Rage in the Sage: the Puck Drops Today at 7 p.m. for Citrus Bowl 2008 (No Fruit)

by Rebekah Mintzer '09

Hamilton, like most other institutions of higher education, has a number of traditions that are tons of fun to participate in, but would probably seem bizarre to an outsider. One time-honored Hamilton tradition, the Citrus Bowl, will take place tonight at 7 p.m. at Sage Rink. This annual campus-wide event is not just an opportunity to cheer on Hamilton hockey in a game against Norwich, but a chance to play games, eat candy, get free t-shirts, and maybe chuck an orange or two at the opposing team’s goalie.

The Citrus Bowl originated when, years ago, Hamilton students used to throw oranges and other fruit at the opposing team during one hockey game out of the season, much to the chagrin of the visitors. Eventually, the college outlawed fruit throwing, but Student Assembly has since expanded the game into one of the biggest campus events of the year.

This year, the Social Traditions Committee, in conjunction with the rest of the Student Assembly and the Hamilton community, has organized a terrific Citrus Bowl. They will be handing out 500 t-shirts on a first come, first serve basis starting at 6:30. Shirts will be white and students attending the game are asked to wear white for a “white out” effect in the stands. Student Assembly will be handing out orange slice candy to spectators, and those who want to throw something can participate in the Chuck a Puck Contest for a price of only $1. Winners of the contest will get a big prize.

Though Student Assembly is not checking people at the door for fruit, those who would try to sneak it in should be warned that Campus Safety will be on the prowl for illicit citrus and has been known to pad down suspicious students at the door.

The Citrus Bowl is a great opportunity to show Hamilton school spirit and cheer on the hockey team while enjoying a Hamilton tradition.

Bon Appetit Employee Marge Petteys and her award.

Marge Winner of “ABC” Award

by Haley Riemer-Peltz '12

On November 10, 2008, Marge Petteys, a card-swiper at Soper Commons Dining Hall, was recognized nationally at the Compass Group North America’s “Be-A-Star” awards celebration in Orlando, Florida. The Compass Group is a leading food service company, specializing in food management and hospitality. Compass Group also owns Bon Appetit, Hamilton’s catering company.

Petteys was the winner of the ABC award, given to employees who go “Above and Beyond the Call of Duty” during the previous year. The award is given annually to one employee under the Compass Group throughout North America.

“Marge represented and embodied the spirit of what the event was all about, recognizing very special people in a very special organization,” said Paul Bulau, Bon Appetit district manager. “Marge touched everyone with the Hamilton story. With huge pride Marge let everyone know that the students at Hamilton are taken care of better than any and that Hamilton was a very special experience.”

Several Bon Appetit staff members went with Petteys and her husband, Herb, to the ceremony in Orlando. Bulau, Patrick Raynard, general manager of Bon Appetit, and Chief Executive Fedeleda Baccio were among Marge’s supporters who attended the celebration.

The 2008 “Be-A-Star” National Awards Ceremony was held at the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress Resort. The theme of the event was “Radiate, Elevate, Celebrate—The Power in You,” which recognized associates who achieved business excellence over the past year. Over 400 Be-A-Star winners and special guests attended the celebration, which included several performances, guest speakers, award presentations, and ended with dancing.

Petteys has been working at Hamilton for 15 years. She expressed what it meant to her to receive the award: “Whenever I go, you kids are always on my mind,” she said. “When I won this award, I was totally honored with the recognition of being chosen.”
Student Assembly Talks Funds, Elections, and the Citrus Bowl
by Amanda Jordan ’10

STUDENT ASSEMBLY CORRESPONDENT

At the brief meeting on December 1, 2008, the Student Assembly discussed funding and committee reports.

Funding:
This week, the SA allocated $2,866.73 in funding to Model UN, STAND, HAVOC, the Film Production Guild, and the Election Committee. This amount was voted on as a lump sum total and unanimously approved. Overall, the SA has spent $92,138.79 this semester.

Committee Reports:
The Food Committee announced that their last meeting of the semester will be held on Friday, December 5, 2008.

The Technology Committee reported that ITS met with representatives from Verizon and AT&T over the Thanksgiving break to discuss cell phone service on campus. Both Verizon and AT&T are currently looking into the issue; however, it may be some time before anything is resolved. Hamilton should receive news from AT&T within the next several weeks. Verison by next fall concerning cell phone reception. Additionally, the bandwidth has been updated, so hopefully the internet should be faster.

The Diversity and Accessibility Committee announced that their last meeting of the semester will be held next week.

The Facilities Committee reported that the December movies are in the process of being shipped, so they are not yet available on the movie channel. Additionally, the November movies expired, which is why no movies are currently being shown on the movie channel. The committee is also discussing heating in certain residence halls.

The Social Traditions Committee discussed the Citrus Bowl, which will be held on Friday, December 5 at 7:00 p.m. Free T-shirts will be available starting at 6:30 p.m. for the first 500 people to arrive at the game. Hamilton will be competing against Norwich University. Also, the committee would like to remind students to bring $1 for the check-a-puck contest being held this year. Additionally, the committee encouraged any students who would like to participate in the planning of Feb fest this year to email sootrad@hamilton.edu by Friday, December 5.

The Elections Committee reminded Student Assembly that the SA President and Vice President elections will be held on December 8 and December 9. The candidates are Jake Urgo (President) and Keith Wilner (Vice President) or Amy Goldstein (President) and Edwin Gaston (Vice President).

The election results will be announced around midnight on Wednesday, December 10. In order to increase voter turnout, the committee plans to stuff mailboxes on Monday, December 8, with reminders for all students to vote.

Lehmann Awarded
by Kara Labs ’09

NEWS EDITOR

Ted Lehmann, assistant professor of Government, was awarded the Class of 1963 Excellence in Teaching Award at the monthly Faculty Meeting in the Filius Events Barn this past Tuesday, December 1.

Many students nominated Professor Lehmann earlier this fall and then his nomination was examined by a committee of past award recipients. This was the second award given out this year and the recipients will be formally honored at the ceremony on Class and Charter Day.

Strategic Draft Approved
by Russ Doubley ’11

NEWS WRITER

The second draft of Hamilton College’s Strategic Plan, which shapes the priorities of the College through 2014, was released to the public last week. On Monday, December 1, Dean of Faculty Joseph Urgo led an open meeting to discuss the direction of the Plan, and also took questions from faculty members, administrators and staff.

The plan highlights four areas for the College to focus its attention on in the next five years. This list includes: academic student success, need-blind financial aid, and increased student and faculty diversity.

The meeting primarily attracted faculty members from a variety of disciplines, as well as staff members such as librarians and tutors. Urgo, a member of the Executive Committee that wrote the plan, answered questions posed by the members of the community, and addressed concerns on subjects ranging from quality of advising to a focus on the Quantitative Literacy Center to media literacy, none of which were specifically addressed in the plan.

Urgo was also asked about construction focuses in the new plan, specifically if Christian A. Johnson Hall would be having any sort of renovation in the coming years. He responded, stating “any construction during the next five years would be dedicated to arts buildings.” He hinted that other buildings, such as the Burke Library, might be a higher priority to renovate, and the current economic crisis was discouraging spending on any other construction projects.

The meeting was sparsely attended by students. The previous open Strategic Plan meeting on Monday, September 29, also had a very poor student turnout.

The Strategic Plan has been a work in progress for almost a year. Initially, eight subcommittees, each focused on a specific aspect of the College, delivered preliminary recommendations in February, followed up with finalized reports in July. These were combined to create the draft document that was released in September, outlining numerous areas and possibilities for Hamilton to focus on in the future. This newest draft of the Plan combines the subcommittees’ findings, condensing into four values: education with self-determination, learning body, thoughtful dialogue and debate, and engagement with the world. These four values will be integrated into the four focus areas of the College.

The Executive Committee will present the current Strategic Plan to the Board of Trustees on Friday, December 12.
RTF Spearheads Trash Project

by James Beslity ’11
News Contributor

The College Recycling Task Force (RTF), a coalition of students and Physical Plant administrators with a goal of creating a more recycling-friendly and environmentally sustainable campus, has been busy this winter with projects that will become visible in the coming weeks and months. Once funds are secured, new lids for recycling containers will be purchased that will prevent waste and inappropriate materials from being deposited into the incorrect bins. Another waste management project coming to fruition is the installation of three “Big Belly” waste receptacles along Martin’s Way. The large, rectangular garbage cans use integrated solar panels to power compression mechanisms that compact the garbage, which reduces the amount of landfill space needed for a portion of our campus waste. The cans will be installed in front of the Blood Fitness Center, Commons, and on the KJ side of the Martin’s Way Bridge. “The plan is to install them before the ground freezes too solid to install the screws,” said Terry Hawkridge, assistant director of grounds for the College.

Two fast-approaching campaigns have also been at the forefront of the RTF’s agenda this semester, one of which is a book drive to benefit “Prevent Child Abuse NY,” a statewide, nonprofit organization dedicated to preventing child abuse and neglect. The campus community is encouraged to deposit appropriate materials from being deposited into the incorrect bins. Another waste management project coming to fruition is the installation of three “Big Belly” waste receptacles along Martin’s Way. The large, rectangular garbage cans use integrated solar panels to power compression mechanisms that compact the garbage, which reduces the amount of landfill space needed for a portion of our campus waste. The cans will be installed in front of the Blood Fitness Center, Commons, and on the KJ side of the Martin’s Way Bridge. “The plan is to install them before the ground freezes too solid to install the screws,” said Terry Hawkridge, assistant director of grounds for the College.

A “Big Belly” waste receptacle.

The introduction of a campus composting facility has been a long-term goal of the RTF, as well as the greater campus community, and progress in terms of the design and technology of the facility was made this semester. The facility will most likely be a new building located at the Physical Plant site, and will house a heated room for the loading of organic material into the composting system. The proposed system will be capable of turning over the material within a period of three days, a relatively short amount of time compared to traditional low-volume techniques. The overall project is still in the process of receiving necessary funding, but once funding is appropriated, commencement of the composting initiative could begin as early as next fall.

Stewart Targets Palin and Al Ham

from Stewart, page 1

recent national election to his own role as a trusted journalist.

“If anything, I’m an editorial cartoonist doing jokes on news I care about,” Stewart said, responding to a question from the audience. According to Stewart, his status as a trusted newsman says more about America’s disappointment with the news media in general than about his show’s quality.

As expected, much of Stewart’s performance focused on politicians and their foibles, a theme he has been working with since he took over as the host of the Emmy-winning comedy program The Daily Show in 1999. The notion that Americans want political leaders “just like them” was also a subject of intense mockery, as Stewart questioned the wisdom of anti-elitism: “Doesn’t ‘elite’ mean good?” Stewart also brought somewhat of a little closer to home. After much hosting and a little cheering followed the mention of nearby Colgate University, he remarked that the tension between the two small liberal arts schools was “the weirdest Hatfield-McCoy rivalry I’ve ever seen.”

Even the Hamilton mascot, Al Ham, wasn’t off-limits during Stewart’s show. When the costumed student came running down the aisle toward the stage, Stewart was struck momentarily speechless. After being informed of the mascot’s significance, Stewart joked, “In 20 years of doing comedy, I can say that this is by far the craziest — thing I’ve ever seen. It’s a hot pink pig in a tricorne hat.”

Not all of the performance was reserved for humor, however. Stewart acknowledged that Hamilton graduates were inheriting a worse world than their parents had. Stewart apologized, shrugging his shoulders, with an “Oops.” After a medical emergency in the section reserved for senior citizens was quickly attended by Hamilton Emergency Medical Technicians, Stewart encouraged students to emulate this “simple competence,” which he believes so many politicians inside the Beltway lack.

The Field House was filled to capacity, with over 5000 students, faculty, staff and locals in attendance. Lucky members of the Hamilton community who won a special lottery were able to go backstage after the show. They enjoyed a brief interaction with the star, who quickly departed for New York City afterwards.

Do you want to work in Washington, DC?

Apply through the Capital Consortium

Event Date: Friday, February 6, 2009

The Capital Consortium is an event designed to help seniors from eight institutions obtain interviews with DC employers!

Interview with employers in one easy location - at the American Management Association Executive Conference Center in Washington, DC.

Spend time over break accessing the site, researching employers and applying for jobs!

Seniors can access the CapCon site as of Friday, December 5th!

How To Participate:
You may apply to all job listings that interest you. Employers will review all application materials, and choose which candidates they will interview at the event on February 8th. Note: This is not a “job fair.” All interviews will be preselected as a result of the application process, so be sure to apply if interested!

How to Apply:
You will need to create an account @ http://capcon.recruiting.com, click Create an Account (Access token word is: capcon2008), review the job listings, and submit all materials requested by the employer. For detailed instructions, please see the career Center’s website at www.hamilton.edu/careercenter, click on Find a Job, then click on Capital Consortium.

Application deadline: Friday, January 5th!

Questions?… call us at 4346!
Amy Goldstein and Edwin Gaston

Amy Goldstein and Edwin Gaston intend to create a more connected campus community. We want to promote student involvement in key Student Assembly decisions by actively seeking opinions through all-campus polling. We hope to foster greater interaction among students, faculty, and administration. We wish to enhance the advising system so that students are fully aware of their academic opportunities. We would work to improve safety at crosswalks, lighting, and ground conditions during inclement weather. We support green initiatives such as composting on campus and increased energy efficiency. By soliciting input from students through all-campus polling and a SA suggestion box on myhamilton, we will be in a position to make sure that all opinions are considered.

What can the SA do to increase diversity awareness and acceptance on campus?

SA will actively promote the co-sponsorship of all-campus events. When seeking SA funding, organizations will be encouraged to consider inviting other groups to take part in their event. In doing so, a range of groups will interact and consequently promote diversity and acceptance.

Do you agree with the SA’s current resolution concerning the CEC? If not, how do you differ?

We completely support the current CEC resolution. It addresses many of the concerns students have about the function and purpose of such a center. We agree with the resolution that there should not be a new building erected and that an existing space should be utilized. We will promote the coordination of cultural groups that will contribute to the CEC’s programming.

What is your opinion on the College’s green initiatives? Do you think the school is doing too much, not enough, the right amount, the right things, etc. How much of a priority is this issue?

Our first concern is the safety of students, including making sure the campus is well lit and the grounds are adequately prepared for inclement weather. Secondary to this are green initiatives, which we feel Hamilton is currently working towards improving. However, there are still areas that need further improvement, such as composting and reducing energy usage.

What do you think of the way Campus Safety has handled recent dorm intrusions?

Campus Safety is currently doing its best to keep this campus safe. However, given its operating budget its abilities are limited. We will strongly advise the administration to increase Campus Safety’s budget so that additional patrol officers can be hired, particularly at night. In doing this, we hope to increase Campus Safety’s visibility and prevent further dorm intrusions.

What do you think of the Strategic Plan as it’s currently drafted? What items do you support and not support? Is anything missing?

The Strategic Plan is incredibly well thought out and written. We support the initiatives to improve the advising system and the college’s preparation for the changing demographic of incoming students. We feel as though advising needs some enhancement so that all students can be more aware of their opportunities. We applaud the plan’s increased diversity initiatives and will advocate for need-blind admission.

Jake Lacy and Keith Willner

Fellow Students,

In the upcoming presidential election, vote for the experience and leadership of Jake Lacy and Keith Willner. If elected, we intend to better Hamilton through several important projects. We will work on bringing equivalency back to the Diner, and improving the atmosphere of the library—first and foremost, the rug has to go! As for long term goals, we want to promote collaboration between student organizations. Additionally, we plan to increase the campus’s participation in Student Assembly meetings by inviting the President of the College and Dean of Students to join us.

We are qualified to lead Student Assembly because of our work ethic and experience. We have served as Class Representatives, Treasurers and Committee Chairs, and thus know the inner workings of the Assembly. We have played instrumental roles in various successful projects, including getting the health center open on weekends and updating lighting and safety around campus. Along the way, we have developed strong relationships with the administrators who work closely with Student Assembly.

Hamilton, we’ve spent a year and a half working for you. We now ask you to give us the chance to lead the Assembly. Yours, Jake Lacy and Keith Willner
Spectator Endorsement: Ideas Matter

This Wednesday, The Spectator’s staff met with the two teams of candidates who are running to be your Student Assembly (SA) President and Vice President. After conducting interviews with each team, the Student Editorial Board voted to endorse Amy Goldstein and Edwin Gaston. The Editorial Board reflects the diversity of student interests on Hamilton’s campus. They range from first years to seniors, each involved in numerous activities around campus, representing a variety of majors, and as members of The Spectator staff maintain a consistent awareness of important issues on campus.

Each team of candidates was asked the same questions and had equal time to answer. The questions ranged from whether or not they support the Cultural Education Center to the last song they downloaded onto their iPods (with greater weight obviously given toward the latter). Through this process, The Spectator received a unique look at what makes each candidate tick, their previous experiences at Hamilton and on the SA, and where they stand on a range of issues. After each team met with the editorial board, we had a long discussion and concluded the following:

Both parties shared very similar views on many important campus issues. Amy and Jake each support the idea of a Cultural Education Center, but stated that the construction of a new building is not an immediate necessity. They agreed, however, that a space should be provided for students from historically marginalized groups. Both support green initiatives for the campus, believe that students should be encouraged to take oral-communication classes, and highlighted safety as one of their top priorities.

The Spectator feels that each team brings unique experience and understanding. They have each served on SA for about the same time (Amy was a fan-attended and thus served a semester less), but when asked about their accomplishments, the pair of Amy and Edwin stood out. In the past semester, Amy has helped organize behind-the-scenes efforts that raised over $3,000, advocated the formulation of the Technology Committee within SA and initiated the discussion for construction of an outdoor skating rink that will (contingent upon budget approval from SA) open this January. While Jake and Keith showed promise, Amy proved that not only could she come up with interesting ideas, but that she could also bring them to fruition.

Furthermore, both Amy and Edwin demonstrated an intimate knowledge of the college’s current goals and how those might affect their representation of the student body. When asked about the Strategic Plan, for example, both Amy and Edwin were ready to discuss its details, what they liked, and what they would change. Although all SA members were required to read the Plan, Jake and Keith admitted they had not done so, and thus could not provide an equally in-depth answer to our question.

In addition to this understanding of the administration’s goals, we are confident that Amy and Edwin will do what is necessary to understand the student’s goals as well. When Edwin initially ran for SA Class Rep, he went door-to-door to speak to his classmates instead of putting up posters to collect votes. He spoke with his hundreds of peers (even upperclassmen who would not be voting for him) to hear their ideas.

Throughout the interview, Edwin expressed that his main concern was to first gain a real sense of the current sentiment and opinions of the student body, while Amy clearly demonstrated a track record for implementing changes based on those views and appeared very well prepared to continue to do so in the future in the role of president.

It is for these reasons, that The Spectator endorses Amy Goldstein and Edwin Gaston for Student Assembly President and Vice President.

- The Spectator Editorial Board

International students have a very different experience than the rest of us during breaks, generally because they spend most of it on campus. They are stranded on the Hill with no transportation, no entertainment, and until recently, with no food. As a small liberal arts community, we should strive to extend the network of support and advice for the international students. For the school, improved services for current international students will attract new international students, and thus work toward the school’s ongoing goal of diversifying the community.

The class of 2012 alone represents 45 countries. 254 international students are stranded on campus this year as the cream of the crop from their countries. As diverse students, they leave their homes to excel academically in the US. For current international students, breaks will be less of a burden.

Hamilton has a number of programs related to orientation, International Friendship Program (where international students are assigned a host family) or the English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program, which supports the non-native English students who are fluent in functional bilinguals with on-going academic tutorial assistance.

The Dean of Students Office (DOS) works closely with the International Student Association (ISA) to identify and cater to the needs of the international students. Dean Drogus, Associate Dean of Students for Off-Campus Study & International Student Advisor, explained, “We’re always evaluating what else we can do within our resources, and welcome more input from students.”

Last February, ISA presented a list of projects the College could do to help international students who are involved with some of the problems they face being so far from home. One request was some type of coverage for meals during breaks.” Starting last spring break, the DOS agreed to cover the costs for the international students’ meals over breaks. In past years, the students had to use their meal bonuses or pay cash when the dining halls were open during breaks. The new policy has made a great difference for the international community and The Spectator applauds this initiative!

We encourage individuals or groups to make an appointment to discuss their needs with Dean Drogus, Dean of Students for Diversity & Accessibility Allen Harrison, Barbara Brit-Byssell (ESOL) or with other relevant offices on campus! Several members of the Hamilton community suggested a type of Break-off-campus program, where local volunteers invited students to their homes during breaks. This way, international students will be given an opportunity to visit different areas of the country and have an American home for a break.

Another initiative is aimed at taking students on trips to popular sites near Hamilton over a break (i.e., Niagara Falls, Adirondacks, NYC). The trips could be partially subsidized by Hamilton and organized through a travel agency in order to get a cheaper price. Another proposal advocated for the hiring of a driver for a couple of hours every two days or so, depending on the length of the break, to provide transportation to the Marquee Cinema, off campus restaurants, the mall or Walmart.

There are not enough drivers to help international students, mainly because the international students who stay on breaks do not have a driver’s license. Transportation is a problem during breaks even if students leave the campus. Shuttles are provided to and from the Syracuse airport and the Utica train station but only in the beginning and the end of the break, when the majority of the students are coming back on campus. Most of the international students, if they leave the campus, return before the end of the break. It is unacceptable to be stranded at the Syracuse airport and have no other choice than pay $150 to take a cab back to campus!

One initiative suggested a Give-a-ride program, as a network of volunteers to provide transportation from or to airport or train station. A person can be hired to make appointments and bridge the two parties. This can be organized with the help of the Dean of Students Office, Student Assembly or other student organizations.

The international students deserve the support of the administration and of the campus community during breaks. We warmly welcome the improvements in the policies toward the international students offered to the international students and the personal commitment and hard work of those working directly with the international students! However, as committed students, we wholeheartedly believe in an extended Hamilton effort to strengthen the network of support for our international community.
The US is, arguably, the most patriotic nation in the world. In some circum-
tances, you cannot speak out against the government, no matter how unethical some of its policies may be; here, we print Bush-ism calendars and other such products that rip our president to shreds. True freedom does not have a written guaran-
tee to “freedom of expres-
sion.” However, the Bill of Rights does ensure freedom of speech, press, and assem-
blly. We can clearly voice our opinions with little fear of retribution. We are free to share our ideals with the public via nearly any means our heart desires.

Nearly, however, is the operating word. Despite these freedoms, Americans still face many restrictions. Of course, not all of them are bad – without certain laws, we would be free to act on every impulse regarding the people we dis-
like, the things we stand or end for humanity – but some of them are, frankly, silly. As long as your actions do not cause harm to an individual, legally, should it matter what you do? No, but the law does not see it that way. Thus, we have laws against indecent exposure, which is defined as “purposely display[ing] . . . any picture, photo, film, sound recording, or other representation of a human penis, pubic area, . . . that is obscene.” This wording allows others to be alarmed or offended.

However, this definition does not take into account public displays of nudity are not all harmful acts. Steaking, well-known pastime present on the Hamilton campus, is just a form of expression. As a member of the steaking team, the author believes Hamilton is “just another NESUC/G school.”

The nudity does no harm,” said another member of the team. “What we do is not pornographic and we aren’t harming anyone.”

Campus Safety, non-

tively, disagrees. When the new director of cam-

pus safety, Francis Masfreado, came to the Hill, Tony said, with him previously nonexistent en-
tension. Steaking now earns caus-

isms ranging from confis-

cation to 20 points, though no one has re-

cived points, according to the team. Even the clothing that has been confiscat-

ed has returned with an apology after the team had to stand in the cold for an hour.

Steaking on the Hill is more than just a quirk; it is historically rooted, dating back to before the Hamilton- Kirkland merge. Something that has been a part of the school’s culture for so long should not be eradicated.

We are all adults on the Hill. By this point, we have seen a naked person. While it maybe a bit surprising, it does not harm anyone. I’m not suggesting Hamilton turn into a nudist colony, but who is honestly mortally offended by the sight of a random bare ass?

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Stewart is not worthy of the title “Great Name.” Many people seem to have adopted their own personal mission statement concerning the proper use of the generous Sacerdote fund. The fund, however, makes no mention of any specific educational value of the speaker, nor does it specify any career field necessary to qualify the person as a Great Name. The language of the mission statement indicates that any popular touring famous fig-

ures are appropriate choices for the series. The choice of a come-
dee for the Great Names series is not unprecedented. Stewart shares this spotlight with the award-winning Bill Cosby. While these com-
edians’ accomplishments may pale in comparison to some of the great politi-
cal and journalistic think-
ers of the past, I believe it is Hamilton’s choice to not only diversify the hosts but, more importantly, appeal to the majority of Hamilton voices. The turnout at last month’s performance was the largest in history, and it would be hard to find an at-
tendee who thought the perfor-

mance was sub par. For those who are worried that the future of the intellectual integrity of the series is now compromised, I would not worry. The rumor mill has it that certain influ-

ential world leaders (that shall remain anonymous) are available for speaking engagements within the next year.
The media is ruthless. There’s no denying that. Regardless of how diligently we argue that a certain candidate was unfairly attacked, there’s no denying that some candida-
tes, whether black or white, liberal or conservative (especially conservative), male or female, will experience the wrath of the media in a brutal assault.

I read John Molfetas’ “9th Argumen-
tment in the last issue of the Spec-
tator about Sarah Palin and I have several issues with it. The first is his claim that the media was overly harsh when ridiculing her poli-
cies and personal life. — I’ll admit that the media was unnecessarily critical when it scrutinized almost every aspect of her appearance. A man running for office would prob-
ably not be subject to this kind of superficial nit-picking. However, we have to understand that the media’s ideological attacks were not out of the ordinary, and often poured in her in a kind of satirical manner which helped citizens view her in a different light.

The media also acted this way towards her because of conditions the McCain campaign imposed on her. For weeks, they bottled her up, fearful that she would say or do something wrong. She was excluded from press conferences and interviews for quite a while, and the McCain campaign claimed and the McCain campaign claimed she was out of context. Moreover, a state-
ment like this does not command respect because it is so obviously futile and inconsequential.

This is the most important distinction that Molfetas failed to make between Geraldine Ferraro’s historic nomination and Palin’s. The reason for this is simply because she lacked the essential aura about him or her, and this is why we might feel wary about her.

Should we dismiss our uncer-
tainties? It’s like what Jon Stewart said when he visited campus — we should want the leaders of our country to be elitists. We should want them to be so much smarter than we are that it’s em-
arrassing. I cannot understand why the elected officials do not “need to know whether Africa is a country or a continent.” Shouldn’t we de-
serve for our country an informed leader with a sense of the world so we can make progress? Not know-
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ous problem.

In accordance with this point, I’ll point out something else Molfeta-
tas wrote: “Palin, like Obama, un-
derstood what it meant to be grow-
ing up in an ordinary family making a $h*t about school because you don’t give a $h*t about school because you don’t care who you are at any given time of day. The magical three week period where you don’t give a $h*t about anything else.”

Who Cares?

Mister Morals is a column devoted to helping resolve the di-
moral situation you find yourself in. I would advise you to reevaluate your attitude before heading out to

All submissions will remain strictly confidential.

Do you have a dilemma for Mister Morals? E-mail questions to Adam Vorchheimer at avorchh@hamilton.edu.

The magical three week period where you don’t give a $h*t about school because you just got off break and you don’t give a $h*t about school because you’re about to go on break.

Hamilton Basketball beats Utica College 71-68. It’s just like in real life except instead of beating you in expectation, socioeconomic status, and general quality of life, we beat you in sports.

Thanksgiving: Better than Commons Thanksgiving because I didn’t shout my pants while falling asleep on the couch watching football.

Toothpicks at Commons: Make sure to tell the person at the door because it’s because you like pick up artist tactics.

Milbank wins Dorm Energy Challenge: Looks like the crunchers in Rabbiti are still waiting for Obama’s change to come through.

Can someone please put a P#king bullet in Old Yeller a.k.a. the Commons soda fountain. We all love her, but it’s getting sad watching her dribble foamy water out of the Pepsi dispenser.

Conversations with my deaf friends since Jon Stuart’s sign language lesson consisting of “F#k”, “Jerk off,” and “alligator.”

Area Directors accompanying on-call RAs on their rounds through the dorms. Then again, maybe they’ll drink with us too.

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by Allison Eck ’12

Essays & Focus Writers

The media is ruthless. There’s no denying that. Regardless of how diligently we argue that a certain candidate was unfairly attacked, there’s no denying that some candida-
tes, whether black or white, liberal or conservative (especially conservative), male or female, will experience the wrath of the media in a brutal assault.

I read John Molfetas’ “9th Argumen-
tment in the last issue of the Spec-
tator about Sarah Palin and I have several issues with it. The first is his claim that the media was overly harsh when ridiculing her poli-
cies and personal life. — I’ll admit that the media was unnecessarily critical when it scrutinized almost every aspect of her appearance. A man running for office would prob-
ably not be subject to this kind of superficial nit-picking. However, we have to understand that the media’s ideological attacks were not out of the ordinary, and often poured in her in a kind of satirical manner which helped citizens view her in a different light.

The media also acted this way towards her because of conditions the McCain campaign imposed on her. For weeks, they bottled her up, fearful that she would say or do something wrong. She was excluded from press conferences and interviews for quite a while, and the McCain campaign claimed they did this to keep her in line be-
fore briefng her completely about these situations. Inapt, Palin’s slack of experience caused the media’s criticism, so she is not entirely at fault. On the other hand, her past

Indicates that she may not be as well-versed in politics as she should be, and therefore the media may be justified in its observations.

In addition, if we say that Pal-
in received unwelcome remarks, then we must also accuse her of the same thing. Isn’t that what politicians do? They attack their opponents. What difference does it make who it comes from? The fact of the matter is that while the media may have made Palin look incompetent, Biden and Obama did the same thing, only perhaps in a way that was slightly more subtle but no less derogatory. Palin also attacked the Democrats, and what was worse about her commentary was that some of the things she said were outright wrong. For example, “Palin also told those gathered that Obama doesn’t like American sol-
diers,” reported Dana Milbank in the New York Times. She backed up her charging quotes that were out of context. Moreover, a state-
ment like this does not command respect because it is so obviously futile and inconsequential.

This is the most important distinction that Molfetas failed to make between Geraldine Ferraro’s historic nomination and Palin’s. The reason for this is simply because she lacked the essential aura about him or her, and this is why we might feel wary about her.

Should we dismiss our uncer-
tainties? It’s like what Jon Stewart said when he visited campus — we should want the leaders of our country to be elitists. We should want them to be so much smarter than we are that it’s em-
arrassing. I cannot understand why the elected officials do not “need to know whether Africa is a country or a continent.” Shouldn’t we de-
serve for our country an informed leader with a sense of the world so we can make progress? Not know-
ing five-grade geography is a seri-
ous problem.

In accordance with this point, I’ll point out something else Molfeta-
tas wrote: “Palin, like Obama, un-
derstood what it meant to be grow-
ing up in an ordinary family making a $h*t about school because you don’t give a $h*t about school because you don’t care who you are at any given time of day. The magical three week period where you don’t give a $h*t about anything else.”

Who Cares?

Mister Morals is a column devoted to helping resolve the di-
moral situation you find yourself in. I would advise you to reevaluate your attitude before heading out to

All submissions will remain strictly confidential.

Do you have a dilemma for Mister Morals? E-mail questions to Adam Vorchheimer at avorchh@hamilton.edu.

The magical three week period where you don’t give a $h*t about school because you just got off break and you don’t give a $h*t about school because you’re about to go on break.

Hamilton Basketball beats Utica College 71-68. It’s just like in real life except instead of beating you in expectation, socioeconomic status, and general quality of life, we beat you in sports.

Thanksgiving: Better than Commons Thanksgiving because I didn’t shout my pants while falling asleep on the couch watching football.

Toothpicks at Commons: Make sure to tell the person at the door because it’s because you like pick up artist tactics.

Milbank wins Dorm Energy Challenge: Looks like the crunchers in Rabbiti are still waiting for Obama’s change to come through.

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by Steve Allinger ’09, Jason Brown ’09, Anthony DeConte ’10 & Matt Fellows ’09

December 5, 2008
To the Editor:

Re: “SA: No Internet Laundry Service, Yes to Security” (Editorial, Nov 14):

As a member of the Student Assembly, I appreciate when The Spectator covers Student Assembly issues. If you're ever reaffirming when we agree (your publication—or in some cases, your writer—and I, and informative when we do not. I found last week’s Editorial informative.

In certain regards, I agree with the Editorial:

The Bundy crosswalk is poorly lit. Its poor lighting and its position on the edge of the hill (where it is hard for pedestrians to see oncoming traffic, and for oncoming traffic to see pedestrians) make it considerably more dangerous than the Martin’s Way crosswalk. The Bundy crosswalk’s lighting and signage are both better than they used to be, but perhaps there’s still room for improvement.

The Martin’s Way Bridge is presently slippery when it rains or snows. I can’t count the number of times I’ve nearly broken my neck on that bridge. I’ve called Campus Safety on multiple occasions to ask if someone could salt or sand the bridge. And, to their credit, after I called, someone has always either salted or sanded the bridge in a timely manner. The College should salt or sand the bridge more frequently when it rains, and should put traction strips down on the bridge’s slippery metal joints.

The parking lot thefts are disconcerting. In my almost four years at Hamilton, I’ve never seen such a troubling string of apparently connected crimes. The property damage and theft of property associated with these parking lot incidents is getting out of hand.

However, when it comes to funding these projects, I disagree with the Editorial. I do not believe the Student Assembly should pay to light the crosswalk, or fix the bridge, or cover similar capital improvements. Let’s remember what the Student Assembly’s budget is for: fund campus events, the Movie Channel and ESPN, and clubs and other student organizations. We generally do not fund capital improvements on campus, nor should we.

I’m not a fan of the slippery slope argument, but suffice it to say that if the Student Assembly paid to fix a bridge, we’d be in a dangerous precedent and leave ourselves with less money to fund important campus events and organizations.

The Student Assembly absolutely should work with the College to make the Bundy crosswalk, the Martin’s Way Bridge, and our parking lots safer. However, the Student Assembly shouldn’t fund the bill using money it’s supposed to spend on student organizations and student events. The appropriate campus offices need to pay for such capital improvements.

-Stuart Lombardi ’09

Dear Editor,

I am writing in support of the courageous letter written by Chelsea Mann in the November 14 issue of The Spectator regarding the performance by The Buffers during Family Weekend. As an alumna of Kirkland and mother of a recent Hamilton graduate and a current student, I have listened to The Buffers on many occasions over the past 30 years.

They have always been lewd and sophomoric, and that has been part of their charm; however over the past five years I have noticed with dismay that their attempts at humor have been increasingly mean spirited and ugly. This year was the worst by far. Jokes about date raping women and giving unsuspecting freshman women herpes are deeply offensive and demonstrate an appalling lack of awareness and intelligence. I was stunned to witness such ignorance on the Hamilton campus.

It’s clear to me that many groups of students think that date rape and passing around STDs is laughable. Hamilton has done a poor job of educating its student body about violence against women. I am sending this letter to the Woman’s Center since apparently, the administration is inadequately supporting their work to raise awareness about women’s issues.

The disparaging “jokes” The Buffers make about the other cappella groups on campus only make The Buffers appear to be entirely propping up their sagging reputation, since The Hamiltones, Tumbling After, Special K, and now Duly Noted have stepped up the quality of their performances year after year, while The Buffers performances have deteriorated. The Buffers would be better served by putting more effort into their singing, rather than wildly misguided attempts at humor.

I congratulate the other cappella groups for wonderful performances and showmanship. I only wish I had not left the concert with the sour notes of The Buffers reprehensible embrace of misogyny, lying and irony.

The good news is that next time I will be able to stay for the enjoyable part of the concert, and leave before The Buffers can spoil it. For that reason alone, I hope that the tradition of having the Buffers perform last continues.

-Libby Robbins, K’77

To the Editor:

The Friday before last [Oct 11, 2008] I set out from Cl after finishing my last problem set for the week. Even though my already brief period of repose would be abbreviated the next day by Family Weekend, I was enjoying the calm and instant of satisfaction that only a Friday delivers. But at that, worst of instances, the buzz of a grated my daydream; and astoundingly, it was the kind of grating that is actually a three-ton helicopter flying over Steuben Field. My initial thoughts were that the athletic director had come up with an absurdly inefficient plan to dry off the football field with the draft from some thousand-dollar per-hour-rented helicopter. Can you imagine if that really happened? Oh, well this is awkward.

Before I go on, I must say that as a varsity athlete myself, and a fan of the football team, my intent is not to second guess the athletic director’s decision. After all, it makes perfect sense, unless you’re from planet Earth or something.

But as I stood for a minute to watch the helicopter hover over the field, I couldn’t help but to mull over a few other trivial things that, well, annoy the shit out of me.

It’s probably only because I got a parking ticket, but I figured I should probably complain about Campus Safety. So let me say this: the parking system would actually be very reasonable and effective, if those who manage it were accessible and rational. Unfortunately, Campus Safety refuses to take a cooperative approach to assigned parking spaces and ticketing. One student, who shall remain anonymous, has seen the worst of human nature in the form of the Campus Safety bureaucracy. In September, this student contacted the Supervisor to switch his parking spot from New Lot to “anywhere within a short bus ride.” Thus, Campus Safety was presented with two options: approve or deny the student’s request. But always on its toes, the team over at Campus Safety was able to avoid both options by simply responding “come back next week.” For four consecutive weeks, sending a clear message that a student’s convenience was not a consideration for them. Hail to you, officers.

But apparently parking ticket revenues haven’t quite covered the helicopter fees. And when I looked at the $48,000 tuition bill I knew there was something missing. General tuition, room and board, real plan… oh, photocopying. They must have forgotten to put copying on the bill. That must be why the college is charging extra to make a Xerox in the library. Alright, forget it, I’m actually glad we pay to use the photocopier, because otherwise we wouldn’t be paying enough to come here.

I also applaud the administration for the bold new loop extension that has been added to the Drexel side road. At first, the 100-yard-long, paved semi-circle seemed useless, but then I realized it included four parking spaces. So I’m glad to say that a multi-thousand dollar project benefits as many as four people every day. Admittedly, it could re- tally accommodate ten robust staff members, if they all rode motor scooters.

I feel that I should mention one more instance in which the school’s policies have contradicted normal human behavior. A friend of mine was asked to leave the fitness center recently because he failed to bring another pair of sneakers to exercise in. Of course I recognize the importance and practicality of the “clean shoes” rule, but how can it not be conditional to the weather outside? When a student walks inside from a sixty degree day with completely dry sneakers, I would hope that circumstance might lessen the stingency of the rule. The scam shows that some Hamilton rules, and representatives, are continually at odds with rational, cooperative thinking. The student, a sophomore and dedicated athlete, has called that event an “abomination.”

I strongly believe that the great far outweighs the bad at Hamilton. But I do hope that a few small changes might promote a more rational and comfortable environment, and also that I don’t trip over a cat every time I walk on Martin’s Way.

-Peter Erwin ’11

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December 5, 2008
With the Holidays fast approaching, it’s time to write up a wish list. Before you waste your ink asking for Blackberry Rolls and Northface Fleeces, let me take some time to expand your thinking. Christmas day is still a few weeks away, so Hanukkah gives you eight nights to break in any sex toys you may receive, and nothing is a better stocking stuffer than one. Here is a Spectator Between The Sheets Holiday Wish List, which can be ripped out and given to a friend, lover, sales clerk or creepy aunt. All of these toys can be found on Babeland.com. Trust me when I say that these will lead to a merry Christmas and a very happy New Year.

For Her

Rabbit Habit: An oldie, but a goodie. If you’re willing to drop some serious cash ($90) it will more than pay for itself in orgasms with serious internal and external stimulation.

OhMiBod: Love musicians but sick of the scruff? This vibrator plugs into your iPod and vibrates to the beat. Use a slow song for foreplay, and then wrap it up with a nice fast bass line.

Pocket Rocket: Cheap, small and waterproof. Need I say more?

Hinachi Magic Wand: This “back massager” isn’t fooling anyone, except maybe your father. This is for clitoral stimulation only, but it’s known as the Cadillac of Vibrators.

Orchid G: Made specifically for G-spot girls, this slim, angled vibrator provides great clitoral stimulation as well.

For Him

Maven Sleeve: But don’t even think that there were sex toys for men! Ribbed on the inside for stimulation, the Maven Sleeve looks like a very thick, soft condom. Add a drop of lube to the inside and save yourself a very thick, soft condom. Add a drop of lube to the inside and save your hand some chaffing.

Fleshlight: This looks like a flash light with a vagina on the end of it. A little creepy to me, but I won’t yuck your yum. It’s supposed to feel the most like the real thing and trust me when I say it looks like one. A metal cap makes it look like a large flashlight when not in use, so it won’t completely freak your roommate out. There’s also a Fleshlight mouth, if you’re so inclined.

Hugger Vibe: This cap lies on the head of the penis, flattering over everybody for nice teasing sensation. It’s also only $20, one of the cheap est sex toys I’ve seen.

For Them

Position of the Day Playbook: This modern Kamatida is a great gift, with a different sexual position for each day of the year. It even tells how many calories each position burns and how difici- it is!

Vibrating Cock Ring: These hands-free vibrators provide clitori- tal stimulation to a woman during heterosexual intercourse while prolonging the guy’s erection.

Remote Butterfly: This rubber butt- ler is worn like a thong and is stimulated by a remote control. It can work from up to 20 yards away and is relatively quiet, providing you with a new way make your sociology lectures more bearable. Give your partner the remote, sit back and enjoy that Power Point.

Town Hall Discussion on Diversity: “E Pluribus Unum ... or not?”

The audience expressed greatly differing ideas, from the thought that Hamilton increases social capital by uniting students under a “common goal,” to the notion that Hamilton amplifies separation by presenting individuals with specific niches that they can easily be the best “set of niches,” to the idea that Putnam’s research was irrelevant in the context of Hamilton because of its nature as an isolated four-year experience. Professor Chambliss’ initial question sustained a debate that was intellectually, at times, emotion ally charged, for over half an hour.

Near the conclusion of the dis cussion, one faculty member noted that he had heard many passionate “assertions” on both sides, but no au dience but very little evidence. He felt it would be interesting to look at the empirical evidence that would indicate the extent of Social Capital at Hamilton. Such indicators could include how much TV students watch, how much involvement there is in clubs and student government, and how much theft there is at Ham il ton. Finally, he addressed questions relating to Putnam’s research: asking “is it a failing of the college or the students that they do not or don’t want to overcome
Study Break: Colombian Style

By Nicholas Kernan '10

Features Writer

The popular image of Latin American music and dance has become synonymous with sensuality. Salsa and tango, for example, are viewed as rhythms in which dancers rub up against each other with unrelenting thrills. Latin American dances are beautiful and clever. Additionally, they provide a mesmerizing portrayal of Latin American culture.

On Wednesday, December 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the Events Barn, Ana Maria Diaz '10 and Daniel Barrios '10, both Colombian students at Hamilton, will be displaying a mesmerizing portrayal of Latin American culture.

American sense of folk dancing in which people with no dancing background can participate and steps are purposefully made to be very simple. Both students have been dancing to Colombian folk music their whole lives. Ana Maria studied in one of the oldest dancing academies of Bogota, Academia Mylva Reyes, until she was 16 years old. Then, she moved to North Carolina with her mother and little sister. Ana Maria joined the academy at the age of two and had her first show the same year in the large theater, Teatro Lisce. “We would train the whole year and then have a couple of shows every December,” she said. “In the academy we had people from every age, from little children to a lady of 65.” Ana Maria’s mother, Pilar Rocha Goldberg, was in the same academy since age seven. Pilar will also be performing on Wednesday night along with Ana Maria’s eight-year-old sister, Mariana.

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In addition to wanting to share their passion and culture with the Hamilton community, Ana Maria and Daniel are carrying out this event as a fundraiser for two organizations. The first is Pies Descalzos (Bare Feet), an NGO founded by Shakira which provides scholarships and school supplies, and builds schools for the children displaced by the war in Colombia. The second is STAEAS, an NGO based in South Africa where Daniel will be intern in the coming summer. Money for this organization will be used to buy condoms and create sex education workshops.

Besides raising money through donations, Colombians and Ecuadorian handmade crafts will be sold. This includes jewelry, tapestries, hammocks and clothing. During the intermission, Pablo Abreu ‘10 and Pablo ‘10 will be singing a Reggeton song, which they wrote.

This show is being sponsored by Student Assembly, the Dean of Diversity and Accessibility, the Dean of Students, the Humanities Studies Department, who will be giving extra credit to students who attend and are currently in Hispanic Studies courses, and the Sociology and Comparative Literature Departments.

Take a study break and come at 6:30 p.m. to the Events Barn for a night of Colombian dancing, a Latin American free dinner and a sale of handmade crafts from Ecuador and Colombia!

Are You Homesick Yet?

By Rafael Freire '12

Features Writer

RHYTHMS & TRADITIONS DE COL Ó MBIA!

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As for college students who miss home, this phenomenon corresponds to some sort of deliberate exile. Fortunately for students who are prone to feel homesick, we live in a time in which media has integrated and decentralized space. It doesn’t matter if you are from Tucson, Arizona or Natal, Brazil; the person who determines the quantity and quality of direct communica- tion between you and your family is yourself. Now that you can easily set up a video conference on your computer, you can see and speak to your parents thus every night if you wanted. Also, nothing stops you from text-messaging your boyfriend back home on his cell phone multiple times a day: cell phone technol- ogy has made it possible for people who are away to be “together” in a moment-to-moment basis. High-definition media as a provider of firsthand communication makes it so easy for people to be in touch, that in order to keep relationships healthy you must only track yourself down in terms of technology usage. In the end, most people would rather be homesick than sick of home.

Finally, I would like to say that I moved from Brazil to the United States three years ago and that there isn’t anyone who misses home as much as I do. I have grown to un- derstand that homesickness is over- all an issue of memory. One of the students I talked to, who also hap- pens to be an international student, told me that he tries never to think of home in order to escape from missing it. I belong to the other group of homesick people, whose attitude to homesickness is to think all the more of home. Maybe the day will come when I’ll be so fully engorged by the culture in the U.S. that I won’t think of any place else as home. Until that happens, I’ll nurture my necessity to think of Brazil, as I’d do with something precious.

“From Where I Sit” is the ESOL column that represents the nonnative English Speaker’s point of view on his or her experience.
Jamon Rahn ’09

Age: Love is ageless.
Eye Color: Blue
Height: 6’2

Sign: What’s yours?
Hometown: Longmeadow, Ma
Major: Chinese
On Campus Activities: I actually hate being on campus.
Off Campus Activities: Adventure, Travel, Skiing, Techno, Weird Situations, Big Brother Big Sisters

Interested In: Beautiful Ladies
What You Are Looking For Now: I really enjoy friendships that come with mutual benefits.

Ideal Date:
On Campus: You’ll know when you’re on one.
Off Campus: The Deansborough.

If you were to prepare a romantic dinner, what would be on the menu?
I make a mean Chicken Piccata topped with capers and lemons. Finish with a German Riesling and Crème Brule.

What is your ideal date wearing?
Ruggers, Jans… I’m more into brunch.

What You Are Looking For Now:
Interested In:

Sisters
Skiing, Techno, Weird Situations, Big Brother Big

On Campus Activities:
Major:
Hometown:
Eye Color:
Age:

Jamon Rahn ‘09

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Kelsey Lawler ’11

Age: 19
Eye Color: Brown
Height: 5’8”

Sign: Leo
Hometown: Orange County, CA
Major: World Politics
On Campus Activities: Volleyball, IM Hockey, pretending to be on the rugby team, pretending to be a Jan

Interested In: Men, more specifically: Ruggers, Jans
What You Are Looking For Now: We’ll see.

Ideal Date:
On Campus: Ice skating
Off Campus: Minar all you can eat buffet, hanging with middle school townsies at Sanguertown.

If you were to prepare a romantic dinner, what would be on the menu?
Minar and Outback catering. Or annie’s mac n cheese

What is your ideal date wearing?
Rugby shorts

Turn Ons:
Tumorous calf muscles, a little facial scruff

Turn Offs:
Discussing your video game skills.

Favorites
Place to Hangout on Campus: Levitt Center, I like reading the paper.
Favorite exercise at the gym: I mostly walk around giving advice.
Favorite TV Show: Californication
Favorite Movie: Casino Royale
Favorite Book: Hemingway is a bro.

Best pick-up line that has worked on me:
“I’m a Jan…”

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Age:

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Think You Know A Better Bach?’?

Compiled by Erin搜索引擎 '10, Managing Editor
Audiences to be Bitten by the Twilight Bug

By Ashley Stagner ’09 Arts & Entertainment Writer

Fans of Stephanie Meyer’s Twilight Saga should be happy with the first cinematic interpretation of the series, Twilight. Released in theaters on November 21 and already set to be released on DVD in Spring 2009, the film is currently number one on the charts and getting rave reviews.

Twilight centers on the high school love story between impossibly clumsy 17 year-old Bella Swan (played by Kristen Stewart) and 9/17 year-old vampire Edward Cullen (Robert Pattinson). The film, set in Forks, Washington, follows the couples’ romance from their first painful encounter in their high school biology class to their budding but dangerous friendship to their inevitable relationship. Edward is drawn to Bella by the smell of her blood; rarely, if ever, a vampire will meet a human who smells truly irresistible. Most vampires kill the human immediately. Yet, Edward fights the urge and leaves Forks.

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In his performance on Wednesday, Sundquist delivered a comic routine that matched the type of praise that has been lavished upon him by audiences and the media. He performed with a youthful energy and sense of humor, and he seemed to have a natural ability to communicate with his audience on a personal level. His jokes got a great reaction from a small but enthusiastic audience of Hamilton students. Most of his anecdotes were about teenaged or college-related themes—like a date in which he’s inevitably relationship.

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Sundquist’s disability resulted from an accident that he developed as a young boy. He was given a 50/50 chance of survival and had to undergo extensive chemotherapy and a leg amputation. Sundquist persevered and managed to have a pretty normal childhood despite his handicap, becoming a champion skier and eventually achieving his dreams of being in the down-hill skiing at the Torino Paralympic Games in 2006. Since then, Sundquist has spoken at colleges and corporate events and has been featured on CNN and in USA Today.

Sundquist is so charismatic that audience members may forget he is an amputee.

Write for Arts & Entertainment.

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The Shawshank Redemption

Not too much can be said about The Shawshank Redemption without ruining the brilliant storyline. This is not only a graphic prison drama but also an investigation of surmounting the psychological prisons of our society and even our own minds. With ill-fated romance, multiple horrors of penitentiary life, and triumph through the seemingly most hopeless of situations, The Shawshank Redemption earns 4.7 lettuce heads. Make sure you have a good chunk of time to devote to watching it on CH54 before you sit down. It’s 2 hours and 25 minutes long!

Upcoming in Wellin

by Michelle Reiser-Member

Arts Administrator

Conducted by Heather Buchman, the Hamilton College Orchestra performs its final concert of the year on Thursday, Dec. 11 at 8 p.m. in Wellin Hall. The program will include Rossini’s Overture to La Gazza Ladra, several movements of Dvorak’s Symphony No. 8, Faure’s Pavane, and Saint-Saëns’ Concerto No. 8, Fauré’s Pavane, and a frequent guest performer of the Society for New Music in Syracuse. This concert is free and open to the public. For more information about this or other Wellin Hall events, call the box office at 859-4331.

Weekly Charts

MUSIC

(From billboard.com)

Top Albums
1. 808s and Heartbreak-Kanye West
2. Fearless-Taylor Swift
3. Chinese Democracy-Guns N’ Roses
4. I Am...Sasha Fierce-Beyonce
5. Theater of the Mind-Ludacris

Top Singles
1. Single Ladies (Put A Ring On It)-Beyonce
2. Live Your Life-T.I. feat. Rihanna
3. If I Were A Boy-Beyonce
4. Whatever You Like-T.I.
5. Just Dance-Lady Gaga feat. Colby O’Donis

MOVIES

(From imdb.com)

1. Four Christmases
2. Bolt
3. Twilight
4. Quantum of Solace
5. Australia

BOOKS

(From The New York Times BestSeller List)

1. THE SHACK, by William P. Young
2. THE APPEAL, by John Grisham
3. THE SECRET LIFE OF BEES, by Sue Monk Kidd
4. THE ALCHEMIST, by Paulo Coelho
5. WORLD WITHOUT END, by Ken Follett

PAPERBACK NON-Fiction

1. THE AUDACITY OF HOPE, by Barack Obama
2. DREAMS FROM MY FATHER, by Barack Obama
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HAMILTON HEALTH & SAFETY HOROSCOPES

by Steve Allinger ’09

Starz

Aries: Feeling a little guilty after your Thanksgiving feast? Don’t worry, it’s not from over-eating, it’s just the faint remnants of the guilt our pilgrim ancestors felt after they robbed Native Americans of their land and culture. Take some alka-seltzer and it should pass.

Taurus: A nurse in the health center informed me that if you’ve ever had sex and then felt sick the next day and then got better soon after, you may have contracted AIDS. Boy. Isn’t that comforting!

Gemini: Contrary to what “science” says, excessive drinking kills only the slow and weak brain cells leaving the stronger, fitter ones to survive...It’s science.

Cancer: Bringing a friend to work out with you in the gym will make you push yourself harder…

Leo: Instead of grabbing a bag of salty potato chips for snack time, grab a healthy sack of soy chips. And then wind up and punch your own face for owning a healthy bag of soy chips.

Virgo: A recent study has shown that doorknobs are more germ-infested than toilet seats. Try replacing doorknobs with toilet seats and vice versa.

Libra: Avoid the Bundy dining hall as a rare strain of adult SID has been bred there from a combination of stale beer, vomit, and lowered standards.

Scorpio: More condoms.

Sagittarius: As the days grow shorter, you may begin to suffer from “laziness.” Unfortunately there is no cure. Except Ritalin.

Capricorn: Eat avocados, motherf*!ker!

Aquarius: Nothing beats a nice salad with low-fat dressing and a tall glass of enriched rice milk. Except for literally everything else that potentially can be called a food item.

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Dietering has become a part of our world and with it, so has caloric counting. While recent fads, including the famous Atkins Diet, assert that calories are secondary indicators of a food’s nutritional value or lack thereof, most experts agree that counting calories is the surest way to lose weight. As a result, chain restaurants across the country have been forced to display calorie counts on their menus. At the Diner in New York City, for example, any restaurant that has more than 15 branches nationwide is required to include calorie counts at its NYC locations. Many other restaurants are beginning to include calorie counts voluntarily or to have calorie counts available, either for some or all items, on request. So what about Hamilton?

Hamilton’s foodservice is provided by Bon Appetit Management Company, a California-based food service company with over 400 locations nationwide in colleges and workplaces. On the face of it, it would seem reasonable for some form of calorie count to be available for the food served at the dining halls on campus. I decided to investigate and found that, although copious amounts of general information about their food and food in general is available from Bon Appetit, both in fliers displayed on dining halls and on their website, www.bonappetit.com, the food service company does not provide calorie counts specific to food served in their dining halls, including the Howard Diner and the Little Pub.

Overall, the results were disappointing. At Soper Commons, I was served a macaroni dish and a salad with dressing – two items that I could potentially identify and try to come up with something specific to calorie counts. However, the employee I spoke to had no idea what the calorie count for the meal would be. I asked for the calorie count in a meal, and he gave me the calorie count of a separate item of food, to eat at the Diner. The immediate response was, “Do you really want to know?” Unfortunately, when I said that I did, no one was forthcoming. Apparently, the Diner workers don’t want to know how many calories go into the meals they prepare, which are often the same ones they eat. One employee admitted, “I wouldn’t eat here if I knew how many calories were in these things. It’s all I can do [to eat at the Diner] knowing the ingredients.” Likewise, a ready-to-order item arrived at the Pub. When I asked for the calorie count in a Woodchuck Cider, I was told, “A lot of empty ones.”

My best experience was back at Commons, where one employee diligently searched for the figures for a Commons hot dog. Each frankfurter, I was told, contains 300 calories, 250 from fat. Combined with the bun (for which nutrition facts are available on the package at Commons, my lunch of two hot dogs with buns contained 840 calories and 84 percent of the USDA-recommended daily value for fat, not counting condiments or a drink. Overall, the results were disappointing. At Soper Commons, I was served a macaroni dish and a salad with dressing – two items that I could potentially identify and try to come up with something specific to calorie counts. However, the employee I spoke to had no idea what the calorie count for the meal would be. I asked for the calorie count in a meal, and he gave me the calorie count of a separate item of food, to eat at the Diner. The immediate response was, “Do you really want to know?” Unfortunately, when I said that I did, no one was forthcoming. Apparently, the Diner workers don’t want to know how many calories go into the meals they prepare, which are often the same ones they eat. One employee admitted, “I wouldn’t eat here if I knew how many calories were in these things. It’s all I can do [to eat at the Diner] knowing the ingredients.” Likewise, a ready-to-order item arrived at the Pub. When I asked for the calorie count in a Woodchuck Cider, I was told, “A lot of empty ones.”

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Searching for reasons behind the lack of information, I scheduled an interview with Terri Brownlee, Bon Appetit’s Regional Director of Nutrition for the Northeast. Brownlee explained that getting calorie counts at Commons and McEwen is next to impossible, since fresh meals are prepared daily from local ingredients. In addition, the entrees are not served in fixed amounts, but rather in hearty scoops. “The important thing to remember when choosing a meal,” Brownlee observed, “is common sense. Beef has more calories than chicken, which has more than fish. Things like that.” Brownlee also explained the approach known as “stealth nutrition” used by Bon Appetit. “For example,” she explained, “they’re making sure that [the Bon Appetit workers] can trim the amount of cheese on a pizza slightly and increase the vegetable topping for a nutritional advantage for the guests – even those that would not choose an item if it’s labeled healthy.”

When I asked what would happen when students left Hamilton and were away from the influence of stealth nutrition, Brownlee revealed another key aspect of Bon Appetit’s program. “We let students make choices,” she said, citing the stir-fry bar in McEwen as a good example. “You can choose what vegetables and how many, as well as your rice and sauce,” she pointed out. “This choice is another reason why calorie counts probably won’t be coming to Commons or McEwen - each personalized stir-fry has a unique calorie count.”

At the Diner, however, portions are constant and the recipes do not change day to day. Nevertheless, change did not seem to be the order of the day. Although Brownlee said calorie counts had been “discussed repeatedly” inside the Bon Appetit management, any effort at including calorie counts on a menu, or even making them available upon request, “would have to be coordinated through student health services,” said Brownlee. Whether she was referring to the Health Center, the EMTs, or the Dean of Students office was unclear.

Bon Appetit’s primary concern, Brownlee said, was that people with eating disorders would obsess over calorie counts if they were available. She stressed that Bon Appetit had no economic interest one way or the other in providing calorie counts; the costs, she insisted, would be minimal. She suggested any real change in policy might take as long as three years and would also require Student Assembly involvement. In the meantime, she suggested using more general nutrition concepts such as preferring wheat bread to white and whole wheat pasta to regular. It looks like Hamilton students won’t be informed of the amount of calories they consume every day anytime soon, even if they want to know.

With servings getting bigger and bigger in restaurants across the country, calorie counting keeps things in perspective.
Artificially Intelligent Engine

by Saad S. Chaudhry '12

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY EDITOR

For quite some time now, many have been exposed to artificial intelli-

genius and its potential for manaculating human luxuries in the

documentary by that name. However, those who are unfamiliar with this

are many, and now it has been brought to the screen in a movie called "The Day After Tomorrow; it shows the dire effects of climate change. As a result of our proposal, the United States has more than 250,000 rivers. That's 3.5 million miles of rivers.

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The United States is experiencing record-high temperatures and low

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 Technologies only become interesting once they’ve already become ubiquitous. That’s why Facebook made sense when Mark Zuckerberg & Co. launched it at Harvard University, as its members were constrained to the community of Harvard undergraduates, thus perhaps making it significantly easier for the site to be used by everyone. But to oversimplify it, if Facebook were just a two-person network, it would have been a vast failure. It became a spectacular success precisely because it was ubiquitous. The same is true of the iPod, the iPhone, and other mass-market technological innovations. The key is to make it easy to get, easy to use, and easy not to try something else. That’s why social networks will succeed, even if the demographic who uses them first is younger than the population at large. The key is the ubiquity of the Internet, and its mobile convergence.

Thus, the truth is that social networking is a trend. It is a topic of discussion and a part of our culture. It is also moving beyond the internet and into the public square. For example, the social networking site Facebook is now being used by millions of people worldwide. It is also being used by businesses, organizations, and individuals to connect with others.

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not easily accepted; it was rejected by some world famous institution, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Harvard University, Yale University, and even the United Nations pension fund. They claim that this form of investing will hurt earnings by giving out “green investment funds,” and these groups will therefore take only small steps (if any take it) toward green investment. Since foundations and pension funds often have an obligation to maximize returns, they fear green investment will bring in lower returns.

As we know, the goal of an investment is to maximize profit. The profit can be economic profit, but it can be environmental profit as well. Whereas most firms focus on economic profits, it is important to realize that, by creating a sustainable environment, everyone can benefit more in the long run. From a long-term point of view, we should be optimistic about the future of green

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Key and the Conduit: How Increased Social and Mobile Networks Are Impacting Lives
by David Riordan '99
Sci. & Tech. Senior Writer

The doctor has been taught to be interested not in health but in disease. What the public is taught is that health is the cure for disease.

~Ashley Montagu

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Cell phones are no longer just utilities for making calls, but are now used for social networking as well.

Congratulations, Dorm Energy Battle Victors!
The Science and Technology section would like to extend its sincere congratulations to Kirkland and Milbank and all the other competitors. Just because the competition is over doesn’t mean conserving energy isn’t important. Try making the habits you started during the challenge permanent parts of your daily routine.
The only man to defeat the game to catapult the team star Kathryn Kroleski ’09 put power play opportunity late in assisting Amy Allen ’0 on a by scoring the first goal and credited two points in the match. Stephanie Miguel ’ contribresulted in a two goal advantage with great energy, which re.

On November 8, the Lady initial stretch of the year. in years, going 4-2 through its of players. The women’s team ter season on fire with striking hockey team has begun its win-

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Tend to be on a mission to qualify for nationals, with the bonus motivation of reunited with her sister from Colby. Gen Flanders continued her strong performance with a sixth place finish in 20:07. The senior seems to be on a mission this year, and has looked strong in every race. Kate Hall ’10 finished just third despite the strong effort by taking the top five. St. Law-

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Kevin Kerr ’0, who was second in 28:09. Just behind the boy wonder was Bill Reid ’0 in 28:10, and

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Eighty-five percent of the on three of those possessions, thereby reducing any chance the Continentals had in turn-

The team had 11 chances, but scored on just five of them and capitalized on their ability to continue playing well eight of those chances.

Whether it is the weather or the year, the senior from the South is always a threat. This winter, she continues to amaze fans with her performance both on and off the ice.

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Peter Kosgei Wins Fifth National Championship
by James Russell ’10
Sports Writer

While the Hamilton student body could finally take a break from work and go home for Thanksgiving, there was one member of the student body that still had an assignment: win the Division III Cross Country National Championships. For Peter Kosgei ’10, his work was due on Saturday November 22. It turned out to be not very difficult, as Kosgei placed a career best race comfortably to secure his first national championship in cross country, and fifth overall (in door and outdoor track).

After finishing second last year in his first championship appearance (the only cross country race in his career he’s ever lost), Kosgei was the overwhelming favorite this year. He ran with the front pack for the first three miles and made no attempt to quicken the pace. His style represents a perfect foil to running’s pop star: Steve Prefontaine (check out the movies Prefontaine or Without Limits). He would get out early and dare anyone to stay with him. But since Peter can rely on a sprint that can challenge some NFL wide receivers, he can afford to save his energy in the body of a race and then out sprint any competition at the end.

In this race however, Kosgei decided to showcase his skills.

“I wanted to show everyone that I don’t just sit back and then sprint at the end,” he said.

After running with the leaders for the first three miles, Kosgei started to use his trademark surge on the hills. During these surges, he’d pick up the pace on the uphill and then resume his normal pace on the level terrain.

When nobody responded to his surge at the three mile mark, Kosgei was left all by himself for the last two miles en route to a course record of 24:22.

“I didn’t want to hold anything back for this race,” he said.

The biggest obstacle Peter had to deal with was the despicable behavior of the Continentals’ men, a former Division I program. They knew they couldn’t beat Kosgei so they relied on an unsportsmanlike strategy of running very close to Peter, while shining and sometimes even clipping the back of his spikes. In a sport known for its strong community of runners no matter the team, this act ranks among the lowest of the low. Fortunately, Kosgei possessed the strength to withstand the conduct of the Continentals runners to win the race in a classy manner.

So what’s next for Kosgei?

“A nice break,” he said with a smile.

After a two month break from competing, the indoor track season starts, where Kosgei will be ready to complete his second semester assignments of defending his titles in the 800m and the mile.

Continents Shoot to Four Wins
by Andrew Harris ’11
Sports Writer

After last season’s difficult loss to Clarkson in the Liberty League Championship game, the Hamilton men’s basketball team was eager to get back on the court and try for another successful season. Led by Harlee Wood ’09, the Continentals picked to finish first in the Liberty League this season by the coaches of the different teams in the league.

In their first game of the season, the Continentals matched up against the College of Mt. St. Vincent in the Hamilton Tip-Off Tournament. Wood scored 23 points to lead the way in a high-scoring 07-05 win. Wilson poured in 2 points and 1 rebound, recorded double-doubles in a balanced offensive attack. Russ Rosenband ’12 came off the bench to add 17 points, as the team did not relinquish its five point halftime advantage. The team’s defense, however, was more questionable, as Mt. St. Vincent shot over 50 percent for the game, and had five players in double figures. Hamilton pulled away at times in the second half, leading by 23 points at one point, in part thanks to 14 three-pointers.

In the championship game of the Hamilton tournament, Hamilton faced NESCAC foe Bates College. Again, the Continentals put in a solid effort, increasing their defensive pressure on the way to an 85-66 win. Wood finished with 23 again, along with eight rebounds, which was good enough to earn him Most Outstanding Player honors for the tournament. Hamilton continued its hot shooting as a team, making over 50 percent of its shots, including 17 more points from Rosenband, who made an impressive impact in his first two collegiate games. Rosenband scored most of his points from behind the arc, netting four three pointers to help the Continentals pull away in the second half.

For their efforts in the Hamilton Tip-Off Tournament, both Wood and Rosenband were honored on the All-Tournament team. In addition, Wood was named Liberty League Forward of the Week, while Rosenband was named a Liberty League Co-Rookie of the Week. Wood averaged 23 points and six boards during the tournament, and Rosenband contributed 17 points per game.

After its decisive victories in their tournament, the team turned its attention to Emmanuel College. Down by one point at halftime, the Continentals rallied in the second half for an 81-65 victory. Wilson was instrumental in the win, scoring 21 points, grabbing seven boards, and dishing out seven assists. Wood fouled out early, after scoring 11 points, but the team’s freshmen carried the load in his absence. Rosenband scored 13, Sullivan 12, and Ephraim McDowell ’12 netted 10. Hamilton’s defense in the second half was the story of the game, as they shut down Emmanuel’s shooters, who only managed to shoot 30 percent. About five minutes into the second half, Hamilton started to pull away, going on a 22-1 run to put the game out of reach.

This past Tuesday, the Continentals hosted a tough rival, Utica College. Down by two points at halftime, Hamilton again rallied in the second half, narrowly escaping with a 71-68 win. The Continentals, now 4-0 were led by Wood, who scored 26 points and pulled down 14 boards, including eight on the offensive glass. Wilson poured in 21 to help the cause, as did McDowell, who scored 12. Utica’s defense held Hamilton to only 41 percent shooting, their lowest output of the season, but the Continentals’ defense rose to the challenge. In each of their victories, Hamilton has relied on a different aspect of their team for help, from their offensive and defensive prowess to the depth of their bench. With results like these early in the season, the Continentals look poised to fulfill their preseason expectations and hopefully reach the NCAA Tournament.

Peter Kosgei ’10 kicks back after his Cross Country Championship win.