

ELECTION RESULTS DISPUTED!

Unofficial reports, undetailed and unconfirmed yet not determinedly or convincingly denied, suggest that results of recent private program discussions are in dispute. Discussions, of course, often lead to decisions; discussions also take place before elections (appropriately, we believe). Because of those “facts” and because decision-making is also a broader way of saying “elections,” please understand the drama if not the pertinency of our headline.

IN DISPUTE

Whether it is fair to make Professor Audra Sussman the renegade genius at the chanced heart of last semester’s thrilling Internet novel, *A Killer Semester*. There are several disputes surrounding this issue: 1) Why not Orhlicker? She was a bigger witch than Sussman. She would be able to kill students in her Senior Seminar (although, Sussman might too). Or why not Hopkins? The chanter on his bagpipes would make a delicious secret weapon. Why not, for that matter, Kinnell? He could be the “pacing, maniacal fiend, driven to madness by the inconsistencies of English grammar”; 2) Why call this an Internet Novel? Why not a Caucus Caper? or Stockton’s Superior Saga? 3) and finally, what about that title? Why not *A Really Tough Week* or *Life with Literature* or *Please No More Defoe!*?

Also, partisan dispute rages over the exact nature of ingredients in Prof. Tompkins’ big crock-pot-full-of-soup dish.

There seems to be special bitterness surrounding selection of the date for finalization of menu suggestions. Should the Fieldmarshall certify all food items before Thanksgiving (submitted in triplicate with recipes attached: **no e-mails or phone messages**) or will the first Friday in December be time enough? Or should final notification come by December 3rd? Why does it matter? (But then Thanksgiving has passed: should all future suggestions be ignored? What if no one has suggested pig cookies yet? Should we litigate?)

NOT IN DISPUTE

Professor Kinsella, although he tried to push himself forward, will not be allowed to accompany his cat Abigail in a guitar/singing duet at the Bash.

The *Etiquette Handbook*, it has been agreed with little or no dispute, will not be reissued with an eye toward national sales in a generously expanded hard-bound edition with additional in-depth discussions to include Microsoft’s role in academia, the viability of Old Mercian as modern dialect, and voting laws in America.

CLEARLY NOT IN DISPUTE

The time and date of **The Really, Really Big Lit/Lang Holiday Workshop Bash**: Friday, December 15th, 2000, 4:30 until 6:00 or so — in swanky N-115.



We wonder, are the chequered edges of stamps also called chad? They seem related.

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(Don’t acronym codes and numbers make things look official and cool?
This must be an important document!)