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unsophisticated in our tastes as to actually like his garbage?!

I had always considered him as a kind of a parvenu of poetry, and after wasting two bits to hear him read his crap, my abhorrence has only intensified. One thing he did inspire in me, though. After the reading, I was tempted to write the following Leytonesque verse about him:

**He looked like a raging lion:
But when he opened up his
mouth
To roar,
All that came out after blind
eternities
Of orgasm-crazed eons
Was a shrieking
Little
Squeak.'**

I would close by saying that I found his reading not inspiring, but barely even titillating.

**Yours
Sagittarius**

Ed. Note: One way or another we get some poetry into Gateway this year.

THANKS ONCE AGAIN

To The Editor:

I would like to extend a hearty thanks to everyone who contributed ideas or actual canvassing to the Student Volunteer Service. Your enthusiasm was greatly appreciated.

The United Community Fund expressed much satisfaction with the amount of money we raised.

I hope that this will be repeated next year.

**Anne Dodds,
Chairman, S.V.S.**

Ed. Note: You're welcome, dear,

TACT AND CONFUSION

To The Editor:

In reply to your editorial "Tactless Tactics", I am moved to enlighten you with a few facts. (1) I was the student who asked for the vote at the "big YCF debate". (2) The debate was advertised as an Oxford Debate, not a discussion. (3) I had no idea that the audience was as aware of Mr. Barr's poor defense as I was. (4) I am a moderate right-winger and do not sympathize with Mr. Hunter. (5) The audience was, in my opinion, disappointed at the beginning when told that there would be no vote. (6) As I stated in Con Hall, a decision by such a politically-keen audience might help to mold Canadian foreign policy. These were the motives that prompted my "tactics".

If Mr. Barr was done an injustice, it could have only been that some of the audience voted on grounds irrelevant to the debate. Mr. Barr put forward a poor case and lost the debate because of it. Politics can be a dirty business and anyone who enters the political arena advocating a course of political action must be able to accept the popularity or unpopularity that goes with the everyday give-and-take of politics.

In conclusion, I do not think that my tactics were tactless. I do,

however, remain astounded at the political naivety of your editorial staff.

Dave Collier

Ed. Note: You seem to be suffering from a persecution complex. We didn't say it was a bad idea to take a vote—we criticized the way it was handled.

Furthermore, friend, we did not say your tactics were tactless. If you read the editorial again, you will find that the last sentence reads: "Chairmen at debates, rallies and other meetings should be more tactful."

But perhaps you regarded yourself as chairman at the debate. A chairman complex goes nicely with a persecution complex.

CANDID FEELINGS

To The Editor:

It was with some dismay that I read Old Fashioned's letter in the Friday, Oct. 26 edition of the Gateway.

Indeed, some of her ideas demand rebuttal.

First, the idea that sex is a privilege, moreover, a privilege that a man must pay for with his "bachelor freedom". To me, the sexual act is an act shared and desired by both man and woman; it is a bilateral experience in which both partners elicit satisfaction. It is definitely not an outlet women provide men upon payment of their bachelor freedom. This conception of sex amounts to prostitution.

Premarital sex relations, in my opinion, are not inherently immoral. Premarital sexual intercourse, whether it is an expression of "true love", or simply the release of sexual tensions, justifies itself if the sexual partners are mutually satisfied, and the union results in no unwanted pregnancy or in the spread of venereal disease.

Secondly, the idea that we should "... live by the codes set down by our forefathers, who were wiser than we, ...". This statement would be irksome in any context, but particularly so in the context in which it is found.

If this statement were true human progress would have ended in the time of the cavemen. It has only been through man's challenge to the authority of his forefather that we have advanced to our present state (whether or not we agree that this is progress or not!)

In a world which bears little resemblance to that of our forefathers it is folly to try to adapt their morals, values, and ethics. Their values were based upon the conditions of their society; so must ours. We must transform our forefathers antiquated ideas to meet the requirements of our society, and in many cases, adopt completely different attitudes.

For instance, the automobile has

resulted in considerable changes in our society, and in our sexual standards! It is not at all uncommon to see the front and/or back seat of an automobile used as a sexual "arena" today. Drive-in movies, lover's lanes, and moonlight drives all owe their success to the automobile. Yet we are supposed to be guided by a conception of morality formulated in an era without automobiles! (The foregoing is not to be interpreted as a defense of back-seat romances, drive-in movies, or lover's lanes; merely as an example of how the pressures of a progressing society make our forefathers conception of morality inapplicable).

Thirdly, the idea that the white dress is a symbol of purity, and therefore, is abused by the girls who go the altar "sullied". If we are to believe Mr. Kinsey's reports then the white dress as a symbol of purity in the wedding ceremony has become meaningless. The odds are about 4 to 1 that the girl wearing the white dress does not "deserve" to so do.

My contention is that the white dress has become traditional and has lost the significance it formerly implied. Therefore, I feel, a girl who has had premarital relations has every right to wear the traditional white dress.

I don't think that a girl who enters into a premarital relationship is guilty of any sin, or should feel any "moral conflict".

While I don't advocate promiscuity or a brave new worldian attitude I do believe that a girl should be allowed to decide for herself the sexual morality that will guide her decisions, without well-meaning "indoctrinators" like Old Fashioned and Dr. Vant imposing upon her a morality inconsistent with the times.

Cum Grano Salis
Ed. Note: If you just keep these sex letters coming in I'll soon have sufficient inspiration for an editorial on this fascinating subject.

TACTICS DISCUSSED

To The Editor:

I am writing in my capacity as President of the Philosophical Society, and in response to a forum by Mr. Mathews, Department of English, which appeared in the Gateway issue of October 26.

Mr. Mathews expressed surprise on two counts: (1) "That the Society (reference to the Philosophical Society and Humanities Association) would travesty its position in order to entertain Mr. Dean," and (2) "That the audience was willing to listen ... with calm good grace." To these two surprises must be added a third, my own, and it is the surprise at Mr. Mathews' surprises. However, his reaction may stem from a misconception of the purposes of the two sponsoring groups who invited Basil Dean as opening speaker

for the 1962-63 session.

No speaker is chosen with the intention of representing in any way views of the society, or the association. My experience has been that these two groups exist in order to provide the means by which significant persons and ideas may be presented to an audience, which audience may choose to come or not come. Certainly, one must admit that the opening speaker is a significant person in the community, and the ideas he presented are of vital importance, especially to a "community of scholars."

It is perhaps a good thing that the speaker's ideas were expressed publicly, and that the various reactions to them were voiced. Probably most of the audience were present by choice because they wanted to hear a particular point of view, but their presence did not suggest approbation, any more than the sponsors necessarily approved of the content of Mr. Dean's talk, or the content of the remarks addressed to the speaker by members of the audience.

If the audience had not listened with the "calm good grace" which disturbed Mr. Mathews so much, it is doubtful if they could have addressed such penetrating questions to the speaker.

Neither the Philosophical Society nor the Humanities Association are in existence to present only a particular brand of ideas, or a particular philosophy. They are not, nor will they become, the captive of any interest group in this respect. Only under those circumstances would the "game be up" and would they have "no principles left to profess."

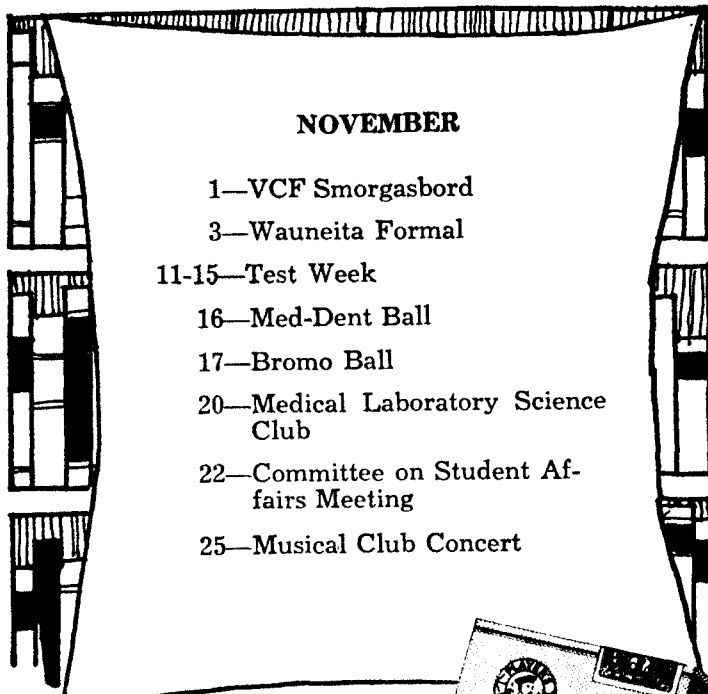
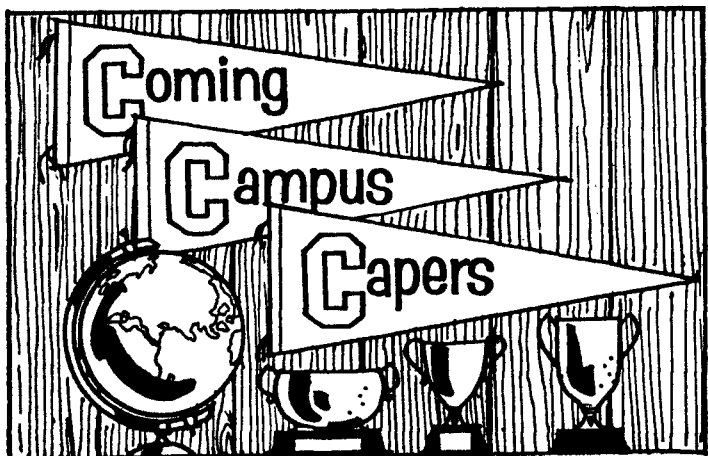
It is doubtful if many in the audience were insulted by Mr. Dean's remarks. At least, not too many would come feeling they would be insulted. It is also doubtful if many felt that philosophers and humanists compromised the "most sacred principles of their professing" by listening to the speaker in a gentlemanly way.

We hope that more persons will join us in our remaining programs. We also hope that those attending will realize that the price of a ticket does not give any person a monopoly on truth, any more than being a guest speaker assumes such a monopoly.

**R. L. James, President
Philosophical Society**

NO VANT AT UBC

VANCOUVER (CUP)—Something seems to be wrong on the campus of UBC. It's difficult to say exactly what. But the Ubyssy reports that "girls barred their doors against raids as power went off in University residences" during the severe wind-storm that hit the Vancouver area last week.



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