

## YOUTH NEWS

### ANIMAGUS TRAINING

This morning the youth were exploring animal forms of martial arts training. The Hogwarts school is expanding into the Youth program, teaching the older youths the protective skills of the *Animagus*”

The youth intend to use this training to gather all the animal qualities of the world's religions together in one grand Universalist Unitarian Unification. Once the more combative aspects of religion are unified, they can then be shut down.

-- Fried Freedom



## ZEN GAMES

Find the zen in this sentence.

Zen Maze: Find your way to the center.



# The Mockingbird

All the brews that fit...

“Waffles” really construction materials, other foods suspect

## Nosh Pit Serving Non-Foods?

Swift and thorough investigative reporting by the Mockingbird staff [those that are able to get up in time for breakfast, that is] has revealed that the "French Toast Waffles" served at Wednesday's breakfast were in fact misdelivered acoustic ceiling tiles intended for the construction site at nearby Pierce-Dempsey. The poor quality of the entree was noted by even long-term SI participants whose palates have been confused by vegetarian imitations and jaded by years of poor food. An informal exit poll conducted this morning overwhelmingly rated the "waffles" as "more than usually tasteless." Said one disgruntled diner, "No amount of imitation-maple flavored syrup could make those things edible."

The revelation of the misdelivered tiles follows quickly the rumored use of styrofoam spray insulation, also mis-delivered from Pierce-Dempsey, in place of the usual "scrambled eggs." Like the waffles, the eggs were also overwhelmingly rated "exceedingly rubbery" and "more than usually tasteless" by several independent opinion polls. Ernst Nosh Pit staff, while quite apologetic about the ceiling tiles, have vigorously denied the scrambled-egg rumors, insisting rather that the eggs were the product of free-range rubber chickens which had been fed exclusively on unenhanced whole grain natural silicone.

An SI Chemical Analysts Subcommittee has been formed, charged with determining a means of deploying the acoustic-tile waffles about Rosse Hall as to reduce the racket of the upcoming "Talent" Show, now in rehearsal. The committee is also testing Nosh Pit substances as adhesives, hoping to attach the rubbery eggs to the soles of worn out Birkenstocks for the arduous ascent back up Mount Ernst for the morning activities.

### Wind Energy Experiment a “Catastrophic Failure”

A misguided attempt at a “green solution” to powering golf carts by wind energy has turned into an expensive debacle for OMD-SI. Many have noted the whirligigs attached the front of the golf carts and considered them merely decorative items. They are in fact miniature windmills attached to generators and used to recharge the cart batteries. “The experiment, though well-intended, is clearly a flop” said an anonymous source familiar with the

study. “Golf carts do not achieve sufficient velocity to generate usable amounts of electricity, except when plunging down the steepest paths. This has been detrimental to the carts, which are unstable at these speeds, and dangerous to pedestrians also.” There are unconfirmed reports that several children have suffered injury by sticking their fingers

into the whirligigs, provoking

an angry response from officials of the Summer Institute Preschool Parents and Young Children's Unwinding Program (SIP-PYCUP).

Wind energy schemes are common along the southern shore of Lake Erie. Though no specific UU congregation seems to be associated with this endeavor (aside from the usual complaints of “a lot of hot air”), few would be surprised if a connection to churches in the Toledo-to-Erie corridor were established.

Official sources are mum on

the cost of these experimental devices, though they deny charges that the scholarship fund was raided to finance the initial investment.

### Federal Troops Sent in to Quell Violence Kent-Sunnyhill Quiet for Now

As it is obvious to anyone that the Ernst Nosh Pit is not air-conditioned, the presence of the large tubular ductwork on the south side of the building has been something of a mystery. Amateur radio specialist Wright Johncart reports these are actually room-sized eaves-dropping devices for Homeland Security.

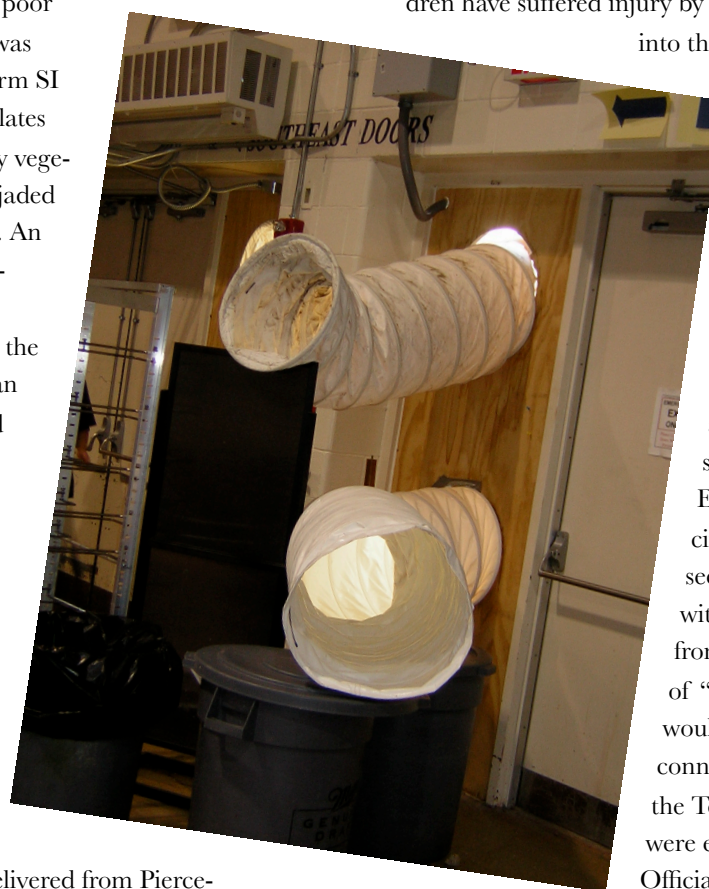
While we remain uncertain what other information DHS has gathered from a roomfull of UUs, it's clear the near-disaster at Peek last evening caught their attention.

A crack team of Tac-Won-On peacekeeping forces has been deployed in the Nosh Pit to maintain order. You may have noticed some of them. Agent Mulder of the FBI says the forces are not undercover, as their presence is calming. Asked about the stature of some of the force, Mulder admits recruitment has been falling off lately.

Tell us which morning session you attended

### Rosse Morning Attendance Up

Anyone who has been to previous SI weeks can see that Friday morning attendance in Rosse Hall is substantially increased over that of prior years. It remains unclear whether the increase in participation is due to the Theme Talk or the Nap Workshop scheduled at the same time.





Claims denied, arraignment Monday...

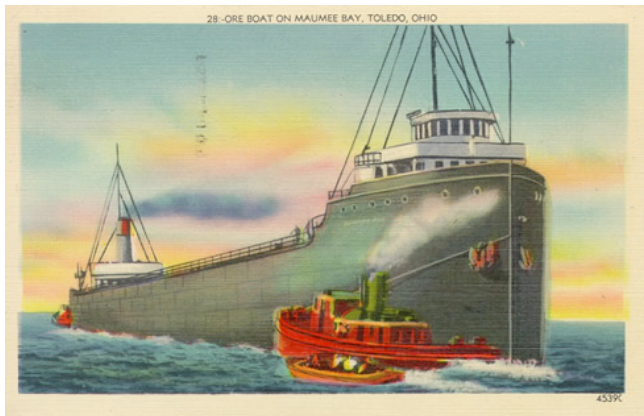
### Scholarship Chair Implicated in Counterfeiting Ring

FBI agents led a sobbing Ms. Sillyas Pith away in handcuffs, closing down a counterfeiting ring that had been operating in Capels Hall this week. Ms. Pith was released on posting a cash bond of \$3000, mostly in small bills and third-party checks.

Agents did not accept her story that the industrial printer in her room was "for a newspaper." In a brief statement one of the officers said somewhat defensively, "We searched the room and there were strange documents everywhere but no sign of a newspaper."

"There was an astounding amount of strange beer in the room which we confiscated for, ah, for, evidence, yeah, for evidence." he concluded.

There is yet no word on when Ms. Pith may return to SI.



All Greet the Happy Return

### Mikey & U-Tones to Return

The U-Tones have announced the conclusion of their well-received and exciting tour of Transylvanian Unitarian venues and cruise ships, and plan to return to Summer Institute next year. Spokesperson Still Boarding described the band's tour as "an interesting experience."

"We did some outreach work with underground political groups while we were there, and that sort of thing," he continued. "I guess that sort of caused some trouble for Bolt."

Band member Bolt Bradton was indeed kidnapped for some time by a rival party, but a daring raid led by Lets Puralot and other members Spike

Sample, Swill Foreman, and Bob Richards freed Bradton and the ban was able to escape without losing all of their instruments. Only Bradton's turkey baster was left behind in the scuffle.

The U-Tones intend to rest a while after their experiences, but will be back in time for SI 2008.

### A Brief Observation

Among Unitarian Universalists, there seems to be a direct correlation between the number of beers consumed in an evening and the topic of conversation.

One beer -- politics

Two beers -- philosophy

Three beers -- theology

Beyond that is purely a matter of metaphysics.

### Police Blotter

**8:32 pm, Brown Environmental Education**

**Retreat,** Fern Mousekiss was discovered stealing wildflowers from the gardens of the BEER. Suspect was informed of regulations and directed to a florist in Mt. Vernon.

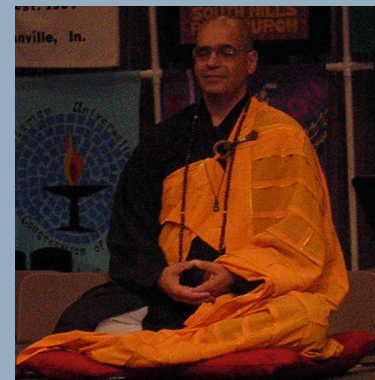
**9:12 pm, Brandy Recital Hall,** Responding to a report of a man smoking a small pile of lumber indoors, officers discovered Hal Runner puffing on some sort of wooden plumbing device, but as no illicit substances were found, suspect was released.

**12:32 am, Storer Cemetery,** Tricksters were discovered walking the boundary between the sacred and the profane. Officer dispatched, suspects advised to knock it off and keep it quiet.

## OBSERVATIONS

Why don't we see service cats at SI?

A. Let's get the terms straight, shall we? The title is "service human," and we don't see them at SI because the cats won't let them have the time off.



To continue your study of the various teachings of Buddhism, Theme Speaker (and famous Browns fan) the Voluble Moo Goo Gai Pan recommends any of the books by the highly regarded Indian Lama Havnagootime Vishnu Verhere.

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## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

As president of the Board of Trustees of the Unitarian Universalist Church of the South Hills often called Sunnyhill, I am thoroughly disgusted with your attitude towards us. I will have you know that no one at the Unitarian Universalist Church of the South Hills often called Sunnyhill would stoop as low as cooking the books to have the largest representation at SI this year.

First of all, there is a matter of the woman you refer to as Amy West Shore or Amy Urban Hope, etc. etc. Let's refer to her by her proper name, Amy Unitarian-Universalist-Church-of-the-South-Hills-often-called-Sunnyhill. Amy could not have anything to do with arranging the new members by name because she can't spell. Many of us believe that she stepped down as administrator of the Unitarian Universalist Church of the South Hills often called Sunnyhill because she couldn't spell the minister's new name, when she changed it to Acquafondata.

Also, there's the matter of our mission statement: *We are a church with a liberal outlook helping each other through the journey of life (all kinds of UU clichés) and consider everybody a member of the church.*

So you see, by our own statement, we have a right to do this.

Let me point out that, two years ago, your publication reported that the Kent church was counting three of our members, simply because their last names were Kent. Is not turnaround fair play, or shouldn't I have been paying attention to Peter Marshall all those years?

In conclusion, I'd like to point out that my wife is in charge of some of the Harry Potter activities, and is perfectly capable of getting you if I can convince her that she should. She doesn't really care, as her name has something to do with peace. But I care, and one out of every four members and friends dislike this as much as they dislike other things.

So watch it.

In UU brotherhood,

Jay Pullout

President, Board of Trustees,

The Unitarian Universalist Church of the South Hills often called Sunnyhill

Dear Jays,

*Na na na Boo Boo!*

-- Editors.

