

ULTIMINUTES: Minutes in the Raw!

For the night of April 3, 2003

ADAM SCHIFFENBAUER: Hello, hello, hello, HELLOOO, hello, hello, hello-hello, hello, hello, hello.

ERIKA WILLIAMS-TULLY: Let's get this started! [*murmuring in background*] HEY!

KEVIN O'SULLIVAN: Quiet!

EWT: Thank you. [*whistle blows*] Alright, sooo, welcome to Spring Quarter.

ALL: WOOHOO! YAY!

EWT: Winter is over, and you'll actually see this amazing thing outside, it's called "green." It's gonna be fantastic, yeah, isn't that crazy? [*murmurs about green snow*] Green snow? What? Yeah, so green and white, but still green. Um, I don't have all that much to say besides it's spring quarter and I'm graduating at the end of this quarter it's gonna be fantastic. [*laughter*] What is?

AVITAL STRAUSS-BENJAMIN: 5 weeks and two days!

EWT: Yeah, we're really counting, we really are. It's wonderful.

CROWD: How many hours? We're not counting yet.

EWT: Give us a few weeks, we'll be counting in the hours. So, I'll be showing a movie tonight, *The Dark Crystal*—it's good, you should watch it. [*cheers from the crowd*]¹ It's muppetacular. So, yeah, and...

CORRIGAN NADON-NICHOLLS: They're not real Muppets.

EWT: Well...

AS: THEY'RE MUPPETS!

EWT: Oh, it's Muppet-ish, shut up. And you, uh, wanted to say something.

AQUINAS HOBOR: I actually have to run upstairs 'cause I have some friends over, but, um, so, I have some Jeeves and Wooster episodes. If you're familiar with, uh, P. G. Wodehouse's sort of, uh, short stories, they were written in the 30s. They're kind of like British humor at their top form. I'm thinking about showing them on Saturday. Are people potentially interested? They're very, very funny.

CNN: Yay. [*laughter*]

EWT: I think that's interesting.

AH: They're kind of, they're kind of unknown, unfortunately, but they're very funny, so I'm thinking about showing them like on Saturday night at some point like maybe 7 o'clock. If you have another time in mind feel free to drop by or write me an e-mail or something.

EWT: All right, thank you Aquinas. All right, and that's all I have to say, so, uh, Veenstra-VanDerWeeles?

AS: Speak loudly. [*laughter*]

EWT: So that's the Veenstra VanDerWeele.

ROBIN VEENSTRA-VANDERWEELE: [*knocking bobble noises*] I was hoping he would bobble and not totally knock off. There we go.

JEREMY VEENSTRA-VANDERWEELE: [*laughs*] It's being recorded for Christian?

EWT: It is. [*laughter*]

RVV: HI!

JVV: Sorry, so, uh, Point A: the swing is in the house. [*crowd cheers*] So now it's a matter of scheduling the dedication, which has to involve...

RVV: Bureaucracy.

JVV: Bureaucracy.

SAM FRIEDMAN: Can it be five minutes from the end of the meeting?

JVV: And so it will be announced within hopefully the next few days but it's probably going to be on a Monday in the early afternoon because that's a time that people can actually make: I know it's bizarre, but the folks who need to come are people who work nine to five, and so they're folks who can't just come on a Saturday when we would ordinarily do it, Saturday or Sunday.

RVV: But it's coming!

JVV: But it's coming, and...

RVV: I said spring!

JVV: Actually, I think we said "Halloween", "Thanksgiving"...

RVV: Valentine's!

¹ Despite such apparent support of the film, only Erika and myself ended up watching it in its entirety. For shame.

JVV: By the end of winter quarter, Valentine's...
RVV: St. Patrick's.
JVV: Yeah, so in any case...
EWT: No Arbor Day?
JVV: Here we have it, yes there will be a swing.
RVV: Something will swing.
JVV: Um, Point B: Film Fest! April 27th, which is a Sunday, at seven PM. It will be fabulous. You will all have films. There will be big prizes, and food, and there will be a contest to see who is the best dressed.
JOSEPH LEVY: That's so soon. Is there any way of pushing it back at all, or is that totally off?
JVV: Doesn't that feel totally soon?
JL: Yeah.
JVV: I think that's about where, when...
RVV: Yet it's actually sixth week.
ALL: No. No, no, no. Can't be...that's Scav Hunt.
JVV: No, it's fourth or fifth.
RVV: No.
JVV: It's fourth...
ANITA CLAXTON: It's fourth week.
JVV: It's fourth week.
RVV: It's a Sunday, NO!
CNN: It's gotta be fourth week, because this weekend is the first week of April.
JVV: It's fourth week, it's the end of fourth week. Well, to give you a sense of dates, the Scav Hunt this year, because of how it falls starts on the seventh of May, um, and we sort of felt like if we did it...
RVV: On the Sunday immediately preceding that.
JVV: The weekday, er, Sunday immediately before Scav Hunt it might be a bit much. And pushing it back behind Scav Hunt would push it to May 18th or so, felt like that might be a little...
RVV: People be in a coma, not having slept for four days.
JVV: A little bit late, which is how we came up with this. Usually, Scav Hunt falls a little bit later in the month of May, but, you, know, because of...
RVV: It's always the same week. But anyway, last year the Film Fest was prior to Scav Hunt, correct?
ALL: Yeah. Ah, yeah.
RVV: I know, I...seriously, we want the date to be a date that's good for people, but we don't know...
JVV: Just take the week off before the Film Fest and you'll be fine.
RVV: Really? It feels soon to us too, like we were like [*shooshing noise*] because we've obviously got to make a movie too, but, um, obviously, clearly.
JVV: We have a Kevin.
KO: Will there be a year in review?
RVV: Yeah.
JVV: Of course!
RVV: That's why we're like [*hissing noise*]. [*laughter*]
JVV: Um, there is some difficulty because we're not sure where the graduation video is...
RVV: From last year.
JVV: From last year, so it may just be the year thus far. But in the future it will...
RVV: The year as the Veenstra-VanDerWeeles' experienced it! But...
AS: You could use the Scav Hunt video from last year.
JVV: Yeah, well, and there is Scav Hunt video available...
AS: Okay. That's fine.
JVV: So we will be able to do that. Um, but that's ordinarily kind of...
RVV: Priorities, people!
JVV: A nice thing to have so we're going to try to track it down.
RVV: But yeah, we're working on that, on the 27th, busting our hump.
JVV: Yep.
RVV: But, you know, I mean is the consensus that the 27th is just totally unrealistic and it's going to be a crappy Film Fest?
WEIRDO: Well, I'm not going to be there, so I'll definitely miss that.
RVV: Where are you going to be, weirdo?

W: I'm going to be in New York.
 RVV: You should rearrange that. Just you?
 W: Um, I don't know...going to Carnegie Hall... *[mumbling]*
 RVV: What?
 JVV: Wow.
 CROWD: He's opening Carnegie Hall...
 RVV: Yeah?
 JVV: Well, can you arrange for a videophone?
 W: I'll try my best.
 EWT: Would that work by satellite?
 JVV: With lots of static?
 RVV: Lay it, so, 27th? Sucks or not sucks?
 CROWD: Meh... *[murmurs of disapproval]*
 RVV: All right...perhaps the Director's Cut will come out later? Spoken like a true fourth year. Yeah.
 JVV: Um, so that's Point B, Point C, we need people to come and talk with us about coordinating uh, paintball with Snell.
 RVV: Snell's ready to do it! *[cheers]* We just need somebody to volunteer to coordinate our end.
 JVV: Yes, uh...
 RVV: A social chair could do this.
 JVV: Or just a very enthused person who likes to shoot people.
 RVV: Somebody who likes to shoot people could do this.
 JVV: So, we've heard various things about various people...we didn't want to make any "suppositions", but there you have it. Um, and there will be lots of...and then look for, um, more room lotteries. *[cheers]*
 RVV: A Hitchcock tradition that never ends.
 JVV: The other thing we wanted to mention is it would be helpful if, uh, the Scav Hunt captains came to talk with us at some point about us maybe having a little bit more money than we thought we had.
 EWT: Excellent. All right, Megan and/or Jordan.
 JORDAN PATERRA: Um, just thanks to the people who came to the study break last night, and my trip for this quarter isn't going to happen until later this quarter, it'll probably be the zoo, uh zoo in Deercraft *[ed.-huh?]*, so don't go to the zoo yet! We can all go...
 EWT: Thanks, cool.
 MEGAN KUNZ: Well, I've all these things hanging over my head for my BA, but, um, after fifth week sometime, I'm going to lose some shoes in your face. *[ed.-garbled]*
 EWT: All right, excellent. All right, very cool, thank you! Adam?
 AS: What? I wanna ride the horse Secretariat either. *[ed.-loses clarity here]*
 EWT: Oh, oh yes. Say hello to Christian. *[motions to Bobble-Head Mr. T]*
 SAMUEL FRIEDMAN: HI CHRISTIAN!
 AS: You're going to be seeing a lot of Little Christian lately. Good Christian. Um, I've got like a tape for both of you. *[crashing noise]*
 EWT: Knocking over Christian?
 AS: Uh, let's see...
 CROWD: Just 'cause he's littler than you are.
 AS: He's littler than everyone is, maybe, where's Sarah? Nevermind. Uh. That was mean.

Okay, I'm going to cut this off right here. I think you've got a good idea of the sorts of shenanigans that go on at the House Meetings, as well as getting a new handle on the characteristic speech patterns of various people (ever notice that Erika says "all right" a lot?) The above minutes were transcribed precisely from a tape recorded by Little Christian. The one thing about the tape was that it was recorded on high speed, so on playback everyone sounds like they're on helium. It's the funniest thing in the world, Adam sounds like a frickin' chipmunk. Hitchcock Babies, they make their dreams come tru-uuue. Hitchcock Babies, they'll do the same for you-uuu.

I'm just going to run down the rest of the news in bite-sized factoid form, so as to better suit your easily shocked and awed short attention spans:

- New kitchen cleaning quarter! Amuse Adam with your claims at cleaning.
- Ovens in the kitchen are SMOKIN'! Call Adam if this happens—he's nice and jaded about it. Also beware the gouts of flame.

- Support the Hitchcock-Snell paintball outing. Adam wants to shoot people again, and claims to have “thoroughly” beaten the snot out of Joe and myself in Gatlinburg, TN. That is so not true. Check the shoulder shot tallies!
- Hitchcock Seder for Passover is coming: enjoy brisket with the texture of a sun-bleached cattle hide. However, the flavor will be restored (and then some) by the addition of the latest hot sauce from The Bomb, “The Final Answer”, which clocks in at 1.2 million Scoville units. For those of you who aren’t chiliheads, that’s enough to eat through three feet of reinforced steel.
- New lock for freezer is “weak”, so if you’re planning on stealing ice cream, here’s your chance.
- Lots of new IM sports, sign up for them at the front desk.
- Should we throw the new swing in Botany Pond? Pete says yes!
- The classic punk band Bad Religion will be playing April 26th in the Vic Theater. These guys absolutely rock: the lead singer is a doctorate-holding paleontologist whose works on Western faunal patterns I’ve read in *The Journal of Vertebrate Paleontology*, and they talk about extinctions and index fossils in their songs. But don’t get the idea that they’re a sciencey novelty band—I assure you this is legendary, 80s-grade hardcore punk all the way.
- HARC: submit proposals, for the love of crimony, or John Gabriel is just going to emit a high-pitched whine for the duration of the quarter.
- Queer Pride Fest. Cheat them out of a “suggested” donation!
- Even after winning the war on dining, it seems the IHC meal issues never cease. Here’s a light sampling: Convenience store in Shoreland? To-go food in Pierce and BJ? Later Sunday hours for Bartlett at the expense of Fridays? Hutch reduced to three or four stations?
- Pan Geos and Center Stage are now all-vegetarian, all the time. In my opinion, this is an outright affront to flesh-eaters everywhere. What can a guy do when he wants stir-fry and feels like chicken tonight, like chicken tonight, like chicken tonight? I hope that this situation is rectified in the near future, possibly by implementing an unprecedented TWO different frying pans, one for vegetarians and one for carnivores. Come one, folks, surely some of you want to join Pete and myself in taking the MeatBridge.
- Einstein’s in the C-Shop? They’re not real bagels!
- Sam is planning a HARC trip to go see the Rocky Horror Picture Show. Will this involve Sam in skin-tight leather? Show up and find out!
- Amy is planning a Pilsen trip for Mexican food and a spectacular Frida Kahlo exhibit. The time isn’t set (it can’t be this Sunday, because Nicole wants her to go to the choir concert...wha-chee!), but watch for updates and make sure to check out great taquerias and the POWER OF THE UNIBROWER!
- Section 1: tasty thing on orange plate.
- Section 2: Ramblin’ and a’rollin’.
- SASA show already occurred by the time you read this.
- Section 3: an uninhabited ghost town.
- Section 4: newcomers, Ian and Layla. Layla=awesome? Let the hazing begin!
- Joe has some exciting news, some really exciting news, and some REALLY, REALLY exciting news! The exciting news is that a generic Aramark taco place like AraBell will replace Taco Bell. Er, I guess that’s exciting. The really exciting news is that grilled chicken breast (and sometimes grilled turkey breast) will be appearing every day on the deli line at Pierce and BJ. Also, the Asian section at Pierce now has egg rolls. Yay. The REALLY, REALLY exciting news: night waffles and deli-bacon are coming! And the WAFFLES COME IN THE NIIIGHT!!!
- Joe thinks that no upperclassmen should eat away from the house at Pierce and BJ, and requested house funds for a “meal-leeching schedule” white board. Little Christian voted nay (twice!) but the measure passed. It looks like I may finally have an excuse to eat at Bartlett, which I haven’t done ALL YEAR.
- Everybody be an O-Aide...or else!
- For some reason I wrote down: “Prospies—count on me, they’re gonna burn in hell.” Take that as you will.
- Front door posters: as Sir Mix-a-lot might intone, don’t put ‘em on the glass, girl.
- PSAC phoneathon: don’t act like you haven’t seen the posters.
- KO: Claims this year’s Scav Hunt will have an emphasis on being “fun”, not “competitive.” BLASPHEMER! I pity the poor fool who thinks that we’re in this for any reason other than to CHOKER THE PALEVSKY COURTYARD WITH OUR DEAD!
- The Cowboy Bebop movie rocked. It’s still showing at the Music Box Theater—I suggest you check it out.