

## THE MINUTES

Why are the Minutes called the Minutes? It's not like they ever say anything about actual, sixty-second minutes. Or do they? It's been my pleasure to work with the great Sam Friedman in this effort to demonstrate where all that time really goes on Thursday nights, so you know the figures are right. Everything in the first two columns was written by Sam himself. All times Central and Daylight.

The Minutes	Who did what	Infotainment
10:00:00	Matt at podium doing nothing	He was just keeping it warm, I'm sure.
10:02:00	Mild chattering	There may have also been medium or hot chattering, but it escaped Sam's notice.
10:03:00	Ben Tradewell enters	Cue the "Ride of the Valkyries."
10:04:16	Claire starts [the meeting]	Another \$5 is voted in order to fund a second topic for the House Writing Contest. Now there are two topics: Hitchcock Myths, Legends, & Folklore, and a topic that involves thinking both inside and outside of the proverbial box. If you submit three (3) hard copies to Claire by Tuesday, November 9, you could win up to \$20 in Co-op gift certificates and your writing will be bound up for later generations, who will regard it as a kind of cultural tic akin to Beat poetry.
10:07:54	Claire ends [her announcements]	Note the timestamp for the following item. Truly Manoah and Claire are models for us all.
10:07:54	Manoah starts [talking]	The Green Room now has an official stereo system, or at least seventy-five percent of one. So for the love of God, don't touch it!
10:09:03	Manoah ends	What a guy.
10:09:15	[The] VVW's start	As we all know by now (due to the time lag of writing the minutes) Saturday will be/was the Halloween party. It promises to be/was a rollicking good time with apple-bobbing, barbecuing, pumpkin carving, ghost story telling, movie watching, and smores galores.
10:11:50	Food brought (4 pizzas)	Ben and Mary brought it.
10:12:50	4 slices left	This record tells us quite a lot, really. It tells us that most of four pizzas were consumed in a minute. It also tells us that the only interesting thing to happen in that minute is that most of four pizzas were eaten. If you were Sam, what would <i>you</i> have written?
10:13:20	VVW's end	We love them.
10:13:28	Anna and Danny start	There will be a house trip to "A Christmas Carol" sometime in the future. \$75 was voted to keep schmaltzy holiday theater alive.
10:15:20	Anna and Danny end	In some ways it's an RA's job to be schmaltzy.
10:15:33	Jason starts	If you want Jason to fix your computer, go to <a href="http://rh.uchicago.edu">http://rh.uchicago.edu</a> . If you want Jason to start a listhost called "Hitchcock-discuss" to siphon off some of the superfluous emails on the House listhost, you apparently weren't at this meeting.

10:16:47	Jason ends	Now, a “Jason-discuss” listhost, <i>there’s</i> an idea...
10:17:05	Lia starts	It’s midterms, and the chefs are busy, so Monday’s Masters break will be Krispy Kremes. Try to contain your disappointment. Also, you can vote at the front desk as to where on your attire you would most like to see an armadillo: the chest? Back? Tuchus? On a handbag, perhaps? Forehead? Who knows? <i>You</i> decide!
10:18:02	Lia ends	That was a lot of information in just 57 seconds.
10:18:27	Laura starts	Look at that 25-second transition time. Probably a hundred people were born while Laura made her way to the podium. In any case, Laura can be found “moaning softly to [her]self” if anyone needs her. We hope she feels better.
10:18:52	Laura ends	Look at that. I straddle time itself.
10:18:58	Raber starts/ends	We gots \$660.82 before various and sundry allocations. If you’re feeling lucky, you can win a chance to oversee Charlotte’s playgroup to raise big cheese for the House.
10:19:09	Margaret starts	In my book, anybody who knows how to use a decimal point should be kept around in the event of any kind of nuclear apocalypse.
10:20:54	Margaret ends	Do your cleanings. Don’t mess with the kitchen signs. Julia was very concise. Because I promised prizes for concise announcements, Julia’s <b>prize</b> is: my encouragement of the House to recognize her selfless service and commitment to excellence.
10:20:59	Julia starts	And use the fans, especially if you are making “nasty” food like “fish.”
	[Robin interjects]	The fans can be found at the north window and in the freezer room. Duh.
	[Sam interjects]	How will historians treat Julia’s tsardom? What will be her legacy? Color-coded sponges, perhaps? Or a pragmatic diplomatic policy with regard to the Snell Co-op? Or perhaps simply her firm but fair application of the bylaws. Surely she must consider this question late at night.
10:22:38	Julia ends	We are volleyball champs and we won everything else except for football. I think we are also dodgeball champs. Shannon was also very concise. Her <b>prize</b> is: my use of this bully pulpit to remind you all that if you go to IM sports games you will get to hang out with Shannon, which should be cool.
10:22:40	Shannon starts	Dodgeball is “like an X-Games sport.”
10:23:21	[Robin interjects]	Robin is right. But where is IM BMX Halfpiping?
10:23:34	Shannon ends	There will be t-shirt painting, but you’ve got to BYOT-S. You can B(uy)YOT-S at Walgreens for like \$2.
10:23:34	Mary Fee starts	It’s kind of too bad this is happening after Halloween.
10:24:43	Mary Fee ends	Rose won’t disappear, but there will be/was a game of Capture the Flag at eleven thirty on Friday. House flags will be exchanged.
10:25:10	Corrigan starts; Rose too	I think the position of Representative at Large should be awarded based on a “Trial by Stone.” (“Trial by
[sometime]	[Corrigan and Rose end]	

10:31:04	[Emily] starts	Stone!") Section 1 likes the Minutes. Section 1 is making a concise announcement on purpose in response to my promises of "prize action" for concise announcements. Section 1 is all about the Minutes. Section 1's <b>prize</b> is: my grudging but well-earned respect.
10:31:16	Section 2 starts	They have decorations.
10:31:23	Section 2 ends	You mean like Purple Hearts?
10:31:25	Section 3 starts	Sam Boyd fell off a bunk and broke his nose without realizing it at the time.
10:31:55	Section 3 ends	Now he looks more Jewish.
10:31:57	Section 4 starts	Compared to the girls', boys' decorations suck.
10:32:21	Section 4 ends	This is because women are culturally biased to be the visually consumed rather than the visual consumers.
10:32:25	Section 5 starts	Apparently Ben stole four minutes from the Green Room clock.
10:32:49	Section 5 ends	At least he gave them back.
10:32:56	Ryan starts	Snell's got nothing.
10:32:57	Ryan ends	One second? That's very concise indeed. Unfortunately Ryan can't win any prizes because he is from Snell and has no legal status unless he marries Mia or gets a green card.
10:33:15	USO guy starts	The University Symphony Orchestra will play/has played some Wagner and the theme music from <i>The Lord of the Rings</i> .
10:33:36	USO guy ends	No, not Honus Wagner.
10:33:44	Margaret starts	UT needs you.
10:34:27	Margaret ends	Like a bicycle needs a fish.
10:34:31	Ryan (Doran) starts	That Green Room library thing will happen/happened on Saturday morning.
10:34:46	Ryan (Doran) ends	I love the smell of Nabokov in the morning.
10:34:54	Election guy [Alex] starts	Go turn out the vote in poor minority communities in Ohio, Wisconsin, and other places. Or, to be fair, you could go turn out the vote in the sprawling country estates of white Pentecostal ex-military oil magnates. Either way, your country needs you.
10:37:17	Election guy ends	Just remember, in a month or two this whole election thing will be over.
10:37:23	Maria starts	Put your names on your Halloween Secret Santa gifts. Prepare for a sleepover.
10:40:02	Maria ends	Prepare to be slept over? Prepare to be overslept?
10:40:10	Julia starts	The Green Room is way too messy. There's a lot of food garbage especially. Whose banana is that?
10:43:28	Julia ends/Claire starts	Claire is once again quick on the transitions. Unfortunately no record survives of what she said.
10:45:50	Claire ends	I wonder what it was.
10:45:55	Ethan starts	We got some new condoms. But we have to stop using so many, as they are supposed to be for emergencies only.
10:46:41	Ethan ends	Bart Mart being too far away does not constitute an emergency.
10:46:47	Maya starts	What to do about the use of public spaces in the dorm? This is an issue that has never been discussed before outside of the context of the Green Room,

		which has its own committee. Probably the most important thing to address is the fact that during the final game of the World Series, people were watching <i>Moulin Rouge</i> in the Rec Room. <b><i>Moulin Rouge. Moulin. Rouge.</i></b>
10:48:46	Maya ends	'Nuff said.
10:48:50	Mordu starts	There will be a Sherlock Holmes radio play.
10:49:12	Mordu ends	Nifty, huh?
10:49:17	Mark starts	I don't know what Mark said either.
10:49:25	Mark ends	Probably it had to do with the Tolkien reading thing.
10:49:30	Lauren starts	Remember people: if your life is falling apart around your ears, don't stress. In a few years you'll never be able to remember exactly where it all went wrong. (But it will have been these midterms).
10:51:09	Lauren ends	There will be a Hitchcock Formal sometime after the real Formal.
10:51:19	Gina starts	Formalist critics can just keep their mouths shut and let others have a good time.
10:53:14	Gina ends	I don't remember what he said, though.
10:54:01	John starts	That's too bad.
10:54:29	John ends	
10:54:37	Meeting ends	