

All the brews that fit...

Corruption charges brought against SI Registrar

Just How Many of You Are From South Hills, Anyway?

ON-THE-STREET INTERVIEWS

HOW WILL THE NEW HARRY POTTER BOOK END?



BILLARY "ROCK-EM" HINTIN'

I have no idea. But if it requires a 23 point plan and a couple of Federal commissions, I'm all over it. Vote for me, I have more money than that other guy

DR. NO-BRAINY

Harry Potter! Such a wimp. My minion, Voldemort, and I will easily deal with that twerp, and his little friends, too!



PUPPET LEADER

My that's a hard one. I don't think I've really read a book that big., heh, heh. I suppose they all live happily ever



after, no? I mean, after all, I *decided* that's the way everything's going to turn out.

ZEN CROSSWORD

1.

ACROSS

1. Identity

DOWN

1. Unity (Roman).



Shocking allegations arose last night at the Kenyon Inn as SI attendees mingled and met. Due to the failing light and the copious amounts of beverages consumed, everyone was scrutinizing each other's name tags more closely than before. Soon an angry buzz arose around several Kent church members.

"I've been a Kent member for years, but my nametag says I'm from Columbus!," said Randilee Sun heatedly. Soon others were noticing similar discrepancies. Two trends were clear: several Kent members were apparently credited to other congregations, while South Hills membership seems to have been granted to many from West Virginia and elsewhere.

"I have no comment at this time," said SI Registrar Deny Boarding. "Rumors of collusion on the part of myself or anyone on my staff are simply unfounded." An audit of the Registrar's accounts has turned up no exchange of excessive funds, but it cannot be denied that there is a close relationship between some Registration staff members and the congregation displacing Kent as having allegedly brought the most members to SI in 2007.

SIMPLE chair Amy Westshore announces that the Summer Institute Main Planning-Like Entity stands behind the Registrar and all SI staffers. "No such manipulation of data has gone on on my watch," she exclaimed.

Rest assured, gentle Reader, the Mockingbird will keep you posted on this shocking situation.

More Interesting Data from the Registrar, so called.

Number of campers who bring deodorant to SI is 352. Number who should is 427.

The percentage of youth who forget or don't have "inside voices" to use in dorms after 11 pm is 96%

Number of applause moments during the opening ceremony was 219. That's down 30 from last year.

Overheard at SI

"What's all this I hear about Young Adult Coms? Aren't we accused of being liberal enough without sponsoring Young Communists?"

Sorry, in actual fact, the Young Adult Con, as it's known, is all about conning the youth's parents into financing their going off to a "church camp" and sleeping on the floor with girls for three days.

Scholarship shenanigans, too?

Scholarship recipients fictitious?

Our investigations have revealed that the registration numbers might also have been manipulated in other ways. Several scholarship awardees were also credited to the South Hills headcount. But no trace of these individuals can be found.

Perhaps these "scholarship attendees" are really another example of the malfeasance in the back rooms of the Registrar's office? After all, adding perhaps two dozen scholarship recipients to one congregation would greatly boost that groups attendance figures, and if these people didn't actually show up, indeed, if they didn't exist in the first place, why then the cost to Summer Institute would be nil! "We demand a full accounting of both registrations and scholarships awarded to settle the matter," said one Kent resident. Kent minister Me Isa Zoomer had no comment on the situation.

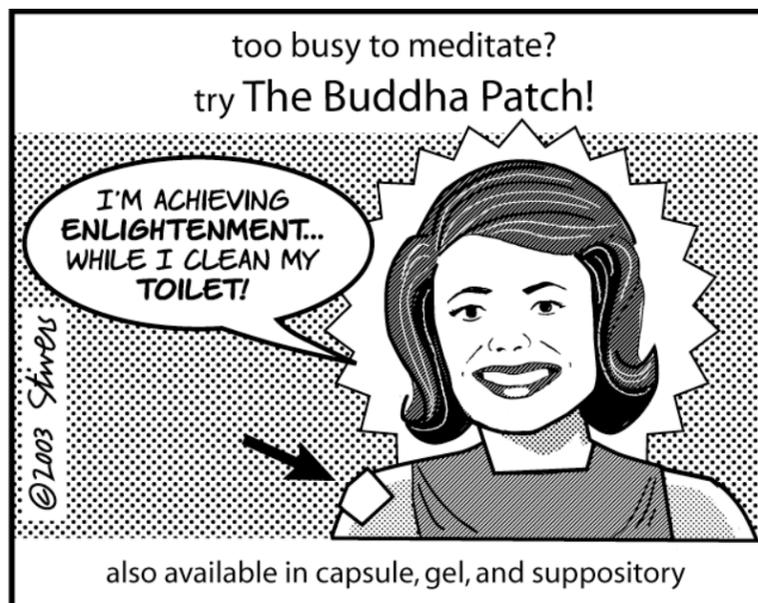
Let the Lunchtime Games Begin!

What's Your Line?

Following a long-time SI tradition, today's lunch icebreaker was intended to have campers gather at lunch tables based on their interest in sports or other activities. This proved so successful that the Programs committee is investigating other topics to get us to talk to each other for a change.

Tomorrows lunchtime categories will be Committee Membership. Please feel free to associate with campers serving on the same committees in their home congregations as you do. It'll be fun!

Tables will be reserved for members of the Grounds and Filter committee, Membership, Dismembership, and the Committee Subcommittee of the Committee on Committees. the Skunk Removal committee will have a table in the near corner, farthest downwind. Board members will be seated separately from Board Presidents' table, for their own safety.



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Too Many Hills for You?

What's Camp without awards?

The Himalayan Mount Ernst Mountain Climbing Merit Badge will be awarded to all campers who eat ten or meals at the Ernst Nosh Pit and successfully make it back up the hill each time. Credit will not be given for partial trips; campers must ascend the hill entirely on their own. Oxygen is permitted for the upper altitudes.

Nurses Standing By

Special Boo-Boo stations have been established at two point along the tortuous route to the top of Ernst Mountain's eastern face. Bottled water, energy drinks, and oxygen are available at these stations for anyone requiring assistance in the ascent. A defibrillator has been ordered, and it's expected to be on hand for anyone needing it by tomorrow's lunch. In the mean time, Nurse Ratchet advises anyone who feels faint to stop immediately and take 10 or so deep breaths. Emergency rescue dogs are standing by to help those unable to reach one of the trailside Boo-Boo stations.

Opening Ceremony Has Fans

This year's SI opening ceremony was again a hit. Excitement was in the air as the festive parade of congregational standards brought us to our feet. (Really Kent, can't you guys do something about that banner?)

We were somewhat puzzled by one interlude in the ceremony, where a large group of people took the stage and proceeded to fan the assembly with large cardboard fans. Really, guys, Rosse Hall isn't the one in need of extra air conditioning..

Advice Line

By Ann Slanders

Dear Ann, I'm curious, just what IS the color of this year's SI T-shirt? Can't say I've ever seen just that color, and there's nothing like it in my closet.



Color-Blind in Pittsburgh

Dear Pitts: As it happens, that color is called "puce." Or perhaps it's "teal." No, that's not right, maybe it's "ecru." Well, whatever it is, it goes all right with beige shorts, although you could always pair it with basic black. I guess I'm baffled, too.

Déjà Vu Review

Your (I don't know squat about music, but know what I like) musical critic. G. I.B. Hornsley

Tonight's concert by Hal Runner and Mindy Persimmons was an event this reporter, Gee I.B. Hornsley will never forget. Not that I won't try. They performed as a duet (it did not quite do) and solo as individuals (I happen to like redundancy, and repeating an idea multiple times), but not so low as I could not hear them unfortunately. (Yep, that's a goodun) They performed all their old chestnuts, but it was Ms. Mindy who had to pull Hal's chestnuts out of the fire. One more chorus of Shanghai Chicken and those in attendance would have started flipping Mr. Runner the bird. How-

ever, their songs: "I am so lonesome in the saddle since my horse died", "I am so miserable without you dear, it is almost like having you here", and "You can lock me away in prison, but you can't keep my face from breaking out", were "interesting". But the highlight of the evening was when Mr. Runner and Ms. Persimmons performed the entire Mozart Opera "The Magic Flute". Mr. Runner, known to play various body parts left the audience stunned as he made "music" on every body part he has, and left nothing for the imagination. Ms. Mindy was a bit more demur only vibrating the air with her vocal chords.

**Hymn # 131
Beer Will Guide Us**

Beer will guide us, if you will try it,
Beer inside us will lead the way.
On the road from water to wisdom,
Beer will guide us through the dark night.

If you cannot sing like angels,
If you cannot speak before thousands,
Beer will rise from deep within you
And you will believe you can change the world!

Humor Section

Why don't Buddhists vacuum in the corners?

A: Because they have no attachments.

Why are there so few Buddhist rhythm and blues bands?

A: Because Buddhists don't have any soul.

Zen make words:

How many words can you form using the following letters?

abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz

"There may have been disillusionments in the lives of the medieval saints, but they would scarcely have been better pleased if they could have foreseen that their names would be associated nowadays chiefly with racehorses and the cheaper clarets." -- Saki (HH Munro)



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