



THIS 'N' THAT

ARE YOU A LOSER?

He who loses money, loses much;

He who loses a friend, loses more;

He who loses his sense of humor, loses all.

Q & A

Q: How many Zen masters does it take to screw in a light bulb?

A: None! They're already enlightened.

SI MARATHON EVENT

A 42.8 mile "Fun Run" will be held at the Kenyon athletic track Wednesday morning, afternoon, and evening — or however long it takes.

NOTE TO OUR READERS

The names in the Mockingbird are not real. Please refrain from calling people at SI by the names used in this newsletter. Believe us, they're embarrassed enough already to be in any way connected with this newspaper.

TIRED OF ULTIMATE FRISBEE?

Try these alternative Ultimate events:

Ultimate badminton

Ultimate hymn singing

Ultimate Pub drinking

Ultimate vespers

Ultimate polka playing (no previous musical instrument experience required)

NAP WORKSHOP REDUX

The ever-popular early morning (pre-regular workshop schedule) Nap Workshop, while avidly attended at SI 2006, was perceived to "lack focus and flavor." In an attempt to help participants focus on a single concept, thereby achieving nap nirvana more quickly, nappers will be asked this year to concentrate on "the sound of one hand waving," conveniently fitting in more closely with the 2007 Theme Talk, to be held, as always, simultaneously with the Zen Nap Workshop and in the same location...We'll catch you there.

SI Planning Committee to Scrap Late Registration Fee

At the last meeting of SI Main Planning-Like Entity (SIMPLE), the level of frustration and anger amongst the committee was both sad and alarming. In a confidential report commissioned by SIMPLE, it was clear that the \$75 late registration fee was having little impact on the perennial late registrants. SIMPLE has been trying to deal with the increasingly obvious passive aggressive behavior of many of the long time SI attendees by imposing the \$75 fine.

However, an unnamed high level SI administrator stated that the tolerance of the Planning Committee had reached its limit and the Committee would be implementing additional rules for the late registrants. It was stated that the profile of the late registrant can be most clearly identified as "these hippie type wannabees. They can't deal with even the most simple of rules. We know this behavior is not limited to their late registration fees either. We watch them during the week and we see what they do. They ruin it for everyone. They show up late for breakfast and have their friends get extra food for them. They drink the coffee outside Rosse before the theme speaker and they peek in their Peek bags before game starts and THEY KNOW YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO PEEK. THEY HAVE BEEN PLAYING PEEK FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS AND THEY KNOW THE RULES!!!!"

Our crack investigator, Seymour Butz, was able to uncover the special, secret, high priced UUA approved consultant's report with the proposed new late registration rules [see box]

The Mockingbird observes this last rule might have merit, but for the fact that everyone knows that the late registrants also like to show up late....and then complain that registration is closed during opening ceremonies. They then go to the pub and consume mass quantities of beverages and then

become extremely irate when the registrar has gone to sleep by 11:55 pm and has to be awakened to give them a key.

We humbly suggest that, if SIMPLE really wants to persuade folks to submit their registrations in a timely manner, that we simply make them

carry the 200 pound printer for the Mockingbird up the three flights of steps to the Mockingbird office? Surely this is a "volunteer opportunity" no one would want to repeat.

So Unitarian-Universalist... (Sub)Committee Notice

The Subcommittee on Subcommittees of the Summer Institute Committee on Committees will meet daily this week to discuss the following:

- Monday – Develop subcommittee assignments
 - Tuesday – Assign subcommittee assignments
 - Wednesday – Evaluate subcommittee assignments
 - Thursday – Reassign subcommittee assignments
 - Friday – Pat ourselves on the back for a job well done
- Subcommittee members please note, strict adherence to Roberts' Rules of Order is expected.

NEW RULES GUARANTEED TO FIX THE LATE REGISTRATION PROBLEM:

- #1 Late registrants will not be granted admission to the pub until Wednesday afternoon.
- #2 Before admission to the Pub on Wednesday, late registrants must show proof of purchase of a week long paid subscription to the Kaleidoscope, and
- #3 Must actually have read the Sunday thru Wednesday editions of the Kaleidoscope from cover to cover.
- #4 Further, they must pass a test on the contents of the Kaleidoscope before being admitted to Pub on Wednesday.
- #5 Those passing this test must sit at the Kaleidoscope staff table and talk about the Thursday edition of the Kaleidoscope.
- #6 All late registrants are immediately assigned the job of luggage assistant, on the first and last days, as their volunteer assignment.

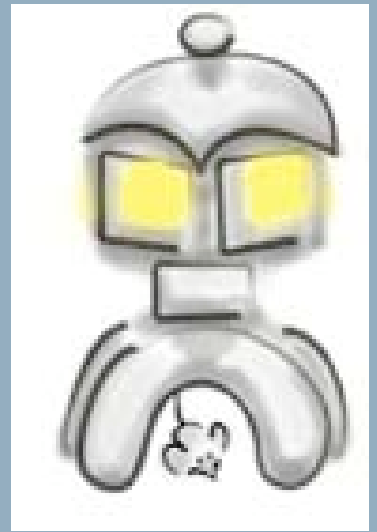
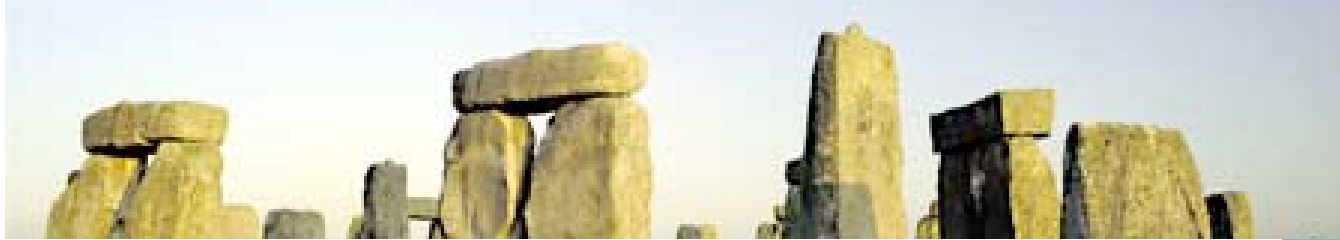
Mockingbird Recommended Dress Code

Show your Mockingbird spirit by wearing past SI T-shirts on these days of the week:

- Monday – 2003
- Tuesday -- 2004
- Wednesday -- 2005
- Thursday -- 2006
- Friday -- 2007
- Saturday – Wear whatever clean shirt is still in your luggage, if you have one left.



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A Mysterious Stranger...

Kidnap Victim Turns Up at SI

The following disturbing story was told to us by a somewhat wild-eyed first-time attendee we met at lunch today. Even we at the Mockingbird, no strangers to the fantastic, find it difficult to believe in all its details, but our readers might find it compelling...

From Strife-filled Halls

My name is Shady Heifer, and I was recently elected to City Council of a college town somewhere in Northeast Ohio. Friday's meeting was a scorcher, with the lawyers for an influential business developer lined up against hundreds of angry townsmen, most of whom seemed to be carrying farm implements.

The client behind all this was anonymous, but rumors were flying. Most believed it was Mall-Wart that wanted to open a huge mega-store downtown. As each of the dozens of protesters lined up to speak, brandishing pitchforks and torches, I noticed the police officers were nowhere to be seen. Had they been bought off?

A Bold Escape

Just as the smoke made it hard to see in the chamber, a voice spoke from somewhere behind my left ear. "Are you searching for a place of peace and security, where living is not a struggle but a lasting delight, where ice cream comes with every meal? Of course you are. Come, it's time to go." As things were getting pretty ugly with the eight protestors shouting and throwing furniture, I followed the voice. Once outside, I was hustled into the back seat of a Volvo station wagon, and we sped off southward out of town. "Where are you taking me," I demanded, but the driver couldn't hear me over the screeching of the car's radio. Overcome with smoke and deafened by the racket, I passed out. When I woke up again, I could see old college buildings and a miniature town before me. "Welcome to Kenyon-La," was all they said as they placed me in line to register. I was told my scholarship had already been awarded, and my mysterious abductors had vanished into the crowded cafeteria.

To be Continued...

the solution is pretty simple. I believe the hideous noise you heard is called "Country and Western Music." All you really need to do is replace that old broken radio with a new model that will let you play CDs should you drive into country where Public Radio cannot be found on the FM dial! Problem solved! [Editor's note: If you are going through NPR withdrawal while at Kenyon, you can find it on the AM portion of the dial at 820kHz. This has been a public radio announcement. If there had been a real emergency, we would all gather underneath the stage in Rosse as usual]

**Hymn # 347,
Gather for Spirits**

Gather for spirits
It's happy hour
Two bars are open
to bring us the power.
Witness the mystery
of happy hour
our drinks in this light
appear all the same
Gather with snacks
gather for drinks
gather for bluegrass and folk now and then
gather for jokes
and arm wrestling strength
gather to celebrate once again.

Zen Word Search

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How many words can you find in this array?

Advice Line

By Ann Slanders



DEAR ANN, the other day I was packing for Summer Institute, bustling about gathering up things. My husband, as usual, was sitting on the couch, watching television and ignoring me as I worked. As I went out the door, I told him goodbye, but I don't think he heard me at all.

I hadn't gone very far, because all the while I drove, the most horrendous screeching noise was coming from the radio. Nothing I could do, no adjustment of the knobs could get it to stop. Rather than drive two hours with all the infernal racket, I turned around and went back home to see if my lazy husband could fix it.

When I came in, he wasn't watching TV any more. Puzzled, I found him upstairs in the bedroom, wearing my clothes! When I confronted him about this, all he could say was some stupid excuse about "not finding his favorite T-shirt," which I think is the one with the snail and vines from 2006. I told him I wouldn't stand for his dressing like that, and I was so mad I left without fixing the radio. My passenger and I had to endure the hideous noise all the way to Kenyon. What should I do when I go home?

--Dazed and Half-deaf.

Dear Daisy,

Welcome back to Summer Institute! Your question is certainly one for the books! Sounds like you have a real problem, there at home. But don't worry,

**DO-
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