

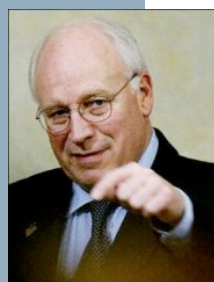
ON-THE-STREET INTERVIEWS

What Workshop would you lead next year at SI?



DUBYA TRUBYA
I want to have a go at leading the beer-tasting workshop. I'm way more qualified than this year's guy, don't you think?

CHICK DANEY
I think I'd be best at Leadership by Policy Governance. Forget Carver. I set the policies, ha, ha, and I, er, others may govern by those policies.



BAROQUE ALABAMA
Why wasn't I included in yesterday's poll? I think I'd be a natural for the Young Adult Theme Speaker, don't you think? But I could always lead a workshop on the history of names.



ZEN SUDOKU

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Each column, row, and square should add up to nothingness...

Q: How many Zen buddhists does it take to change a light bulb?

A: Tree falling in the forest.

Perhaps these can be obtained in Canada?

Theme Speaker Under Investigation!

The State Medical Board of Ohio is investigating SI Theme Speaker Shih Ying-Fa for practicing medicine without a license. A Gambier pharmacist notified the Medical Board after a middle-aged male, wearing an SI t-shirt, tried to fill a prescription for "happiness."

"The prescription caught my eye right away," said local pharmacist Dee Rug. "Most prescriptions don't have smiley faces on them and the picture of a big fat guy meditating didn't look like anything I'd seen before."

An official from the State Medical Board had this to say. "We're certainly concerned about anyone writing prescriptions without a medical license," said Board executive Phil N. Good. "Only licensed physicians are allowed to write prescriptions. And the psychiatrists are really angry about this one. They're the only ones allowed to prescribe pills for 'happiness' of all things. We are researching Mr. Ying-Fa's credentials, but he certainly isn't licensed to practice in the State of Ohio."

Shih Ying-Fa wouldn't say much about the investigation, but said he might consider getting a new notepad, one without smiley faces and the Buddha on them.

Registrariat Scandal Continues...

Kent Charged With Coercion

Several members of the Summer Institute choir have come to our attention. It seems that aspiring choristers have been told that in order to gain admission to Hal Runner's choir, they would have to indicate their affiliation as "Kent UU Church" when they registered. A quick check of the SI Registration data, obtained by a Freedom of Information petition from the Registrariat, reveals some suspicious data.

It appears from the registration that Kent has members in West Virginia and central Pennsylvania as well as Northeastern Ohio. As some of these individuals are known to be musical, it would appear some of the allegations are correct.

Again, Registrar Deny Boarding denies any tampering with the data, saying that, "anyone can register from any church they please. It's not our office's place to decide for them. College students may register at either their college community or their home congregation, after all." It is yet unknown whether sufficient campers were pressed into Kent's service in the choir to change the rankings.

Future Plans and Schemes?

In other news, it has been noted

that Kent's contribution to the SI Scholarship Fund were much reduced over last year. Rumors are flying that the monies have been diverted to a secret "attendance fund" which is being used to finance a fertility and human cloning clinic in Brimfield. One anonymous source indicated that it is Kent's intent for every woman below the age of 60 to arrive at SI next year with at least one infant.

Sunny Hill Controversy Deepens

We have learned that anyone whose first or last names or high school alma mater contained the letter "S" was automatically registered as a South Hills camper.

Equally shocking is that anyone whose name contained any of the following letters, "A M Y K E N T," was also automatically included in the Sunny Hill tally.

The new Ohio-Meadville District head honcho, the Rev. Joan Van Bxczckwprj, was asked to investigate the controversy, but had to excuse herself after it was learned that she too had been included in the Sunny Hill count because her last name includes an "S."

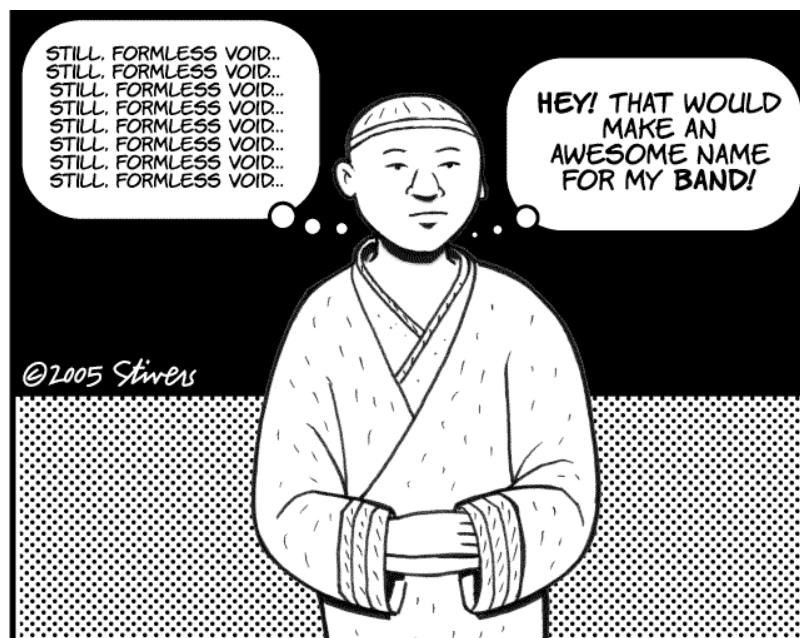
Kent Church Call for Solidarity

News Release from the Central Committee of the Kent UU Church:

Citizens of Summer Institute! In terms of percentage of membership, the Kent Church has 45% of its members present at SI, while Sunny Hill has only 35% of their members here.

As a sign of solidarity in the face of injustice, we ask that you black out the congregation designation on your nametag today. You may write in Kent, if you wish to further support our cause. Stand up for fair representation! We are all Kent! Ich bin ein Kenter!

No response, either from the SIMPLE chair, Amy Urban Hope, or from congregants at Sunny Hill has been forthcoming.



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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 douse 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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