

First Impressions of Summer Institute

EL GIBBO, FIRST-TIME CAMPER

So I wrote a small piece for the Tachistoscope yesterday, and hard as it is to believe, there was a mistake in it. I put in a correction, but then I thought maybe I should try writing something for the the cool paper--the Mockingbird.

As I reread my small, humble article yesterday, I thought, OK, *this is why I should never write late at night.*

One thing I want to clarify is that I definitely do NOT want to take these people home with me! Sure it might help with chores and house repairs, but where would I put them all?

Besides that, some of them are bitchy and whiny, some are definitely lazy, and I'm sure there are some who smell funny. I doubt if I would even want to take half of them home!

With the understanding this is my first SI experience, here are some other observations:

The Food: Way too much of it! And many of us are having a little problem with "wind." You know who you are... Hey, vegetarians, cut down on the beans! That skunk you think you're smelling on the way back to your dorm--Think again!

The Beauty: Yeah, right! I mean, I'm sure Kenyon is a beautiful place, but please! The most beautiful place on Earth? I think not. I'm sure most of the scenery is on green screen.

The Workshop Choices: Too Many Choices! For someone with a touch of attention disorder like myself, there are too many--Wait! Is that a butterfly?

The Music: These people don't get together but once a year?!! Oh, sure. No one could sound *that good* and get together *only once a year!* You people must think we first timers are really glibble.

The Love and Compassion and Community and Fun and Laughter: Well, it's warmed my heart. I don't see any way it's a sham...

I'll come back next year to find out (and to solve the zombie mystery).



The Pied Piper makes a visit to the youth program...

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If you can't change your mind, are you sure you still have one?

What's the best thing about Pagan friends? They worship the ground you walk on..

Bible Study after service today. Bring your own bible and a pair of scissors.

Hymn # 95

THERE IS ONE PUB SOMEWHERE

There is one pub somewhere
There is one pub somewhere
I'm going to keep on 'till I find it
There is one pub somewhere

There is more beer somewhere
There is more beer somewhere
I'm going to keep on 'till I find it
There is more beer somewhere

There is more fun somewhere
There is more fun somewhere
I'm going to keep on 'till I find it
There is more fun somewhere

Brief Notes

Following an attempt at unwarranted censorship, the talent show went ahead as planned Friday night, and was received with wild applause.

Building on the success of the SexUUality class, a new program has been developed to be known as OOL (Our Old Lives). Seen as a continuation of the OWL program, OOL will form the basis for UUAARRPP curriculum. Topics to be covered include "kissing with dentures," "How to help your partner maintain the E-word (Elections!) at least twice a year."



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Zombie Armageddon Averted

G. I. M. Narley, other victims returned to consciousness

DECAF COFFEE NOW CONFIRMED TO BE THE ZOMBIE POTION

GEEZERS PERFORM WITH G.I.M. NARLEY

Once semi-zombified UUs were supplied with the zombie antivenin, caffeine, most returned to consciousness in short order. Mr. Narley was among the first to recover, and joined the Geezers for their performance, if you can call it that, at last night's Small Ensembles concert. For some reason, the community greeted his return with loud indifference.

WHO THOUGHT FLOWER ARRANGING WAS SO DIFFICULT?

Fern and Bud Mousekiss were reviewing the week's events. "I especially like our workshop, 'God Never Hears,' didn't you?" Bud remarked

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WORKSHOPS YOU MIGHT SEE NEXT YEAR AT SI

Some workshops just fail to get any traction in the hot discussions around the SIMPLE conference table. Sometimes these are just postponed for a year, "with a little more work."

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With the return of caffeinated beverages, zombified UUs should make a complete recovery



Crime scene photo: Is beloved musician G.I.M. Narley a victim of zombie attack?

Zombie Security Alert Status, DHS Undead Division





Flower Arranger Arrested, Released

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that he wouldn't be able to eat another ice cream cone for at least a month.

The Mousekisses request SI rooms in Coatless Hall, as Fern feels the hothouse environment is good for the flowers. As the couple left their dorm, they were accosted by a member of Gambier's finest. "Is that your Winnebago?" the officer asked. When Bud confessed it was, the officer quickly handcuffed the long-suffering camper and stuffed him into

the police car.

"But officer," whined Fern, "what is the problem?"

"Ma'am, a vehicle matching this description was seen speeding from the Environmental Center late the other night. The gardens were destroyed."

"Well, we'll see about this, officer," exclaimed Fern, hastily calling her county commissioner, Jimmy Nomorals.

"This'll cost ya," said Jimmy. "We don't have any money,"

replied Fern, "let's work something out."

Later, as the couple was on the road back to their home in South Edgeburg, Fran was figuring out the materials she would need for the twelve dozen holiday cards and wreaths for Mr. Nomorals' constituents.

"Stop at that rest area, please, Bud. I need a couple bushels of pine boughs..."

"Yes, love," replied Bud, shaking his head.

UU SINGLES HELPFUL CODES AT-A-GLANCE

Personals columns have their own shorthand, enough that it's sometimes hard to decipher just what SWFIDROTFLMAO stands for. It occurs to us that the UU singles online community could use a bit of guidance, and we are just the folks to help out. Here are some 'emoticons' that might be useful:

| :-) - straight

\ :-) - gay/lesbian

:-) - BGLQT, alternatively a bad hair day

\$:-) - either another bad hair day, or income indicator

:-) - still new here, but interested

x :-) - not interested right now, but keep me on your mailing list

;-) - I know what you're thinking

- 8 -) - single and looking

= 8 -) - married but still looking

8 -) -- :- | - single with child

| 8 0 0 -) - looking for someone to help load my car on Saturday.

< \ :-) - spiffy hat

< :-) + - the Pope (How'd he get in here?)

We at the Mockingbird are always glad to be of service. Good luck!

Look For These Workshops in Future SI Seasons

OR NOT.

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Thanks due to the contributors for fine ideas over that long dry spell known officially as "not SI."

A WORKSHOP THE SI PLANNING COMMITTEE REJECTED

Mockingbird reporters have learned that a proposed SI workshop, Gonzo Journalism, was rejected by this year's SI Planning Committee. According to the workshop proposal, the class would prepare a daily alternative newsletter, learn the ins and outs of mocking, er rather, poking fun at established media outlets and provide SI attendees with a quality publication. Gonzo Journalism presenter, Ed Itour, said he was "fried" by the Committee's rejection, and would hold the workshop without

approval anyway. Gentle Reader, you be the judge of their success.

OTHER WORKSHOPS REJECTED

Rock of Kenyon. Geologist and Zen Master Heimie Songbird-Hayfield offered to lead an intense five-day workshop studying the rock flanking the gate to the Middle Path, on the western side. Five days is but such a small portion of the time since the Devonian.

Building the Human Genome with Tinker Toys, to have been led by bioengineer Misty Chillharsik.

Sex, Chocolate, and Beer was to have been a collaborative effort led by Cat House and Fried Cal on alternating days. 'Nuff said.

Whiskey Stillin' & Sippin' was to be a follow-on workshop to the wildly popular Beer Tasting workshop.

Participants were to learn the fine arts of controlling a sour mash, keeping a still going, and putting the products up in Mason jars. The final project for the week was to have been a competition to see who could create the best whiskey from materials available in the cafeteria, including Rice Krispies, bran flakes, and Cheerios.

The Spirituality of Dr. Seuss, an in-depth textual analysis of the early writings of this seminal author, in the context of his difficult relationship with the alphabet growing up.

Finally, a very promising workshop offered by the Hogwarts Professor Ima Geller in *Mindreading for Muggles*, in which Professor Geller would hold class each day at a new location on the Kenyon campus, and workshop participants would then have to find

the location. [Hint: Try meeting at 3:00am beneath the bleachers!]

