

OUR THEME SPEAKER, THE INNER SURLY WAITRESS



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details laundered to protect the SI Main Planning-Like Entity. In fact, following the 20-hour flight, the speakers' luggage was indeed delivered, but the airline is still frantically trying to track down the location of the speakers themselves! We cornered the SIMPLE chair last night in the coffeehouse, where he collapsed under intense questioning. "I've never heard of anything like this before," he blubbered, "fortunately we had flight insurance." Under the circumstances, Billy Blue Air, a division of Wal-Mart, had to produce a replacement speaker until the real one is found. Fortunately, the recovered luggage contained the duo's guitars and copies of Meg Barnhouse's books, shown here, but the music must still be with the missing accordion and bagpipes, so the replacements are winging the lyrics, and it shows.

Perhaps the outsourced speakers' bureau stints on travel expenses, explaining the preoccupation with food lyrics. I mean, it's like listening to the Food Channel. She started with a recipe for Mangoloaf with meat sauce! Turns out our interim speaker is a waitress in the off season. And today there were the stories about sickness and operations -- not a good topic to hear from your waitress, whether surly or not. We're already nervous about the spinach and tomatoes. The replacement speaker delivers with an exotic accent, not dissimilar to that heard on computer tech support lines and other outsourced services. She does appear to be a quick study, however, learning much of Barnhouse's work in late-night study sessions. We've been working with travel agencies, and we believe we've located our real speaker, Ms. Barnhouse, in the unclaimed freight department in the airport in Singapore. She assured us that as soon as a cargo C-103 could be fueled, she would be setting off in our direction, only a 43-hour flight from Columbus. We can hardly wait..

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"Nighttime Ultimate Frisbee meets at the football field, after dark." Yeah, right. Is *that* what they call it now?

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"The pagans will be moved to Ascension 208." Am I the only one that thinks this is funny?



"We don't have to honor the worth and dignity of every idea. some ideas are just stupid."

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Really. The domain name was available, so I took it.



WE TEND TO GET A LITTLE EXCITED ABOUT NEW MEMBERS UNDER THE AGE OF SIXTY.

The Mockingbird

Interim Theme Speaker a Mixed Success



"Saying unsurprising things was taking all my self-control," said our interim speaker, Peg "Out" House. Perhaps this explains the surprising food pairings in her songs.

by Erasmus B. Dragon.

You may have been wondering where the inspiration, the pizzazz, the sparkle of this year's theme speaker has been. The morning nap workshops have been

particularly heavily attended, despite the copious coffee supply. The Mockingbird has just discovered that the airline story is true, mostly, with certain

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SI Rules List

We all know that UUs love to follow rules, so it's natural that we have plenty at SI. Here are some of our favorites:

- #1 – Have fun
- #14 – Wear your bike helmet
- #33 – Elbows off the table
- #49 – Bike helmets need not be worn in bed
- #56 – Be kind to the Kaleidoscope staff – They're doing the best they can.
- #87 – Don't be a hog. Save some dessert for the rest of us.
- #123 -- "Spirit of Life" may only be played once a week.



The Summer Institute Main Planning-Like Entity, SIMPLE, has been pretending to run Summer Institute for decades. In actuality, it's run by a secret cabal of Baptists who, yes, are just messing with us. How else to explain the water problems in Bexley, or locating the Food Emporium at the bottom of Mt. Ernst?

MYSTERIOUS ARTIFACTS SEEN AROUND CAMPUS
This just in: You may notice your Internet doesn't work today. Fedora-wearing investigators have located a strong magnetic anomaly in the Kenyon region, totally disrupting internet communications. Geologists on the team have tentatively linked this disturbance to mysterious crafted artifacts found on the campus, disguised as polished stones. These "geofacts" bear unusual runic markings, "OMD," "SI," and "2008." Nervous locals blame alien UU visitors, but Village Police are cautious. Our crack reporters are on the case, working late nights to bring you the truth.

OLYMPIC EVENTS RECAP--AN ACTION-PACKED DAY AT THE SI SUMMER OLYMPICS

In musical competition, the Folk Orchestra won gold. Judges cited the group's outstanding performance of the *Lunchroom Polka*, played while balancing lunch trays on their heads.

Coming in a close second was Michelle Brouhaha from Jimtown, New York and her classically-oriented choir which sang the ever-popular song, *UUs Sure Are Talkative*. Earning the bronze was Hal Twizzler and Hal Runner who performed a stunning rendition of Bach's *Fugue for Piano and Harmonica*.

One group of performers, Middle Aged Guys from the UU Church of Kent, was disqualified from competition. Drug testing proved they'd eaten more than their fair

share of chocolate chip cookies and ice cream during yesterday's dinner.



Festive Parade of Banners

In youth competition, the Middle School Group beat the High School Team in the text messaging event. It appears the high school group stayed up too late the night before, didn't show up for the morning competition and forfeited the gold to the Middle School Group (most of whom have to be in bed by 11 p.m. anyway)

WORKSHOP MIX-UP

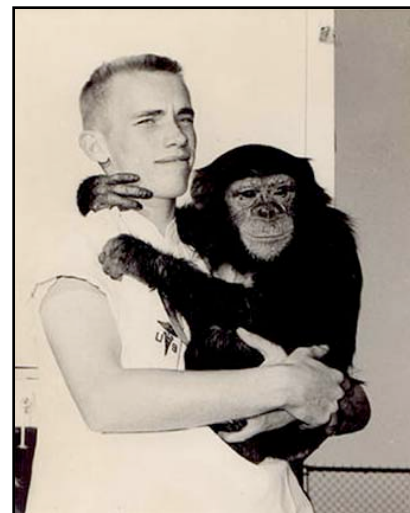
Due to a scheduling mix-up, the Dream Analysis and SexUUality workshops have been scheduled in the same meeting space. The

workshop presenters have agreed to combine forces and present one workshop. The new workshop is about Sex Dreams.

MEET OUR SI CHAIRMAN, CRAVE FLURRY

- Home:** Lumberville, Michigan
- Family:** has a daughter, but hasn't seen her since joining the committee. Hopes they're all right, and might run into them at SI this week.
- Occupation:** Works for an alternative newspaper somewhere in Ohio
- Home Church:** First Unitarian Church of Toledo
- Favorite UU Church:** UU Congregation of Erie
- Last Book Read:** *150 years: A History of the UU Church of Kent*
- Something most people don't know about Dave:** Sings Hal Runner songs while in the shower

- Favorite Hymn:** Spirits of Life
- Best perk about serving as SI Planning Committee Chair:** He gets the dorm room farthest away from the youth dorm
- If granted one wish:** He'd make the SI fairy president of the United States
- As a kid, Dave always wanted to grow up and become:** The OMD District Executive
- He's most proud about:** Owning every Bobby Sherman album ever made
- Biggest disappointment:** finding out the tee workshop wasn't really a golf outing.



SIMPLE Chair Crave Flurry, on right, on his introduction to the duties



TRAINING WHEELS MYTH BUSTED!

You've heard the "training wheels" story; that in days of Summer Institute gone by, every year a child learns to ride his or her bike without training wheels. Turns out the story is a complete fabrication, told to cover up the mishap of one non-mechanically-inclined SI father. The real story is this dad, an academic type, did a lousy job of putting training wheels on his son's bike in the first place. Then, while the child was riding down the Middle Path, the training wheels fell off due to dad's poor "screwing" skills. Here at the Mockingbird, we take the truth most seriously. As such myths arise, we'll debunk 'em.

DOUBLE SHOTGUN WEDDING REVEALED

You probably know that we have newlyweds among us, so you all are actually part of a large wedding reception all week.

For some, this is awkward, but times are tough and the SI Main Planning-Like Entity (SIMPLE) saved a good chunk of change by splitting the food costs with the two couples. Anyway, this isn't the happy simple story you've been led to believe.

Tundra and Gorge, defying their parents, re-awakened their college relationship (really, we're not making this up). "My mother told me what could happen, but I just didn't listen," a chagrined Tundra told this reporter. "Now..." her voice trailed off,



SI Lovebirds Tundra and Gorge celebrate with the community.

"I've been feeling sick each morning. Well, we both know we were too young, but we 'had to' get married. My family is so embarrassed."

Tundra explained she was so angry she was beside herself in frustration. "Why should I be the only one to suffer, just because we got 'caught.'" In pique, she forced her daughter Ray-Ray to also marry her partner Prima, even though they just wanted to live together.

"We're taking the Sex Workshop so this little 'issue' doesn't come up again, at least for a couple of years. Excuse me, I need to sit down. I feel a little nauseous, and my clothes are too tight.." *The Mockingbird* wishes both couples all the best.

WORLDS OF SI-CRAFT GAME MAP AND DUNGEON GUIDE

Dwarves, elves, and wizards-in-training are often seen in this region.

Here there be grindylows, merpeople, and dreaded squid.

Much manna and energy may be found here. Stock up on supplies at the quaint shoppe. Climbing the hill requires a 12 or greater on 1D12



Young layabouts and other idlers inhabit this region. Beware! Adventurers can be held here for days. Numbers increase toward weekends.

Musicians and other reprobates like to hang out here and cadge coins from adventurers.

Lost. Wait one turn, then must roll a six to escape this region. Alternatively, you may defeat the troll to exit the way you entered.

HOW TO NAME A GATHERING OF MEYERS-BRIGGS TYPE GROUPS



It's an invasion of ENTJs, an argument of INTJs, a froth of ENTPs, a heresy of INTPs, a broadcast of ENFPs, a synod of INFPs, a cooperation of ENFJs, an empathy of INFJs, a precision of ISTJs, a favor of ISFJs, a quantum of ESTJs, a cotillion of ESFJs, a palette of ISFPs, an implement of ISTPs, a gala of ESFPs, a scrum of ESTPs