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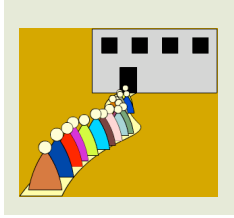
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Nullam pellentesque



Suspendisse vestibulum placerat odio. Phasellus eget massa vitae libero non.
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Giddyap Poll

Most appreciated registration item at SI

The Lanyard 34%

The Kenyon bag 45%

That funny plastic nose ring thingy 15%

The terrycloth handkerchiefs in the plastic bundle 5%

Price, Two Cents

Stories so good, we don't have to give them away. Get your two cents' worth today!



We're Back!

Yes, we're back, bad attitudes, trusty steam-powered laser printer and all. Thanks due to the contributors for fine ideas over that long dry spell known officially as "not SI."

A Workshop the SI Planning Committee Rejected

Mockingbird reporters have learned that a proposed SI workshop, *Gonzo Journalism*, was rejected by this year's SI Planning Committee. According to the workshop proposal, the class would prepare a daily alternative newsletter, learn the ins and outs of mocking, er rather, poking fun at established media outlets and provide SI attendees with a quality publication. *Gonzo Journalism* presenter, Ed Itour, said he was "fried" by the Committee's rejection,

and would hold the workshop without approval anyway.

Other Workshops Rejected

Rock of Kenyon. Geologist and Zen Master Heimie what's his name offered to lead an intense five-day workshop studying the rock flanking the gate to the Middle Path, on the western side.

Building the Human Genome with Tinker Toys, to have been led by bioengineer Misty Chilharsik.

Finally, a very promising workshop offered by the Hogwarts Professor Ima Geller in *Mindreading for Muggles*, in which Professor Geller would hold class each day at a new location on the Kenyon campus, and workshop participants would then have to find the location. [Hint: Try meeting at 3:00am beneath the bleachers!]



Sports Challenge

Erstwhile brachial battler and SI regular Soul Trader offers to arm-wrestle any and all SI participants who wish to rise to his challenge. Joel, *er Soul* will arm-wrestle up to five fellow combatants a night downstairs in Gund Cafebeeria (no repeat matches). If you best him, he will buy you a drink! Be warned, Mr. Trader makes the claim that only three have beaten him to date! [see photo above]

To claim your chance at the throne, contact Soul or his representative, Joel Slater, any evening in the Pub. We're not making this up!

Unitarian-Universalists Reply (of course)

We do not expect so many UUs to quietly read our fine and accurate journalism (certainly never “fair and balanced,” by any means) without inviting comment. If you must, here is your opportunity for praise, comment, or suggestion. We’ll start a few for inspiration...

Overheard at SI closing ceremony 2005:

"Entering the crustaceous period of the mobius flip, I can say this thing isn't all it's cracked up to be!"
I thought to myself, hmm...this must be none other than G.I.M. Narley speaking. I was feeling a little nauseous myself when I discreetly turned around to see who it was, expecting a full nasal assault. Well, it wasn't hard to determine the identity of Mr.

Narley, as the two rows of people beside and in back of him emptied the area. In fact, at that point I was inclined to move as well. I hope Mr. Narley will bring a bigger suitcase next year!

--Eve S. Dropper

*Dear Ms. Dropper,
We share the same hope. Be strong.*

-- Editor

Going the Distance

Have you ever wondered just how far

you've been walking while at SI? As a public service, the Mockingbird staff measured the distances between these Kenyon buildings:
From Manning, Bushnell and Old Kenyon dorms to Gund Commons: 5km
From Caples and Mather dorms to Rosse Hall: 4.3 km
From Rosse Hall to the Pub: 4.3 km (going); 13.2 km (returning)

Note: The distances actually are longer if you're traveling with small children.

Our Suggestions

The Mockingbird staff would like to offer the SI Main Planning-Like Entity (SIMPLE) the following suggestions:

Suggested Gifts for the Theme Speaker:

- SI t-shirt
- Duct tape wallet
- Leftover Peek prizes

- A lifetime subscription to the Mockingbird
- A commemorative Kenyon lunch tray

Suggested Wrapping Paper for Theme Speaker Gift:

- K-mart plastic bag
- Leftover bags from Peek
- Gund cafeteria napkins
- SI t-shirt
- Kenyon pillow case
- Unread copies of the Kaleidoscope

She Who Must Be Obeyed

The Mockingbird chats with SI Registrar Deny Boarding



Deny Boarding, file photo

Mockingbird: What problems did you and your staff face with SI registration this year?

DB: The biggest problem every year is certain congregations trying to pad their attendance numbers. After the scandalous baby incident last year [see *The Mockingbird*, Vol. 1, Issues 4 & 5], we instituted mandatory pregnancy tests, and several were disqualified as a result. I don't think babies can *get* pregnant, do you?

Mockingbird: No, I think that was a scam, all right. Too bad for the Kent church, then, ha, ha. What innovations are you planning for next year?

DB: I've recently received certification as a Tax Preparer, and with my new connection with the Department of Homeland Security, I can really streamline next year's registration process! All you'll need to do will be to send me your name, and I can cross-check government records. Since UUs are such an activist bunch, DHS records contain all the information I'll need to know for registration, including direct access to bank accounts. Smooth!

Hymn 123: Spirits of Life

Spirits of Life, rum unto me,
Bring to my hand all the stirrings
of martinis,
Beer, wine, or gin, Long Island
Iced Tea,
Glass in my hand, giving Life the
shape of crushed ice...
Malt holds me close, Wine sets me
free, Spirits of Life, come to me,
come to me.

Can you do as well?

Email us at oafs@pitalabs.com or slip us a manuscript over the transom or under the door...

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