

Caucus Mountains

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I'm sure that if you lift your nose to the winds of change (or wait til you're out of the bathroom, and then try this) you will find, behind the chocolicious brownies with toffee and the garbage collectors' strike and the lost 'n' found clothes box, the distinct aroma of political disequilibria. The dispossessed are marching in the streets of Snell under gunships and demanding the recognition of the new populist VP, Ryan Rubin. The last time a Snell house meeting lasted 15 minutes, Adam Schiffenbauer was leading the filibuster.

But the turmoil only begins there. Tomorrow night the Iowans will pick our next President. And let's just say that Hawkeye State politicians don't throw their winners in a scummy pond... Scholar-at-Large, Brian Funkytown, reports that Dean is the greatest and Kerry has dropped out, but that only means things will get Uglier from here.

But the worst of it is right here under our collective roof¹. President Joe announced what the British (and Canadians) would inevitably call a 'scheme' called "Section Feud", purported for the purpose of entertainment, but anonymous sources in the administration say it is actually designed to pit the Sections against each other, despite it's candy-coated title, and ensure the diseducation and miseducation of the politically underrepresented first-years. And is any surprised that Section 5 won over a token opposition from Section 1 in the final? Isn't it just a little suspicious that Section 5 is the greatest section *and* won the contest?

With the interim elections only three weeks away, all the house officials are falling over themselves to appease the masses. The house approved up to \$65 for RA Anna's trip to Medieval Times. But our muckrakers have turned up the following amazing bit of information. A whistle-blower at the nefarious HARC revealed that HARC is bankrolling the whole project (or like half of it), and guess who used to be big HARC insiders? Snell President Alyson Auton and Hitchcock VP John Gabriel! That's Right!

Seren "Flies-to-tropical-Indiana-twice-a-year-on-special-interests'-private-jets" Orgel told us that there IHC will be hosting a Quiz Bowl competition Jan. 31 at 11 AM, but is that all there is to this story? A former Hitchcock government official and champion UofC College Bowler agreed, on the condition of anonymity, to connect the IHC dots for us. "IHC would like to ban smoking in all the dorms because it would score big points with the powers that be, but they can't get the plan through without popular support or appeasing the residents of BJ. So they've decided to lure all the housing residents to a big event where they will hypnotically implant two ideas: support the ban and go to the Blood Drive on Feb. 18th. The Blood Drive is Phase 2. There the one's who have properly been conditioned in Phase 2 will be told that they 'don't have enough hemoglobin' or 'have been ill recently' and sent home. The rebellious will be drained of their fluids, which serves the double function of providing more than enough blood to pay off the Vampiric Overlords that give Ms. Gutman her superhuman powers."

"And what about the rumored Coming Home Early Committee? Is this the final pawn in the conspiracy?"

"Um, I think that's just about people wanting to be able to get back in the dorms not the day before classes start for winter quarter. You know, buy their books, have a buffer in case a flight gets canceled. Seems pretty reasonable to me."

¹ pronounced: the way your mother likes it, Trebek.

The machinations of the powerful are not always without benefit to you and I. Lia and Lila sought to bolster their poll numbers by announcing the schedules for indoor soccer, coed basketball, and men’s basketball. Although some brave dissenters (Yotam and Nick from Snell) raised their arms against the \$5 pork-barrel project to erect a calendar displaying all the house sporting events, the measure passed.

The Social Chairs once again appealed to their extremist power base in a turn-out-the-vote effort. Maren wants to lead a sledding/tobogganing outing and Lauren wants to go to the Neofuturist show T.M.L.M.T.B.G.B. Although everyone who went to the show last quarter *seems* to have liked it, they can’t get their stories straight. Was it really funny or was insightful and provocative? I would like those supports to give us a straight answer for once.

Even at the local level, we see Chicago style politicking. The Section 1 rep stood complacent witness to the putting up of huge sheets of *white* paper and the providing of *colored* markers and crayons for the general use. Now isn’t it interesting that the Section 1 study-lounge was chosen as the location for Sebastian’s upcoming Mafia Extravaganza? They’re so smug, they feel they don’t even have to disguise their organized crime connections behind euphemisms. Section 2 provided a lot of good food for the meeting that seemed to suspiciously bear the culinary traits of housing staff members Jordan and Anna, yet what did they report on their taxes? That they bought just one knocker? At least the IRS will be on to them soon since John was willing to point out the obvious incongruity. Section 3 is still stonewalling about what goes on there, so I decided to do some undercover investigating. My hidden camera² revealed that Friday night they were all getting ready to go to a cocktail party. Hah! Fraternizing with the capitalistic elite! Things have gotten dirty in Section “Love” with reports coming to light that the one-time independent activist Shannon Loomis is “no longer with us.” The faithful believe that she may be hiding out in Section 5 under the pseudonym Sara Butler. Which brings us to Section 5, where recently !

Although we wouldn’t expect more from our resident monarchs, I should note that the Condom Czars continue to traffic in foreign bribes. Our black market sources report that 56 condoms, 2 female condoms (with instructions), 6 dental dams, and flavored lube (peach, caramel cream, chocolate strawberry, mint, vanilla, avocado, French avocado, etc.) have just hit the street.

It looks like the only upstanding politician in the mix is that Secretary, always at the meetings and putting up the minutes in a timely manner. A true patriot and honest man.

But with all the misdirections and ulterior motives flying around, how can one know what is really happening? What are the big stories that affect *my* life? Isn’t there an independent source out there on all the goings-on that *they* don’t want us to know about? That why I’m starting a new section of the minutes:

THE REAL ‘DILLO

² Many apologizes for any violations of John Hunt’s privacy.

- Underground Talent Show: Saturday of 8th week. Feb 28th.
Featuring categories: talent, stunt, spelunking and joke
With prizes for Best and Worst
Featuring alternative celebrity judges: actor Christopher Walken, explorer Christopher Columbus, and physicist Charles Augustin de Coulomb
- Gender neutral bathrooms coming to Cobb.
Info session/drag show in Hutch last Friday
Featuring a possibly odder juxtaposition with the portraits of former university presidents than the O-week dance party.
- The 5-hour dinner
Cutting-edge eating/performance art from the group Section Bartlett this Sunday (and probably future Sundays).
- Mafia Party/Fight the Man
Even if you aren't Paolo, Section 1 study lounge is the "pimpin'est" place to be this coming Friday. The one and only DJ SeaBass Ion, the man of fun and games himself, will be spinning all night. Come dressed to kill and food/beverage will be provided.
- Architecture of the People
Pete is keeping the free presses running. He's got books about the campus architecture.
- Lost 'n' Found
Roaches were seen in near the clothes box in the basement. There's still some good stuff down there, so get before it's washed and donated.
- 3rd Annual: Shower Connect 4
What you've all been waiting for. Get wet and wild, or just come to marvel at the skills of the best of the best. Saturday, 5th week. talk to Julia.
- Hardcore-a-thon 2004
The legendary YDAMIT brings the Hardcore-a-thon tour to the Hitchcock Quad with 10 weeks of the hardest of cores. If you think you got what it takes to rub shoulders with KO the three-sword-wielding, punk-ass, chaotic-evil Skav Captain, come show your stuff.

...What is that pounding on my door! Damn, they've found me. I will have just enough time to spell check and then send this off to the front desk printer before they break my door down and silence your only source of objective, unbiased, "fair and balanced" information. Hopefully someone will notice this in the printer queue and be willing to run off 50 pages for freedom and liberty!