

Clueless committee members turn to Fairy Troops for help



by Phyl N. Good

For the first time ever, the SI Fairy led the opening ceremony in Rosse Hall. "Extraordinary times call for extraordinary measures," she told the Mockingbird. "If we go more than three days without soft serve, Tinkerbell forbid, who knows what would happen? So I cut my weekend short and came in on Sunday. As in the day the bars are closed. That's how seriously we view this crisis."

EVER-VIGILANT CREW ENLISTED

The SI Fairy concluded, "We needed a 'point fairy' that could stay upright, I mean right up on the issue. So we called in the Eh! Team. You can see their recomender drilling the NFW

(National Fairy Wings) behind Bushnell in the afternoons. They will all be keeping a sharp eye out to deflect further attacks and watch for clues to help bring the evildoers to justice."

Despite some misunderstandings the Mockingbird staff has had with the fairy crew in past years (see back issues of the Mockingbird, available on our website as always), we also recognize the invaluable service the fairies have given the SI community in years past, most especially the affair of the alien theme speaker and the flying saucers. We are confident in



Puck Canuck and her troops at the ready

their abilities and that soft serve will return shortly to the Fierce Cafebeeria.

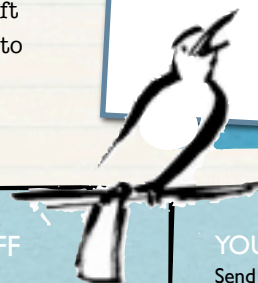
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FROM THE EDITOR

Yes, the 'Bird is back!

Following a lengthy legal battle, we were able to wrest control of the venerable Mockingbird back from the clutches of the Murdoch-supported Colonoscope. And we're glad to be back, too! Turns out we were entirely unable to stop looking at Summer Institute with our

Mockingbird Goggles on, and there is always so much to make fun of!



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Soft-serve outage leaves campers reeling

JUBILATION TURNED TO SHOCK AND OUTRAGE SUNDAY

when returning pilgrims, trembling with anticipation, converged on the beloved soft serve machine. It was. . .OUT OF ORDER! Howls of outrage rang throughout Hogwarts Hall. This couldn't be happening!

Convinced it must be a cruel hoax, several campers noted that the sugar cones were tantalizingly right by the machine (not the pointy ones, but the the chalice-shaped ones). They tried to fill them, but alas, it did not work.

Quick thinking Mockingbird reporter G.I.M. Narley tried to avert the crisis by reminding the terrified crowd of our highest UU ideals by urging them to reach out for the most holy UU sacrament, coffee. They stumbled to the three huge pots nearby (sacred

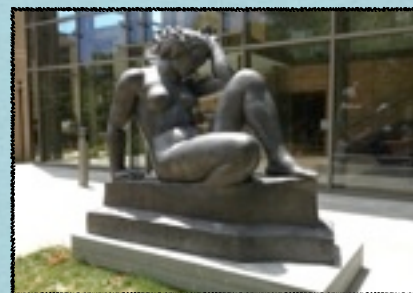
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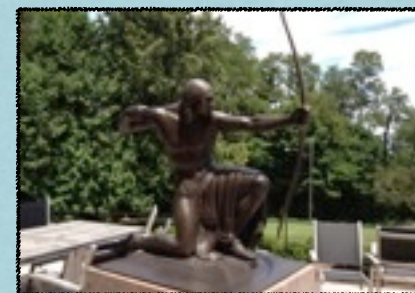
Energy Shortage Strikes SI

Denied the ready access to excess calories, angry campers stared dumbfounded at the Softserve machine in Fierce Cafebeeria Sunday night. This situation was only exacerbated by the accompanying caffeine shortage.

Someone mumbled that there was tea nearby. Tea? Really? At a time like this? We're talking about SI -- as in Softserve Icecream. Faced with this scale of disaster, real UUs turn to coffee. Who are these "tea" people?



LA MONTAGNE: A monument to the futility of life with no softserve, this monument greets disgruntled campers seeking to distract themselves visiting the Gund Gallery north of the Olin Library.



CHIEF SKIDMARK: Memorializes the discoverer of the Mobius Flip method of laundry reduction practiced by some SI campers. For more information, ask GIM Narlev.



R2D2: This diminutive Kenyon alum was honored by this likeness cast in enameled tin several years ago. Monument located east of Farr Hall.

'ROUND SI



"I am really disappointed in the Fracking workshop. I thought it was a euphemism for, well, you know..."

"This week I'm actually enjoying talking to people!" — Anonymous psychologist.

Bolt Bradton reports he got no sleep last night at all! It was "too hot" in his room. Mockingbird Headquarters is right down the hall, and our room was fine. Sigh... Newlyweds...

Have you seen my Banakulas? — Hal Walker

Poll Results

What did you have for desert?
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Cake	38%
Hard Ice Cream	34%
So-called "Oranges"	16%
Waited for Coffee	6%
Tea, please	4%
Soft-Serve Ice Cream	0%

Incredible failure of softserve angers campers Sunday



things often come in threes) and, and this is hard to write, they were all empty!

"No-o-o-o-o-o-o! This can't be happening!," wailed famous UUToob film director Augusta Sinner Witless, "I don't have my camera with me!

Frightened by the angry growing crowds, an employee rushed over to start new pots. The long unbearable wait caused distraught campers to wonder aloud how the SI machine could have failed at the beginning of Holy Week.

A closer examination of the crime scene revealed that in small letters under "Out of Order" was the mocking phrase, "Thank you for your patience." Talk about kicking 'em when they're down!

Loyal readers, if you notice a strange camper exhibiting signs of "patience" over the unavailability of softserve, contact Mockingbird staff immediately. "See something, say something!" That's our motto (Really? Someone stole that? Our lawyers are on it!) Yes, even people that have nothing in common, like musicians and banjo players, must put aside their differences at this pivotal time in our history.

The Mockingbird staff will be working 24/7 to find the terrorists responsible for this outrage.

NUMBERS

SI Campers intending to take bike hike

124

Chance of finding softserve on trip

100%

SI Campers actually biking the trail

62

Caffein supplies limited this year?

by Phyl N. Good

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Kenyon college nixed personal golf carts this year. And Common Ground coffee shop is mysteriously shuttered for the month of July. Coffee supplies were lacking at our first dinner. Clearly Kenyon is trying to slow down SI campers, but why?

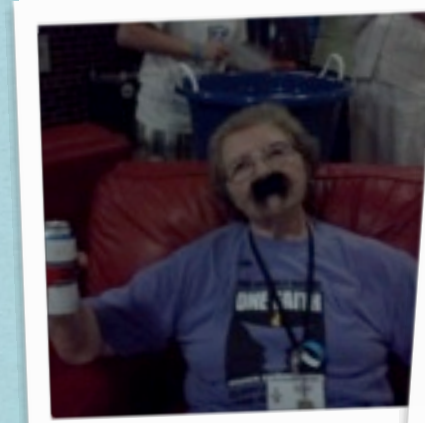
At any rate, once again SI campers are subject to scrutiny out of proportion to our numbers and influence. Be careful!

Let this be a cautionary tale of unintended consequences. We have those nice dorm get-togethers on Sunday night, right? Some snacks, some beverages, nothing to be alarmed about. But some smartypants had to take it up a notch. They decided to throw a "biker party!" Word got out, Kenyon security heard about it, and not fully understanding our faith, they over-reacted and tried to avert trouble. So a few thoughtless party planners spoiled it for everyone. Nice going guys. You know who you are!

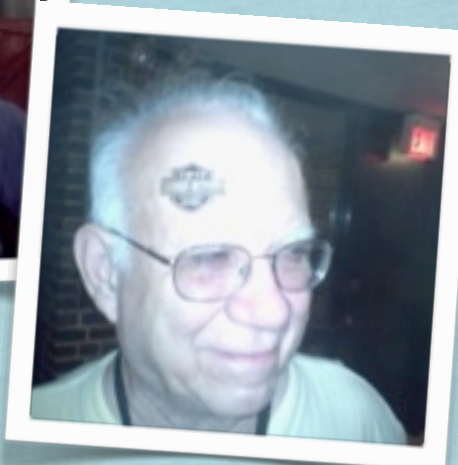


AROUND THE 'TUTE

"Donuts Dunkin and her 'Biker Party' enlivens Sunday evening gathering, alarms Kenyon College Security staff.



Longtime SI camper Bob "Biggie Wiggle" Erdman gets into the theme with a new tatoo!



PS. Show a little remorse and drop your apology letter in the Mockingbird submission box, or apologize in person. In the pub, duh!

JUST IN...

Our reporter has also heard rumors of a scientific experiment attempting to study the effects of severe caffeine deprivation on long-time addicts. It

appears the investigators are in search of a sizable population of such subjects, and in an unusual move, the Human Research board has determined that the experiment may proceed without the prior informed consent of the subject population. If these rumors are true, the Mockingbird staff, in particular, want to be in the control group!

AROUND THE 'TUTE: WHAT HAVE YOU SEEN?



Fierce Cafebeeria workers need remedial study on the taxonomy of fruits? The lesson appears to be to take those food labels with more than a little grain of salt!



The registration crew, fondly known as "the Bag Ladies" await arriving campers with yet more materials to confuse and distract.

Kent	38%
Pittsburg, combined	34%
Columbus	16%
Other Ohio churches	6%
West Virginia	3%
Late registrations	1%
Walk-ins on Sunday	7%

— Fried Cal, reporter