Dartmouth Professor Maps Out U.S. Health Care Reform

by Emily Anderson ’13

Features Writer

Students packed the pews of the Chapel on Thursday, Feb. 11, to hear Dartmouth College Professor of Economics Jonathan Skinner speak about health care reform in the United States. He laid out facts and figures about health care, and he evaluated the possible reasons why Americans need health care reform. Skinner concluded by proposing his own solution, a comprehensive overhaul to the current system.

First, Skinner polled the audience on whether they thought that a health care reform bill would pass this year. He estimated that about 15 percent of the audience raised their hands. Although the passage of legislation this year seems a better prospect than it was at the end of last year, Skinner believes that the reform issue will be addressed “a lot sooner than we think.”

Right now, the federal debt as a percentage of gross domestic product (GDP) is predicted to rise from about 64 percent today to over 200 percent over the next few decades if the existing growth rates continue, according to the Congressional Budget Office. Skinner reported that Medicare and Medicaid, not Social Security, would cause this enormous growth of debt. He described a “perfect storm” of rising individual health care costs and an aging population as the main reasons for this potential sharp increase.

Skinner also examined the reasons for the demise of affordable health care. Insurance companies, doctors, hospitals, pharmaceutical companies, and government are causing the “perfect storm.”

Professor Skinner speaks about the current climate for health care reform in the Chapel on Thursday, Feb. 11.

Asbestos Forces Out 11 Bundy Residents

by Thomas Yarnell ’10

News Editor

Eleven students are being forced to move out of their current rooms in Bundy Residence Halls due to concerns about asbestos contamination in the ceiling. On Monday, Feb. 15, the 11 residents in Bundy East and West Residence Halls received an e-mail from Director of Residential Life Travis Hill informing them that they must move out of their current rooms as soon as possible and stay in new rooms for the remainder of the semester.

According to Steve Bellona, associate vice president for facilities and planning, the students must move because their rooms in particular need to be stabilized due to cracked and delaminating ceilings and there will not be enough time over spring break to adequately complete the stabilization process.

“Due to the nature of the work in the room, we would need to pack up and remove all the personal items and furniture in the room to complete the stabilization effort in each of these rooms,” said Bellona. “In reviewing this work effort along with the other stabilization effort in the West Bundy second floor south hallway, we determined that we did not have enough time over the spring break to accomplish both the hallway work and the room stabilization prior to the end of spring break.”

Colin Chapin ’12 did not appreciate how he was informed about the need to move.

“The e-mail seemed pretty impersonal to me,” he said. “I understand the move is necessary, but receiving a short e-mail right after a long day of classes telling you to pack everything up and find a new place to live isn’t the best way to go about this.”

Leah Koren ’12 expressed a different kind of frustration that seemed common among the students who have to move.

“It is a huge inconvenience to have to move all of my stuff from my room because I have academics and extra curriculars that need to focus on,” she said.

Koren, however, considers herself lucky. She managed to get a different single in Bundy East “a couple hallways down” from her current room.

Hill’s e-mail notified the students that new rooms would be selected on a first come, first served basis.

In a subsequent interview, Hill said that the students selected their new rooms “based on whatever vacancies [Residential Life] had available” and that these rooms are “all over campus.”

The students will receive $100 on their Hill Cards for the inconvenience and can enlist Physical Plant to help them with the move.

Chapin said that in his meeting with Residential Life

Student Organizations Raise Over $3,000 for Haiti Victims

by Emily Delbridge ’13

News Writer

Hamilton organizations have raised over $3,000 to help the victims of the earthquake that devastated Haiti on Jan. 12.

A collaborative group including the Sigma Lambda Upsilon sorority, the Black Latino Student Union, La Unidad Latina, the Lambda Upsilon Lambda fraternity and the Social Justice Initiative collected nearly half of Hamilton’s reported total. The group raised money by selling Candy Grams for Valentine’s Day and by asking for donations in Beinecke Student Activities Village and at basketball games. The West Indian and African Association (WIAA) also collected money in Beinecke for a total of $540, and ELS recently sold Valentine’s Day cards and raised $400 for the relief effort.

In addition, the Sigma Lambda Upsilon Coalition has collected five bags of clothing and supplies for victims.

The funds collected translate into aid for Haiti through several different organizations. WIAA chose Doctors Without Borders as their charity because it dedicates only six percent of the amount of money donated. ELS is donating through Architecture For Humanity, which will help rebuild schools, hospitals, and community centers in the affected areas. Sigma Lambda Upsilon chose UNICEF (the United Nation’s Children’s Fund) because they have been working with the organization all year.

The Hamiltones and the Buf- fers have also participated in the effort. The Hamiltones are donating half of the proceeds from sales of their newly released CD to a beneficiary of the organization.

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companies, administrative costs, malpractice lawyers and consumers all play a role in the escalating costs, but Skinner said no single group is the primary culprit.

Skinner works with the Dartmouth Atlas of Health Care, which examines how health care practices and costs differ across different regions of the country. Skinner presented one map, for example, that showed the Miami-Dade area having the highest individual costs. The rest of the map revealed the drastic variations in health care costs across the country. Skinner said that more spending does not buy better quality health care; in fact, there was a negative correlation between cost and quality of care.

Additionally, he noted that a significant problem lies in the fact that doctors get reimbursed at lower rates by Medicare and Medicaid than from private insurance companies for the same procedures. To make up for this, some doctors increase the number of patients they see in a day. This results in lower quality care, and more procedures being done than are necessary. After explaining the shortcomings of America's current health care system, Skinner discussed his "Cookbook for Health Care Reform" which rests on a three-pronged platform.

First, he advocates for universal coverage using vouchers. Every citizen would get one, funded by a value-added tax. This program was originally proposed by Ezekiel Emanuel and Victor Fuchs in 2005. The government would collect money for health care and then distribute it to insurance companies, who would then want more coverage, which would push the cost of the program.

Finally, he believes that patients should "get what they want." Skinner believes shared decision-making by doctors and patients would vastly improve the current system.

Skinner understands that the debate over health care reform is ongoing, and concluded by saying simply, "If we don't fix it, it's really a problem."
This time around, the Lunar New Year celebration in the Annex featured more than just food and entertainment. Leading the event for the first time, the International Student Association wanted to add more cultural information to the customary food and entertainment program of past years.

The event’s usual sponsor, the Asian Cultural Society, helped ISA with the preparation, but was not able to host the evening due to an outstanding bill from the same event two years prior.

Held on Friday, Feb. 12, the night began with myths and customs associated with the Lunar New Year, including stories told in both Mandarin Chinese and in English, and continued with a short performance.

"We decided to create a skit to re-enact the Zodiac race to engage our audience," said ISA president Kumar Bhardwaj ’10. "We wanted our event to be more informative and interactive, thus we decided to make a presentation explaining the significance and methods in which Lunar New Year is celebrated." Following the formal program, a dinner catered by Mitsuba was served.

"This year, we decided to get Japanese food, instead of the usual Chinese food, to include the several groups that still maintain this tradition," said Bhardwaj.

"If there were a good Chinese, Korean or Vietnamese restaurant around then it would have been a much more authentic food choice," she said.

Planning for the event took a few weeks, and though attendance still found it somewhat disorganized, Bhardwaj thought that the skit was entertaining, but it was really frustrating how long it took them to get everything together and actually start the program," said Jessica Carroll ’12.

"If they were more organized and spent a little bit more on promotion of food better, I feel it would have been a more effective way of communicating the values and spirit of the Chinese New Year." Despite this sentiment, Bhardwaj indicated that the event was a success.

"In comparison to previous years, our event was more informative and more interactive, and had a much better turn out than last year...almost a full house."
Credit Where Credit is Due: Reevaluating Hamilton’s Current Credit System

Why does Hamilton not use the credit hour system that is utilized by the majority of other colleges? The most common explanation is that, due to the liberal arts ideals of the college, all classes should be treated equally. But try telling this to the students taking organic chemistry, who have to work extra hours on pre-labs, in labs and on lab reports, all in addition to their reading, studying and review sessions. Students face the same issues taking film classes that meet to watch films outside of normal class times or language classes that meet four to five times a week, with additional time for language tables and TA sessions on top of that.

The credit hour system would weigh classes more fairly so that the amount of time put in is equivalent to the credits received.

To see the need to transition from an outdated system to a more widely implemented one, look back no further than this year. This year, Hamilton switched from its antiquated 98 point GPA scale to the 4.0 scale. The change means that students can now list their GPA on the various application forms that require it without having to adjust it to a 4.0 scale using a calculator. Never again will students have to stumble through an explanation about how their GPA is actually better than it seems because it is only out of 98.

Such a change would also be helpful to offices like the Registrar’s Office. The Registrar’s Office, which is already busy enough, would no longer have to waste time writing letters to outside parties, like insurance companies, to explain that a full time student at Hamilton receives four, not 16 credits a semester.

However admirable the idea of treating all classes equally may be, it seriously conflicts with another ideal that we claim to value: giving credit where credit is due. The truth is that there are some classes that require more of a commitment than others. Surely the College has means to identify in which classes this is the case and the College can then use examples from other schools as a guide to make the transition as smooth as possible.

There are certain distinguishing characteristics of Hamilton in which we should all take great pride. Our ability to adapt, as we have seen, is one of them. Our current credit system, on the other hand, remains a great pain.

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Patrick: Think of the new Hamilton printing system as a long overdue measure. This program makes students more conscientious of the financial and environmental costs of their marginal printing decisions, besides allowing the College to recoup losses from those prolifigate students who go over the printing quota. Economic theory and common sense suggest that students will respond to their incentives and find ways to moderate their habits by reducing wasteful printing; or if the quota is set low enough, make students put their money where their ‘click-happy’ fingers are.

Lauren: Although I understand that Hamilton College wants to save money, the new printing system will be implemented next semester is ridiculous. When Hamilton College claims to offer students access to personal computers and printers, I think that they should consider giving students the opportunity to withdraw the endowment or donations to cover printing expenditures directly from the library, as I am sure that many JSTOR articles for papers in addition to the textbooks that I already bought for that class. I can understand the argument of subsidizing the price of over-quota printing for the cost of a textbook, if the price actually negates the use of a textbook. But the cold truth is that it does not. It is simply an added cost that should not exist.

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To the Editor:

Well folks, allow me to provide some interesting information about Professor Hill. Chris Hill joined the Hamilton faculty in 2006 on a term appointment without Ph.D. in hand. He came highly recommended. Se- niors in my department consulted him to concentrate on his teaching while he completed his dissertation. Although I cannot say I know him well (he has never broken bread with me), he acquired himself in the classroom most admirably. As Mr. Lombardi and Ms. Hour asserted, Professor Hill has been nominated for the presidency of the WHCL. As Mr. Lafeytin and Kevin Kennedy and other powerful trustees at this institution will find it most curious that this prize-winning Professor Hill, a closeted libertar- ician, in taking the lay of the land at Hamilton College shortly after his arrival, felt compelled to hide his accomplish- ment for fear of antagonizing Hamilton’s left-of-center management. Certain administrators and trustees at Hamilton College have made much in recent years of the need for collegiality on campus. We should add honesty—in the con- duct of business on campus. If we are to return our campus to its former glory as we all know, there are more than geeze and ganders. In November 2009, Professor Hill wrote President Stewart and Dean Urgo a polite, thoughtful letter that raised several important questions surrounding his case and the political cli- mate on campus. To date, neither President Stewart nor Dean Urgo has responded with so much as a one-sentence apology of courtesy. To the contrary, they have not even listened. Big surprise.

Sincerely,
Henry Anreder ’12

RE: Professor Hill

OPINION

The Vagina Monologues

by Elizabeth Scholz ’13

In the time that it has taken me to write this article, I have received two all-campus e-mails. Every day we receive at least ten all-campus e-mails notifying us about everything from speak- ers, parties to community events. They flood our inboxes and sometimes we receive sev- eral notifications for the same event in the course of a few hours.

While these e-mails keep us informed and engaged at Hamil- ton, how many people actually read them? Are they worth the time and effort spent writing and sending the e-mail? Or do people just delete them without looking at them because they think them useless? In other words, should these e-mails be stopped?

Student Activities lists the number of all-campus e-mails an organization can send about a single event. Each group is limited to two e-mails per event, and in order to obtain listserve privileges, an organization has to be approved. If an organiza- tion chooses to exceed this number, it can lose its listserve privileges.

This process should keep our inboxes mainly clutter free, but it does not. Instead, nearly every time I check my e-mail I get a new e-mail from the all-campus listerv (AIL) which informs me of another event. It should be noted that a proposal has been set forward to amend the way the listerv works. Many of these suggestions seem to solve many of the problems that the listerv causes. In fact, I would argue that all-campus e-mails do more good than harm.

While these e-mails do at times seem a bit overwhelming, they are generally informative. Instead of thinking that these e-mails are just an annoying waste of inbox space, we should try to be optimistic and think of them as a demonstration of all the wonderful opportunities that Hamilton has to offer. We have had so many opportuni- ties to listen to interesting pre- sentations such as the Female Genital and Sacerdote Great Names Speakers, and to hear musicians like Adam Harvey and The Kooks. These e-mails can also be informative by tell- ing us about everything from the Opus meals of the week to the hours of free skate. We can tell us about fundraisers, trips and internships for which we can sign up.

Although at times I can get frustrated by the mass quantities of e-mails (especially when I delete some e-mail that I ac- tually need), for the most part I support all-campus e-mails because they keep us informed about the activities on campus and tell us where and when the speakers, fundraisers and concerts happen. I mean, who wants to miss the Matt and Kim concert because they didn’t get their reminder email?

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Disclaimer: The opinions expressed in this column are purely of a satirical nature, and are not representative of the views of The Spectator editorial board.

Editor’s Note: We at The Spectator think the Vagina Monologues is a great event which raises awareness for a very worthy cause. For coverage of the Vagina Monologues, see page 11.
Orchestra Brings a Majestic Sound

by Allison Eck ‘12

The Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra gave a brilliant performance last Friday night as part of the Hamilton College Performing Arts “Classical Connections” series. The program, which gave listeners a chance to indulge in the music of both Strauss and Schumann, consisted of many flashy orchestral moments and bellowy vocal lines. Best of all, the concert provided Hamilton students with the opportunity to experience upper-tier professional musicianship.

The program opened with Don Juan, a tone poem based on the poem of the same name by NikoLaus Lenau. The orchestra’s ease in dealing with such rich orchestration was particularly striking, but also select individuals’ ability to step out of that sphere of sound briefly and into something of their own. All musicians can learn from this concept. For example, I was particularly impressed with principal oboist Erik Behr, who played a beautifully obvious, as it has no distinctly repeating melody, but is more important for this reason. Again, I think that a person who is not necessarily well-versed in classical music could still take something away from listening to Four Last Songs. The RPO performed the piece with a delicate eye and soprano Twyla Robinson’s voice was pristine and glorious.

The last number was Schumann’s Symphony No. 3 in E-flat major. The performance of this piece was wonderful, but nothing really stirred in me while listening to it. However, I would say that this piece has an indirect effect, because the next day I caught myself humming a melody I did not recognize. It turned out that it was Schumann and that I had unconsciously internalized it. This is the kind of effect that I think results from a very well done concert.

The turnout for this performance was slightly lower than I expected, which was frustrating.

The Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra which brought an intense and captivating sound to campus through Hamilton’s Performing Arts series “Classical Connections”,

It is my hope that more Hamilton students attend concerts like these in the future. It is important for students to attend these events: Even if it is not your taste, experiment a little and appreciate the excellence that comes out of a lifetime of hard work.

Students United in Theater Production

by Emily Gerston ’11

“Borders and Boundaries,” a performance piece by Shannon Stanfield ’07 and Professor of Theatre Carole A. Bellini-Sharp, will be performed in the List Art Center Studio (List 104) on Friday, Feb. 19 and Saturday, Feb. 20 at 8 p.m.

The Diversity and Social Justice project is sponsoring the performance, along with the Hamilton College Theatre Department, the Kirkland Endowment and, with help from Dave Zogby, the Municipal Housing Authority’s community resource director. According to the Diversity and Social Justice Project’s website, the group has made issues of citizenship its main focus this year.

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The performance is free and open to the public, but seating will be limited. For reservations, please call the box office at (315) 859-4057.

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Students Reach Out to Haiti Victims in a Benefit Concert

by Mariela Meza ’13
ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Hamilton’s all male a cappella group, the Buffers, spent last Friday acting as minstrels for hire as they traveled around campus singing songs to unknowing recipients of Buffergrams.

The Buffers Break Hearts with Buffergrams for Valentine’s Day in Annual Tradition

Hamilton is not as isolated as we think, and we were all recently made acutely aware of the realities of the real world following the massive earthquake that devastated Haiti. As a show of support and in an effort to raise funds to send to Haiti, Elsie Love, Sara Scheinson, and Julia Weis, all members of the Class of 2012, organized an a cappella concert for the cause. The concert was phenomenal and featured performances by The Hamiltones, Special K and Tumbling After, as well as other non a cappella acts. There was a great turnout and the audience seemed to enjoy the selection of songs each group assembled. Although brief, the concert seemed to serve its purpose in generating interest in the Haiti cause. In addition to the performance, the groups were selling CDs, proceeds from which were going to Haiti, along with money raised from donations and the sale of baked goods. This concert was just one of the many ways in which the Hamilton community has been doing its part to help the cause and simultaneously reminding ourselves that there is a world outside the Hamilton bubble.

YACHT Sails Away on Wave of Audience Energy

by Lily Gillespie ’12
ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Through bright neon lights and the sounds of electronica, Feb Fest kicked off with the energetic performance of YACHT and MNDR on Saturday night. MNDR opened the show, bearing the responsibility of getting the crowd hyped. After an intermission, the two-man band YACHT made their appearance dressed in a contrasting black cape-dress and a white suit, quite the contrast. All one could hear were the screams by the already overexcited fanatics of this electronica mixed-with-indie band. The “spazz-tic” nature as well as the heavy dependence on the base made their appearance a bit disorienting as the audience signified the success of YACHT and MNDR within the Hamilton community.

In general, YACHT had a great stage performance and should receive kudos for audience interaction, from dancing with the audience on the floor to the responsive echo chant that took place at the end of the show. The crowd was very energetic and seemed to enjoy the lively performance supplemented by visuals in the background. Their songs are very upbeat and allowed for aimless jumping around. Signs of sweat, upbeat dancing and constant bouncing into one another is an indication of the success of YACHT within the Hamilton community.

As mentioned before, the very end of the show was unique and personally made me feel as if I was part of a cult (even though on their website YACHT adamantly states that they are NOT a cult). Iona, the male singer in the band, climbed on top of speakers, and with the help of the power point in the background, he even managed to make everyone scream profanities. This experience provided an escape from stress for those who “hate their parents” or “hate school” by having them yell “F*** YOU!” in response to Iona’s suggestion.

The audience gave straightforward feedback: they either loved YACHT or they did not. It was hard to feel in between, given that every aspect of their performance was interconnected with each other. This up-and-coming band could not stay for an interview due to their tight travel schedule: Oregon and Canada within a week! I believe that this band will gain popularity because of its unique approach at concerts; it is original and stimulates more than just the hearing sense of the audience.
by Keith MacArtney ’13

FEATURES WRITER

“Have you ever wondered if there was more to life than being really, really, ridiculously good looking?” The ten contestants of the second annual Mr. Hamilton male pageant each gave the Hill their answer to this question on Tuesday night. The event was so well attended that many were left standing along the walls of the Annex, unable to find a place to stand.

The ladies of the dance team fittingly set the tone for the night.

The contestents’ true colors shone during the talent portion of the evening. Some high-lighted included senior Tim Shaw’s flawless portrayal of Napoleon Dynamite’s Canned Heat dance and junior EMT Andrew Branting’s valiant efforts to save the life of his swooning friend Kevin Warzel, who sang a rendition of Marvin Gaye’s “Sexual Healing.”

Warzel, who sang a rendition of Marvin Gaye’s “Sexual Healing,” got the audience excited by bringing The Buffers on stage. The crowd was disappointed by sophomore Nick Costantino’s inability to ski indoors; however, he made up for it, leaving the audience awed by his readings of two heart-felt poems. A few of the contestants chose the musical route, but John Lawrence ’10 added the element of sign language to his performance. Judd, the only first-year contestant, went crying to his “party room” in “Dirty D” after Randall Ma-

son ’11, one of the event’s four judges, showed him up with his lap-dancing skills in the talent portion of the pageant.

The final event was the question and answer session, in which each of the contestents dressed to the themes for a formal wear competition. Todd Woodworth ’12 gained everyone’s approval by going all out and wearing a full tuxedo; however, Ben Wind ’12 was tough competition, as he swaggered down the runway with his stylish floral vest. The guys were forced to reveal intimate details of their lives: the most embarrassing moments of their lives, worst walks of shame, the contents of their refrigerators, most embarrassing songs on their iPods, what they like about their girlfriends, most meaningful Facebook groups and favorite party spaces on campus.

Ian Doran ’11, pictured with other contestants and emcees, claims title of Mr. Hamilton Assembly.

It took guts for the guys to show off their guns during the swimsuit competition. Common trends were flippers and scuba gear; however, Simon Judd ’13 creatively fashioned an empty Keystone Light box as his swimwear for the night. Charlie Warzel ’10 left a different mark on the crowd, rubbing body oil over his bare chest.

of the German club well, as he took home the pink, fuzzy plastic crown and gained the much sought-after title of Mr. Hamilton. Woodworth was the runner-up. To conclude the evening’s festivities, HEAT impressed the audience with their dance moves. While it was fun to watch the guys squirm on stage in their attempts to be named Hamilton’s biggest guest, the true point of the event was to raise money for charity. As the audience earned the title of One Heart with Africa, Dan Hughes ’12, “Ubuntu aims to develop quality education and healthy communities and currently reaches over 40,000 children to provide health care, scholarships and counseling.

In this particular township, there is a 24 percent HIV infection rate and 80 percent unemployment rate. Ubuntu enrolls 24,000 children in its health program as well as providing the resources necessary to keep children off the streets and active.” For more information on this vital cause, speak to a member of the One Heart with Africa club or visit www.ubuntufund.org. The club last year, all proceeds from the event will be donated to the Ubuntu Education Fund, an NGO located in the township of Port Elizabeth, South Africa.

According to president of One Heart with Africa, Dan Hughes ’12, “Ubuntu aims to run in all four Mr. Hamilton pageants in the past week as we anxiously anticipated the Hill’s incredibly popular, yet relatively new, tradition. One Heart with Africa reported that they raised over $1,100 for Ubuntu. The Social Traditions Committee extended their thanks to Caitlyn Williams ’11 and “Al Ham” for making several appearances throughout the night. Altogether, the Mr. Hamilton pageant of 2010 was a major success for the Hamilton community.

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Runner-up Todd Wentworth ’12 displays his musical ability to an unwilling participant during the talent portion of the pageant.
The Vagina Monologues is a funny and sometimes poignant look at female sexuality. This yearly performance, sponsored by the Womyn’s Center, is a part of a national movement known as V-Day, a global effort to stop violence against women and girls. Proceeds from the performance at Hamilton go to the Mohawk Valley YWCA and Utica Planned Parenthood. The performance was a wonderful opportunity for the Hamilton community to learn and to get involved in an important worldwide cause, relevant to both women and men on campus.

The Vagina Monologues is a play written by Eve Ensler, that was first performed off-Broadway. It is now performed throughout the world and has even been adapted for television by HBO. Ensler and others launched V-Day, which uses performances of The Vagina Monologues as part of an awareness and fund-raising and campaign to prevent violence against women and girls. Students who attended this performance at Hamilton helped contribute to the millions of dollars that the V-Day campaign has raised worldwide.

The Vagina Monologues is, as the title implies, broken up into various monologues, all relating to the female anatomy through the discussion of topics like sexual freedom, sexual oppression and positive body image. A recurring theme in the play is the vagina as an embodiment of female empowerment. A new monologue is added each year to keep knowledge of the issue of violence against women and girls current, and to remind audiences of the V-Day slogan: “Until the violence stops.”

For example, Ensler added a monologue in 2003 about the subjugation of women under Taliban rule.

The V-Day organization was founded in 1998, and Hamilton’s Womyn’s Center has been participating for over five years. The actresses are not paid professionals; instead they are women on campus, including students, faculty and staff, who wish to participate in the cause.

V-Day aims to stop the violence that affects one in every three women globally. That goal is echoed by director and coordinator of The Vagina Monologues at Hamilton, Amy Tannenbaum ’10, who explained, “It’s a moment for us, as a campus, to reflect on how to end violence against women and promote more respect for women and their bodies. I hope that audience members are inspired to think about how they, too, have a part to play in the struggle to end violence against women.”

The performance was an opportunity for Hamilton students to learn about an important global issue, and to contribute to its prevention. In Tannenbaum’s words, “The Vagina Monologues is a celebration and a conversation but it’s also a call to action, and I hope audience members see it as all three things.” To learn more about the V-Day organization and to get involved in the fight against violence against women and girls, visit vday.org.
The chocolate tasting at FebFest may not have been the healthiest event, but it was arguably the most delicious (sorry Broomball, but your kabobs didn’t come close to 86 percent cocoa). Ernest Williams, a biology professor and Hamilton’s resident chocolate connoisseur, introduced the event as “less of a tasting and more of a pig-out.” Most students took this as an invitation, sampling chocolate-dipped macaroons, chocolate biscotti, chocolate mousse, chocolate cake and hot chocolate. Before they began to feel too guilty, however, Professor Williams informed participants about chocolate’s many beneficial ingredients. The “chocolate liquor” formed from ground cocoa beans contains stimulants, neurotransmitters and antioxidants, all of which can help to elevate your mood, give you more energy and possibly reduce the risk of disease. It’s debatable if the extra half-hour you spent at the gym balanced out the trans fats that chocolate also contains. Williams successfully convinced many students that the positive effects of chocolate far outweigh any of its “unhealthy” aspects.

Professor Ernest Williams’ Chocolate Tasting

In between Monday’s chocolate tasting with Professor Ernest Williams and Wednesday’s wine tasting with Professor Stephen Ellingson, students fit in a round of beer tasting, courtesy of Utica’s own Saranac Brewery and sponsored by H.A.L.T. Students, ages 21 and over, gathered at the Little Pub Tuesday afternoon to sample both Saranac and Utica Club beer, both of which are brewed by the Matt Brewery. The beers tasted included Saranac’s Adirondack Lager, Pale Ale, Irish Red Ale, Irish Stout and Utica Club’s Pilsener Lager.

With another beer tasting on Thursday and Saturday’s chili cookoff still to come in the FebFest lineup, there are plenty of more opportunities to participate.

For more information about the Matt Brewery and Saranac and Utica Club beers, check out their website at www.saranac.com.
“Lista para una nueva aventura Anamita!” my mother would say as we piled into the car to head out into the Colombian countryside. We would go mountain biking and hiking through quaint villages surrounded by the towering Andes. Yet what I always found the most exciting were our occasional visits to pre-Columbian ruins. These remains sparked a childhood interest in ancient cultures and archaeology. From this childhood interest, archaeology has become an academic pursuit that led me to explore ancient Mesoamerica.

The summer after my junior year of high school, I had the opportunity to go on an archaeological dig in Orange County, Belize, for three months. The weather was 100-degree weather—with 90 percent humidity—made my dream job an arduous task. It was not easy, but I did enjoy the beautiful flora and fauna of the jungle and uncovering the walls of buried Mayan houses. After three months of hard work, I was able to uncover one of the external walls of a Mayan house. I was curious to explore other disappearances of Mesoamerican. I decided to spend my summers in Mayan art, Professor McEnroe informed me of the collection in storage at Hamilton. Munson—Williams-Proctor Arts Institute donated most of this collection, which has been in storage in the basement of the Christian John building for over five years. I took the opportunity to explore the collection and created an indepen dent study that enabled me to connect archaeology and art history. I cataloged the American collection and produced a "catalog essay" that describes the morphology, iconography and socio-historic context of each piece in the collection.

It is gratifying to see a child show this type of thinking about the world. Human beings are seriously to deal with their problems and their issues in a dissimilar way. Your contribution in the field of political and verbal version and in the Met in a visual and creative version. What is the greatest foreign policy test for the Obama administration? The biggest challenge is to see whether the U.S. and other nations will find it possible to agree to joint actions today that can limit the irreparable damage to our globe from climate change within the next 40 to 50 years. Your generation and your children’s generation will be faced with a different and more troubled world. It will be affected by a shortage of water, by a shortage of agricultural produce, by more stressed living conditions for a population twice the size it is today.

And then I guess on the foreign policy front, there is the challenge of establishing a coherent relationship with China for the long term and developing a strategy for dealing with Islamic-Western misunderstandings and, indeed, conflicts.

Any tips for Hamilton students preparing for careers in foreign affairs? You have to learn a foreign language, and I bet it should be an Asian language. As the United States becomes more and more of a partner and not the manager of the world, we have to know about foreign cultures, we have to know more languages, and we have to be creative. You find yourself in the field of what globalization means for us. And I don’t see that happening. I wish there were more young people who were committed to learning about other cultures and nations outside of the United States. Learning about other cultures also helps you understand your own country.

Now in Emerson Gallery: Visions of Earth-Sky
Students Begin Applying for Summer Research

by Rebecca Shields ’13 S C I E N C E & T E C H N O L O G Y W R I T E R

Now is the time of year when most students are thinking about their plans for the summer. Many students feel that they want to get off the Hill as soon as their finals are done; however, there are always a few who get to stay through the summer and conduct research with their favorite professors. It is an opportunity for students to learn about both the ideas and methods involved in cutting-edge science.

Even though it is technically summer break, there is no break in research. Faculty do most of their research during the summer months and usually use students to aid in their experiments and research. There are more than 100 projects that take place over the summer. In science research alone, more than 70 students will conduct research over the summer.

“Science research usually takes ten weeks to conduct,” adds Professor Hern Lehman of the Biology Department. Lehman has conducted summer research since he was a junior in college. He tends to focus his research on the neurology of insects, especially in developing larvae. In past years, students have helped to show the developing notochord, a backbone-like structure, in fruitfly larvae and to document the different layers of brain tissue in a honeybee.

This coming summer, Lehman is looking to see how synapses, the connections between nerve cells, are formed during the larval stages of honeybees and fruitflies. “This research that I am conducting this year is mainly just for curiosity,” Lehman says. “But who knows where further research could lead this experiment.”

There is a slower and more tedious pace to scientific research over the summer compared to during the school year. “It definitely gets a little boring over the summer. Of course! It’s a lot of repetition: taking pictures of the same tissue using the same angle of the tissue all day long,” Lehman says. “Sometimes during the eight weeks or so, all you get are a few pictures that are good enough to add to the report.”

The first few weeks usually consist of training to use special equipment and then the other weeks are then spent working and perfecting the use of the equipment to add to the study. The studies are also very structured, but fitted with the student’s interests for the study. A student can be a part of a study and then can do pieces of the experiment that interests them.

Even though it may not be the most exciting work every day during the summer, there is still amazing research conducted by students for their benefit. Two students that took part in summer research through the Chemistry Department were Taylor Adams ’11 and Peter Garrett ’11. They studied the factors that act on the interactions between galactin-1, a protein involved in the immune system and carbohydrate molecules to create a...

Research last summer included Elizabeth Pendrey’s ’10 assessment of bacterial diversity in Green Lake, NY and Will Bauder’s ’10 work at Indiana University (advised by a Hamilton Professor) on radioactive decay (right).
Professor Research Profile: Mattheus, Geoscience

by Robin Mattheus
V р EM ING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF GEO SCIENCE

This is part of a series on what research our professors pursue outside of the classroom. It is intended to further the Hamilton Community’s understanding of the scientific and academic community we have on campus.

What is your specialty in your field?

As a coastal geologist, I specialize in understanding how processes of sediment erosion, transport, and deposition vary spatially and temporally within the coastal zone.

What research questions are you currently interested in?

I am trying to answer the question of how well-connected coastal landscapes are to their estuaries [a body of water where inland fresh water meets salty sea water] from a sediment-transport perspective and to what degree coastal urbanization and land-use changes affect river-sediment loads.

Why are you interested in these questions?

Sediment connectivity between upland and bay environments is important to address as we are experiencing a global coastal population boom, which has potential to alter established sediment pathways and fluxes. Increasing river-sediment loads commonly presents a pollution problem and may lead to estuarine ecosystem degradation. Furthermore, to better assess coastal vulnerability to future accelerated sea-level rise, we need to better understand and model how coastal landscapes change, because sea level is not inundating a passive topography.

What methods are you using to answer these questions in your lab or in the field?

I integrate information on watershed changes (land-use modifications, etc.) with precipitation records, lithologic data derived from sediment cores and field observations to help explain the timing and the causes for sediment transport. In collaboration with researchers at the University of North Carolina and the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, I have been able to incorporate geochemical and ecological datasets and take a more interdisciplinary approach to the study of coastal sedimentation.

What impact do you hope your work will have?

My aim is to add a small piece to the puzzle of how coastal sediment-transport systems function.

What have you found so far towards answering your questions?

Preliminary work has shown that, despite their low gradients, small coastal-plain rivers are very efficient at moving sediment from their upland reaches to estuaries. Deforestation and increased sediment erosion in a small North Carolina watershed, for example, was felt immediately at the river terminus, where the system’s delta expanded into the bay by almost half a mile in approximately 30 years in response to increased sediment flux. This efficiency in sediment transport is explained by low storage capacity along route and locally-high gradient (with respect to large coastal-plain rivers). Despite their abundance, these small systems are understudied and generally ignored as significant sediment contributors to the coastal oceans given their size and the shallow terrains they drain.

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Chemistry Society Begins Meeting for the Semester

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be in contact with the Utica Children’s Museum, which is severely lacking in exhibitions involving chemistry. The museum has invited them to provide a chemistry display in an available space. Their plan is to create a giant, interactive periodic table including examples of elements that children can hold and descriptions of each element on the table.

Rico cites his own background and interest in chemistry as his motivation for creating this display. “I grew up in a small city in Mexico that has a science museum. I used to go there many weekends and the demonstrations it had would always fascinate me,” he said. “I hope that other kids will also develop a similar passion for science just as I did.” Hopefully the display in Utica will have the same effect and will fill a void in science education in the museum. The society’s next event will be to go on a shopping trip for materials for the exhibition. Another big move for the organization will be transferring their publication Catalyst to an online format. They plan on using this forum as a way to increase their readership as well as devote space to profiles of the members and a blog. One of the goals of the online format is for them to be able to offer an online tutoring service, through which they can publicly respond to chemistry questions sent in by students.

Following up on the success the group had with their liquid nitrogen ice cream demonstration last semester, which they estimate attracted about 200 students, they are once again planning on putting on a chemistry exhibition for the College. While they have not yet decided on what it will include, ideas for the demonstration have ranged from bottle rockets to hydrogen peroxide volcanoes. Warmer weather might see the creation of more liquid nitrogen ice cream due to its previous popularity. No matter what they decide, the campus benefits. Their past demonstrations have shown that the community certainly enjoys the society’s events. Students interested in joining the society can contact Julienne Tylko or Carlos Rico. Meetings are held every other Monday in the chemistry lounge of the Science Center at 4 p.m. and everyone is encouraged to attend.

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Febfest Features Chocolate Tasting, Discussion with Professor Williams on Benefits of Chocolate

pressure, but the chemical also dilates the blood vessels to lower blood pressure. It also facilitates the drainage of excess fluid around the heart, one of the causes of heart failure.

Chocolate contains more mood-affecting chemicals than theobromine. Caffeine is another substance found in the candy, and its effects are certainly familiar to college students. The neurotransmitters serotonin and dopamine, both of which can affect mood and behavior, are also found in chocolate.

There are also several compounds that affect the lungs and breathing, indicating that chocolate might be useful in the treatment of asthma or other lung diseases.

Compounds in chocolate can also affect muscle tissue. After a workout, you might want to consider drinking a glass of low-fat chocolate milk instead of a typical protein shake. Recent studies have shown chocolate milk to be as good as, if not better than, protein shakes at helping muscles to recover after exercise. Chocolate milk also contains several important minerals that the body loses during exercise.

Chocolate is also rich in antioxidants, compounds that have been implicated in helping the body fight various diseases, including cancer. A bar of dark chocolate contains significant amounts of these compounds that are rapidly absorbed into the bloodstream. These antioxidants are similar to those found in red wine and tea, making it one more food that can potentially improve health and life expectancy.

But chocolate is not without its risks. Milk chocolate substitutes some of the nutrient-rich chocolate derivative with milk and sugar, reducing its beneficial effects and adding calories with milk and sugar. White chocolate actually contains none of the essential compounds found in chocolate, making it nothing more than empty calories.

This type of chocolate is sweeter and more available than dark chocolate due to its high sugar content, which also contributes a great deal of calories. A high calorie diet can lead to obesity, which in turn can cause several other health complications. This fact is fairly obvious for most people, but not many know that chocolate can also contain significant amounts of lead. Recent studies have found relatively high levels of lead in chocolate around the world. To combat this trend in the United States, the Food and Drug Administration lowered the permissible level of lead in candy by one fifth. However, compliance with this standard is only voluntary.

Researchers are unsure whether these levels of lead can be absorbed by and affect the body, but it is also unknown how much lead children can safely consume. Lead consumption can cause lead poisoning, a neurological disorder that can cause permanent mental deficits, including a lower IQ score.

Theobromine (left), one of the key compounds found in chocolate, has a molecular structure nearly identical to caffeine.

Summer Research Applications Begin

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inhibitor to further the research. However, student interest in the program seems to be declining. Despite having the option to do research on campus, many students are instead opting to apply for research positions in outside companies. “A lot of students are not staying on campus now because they are finding outside research firms and jobs over the summer and are not looking to doing research here,” adds Professor Lehman.

This may be a good thing if you’re looking to apply to be a summer researcher. It’s a great opportunity for students to work with their professors and apply themselves to real experiments that will get published. “I have had some of my students help write scientific journal entries and some were co-authors for the experiment. Some other departments have had students run their own studies and even publish their work from that summer,” says Professor Lehman.

The summer research program within the science department is a well-run opportunity for students to work side by side with professors conducting real research that will get published and aid the scientific community.

Off-Campus Science News This Week...

Google Enters the Fray of Social Networking

Last week, Google announced the launch of its social networking service, Buzz. It was intended primarily to compete with Twitter, much like Google’s Internet browser Chrome offered competition for other browsers such as Firefox and Safari. The corporation marketed Buzz’s ability to automatically follow a user’s top 40 contacts in Gmail as superior to Twitter’s following system, which forces the user to select each person they want to follow by hand. The system evoked a public outcry when some users were unilaterally reconnected with people they did not want to reconnect with. Google rapidly changed the feature to automatically recommending people to follow instead of actually following them. Now, users have to select each person to follow manually, much like Twitter’s system.

Breakthrough in Vaccines Could Bring Help to Isolated Regions

Researchers at Oxford University have found a way to preserve vaccines that does not require refrigeration. Currently, vaccines need to be kept cold to stay effective, which hurts their ability to be useful in areas such as Africa that have high temperatures and little access to refrigeration. By drying the contents of a vaccine on a filter laced with sugars, the vaccine can stay potent for several months, even at high temperatures. The thin film containing the vaccine can be mounted in a plastic container and attached to a syringe at one end and a needle at the other. When the syringe is filled with water and injected, the vaccine is dissolved and travels with the water into the body. This technique could prove to be revolutionary and help distribute vaccines to even the most remote areas of the world.

Space Station’s New Windows Give Astronauts a View of Earth

The International Space Station (ISS) got a new view of the Earth this week when astronauts took three space walks to remove the protective covers on the seven windows of a new module of the station. The windows, mounted in a dome shape, allow the astronauts to have a full view of the planet, but also allow them to see how they are maneuvering the station’s external robotic arm. Operation of the arm previously relied solely on views provided by cameras mounted on the station. NASA’s shuttle program is due to retire this year, and as such has only four more scheduled missions to the ISS. Because the shuttles are the only reusable space vehicle ever created, they are essential for transporting equipment to the ISS and cycling out crew members. The shuttles’ successor, the Orion spacecraft, had been in development, but funding for the program was cut in the most recent budget proposal by President Obama.
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By Rebecca Hazlett ’13

In just its first year playing, the men’s club hockey team has made their presence known in the Upstate New York Club Hockey League (UNYCHL), going 5-1-1 so far this season. Founded in 2006, the UNYCHL consists of teams from Alfred University, Le Moyne College, Cazenovia College, Oneonta College, Canton College and Hamilton College.

So far this season, the Continentals have beaten all but one of the teams at least once. Hamilton has made the teams in the UNYCHL wonder where these Continentals came from with their “clappers” (slap shots) and “cele’s” (celebrations). Said forward Justin Torre ’11, “Sometimes at the face-offs the other team tells me ‘Your team is really good,’ and all you can say back to them is ‘I know, I know.’”

Captained by Greg Schwedock ’10, the team offers a chance at competition for those talented players who don’t suit up for the varsity squad. Schwedock said, “We have a ton of talent on the team. There have been around seven guys who have played for varsity that play for us, and a lot of the guys tried out for the team as well.” Schwedock also expressed gratitude to the administration for allowing the club team to compete at a higher level, saying, “even though we are not seriously coached and are not bound by serious commitments this is the highest level of hockey I have played in my life.”

The team is coached by Visiting Assistant Geoscience Professor Robin Mattheus, who grew up playing hockey in Germany. Mattheus speaks very highly of his team: “We have a lot of talent on the team and the atmosphere is great; watching the guys play you get the sense that everyone is working hard and having a good time. It is clear the respect is mutual.

In addition to his coaching duties, Mattheus plays goalie in practice. Currently, the team only has one goalie, Dan Weiss ’13, so the team would not be able to scrimmage if Mattheus did not suit up and join them. The team holds scrimmages to practice technique and keep in shape for their games. “We scrimmage to keep ourselves hungry out there,” said Torre.

The biggest win for the Continentals this season came on the road against SUNY Canton. After tying the Kangaroos 1-1 in their first game of the season at Sage Rink, Hamilton traveled three hours north with only 12 skaters to a rink even colder than Sage. Hamilton led the game 3-2 going into the third period, but Canton tied it up shortly after the period began. After missing a penalty shot opportunity, Tim Belden ’10 scored on a breakaway to take the lead. Canton pulled their goalie to try and tie up the game again with an extra skater, but the Continentals held on. With an assist from Schwedock, Torre buried the empty net goal to seal the 5-3 victory. After the game, Belden credited their new coach for the Continentals’ victory, citing Mattheus’ inspiring pregame speech as the difference between their strong victory and their early season tie.

According to Schwedock, Belden provided inspiration of his own with quite the epic post goal celebration or “cele” as it is fondly referred to by the team. Schwedock explained that after scoring the go-ahead goal against Canton, Belden triumphantly acted out by sheathing his stick, still skating at a high speed and then continued to take a dive as he reached his teammates. “The “cele’s” demonstrate the team’s enthusiasm and commitment to not only winning, but also to winning big. As Pete Gustuvson ’10 explained, "it’s not worth winning if you can’t win big.”

Hamilton is currently in second place in the UNYCHL with a big win on the road this past weekend at Alfred University. The team pulled off an astounding 11-0 shutout, even with only eight skaters able to make the four-hour trip. Mike “Gator” Gately ’10 scored a whopping eight goals for the Continentals’ road win. With this win, Hamilton secured the number two spot in the league and has clinched a playoff spot along with Le Moyne in first and Canton in third.

In addition to their strong performance in the UNYCHL, Hamilton has taken on Colgate twice this season. The Continentals started the season strong, defeating Colgate 7-3; unfortunately the Raiders came back in their second meeting, pulling out a close 7-6 victory. The Continentals were looking for revenge on home ice this past weekend; however, the Raiders canceled the match at the last minute.

The Hamilton community will have the chance to see if the team can “win big” this weekend. Hamilton has two big home games against Cazenovia and Le Moyne on Saturday Feb. 20 and Sunday Feb. 21 at 1 p.m. The score of the last match up against Cazenovia was 12-2 in favor of the Continentals. Sunday promises a tough match up against Le Moyne. When they last met Hamilton suffered a tough loss to the Dolphins, who are the two-year defending league champions. The game on Sunday will determine who wins the division title, and also who claims home-ice advantage throughout the playoffs.

Come support the men’s club ice hockey team this weekend as they battle at Sage Rink.

Timothy Belden ’10 (on right) provides leadership and offensive prowess for a team in only its second year in the Upstate New York Club Hockey League.

Paul Englehardt ’10 explained, “Coach has really brought the guys together, been a real catalyst for the team.”

By Rebecca Hazlett ’13

Sophomore Dillion Friday goes after the puck in Hamilton’s 5-3 road victory over SUNY Canton on Feb. 6.
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Sports, FebFest Style
By Greg Hyman ’13
Sports Writer

Included in the long list of activities and events taking place during this year’s FebFest are two rather unorthodox sporting events, dodgeball and “Snoccer” tournaments. Attempting to mix up the list of events, FebFest organizers included these two, hoping to inspire a wider range of Hamilton students to come out and enjoy the fun.

Event organizers want to end the program on a high note with a generally very popular game, dodgeball, organized by the HAVOC group on campus, and more specifically Betsy Bilharz ’12. She got the idea from her high school days. There was an annual tournament in which people would come out every year to participate and show their team spirit. Even those who chose not to participate still enjoyed watching the tournaments unfold.

“A dodgeball tournament is a great way to get the campus involved,” said Bilharz. The dodgeball tournaments held at Bilharz’s high school demonstrated their fundraising potential, which she hopes will carry over to FebFest’s dodgeball tournament which will be held Feb. 20, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Alumni Gym. Individuals pay three dollars to enter a team of five. There will be somewhat over 20 teams who are within two games of the NESCAC teams has two conference games at home, first against UMass-Boston on Feb. 19, and then against Babson on Feb. 20. The Continentals play their final two regular season games at home, first against UMass-Boston on Feb. 19, and Fiber to fiber, the team still has a chance to take a shot at the conference tournament, an excellent way to send out their seniors.

If a close win over Clarkson (63-60), the Continentals look to maintain their momentum through this weekend when they travel to Poughkeepsie and Troy, N.Y. to take on Vassar on Feb. 19 and Rensselaer on Feb. 20.

CORRECTION:
In last week’s article on the first-year on the women’s basketball team, we failed to mention Claire Hunsinger ’13 who played in 15 games for the Continentals this season. We apologize for the omission.

First-year Goalie Calvin Bartel Hurt

‘10 and Joe Buicco ’11, St. Anslem responded to each Hamilton goal with one of their own to keep the game out of reach.

The Continentals have since bounced back from this small speed bump with a 5-3 win over New England College on Feb. 13 at Sage Rink. Stearns got the start in net this time, and allowed three goals in the first two periods, but goals from Andrew Jelinek ’13, Buicco and Ryan Guarin ’11 kept the score tied heading into the second intermission. Hefferman then came off the bench and stopped all 14 third-period shots he saw, and Hamilton saw power-play goals from Harry Biggs ’10 and Buicco to seal the win.

Most impressive was Hamilton’s power-play on the night; they scored three times out of eight on the man advantage, continuing to improve a power-play that had once been one of the worst in the NESCAC.

All in all, it seems the Continentals are still plagued by inconsistency that has been present all season, particularly on defense. Bartel’s injury has certainly hurt them some, as he had been asserting himself as the team’s true number one goalie.

The Continentals, though, have played their final two regular season games at home, first against UMass-Boston on Feb. 19, and then against Babson on Feb. 20. UMass-Boston, in particular, has been somewhat inconsistent as well – they followed up a Feb. 12 5-1 blowout at the hands of Middlebury, the second-ranked team in the NESCAC, with an impressive 4-2 victory over Williams the following day. Babson, as well, will have its hands full going into the final weekend. Prior to Sunday’s game, they will have to face Amherst, who is tied with Williams for the third spot in the NESCAC rankings.

At this point, Hamilton, ranked sixth in the NESCAC with a 9-7-1 conference record, is out of the running for a home conference playoff game. All the NESCAC teams have two in-conference games remaining, all being played this weekend. It seems that they have the sixth spot locked up, as they trail fifth-ranked Trinity by 1.5 games and hold a one-game lead over Tufts. Hamilton’s quarterfinal opponent is still in question. Assuming they end up as the sixth seed, their third-seeded opponent could be any of five teams who are within two games of each other: Middlebury, Amherst, Williams or Trinity, all of which the Continentals have lost to previously this year.

Kimberly Goldell ’13 scans the court for her next move.

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Their fourth ranked slot, and look to maintain their winning record with two games to go. The Continentals hope to end with their seventh winning season in the past eight years. When it comes down to crunch time, the Continentals will need everyone on board, looking for a combination of the offensive prowess of the rookies and the trademark tough defense that Head Coach Sean Mackin’s teams have become known for.

With four graduating seniors including Alex Sowinski ’10, Cate Schaefer ’10, Hannah Adams ’10 and August Keating ’10, the Continentals will be losing valuable experienced players. While the
Joe Buicko '11 (#15), Ian Stearns '10 (#1), Andrew White '13 (#11) in defensive mode.

Hockey Playoff Seed at Stake

by David Meisel '13

Sports Writer

The men’s ice hockey team has hit a speed bump. When we last checked in on the Continentals, they had put together an impressive win streak of three games that was part of an overall 5-0-1 run. They had not lost a game since Jan. 12 and continued their win streak on Feb. 5 at NESCAC opponent Colby College. However the streak ended with losses to Bowdoin and St. Anselm.

In a display of defensive dominance, the team put together a 2-1 victory over Colby. Following a goal by the Mules, a very successful up until the first period. Brandon Broad ’12 gave Hamilton the game-winner with 8:08 left in the game on a feed from Anthony Roberto ’13. Broad also notched the assist on Houk’s first-period goal. Between the pipes, Calvin Bartel ’13 stopped 11 of 12 first-period shots and Scott Hefferman ’11 finished the game by stopping the last 18 Colby shots to lock up his fourth win of the season and Hamilton’s 11th. However, the win came hard-earned on another level. Bartel had to be lifted after the end of the first period due to an upper body injury. He has since missed three games and as of press time is week-to-week. The Bartel/Hefferman platoon had been very successful up until the injury, but now, there is a major question mark in front of the net for the Continentals.

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Sports Writer

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The men finished fourth with strong performances and accompanying accolades. James Grebey ’12, Graham Sadler ’13 and Joshua Orndorff ’11 all made the All-Liberty League Team. Orndorff led the way by placing first in the shot put with 13.81 meters and third in the weight throw with 13.03 meters. Sadler posted a season best and placed second in the high jump with a New York State Collegiate Track Conference Championship-qualifying height of 1.90 meters. Grebey finished second in the 800-meter-race and collected a new indoor track personal best and a NYSCTC Championship qualifying time of 1:59.98. In the longer distances, Scott Bickard ’11 claimed fourth with a new personal record of 5:36.68. Newcomer Jimmy Alexis ’13 took fourth in the pole vault with his NYSCTC Championship-qualifying height of 4.01 meters. In the men’s 400-meter-relay, the team of Captain Mark Brenazzo ’10, Alexis, Grebey and Keating posted a new season-best of 3:55.27, a time that smashed their previous in season best by five seconds.

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Tournament in Sight for Women’s Hoops

by Riley Smith ’12

Sports Writer

The Hamilton’s women’s basketball team currently balances right on the edge of their season goal to finish in the top four in the Liberty League standings. While Hamilton has earned on another level. Bartel ’13 stopped 11 of 12 first-period shots and Scott Hefferman ’11 finished the game by stopping the last 18 Colby shots to lock up his fourth win of the season and Hamilton’s 11th. However, the win came hard-earned on another level. Bartel had to be lifted after the end of the first period due to an upper body injury. He has since missed three games and as of press time is week-to-week. The Bartel/Hefferman platoon had been very successful up until the injury, but now, there is a major question mark in front of the net for the Continentals.

The Continentals lost two straight games, giving up 10 goals in the process. Hefferman gave up five goals in just over 50 minutes of play in a 6-1 drubbing on Feb. 6 at the hands of conference-rival Bowdoin. He was relieved by Ian Stearns ’10, who gave up a goal on six shots in his first action of the 2009-10 season.

On Feb. 12, the Hamilton defense struggled again, this time losing a home contest to another NESCAC opponent, St. Anselm, by a score of 4-2. Hefferman played the whole game, doing a better job this time of keeping the Continentals in the game by holding the Hawks to just one goal by the third period, but allowed another goal 6:43 into the final period. Despite Hamilton’s attempts to close the gap on goals from Chris Lorence who currently leads Hamilton with eight wins and four losses.

While the upcoming weekend will be difficult, the team feels strongly that both Rensselaer and Vassar are within their grasp. St. Lawrence’s weekend line up, which includes the number one ranked Skidmore Thoroughbreds -- who dominate the league with 11 wins and one loss -- may prove helpful to the Continentals.

Regardless of the game’s outcome, Hamilton looks to win again against Vassar College who they defeated earlier this year in a 71-60 win. Hamilton further looks for an upset against Rensselaer who shut down Hamilton in mid-January in a 54-63 Continental defeat.

With two regular season games and the question of playoffs to consider, women’s basketball team finds themselves exactly where they predicted they would be. Since only the top four teams make the playoff tournament, Hamilton is holding on tight to see W. Basketball page 19

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Lisa Olszewski ’11 takes a jumper from the baseline.