



The Mockingbird

New "24/7" Registration Option Approved

Related Web Sites:

- AllProgramming-NoSleepatSI.com
- SeymourShuffle.org
- Zen-Buddhism-Explained.net
- PublicDefender.@Gambier.OH.US

Weather or Not?

Cloudy, with chance of meatballs

Hot this morning,

Hotter this afternoon

Hotter still tonight

Chance of Ice Cream this evening

Thurs. more of the same.

Friday, worse yet.

The Summer Institute Committee For Olternative Living Konditions (SICFOLKS) has approved a "No Room /All Programming" tuition rate for SI 2005.

The SICFOLKS recently released the results of a test study conducted at SI 2004 in which campers were given the option to engage in programmed activities 24/7.

Twelve "selected" individuals were given a schedule for 24/7 programming. Nine of the 12 participants were able to complete the week without sleep or need of a room.

Researchers Gim "No Sleep" Narley and Izzy "Fake Accent" Kentwood reported that the successful participants were those that were able stay awake past Monday night. "After that they just seemed to enter into a combined Zen Unitarian Universalistic Hypnotic Zombism" reported Narley. "We saw one women out run a golf cart from Rosse Hall to the "Grape Sensations" because the driver was going too slow. Once that all day/all night programing kicked in, these people be-

came SI zealots." "We will have to work on some of the late night workshops" explained Kentwood. "The "Standing in



24/7 participant having a weak moment. Needs more coffee!

the Graveyard/Howling at the Moon" workshop had to be postponed for several nights because we forgot that the moon wasn't out during this week."

Also, there was some concern with the lack of supervision with the pre-dawn workshops. "Clearly, 24/7 participants became more aggressive as the week wore on. If want to have 24/7 programming we will have to make sure that spontaneous programs like "Climb Up the Pole/Kiss the Cherub Butt" on Friday morning outside Rosse Hall do not

occur again. SICFOLKS did not approve of that workshop, no matter how cute those butts look."

On a positive note, SICFOLKS anticipates that enrollment at SI could dramatically increase if Kenyon permits unlimited 24/7 registration. "We can significantly reduce the cost, increase attendance by offering only 24/7 scholarships and free up more room for those slackers that need to take a nap" exclaimed Narley. "We could easily double attendance with this idea."

Grand Jury Empanelled: Is Uncle Carl a Fraud?

The Gambier County District Attorney has confirmed that a grand jury has been empanelled to investigate whether the long time SI Gamemaster Sam Hens-Greco has violated the Ohio Gaming and Story-telling Statute and US Patriot Act. The sketchy allegations were re-

vealed during a late night drumming circle outside the Rosse Hall. Here is a summary:

Does the sentimental "Uncle Carl," the supposed inventor of Peek, really exist? No has ever seen the exact spelling of Carl. Is it Carl or Karl? Is Uncle Karl a code name for "Karl" Marx?

Federal officials think this may be a long dormant Communist movement, whereby secret messages are passed by placing them in bags and passing them around the table. Have you ever noticed how the age of "Uncle Carl" changes? At the beginning of the game he is 86 and then by the end of the game he is 84!

Suspected Detainees Sighted in Gambier

Summer Institute attendees have noticed a peculiar structure visible from lower Gund Commons. The enclosure, measuring some 40 feet wide and nearly 70 feet long, is constructed of secure fencing and appears to



New "terrorist" detention center erected below Gund Commons in Gambier, Ohio?

be used to house or contain various persons of a suspicious and possibly subversive nature.

A concerted effort on the part of the Mockingbird staff has failed to discern the governmental agency responsible for the detainees. The FBI and local Sheriff's officials deny all knowledge of the encampment. An officer of the Department of Homeland Security declined to comment. For the moment, we can only speculate and wonder what shadow agency is operating

in our midst.

"Well, they look like Com-mies to me," opined local officer Frank O'Harris. But I don't know just what they're doing in there, exactly. No one told us there were going to be prisoners held there, but I don't mess with those folks, if you get what I mean."

All we can suggest is that concerned Unitarian Universalists contact their elected officials and register their concerns. Already, sympathetic Summer Institute attendees have been observed feeding the detainees and supplying them with materials to distract them and occupy their time while incarcerated.

POLL RESULTS:

People you are most eager to meet in Hell

- 1) **Thomas Jefferson**
- 2) **Ambrose Bierce**
- 3) **Mark Twain**
- 4) **The Mockingbird editor...**

Hymn 354, We Laugh, We Cry

(Verse 3)

Our glass is full of lager,
but our time is growing brief.

Pub closing time among
us fills us all with pain
and grief.

But as we drink, so shall

we dine, and when our
beer is done

The bald-faced lies we
swapped with friends,
They will linger on and
on.

And we believe in wine,
And in the strength of
beer,

And we have found a
place to be together.

We have our cheese to
give,
We share the bread and
the nuts,
And we believe that bar-
ley is the answer.

Catching Up With... Allison Melby

Welcoming her return to the Summer Institute stage for another engagement in reading announcements in her beloved style, we had a chat with Allison melby.

MB: Allison, I'm sure you've had a most wonderful career in Opera since you last left Summer Institute. Please tell us the details, what have you been up to?

AM: I have been doing graduate work in anthropology at

New York University, where we study the homeless people 24 hours a day. It's hard and tiring work, but very rewarding.

MB: That's rather surprising. Have you left the opera field entirely?

AM: Oh my, yes. My work with the homeless is so much more interesting.

MB: What did you do with the money your parents spent on your opera les-

sons?

AM: Isn't it obvious?



Allison, as we spoke with her

Mockingbird Staff Threatened For Speaking Truth to Power

We must in fairness report the delivery of a strange document at the offices of the Mockingbird sometime last night. The circumstances are certainly mysterious; the office was securely locked, and the Gambier Police detectives assure us there was no evidence of a break-in. But yet there was a note, written in an unusual handwriting and with hauntingly perfumed ink, lying on our desk this morning when we opened up. In the interests of full disclosure, we are reproducing the full contents of the letter here:

“Dear Editor,
I am writing in response to your SCANDALOUS [caps in the original] article about me, and its muck-raking approach to what is purely an internal business matter. As Queen (not as printed, merely “Grand”) Pooba of the Fairies, I oversee all the Tooth Fairies here at Summer Institute, and let me tell you, they are a lying, flying bunch. The Night Light Fairies, on the other hand, now *they* are the sweet, responsible, flitting kind.

The Tooth Fairies know perfectly well that their contract stipulates double payment for all lost teeth at ST, and simply because they must work A LITTLE HARDER to respond to all our dear SI children and their piles of lost teeth, is NO REASON to go to the *media* and create a



A disturbing thought, indeed...

public scandal! They know their job is to just pay up and not ask any questions...
And just for the record, you should have seen Hallie’s mouth before she lost all those teeth! Plus, what do you need teeth for when you have all that soft ice cream?!
Furthermore, I take exception to the photo in your article, which is clearly *not me* but some inferior species of fairy with droopy wings and having a bad hair day.

You probably just downloaded it from Ugly-Fairies.com, or maybe it’s one of the “invasive species” that the SI work project is helping to eliminate.

In any case, with my wand in hand, I hereby warn you that as a consequence for your slanderous article I have every intention of turning you all into goldfish, which as you know, do not have any hands with which to type. And in case you don’t believe me, check out the painting in lower Pierce Dempsey, on the way to Philander’s Pub: *That* fish—the one that’s staring into the eyes of an SI teen at the end of the week—was once a photographer who snuck up on me during one of my frolics with the Rosse Hall Angels!

Glitteringly yours,
The SI Fairy *

Gentle Readers, while we are somewhat puzzled by this communication, we wish to assure you that we will continue to report the Summer Institute news as best we can. We will not allow others to interfere with our mandate: to print all the news that flits.

“... what do you need teeth for when you have all that soft ice cream?”

Family Led Astray, Chooses Kenyon Anyway

A prospective Kenyon College Student and his parents lost their way this afternoon, provoking much consternation in the College Admissions office. Following a campus-wide search, Safety and Security officers found the wayward family safely attending the SI Afternoon Beer Tasting workshop. “Kenyon certainly seems to be a friendly campus,” Sam Adams said. “I’m eager to

enroll this fall.” Sam’s father Pete wasn’t so sure, “We were hoping Kenyon would be a more serious school,” he said, “but that was a wicked good ale they served today.” College Admissions officer Ima Ceyanyou was “gravely concerned” about the family’s disappearance, but admitted the Summer Institute

workshop was beneficial. Fried Cal, the workshop leader, was glad everything came off well in the end, adding, “I’m happy to help the College out, they’ve been very accommodating and it’s good to return the favor.”



College family enjoys their Beer Tasting workshop

Letters to the Editor

Dear Mockingbird, I was baffled, I was perplexed,, but then it became clear to me. This morning in the Cartoon Workshop, there were no cartoons! In a shameful exercise of raw establishment power, the sweet, wholesome cartoon workshop was bizarrely preempted by ominous, disturbing movie clips instead. There was dismemberment, shootings, explosions, helicopter crashes, death and destruction of all sorts. Finally, we were shown a scene of innocent seekers of truth who were threatened with immanent danger and certain death. The name of this final, disturbing, motion picture? It was, "To Kill a

Mockingbird!" Coincidence? I think not!

I beg you, for your safety and the well-being of the entire Summer Institute community, please stop publishing now. Clearly the power structure will likely stop at nothing to have your paper squelched. Stop now.

A Concerned Reader

Gentle Reader,

Fear not. The editor and staff of the Mockingbird (from the Hebrew words "Meckva" or "finger" and "eb urda" or "in [your] eye) will not be intimidated. Free speech is not one of the Seven Principles, but certainly is part of the foundation on which the Seven stand. We will con-

tinue to bring you the REAL news of Summer Institute, no matter what the danger or cost. You can count on us.

Editor

Dear Mockingbird,

Whats all the fuss about fitting the news to the paper? The Tachistoscope leaves nearly an entire page vacant every issue for "Reporter's Notes." Do they write in invisible ink?

Gentle Reader,

As we're making it up as we go along, we have no need for reporters' notes, nor is there a problem with space. I always gain weight at SI, don't you?

"...eliminated the need for the celibacy clause..."

Dear Gim,
I read your fascinating article the other day about the Mobius Flip, and it gave me an idea that I think could save UU's additional space in their suitcases, and hopefully provide myself with some income. I am thinking of designing some undershorts with three leg holes. This would allow three possibilities (left and center, left and right, center and right) for each of the four stages of the flip (normal,

inside out, backwards, and inside out plus backwards), thereby tripling the capacity to 12 days versus the mere 4 day capacity of the Mobius. I am thinking of naming the product the "Seymour Shorts", and the rotation method the "Seymour Shuffle". Do you think there would be a market for this product?

Seymour Butz, Kent Ohio

Dear Seymour,

In this humble scribe's opinion,

the beauty of the Mobius Flip is in its simplicity. Remember, these are UU's we are dealing with, not rocket scientists. However, you may want to contact the SI bookstore; they will try to sell anything. Your improvement may well also have eliminated the need in years past for the infamous celibacy clause, wherein workshop leaders pledged not to engage in sexual behavior with other campers (with no exception made for spouses). Well done!

Stop Reading if You've Heard This One Already...

There was a sign on the door of a local UU church that said: "Bible Study after service today. Bring your own bible and a pair of scissors."

Did you hear about the Zen master who said to the hot dog vendor, "Make me one with everything." The hot dog vendor hands him one with everything. The Zen master hands him a \$20 bill and the hot dog vendor pockets it.

"What about my change?" asked the Zen master. The hot dog vendor says, "Change comes only from within."

Then there's the one about the Zen master who told his dentist, "No Novocain for me, I transcend dental medication."



A devout Christian was arguing with a Unitarian Universalist about the existence of God. He said, "Ok, just prove there is no God." The UU quipped, "You can't prove there is no God — you have take it on faith."