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**(Alas, the Annex is no more, but its spirit flickers on.)**

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**From: roald buhler Thu, 04 Jan 2007 11:45:57**

**Subject: cold duck, anyone ?**

In this season of wintery heat  
bowls of chilly red borscht can't be beat,  
so why try clammy pasta  
when some unbaked Alaska  
is a sweet treat that leaves you replete.

**From: wendy lehmann Thu, 4 Jan 2007 12:20:07**

**Subject: RE: cold duck, anyone ?**

Let us all dine together again  
(Though there's one fewer women than men)  
Upon bubble & squeak  
Or a soup of wild leek  
Or perhaps fricassee of moor hen.

**From: joseph wisnovsky Thu, 4 Jan 2007 12:40:59**

**Subject: Re: cold duck, anyone ?**

We are booked for both this week and next.  
Hence our names on those dates should be X'ed.  
Beyond that, I believe,  
There's a Friday jazz eve,  
So this month, it would seem, has been hexed.

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**From: wendy lehmann Fri, 12 Jan 2007 12:30:03**

**Subject: (none)**

[The first three, according to joe, were triggered ]  
[in part by concern over the unexplained silence ]  
[of Roald Buhler, who failed to lead off the inning,]  
[as is his wont--evidently on account of having a ]  
[code (sick) in his nose, coupled with the pitiable ]  
[condition, Shirrell being in Tucson, of having no ]  
[wife around to go fetch him a Kleenex. ]

Without limericks, Friday's a bore!  
Is it true you won't write any more?  
Reconsider, my lad  
Or I'll go raving mad  
And collapse in red gore on the floor.

**From: joseph wisnovsky Fri, 12 Jan 2007 13:44:52**

**Subject: Re: (none)**

Omigod, what's the matter with Roald?  
Do you think that he needs to be told  
That his rhymes fill a need  
That would otherwise feed  
On our brains like some fungus or mold?

**From: wendy lehmann Fri, 12 Jan 2007 17:18:38**

**Subject: RE: (none)**

With his lady away for a week  
It seems that our boy's all to seek.  
When I see him tonight  
I'll make sure he's all right  
(It's most likely the meek geek's a freak.)

**From: roald buhler Fri, 12 Jan 2007 17:52:11**

**Subject: go pith up a wope**

[sneezing abates, and rb responds]

Oh, the rabble that dabble in verse  
felt great pride as they tried to coerce  
the Hopewellian sage  
to start acting his age  
and compose something pithy and terse.

**From: margaret keenan Sat, 13 Jan 2007 12:08 PM**

**Subject: Re: go pith up a wope**

[Joe sent copies of the above to the above,  
[who responded thusly. ]

Bravo for the bibulous bard,  
who rhymes without working too hard,  
The task is so easy  
that even though he feels queasy,  
his verse is scanned by the yard.

[RB wonders: is it better to be ]  
[a sober sage or a bibulous bard ?]

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**From: wendy lehmann Thu, 25 Jan 2007 12:24:38**

**Subject: Friday Night**

[rb is slow to start things off]  
[so wendy steps in ]

Respond, if you will, dear old paesan  
Is eating out on our horizon?  
Let us quick make a plan  
(If it's Rick's, I'm your man)  
Lest old age my features should wizen

[rb, pressed for time, responds in prose(!)]

**From: shirrell buhler Thu, 25 Jan 2007 15:34:52**

**Subject: Re: Friday Night**

[shirrell steps into the poetic vacuum]

The muse of Bold Ruler is dumb;  
of rhymes there is nary a crumb,  
and with emails in prose  
his new malady shows  
and the thumb in his mouth makes us glum!

[it was nice of her to say 'mouth']

**From: joseph wisnovsky Thu, 25 Jan 2007 17:01:11**

**Subject: Re: Friday Night**

[Joe feels that rb is overly prosing]

Glum, glum, glum, glum,  
Glum, glum, glum, glum,  
Prose again!

Glum, glum, glum, glum,  
Glum, glum, glum, glum,

Prose again!  
[the editor has included this effort ]  
[because every art form needs a baseline]

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**From: roald buhler Sun, 28 Jan 2007 15:39:14**

**Subject: Helvetia in Hillsborough**

[rb sees a review in nytimes of Pheasants ]  
[Landing in Hillsborough, featuring Swiss ]  
[standbys like cheese fondue. ]  
[Going on tuesday or wednesday is considered.]

Do the depths of poetic despair  
cause cessation of thirst ? Au contraire !  
So lets hoist our next brew  
over cheesy fondue  
made with kirsch and a lot of gruyere !

**From: joseph wisnovsky Sun, 28 Jan 2007 16:41:19**

**Subject: Re: Helvetia in Hillsborough**

Count us in for some cheese from Helvetia,  
Just as long as it's not named Velveetia.  
Tuesday's better for us.  
(Even Wednesday's no fuss.)  
Tell us when you would like us to meetiya.

**From: wendy lehmann Sun, 28 Jan 2007 23:27:33**

**Subject: RE: Helvetia in Hillsborough**

Either ev'ning is perfect for me  
Just pick one: I will not disagree  
Let us not go too early  
(Some maitre d', surly,  
Might think we're petite bourgeoisie.)

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**From: roald buhler Thu, 08 Feb 2007 18:59:16**

**Subject: in the throes of bb woes**

[the bb team has begun the Ivy season with]  
[four games, all on the road, all losses, ]  
[the worst Ivy start ever for princeton ]

Why these losses ? It's hardly a mystery  
when the shooting percentage ain't blistering,  
but this weekend we're sure  
that the home court will cure  
all the woes that caused negative history.

**From: joseph wisnovsky Thu, 8 Feb 2007 20:20:09**

**Subject: Re: in the throes of bb woes**

But, of course, it is only a game,  
Though it hurts when they lose, all the same.  
Perhaps dee-fense might help;  
You could give it a yelp.  
In the end, losing Pete was a shame.

**From: wendy lehmann Thu, 8 Feb 2007 21:40:58**

**Subject: RE: in the throes of bb woes**

bb season's a loss, it would seem:  
The record so far's a bad dream.  
We must keep our chins up  
Let's not drink from the cup  
Of dread hemlock just yet. Come on, team!



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**From: roald buhler Wed, 14 Feb 2007 22:12:34**

**Subject: sorrow, unspeakable sorrow**

[Princeton bball is now 1-6 in Ivy League play. ]

[The following refers to the recent Fagles ]

[translation of the Aeneid. From Book Two: ]

[ ]

[ ...Sorrow, unspeakable sorrow, ]

[my queen, you ask me to bring to life once more,]

[how the Greeks uprooted Troy in all her power, ]

[our kingdom mourned forever. What horrors I saw,]

[a tragedy where I played a leading role myself. ]

My great queen, you command I give life  
to this fable of basketball strife:  
we endure each dank night  
as it adds to our plight.  
Its a season with sorrow that's rife.

**From: wendy lehmann Thu, 15 Feb 2007 10:26:56**

**Subject: RE: sorrow, unspeakable sorrow**

Oh, frog fuzz! Another home game!  
The way they've been playing's a shame  
I hope they improve  
(Maybe hit a smooth groove)  
I'd hate to watch more of the same

**From: joseph wisnovsky Thu, 15 Feb 2007 11:53:38**

**Subject: Re: sorrow, unspeakable sorrow**

[Jane's famous gumbo is scheduled for feb 24]

Fare thee well until Gumbo Day's here!  
(Do we have it with wine or with beer?)  
As for hoopsters and such,  
Try to care not so much.  
Bear in mind that there's always next year.

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**From: wendy lehmann Fri, 23 Feb 2007 13:21:04**

**Subject: Slightly Surreal**

[wendy seems to feel that jane's gumbo sat]  
[is well and good, but what about FRIDAY ?]

Guildenstern, to his friend, Rosenkranz  
Said: Old buddy, I'm taking this stance:  
On Fridays, our wont  
To good appetites flaunt  
Should not suffer. Dear sir, will you dance?

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**From: roald buhler Thu, 08 Mar 2007 00:02:52**

**Subject: from hoops to soups**

Now that b-ball's reduced to a shambles  
we can recommence friday nite rambles  
where we seek some fromage  
and a zestful potage  
of a style that clearly ain't Campbell's.

**From: joseph wisnovsky Thu, 8 Mar 2007 10:39:19**

**Subject: Re: from hoops to soups**

Oh, to once again go to get blotto  
At the den we're now forced to call Sotto  
Would be blissful indeed,  
But cruel fate has decreed  
I must end on the word avocado.

**From: wendy lehmann Thu, 8 Mar 2007 12:38:45**

**Subject: RE: from hoops to soups**

It's a shame that the Wisny's can't come  
(They must beat on some other band's drum.)  
Why not try some Chinese  
Lest our cold digits freeze?  
Sunny Gardens? We'll feel far from glum!

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**From: roald buhler Thu, 15 Mar 2007 11:00:19**

**Subject: make it snappy !**

[Trenton Times medical column has letter]  
[from reader claiming 10 gingersnaps for]  
[breakfast stirred the system nicely. ]

Here's a homeopathic sensation  
which i follow without reservation;  
when the problem is dire  
and nought else doth inspire,  
lots of GINGERSNAPS cures constipation !

**From: joseph wisnovsky Thu, 15 Mar 2007 12:31:41**

**Subject: Re: make it snappy !**

What to rhyme with Snap, Crackle and Pop,  
Without sending it over the top?  
Racked my brain for a while,  
Thinking only of style.  
Had no room for much more. Had to stop.

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**From: roald buhler Tue, 17 Apr 2007 15:32:58**

**Subject: rocks and rolls**

[The underground cafe has Bulgarian cuisine, ]  
[which features shish ke bob and hot rocks. ]  
[The latter are hot volcanic rocks, brought to ]  
[the table, allowing you to grill your own meat.]

Let us make a weekendian wish  
that we gather for dining delish  
where Bulgarian flocks  
apply heat to their rocks  
and then clamor for babs a la shish.

**From: joseph wisnovsky Wed, 18 Apr 2007 17:38:12**

Subject: Re: rocks and rolls

For a change, we're available. So,  
To this underground place we shall go.  
Would you please remind me:  
Is it BYOB?  
Or will Bulgars serve wine for more dough?

**From: roald buhler Thu, 19 Apr 2007 12:24:01**

**Subject: Re: rocks and rolls**

[Please, no vegetables, we're Bulgarian.]

In a country that ain't vegetarian  
veggie shish is behavior contrarian,  
so i say to you: Please  
do not choose skewtered peas,  
but try lamb in a style Bulgarian !

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**From: roald buhler Fri, 27 Apr 2007 10:41:34**

**Subject: singing nurse**

[sb and rb, sipping scotch to quell sore throats,]  
[came across a never-before-seen movie, namely ]  
[Ferris Bueller's day off. The following is taken]  
[from the scene where his sister slams the door ]  
[on the EVER-so-well-meaning singing nurse. ]

You've heard that we are feeling ill  
with headache, fever and a chill,  
so we need help to regain pluck;  
please send the nurse that likes to...SLAM!

**From: wendy lehmann Fri, 27 Apr 2007 12:53:50**

**Subject: RE: singing nurse**

I'm concerned your condition is chronic  
Have you thought of a quick high colonic?  
In the absence of that  
Or a hot coffee latte  
I would push for a large gin-and-tonic!

**From: joseph wisnovsky Fri, 27 Apr 2007 14:35:02**

**Subject: Re: singing nurse**

Oh, the senator's name is Gra-vel',  
And the bloke down the well's called Tur-tle',  
And the caffee's lat-te',  
As in liver pa-te',  
Not just lat, as in Cat in the Hat.

**From: wendy lehman n Fri, 27 Apr 2007 17:29:43**

**Subject: RE: singing nurse**

Oh for God's sake, my man, cut some slack!  
When a useful word's rhyme seems to lack  
Just the meter you need  
In the interest of speed  
You must twist it to shape on the rack.

**From: joseph wisnovsky Fri, 27 Apr 2007 18:04:14**

**Subject: Re: singing nurse**

Pardon me, Mr. Twist-on-the-rack,  
Your complaint really takes me aback.  
In the limerick game,  
No-holds-barred is the same  
Rule for all, irregardless of knack.

**From: wendy lehmann Fri, 27 Apr 2007 18:15:06**

**Subject: RE: singing nurse**

So the no-holds-barred game's what you want?  
It's impossible, then, not to taunt  
Such a scanster as you.  
I can only say "Boo".  
"Irregardless", yet! My sainted aunt!

**From: joseph wisnovsky Fri, 27 Apr 2007 18:37:52**

**Subject: Re: singing nurse**

[rb, standing firmly on the sidelines,     ]  
[has no idea what von Elsewhere is all about,]  
[but nonetheless admires the pluck shown so ]  
[resolutely by WL and JW.                     ]

Congrats!  
You spotted the carefully planted irror!  
J. vE.

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**From: roald buhler Thu, 10 May 2007 06:25:17**

**Subject: let the gang find some glee**

Any efforts, from timid to strenuous,  
to avoid too much booze are ingenuous.  
Best-laid plans, e'en for mice,  
disappear in a trice  
when its time for the waiters to menu-us !

**From: wendy lehmann Thu, 10 May 2007 17:09:47**

**Subject: RE: let the gang find some glee**

[Fryday lacks a quorum.]

Disappointing! We're in disarray  
Ev'ry Friday (once my favorite day)  
Brings rejection anew  
Oh, what shall we do  
Now our friends have been led far astray?

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**From: roald buhler Sun, 17 Jun 2007 18:25:54**

**Subject: July 4 frolic**

Here's some news to set spirits a-soarin'.  
On the fourth, once again, beer's a-pourin'.  
There's no need to be subtle,  
so just guttle and guzzle,  
and when low on the suds, pour some more in!

See the horses, back home for a day,  
and see fireflies glow in the hay.  
Munch a burger or banger  
midst cacophonous clangor  
and when sated, shout HIP HIP HORRAY !

**From: wendy lehmann Mon, 18 Jun 2007 16:32:50**

**Subject: RE: July 4 frolic**

A rare treat it will be to frolic  
On a day of our freedom symbolic  
To scarf down good food  
(In a holiday mood)  
Washed down with a brew alcoholic

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**From: roald buhler Fri, 20 Jul 2007**

**Subject: Charlie's 80th birthday**

Here's a toast to the one-knee'd agility  
which helps Charlie (the sage of fertility)  
see each opera twice  
(if the ending is nice)  
without hint of a four-scored senility.



**From: joseph wisnovsky Fri, 20 Jul 2007**

**Subject: Charlie's 80th birthday**

[theme: Jane, Charlie and cat are finally]  
[about to make do with just one house. ]

A distinguished demographer, Westoff,  
Finally came to agree: He'd be best off  
With dear Jane by his side,  
To console and confide,  
In a home they could make a love nest of.

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**From: shirrell buhler Thu, 2 Aug 2007 3pm**

**Subject: buttered buns**

[rb was off getting a birthday haircut, ]  
[so sb stepped in, to get things started]

The weekend is once again near;  
a time for fine food and good beer,  
and a laugh at roald's puns  
while we eat buttered buns  
and are joined by the folks we hold dear.

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**From: roald buhler Wed, 15 Aug 2007 21:28:31**

**Subject: where can we safely graze ?**

Its the middle-of-August malaise.  
Should we seek out a grand bouillabaisse ?  
Or go east for some boodles  
of sesame noodles,  
leading up to three mango parfaits ?

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**From: shirrell buhler Thu, 30 Aug 2007 11:46:10**

**Subject: Thrilling grilling**

We could use a late summertime thrill.  
Something new that might just fit the bill  
is near route thirty-one  
close to jazzercise fun  
and its name is the Tuscany Grill.

**From: joseph wisnovsky Thu, 30 Aug 2007 12:21:00**

**Subject: Re: Thrilling grilling**

Just where is this place, Tuscany Grill?  
In a valley or up on a hill?  
Is it near, or quite far?  
(Are you sure there's no bar?)  
For a thrill, I'd be willing, but still.

**From: wendy lehmann Thu, 30 Aug 2007 23:08:46**

**Subject: RE: Thrilling grilling**

I will join you, red vino in hand.  
(It's hard to make verse on demand.)  
We'll miss Charlie and Jane  
But we most not complain  
Their absence, one knows, is long planned.

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**From: roald buhler Thu, 20 Sep 2007 14:57:14**

**Subject: tucker, tucker everywhere**

In the search for true dining perspective  
it seems prudent for wisdom collective  
to give guidance to those  
who then goes with the flows  
and praise tucker that's slightly defective.

[i'll bet, somewhere in australia,]  
[there exists: The Tucker Inn. ]

**From: wendy lehmann Thu, 20 Sep 2007 22:58:34**

**Subject: RE: tucker, tucker everywhere**

Your meaning, I fear, is obscure  
Do you want all of us to make sure  
That the place where we eat  
Is completely effete?  
If so, that's too much to endure.

**From: joseph wisnovsky Fri, 21 Sep 2007 09:38:48**

**Subject: Re: tucker, tucker everywhere**

We've got folks coming down from New York.  
I was thinking of grilling some pork  
Chops, or burgers, or steak,  
Or perhaps I might make  
Something fowl, like fricasseed stork.

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**From: roald buhler Thu, 11 Oct 2007 14:38:19**

**Subject: lets not word mince**

Here's the word from the prince of procrast:  
if we don't do some planning, we'll fast !  
That or dine upon mince  
with a garnish of quince,  
it's a prospect that leaves us aghast !

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**From: roald buhler Wed, 05 Dec 2007 15:30:53**

**Subject: is a suey chop like a lamb chop ?**

When day-light time is diminished,  
it's important that Fridays be finished  
with a pan of moo goo  
and some sesame nood-  
les, with veggies that leave you well spinached.

**From: wendy lehmann Fri, 7 Dec 2007 12:39:15**

**Subject: RE: is a suey chop like a lamb chop ?**

A limerick, started last week  
(Its pattern of rhyme all to seek)  
Petered out, 'fore 'twas done  
It was simply no fun  
I give up: I'm no poetry geek.

On the other hand, eating Chinese  
Is something that's quite sure to please  
Moo goo, if well-made  
Puts lamb stew in the shade  
And outdoes macaroni and cheese.

**From: joseph wisnovsky Fri, 7 Dec 2007 15:23:22**

**Subject: Re: is a suey chop like a lamb chop ?**

Wendy's two stanzas put me to shame.  
No excuse can be other than lame.  
Egg foo young on my face!  
What a low-down disgrace.  
To be last is the name of my game.

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**From: joseph wisnovsky Thu, 13 Dec 2007 21:11:50**

**Subject: number of limericks**

[rb had reported that the limerick productivity ]  
[had been decreasing since the fall of the Annex,]  
[as shown by the lengths of the yearly limerick ]  
[summary files, but claimed that 1,000 limericks ]  
[is within reach. The decline is shown thusly: ]

[2002 1596 lines, at about 11 lines per limerick.]  
[2003 1558 ]  
[2004 1533 ]  
[2005 1467 ]  
[2006 914 annex ended in march or thereabouts ]  
[2007 634 through mid december. ]

Well before 007 unwinds,  
Lemme add, if I may, five more lines  
To our total this year.  
For next year, though, I fear,  
1K LIM'RICKS will blow out our minds!

**From: joseph wisnovsky Fri, 14 Dec 2007 10:04:50**

**Subject: Re: a thousand**

[rb explains: ]  
[Its 1k total, since the dawn of time.]  
[we're up to roughly 700 so far. ]  
[several were in fact quite good. ]

Well, I'm glad that you clarified that.  
Here's another soft ball for your bat:  
Counting 5 lines per verse,  
And the norm's being terse,  
How's the line count per poem...eleven?

[rb further explains: ]  
[Take one of the yearly files, count the]  
[limericks therein, and divide the lines]  
[in the file by the number of limericks ]  
[and it comes out to about 11. ]  
[The extra lines are caused by FROM and ]  
[Subject lines, quite a few blank lines,]  
[and by explanations like this. ]

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**From: roald buhler Mon, 17 Dec 2007 15:27:27**

**Subject: ZwiebelSuppe**

[Jane proposes Vidalia in Lawrenceville,]  
[very good but on the expensive side. ]  
[Zwiebel, by the way, means onion. ]

Thus says Jane to us all: "I'll upscale-ya  
with this week's choice for dining--Vidalia !".  
We're not speechless for long  
so we burst into song:  
"Jane, in praise of your choice, we wassail-ya !"

**From: roald buhler Tue, 25 Dec 2007 10:00:00**

**Subject: Pie in the Sky**

[rb books friday dec 28 at the Brothers Moon]  
[in Hopewell, very good and quite expensive,]  
[and gets carried away with local moons and ]  
[the firmament in general. ]

Calamari and mussels combine  
for a heavenly start when we dine.  
A celestial soup  
will please all of the group  
and prepare us for fodder Divine !



