

The Rodkey Reader

To be taken in the morning with a grain of salt

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Aspiring Filmmaker Admitted to Westmont - Family Concerned.

"I'm happy," he says, and the smile spread across his face proves it. His family, though happy for him, expresses concern. What will Westmont make of Erik, our admitted eccentric, anglophile, lover of longbows, care-free kilt-wearer, film aficionado, humorist and happy-go-lucky historian?

Until that question can be answered, Erik is content with life as usual: singing in choir, fencing and piano lessons punc-



tuate the hours of his senior year. He spends his free time experimenting shooting and editing films. Despite his eccentricities, his excellent essay, *The Use of Cavalry in WWI*, assures us that Erik is ready for the challenges of college.

Perhaps the real question is whether he is prepared to stand in the shadow of an older sibling of such unparalleled academic, social, aesthetic, and political reputation. Only time will tell. - *Krista*

Philosophical Journey

Krista ignored her philosophical conviction that chairs don't exist as she took a seat on a plane bound overseas. She invoked all her stoic ideals of calm as she journeyed many hours, enduring post-terrorism Heathrow, Russian airlines and lost luggage in Uzbekistan. After three weeks in Tashkent enjoying her friendship with Shannon Ludington, encountering Uzbek culture and helping teach English, she journeyed back to Oxford, England. There she enjoyed a thoroughly enjoyable semester studying Aristotle, Formal Logic and Old English Literature, biking through the Oxford environs, absorbing the unique beauty of the city's architecture. A side-trip to Scotland to visit her cousin Joel and his new bride, Heather, rounded out her travels. Her obser-

vation upon return that the sky in Santa Barbara is much bigger than in Oxford has caused considerable consternation among noted scientists.

Despite cognitive dissonance engendered by her foray into mereological nihilism, she took comfort in her discovery of the existence of space-time worms. Although she vehemently denies that space-time worms can be herded, it is rumored that her space-time worm is crawling toward graduate school. - *John*



Astonishing Abecedary

After laboring unheralded for the better part of a decade on their archaeology dig in south-central Israel, John's Zeitah team was rocketed to Indiana-Jones-like fame by the discovery of a rock termed "the find of the decade," on the last day of the 2005 excavation season. This rock, an abecedary with the earliest Hebrew alphabet on record carved on it, is a significant and controversial piece of evidence establishing an early timeline for the development of Hebrew.

However, John keeps humble by working in obscurity on his airplane. Thirty years on the flightline had taken its toll, and it was time to completely refurbish it - a task that is likely to take several years. Relegated to the garage, the Aeronca Chief's noble bones vie with Jeanne's MK books for space. - *Elissa*



Teenagers Becoming Extinct

Christian Celebrity Adopts Millions: an inspirational story

Species expert and well-known Christian celebrity Jeanne Rodkey reports the sobering news that, according to current projections, by the fall the population of young residing in their natural Goleta habitat will fall to zero. "It's a desperate situation," says Jeanne "at this moment we only are aware of one male teenager, in an area



that was once rich with life!" However, the celebrity has a plan! In order to replenish the depleted nest, she will scour deepest darkest Santa Barbara in an ongoing attempt to find suitable replacements. The prospective Rodkeys, also known as Cody's friends and relations, establish their credentials by eating PBJ sandwiches in the Rodkey ancestral halls, playing with histor-

ic Rodkey toys

and listening to Rodkey-favored literature



the best indicator of their complete brain-washing was their recent attachment to the Chronicles of Narnia, demonstrated by frequent dramatic renditions of the same. This plan has in fact been so successful that Jeanne plans to extend the plan to the very young: she is motivated to renew her nursing license and work with newborns in order to come in contact with a whole new population of children to adopt! – Elissa

Mackerel Skye:

Satisfying All Your Computer Design, Sound and

Image Transfer Needs. - see Erik

piano lessons, sight-reading, theory, music rooms with numerous students fills history, ear training/dictation, locked up in them bears a and conducting, and - most recently sinister similarity to a - observing and assisting with psychiatric ward, Adelle observing and assisting with psychiatric ward, Adelle

Life at Wheaton

Music, music, music fills history, ear training/dictation, locked up in them bears a Adelle's mind, time and conducting, and - most recently sinister similarity to a studies. Continuing to develop - observing and assisting with psychiatric ward, Adelle her various musical interests in a local children's choir: Far delights in belonging to an her junior year at the Wheaton Conservatory keeps Adelle from being a burden to her, she is energized and motivated by has formed many close and moving in a blur: her class the preparation, practices and meaningful friendships, both schedule reads like the titles performances they entail. inside the Conserv and in the in the library's music section. Although the Conserv's See **Oboe Obsession**, Pg. 3 Choir, symphonic band, oboe & collection of small white-walled

Elissa's Alaskan Escapades

In a drastic move to escape the consequences of her ill-timed advice on Erik's



haircut, Elissa fled to remote Alaska for four weeks. After fulfilling her penance through countless hours of dishwashing,

cleaning and camp setup, she enjoyed two week-long kids-camps. Her softspoken but energetic charges kept her on her toes, and events such as Alaskan swimming, mountain hikes and Spaghetti Utensil Night provided much entertainment. Other highlights included visiting Stony River (a significant village in Jeanne's childhood) and reconnecting with Elissa's grandparents.

On her return, Elissa resumed work at Westmont in her new position of Lab Coordinator in the Psychology department. Among her duties: supervising the care & keeping of rats, and interacting with students. The rats weren't the only ones experimented on as Elissa tried her hand at teaching. The teaching experiment will continue in grad school, which she hopes to attend this coming fall. – Adelle



Oboe Obsession

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larger college community. She particularly enjoyed traveling on choir tour throughout the southern U.S. and in Europe.

- Jeanne



Musical Dissonance:
The Spice of Life.
Exclusive Dealer, Adelle



The Rodkey core welcomed a new member to the jealous. Perhaps his household this fall. With mild- late hours and unexplained mannered Eric Mbanda's ar- scrapes hint at his secret identity we were all introduced to tity: *Super-Boarder*?!! Superman and Smallville. Eric, Eric and Erik share another obsession: fascination with films. Eric is studying at Santa Barbara City College in preparation for transferring into USC, where he hopes to major in film-making. - Jeanne

Super Boarder?



Wanted:

Large, clean, dry enclosed area suitable for rebuilding small airplane. Must be free, near Goleta, CA. See John.

Wanted:

Large, clean, dry enclosed area suitable for storing and sorting large quantities of books. Must be free, near Goleta, CA. Contact Jeanne.

Rodkey Family Travels

Disappointed in their van's reliability (no breakdowns on their vacation trips to the Pacific Northwest in two years), the Rodkey family sought adventure by backpacking in the Los Padres Forest near Ojai. Choosing the hottest day in the height of summer, and selecting the easiest possible trail three-day trek have been the beauty of wood grove at the top. pensate blister burn som rined the exist- the top: the done in a day - rangers take the down- hill route!



Not to be outdone, Erik hiked 35 miles with friends in the wilderness north of Santa Ynez during the雨iest week in years, and survived flooding rivers, several day delays and poison oak. Erik does not have fond feelings for the Sheriff's search and rescue helicopter crew, called up to find the delayed hikers, which, after locating them, proceeded to depart without providing desperately needed supplies. Three days on half-rations while fording raging rivers does wonders for one's appetite. - John

Removing the propeller from the denuded Chief.



Jeanne's Books' Travel the World

At the time of publication, Jeanne has shipped at least 2918 books to over 100 missionary families in more than 24 countries.

Want more info? Contact Jeanne

The Sage

Q. To my chagrin, I was not invited to a Philos Adelphos event. What would be the most appropriate response to this oversight? - slighted in Santa Barbara

A. Weeping, wailing, and gnashing of teeth come to mind. Have you any sackcloth and ashes near to hand?

Q. My father has grossly misrepresented my philosophical views. Shall I speak to him in private, or, as the article was published, would it be appropriate to write a formal response? Anonymous Aristotelian.

A. You have every right to be heard in your own voice in the same venue, so to correct the misrepresentation, pick up a pen and ...

Oh wait! You don't believe in the existence of pens.

Rodkeys Recommend Watching ...

Hoodwinked
Les Choristes
Bleak House (2005)
Young and Innocent
Triplettes of Belleville*
Remains of the Day

Whale Rider
Brick*
Monk
Foyle's War
Dear Frankie
**Not for the faint of heart*

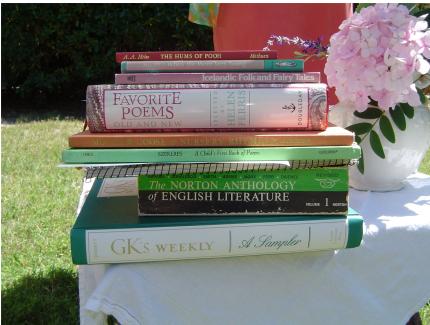
Arts & Letters



Philos Adelphos

A Tea was held 'midst the lush gardens of the Rodkey estate during the summer of 2005. Choice desserts and steaming hot tea were interspersed with readings from favorite authors in varied accents and jollity.

Of a darker design was the Dickensian Dinner, held in the late days of winter, 2005, displaying a delectable spread complete with Figgy Pudding and Wassail to appropriately dressed dinner-guests who filled the evening with interest and intrigue. These and other events (including the world finals of toga badminton) were sponsored by the prestigious and exclusive society 'Philos Adelphos', which, rumor has it, is planning the next dinner upon yet another scheme, which has not at the time of this publication been disclosed. – Erik



On a Literary Tea

Sing heigh-ho for a literary tea,
for a literary tea so jolly...

My mother dear,
I greatly fear,
insists that such is folly,

But I think not:
such thought is rot,
and I'll have mine, by golly!



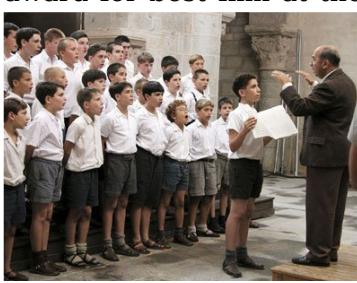
Rodkeys Recommend Reading

Once on a time (Milne)
Godel, Escher, Bach (Hofstadter)
The man who was Thursday (G.K.C.)



Movie Review: *Les Choristes*

Les Choristes has won this year's distinguished "Elwood" award for best film at the Rodkey Film Festival. This charming foreign film (French, with subtitles)

 follows a teacher who forms a chorus at an abusive post-WWII boarding school for troubled boys. While it follows the typical arc of the "virtuous music teacher" story line, the school's harsh brutality keeps *Les Choristes* from the genre's most predictable pitfalls.

The film's joys, when they come, are surprising and delicate. Although it is rumored that the "Elwood" judges were biased in their choice by their notorious weakness for music, and children's chorus music in particular, one can see why: the mostly original music is breathtaking. – Elissa

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Letters to the Editor

We haven't received the 2005 edition of Rodkey Reader!

What happened?

– Devastated in Dallas

The Rodkey household was hit by a minor outbreak of the plague over Christmas break, when the Rodkey Reader is traditionally written.

I want to emulate your excellent publication, but have had difficulty installing Linux and Scribus. What can I do?

– Bill in Redmond

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