

REMEMBERING FRIENDS

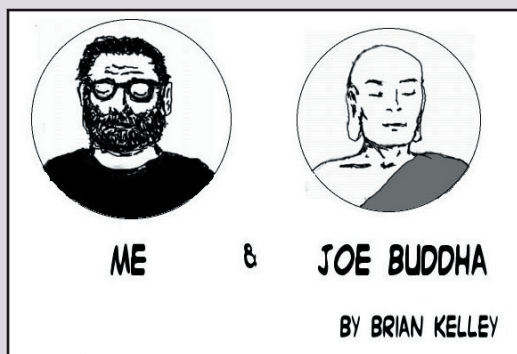
This new section of the *Insight Journal* honors the memory of members and friends of the Barre Center for Buddhist Studies who have recently passed away.

Days and nights go hurtling by
‘Till our lifetime comes to an end.
The life of mortals slips away
—Like the water of tiny streams.
Therigatha 145

Dawn over Mt. Wachusett as seen from the study center.

Brian Kelley, February 2006.

Many of our readers may know of Brian Kelley through his cartoon “Me & Joe Buddha,” which we have featured in these pages for the last four years. We were greatly saddened to hear that Brian unexpectedly passed away this February. Brian came to many of our courses and was a devoted student of the *suttas*. His cartoons narrating the challenges of understanding the Buddhist tradition were humorous, insightful, and down-to-earth. A number of dharma teachers have expressed the joy of working with Brian, who was known as a sincere and hard-working yogi. Brian’s partner Gini Conard is also a friend of the study center. We will greatly miss Brian’s friendly, out-going presence in the *Journal*, on campus, and in our circle of close friends.



“Brian was the most loving, caring, compassionate, gentle, generous person I ever met.” —Gini

J. Fred Pfeil, November 2005.

Fred Pfeil of Hartford, a long-time practitioner and supporter of BCBS, passed away this past November. Fred was a professor of English at Trinity College and was suffering from a brain tumor at the time of his death. Fred combined his abiding commitment to meditation practice with equal interest in textual explorations. He spent one of his sabbatical years at Sharpham College of Buddhist Studies in England to combine study and practice in a sustained manner. As a teacher/student of Buddhist meditation, Fred started a meditation group on the Trinity campus, led many meditation workshops, and hosted a weekly sitting at his home. Fred’s commitment to the practice of peace and justice were evident in his work as a facilitator and trainer with the Alternatives to Nonviolence Program in Connecticut’s prisons, with the Help Increase the Peace Project in Hartford middle schools, and by his involvement in numerous anti-war and anti-corporatist movements and organizations including VOID, HAFTA, Laura, and Fair Shake. His work towards peace and social justice was recognized with a lifetime achievement award from American Friends Service Committee in 2005. He authored numerous works of fiction, including the 1994 Pushcart Award for *What They Tell You to Forget* and *Goodman 2020*, as well as several books of criticism, including *White Guys*. His wife Elli Findly, a scholar of Buddhism at Trinity, has also long been a friend of BCBS. Fred was deeply loved and he will be greatly missed.