





### Kidnapped in Kenyon

## A Strange Tale of Happiness

*Readers will recall the abduction of an Ohio political leader, Shady Heifer, and her transportation to Summer Institute.*

### Strange Land, Strange People

As I looked around after receiving mysterious items in a plastic bag at registration, I couldn't help noticing that all the people I saw were smiling and laughing, greeting as if they hadn't seen each other for a year or more. I was swept along with the crowd and taken down a nearly impassable rockface to a rude structure where people were milling about in great confusion, but most of them seemed excited to be there instead of upset or angry at the lack of direction. I wondered what they knew that I did not, what secrets they might have to be so happy.

### Treats and Delights

As rewards taste sweeter following great deprivation, the simple repast offered me was interesting, varied, and entirely adequate. I was later to discover that every need had been considered, with gluten-free, lactose-free, meat-free, spam-free, carbohydrate-free, and calorie-free offerings at every hand. Could complete freedom be this close at hand? As if in answer to my unspoken thought, a child brushed past me shedding corn kernels and carrot sticks as he went, shrieking, "Ice cream for every meal!"

### The High Lama

The apparent leader of this merry band addressed the multitude each morning from a position levitating eight handbreadths above the stage. The High Lama then defined "Agitated" as moving around a lot," and proceeded to give a rather agitated speech. He told the crowd that "Happiness is already here," and truth be told, you could see that all around.

He told of many other wondrous and insightful things, both of the outside world and of the science of the mind. It appeared all was blissful and serene. One hint of the power the Lama could command came when at a dramatic point in his talk, with a gesture he turned the lights on in the room! The audience was delighted with this display, but I remained skeptical of such simple magic tricks.

### Is All Well in La La Land?

Later this afternoon, I questioned some of the inhabitants of this community, and learned there were some malcontents. "Not all of us are in agreement with the High Lama," said Sun Tu Hott as we sat near where folks were decorating simple garments with brightly colored dyes in fanciful patterns. "It's wrong that this community only exists for one week each year."

"Just one week?" I asked? Yes, it seems this mysterious Kenyon-La emerges from the mists of the impenetrable valleys on every side for just seven days a year. I asked Ms. Hott what her friends had in mind, but all she would tell me was a simple "Wait and see."

*To be continued....*

### Kent Church to Change Name

Citing the historical record, Kent officers are petitioning to change the name of their church back to it's original name used on the charter of incorporation, namely the "First Universalist Church of Kent." Sorry, guys, that domain name is already taken.

### Tensions Mount

Buddhist insurgents over took Art Space at Old Kenyon this afternoon, claiming enlightenment does not come via silver glitter glue, construction paper, and rainbow-colored beads. "Enlightenment comes only from within," one of the leaders exclaimed, and devalued the glitter glue.

At nearby Manning Hall, rival Buddhist warlords have taken over and are threatening to dismantle Body Art, saying "it is blasphemy to have green hair, temporary tattoos, and orange-colored armpit hair." We contacted a Zen master for a statement on these events, but he remained silent.

### SIMPLE Steps In

With tensions mounting on the south end of campus, SI Main Planning-Like Entity chair Amy Columbus is sending in a surge of 23,000 macrame craft projects to quiet the disturbance.

We know this effort will accomplish little to quell the growing violence. What's really needed are hooked rug and papier mache projects for real control.

## Beer By Beer

### An Afternoon Workshop Protest Song

Beer by beer, we drink them all,  
(one by one, one by one)

You should see our beer can wall,  
(one by one, one by one)

We love Miller, Pabst and Bud,  
Drinking beer makes us UU studa

We drink beer nearly every night,  
(one by one, one by one)

At Si, it just seems right  
(one by one, one by one)

We drink beer almost every day,  
For some of us, that's the UU way.

## Police Blotter

**10:22 am, Rosse Hall,** Fire alarm sounded, slight smoke damage. Campfire Singalong workshop advised to skip the actual campfire when indoors.

**11:45 am, Central Station,** The SI Fairy was released on probation after her convictions for flying under the influence, failure to control, and property damage following her spectacular crash at SI 2006 [see volume two, issue 2] She is allowed to flay to and from her SI obligations but must stay grounded during the lower Gund pub hours of 9 pm to 4 am. In the spirit of loving community, if you see her attempting a take off during those hours dowse her immediately with an adult beverage to render her wings inoperable. Thank you.

**2:00 pm, Ernst Nosh Pit,** Officers investigated reports of possible hit and run incident outside Ernst. A female, aged upwards of 60, struck and dislodged a parking curbstone and subsequently left the scene of the accident. A warrant for her arrest will be issued when identification is made.

**2:05 pm, Old Kenyon,** Disturbance with Buddhist insurgents in Art Space. Officers dispatched, three wounded.

**2:12 pm, Manning,** Disturbance with Buddhist insurgents in Body Art. Officers dispatched, two treated and released at the scene.

"I won't eat anything that has intelligent life, but I'd gladly eat a network executive or a politician." -- Mary Feldman.

### THOUGHT OF THE MOMENT:

Why do people who know the least know it the loudest?

### PREVIOUS THOUGHT OF THE MOMENT:

What do you do when you see an endangered plant being eaten by an endangered animal?



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