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To Spend or Not To Spend?

A question brought before the Student Council recently was whether the Council had the authority to use the surplus funds accumulated over past years. An answer to the question should be sought and more consideration given to the disposal of such surplus funds.

Money lying around in bank vaults is not doing the student body too much benefit, which should be the object of most of the funds raised by the Council or council-sponsored organizations. Even though the present student body may not have accounted for the major portion of the surplus, that is still not sufficient reason for keeping the funds lying dormant. More than likely the monies will eventually be used in some worthwhile project for the benefit of the students as a whole. Therefore would it not be reasonable to take whatever steps are necessary to use the funds at the earliest convenient moment in order that some of the students who have helped build it may derive some benefit from them before they leave university.

Some of the student organizations could well use additional equipment which is practically unobtainable under their budgets for current expenditures. It would be perfectly reasonable to put some of these funds to work, either in outfitting the band, providing Pharos or the Gazette with press cameras and sufficient typewriters, more permanent fixtures for the Glee Club, and equipment for any other organization which really requires it.

Too many of the major student organizations are compelled to operate with very limited facilities. Some students complain because too few students volunteer their abilities and talents in extra curricular activity. The provision of improved capital equipment might help to remedy this situation.

If the Council is not opposed to extra-curricular activity (and it cannot be, by definition) it is morally bound to do more to make the extra-curricular activities a little more attractive to the student body.

Wise spending of a few hundreds of its accumulated dollars may be one way of doing this. The Council should remember that each student pays a fair Council fee — thirteen dollars, hidden away in the registration fee—and they certainly are entitled to a little more for their money than has been provided in the past few years.

Tolerance

(Reprinted from McGill Daily)

Tolerance is a modest and at the same time beautiful human virtue. Its victories are not celebrated with fanfares nor is there incense burnt in its honour. It cannot boast of forty victories as Napoleon boasted of definite exile. Its momentary successes can be traced with a few white points in the sad history of man.

Tolerance is not a juvenile virtue, because youth is bubbling exuberance, a fast current, vague dreams of conquering magnified horizons. Tolerance generally is the youngest daughter of men and peoples weighed down with experience, with disillusionment and failures; she is humble and austere; a friend of if at times she burst with indignation and raises her voice in protest, it is to censor the crime gone without punishment and the blood wasted in name of truth.

Yes, in the name of truth millions of martyrs have been murdered, millions of heterodox believers of the doctrines that have been upheld and are upheld by those in power. Socrates was forced to drink poison because his truth was not the truth of the Hellenic state; Jesus of Galilee died on the cross because His truth was not the truth of the Roman state; and His disciples for the same causes were fed to the lions in the Coliseum. Later, the disciples, bearers of the new truth, had their hour of vengeance and they punished cruelly the enemies of their faith, the heterodox believers of their official doctrine. Examples are numerous. Henry VII, Calvin, the Puritan Colonists. All believe to possess the absolute truth; all kill in defence of this absolute truth. And tolerance, at the gory sights, flees to the hearts of a few who are powerless to do anything.

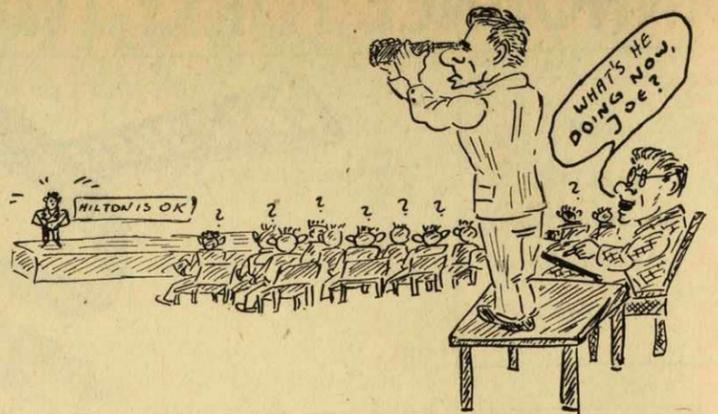
The bitter plant of intolerance does not wither in the XVI and XVII centuries. New buds spring from it with savage exuberance during the dramatic episodes of the French Revolution. Death, an untouched maiden, perfects its technique; the guillotine cuts heads with sure precision.

In the past century, occasionally, here and there, the virtue we miss pokes a timid head out; today we miss the same virtue our grandparents missed. In the 19th century kind men, carried away by their optimism, believed in the triumph of tolerance. It had won some skirmishes, but had lost many battles. Today, its opposite, intolerance, dominates the East and the West; in old Europe and in young America. Today, tolerance refuges itself uncomfortably and timidly in a few geographic corners of a dehumanized and lightless world.

Orient versus Occident. The ones have in their hands the total truth; the others have the total truth in their hands, but the truth of one side is opposed to the truth of the other. In the East and in the West heretics are punished with exile, hunger, prison or death.

The old parable of the four blind men and the elephant comes to mind. How each of them described an elephant by the part of its anatomy they touched: A huge tank, a thick snake, a solid column and a huge fan.

Nothing has cost more tears to humanity than the defence of the belied truths. Intolerance, twin sister of political or religious fanaticism, has been and is the most constant and cruel enemy of the peace amongst nations, the tough



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seed of hates and the eternal negation of love amongst men.

But I do not want to be misinterpreted. I praise tolerance and I call it a modest beautiful and austere virtue, when it comes to ideas, the thinking and the beliefs of others. Not the tolerance with tyrants, with the perverts of all kinds, with vice and with simulation; because with all that it is not tolerance, but cowardice or complicity. Tolerance versus intolerance, that must be the flag, the battle cry of the new humanitarian.

From Abroad

Word has been received from Pat Pigot, an ex-Dalhousian, who is now studying at the Sorbonne that a young German girl is planning to come to Halifax and perhaps take up studies at Dalhousie.

The girl in question is a professional actress, who is also interested in journalism and the fine arts. She is anxious to obtain a subscription to the Gazette, as well as interesting material concerning the university.

STUDENT FUNCTION SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

Date	Function	Place	Sponsor
Oct. 13	Rink Rats Dance	Gym	Rink Rats
	17—Hayloft Jamboree	Gym	Engineering Society
	24—Freshmen's Open House	President and Mrs. Kerr's home	
	24—Sophomore Prom	Gym	Sophomore Class
	31—Gazette Masquerade	Gym	Gazette
Nov. 5	Shirreff Hall Formal	The Hall	Shirreff Hall
	6—Intercollegiate Drama Festival	Gym	King's
	7—Law Ball	Hotel	Law Students Society
	7—Dents' Ball	Hotel	Dent. Society
	10—Dress Rehearsal, (French Without Tears)	Gym	DGDS
	12-15—French With Tears	Gym	DGDS
	18—Black & Gold Revue	Gym	Rink Rats and I.S.S.
	21—Freshmen-Freshette Dance	Gym	Alumni Assoc.
	22—Shirreff Hall Open House	The Hall	Shirreff Hall
	26-27—Harlem Globe Trotters Basketball	Gym	
	28—Senior Prom	Gym	Senior Class
Dec. 8	Halifax Symphonette Production	Gym	
Jan. 9	I.S.S. Dance	Gym	I.S.S.
	16—Millionaires' Sweater Dance	Gym	Commerce Society
	23—Student Council Dance	Gym	Musicians' Union
	30—Pharmacy Ball	Hotel	Pharmacy Society
Feb. 2-7	Co-Ed Week	Delta Gamma	
	6—Co-Ed Dance	Gym	Delta Gamma
	9-10—Dress Rehearsal, (Merchant of Venice)	Gym	DGDS
	11-14—Merchant of Venice	Gym	DGDS
	20—Tri-Service Ball	Hall	C.O.T.C.-U.N.T.D.-R.C.A.F.
	27—Engineers' Ball	Hotel	Engineers' Society
Mar. 2-3	Dress Rehearsal, (H.M.S. Pinafore)	Gym	DGDS
	4-7—H.M.S. Pinafore	Gym	DGDS
	6—(tentative) Meds Ball	Hotel	Med. Society
	10—MUNRO DAY	Gym	

The gym is reserved, with the above noted exceptions, on: Monday night for DGAC;

Tuesday and Wednesday night is free and will be allotted by the Physical Education Directors;

Thursday night for DGAC and Girls' City Basketball League.

Saturday night for DAAC.

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