

THE
ETERNAL
VERITIES

Introduction to the E.V. Show

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An Eternal Verity is a proposition whose truth is independent of the temporal or spatial relationship in which it is offered; that is, it is timeless, eternally true. William F. Buckley has spent a decade trying to convince the American body politic that Eternal Verities, and not temporary insanity, have led him to such positions as opposing the nuclear test-ban treaty and supporting Senator Whatsisname last year for President.

The real Eternal Verities (or EVs, as they are known in the trade) have little to do with politics or with cosmological questions. Life is too complex for the major issues of an era to be spotlighted with the flash of eternal insight. Rather, it is in the day-to-day existence of people that Eternal Verities are clearly applicable. During the Congress, I will offer the delegates, alternates, and observers a series of Eternal Verities, carefully numbered, so that they might have for themselves the Absolute Truths of Existence to take back to their campuses for intelligent, meaningful programs. They will be scattered among various and sundry proposals and thoughts, of a somewhat less definable span of truth.

EV 1: (Also called Murphy's Law) - If something can possibly go wrong, it will.

EV 2: Nothing ever goes as badly wrong as it ought to.

(NOTE: Life is a constant tension between EV's 1 and 2. They also define the framework of the NSA Congress.)

EV 3: There is no such thing as 6:15 a.m.

EV 4: Do not put the make on your best friend's girl.

EV 5: Long Island is not New York.

EV 6: Girls like sex, too.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION ON BERKELEY

FACT: We have heard Sue Stein and everyone else talk about Berkeley for roughly 86 hours straight.

PRINCIPLE: Freedom of speech is not an unlimited concept. See NSA BPD # 18549 and Beauharnais v. Illinois (citation omitted).

DECLARATION: NSA delegates respectfully urge people to please stop talking about Berkeley.

MANDATE: Anyone who talks about Berkeley will be killed slowly and painfully.

FORBIDDEN WORDS

Real obscenity, Rev. Howard Moody of Greenwich Village suggested some months ago, is not the shouting of words such as ----, ----, and even ----, but words which indicate man's inhumanity to man. Wrong. Real obscenity is the language used at NSA Congresses. The following words are barred to any speaker and delegate. Violators will have their mouths washed out with cerise-wrapped soap. Further contributions are eagerly solicited.

TENABLE	MEANINGFUL	SEMINAR	PARTICIPATORY
VIABLE	"BERKELEY"	PROGRAMMING	SPECIFIC (or "Nitty Gritty")
CREDIBLE	ACTIVISM	RESPONSIBLE	STUDENT LEADER
CAMPUS	ONGOING	COORDINATED	TAKEBACKTOYOURSCHOOL (one word)