

# HITCHCOCK HOUSE MINUTES

For the night of February 6, 2003

**President:** It was an old-fashioned Section 5 throwdown this year as fiery incumbent Erika Williams-Tully took on the upstart Adam Schiffenbauer. Luckily for freedom-fighters everywhere, Schiffenbauer's attempt to add yet another title to his multitudinous shadowy House offices (now including the highly questionable "Recycle Bin Viceroy" and "Section 3 Water Fountain Shogun") failed, and the consummation of his evil empire has been momentarily halted. Also in Still-President WT news, she's going to be showing a special undead horror themed movie night next week before Valentine's Day, so if you like your *Dead* both *Evil* and *Alive*, be sure to show up. See her for details.

**Vice-President:** It was an unusually full race this election, with John Gabriel, Pete, a rebounding Adam, and perennial third-party candidate Anita Claxton all in the running. Pete inspired us all with his insane breakfast-related ramblings, but in the end it was Schiffenbauer who took the win. Perhaps I spoke too soon about the evil empire being halted. No one beats the Egyptians. **No one.**

**Secretary:** Where the action is. No fewer than five potential scribes took to the floor this year: Sarah Nerboso, Lia, Jesse Raber, Pete, and yours truly. People were intrigued though somewhat confused by Sarah's promise of "comic minutes" featuring some scrawled homunculus by the name of "Mr. Stick", and the "comic minute" platform carried to several of the other candidates. Raber, latter day philosopher king that he is, displayed the same cool wit and masterful wordplay that characterize all of his public appearances. However, wit alone cannot carry the day in politics, so I opted for the lowest forms of mudslinging and smear tactics in my own campaign. And look where it got me today.

**Treasurer:** Surely one of the most thankless positions on the face of the planet. Way back in the day, when Woodward was still in its prime, people *swam* in Bartlett, and massive ice sheets covered the earth, I was once House Treasurer. For months I toiled balancing the books, trying to keep spending down, and dealing with the scheming shylocks in the Bursar's Office. And where did it leave me? Facedown, naked in a ditch with Sarah Bagby kicking me in the kidneys. (I realize now that there probably isn't anyone left here that even knows who Sarah Bagby was...Dear Grodd, I'm feeling old.) Anyway, as former treasurer Adi would say, "It's not easy." It would seem that the masses took this lesson to heart, because no one else ran, and Adi is still our treasurer.

**IM Representatives:** With the abdication of this position by Tricia, truly an era has ended. I know nothing of IM sports, so I don't really know what that era constituted, but I'm sure It Changed Us All. In any case, Lia replaced her, by simple virtue of the fact that she was holding a soccer ball. The men's rep position was rather more contentious, with incumbent Pete defending his position from self-described "rabid IM fan" John Gabriel. Rabid as he may have been, the public was awed and delighted by Pete's promise of "IM killing", and his spot remained secure. Somewhere, far away, Charlton Heston sheds a silent tear.

**HARC Representative:** What is it? Ask John Gabriel, who was it and remains it.

**IHC Representative:** One of the most unloved positions on the House Council garnered a surprising showing this year, with Sam, Kevin, and Yotam all in the running. I can only assume that this position has been grossly romanticized by notable past members Schiffenbauer and Joe Levy, both of whom have now ascended to the Elder Council of Interhouse. Despite Yotam's claim that "he will make brains erupt hummus" and Kevin's status as one scary mofo, Sam is our new IHC rep. Talk to him when you want to complain about housing issues, or just when you need a shoulder to cry on.

**Eric Tull:** The role of Eric Tull will be played by Eric Tull, albeit now with the honorary position of "The Enforcer."

**Social Chairs:** The assembled crowd was shocked and appalled when both former social chair luminaries Kevin and Corrigan turned down their nominations. In their stead emerged Nick Einhorn, whom I believe is some sort of first year, Ben Tradewell, Amy Lasater, and the ever energetic Yotam, who managed to channel Gollum in an inspired fit of speech-giving. The voting was close, but the winners proved to be Nick and Amy, the latter running on the "I'm not a shut-in freak" ticket. Expect a house trip to the outlet malls of Michigan City, you poor, deluded fools.

### **Section Representatives**

*Section 1:* Ben Tradewell

*Section 2:* Delayed for lack of attendance. If you live in Section 2, kindly attend next week's house meeting (as always, Thursday, 10:00 PM in the Green Room) to vote.

*Section 3:* Dan "The Man"

*Section 4:* Yotam

*Section 5:* The mighty CORR!

**At-Large Representatives:** What's not to like about an office that does absolutely nothing and that most people don't even know exists? Three came to claim it: the people's champion Duff, that rascal Joe Levy, and Larry, whom Adam had been trying fruitlessly to get to take a nomination all night. Joe won with vague allusions to a "Condom Tsar"<sup>1</sup> (don't call it Czar!), and to quote the mighty CORR!, "4 out of 5 dentists recommend Larry."

### **In Other News**

- Chieftains tickets! Show your Celtic pride! Talk to Pete! Also punk rock!
- Some guy! Works for housing, about 30 years old! Lives in Shoreland! Beware!
- Off-off! Still exists!
- Folkfest! Boogie in the straw with that scary sun-faced being on all the posters! Worship Baal! Fun!
- Sebastian giving a lecture on the history of comics over in BJ! Same as last year!

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<sup>1</sup> The Condom Tsar is a currently inchoate position that will be responsible for providing condoms in the dorm. Anytime, anywhere, if you're having sex, she'll know about it.

- It seems Taco Bell is going to be gone for good. I hope you tree-hugging hippies are happy with yourselves. Of course, it was not ragtag protests but ordinary market forces and contract law that killed Taco Bell here at Chicago. Word has it that it's going to be replaced by Kentucky Fried Panda. Even though Taco Bell is gone, if anyone would still like to join my Anti-Anti-Taco Bell movement, or just to talk about the current state of Florida agriculture, give me a ring at 4-5796 and we'll discuss the unfortunate hand citron crisis currently menacing Winterhaven. Fun!
- In Green Room news, we're going to be invaded by Bouncing Baby Biblethumpers! Every other week on Thursday there'll be a Bible study group in the Green Room at 8, and "the little kids really like it." The house voted almost unanimously to allow this. The one nay—you know who you are, and you're going to hell.
- Veenstra- Vanderweele news
  - Thing 1. There's going to be a special Pancake Breakfast Monday morning in the Hitchcock kitchen. Sate yourself on flapjacks this coming Monday (Suicide Prevention Day, February 10.)
  - Thing 2. Fancy desserts. What is it? Is it some sort of soiree? Is it a vague cult? No one knows!
  - Thing 3. Ahem. The news I know you've all been waiting for. There's a bun in the oven, so expect the pitter patter of little hyphenated feet in Section 5 in the future. That's right, THE VEENSTRA-VANDERWEELES ARE HAVING A BABY!

To recap:

House Election results:

President Erika Williams-Tully

Vice President Adam Schiffenbauer

Secretary Christian Kammerer

Treasurer Adi

Intramural Representatives Pete Sloane and Lia

HARC Representative John Gabriel

IHC Representative Sam Friedman

Social Chairs Nick Einhorn and Amy Lasater

Section Representatives Ben Tradewell (1), Dan (3), Yotam (4), Corrigan (5)

At-Large Representatives Joe Levy and the Amazing Larry

**COME TO MOVIE NIGHTS 9:00 SUNDAY IN THE REC ROOM**

Submitted for your approval,

Christian Kammerer