

This Is My Weekend

Move over, fellow.
You think you're in control here. You think you're in the driver's seat and nothing can touch you. You think you're safe because, after all, you're a good, careful driver.

But this is my weekend.
See that red light up there. You can make it. There's no cross traffic in sight. Step on the gas. You're not really taking chances. This is a sure thing.

Go ahead, have another drink. You're not intoxicated, this is just a little picnic and you've only had a couple of beers. They don't hurt a fellow. Sure, you're still in control. Who says drinking and driving don't mix. They do with us.

This is my weekend.
She's signaling for a turn. Add a little speed. You've got nothing to worry about. Let the other fellow worry about himself. As long as you're careful, nothing else matters. This whole business is just a bedtime story, anyway. We're big kids now, and we're in control here.

This is my weekend.
We don't like people telling us how to drive, do we? We don't like orders. This is our car, isn't it, and we don't have a thing to worry about. All those pleas for safe driving—they're not talking to us. It's the other guy. We've never had a traffic accident.

And we don't on my weekend.
Big weekend? Three days, hmm. Lots of time to go to the beach and zip back. This is our favorite girl, isn't it? She's more important than that car heading our way. Go ahead, give her a little kiss. It's a beautiful spring day and we're young. We don't have any worries.

And this is my weekend.
You can make it past that car. Slowpoke! What's a convertible for if not to get up speed and to feel the wind in our hair? Come on, off to the open road! You're a good, safe driver.

Nothing for us to worry about. This is my weekend. I'm invincible. We're safe as long as it's me behind the wheel.
Who am I?
I'm death. I'm death on wheels.

AND THIS IS MY WEEKEND

Opinions--

An editorial is an expression of opinion. Whatever one writes, the ideas and the words are presented in the contest and bias of the writer.

The Emerald stand on Senator Joseph McCarthy has been presented within a bias. We have written our editorials from the viewpoint of one holding anti-McCarthy opinions. Therefore, we have not felt it necessary to start out each opinion with "We don't like McCarthy and . . ."

We have also been influenced by the general feeling of opposition to the Wisconsin senator which is prevalent on this rather liberal campus. During our two years at Oregon, we have never heard a faculty member or student present a pro-McCarthy viewpoint, although we have heard countless number of criticisms of the man and his techniques of assuming a person guilty by accusation.

Remember the old story of the preacher bayling out his congregation for the members who were not present. That is our position on this campus concerning Senator Joseph McCarthy.

But a group of students on campus have now raised the question of our stand on McCarthyism. So may we outline it for our readers, point-by-point:

1. We believe that Senator McCarthy has endangered our American heritage of freedom and ideals more than the Communists he would destroy. We continually find ourselves reminded of the old story that Rome fell because of internal causes, not because of any physical force from without. It is only too easy to draw a parallel.
2. We dislike the idea of 200 percent Americans advocating thought control and investigating institutions of higher learning equally as much as we dislike those same practices in the Soviet Russia.
3. We protest the limitation of any American's right to explore fields of knowledge and to arrive at his own opinions.
4. We protest the right of any man to make the accusers always holy. We think guilt must be proven by actions, not by the words of another man. Guilt by association is a dangerous game for any American to play.
5. We have been shocked, amused and amazed at the present army hearings in Washington. We sincerely hope the nation and Washington has more important work to do than has been evidenced in the weeks of these hearings. We fear that we may forget what we should be defending and overlook the real dangers of totalitarian governments if we practice such totalitarian purges within our own government.
6. We believe that present movements of a "Joe must go" nature are aimed in the wrong direction. It is not Senator McCarthy which we must eliminate. It is McCarthyism and its emotions. If the present movement in Wisconsin to recall McCarthy from the senate fails, as it may well do, then America has, in essence, given Joe a vote of confidence—at a time when public opinions demonstrate that his star has reached its crest and Americans are rejecting this leader of McCarthyism.

Letters... ...to the Editor

The Chimes

Emerald Editor:
Where does integrity begin,
What is her shape and form?
What are those things called
Values,
Whence comes our ethic norm?

Magnetic tape and shadow shape
Upon a whitened wall,
A canned and standard resume
Is given to us all.

The wall that's poured in concrete form
Receives its brick veneer,
The surface then at least is there,
Tradition's trust—so dear!

We know the word, "Truth,"
"Honor," "Real,"
And structures which they frame,
They stand aloft while shallow sham
Receives deserved shame.

Yet, here across or campus rolls,
With character ironic,
The fakery of massive Bells,
A voice, alas, electronic!
—Anonymous

The Good Side

Emerald Editor:
We were quite pleased with the recent feature article on Dick Neuberger, concerning his unpopularity with students while on the Oregon campus during depression days. The article was well written, and we have no criticism other than that the writer relied solely on news items and letters to the editor, failing to adequately consider and appraise the numerous editorials Neuberger wrote as Emerald editor which serve to better focus attention on the perspective of his philosophy.

There is another side to Neuberger besides the controversy that he stirred up. He was not just a "rabble-rouser" but had many sound ideas to place before the minds of the University students at a time when these ideas were of special importance.

We believe that Neuberger's editorials not only touched upon highly pertinent campus and national problems of the time, but also contained much in the way of appetizing food for thought. Included in this latter phase of his writings were the following excerpts from editorial columns which we feel are as applicable to our own troubled times as they were in 1932.

Neuberger's governing principles regarding his own philosophy were clearly shown in an editorial entitled "A Man's Conscience." In his own words, "... after all, a man's conscience is his own, and if he dares to stand out for what he believes is right or against what he believes is wrong, when it would be easier to conform, then he should be given an opportunity to do so."

Neuberger carried out his philosophy in actual practice as was illustrated in an editorial regarding the stand of the editor of the University of Nebraska in supporting Norman Thomas in the 1932 presidential election. Neuberger stated "... the Emerald hopes the powers-that-be at Nebraska will have enough fortitude to permit the young man to retain his position in the face of the criticism that is sure to follow. If nothing else, the editor of the Nebraskan has shown himself to be a person of courage, which is something in these days of compromising and hairsplitting."

As to his implied troublemaking, Neuberger made one point very explicit in a statement regarding Emerald news and editorial policy. He stated, "... it is the opinion of the writer that a



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paper can oppose an existing order without turning radical in doing so."

In closing, we wish to quote from President O. Meredith Wilson's article, "The Power of Ideas"; "It matters some, but is not crucial that no law restrains our freedom of speech. A man who doubts his powers no longer has them. A man who refuses to express a divergent opinion because of external pressures to conform is more effectively restrained than one who is under obligation of the law. Americans know how to fight tyranny when it can be identified, but they are not so clear about how to protect their freedoms against forces as insidious as personal doubt and public pressure. Yet the continued freedom of thought and expression is the secret of our power, and the foundation of all the other freedoms that we call American."

Kenneth R. Cunningham
Lawrence Schwartz
Tom Shepherd

So Proud

Emerald Editor:
To An Unknown Vandal:
You are to be commended on your recent nocturnal, hirculean feat of strength which saw you completely demolish, devastate and destroy the sign in front of the Lutheran Student house dedicated to Christ, the King.

Don Quixote attacked windmills. You have improved on this legendary lunatic and have succeeded in stalking and overcoming a stationary pole. Hurrah—you are a true man of the first water (or was it something besides water which flowed through your veins inspiring you to such noble deeds of conquest?).

Now you have much over which to bare your arm in front of your fraternity brothers—they will be so proud! And such fine news to write to the family back home, investing thousands annually so that you can demonstrate your virility—"Dear ma, Last night I tore down the sign in front of a church building..." They'll be so proud.

The old adage, boys will be boys, has now—due to your heroism—been altered and improved to read "boys will be jackasses." I don't know you—which is fortunate for both of us—so I really shouldn't attempt to analyze you, but I would suspect that you are the kind of fellow that when someone first meets you, they don't think much of you, but after they get to know you, they hate you.

How do you explain this non-sensical little kid vandalism to yourself? Is this part of your "educational emancipation"

manifesting itself? Or were you just drunk? Or are you always a little off balance, mentally?

Stop by the Lutheran Student House—no hard feelings. You can have that sign if it meant that much to you.

Jim Kallas
Student Pastor.

Freshman Spirit?

Emerald Editor:
Where is the freshman class spirit? Certainly it is not in helping to paint the "O".

This one-time Oregon tradition has now degenerated to the point where but one Freshman, even a tough veteran, was the only man who had enough spirit to volunteer for this thankless duty.

We realize that the Freshmen had other things to do, but when a group of lettermen asked the idle Freshmen to volunteer, they were greeted with false promises, lame excuses, and slamming doors.

How can we solve this problem? Is it possible to revive this tradition to the point where it was a few years ago when the Freshmen were living in fraternities?

We feel that the Freshman girls, who fought so valiantly against the Order of the "O," showed spirit which should put these mere males to shame.

Our hats off to the martyred Freshman, Leonard Svarverad, who we hope has put the present Freshmen to shame and may he inspire our future Freshmen to fulfill our Oregon traditions.

Darrell Klampe
Jack Fenton

Misunderstood

Emerald Editor:
Several persons who read my letter in yesterday's Emerald felt it gave tacit approval to McCarthyism.

I wish to correct this extremely erroneous impression.

I am opposed to any attempt to curtail academic freedom, either by McCarthy or any other group.

Nona Glazer

Cosmo Club Slates Officer Elections

Cosmo Club will meet from 8 to 12 tonight at Plymouth House. Temporary officers for 1954-55 will be elected.

Entertainment for the meeting will be Indian dances and slides on Crater Lake.

Students planning to go on the trip to Crater Lake May 29 should check at Plymouth House for available space in cars.

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