S.E.P.C.

Minutes for October 14, 1993

Present: Rosie Schaap (chair), Tina Gross, Amy Huff, Krista Cook, Giles Lewey, Jay Metz, Mikel Wadewitz, Catherine Wenglowski, Sandra Mendes, Matt Connors

Let me begin by explaining that, as can be seen by the above list, I, your loyal secretary, was not in attendance at this meeting. Notes were taken by the lovely Tina Gross--thank you very much, Tina. Anyway, if the minutes are a bit vague, it's completely my fault for not having been there, but with the help of my *Weekly World News* subscription, I hope to come back after Long Weekend and make the minutes more exciting (and more prompt) than ever before.

So let's see...apparantly all the canvass letters got out on time, which is commendable. I don't know yet what kind of response we got, but will try to find out for next week.

As you know, SEPC was not granted an audience with the Trustees this past weekend, because there was some misunderstanding as to whether or not we had to submit a written request. We weren't the only ones left out in the cold, however--as it turns out, They wouldn't even meet with Academic Council. Huh? Anyway, They did meet with Talking Heads for breakfast on Saturday...Rosie was there; she sat with John Barr, actually. She said it was very civil. I'm not sure what they discussed.

On the topic of the community meeting, another event I managed to escape last week, it seems that the Committee spent some time speculating upon Patrick Beale's reasons for his disapproval of Garrick's show. Art students appear to be boycotting the President's Gallery as a show space...Tina writes that "its status as a show space is obviously questionable, and this has to be resolved." She also wrote "Odio la vida!" I'm not sure what that means...my Spanish isn't so hot, but I thought I'd throw it in, just for the hell of it. Anyway, the issues the Committee discussed include questions of the classification of the space--is it a gallery, or not?--as well as what constitutes offensiveness and (or at least, this is my interpretation--let me know if I'm wrong) what constitutes a captive audience. It was pointed out that no private show space exists on campus; also, the Committee fails to understand what was offensive about the show. Oh well...so much for the Constitution.

Social Science reports that Psychology candidates are coming. Also, the Division met with President Coleman, who apparantly said something along the lines of wanting the Division to hire someone to teach law (?). I can't explain it; neither can anybody I've spoken to, but then...oh, never mind. I won't say it. Lit reports that the Martin Green lecture was badly attended, and that Jamaica Kincaid is reading on November 1.

Tina writes, "Class reps--it's about time." It is, too. So advertise on blackboards, put up posters, bring it up in division meetings, and do anything else you can to insure that it gets done.

HAVE A GREAT LONG WEEKEND.....