

## Distinctly over-informative Minutes

The meeting started roughly eight minutes late – again. We are having trouble making quorum. In an effort to fix this problem, Jim has instituted a “fun” meeting “game” in the vein of “dress like your roommate day” of last quarter. Therefore, next week, all officers will be required to make their announcements through sock-puppet intermediaries.<sup>1</sup>

Jeremy had only one announcement, and it was this: we have finally received our Scav money: a cool two hundred dollars.<sup>2</sup>

The RAs have decided to start a new tradition. (Yes, apparently, you can just decide to start traditions.) They propose a “Hitchcock Student-Faculty Luncheon.” It’ll be Friday, May 19, at one o’clock. You should invite your favorite faculty member.<sup>3</sup>

In lieu of Masters’ on Monday next, the Scav auction will be held. Many amazing items will be sold. You would do well to show up and bid on things and buy them. The money goes to Scav, of course. All sorts of things are available, from cookies to souls.<sup>4</sup> On Thursday, there will be a “change your mind” discussion.

The “roommate game” will be held on Sunday. Apparently, to play this game, you do not even have to be roommates. But: the way to win is to know everything about your partner. Odds are, the only person about whom you would know such intimate information as Calvin Kim will demand would be your roommate.<sup>5</sup>

Section I is dead.<sup>6</sup>

By contrast, Section II is alive.<sup>7</sup>

Section III’s Board of Trustees<sup>8</sup> has approved their expansion plan, they are now accepting bids from architects.

Section IV exists.<sup>9</sup>

Section V has the last Oreo.<sup>10</sup>

The At-Large Representatives presented the classic Abbot and Costello sketch “Who’s on First.”<sup>11</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> “A sock puppet is a puppet made from a sock which is placed over the hand of a puppeteer. When a sock puppeteer fits their hand into the closed end of the sock, the sock puppet can be made to “talk” with the opening and closing of the hand. The puppet’s mouth is formed by the region between the heel and the toe, with the thumb forming a jaw. At a minimum the shape of the hand will instantly form the shape of a mouth, but sometimes the mouth is padded by putting in a fairly hard piece of felt (often with a tongue glued inside). Sometimes the region between the toe and heel is cut open with scissors to form a mouth.” (Wikipedia: sock puppet.)

<sup>2</sup> 165.135 EUR; 114.182 GBP; 23,729.86 JPY; 11,603.70 CNY.

<sup>3</sup> The name “Friday” comes from Old English “frīgedæg” – that is, day of Frige, Germanic goddess of beauty.

<sup>4</sup> The nutritional value of a soul compares favorably with that of a cookie. Serving size: one soul; servings per container: one; calories: 25; and one hundred percent of the daily recommended value of thirteen vitamins and minerals, such as aether.

<sup>5</sup> You know, that person who somehow hangs out in your room all the time, and stores their stuff in there, and stuff.

<sup>6</sup> Long live Section I!

<sup>7</sup> “(3) the term ‘juvenile delinquency program’ means any program or activity related to juvenile delinquency prevention, control, diversion, treatment, rehabilitation, planning, education, training, and research, including drug and alcohol abuse programs; the improvement of the juvenile justice system; and any program or activity designed to reduce known risk factors for juvenile delinquent behavior, provides activities that build on protective factors for, and develop competencies in, juveniles to prevent, and reduce the rate of, delinquent juvenile behavior.” (42 U.S.C. 5603)

<sup>8</sup> Andrew Alexander, Chairman of the Board.

<sup>9</sup> So they say.

<sup>10</sup> They do not have the first Oreo, which was produced in 1912.

<sup>11</sup> And learned an important lesson about proper pie storage. Ideally, pies should be kept in the solid phase of matter, rather than the liquid.

Margot made another announcement about prospies – to wit, we will be having more of them next Thursday. That means they will be able to come to a sock-puppet-filled house meeting. We need between fifteen and twenty hosts for prospies, so if you are interested, you should send Margot an email.<sup>12</sup>

On Monday, there will be a Social Justice Seder, which combines the defining characteristics of a Passover Seder and of social justice.<sup>13</sup>

On frigidæg, at seven-thirty, in the Reynolds Club, there will be much belly-dancing, as well as accompanying middle-eastern music.<sup>14</sup>

The traditional spring-quarter assassins game will be starting earlier this year, in an effort to relieve housing-lottery-related stress – and replace it with getting-shot-related stress.<sup>15</sup> You should send email to Jim if you are interested.

Also: the bad movie will be at the standard time – Sunday, ten o'clock – and will be that 1941 classic “King of the Zombies.”<sup>16</sup>

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<sup>12</sup> From the March 30 minutes: “. . . AT MARSPELL@UCHICAGO.EDU – AND, FOR CLARITY’S SAKE, I SHALL REPEAT IT, AND MAKE IT BOLD – SEND EMAIL TO **MARSPELL@UCHICAGO.EDU** IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HOSTING A PROSPIE . . .”

<sup>13</sup> For example: freeing people from slavery. Also: killing the cattle of slave keepers with a divinely-sent plague. That’s justice.

<sup>14</sup> “The term “belly dancing” (believed by some to be a mis-transliteration of the term for the dance style Beledi or Baladi) is generally credited to Sol Bloom, entertainment director of the 1893 World’s Fair, the World Columbian Exposition in Chicago. It was in the Egyptian Theater, where the USA first got a look at raqs dancers, that Bloom presented “The Algerian dancers of Morocco”. The dancer who stole the show, and who continued to popularize this form of dancing, was “Fatima”, also known as Little Egypt. Her real name was Farida Mazar Spyropoulos and oddly enough she was neither Egyptian nor Algerian, but Syrian.” (Wikipedia: belly dance.)

<sup>15</sup> “A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the People to keep and bear arms – particularly of the fanciful water-squirting variety – shall not be infringed.” (Rare early draft of the Second Amendment.)

<sup>16</sup> Actual tagline: “Don’t miss this shock-crammed punch-packed double thriller-chiller terror program!”