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Food for Thought

If you are looking for some good reading with a lot of material for thought and containing strong logic and reason in this age of unreason, we highly recommend Elmer Davis' new book, "But We Were Born Free."

Even if you aren't looking for food for thought, we still think it would be beneficial to dip into this book. Elmer Davis, ABC radio commentator, hasn't written a book in 14 years

"But We Were Born Free" indicates that a man such as Davis had to be sincerely moved to step down from his post as one of America's most-honored radio personnel to turn out this book.

He examines congressional committees, double-think and witch hunting with a cool, analytical mind. He puts Senator Joseph McCarthy of Wisconsin under a searching spotlight and comes up with some hard, decisive opinions on this man who has made so many headlines throughout this nation in the last few years.

And he gives intelligent consideration to the problem the American press is facing in giving fair coverage to the charges and counter-charges hurled so recklessly by this Wisconsin senator.

Davis didn't plan to write this book. It is a compilation of several speeches and magazine articles which he has written in the past year. He calls one section "an annoyed reaction to the smug self-assurance of certain people who think that because they were completely wrong twenty years ago they must be completely right now that they entertain diametrically opposite opinions."

You may not agree with Elmer Davis but you will certainly emerge from the pages of this book with admiration for a man who can speak so forcefully for those things in which he believes. And admire the courage that such a book must take during this reign of "congressional investigation."

He labels America 1954 as "a climate of fear" and maintains that men do not go to jail for holding opposing opinions to those of some of our national legislators; "they merely lose their jobs and reputations—sometimes with reason but more often not...."

"But We Were Born Free" is available at the coop at a nominal price. If you can't afford to buy it, beg, borrow or steal it, but read it. It's the best interpretation on what's behind all the smoke and thunder coming out of Washington that we've read in some time.

Humor Them



"He marked and severely criticized my paper—I didn't have the courage to tell him the whole thing was a direct quote from his book."

Letters to the Editor

Old Friends Missing

Emerald Editor:

I had hoped that this would not be necessary. But time has proven that I can no longer calculate on that.

Three books have been removed from the library, Desk 418,—one book belongs to an instructor in economics; "The General Theory, etc." by Keynes, with memorable beer rings on the cover, it is the second victim, while the third is "The Cruel Sea" by Nicholas Monsarrat.

All these books can be replaced, but among the pages of Monsarrat's book were left valuable reading notes and a treasured letter from the author. "The General Theory" is difficult to replace and we have, I believe, about one copy on reserve in the library.

This is a sort of SOS, although I strongly suspect that all I will get out of this plea is that you withhold my name and substitute my telephone number, 3-3173. My gratitude to you.

Name withheld by request

Defense of Capers

Emerald Editor:

I am writing this with the belief that some defense is in order for the theme of this year's Junior Weekend. The theme is, and shall remain, "College Capers," in spite of the criticism in the Emerald of April 1.

It is too bad that now, after the theme has been selected, after the prom orchestra has been notified of said theme, and our Junior Weekend stationary has been printed, that this interest should appear and not sooner. Of all the theme ideas that were submitted for consideration we felt that "College Capers" gave us what we wanted, and we still feel the same. This theme is different; it is original, and it offers no end of possibilities for expansion to fill the need for the Sing, Prom and float themes.

I believe that a good deal of Miss Schiller's displeasure with this year's theme stems from a too literal and narrow interpretation of the word "capers." To us, in selecting the theme, capers conoted, among other things, campus antics which should include anything from water bagging to swallowing goldfish.

It might also conote traditional activities that go with any college; for example, the ever present moonlight serenades or something out of the past, such as canoeing on the millrace. We could be wrong, although we'll never admit it and we doubt it very much, but we thought in selecting the theme that "College Capers" would suggest to the campus and the state those ideas mentioned, besides a wide range of others such as athletic events, raccoon coats and their era, picnics, house dances, and numerous

Petition Deadline Set by Phi Theta

Petitions for membership in Phi Theta Upsilon, junior women's service honorary, are due April 12, according to Janet Wick, Phi Theta president.

A standard ASUO petition form may be used and should be turned in to Miss Wick at Pi Beta Phi.

Any sophomore woman with a 2.4 accumulative grade point average and a 2.4 winter term GPA is eligible to petition. Petitioners are to list hours, GPA and activities.

Phi Theta will tap twenty new members at women's houses after Junior Weekend.

escapades that go with college. In other words, this year's Junior weekend, the sixty fourth in the history of the University, is going to be brought back down to earth. This weekend will not be about fairy tales, Inter-Planet relations or anything intangible; it will be built around college life, what we associate with college, what we hear of college life here and elsewhere, past and

present, and that life and way of living which is the closest to us in our present environment.

I hope this letter does not lead to another series of controversial "letters to the editors", for the theme has been selected and I hope I have clarified the basis on which it was selected.

Jim Light
General Chairman
Junior Weekend

Campus Comment

Roar of Diesel Engines Disconcerting at Straub

By Sam Frear
Emerald Columnist

I suppose there is always someone who, in the face of progression, will bellow out complaints. Sour grapes or no, I sincerely doubt that anyone residing in or about John Straub has any deep appreciation for the construction work going on in their backyard.

It is bad enough to be awakened in the morning by a loud-mouthed roommate or a ratchety alarm clock, but the roar of diesel cats at a very wierd hour of the morning is nauseating. Add to this the dust and smoke that swirl up in big thick clouds covering everything with a fine, grubby mist, and you have a real complaint. The whole thing seems to be that the residents of John Straub will have to abide with the construction for over a year, but darned few of them will be around to enjoy the end product.



When you give it a superficial glance, the co-op rebate idea looks like a pretty good deal. Maybe so when you are buying candy and-or cigarettes, but the book buying and selling is hardly a bargain to anyone. Seems that a book priced by the publisher for one buck is being sold by the co-op for that plus two bits. Even with a ten per cent rebate that is no buy.

Another fellow was offered a mangy third hand book for \$2-80. He turned this generous offer down when he discovered the book only cost \$3.50 new. It would seem that if the store has to charge high prices in order to give the rebate, it just might be cheaper in the end to sell the stuff for low prices and forget about the kickback.

This new registration system is really something. Now that we have suffered through it for two terms the numerous defects are very apparent. Just how do they (the faculty) figure it gets people to class earlier? The other side is just the plain confusion of it all. I kind of liked the more leisurely pre-registration. Anyhow, a fellow who crammed his way into the business office summed it up very neatly: "Here's a line, let's stand in it."

A young fellow sitting near our table at the SU during final week cast a superior glance at the milling throng of high school students and remarked: "Look at all these young high school punks. Boy, what a pain in the neck." Isn't it amazing what a difference a year makes? Just twelve short months ago, he too, was a "young punk" doing the same thing. Now, though, being a sturdy eighteen year old fresh-

man, the tables are turned. I wonder how he would classify himself now, a young college punk?

The siege of these high schoolers was quite a shock to those of us who like to consider ourselves "old vets." Even considering that it has been seven years since I was in high school, I just can't remember having girls, such as were seen that week, strutting around dear old P.R.H.S. Is it poor memory or are times really changing.

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BY
LOANNE MORGAN

Be a "cotton queen" this spring! ... in one of the gayest and most colorful wardrobes ever, from Kaufman Bros. in Eugene.

Award Winners ... Carolyn Schnurer should take an oscar for dramatic and stunning creations in dresses. Kaufman's now have a supply of her famous designs on hand, starting at \$29.75, with sun-bright prints inspired by Miss Schnurer's recent trip to Africa ... exciting and classic styles designed for day wear and dress-up evenings ... One of many ... a white cotton and silk creation with black embroidery and bouffant skirt ... just right for that spring dance coming up.

"PETTICOAT FEVER"

For a full swirly effect with your skirts and dresses... a nylon and net petticoat by Kickernick... on the petticoat rack at Kaufman's... in a rainbow of colors, starting at \$4.95... every spring wardrobe needs one.



Sailor Beware! ... you can chase those "Bell-Bottom Blues" and charm the whole fleet in a sweet and simple "Ship 'N Shore" blouse... all styles and colors... only \$2.95 and up.

Conversation Piece... the collar counter at Kaufman Bros. is a carnival of colors and styles... polka dots, stripes, flowers or solid colors... Have that "fresh as a daisy" look in a cute Beau Collar by "Specialty" "House of England" ... as low as \$1.00!



A CUTE TRICK:

Try attaching a pair of your favorite earrings to a Beau Collar for sweater or blouse wear, if they have a cute design and aren't too dressy for the classroom... copper masks on a white collar, or pink flowers or hearts on a plain blue one.

