

# Threats do not deter our mission



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To the Editor:

We of the famed Hollywood law firm of Dewey, Cheatem and Howe, are issues this Cease and Desist order to the so-called Mockingbird, on behalf of our clients, Universal Pictures and the NBC television network.

As you may or may not know, our clients are planning a reboot of the 1965 television classic, "The Munsters." However, to represent the decades past, they have decided to change the name of the show to the address of the family, "1313 Mockingbird Lane." This will result in some confusion, since many potential viewers might tune in the show searching for a satirical look at a UU summer camp, and instead find a

rotting corpse and an ever-young vampire having sex. Since they have been using the term since the 1960s, they, and we, maintain prior ownership.

We suggest a new name - The Suckingbird, for example, or the Toilet Paper. We don't really care.

We found the editors of the Kaleidoscope very cooperative, and hope we will find you the same. By the way, since the Kaleidoscope is rumored to be owned by Rupert Murdoch, have you checked your cell phones lately?

Hezekiah P. Cheatem

#### DEAR MR. CHEATEM

Mr. Murdoch's organization is nothing if not thorough. When they acquired the Mockingbird™, they cleared the rights to the name. Once we recovered the newspaper, we inherited not only the trademark free and clear, but we've retained the same legal team to protect those rights. We've reached a rather lucrative settlement with Marvel Comics Group, and I'm sure after a couple hours discussion with Vinnie and the gang you'll agree we can issue your clients a limited-use license for their little television show. In conclusion, Bite Me.

#### Reasons the Mockingbird is better than the Rotoscope

1. Commemorative Plate
2. Fireballs and Aliens
3. Song Lyrics
4. Professional Reviewers
5. In-Depth Interviews
6. Sense of Humor
7. The Mobius Flip!
8. Production Values
9. We have actual readers
10. Hidden Mic at SIMPLE meetings

#### FROM THE EDITOR

Revelations last night have exposed a sordid tale of naked greed, one-upsmanship, and messy legal wrangling the likes of which only the Tachistoscope usually sinks to. But this story reveals divisions within the SI musician community, divisions necessitating the intervention of District staff and committees. Look for a special edition of the Mockingbird™ tomorrow evening where we expose this story in detail.

#### ON SPELLING

Sharp-eyed fusbudgets readers have called our attention to the fact that in last evening's issue of the Mockingbird, we apparently failed to spell either the word describing a sweet ending for a meal or the name of that large urban pile at the confluence of the Allegheny, Monongahela, and Ohio Rivers in a manner acceptable to said individual. Bite me.

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# The MOCKINGBIRD

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## Transformative Collaboration Announced

SI Magic--We've all seen it. Two people meet, they seemingly have nothing in common, and then buzzzz--the connection is made, the sparks fly and then a little baby idea begins to grow

#### ARE YOU A SYNR?

Theme speaker Rev. Mega Byte (don't byte! Wonder where that came from?) talks about high tech connections, cutting edge social media app thingies, whatever it is kids these days do. Speaking for the loyal opposition is Rev. Steve Ash-Man, begging us to ignore that outside agitator (meanwhile begging for mention in this newspaper), turn off the gizmos and commune with nature.

It's "Use the Force" vs. "Resist the Dark Side!" How could an idea to save the UU faith arise from this? SYNR-G! (Trademark pending, see [SYNRChurch.org](http://SYNRChurch.org) for details. Really.)

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## Crisis Averted, SI is Back!

All thanks to the erstwhile fairy troops of the NFW! Way! The National Fairy Wings, lead by Eh! Team captain Puck Canuck, were successful in unsticking the Softserve Ice-cream machine in the Fierce Cafebeeria this morning.

It seems the machine hadn't been used since last year, and in preparing it for eager SI campers, the protective coating of fairy dust was scrubbed away. The dust is required to keep the calories from sticking and causing us all to gain weight eating all that soft-serve.



YOU, YOU AND ME Will this popular music group actually come to blows? Can this professional relationship be saved? Story tomorrow



## TOMORROW



Why is Cathode Ham-n-Eggs Gecko suddenly buying beers for everyone at the Pub?

Why isn't musician sKate Key staying here all week?

What's the real reason You, You, and Me's CD isn't ready for release?

Hal's Melodious Kaen: Natural causes or murder?

Why did You, You, and Me suddenly appear with a professional from corporate?

## Caffeine "Experiment" to use unwitting SI campers?



### WHAT IS KENYON COLLEGE DOING THIS WEEK?

Alert readers may have noticed in yesterday's issue of the Mockingbird we ran a small advertisement inviting SI campers to take part in an investigation, using the eye-catching phrase "Drink Coffee for Science!"

Could this "little study" instead be taking advantage of the transient nature of Summer Institute, and is the "Caffeine Study" responsible for the interruptions in the usual coffee supplies at SI this year? The Middle Ground is closed, and all coffee readily available to SI campers is now controlled by Kenyon College researchers.

Are you feeling drowsy in the afternoons? Or do you find yourself literally bouncing off the walls with jittery energy? And who is the agency organizing this research? Clearly the amount of caffeine SI campers take in is being controlled and monitored. "Drink Coffee for Science," indeed!

And you tea drinkers out there—I know there are two or three of you—do you see inexplicable substitution of caffeine-free tea? Inquiring minds want to know!

## Poll Results

### Favorite Dinnertime Combos

Cola and Milk	38%
Ginger Ale and Juice	34%
Cheerios & Catsup	16%
The UU Tones!	6%
Pickles and Softserve	4%
Coffee, Black	2%

## NUMBERS

### People attending Theme Talk

84

People at nap workshop, same time

234

Just drinking coffee outside

162

## SYNR-G could work for you, too

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Rev. Steve's church in Spooky, north of Pittstucky, has revived the age-old practice of selling indulgences. If you go to the nearby state park on Sunday and (this is the key) you have pre-paid your pledge, you don't have to go to church that day. And for a Platinum-level contribution you can drop off two committees of your choice, but I digress.

"The flaw is it's pretty much on the honor system," Rev Steve reports. "I suspect many go not to the park, but to the amusement park near the state park entrance. It's true, most of the rides are outdoors and you can see the park from the rollercoaster hill, I mean, so I'm told, but it's not what I meant and they know it!"

The two ministers met at lunch today, moderated by the Rev. Even Carful-Zoomer, known for walking the line between techie nerds and nature fans.

Rev. Carful-Zoomer helped them work together. The 'honor system' problem is solved, Rev. Steve says. "We can

## AROUND THE 'TUTE



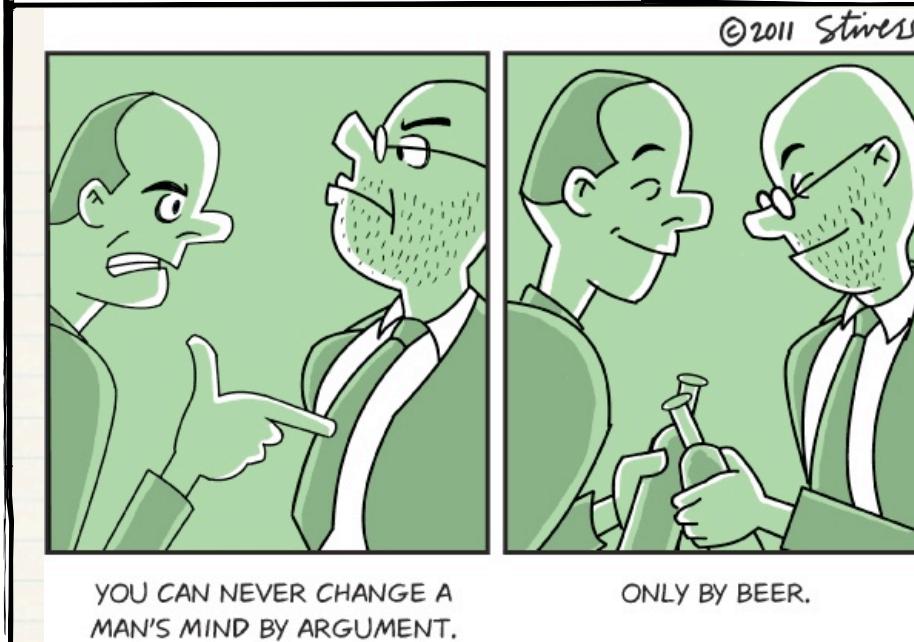
The battle rages for yet another year at SI. Which of these "gentlemen" shall best the other in this year's battle of strength and manliness?

SI Campers alert! Don't be distracted in the Cafebeeria lines and take too much food! When confronted with the evidence, Leveling Bury denied responsibility.

make people send us pictures of themselves in nature in real time. Meg is teaching me how to use a Photoshop detection program."

Rev. Mega adds "I showed Steve that we can require online viewing of recorded services. At first he was reluctant to install the butt detector sensors to ensure remote viewers see

the entire service..." "But she was right!" interrupted Rev. Steve. "I thought camera monitoring would work, but viewers aren't always dressed." After the bugs are worked out ("Hey! I love bugs! Watch your language!" says Rev. Steve) it will be coming to your congregation soon. Your Stewardship Team is exploring the possibilities already.



## POPULAR BEERS:

"Lite"	38%
"Light"	34%
"Not Dark"	16%
"Blonde"	6%
"Eggshell"	3%
"Ivory"	1%
"Not Dark"	1%