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"The U in UUP is YOU"

Passing the Torch: From Ed Wesnofske to Rob Compton

by Bill Simons, Chapter President



Ed Wesnofske, in the shadows

The torch has been passed at UUP Oneonta from its founders to a new generation of leaders. Ed Wesnofske's recent retirement as Academic Vice President and the ascension of Rob Compton to that post is emblematic of a dramatic change in the leadership of the chapter. Ed embodies the past achievements of UUP Oneonta; Rob represents our future. When Ed,

Fred Miller, John Carney, Jay Pawa, Denny Shea, Stan Weisberger, and Bill Benedict arrived at SUCO four decades ago, this campus was not unionized, and the rights of labor were precarious. Through their savvy, courage and resilience, they created a union culture that for decades provided powerful and enlightened representation to the SUCO professionals and faculty. By the late 1990s, however, retirement, time, and demography had reduced UUP Oneonta to the periphery of campus life. Change came as a tidal wave: the great majority of our present members were hired within the past five years, and it is now time for them to ante up and once again make Oneonta a UUP campus. This process began with the proclamation in 2003 of a New Solidarity. The founders of UUP Oneonta mentored recent unionists, preparing the way for a new generation of outstanding UUP leadership. This passing of the torch has brought to the leadership of UUP Oneonta a renewal, exemplified by Health & Safety Officer Tom Horvath, Delegate Richie Lee, Benefits Officer Ricky O'Donnell, newsletter editor Nancy Cannon, VOTE COPE Director Shelia Serbay, Part-Times Concerns Officer Jay McDermott, Vice President for Professionals Norm

Payne, Grievance Officer Paul Conway, Treasurer Rich Tyler, and Vice President for Academics Rob Compton. Even as the New Solidarity revitalizes UUP Oneonta and reclaims a position central to life on our campus, the union honors the founders.

From 1969-1973, Ed Wesnofske was prominent in the union organizations that preceded UUP at SUCO, and then from its 1973 creation unto the present, Ed provided UUP, at both chapter and state levels, with strong leadership. Early in his union passage, he came within a handful of votes of election as State-wide UUP President and did indeed emerge as the victorious candidate in a contest for Statewide UUP Vice President for Academics. Through the decades, he held a myriad of important UUP positions on Oneonta and Albany, including several terms as chapter president. For UUPers, the mere mention of Ed Wesnofske conjures up a series of indelible tableau.

Night and wind enveloped the car, its passengers weary from a long labor meeting in Buffalo and all too aware of the many miles yet to be covered on the journey back to Oneonta. Then a voice pierced the darkness: "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself—nameless, unreasoning, unjustified terror." The voice was distinctive — warm, resolute, hopeful, framed by the accents of Harvard and the Hudson River—and instantly recognizable as well it ought to have been. The voice and words belonged to Franklin D. Roosevelt, but they emanated from the driver, Ed Wesnofske, who continued to entertain Norm Payne and me with verbatim recitation of FDR rhetoric delivered in a flawless Roosevelt imitation.

Beyond presidential rhetoric, Ed's attainments are diverse. Teacher, sociologist, pilot, critic of the war in Vietnam, environmental activist, farm worker, team-

Passing the torch: Ed Wesnofske to Rob Compton (continued)

mate of baseball legend Carl Yastrzemski. During our travels to UUP meetings across the state, I found Ed an unerring source of good advice on virtually any topic. And it was readily apparent that his commitment to UUP and the larger labor movement was visceral. Completion of Ed's service as a UUP officer should not go unnoticed.

Ed Wesnofske and the history of unionism at Oneonta are inseparable. At our Labor-Management meetings, formal sessions with UUP chapter officers figuratively, and sometimes literally, sitting across the table from SUCO's senior administrators, Ed was formidable. He ensured that substantive issues—work load, compensation, adherence to the contract, morale—dominated the agenda. The questions that Ed posed were significant and never cursory. Always well prepared, he had a sequence of demanding queries on each discussion topic. Vigilant against violations of the contract, Ed knew when to invoke the option of a formal grievance. In a situation where the contract offered no clear legal remedies, Ed posed political strategies. At one Labor-Management Meeting, encountering insufficient urgency about the status of adjuncts, Ed indicated that UUP might publish a graph contrasting the evolution of salaries for senior administrators to those of adjuncts over the past generation. Although adjunct compensation remains woefully low, constant pressure by Ed contributed to an increase in adjunct remuneration.

Through the years, Ed processed complaints from constituents who felt they were treated unfairly. He listened patiently, consulted the labor relations professional as needed, evaluated the merits of the case, and initiated formal grievance procedures when appropriate. UUP members with complaints were frequently at a juncture in their professional and personal lives where they were anxious and insecure. No labor leader is a magician, but Ed, a consummate professional, kept confidence inviolate, offering each petitioner respect, empathy, and judicious advice.

Ed is still our source of institutional meaning. I will continue to seek counsel from my friend and men-

tor. He may have relinquished formal office, but UUP Oneonta is not ready to relinquish Ed Wesnofske's wisdom and experience.



VP Rob Compton

Make no mistake, however: the transition significantly strengthens our chapter. The New Solidarity embraces all members of our bargaining unit, from our most senior retirees to our newest hires. But, to be effective, UUP Oneonta can not be led by retirees: our Executive

Board is now, once again, filled with individuals visible on campus and notable for their current professional and academic endeavors. Beyond his commitment and service to UUP, it is precisely because Rob Compton is an excellent teacher, notable scholar, and exemplar of service that I applaud him as our chapter's new Vice President for Academics.

Rob and his wife Joyce, ready to welcome their fifth child, share a warm and vibrant family life. Despite the responsibilities of family and profession, Rob, young and not yet tenured, has renewed his commitment to serve members of the UUP bargaining unit. It is perhaps unrealistic to expect everyone to match Rob's level of union engagement, but, if he can take on what he has, it is a reminder that on some level, beyond simply paying dues, every UUPer can and should contribute by going to chapter meetings, participating in letter writing campaigns, attending advocacy sessions with members of the state legislature, contributing to VOTE COPE, serving on a committee, and/or running for chapter office.

Rob's UUP apprenticeship, significant for its scope and quality, has prepared him well for to be our chapter's chief academic officer. As an Executive Board member, Rob has participated in Labor-Management Meetings, most recently taking the lead on the issue of summer school stipends, raising significant questions based on meticulous research. As chapter Secretary, Rob's notes, accurate and detailed, gave our entire membership access to discussions with man-

agement. His visibility at the statewide Delegate Assembly, Legislative Retreat, and lobby days have given Rob insight into the relationship between our chapter and the larger statewide UUP organization. A key member of the Workload Committee, he helped design and implement the survey of fulltime teaching faculty that is now being tabulated. And Rob is a strong conduit and symbol to our new faculty and professionals. It is not for Rob or any other chapter officer alone to carry the responsibilities of UUP Oneonta. To rely on a few ensures exhaustion and failure: with the participation of the many, success is inevitable. Although I look forward to Rob's continued growth within the leadership of UUP, I remind him, as I do every officer, to maintain a balance: first, comes responsibility to family and self; second, continued, excellence in professional responsibilities at SUCO; and third, dedicated service to UUP.

It is Rob's excellence in professional responsibilities at SUCO that augments his legitimacy as a UUP leader. UUP is not tangential to the academic and professional life of our college: it is our professionals and academics who invest SUCO with achievement. Rob's record bespeaks of the contributions of his generation. A Ph.D. in Political Science from SUNY-Binghamton (1998), with a seminal dissertation ("Emerging Democratic Consolidation Patterns in East Asia: Political Elites and the Cultural and Economic Construction of Politics"), Rob has been an Assistant Professor of Political Science at SUCO since 2001. His course offering—Introduction to Comparative and International Politics; Southeast Asian Politics; China, Japan, and Korean Politics; Comparative Public Administration and Policy; Government and Politics of Africa; International Political Economy; and Political Development—have won Rob a reputation as one of the college's very best young instructors. Rob informs, engages, and challenges students with an amalgam of erudition, animation, and dedication. His scholarship, marked by high standards of empiricism and theory, has graced important books and journals, including: *Transforming East Asian Domestic and International politics: The Impact Economy and Globalization*; *International Journal on World Peace*; *Asian Profile*; *Asian Thought and Society*; and *Africa Today*. Rob has delivered presentations at prestigious conferences, amongst them: the Congress of the International Political Science Association, the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, the Southern Interdisciplinary Roundtable on African Studies, and the

Ohio Association of Economists and Political Scientists. His service encompasses the International Studies Committee, the Faculty Convivium Organizing Committee, the Curriculum Committee, and Advisor to the Political Science Club and Pi Sigma Alpha (Political Science Honor Society).

It is an honor to welcome Rob Compton, my friend and colleague, as UUP Oneonta's next Vice President for Academics. Collaborative work on campus and off, walking gritty city streets together to bring out the vote, and conversations long into the night at the Delegate Assembly about our shared goals for UUP Oneonta and our college have given me insights into the thought and character of Rob Compton. Intelligence, integrity, and resourcefulness define him. Rob will be a great chapter Vice President.



UUPers in Wilkes-Barre encouraging voting

From left: Bill Simons, Fred Miller, Rob Compton.

Chapter Elections

The statewide UUP Elections and Credentials Committee will during the next semester conduct chapter elections at Oneonta and other SUNY campuses. As a first step, the statewide UUP Elections and Credentials Committee will send nomination forms to UUP members, accompanied by guidelines and information concerning the nomination procedures and guidelines for chapter elections. You will receive these materials in the mail from the statewide UUP Elections and Credentials Committee. Terms for chapter officers are for two years, and the upcoming elections will cover the period 2005-2007.

December 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 <small>PARTY</small>	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	



End of Semester Party: December 19, 2004

UUP will hold its traditional end of the semester party on Sunday, December 19, 2004, from **3:30—6:00 PM** at **Iannelli's Ristorante**, 99 Chestnut Street, Oneonta. Complimentary refreshments will be served, featuring a light buffet and diverse beverages, including wine and beer. All members of the UUP bargaining unit and their guests are most cordially welcome. For further information, please contact Loraine Tyler, event co-

ordinator, at 436-3390. A meeting of the UUP Oneonta Executive Board from 3:00 PM—3:30 PM will precede the party. *Thanks to Loraine for organizing this special gathering!*



Part-time Concerns committee project

by Jay McDermott, Chair, Part-time Concerns committee



The Part-time Concerns committee has begun working on a new project. In the course of our on-campus research last semester, it became clear that there was one problem that PT/Adjuncts & Professionals have here at OSC. We are never all here at the same time! Each of us has a unique time schedule of classes, office hours and other activities on campus, none of which may put us here when we can make contact with other UUP or campus colleagues.

What the PT Concerns committee is trying to do this year is create a web presence for PT Concerns issues. We have certain identifiable needs and concerns in common. Many of these can be dealt with online, but how should we do this? We want to find a way that answers our individual 'issues' needs while maintaining traditional union solidarity. In other words, we do not want to become a 'virtual' union, continuing our isolation from each other, so we are not trying to replace face-to-face contact with online contact. But it does seem clear that many of us are able to access the web from our offices, our homes, and from other worksites, and it may be appropriate to make initial contact on line, and perhaps even provide all needed information on any given issue by that route.

We invite you to contribute your thoughts and ideas on this effort, whether you are PT/Adjunct, teaching/professional, FT or retired. Do you know of issues, information, or materials that you think might make sense to have available online? Please send thoughts, via e-mail (mcdermj at Oneonta.edu) or inter-office mail (J McDermott Netzer 322A). We are now looking at some web page design ideas, and will soon be putting together the content that needs to be on such a page.



Food For Thought., November 16, 2004

November 8 Labor Management Meeting Minutes

by Rob Compton, VP Academics

For Management: Carol Blazina, Leif Hartmark, F. Daniel Larkin, and Lisa Wenck

For UUP: Bill Simons, Rob Compton, Tom Horvath, Fred Miller, Jay McDermott, Norm Payne, and Dennis Selzner

I. Labor Day Issue

A. Labor stated that our position has not changed and that this remains a priority issue

1. UUP stated that the President has the authority to make the charge

2. UUP stated that this issue is the heart and soul of the union

B. Management noted that they are aware of this and that there are no new developments

C. Labor noted that we will return to this on an ongoing manner

II. UUP notified Management about the Faculty Workload Survey

III. Compliance with Performance Programs

A. Labor asked Management about compliance

B. Management noted that it was doing well and that work is ongoing

1. Latest tally suggested that there was no more than two dozen remaining

2. Noted that phone calls are being made for final push toward compliance

C. Labor asked Management if there was any way it could assist?

1. The Performance Programs are important

a. As duties increase, adjustment to titles and salaries necessary

b. We need to work with our members

c. Noted that other campuses were in full compliance with the contract

2. Would like to get to 99% compliance within 3 months

3. Then in 7 months, assess titles and increases

4. We would like to work with the Professionals to seek much needed increases

D. Management promised an update in December 2004, our next meeting

E. Labor thanked Management and noted that it looks forwards to working together on this issue

IV. P/T Professionals Teaching and the Need for Appropriate Compensation and Recognition

A. Labor notes that it is concerned about some Professionals teaching with possible lack of remuneration and/or recognition

1. For some this is College Service
2. How many Professionals are teaching?

B. Management stated 22

C. Labor asked when was the last time some remuneration adjustment was made for Professionals teaching

D. Management stated that it will look into this

E. Labor stated that it is a matter of "fairness and equity" and "consideration" should be given to Professionals who teach

F. Management stated that it recognizes that Professionals who teach are going "above and beyond" their normal duties and that they provide a valuable service and that they will re-examine this issue

V. Summer School Teaching Remuneration

A. Labor referred to minutes of the past meeting regarding request to Management regarding the Management Committee formed to address summer school teaching salaries and asked if a decision was made regarding any increases

B. Management noted that increased fringes, among other factors, resulted in no increase for the coming year

C. Labor noted that some factors suggested the need for an increase

1. inflation since 1998
2. increased tuition per credit
3. "UUP is frankly disappointed in no increase"

D. Management noted that fringe costs increased 25% and that Summer Sessions must be totally independent of state support and that Internal Fringe Rates (IFR) are determined by SUNY Central Office (Albany). Furthermore, faculty do not have their IFR covered through the academic year contract when they teach in the Summer

E. Labor asked about whether this was a decision by the Committee or the Director of Continuing Education

F. Management responded that the decision was a product of many people, mostly Management

G. UUP noted that Management changed the minimum enrollment required for the course to successfully make was reduced from 12 to 10 a year or so ago

H. Management suggested that "market pressures" were the reason for this change, but that they would look into this can get back to us

I. Labor noted that last Summer experienced a decline in enrollment and suggested that more advertising might lead to greater enrollment and that better compensation might lead to a greater number of faculty teaching.

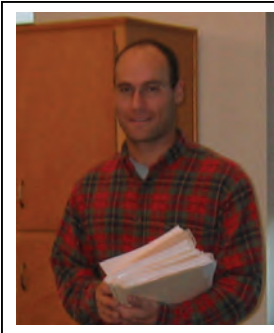
J. Management noted that geographical isolation is an issue and that there are "many reasons why faculty don't want to teach Summers."

K. UUP stated that it would return to this issue at a future meeting.

Meeting Adjourned 4:20pm

Tom Horvath: Recipient of Richard Siegfried Award

By Bill Simons, Chapter President



UUP professionals and faculty are notable in their contributions to campus and community. The current Executive Board of UUP Oneonta includes recipients of the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching, the Susan Sutton Smith Prize, and other accolades. And UUP Oneonta's Health & Safety Officer, Dr. Thomas G. Horvath, Assistant Professor, Biology, and Graduate Faculty, Biological Field Station, recently received the prestigious Richard Siegfried Junior Faculty Prize for Academic Excellence.

"The Siegfried Prize, which is awarded annually, recognizes a non-tenured SUNY-Oneonta faculty member for outstanding academic achievement outside the classroom," notes the *Bulletin*. "Funded initially by gifts to the Alumni Annual Fund, the award was created in memory of Theater Professor Richard K. Siegfried, who taught at the College from 1958 to 1995. In 2000, Alice Siegfried made a gift to the College in memory of her husband to establish an endowment to fund the prize." The recipient of the award delivers the annual Siegfried lecture, designed for a general audience and open to all. His presentation, "Too Late for 'Not in My Back Yard': The Biological Invasion of Zebra Mussels in the Upper Susquehanna River Basin," is scheduled for Spring 2005.

The research has given Tom, despite his youth, a national reputation. His field calls for intellectual and physical rigor. *The Philadelphia Inquirer's* August 16, 2004, feature story on his research depicts Tom and his intrepid graduate student Mike Grey tirelessly "sloshing around in the Susquehanna's headwaters and peering through their microscopes, monitoring the invasion." As the *Inquirer* makes clear, Tom's endeavors have immense significance: "This summer, researchers have confirmed what water users and river ecologists have been half expecting, half dreading for years: The zebra mussel has reached the main stem of the Susquehanna River, which flows thorough 22 Pennsylvania counties and feeds the Chesapeake Bay. For now, the mussel is only in the uppermost portion of the river, near Cooperstown, N.Y. But ahead of it are 400 miles of water intakes for industrial users and drinking water providers, 400 miles of native fish and shellfish, 400 miles of recreational waters—all of which could be affected by the zebra." Protection of our waters is personal to Tom: he and his wife Sirkka live on the old Thayer farm hugging the shores of Lake Otsego.

The importance of Tom's research to scientists and the general public is documented by the grants he has received from the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the National Science Foundation. His research enriches the content of his highly regarded course offerings—General Biology I; General Biology I Honors; Introduction to Environmental Pollution; Aquatic Pollution; Limnology; Topics in Limnology; and Experimental Stream Biology. A burgeoning list of published articles and reports as well as presentations at academic conferences and invited seminars attests to the respect that Tom's research has elicited from specialists. Generous with his time and expertise, he has responded to invitations to speak before local groups, including the Delaware-Otsego Audubon Society, Goodyear Lake Association, Fox Healthcare Physicians, and the Faculty Convivium. And Tom shows these local groups the same respect that he gives while addressing academic luminaries in Lahti, Finland or Washington, D.C.

An amalgam of erudition and idealism, Tom earned a Ph.D. from the University of Notre Dame and then took

at Postdoctorate at Max Plank Institute. A scion of an ethnic enclave in the rusted, industrial Midwest, he early on internalized a commitment to social justice—and soccer: he still coaches and plays the game and is an advocate for the sport as a member of the SUCO Intercollegiate Athletic Board. As UUP Oneonta's Health & Safety Officer, Tom has given important perspective to tests and discussions that have provided protections against mold and asbestos. I can interpret baseball statistics, but without Tom, I would have had a lot of trouble interpreting air quality tests. Tom represents the best of a new generation of professionals and academics who now grace our campus.

Congratulations to Tom Horvath, 2004 recipient of the Siegfried Prize!



Season's Greetings From VOTE COPE

by Sheila Serby, Vote/Cope Coordinator

This incredibly active year included a politically charged election that inspired many to take advantage of one of our rights as US citizens....the right to vote. We are extremely fortunate to have the right to speak out and be heard. **VOTE/ COPE** continues in that spirit to promote improved working environments, offer representation for all workers, and arbitration to insure fairness. A non-partisan unit, **VOTE/ COPE** actively supports candidates and committees at all levels of government that support improved education and educational concerns. This support is given as needed and not only during nationwide elections.

Considered the political action arm of the NYSUT, **VOTE/ COPE** works endlessly for members and their families. As with all programs, funding is critical to keep progress alive.

I ask that you authorize one dollar per paycheck to be contributed to **VOTE/COPE** by way of payroll deduction. This small amount multiplied by thousands of employees provides the funding needed to continue working for each and every employee. Contributions to **VOTE/ COPE** are kept completely separate from all other union finances.

PLEASE sign up today to help yourself and to support **VOTE /COPE**. Contact **Sheila A. Serbay** at serbaysa@oneonta.edu or at Ext. 2062 for forms or information.

UUP Announces: Joint Labor-Management Committee Welcomes Grant Applications

UUP Oneonta announces that the Joint Labor-Management Committee welcomes applications for Individual Development Awards. The program is designed to support a variety of professional development activities by employees in the UUP bargaining unit. Funding may be provided for enhancing teaching, research capabilities, and improving professional knowledge and skills. Applications for Individual development Awards are available at the UUP Office (206 Human Ecology, 436-2135) and at www.uuplmc.state.ny.us . Funding covers projects/activities retroactive to September 1, 2003. The maximum amount that can be awarded to an applicant is \$1,000. Full-time and part-time employees in UUP are eligible with preference given to part-time employees for a minimum of 15% of the funds available locally. You may submit an application for 2003-2004 as well as for the 2004-2005 academic years. All activity must be completed by June 30, 2005. The deadline for applications will be January 30, 2005, with applicants notified by April 1, 2005. Send completed applications to Melissa Nicosia, 200 Netzer. Please contact a member of the Joint Labor-Management Committee---Richie Lee, Norm Payne, Ralph Watkins, Janet Potter, Roger Sullivan, and Melissa Nicosia ---with questions.

Danny / Mr. Kissane / Hey, Dude!

By Nancy Cannon, Editor



Daniel Ferdinand Kissane (May 23, 1963 - November 19, 2004) was an original.

Dan died unexpectedly of a heart attack after playing in the noon basketball league.

Dan grew up in Delhi and attended Delaware Academy. His natural athletic ability, in combination with plenty of practice, led him to excel in basketball, baseball, and football. Sports were a major theme in Dan's life. He often applied analogies from sports to life in general. Dan's other passions, in no particular order, were teaching, music (preferably live, preferably rock, preferably **LOUD**), literature, writing, his cat, reading, his family, camping, and his dog Ali.

Dan loved to tell a story, often about himself. One story relates to his first semester in college in California. Dan's parents gave him a motorcycle to drive to school. The beach was only a few miles further. Anyone who knew Danny can guess the outcome of that semester. This incident was very typical of Dan: he sometimes struck out, but he always devised a new game plan and came back to play another inning.

A college education was not an entitlement for Dan; he had to earn it. He worked at an assortment of jobs (dishwasher, chef, bartender) to work his way through college. He ultimately received a B. A. in English Literature from Sonoma State University, a secondary school teaching certificate from Eastern Oregon State College, an M. L. S. in Library and Information Science from Louisiana State University and an M. A. in Educational Technology from McNeese State University.

In Dan's career as a Reference and Instruction Librarian at the College at Oneonta, teaching was his forte. One colleague commented, "Dan was the first SUNYLA presenter I ever saw and I was taken with his quirky, off-hand teaching style... which I found to be natural, relaxed and for lack of a better description, endearing. It was the sincerity of his delivery, free of any boastful careerism that struck me." Dan did not fit into the mold sanctioned by "authority". Some may view this as an imperfection (like maybe traditionalists?). Yet this characteristic, in combination with his wit and intelligence, helped make him an outstanding teacher. His genuineness and lack of affectation made him an educator to whom students could easily relate. Student evaluations of his teaching were always excellent and reflected the time and energy he spent both in preparation and in one-on-one consultations. The influence he had on his students will be part of his legacy.

Dan discussed running for UUP office: he would have kept management on their toes!

The memorial service for Dan was one of the most memorable I have attended. The service was emblematic of his life: friends told stories that brought laughter and tears. Like an Irish wake, Dan's good-bye was

bittersweet and visceral. Four of Dan's friends performed one of his favorite songs, "Spirit in the Sky" by Norman Greenbaum. Danny was a rebel against authoritarian pomposity and a sensitive champion of the underdog. One chronicler told of a raucous high school party at Dan's house replete with a less-than -endearing phone call to the high school principal, which brought said administrator and the police chief (sans invitation) to the celebration, prompting Dan to faint. A SUNY Oneonta co-ed, who once lived next door to Dan, surrendered to tears and called him "a saint" recalling how he rescued her from a stalker. One of his co-workers affectionately described The Dan as a force of nature, "like a hurricane with its wild winds and central calm; a potent helix of contrasts. Once you met him, you didn't forget him".



Contributions in Dan's memory can be made to:

Humane Society of Central Delaware County, P.O. Box 88, NY 13753

or

Checks can be written to the College at Oneonta Foundation, 308 Netzer, with a note specifying they are for the Friends of Milne account in memory of Dan Kissane. (Books will be purchased to reflect Dan's interest in promoting reading.)

Danny always liked to have the last word.

Night fell and I found myself alone on the College at Oneonta quad. A tall, athletically built man suddenly appeared by my side. A voice, familiar and exuberant, asked "Hey! Who will they ever find to replace me?"

Untitled

By Dan Kissane

I met a girl last weekend
who was down for
swimming in Oquaga Lake
so we did.

She sang like there was
no tomorrow
which it turns out there may
not be as
she has yet to return my
email to her
and it is Thursday already.

What could be keeping her?
If she does not
call me back
how am I ever going
to find out if
all her stuff will
fit in my house?

I mean, I already cleared
out a spot
in the closet and everything.
I suppose it was too
much to expect
from someone with
faerie in her email address anyhow.

But just the same
she sure could sing.

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QUIZ:



What is the original source (author, date, publication) of the following quote: "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to

your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus!"

The first person to email Nancy Cannon (cannonns@oneonta.edu) with the correct answer will receive an AFT paperweight.

The winner of last month's quiz was Reference Librarian **Kay Benjamin** who correctly answered the question:

*Which 1876 Presidential candidate willed most of his 6 million dollar estate to establish a free public library in New York City? The Answer: **Samuel Tilden***

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