

- 1. What percentage of the world population did the Mongol Empire rule over? (nearest 5%)
- 2. According to Arthurian legend, what did the Lady of the Lake give to King Arthur?
- 3. What is the all time best-selling single volume novel?
- 4. What is the distance from Earth to the Sun? (Nearest million)
- 5. The Squamata order contains what type of animals?
- 6. How many active volcanoes are there worldwide? (Nearest 100)
- 7. Which HCA Chief Justice refused to include a wheelchair ramp in the design of the new High Court, prompting the retirement of one of his fellow justices?
- B. In which country would I find Flanders Fields?
- 9. What is a demonym?
- 10. The Economist considers itself a magazine or a newspaper?
- 11. What is the world's third longest river?
- 12. Kanye West has released how many studio albums?
- 13. Who is the antagonist in the next Avengers film? 14. What is the name of the mineral (Mg,Fe),Si₈O₂₂(OH)₂?
- 15. In what year was Apple founded?

12. 7, 13. Ultron, 14. Cummingtonite, 15. locality, 10. Newspaper, 11. The Yangtze, Beigium, 9. A term for the residents of a Reptiles, 6. 1500, 7. Chief Justice Barwick, Tale of Two Cities, 4. 150 million, 5. Scale **QUIZ ANSWERS**: 1.25%, 2. Excalibur, 3. A