by Kerry Q. Coughlin ’11

News Writer

There will be no party at Griffin Road on this year’s Class & Charter Day. This announce-
ment, much to many students’ dismay, came in the all campus e-mail of the Student Assembly (SA) minutes from April 6. The party at the Griffin Road apartment complex (G-Road) has been occurring for five or six years and involves an outdoor venue for what is essentially free-for-all of alcohol consump-
tion to celebrate the year’s last day of classes. Many faculty, staff, and students have been expressing concern over the G-Road party for some time. According to the SA minutes, last year, there were eight alcohol-related EMT calls on Class & Charter Day, four of these resulting in hospital trans-
port. In addition, G-Road is a residential road, and students have been known to wander onto private property during Class & Charter Day.

Dean of Students Nancy Thompson said that the G-Road party has “gotten completely out of control.” Unlike officially rec-
ognized parties hosted in social spaces, at the G-Road party, “it is unclear who has provided alcohol and there is no control over who is served.”

“Every year the neighbors are disrupted in a variety of unac-
ceptable ways,” said Thompson. Professor Karen Brewer of the chemistry department has lived near the Griffin Road apartments for nearly eleven years. “I know that my neighbors and I have dealt with increasing noise and more litter in our yards, along with vomiting on our property or the street and students trespass-
ing in our yards with some of them relieving themselves in full view of my children,” she said. Beyond these inconveniences and irritations, Brewer added, “I have been very worried about stu-
dents’ safety as they walk in the road with cars having to weave between them and the students who are obviously too inebriated to walk by themselves.”

While some students are up-
set over the cancellation, many have already come to accept the administration’s decision. “I can understand the administration’s unwillingness to let the festivi-
ties go unchecked, but it’s sad they have to cancel G-Road al-
together, instead of emphasizing responsible choices,” said Alden Masters ’11.

The administration is sup-
portive of finding an alternative to the G-Road party on Class & Charter Day. “This is not a can-
cellation of Class & Charter Day, just of the dangerous and disrup-
tive event that has occurred on Griffin Road,” said Thompson. Students are encouraged to attend the awards ceremony in the Cha-
pel, the all-campus picnic, and Hamtrek and its accompanying games and events. In addition, SA is working on alternative locations for a Class & Charter Day party and is examining pos-
sibilities such as a Battle of the Bands.

Ex-Prisoner Seeks to Rebuild Somalia
by Alicia Wright ’10

News Writer

Raised in a nomadic culture along the Western coast of Africa, Salehman Nuh Ali does not remem-
ber a time when his family lived in one place more than a month. Like

his education at Alleghany Col-
lege, Ali visited campus this past Tuesday evening to present a talk on the past, present, and future of Somali.

Mike Debrugghe, executive director of communications in the communications and development department, knew Ali personally during his time working at Al-
legheny College. By inviting Ali to campus to speak with students, Debrugghe said, “I hope students get a deeper understanding of Somalia than what they read in the media, and the effect one man can have on his nation.”

In the mid-sixties, Ali left his
nomadic life in Somalia to pursue his education at Allegheny Col-
lege in Pennsylvania. He moved from Allegheny College to Howard

University, where he completed a degree in architecture and urban planning. From Howard, Ali re-
turned to Somalia to work as the chief architect for the Somalia Na-
tional Housing Agency, serving as a consultant with the U.S. Agency for International Development to design mobile health care facilities for the nomads. During his work on this project in 1982, the Somali secret police arrested Ali.

For six years, Ali served time in solitary confinement. Then, in February 1988, Ali and seven oth-
er prisoners were tried for treason punishable by death by firing squad. After nights of torture, as detailed
through a letter smuggled out of the prison, Ali finally signed a confes-
sion authored by the authorities. As

Ali wrote, “I told them, in short, to write a confession how they like it and I will sign where and when they wanted. And I did… The firing squad is better than the torture.”

Ali and the other prisoners’ trial gained international attention, and although the prisoners were found guilty, the president of then So-

mali President Siad Barre caused authorities to reduce the penalty from death to 24 years in

NEWS: StandUp for Peace

OPINION: Thumbs Up/Thumbs Down Contest

FEATURES: Naomi Klein’s Shock Doctrine

SPORTS: Men’s Tennis

Streak to Win will premiere at Hamilton on April 24, 2009.

"Au Naturel" Alums to Screen New Documentary at Hamilton
by Kate Moore ’12

News Writer

When accepted students over-
whelm the campus for Accepted Students’ Day, the question they will all be asking is “What makes Hamilton special?” The answer, of course, is ruled people. Started in 2002 as a way to make the Hamilton name legend, the Varsity Streaking Movie, a tribute to the team and all it has ac-

complished has been compiled as a documentary of the Streak to Win Page 3

INSIDE

In the mid-sixties, Ali left his
nomadic life in Somalia to pursue his education at Allegheny Col-
lege in Pennsylvania. He moved from Allegheny College to Howard

University, where he completed a degree in architecture and urban planning. From Howard, Ali re-
turned to Somalia to work as the chief architect for the Somalia Na-
tional Housing Agency, serving as a consultant with the U.S. Agency for International Development to design mobile health care facilities for the nomads. During his work on this project in 1982, the Somali secret police arrested Ali.

For six years, Ali served time in solitary confinement. Then, in February 1988, Ali and seven oth-
er prisoners were tried for treason punishable by death by firing squad. After nights of torture, as detailed
through a letter smuggled out of the prison, Ali finally signed a confes-
sion authored by the authorities. As

Ali wrote, “I told them, in short, to write a confession how they like it and I will sign where and when they wanted. And I did… The firing squad is better than the torture.”

Ali and the other prisoners’ trial gained international attention, and although the prisoners were found guilty, the president of then So-

mali President Siad Barre caused authorities to reduce the penalty from death to 24 years in

NEWS: StandUp for Peace

OPINION: Thumbs Up/Thumbs Down Contest

FEATURES: Naomi Klein’s Shock Doctrine

SPORTS: Men’s Tennis

Streak to Win will premiere at Hamilton on April 24, 2009.

"Au Naturel" Alums to Screen New Documentary at Hamilton
by Kate Moore ’12

News Writer

When accepted students over-
whelm the campus for Accepted Students’ Day, the question they will all be asking is “What makes Hamilton special?” The answer, of course, is ruled people. Started in 2002 as a way to make the Hamilton name legend, the Varsity Streaking Movie, a tribute to the team and all it has ac-

complished has been compiled as a documentary of the Streak to Win Page 3

INSIDE

In the mid-sixties, Ali left his
nomadic life in Somalia to pursue his education at Allegheny Col-
lege in Pennsylvania. He moved from Allegheny College to Howard

University, where he completed a degree in architecture and urban planning. From Howard, Ali re-
turned to Somalia to work as the chief architect for the Somalia Na-
tional Housing Agency, serving as a consultant with the U.S. Agency for International Development to design mobile health care facilities for the nomads. During his work on this project in 1982, the Somali secret police arrested Ali.

For six years, Ali served time in solitary confinement. Then, in February 1988, Ali and seven oth-
er prisoners were tried for treason punishable by death by firing squad. After nights of torture, as detailed
through a letter smuggled out of the prison, Ali finally signed a confes-
sion authored by the authorities. As

Ali wrote, “I told them, in short, to write a confession how they like it and I will sign where and when they wanted. And I did… The firing squad is better than the torture.”

Ali and the other prisoners’ trial gained international attention, and although the prisoners were found guilty, the president of then So-

mali President Siad Barre caused authorities to reduce the penalty from death to 24 years in

NEWS: StandUp for Peace

OPINION: Thumbs Up/Thumbs Down Contest

FEATURES: Naomi Klein’s Shock Doctrine

SPORTS: Men’s Tennis

Streak to Win will premiere at Hamilton on April 24, 2009.
Hamilton Teams Hiking to Help Prevent AIDS

As the weather gets warmer and students at Hamilton College begin to spend more time outside, the annual springtime event, known as a "hike" to raise funds to benefit the AIDS Community Resources (ACR) of the Adirondack region, is soon underway.

This year’s AIDS Hike for Life, sponsored by the class of 2009, begins at 11 a.m. on April 17. Registration begins at 10 a.m. and the event begins at 11 a.m. The hike began 11 years ago in response to the increasing demand for youth AIDS prevention services. "We needed more money to meet the demand for our services in the local community," explained Wil Murtaugh, the Director of Special Projects and Development for the ACR. "This year's AIDS Hike for Life, the AIDS Community Resources and students at Hamilton College have raised money and completed the 5k walk/run for the cause. Approximately 400 to 500 people participate each year, about 40 percent of which are members of the Hamilton community. Although the ACR encourages all participants to raise at least $25, each participant or team sets a fundraising goal, and there are incentives such as t-shirts and gift cards that are offered for different levels of funds raised. "In 10 years the event has raised a total of $389,551, and last year the event raised $64,812," stated Murtaugh. Teams also have the opportunity to win a number of awards including those for the top fundraising team, the team that is most creative and the largest team.

At the time this article was written, 31 teams had registered for the event online.

Even in the current economic situation, the event is still expected to be successful. "This year we are hoping to raise $75,000," said Murtaugh. "That’s a huge goal, considering that many ‘not for profits’ are not making their goals." Additionally, all of the funds that are raised will stay in the Mohawk Valley to support the ACR’s Adolescent Prevention Programs (Teen AIDS Task Force & LG-BTQ Youth Safety Project) and Client Support Services. Hamilton College has been chosen to host the event for many reasons. "There has always been terrific support for this cause by young people. They understand the threat, and the Hamilton College campus is amazingly supportive," explained Murtaugh. "It also happens to be one of the most beautiful places you could hold a walk/run in the Mohawk Valley.”

Registration is online for those who want to participate. A group of hikers must raise a minimum of $500, and all runners must pre-register. Popcorn, hot dogs and Starbuck’s coffee will be available free to all participants.

Somali Speaker Promotes Peace for Nation’s Future

"From Ex-Prisoner, page 1

As the government cannot always ensure the protection of the constitution, it is the responsibility of the community to learn to feed themselves. Out of fear, Somalia should rebuild the government on its own, calling on citizens to have a stake in the government and to pay for the building of the government so that they feel like a partner of the government," said Ali.

Once Ali completed his talk on the history and present situation in Somalia, he opened the floor for questions related to the nation. Many questions focused on the role international aid played in rebuilding Somalia. Ali said that in terms of foreign policy, there should only be offered to Somalia during times of famine. Food aid poses a major threat to Africa, he pointed out, and the people of Somalia need to learn to feed themselves.

One audience member asked, if a peace agreement is established, should any foreign power have influence to ensure the success of a new Somali government? Ali proposed that Somaliland become a group of confederations based on clan. Already, from work Ali has done in the capital city of Mogadishu and in other parts of Somaliland, relative peace has been maintained, even during much of the civil unrest near Mogadishu. By giving each clan its own Parliament with a Prime Minister and creating an autonomous system for the other regions, the area can then institute a federal government to oversee the major clan governments. Also, a security force within the federal system should consist of all the clans.

Ali appeared to have an optimistic view that Somalia, and many other struggling African nations, can implement successful governments, however he warned that these nations need to take more direct action and play a greater role in their own change.

Students in classes taught by Professor of Government Stephen Davis and the Africana Studies Nigel wa Madeira and Ambassador Edward Walker ’62 will have the opportunity to speak with the audience personally in their classes this week. Debruggio extended this thanks to these professors, the Dean of Faculty and Student Life offices and many other student organizations for their help in bringing Ali to the Hill.

SA Update

Considering a social honor code

by Eve Denton ’12

Student Assembly has decided that due to the numerous discussions already taking place on campus about the controversy surrounding Mexican Night, they will not be issuing a statement regarding the events. Instead, they took the opportunity at the April 13 meeting to discuss the possibility of establishing a social honor code at Hamilton, similar to the ones that exist at many other schools. The point of this would be to create guidelines, while at the same time ensuring that free speech is protected.

A member raised the point that writing an official social code could make students uncomfortable, and although incoming classes may not notice its effects, a code could make the current situation more divisive than it already is. Another member felt that while a social honor code may theoretically work, punishments would be hard to enforce. A member expressed concern that while it may initially be created due to concerns over a social event, it could ultimately encompass other aspects of Hamilton life, such as the steering team. It would be difficult to create a social code which would leave all students happy.

The intense reaction to the current situation is due, in part, to a build up of emotions from other events that have happened at Hamilton in the past. One Student Council member expressed approval that the community is continuing the discussion about the events and not simply letting them go. The possibility of bringing in a third-party arbitrator with no connection to the college was raised.

Student Assembly is interested in forming an ad hoc committee to determine how to further handle this issue. Those interested in joining should e-mail SA@hamilton.edu.

Technology:

Spots are filling up for the Eduscene Center for Applied Research (ECAR) survey. ECAR is a research center that helps educational institutions make informed decisions regarding the technology on their campuses. Students still interested in participating in the survey should sign up online. Free pizza from the Pizza Place will be provided.

The Student Assembly website is back online and working. A suggestion box will be made available online in the upcoming weeks.

Social Traditions:

Social traditions are in the midst of planning events for Saturday, May 2 (the day formerly known as May Day). Students still interested in participating in the events should sign up online. Free pizza from the Pizza Place will be provided.

Elections:

Class president elections will be held on Tuesday, April 21, and will last for two days. General election signature sheets are due back on or before Friday, April 17. On Sunday, April 19 there will be a briefing meeting at 5 p.m. All 100-word platforms should be mailed to egston@hamilton.edu.

Other Announcements:

Thursday, April 16, there will be a Bone Marrow Registry Drive held in the Annex from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in memory of Katharine C. Eckman ’09. It is a quick process involving registration and a cheek swab. Only one out of every hundred potential donors are ever asked to donate. Please contact Tommy Kobayashi ’09 at thomas.kobayashi@gmail.com with any questions.
Streaking Movie Will Bare It All

from Streaking, page 1

her goal to “streak to win.” Though they faced opposition such as campus security and direct competition from other students who attempted to join them, the team came out on top.

This was a historical moment both for the College and for the sport of streaking. Luckily, our fore-minded predecessors did remember to take their cameras out of their pockets before dropping their pants.

“We had a bunch of footage and wanted to share it with everyone else,” said Peter Holzaepfel ’05.

Thus, the victorious streak of episcopal proportions has been documented for posterity. On Friday, April 24, current Hamilton students, as heirs to the streaking legacy, will be able to view the movie, entitled Struck to Win.

Struck to Win is meant to be a comprehensive documentary that someone from just about anywhere in the world can watch,” said Holzaepfel.

The documentary is the spawn of an earlier film, Buff and Blue, which debuted in Spring 2005.

After the release of Buff and Blue, the editors realized “there was much more of a story there that didn’t come out. There’s the tension, there’s the character,” said Holzaepfel.

Holzaepfel, a corporate engagement manager at The Climate Group, has made the professional production of Struck to Win a side project with Trice, a web and social community producer, and Bedient, a photographer and filmmaker.

In contrast to Buff and Blue, a basic documentary intended for Hamilton students alone, Struck to Win will be released as a four-part web-series that will be viewable by all.

“This way more people can see it and appreciate it,” said Trice.

Initially, only the first two episodes will be released online. However, true to the Hamilton pride that motivated the group to take everyday streaking to a new level, the creators have agreed to show all four episodes at opening day on campus. The next step? Touring the festival circuit.

This Friday, Hamilton College will host a standup comedy act that fosters a dialogue on working towards a peaceful resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. StandUp for Peace is a two-man show, featuring Scott Blakeman, a comedian of Jewish heritage, and Dean Obeidallah, a comedian of Palestinian background. The event, to take place at 7 p.m. in the Chapel, is sponsored by the Diversity and Accessibility Committee and Hillel, with funding provided by the Student Assembly.

“Due to the fact that the Diversity and Accessibility Committee seeks to promote events that are directly aimed at enriching the campus community through exposure to underrepresented groups, we thought it would be a very worthwhile effort to bring attention and awareness to the conflict in the Middle East,” said Andrew Taub ’12, Student Assembly Chair.

“StandUp for Peace is meant not as advocacy for one side of the conflict or the other, but merely intends to present hope for peace using the compelling tactic of tasteful humor,” said Taub. “Scott and Dean’s humor about their religious and ethnic backgrounds comes from a positive, affectionate place, and both express how proud they are of their respective identities,” said Taub. “The only people who could be offended by the show are those who believe that violence is the only answer to solving the conflict and want a never-ending war in the Middle East.”

“StandUp for Peace is first and foremost a standup comedy show, with an underlying theme of peaceful coexistence between all groups, especially Israelis and Palestinians,” said Scott Blake- man. “Dean and I will start the show together and will work in some material about Hamilton at that time as well. Then we will perform our standup acts separately, and at the end both of us will return for an informative and entertaining Q&A, mixed in with some hopeful poll numbers and background information about the conflict.”

StandUp for Peace is meant not as advocacy for one side of the conflict or the other, but merely intends to present hope for peace using the compelling tactic of tasteful humor.

“StandUp for Peace is meant not as advocacy for one side of the conflict or the other, but merely intends to present hope for peace using the compelling tactic of tasteful humor.”

“Do it in the Dark”

American community centers. Comedy clubs to Jewish and Arab-erywhere from colleges to com perform StandUp for Peace actually created StandUp for Peace in 2002 as a benefit show for Seeds of Peace, a summer camp in Maine that brings together Israeli and Palestinian teens to promote mutual friendship and understanding. Since then, Blakeman and Obeidallah have traveled all over the country to perform StandUp for Peace ev-erywhere from colleges to com-edy clubs to Jewish and Arab- American community centers.

Standup Act Uses Laughs to Advocate Middle East Peace by Rebekah Mintzer ’09

This Friday, Hamilton Col-lege will host a standup comedy act that fosters a dialogue on working towards a peaceful reso-lution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. StandUp for Peace is a two-man show, featuring Scott Blakeman, a comedian of Jew-ish heritage, and Dean Obeidal-lah, a comedian of Palestinian background. The event, to take place at 7 p.m. in the Chapel, is sponsored by the Diversity and Accessibility Committee and Hillel, with funding provided by the Student Assembly.

“Due to the fact that the Diversity and Accessibility Committee seeks to promote events that are directly aimed at enriching the campus community through exposure to underrepresented groups, we thought it would be a very worthwhile effort to bring attention and awareness to the conflict in the Middle East,” said Andrew Taub ’12, Student Assembly Chair of Diversity and Accessibility.

“Furthermore, we thought that presenting this topic in the form of a comedy show would help foster a dynamic and friendly dialogue between students.”

Blakeman and Obeidallah are both experienced and suc-cesful comedians. Blakeman has appeared on “Tough Crowd” with Colin Quinn and worked as a warm-up comedian for the “Late Show with David Letter- man” in addition to performing at many international festivals and venues. NBC-TV once called him “The top political comedian working in New York today.” Obeidallah has appeared on CNN and Comedy Central nu-merous times as well as ABC’s “20/20” and “The View.” He was the recipient of the First Annual Bill Hicks Spirit Award, given for thought-provoking comedy from the New York Underground Comedy Festival.

The two comedians origi-nally created StandUp for Peace in 2002 as a benefit show for Seeds of Peace, a summer camp in Maine that brings together Israeli and Palestinian teens to promote mutual friendship and understanding. Since then, Blakeman and Obeidallah have traveled all over the country to perform StandUp for Peace ev-erywhere from colleges to com-edy clubs to Jewish and Arab- American community centers.

StandUp for Peace is meant not as advocacy for one side of the conflict or the other, but merely intends to present hope for peace using the compelling tactic of tasteful humor.

“Do it in the Dark”

American community centers. Comedy clubs to Jewish and Arab-erywhere from colleges to com perform StandUp for Peace actu actually created StandUp for Peace in 2002 as a benefit show for Seeds of Peace, a summer camp in Maine that brings together Israeli and Palestinian teens to promote mutual friendship and understanding. Since then, Blakeman and Obeidallah have traveled all over the country to perform StandUp for Peace ev-erywhere from colleges to com-edy clubs to Jewish and Arab- American community centers.
Moving Class and Charter Day Spirit Down the Road

The April 6 Student Assembly minutes brought devastating news to students, leaving a cloud that has loomed over the Hill for the last two weeks. Class and Charter Day (C&C Day) festivities will no longer be held on the field adjacent to the Griffin Road apartments. “G-Road,” complete with water-slide, jam bands and full nalgenes, is the traditional center of C&C Day chaotic fun. Come May 8, the field will lay fallow for the first time in many years.

Cynics believe that C&C Day is simply one last opportunity to get drunk before finals week. While alcohol is certainly present, these cynics miss the true spirit of the day. To say that drinking is the sole purpose of C&C Day is to overlook the unique sense of community that it fosters. We do not go to G-Road simply to get drunk; anyone familiar with life on the Hill knows that finding alcohol is not a challenge. G-Road seems a sensible location because it is one of the few places on campus that can accommodate hundreds of students.

The Dean of Students’ office can move the celebrations surrounding C&C Day away from G-Road, but they cannot take the spirit of the day away from those apartments. Nor can they take that spirit out of South, or Dunham, or Bundy, or Milbank, or Root or Kirkland. People who remember C&C Day festivities from years past can attest that it isn’t a party for any one group or type of person. It is, truly, an all-campus event.

May 8 is the one day where we can transcend all of our typical boundaries. There are no cliques or clubs on C&C Day. It’s one of the few days every year when we fully appreciate that we are Hamilton—each of us, equally, no matter how or where we choose to celebrate. The goal of taking away G-Road is to reduce binge drinking, accidents, and damage to neighboring properties—a reasonable goal. This does not mean that this day, one of the few that we celebrate as an entire student body, can be diminished by a change in venue. It cannot lose its sense of unity. The purpose is not to celebrate at a specific location, or with a specific group of people. You can party in your dorm, in a quad, at a barbecue, on HamTrek or at the awards ceremony. The day is about recognizing our achievements over the past year, individual and communal. It is a chance for us to commemorate how far we have come and the opportunities that lie ahead of us.

Unless we let it, the sense of community we build on Class and Charter Day cannot be diminished by a change in venue.
The cancellation of the Class and Charter Day celebration at G-Road directly violates this type of thinking. While heavy drinking does occur at G-Road, this drinking is in the open and, to an extent, is supervised by Campus Safety officers in the vicinity. While any student would admit it is not the best situation for the administration, these students would also admit that the Class and Charter festivities would not simply go away with these sanctions. Students, who feel they have been robbed of a fun and meaningful tradition, may look to act out against the administration and perhaps engage in activities that are harmful to not only the student body, but to themselves and the administration.

The results of this sanction would most likely result in more “underground” drinking, which could prove to be far more dangerous than the Class and Charter celebrations as they currently stand. There is, too, the consideration of the first-year class, who will most likely try to participate in this celebration for the first time from their dorm rooms, where binge drinking is more dangerous and students are less likely to request help from administrative officials.

While the administration’s reasoning is not unfathomable, it has the potential to be more problematic than simply letting this tradition continue. I hope the administration has taken this all into thoughtful consideration before making this decision. If not, the consequences of this decision could be more harmful than anticipated.

As a student, I suggest that if the administration is to cancel the G-Road celebrations, they provide the students with an agreeable alternative. This could include moving the celebration to Minor Field, where students could celebrate out in the open with their peers without consequence of wandering or trespassing into private property.

Thumbs up

The third floor of the Chapel: a great place to do work and nobody even knows about it! Oh sh*t.

Using Joan’s house for Senior Dinner: Good luck finding that upper decker.

My IM softball homerun: Now who’s an effeminate nancy-boy DAD.

Observatory opens: I know where I’m spending my Saturday night!!!

Senior Gift Semi-Formal: Cash Bar! Oh gosh! Sorry…I’m all out of money after being cheated out of my $20.09.

Thumbs down

Physical Plant tears up trees around the house: We wouldn’t want those pesky leaves obstructing the view of broken chairs, empty Keystone cans and dead freshmen that adorn the farmhouse lawn.

Final Pub Happy Hour: How am I supposed to get my professors drunk enough to give me As this far from the end of the semester? I think we’re leaving too much to chance.

SA comes out with “Parking FAQs”: Refusing to answer everyone’s most asked question…who the F***K is STILL going to pay for my parking tickets.

Who cares?

DKE’s Saturday night torch-lit march:

Congratulations, you foiled my plan to completely ignore your existence.

Housing Lottery: Unless you have a rising senior number above 100, then SHUT THE F**K UP about all the sweet places you might “live.”

Easter Egg Hunt: $10 per egg. Cash immediately used to buy figurines and magic cards.

Professors sending half their class talking about the “Mexican Night” controversy:

Congratulations! You found the one topic more boring than the subject you teach.
**Which Wannabe Gets Your Thumbs Up?**

*The Spectator* has narrowed it down to four candidates to write next year’s Thumbs Up/Thumbs Down column. Look for a poll in your e-mail at 5:00 pm on Thursday, April 16, and vote for your favorites!

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Candidate A</th>
<th>Candidate B</th>
<th>Candidate C</th>
<th>Candidate D</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Thumbs up</strong></td>
<td><strong>Thumbs up</strong></td>
<td><strong>Thumbs up</strong></td>
<td><strong>Thumbs up</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Good housing lottery number. I accept bribes in the form of alcohol and/or chocolate bunnies.</td>
<td>All-Campus Easter Egg Hunt: I’ll trade you this unopened can of Keystone for three Reese’s Pieces.</td>
<td>A new, closer Indian restaurant opens. It looks the same as Minar going in and coming out.</td>
<td>Bursting the Hamilton Bubble. Stay away from me, Christian Fellowship.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Watching friendships destroy our said lottery numbers.</td>
<td>3 weeks to go until Class &amp; Charter Day: The only thing that brings me more joy than looking at pictures of chubby puppies playing with bubbles on the internet.</td>
<td>A new, closer Indian restaurant opens. It looks the same as Minar going in and coming out.</td>
<td>Passover. How are you gentiles gonna make matzah pizza without Jew food in Commons?</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Do it in the dark: for every light you leave on, God clubs a baby seal.</td>
<td>Senior Boys: Good luck grazing on as many freshman girls as possible in the next 3 weeks… after that, it’s called statutory rape.</td>
<td>Lent. Guess I can accept Jesus back into my life now.</td>
<td>Duelly does Disney. Oh, it’s a play on Debbie does Dallas, only you sing and all of you are virgins.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Thumbs down</strong></td>
<td><strong>Thumbs down</strong></td>
<td><strong>Thumbs down</strong></td>
<td><strong>Thumbs down</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>G-Road cancelled: unless they also cancel sunshine, happiness, and Nalgenes full of “juice”, we’ll be just fine.</td>
<td>DX: Are you a male between 18-24? Do you want a sweatshirt? Do you … actually that’s pretty much it.</td>
<td>Jungle Juice Party. Gamma Xi sisters use camouflage to their advantage to stalk freshman boys… and eat them.</td>
<td>DX: Just because you have sweatshirts doesn’t make you a fraternity.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Overzealous protesters: going to a boycotted party makes me an alcoholic, not a racist.</td>
<td>DX: Are you a male between 18-24? Do you want a sweatshirt? Do you … actually that’s pretty much it.</td>
<td>SJ at the faculty meeting. Odd performances and speeches I cant understand.</td>
<td>Class &amp; Charter Day banned from G-Road: Looks like I’ll just have to fracture my skull on the Slip N’ Slide in Bundy Quad</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Who cares?</strong></td>
<td><strong>Who cares?</strong></td>
<td><strong>Who cares?</strong></td>
<td><strong>Who cares?</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Your summer internship. “Hey, what classes are you taking next semester?”</td>
<td>Alumni career workshop offers advice to class of ‘09: start praying.</td>
<td>SJI at the faculty meeting. Odd performances and speeches I cant understand. How do you say uncle in Spanish?</td>
<td>HamTrek: If no one wants to drink with you on Class &amp; Charter Day already, biking around campus in a wetsuit probably isn’t going to help.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

---

**Candidate A**

- Passover. Matzah Pizza season returns to commons! Stop glaring at me, I’m a gentile but I still need to eat. We can’t all be ATX sisters.
- Prom Dress Rugby. Cool! But why are those guys playing in drag again?
- Do It In The Dark. Please. Watching Hamilton fail at another environmental effort is like having my TV stuck on the Special Olympics. LOLBAMA.

**Candidate B**

- All-Campus Easter Egg Hunt: I’ll trade you this unopened can of Keystone for three Reese’s Pieces.
- 3 weeks to go until Class & Charter Day: The only thing that brings me more joy than looking at pictures of chubby puppies playing with bubbles on the internet.
- Senior Boys: Good luck grazing on as many freshman girls as possible in the next 3 weeks… after that, it’s called statutory rape.

**Candidate C**

- Lent. Guess I can accept Jesus back into my life now.
- Jungle Juice Party. Gamma Xi sisters use camouflage to their advantage to stalk freshman boys… and eat them.
- SJI at the faculty meeting. Odd performances and speeches I cant understand. How do you say uncle in Spanish?

**Candidate D**

- A new, closer Indian restaurant opens. It looks the same as Minar going in and coming out.
- Acting President Urgo involves himself in campus controversy. Joan Hinde, out of desperation for support, promises to build 2 outdoor ice rinks next winter.
- Jason Barth is graduating. Chris Hansen, keep an eye out.
- Choir returns from singing at the Vatican. Unrelated, the pope signs a decree banning liberals from the church.

---

**Plot Twist:**

Candidate A was revealed to be a robot. It has been determined that Candidate A was actually a clone of a former Spectator writer who had been replaced by a genetically modified clone in an attempt to rewrite history. The true identity of Candidate A remains unknown, and the true purpose of this experiment is yet to be discovered.
human beings think in language, to outlaw or prevent certain words is to control people’s thoughts; would ignorance and racism become “unspoken” and “taboo”?

And, it’s not as if people can currently say whatever they wish without repercussion. This community is not a free-for-all. Any change in the current laws of free speech means that interpretation of what counts as free speech will work better than fear every time. Scaring people into not saying or acting on certain words and thoughts will only solve the problem of solving it

Many Hamilton students come to the Hill from homogeneous communities. They have not been educated about diversity and sensitivities rather than scared into certain forms of behavior. This lack of education can lead to a level of ignorance that simply makes no place for everyone while preparing students for the diverse world that awaits them. It is easy to have pride in free speech and protect it when it is not under assault. But it was not just the idea of Mexican culture and a worrisome platitude that my nearly four years at Hamilton have not yet been out of college for

The brothers of Delta Phi found themselves assailed by a vocal group of students and the administration, but they didn’t cover themselves in glory in response to objections. Following a meeting with Acting President Urgo, the fraternity issued an apology for its mistakes and its par

OPINION

From the Mailbag: letters to the Editor

REACTIONS TO THE SOCIAL HONOR CODE

To the Editor:

The concept of a Social Honor Court is sickening. I foresee the already laughable Hamilton disciplinary system getting wildly out of hand. The SJI is a composite of the streaking team, or anything else that “hinders the Hamilton atmosphere that we like,” inner-righted and selﬁsh.

Just because the members of Student Assembly were elected does not give them unbridled power to strip everything and anything that could be deemed offensive to a small, vocal minority on campus—sif I, for instance, have any quack demand of the movie channel, cable TV, fraternities, sororities, the food at commons, and South Dormitory, among many others. Furthermore, the Social Honor Code discussion is, in itself, an attack on our First Amendment rights.

The necessity to ban Mexican Night shows a list of what is acceptable or unacceptable speech or thought is reminiscent of Jane Eyre reading schools, not an institution of higher learning in the 21st century. I accept that the “Mexican Night” discussion is one of merit, but it is paramount that it is left at that—a discussion. The fraternity at fault apologized, and Student Assembly has no right to carry out any of the discussed actions. I fear for Hamilton’s future.

Casey Gibson ’09

This letter was initially sent to Student Assembly on April 13, 2009.

REASON TO THE SOCIAL HONOR CODE

To the Editor:

It does not surprise me that discussion about a Social Honor Code is taking place at Hamilton in the wake of the recent Mexican Night controversy. This incident offended many people and it is commendable that our community is looking for ways to keep future incidents from happening. However, a Social Honor Code is not the right idea. The right to free speech takes precedence over the urge to label something offensive and punish the offenders. There are many forms of expression that are considered offensive or in poor taste throughout America, but neither Congress nor any state legislature has ever passed a bill outlawing the preferred or expected conduct of its citizens. To do so would be to endorse one lifestyle, our nation’s thought, one set of beliefs over another. This is a far graver offense than upsetting someone, and a far greater threat to our nation than hurting people’s feelings. For even if there is no punishment levied for breaking the Social Code, the mere existence of the Social Honor Court will effectively muzzle student expression by creating a culture of fear and uncertainty. Furthermore, since

From the Mailbag: letters to the Editor

ALUMNUS COMMENTS ON CHANGING TIMES

To the Editor:

I am surprised that so much can change can occur while so much else stays the same. In light of this, I have decided not to write a letter that will hope fully lessen some of the undesirable tensions that exist on campus. I will begin with a sweeping gen-

ALUMNUS COMMENTS ON CHANGING TIMES

To the Editor:

I am surprised that so much can change can occur while so much else stays the same. In light of this, I have decided not to write a letter that will hopeu2014;fully lessen some of the undesirable tensions that exist on campus. I will begin with a sweeping gener-

-
current “multicultural” students is another question.

I’ll reemphasize that I don’t know everything that is going on on campus, but I have talked with a lot of people and read a lot of publications. On one hand, it does seem stupid that many “liberal” organizations are protesting an invitation that was copied from “liberal” Great Name’s speaker Jon Stewart’s Daily Show. On the other hand, it seems a bit a wrong and stupid for an established fraternity to steal the intellectual property of a television showed owned by a network which was formerly owned by the mega-corporation Viacom (and whose current ownership is beyond my knowledge). Regardless of what DPhi has done, it seems to me that the protesters were hypersensitive. By most definitions, I am a “multicultural” student. However, I did go to Clinton Senior High and my mother taught at Hamilton. Additionally, both my parents have PhDs. Finally, my experience at Hamilton was different from current “multicultural” students simply because I went to the school at a different time. Does anybody remember Ward Churchill? He was invited to speak in 2005 and evoked a tremendous amount of controversy. Members of campus thought he had valuable things to say and that revoking his invitation would be a violation of academic freedom and/or free speech. Someone showed he that had called the victims of 9/11 “little Eichmans” and the issue reached the O’Reily Factor where Bill claimed we weren’t mature enough to hear Ward Churchills and other things. After all the drama, Churchill resigned and the University of Colorado found him guilty of a plethora of academic misconduct, be even falsely claimed to be Native American. Hamilton ruled to end the Kirkland Project; the organization responsible for bringing Churchill in as well as many other radical speakers like Susan Rosenberg.

What’s the point of that story? It’s a bit tough for me to fully transmit because there was an entirely different generation of students on campus at the time. We were divided as to whether Hamilton was college or too conserva-tive. We all wanted to change the college to fit our vision, but we couldn’t agree on what that vision was. Many alumni were infuriated, they felt they had already been too tolerant with previous events. So I think there might lose substantial sums of donations. Many students were upset that Ward had spoken at other colleges but not Hamilton. All things considered, it could have ended up much worse than it did. I think the administration (specifically the new President) handled it pretty well. My only complaint about the resolution is that it seems nobody knows about it four years after the fact.

So what advice would I give the current Hamilton community? First, I’d recommend that everybody remain calm. Although the college’s finances have been hit like everybody’s, our administra-tion has gone through the num-bers and it looks like Hamilton will be able to meet its goals (this is one example of where having a strong presence on Wall Street helps). If you really find Hamilton intolerable, transferring would not be a bad idea: a higher than expected retention of students has prevented Hamilton from accepting as many students as it would like. To those who wish to stay, I’d remind you that during tough economic times undesirable things occur. You can take advantage of other people’s weaknesses and fight them; you can also regress back to old tradi-tions which worked in the past. Ideally, you’ll abstain from doing either of those things, pursue whatever passions you have and continue Hamilton’s dedication to research, speaking and writing. The world is changing, I hope for the better. It’s entirely possible that after recovery, Hamilton will be stronger than it was going in.

Sincerely,
Robin Gane-McCalla ’07

RE: DOES GOD NOT PLAY POLITICS, 4/2/09

To the Editor:

Unfortunately, most (not all) liberals, and far too many so-called intellectuals and “christian moderates” in this country (following Europe, Asia etc) have gone way overboard (and throw MILLIONS of babies out with the “bath water”—whatever the most-common “PC” rationalizations or excuses are) about what the desired “separa-tion” (non-PROMOTION of a particular denomination or sect) between government and formalized-religion was intended to do by the Founding Fathers. This was meant to ensure respect for and between people of different belief systems and traditions, but, of course, Christianity was the prevalent faith being practiced and God’s favor was ACTIVELY sought and invoked in protection AND guidance of our country in ALL aspects, and especially in the decisions made in his leaders “for the people” and the COMMON GOOD. Killing the innocent for alleged or political group’s freedom and fight for HUMAN rights and justice for ALL. In the 21st cen-tury, and especially in America, any 12-year old knows a real-live baby is coming if a pregnancy test shows the “life” color! (preg-nancy takes two, and BOTH par-ties are responsible for the new life—or lives—from the DAY the egg meets sperm and starts de veloping “joint” DNA cells—yes, even in the Octo-mom case) Your “Email rights” and similar weak, baseless arguments made in an attempt to quash any individu-al’s or political group’s freedom of speech is just a smokescreen for continuing the LIIES that kill children and wound both women and men.

Is the world a better place since men and women have been ENABLED by governments to rationalize away the tenets of their faiths and walk away with their responsibilities with “zero consequences” for their CHO-SEN “mistakes” in life-and-death matters? Why do we go after drunk drivers and jail drug users and pushers then, if we all have a right to “choose” our behaviors, however destructive they may be to others? Please stop and think about all the “oops” (unplanned) kids out there—who are the apples of their parents’ eyes...and doing great things for others in their neighborhood, school, church, etc. We’ll need LOTS of these babies to take care of our older folks (esp. once America stops draw-ing immigrants willing to do it)...look at the Asian and European countries’ future prospects now since their population-control „successes”. You may be young, but you should also take a good hard look at what Mr. Obama, et al, will be saddling you with in the future...“health care” that means getting rid of the unpro- tected, inconvenient and “burden-some”, and that won’t mean only those “invisible” and VIABLE HUMAN embryos which are so “useful” for pie-in-the-sky “re- search”, and are “normally” be-ing bred and manufactured (via IVF, for those “lucky” ones who can afford to have their “custom-made”/parenthood dreams come-true) like any lesser animal is for food, sport or as a “pet”...and even if their children may very likely come out very premature, even disabled, and need expensive ongoing care?

“REAL-life priorities must be set and upheld—and the basic right to LIFE (affirming human dignit y & equal justice) should always trump “ liberty” (which must go along with responsibil-ity—that’s called “civic duty” or good citizenship) or “pursuit of happiness” categories (aka life-style “rights”) What’s so difficult to ‘get’ about that?

Sincerely,
Maria Concepcion Rojas
California
“Revolutionary Representations” shows that there is more to Cuba than communism, Castro, and Guys and Dolls.

by Jessie Brown ‘12

“Hold fast to dreams for if dreams die, Life is a broken-winged bird that cannot fly.”

-Langston Hughes

As the four year academic journey comes to an end for the Class of 2009, a few seniors graciously shared their thoughts. College life challenges our actions and our interactions, but one can remember that positive respectful action can become a way of life. With a new view on the world, new skills, and a stronger sense of self, the Class of 2009 will graduate with a sense of gratitude to Hamilton. One might say that they graduate knowing that the change of one simple behavior can affect the way one thinks and the way one learns to appreciate life.

What has Hamilton College done for you?

-“From where I sit, Hamilton has provided me with the necessary tools to be an efficient writer. It has also indirectly prepared me for the real world. By indirectly I mean to say being placed in a predominantly white institution and experiencing different types of ignorance toward non-white students. It has helped me to deal with different races, personalities, and sexual orientations.”

Asia Agers

-“From where I sit, I have a sense of gratitude to Hamilton. One might say that they graduate knowing that the change of one simple behavior can affect the way one thinks and the way one learns to appreciate life.”

-Langston Hughes

-“From where I sit, Hamilton has given me the opportunity to build on characteristics that are good about myself and it has helped me recognize my faults. At the same time, there’s no way I could’ve done that if I hadn’t challenged myself.”

Jai Moorjani

-“From where I sit, Hamilton has given me everything and nothing because it has simply given me the opportunity to build on characteristics that are good about myself and it has helped me recognize my faults. At the same time, there’s no way I could’ve done that if I hadn’t challenged myself.”

-Luvuyo Mandela

What has your time at Hamilton College been like?

-“From where I sit, my time at Hamilton has been awesome! I wish I had done more. I wish I could stay and take some more courses with (great) professors.”

-Lars Okot

Where do you stand on giving back to Hamilton college?

-“From where I sit, it’s always good to give back because had someone not given back to Hamilton, some of us would not be here.”

-Lars Okot, Vako Tamaklo

“From Where I Sit” is the ESOL column that represents the non-native English speaker’s point of view on his or her experience in America. If you have a “From Where I Sit” story that you would like to share, please e-mail bbritthy@hamilton.edu and rfreire@hamilton.edu.
Bachelor & Bachelorette of the Week

Sarah Caney ’09
Hometown: Ellington, NY
Major: Creative Writing
Turn On? Baseball hats, hoodies and tees, great sense of humor.
Turn Off? Boys that are skinnier than I am.

What is your worst habit? I only eat chips and candy in even numbers: I feel too bad for the ones without a partner!
If you were a dorm which would you be and why? Ferg. A little off the radar, but its got style nonetheless.
If you had to describe yourself as the love child of any two musicians which would you pick and why? Third Eye Blind and Alanis Morisette, because I love the ’90s.
If you were God, what would be the first thing you’d do to the world? Get rid of snakes (they’re just too scary.)
If you had to create a new points system what would be the #1 offense? Wearing jeans at the gym. Inexcusable.
What advertising slogan best describes your life? “Reach out and touch someone.” AT&T.
What’s the best pick-up line you’ve ever used/had used on you? “Would you like some lime with that juice?”
If you could have any super power what would it be and why? Apparate. For obvious reasons.
If you were a major which would you be and why? English. I have a tendency to overanalyze, and I read to an unhealthy degree.
If you could get rid of one group on campus what would it be and why? Womyn’s Center. Personally I do not like men being associated with women either.
If you could join one group on campus what would it be and why? DU. They’ve turned down my bid request three years in a row—fourth time’s a charm.
What would you say is your most attractive quality? Confidence.
If you could create a holiday what/when would it be? If I’m still single after four years here, my opinion on this subject had other intentions.
If you won an award at an awards show what would it be for? Roast beef. I guess you have to like dark meat to want me.
If you were a cold cut, which would you be and why? Capicola. Sweet and spicy.
If you were any social space what would it be and why? ELS basement because anything can happen once the lights are off.
If you were a dorm which would you be
If you could trade jobs with anyone at Hamilton for a day what would it be? Shelley McConnell—smart, funny, and world leaders have her on speed dial. Everything I want to be.
If you could get rid of one group on campus what would it be and why? ELS. They’ve turned down my bid request three years in a row—fourth time’s a charm.
What would you say is your most attractive quality? Sense of humor.
If you could trade jobs with anyone at Hamilton for a day what would it be?
Steve Stetson.
If you could create a new points system what would be the #1 offense? Titties.
If you could create a holiday what/when would it be? Color war: I enjoyed it in high school and I always felt like a giant annual color war would be fun. I do not mean the type we have been having on campus lately.
What’s the best pick-up line you’ve ever used/had used on you? This girl said she wanted me to teach her how to play Madden. She had other intentions.
If you were a major which would you be and why? Roast beef. I guess you have to like dark meat to want me.
If you could get any super power what would it be? Flying. It’d be fun to be able to go wherever you want whenever you want.
If you were any social space what would it be and why? ELS basement because anything can happen once the lights are off.
What would you say is your most attractive quality?
If you could trade jobs with anyone at Hamilton for a day what would it be?
Steve Stetson.
If you could get rid of one group on campus what would it be and why?
ELS. What the heck do they do? And personally I hate seeing the word Emersonian.
If you could join one group on campus what would it be and why?
Womyn’s Center. Personally I do not like men being associated with women either.
If you could break one rule at Hamilton for a day and get away with it which would you choose?
I never seem to think the rules apply to me in the first place....
What would you give a thumbs up?
Fighting. Some people just deserve to get beat up.
What thing at Hamilton would you give a thumbs up?
The campus around spring time.
What thing at Hamilton would you give a thumbs up?
The annual color war would be fun. I do not mean the type we have been having on campus lately.
What’s the weirdest thing currently in your room? Wearing jeans at the gym. Inexcusable.

Sarah Caney ’09
Hometown: Bronx, NY
Major: Communication
Turn On: Confidence.
Turn Off? Whining.

What is your worst habit? I make moaning/sex noises when I sleep.
If you had to describe yourself as the love child of any two musicians which would you pick and why? Marvin Gaye and Tina Turner. Nobody’s smoother than Marvin Gaye and I know it took a while, but eventually you saw Tina whoop Ike’s ass at the end of the movie.
If you were god, what would be the first thing you’d do to the world?
Titties for everyone. Shout out to Rod. What’s the first word you just thought of?
Titties.
If you had to create a new points system what would be the #1 offense?
Men who tuck their pants into their shoes, especially UGGS. Men should act like men....
What advertising slogan best describes your life?
“Reach out and touch someone.”
What movie genre best describes you?
Action. I’m kind of kickass.
What’s the best pick-up line you’ve ever used/had used on you?
This girl said she wanted me to teach her how to play Madden. She had other intentions.
If you were ever a major which would you be and why?
Roast beef. I guess you have to like dark meat to want me.
If you could get any super power what would it be?
Flying. It’d be fun to be able to go wherever you want whenever you want.
If you were any social space what would it be and why?
ELS basement because anything can happen once the lights are off.
What would you say is your most attractive quality?
If you could trade jobs with anyone at Hamilton for a day what would it be?
Steve Stetson.
If you could get rid of one group on campus what would it be and why?
ELS. What the heck do they do? And personally I hate seeing the word Emersonian.
If you could join one group on campus what would it be and why?
Womyn’s Center. Personally I do not like men being associated with women either.
If you could break one rule at Hamilton for a day and get away with it which would you choose?
Fighting. Some people just deserve to get beat up.
What thing at Hamilton would you give a thumbs up?
The campus around spring time.
What thing at Hamilton would you give a thumbs up?
The annual color war would be fun. I do not mean the type we have been having on campus lately.
What’s the weirdest thing currently in your room? Wearing jeans at the gym. Inexcusable.
Through an archway on West Park Row in Clinton, in a building that was originally a liv- ing stable, is a little shop full of treasures.

"Gender has hindered the way we think. It would be positive for me to bring in some other perspective from someone who has been marginalized," said Maher. The participants admitted that gender-equitable norms are easier said than done, though they agree that males should participate in preventing females from being treated unequally, especially in social situations. Attendees were left with this question: is it the label that matters, or is it more important to worry about how feminism is translated into daily life? Generally, women are no longer fighting alone for their rights, but it is really as simple as this: "Can men who support the idea of women's rights really call themselves feminists?"

There are plenty of opinions doubting the effectiveness of males calling themselves feminists on both sides of the campaign. Guys may regard their fellows who label themselves feminists as feminine or weird, rather than revolutionary. Women believe the lack of life experience as a female and all the attendant discriminations that it brings, preventing them from full and active participation in (and understanding of) feminism. As the population of male constituents of the Women's Center reaches a quarter of the total membership, some students from the Women's Center genuinely believe that men can, and should be, real feminists. In a panel discussion of this topic on April 9 in order to "open the door to airing or even dispelling what they consider men capable of," said Maher. The participants admitted that gender-equitable norms are easier said than done, though they agree that males should participate in preventing females from being treated unequally, especially in social situations. Attendees were left with this question: is it the label that matters, or is it more important to worry about how feminism is translated into daily life?

FEATURES

The SPECTATOR

Worth Getting Off the Hill for: Kac Thrift Shop

by Katrina Raebler ‘12

Through an archway on West Park Row in Clinton, in a building that was originally a liv- ing stable, is a little shop full of treasures. Whether it’s a new fun thing to add to your wardrobe, a nice basic that you don’t want to buy at the Gap, or a sombrero to improve your friends at home. The Kac Thrift Shop is a great source for inexpensive clothing, jewelry, bags, toys and other miscellany.

Manager Jan Burke (whose favorite item of all time sold at The Kac was a chicken lamp that she described as “hot stuff” that made the Clinton news) explained her theory of thrift: “In this day and age, in addition to actual thrift based on income, there is a recycling/green aspect. If you’re recycling clothing or what have you in the same condition the last person used it, there is no energy used in processing it from use to sale.” Burke, in her theory, Burke explained that the only piece of clothing she has bought new within the past year was a pair of shoes.

The shop is run by two paid employees, a manager and assistant manager, and over 20 volun- teers, including Emma Stewart ‘09, who volunteers at The Kac every Friday. “I just really love used items. To buy new is wasteful,” said Stewart. “I really like the quirkiness of stuff that’s been used before. It has a story with it that you will never know (but you can make it up). Also, around campus will be caught seeing the same thing as someone else. Basically, why pay more when better stuff is cheaper?”

Volunteer Sue Suskie, whose favorite items are the vintage coats (she pulled out an awesome Worthington leopard print coat to show me) explained that she started going to The Kac after she lost a considerable amount of weight and couldn’t afford to buy new clothing. “I started coming in once a week and thought it would be fun to volunteer,” she said. “I get to meet new people, the volunteers are fun, and I have a great manager.”

What kinds of people does The Kac normally attract? Burke described everyone from the reli- gious icon collectors, to the kids who thrive off the outdoor free rack, to the electronics fiends, to the shoephobics who need a fix but don’t want to blow all their cash. Burke noted that this semester, relatively few Hamilton students have visited The Kac, favoring the Salvation Army in Utica. While the Salvation Army has a larger selection, The Kac generally has higher quality clothing.

“Salvo has huge variety, but you probably have to sort through a lot of stuff to find a really nice designer piece. Here it’s relatively easy,” Burke said. “The stuff from Kac’s is always the stuff I run around with me holding up my train. Plus, it was so beautiful that I didn’t want to ruin it. As my friends tried on more puffy frocks and toyed around with a kid’s drill, I learned the history of The Kac. The Kac Thrift Shop opened in 1975 after a group of locals got together and decided that a thrift shop would be a great way to raise money for the Kirkland Art Center, the hub of community culture and art. This local art center, located in the yellow church across the street from the thrift shop, provides space for art, dance and yoga classes. The building also hosts the occasional coffeehouse.

This Friday, at L’Esprit Croele is performing at the arts center. Local artists are also featured at the art center. Currently, two Hamilton students’ photographs are on display for sale in the art center gallery. Though the art center has other means of funding, the thrift shop is the steady year-round fundraiser.

Whether it’s the people, the neat finds, the green thrill of thrift, consigning your own stuff or simply having a bit of creative fun, there are many reasons to visit The Kac Thrift Shop.

Grand Opening of the Down Under at 2 Kellogg St. on Jan. 22, 1975

Womyn’s Center Panel: Not Your Average Feminists

by Xiaolu Xu ‘12

Since its establishment in the 19th century, feminism has altered predominant perspectives in a wide range of fields. The definition of feminism has also experienced its own evolution. Today, many people are still stereotyped as anti-male, but if we define feminism as an ideology parallel to human rights that advocates gender equality, then many people who are not typi- cally considered feminists will be able to identify themselves as such—particularly males. Women are no longer fighting alone for their rights, but it is really as simple as this: "Can men who support the idea of women’s rights really call themselves feminists?"

There are plenty of opinions doubting the effectiveness of males calling themselves feminists on both sides of the campaign. Guys may regard their fellows who label themselves feminists as feminine or weird, rather than revolutionary. Women believe the lack of life experience as a female and all the attendant discriminations that it brings, preventing them from full and active participation in (and understanding of) feminism. As the population of male constituents of the Womyn’s Cen- ter reaches a quarter of the total membership, some students from the Womyn’s Center genuinely believe that men can, and should be, real feminists. In a panel discussion of this topic on April 9 in order to “open the door to airing or even dispelling what the general preconceptions of feminism may be with the Hamilton community,” said co-chair of the Womyn’s Center, Sushmita Prithi ‘11. The nine speakers on the panel come from various back- grounds. Six of them were stu- dents from different majors and different years, and three were professors from different depart- ments. All the panelists had two things in common—they are male and they consider men capable of being feminists.

Luke Maher ’11 said, “Femi- nism deals critically with the way that gender affects everyone. There are no fluid...
The Solution
In our last puzzle, you were asked to determine two ten-digit numbers conform to the constraints, a bit of computer program de-bugging. Continuing in this manner, choosing slightly larger leads each time, we get to the solution: 1234759680. For the bonus question, the smallest number is 9876543210. We can see that our solution, 1234759680, is divisible by 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, and 10. The number is only missing 7, 8, and 9. But, there are no two-digit numbers formed by 7, 8, and 9 which are divisible by 4. So, we have to choose a slightly larger lead, swapping the 7 for the 6: 1234573210. Now, our missing digits are 6, 8, and 9, which yield two two-digit numbers divisible by 4: 68 and 96. So, we can test 1234573860 and 1234578960 for divisibility by 7. There’s no easier way to test for divisibility by 7. Do it by hand or use a calculator; either way both numbers fail. Continuing in this manner, choosing slightly larger leads each time, we get to the solution: 1234579680. For the largest number, start with 9876543210, and work up. The solution is 9876351240.

To determine the answer to the bonus question of how many numbers conform to the constraints, a bit of computer programming is prudent. The puzzler, whose skills are rusty, is still de-bugging. Look for an answer on our website, along with alternate solutions to the current puzzle, as well as past puzzles and solutions: http://www.thatmarcusfamily.org/philosophy/Puzzles/Puzzles_Home.html. And, look for our last puzzle of the year in the April 30 edition of The Spectator!

Separated at Birth?

Taylor Soobitsky ’09

Got ideas? Send look-a-likes to LMOON

Naomi Klein’s Dose of Shock

by Maura Donovan ’09

Features Contributor

In her last book, The Shock Doctrine: The Rise of Disaster Capitalism and her theories about the rise of “disaster capitalism.” A Canadian native, Klein writes for The Nation and The Guardian and has been called the “most influential critic of neoliberalism.” Even during the busy time of April, the chapel was full to capacity to hear her discuss privatization after natural and man-made disasters. Klein argues that after natural disasters, such as the 2004 tsunami and Hurricane Katrina, or man-made disasters, such as the 1973 coup in Chile and the 2003 Iraq invasion, leaders use the confusion and shock of the public to impose unpopular capitalist policies. She contends that after such a traumatic event, the public is so distraught that they look for leaders to make drastic moves for change, moves which they never would have agreed to otherwise.

Klein’s book focuses on the Bush administration and how it has brought “disaster capitalism” to the American home front after September 11. She brought it to Iraq after the invasion in 2003. Disaster capitalism is not just an American phenomenon; Klein contended that the policies of Pinochet in Chile, Thatcher in Great Britain and Yeltsin in post-Communist Russia are all examples. She then discussed the application of this grand scale privatization after the September 11 attacks when the U.S. opened Guantánamo Bay and outsourced torture to private contractors. This continued to create the Homeland Security industry, which Klein said gave $130 billion to private contractors in the five years after September 11. Klein became interested in this process of privatization while reporting on the Iraq War. However, she said in an interview before the lecture that she first realized “disaster capitalism” spread beyond the Bush administration after receiving an e-mail from the head of the Sri Lankan fishermen. This e-mail claimed the “second tsunami” had struck, one of globalization and privatization. She then investigated the capitalist ventures which sprung up along the clean slate coastline in Sri Lanka, tracing them back to hands off neo-liberal movements of economist Milton Friedman at the University of Chicago.

Surprisingly, Klein is neither cynical about the promise of change, nor is she convinced that the U.S. public lacks trust in these new faces. She emphasized that Obama won the election by winning over the working class but also questioned his interventions in the current economic crisis. She asked “in whose interest are they intervening?” The Democrats did win the election but are still bailing out the wealthiest in the country. Although the party changed, it is up to the public to hold the new administration to high standards.

Klein said she wrote her book to educate the public and to prepare them to fight against leaders who take advantage of tragedy to hurt society’s most vulnerable. In the same interview, she discussed the deindustrialization which is currently afflicting the Clinton area and how it is time for the public to look at their communities and speak out against policies which hurt them, even if these policies are popular with the wealthy CEOs. Her lecture was provocative, and much of the campus may view her ideas as controversial. However, the benefits of her unconventional views cause more people to question and get involved in the anti-privatization movement.
Interested in Student Assembly?

Elections will be held on Tuesday April 28th for the following positions:

Class Treasurer/Secretary: 1 per class year
Class Representatives: 5 per class year
Honor Court Representative: 2 per class year
Judicial Board Representative: 2 per class year

Appeals Board Representative: 2 from the student body
(previous Honor court or Judicial Board experience preferred but not necessary)

Please Note: No single candidate can run for more than one of the following offices: Judicial Board representative, Honor Court representative, or Appeals Board representative.

To Apply:

1. Submit a signature sheet (see attached). Class Treasurers need 50 signatures all other positions need 25 signatures. All signatures must be from members of the candidate’s class year with the exception of those candidates running for Appeals Board Representative.

2. Write a platform of no more than 100 words explaining interest in what you’re running for. Platforms longer than 100 words will be cut at the 100th word.

3. Attend a short, but mandatory briefing meeting on Sunday, April 19th. In ELS at 5pm.

Signature sheets and platforms will be accepted no later than Friday April 17th at noon. Email platforms to egaston@hamilton.edu and submit signatures to Edwin Gaston, Box 721 in the mail center.

Have specific questions regarding your responsibilities if elected to office or the election procedures?
Email Edwin Gaston at egaston@hamilton.edu

The Horned Dorset Inn invites you to celebrate graduation at our famous gourmet restaurant
Classical French cuisine in an elegant Victorian atmosphere Twenty minutes from campus

Reservations required: 315-855-7898
Route 20 east to Bridgewater. 4 miles on Route 8 South to Leonardville
Student Play, Catching Tom, Entertains Students

by Rebekah Mintzer ’09 
S E N I O R  E D I T O R

On Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Events Barn, the C&C Project presented Catching Tom, a one act play made possible by Hamilton College and the David Smullen Fund. Catching Tom was written and directed by Christian Baxter ’10, who also acted in the production. Baxter stressed that though he wrote and directed the show, his cast and crew were responsible for many aspects of its evolution, even stating in the show’s playbill that “the critiques of the cast and crew transformed [the script] into what you will see today. They were, undoubtedly, all assistant playwrights in this process.”

The final product was certainly a collaborative effort from a strong cast of colorful characters. The story begins with Jane, played by Jocelyn Bos-Fisher ’10, who is now a grandmother, telling her granddaughter Katie, played by Kyra Duhaime ’12, a mysterious love story from her past. In it, a younger Jane is engaged to be married to the pretentious and manipulative Darel, played by Stephen Kemp ’11, because Jane mistakenly believes that getting married (what her family wants) will make her happy. Of course, all of this begins to change when she meets Tom, played by Jeff, played by MinHyuk Cho ’12, who has a romance of his own with Jane’s best friend and confidante Tina, played by Laura Lee Smith ’11. The script of Catching Tom was an once heartfelt and funny. Both older and younger audiences laughed throughout, especially at the antics of Cho and Smith’s characters.

Though some of the characters felt like romantic comedy archetypes, the actors brought their own personal touches to each, and played their parts with a great sense of sincerity that speaks well of their acting and Baxter’s directing skills. The lighting design by Michael Bieber ’12 and the sound design by Ashley Razzo ’11 seemed highly appropriate for the sweet and sunny atmosphere of most of the show. Baxter also emphasized that the production would not have been possible without the help of his “eyes and ears,” Assistant Director Sarah Kane ’12.

As a theatre major, Catching Tom was originally Baxter’s senior project proposal, but he decided to perform it as a cohesive pre-cursor to the senior project that he will produce next year. “Ultimately, this process was a teaching tool,” said Baxter, “It showed me how to deal with people. It showed me what to look out for. It gave me insight on how much patience and endurance is necessary to put on a show. I kept a journal of this process and it amazes me how everything has turned out as I look back.”

Baxter aspires not only to write entertaining plays, but with a uniting message, a goal that Catching Tom, with its multicultural cast, accomplishes. Even the title of the play reverses gender roles by making the man more objectified than the woman, as Tom, and not Jane, is the one that has to be “caught.” Societal convention would usually have it the other way around.

“Mark Cryer and I talked one day and I knew where I wanted to go with my writing for the future,” said Baxter. “I want to break away from the social constraints of race and gender. I want to write about how people live...I want to write pieces that are universal.”

Andy Borowitz, at Hamilton

by Matt Nudell ’11 
A R T S  &  E N T E R T A I N M E N T  W R I T E R

This Thursday at 8 p.m., comedian and satirist Andy Borowitz will hit the Events Barn for an hour-long-classic comedy performance. The event is hosted by the Hamilton College Democrats and is open to Hamilton College students and the public.

Borowitz is famous for his weekday satirical news publication The Borowitz Report, which he started in 2001, and his creation of the comedy TV show The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air in 1990. His recognition as a political satirist has grown tremendously since the featuring of The Borowitz Report in several major newspapers, including The Philadelphia Inquirer, The Seattle Times, and The Los Angeles Times, and on Newsweek.com. Additionally, Borowitz has maintained a blog for The Huffington Post since 2007 and has been a commentator on the NPR programs The Philadelphia Inquirer and Weekend Edition Sunday. Since 1998, Borowitz has contributed humor articles to the New York Observer and has performed with The New Yorker College Tour. Aside from his political satire work, Andy Borowitz has been an avid television performer. He joined CNN’s American Morning show starting in 2002, and covered the Democratic National Convention in 2004 with comedian Lewis Black for CNN. He has also appeared on several television programs including Live at Gotham (Comedy Central), Countdown with Keith Olbermann, and seven About.com Image Awards.

Borowitz’s screenplay for Woody Allen’s 2004 film Hollywood Ending was nominated for three Oscars, and acted in Woody Allen’s Melinda and Melinda and the film Marie and Bruce. Borowitz’s co-produced the movie Pleasantville (1998), which was announced in 2009 that Borowitz’s screenplay Dinner for Schumucks will be produced into a movie, starring Steve Carell. Borowitz has won numerous awards including the 1992 NAACP Image Award for The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air, the 2004 National Press Club Award for Humor, and seven About.com Political Dot Comedy Awards for The Borowitz Report. The satirist has also been a finalist for the James Thurber Prize for American Humor in 2001 and 2005, and was inducted into the exclusive New York Friars Club in 2002.

Though some critics felt that Borowitz’s rapid fire comedic style got in the way of the show’s humor, others laughed at his “eyes and ears,” Assistant Director Sarah Kane ’12.

As a theatre major, Catching Tom was originally Baxter’s senior project proposal, but he decided to perform it as a cohesive pre-cursor to the senior project that he will produce next year. “Ultimately, this process was a teaching tool,” said Baxter, “It showed me how to deal with people. It showed me what to look out for. It gave me insight on how much patience and endurance is necessary to put on a show. I kept a journal of this process and it amazes me how everything has turned out as I look back.”

Baxter aspires not only to write entertaining plays, but with a unifying message, a goal that Catching Tom, with its multicultural cast, accomplishes. Even the title of the play reverses gender roles by making the man more objectified than the woman, as Tom, and not Jane, is the one that has to be “caught.” Societal convention would usually have it the other way around.

“Mark Cryer and I talked one day and I knew where I wanted to go with my writing for the future,” said Baxter. “I want to break away from the social constraints of race and gender. I want to write about how people live...I want to write pieces that are universal.”
**JOB SEARCH HORIZOSCOPES**
by Steve Allinger '09

**Aries:** If you vomit during an interview, don’t worry! You can still salvage it by screaming, “LOOK WHAT YOU MADE ME DO” and robbing the place.

**Taurus:** Remember my friend, it is not always necessary to bang your interviewer. But if you do, you better be good at it.

**Gemini:** If you notice that an interview is starting to go bad, it is generally a good idea to chuckle condescendingly at your interviewer and ask if there is anyone higher up you can talk to.

**Cancer:** It is very likely that your potential employer has been swept up in the recent LOLCats rage. Try making your best kitty face and saying, “Can I have job plz?”

**Leo:** You lack the competitive edge necessary to compete in today’s cutthroat economy. Next time you walk into an interview produce a dead snake and tell the interviewer that it fell out of the pocket of the last person they were interviewing.

**Virgo:** While it is good to be proud of your family, screaming, “Do you know who my third cousin is?” is both childish and unthreatening.

**Libra:** You are a very confident individual, and during an interview, eye contact is crucial to your success. Make sure you challenge your interviewer to a staring contest, and definitely make sure to call them a “p***y” when they lose.

**Scorpio:** Unfortunately, you are far too stupid to understand how to use HamNET.

**Sagittarius:** There will always be tension between doing what makes you happy and selling out to make lots of money. But since no one will pay you to host an underground toddler fighting ring, you better just sell out and keep it an expensive hobby.

**Capricorn:** Businesses can now gain access to your Facebook account. Make sure you remove any pictures where you are not drinking competitively. Bosses want winners, not b**ches.

**Aquarius:** It’s always a good idea to get the logo of the company interviewing you tattooed on your neck, just make sure it covers the logo of the last one.

**Pisces:** Do not worry too much about your pedestrian GPA. Employers are more interested in your experience and personality. Or at least I seriously hope that’s the case.

---

**How Many Lettuce Heads Today?**
by Joshua Hicks '09 Arts & Entertainment Writer

**The Godfather**
There are many cinematic sins committed by movie-goers on a regular basis. Not seeing Francis Ford Coppola’s The Godfather is certainly one that needs to be remedied. In the line of family movies, I don’t think any other movie tops the following: cooking at home, lessons on respecting your elders, meeting the parents, targets issues of family and revenge, and simultaneously adding suspense as Benjamino “Sonny” Corleone (Al Pacino) takes over the family business from “business” father Michael (Marlon Brando) and the rebel militia to strike at the American government from “business.”

**The Patriot**
When was the last time you saw a family flick that gave you the burning desire to just hug somebody? Did you also send you trembling every time you heard a British accent? Then you, too, are indifferent to this nationalistic and overall thrilling cinematic experience. (Note: When you’re done, see The Godfather II, but don’t worry about part III)

**The Seventh Seal**
I’ve heard so many students complain about how hard it is looking for internships and cramming for Psych Stats exams. But try placing yourself in the good old days, returning home from the crusades only to find your country swept away by the Black Plague. Already, Ingrid Bergman has captivated us from the very beginning of her masterpiece The Seventh Seal, starring Max Von Sydow, who you might remember I mentioned last week from The Greatest Story Ever Told. Not only does the knight, Antonius Block (Sydow) have to accept that his country is falling apart, he has Death following him around. When Antonius realizes Death is coming for him, he slows the inevitable by playing chess with Death and simply chatting.

The film explores mortality in a way that left me wondering if someone was following me around, turning an hour glass upside down every so often. It is a highly inquisitive film, asking questions about God, sin, religion and humanity. This 1957 classic gets five out of five Lettuce Heads and I encourage you to see it.

---

**WHCL DJ of the Week:**
Mike Bieber
by Lexi Nisita '12 Arts & Entertainment Writer

One of the few student DJs who actually features a substantial talk portion on his show, Mike Bieber ’12 brings his love of comedy together with his passion for “urban” music on “Banter with Bieber.” Every Wednesday at 5 p.m., Bieber (along with the other classmate Brittany Tomkin ’12 and fellow Yodapez member Kadajh Bennett ’12) puts on what he calls a “…variety show. We’re putting on a weekly performance.” The show features planned comedy segments along with a combination of hip-hop, R&B, neo-soul and alternative rock that, according to Bieber, anyone from his Hamilton cohorts to his mom can enjoy.

In his personal life, Bieber listens to a lot of the same, but his favorite artist is modern classical violinist Edwin Marton. Although it’s quite a different genre from the majority of his musical taste, Bieber enjoys Marton’s blend of old and new, saying “he’s playing a $20 million renaissance violin yet he has a modern feel to his music.” Tune in to “Banter with Bieber” at 88.7 FM or listen live on your computer at WHCL.org.

**What’s on his iPod?**
1. “Rio Carneval” by Edwin Marton
2. “Sincerely Jane” by Janelle Monae
3. “It Wasn’t Me” by Shaggy
4. “The Jimmy Choo’s” by Chester French
5. “Crazy” by Gnarls Barkley
6. “Controller” by XV
7. “Madre Terra” by Globus
8. “My Pen” by The Downbeat Keys
9. “Wake Up Call” by Maroon 5
10. “Moneyright” by Music Soulchild
Green Events to Bloom on the Hill this Spring

Highlights Include Farmers Market, Green Pledge, Trivia Night and Low Carbon Diet Day

by Elijah LaChance '10

Science & Technology Editor

At long last, we can think about saying it. Be quiet, though. Whisper. Glance tentatively to see if the person next to you heard. Then abandon all pretense and run out into the Glen with reckless abandon, sun-starved skin basking in the glow of glorious beams of light. Shout it to the heavens. “T-S-SPRING!”

Green is sprouting up everywhere, and with it, almost inevitably, comes green events. With Recyclemania finished and Do it in the Dark comfortably underway, the focus on the environment is moving from inside the dorms and discussions about environment-based political initiatives to the great outdoors that is Hamilton’s campus.

Most of the upcoming events focus on Green Week, which will run from April 20–26. Although events will start before then. At 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 16, environmentalist Giovanna di Chiro will lecture in Science Center room G041. Di Chiro is co-founder of the Pioneer Valley Community Environmental Justice Coalition. She collaborates with environmental justice organizations to conduct community-based research on environmental health disparities in the low-income communities of Western Massachusetts and has written a number of seminal social power and environmental science.

On Friday, April 17 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and Monday, April 20 from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m., HEAG will have a table in Beinecke where they will be discussing the Green Pledge. Members of the community can choose to sign the pledge, affirming that they will “change one or more aspects of [their] daily lives to be more environmentally friendly. Also on Monday, Knit Happens will be making “plarn,” a plastic yarn using recycled plastic products.

Steeled by new resolve, the campus should be ready for the barrage of green events to follow; both new events and regular activities will be affected. Trivia Night will feature several environmentally-related questions on Tuesday, April 21, and promises to have a number of other green themes pervading the event. Nothing helps the environment more than knowing about it, so HEAG officers have encouraged everybody to attend trivia night and test their environmental wisdom.

Wednesday, April 22 is Earth Day, and the campus will be spruced up in true springtime style. HEAG plans to present its semi-annual Martin’s Way Farmers Market from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. In the past, the market has been a major attraction on campus, for which local farmers and artisans bring produce, crafts and natural sweets such as honey and maple syrup to stands on Martin’s Way. For students to purchase, bringing the goodness of the land inside the Hamilton bubble. “I’m excited for the Farmers Market,” said Olivia Wolfgang-Smith ‘11, naming the event as her favorite.

One thing that will be missing from the Earth Day celebration is Fray. Bon Appetit will be serving low-carbon meals at Commmons and McEwen. Each station will be transformed to illustrate a key principle of reducing climate change. The celebration will showcase Bon Appetit’s Low Carbon Diet Calculator in an attempt to make sure students understand the impact of their food choices.

Thursday and Friday promise not to disappoint, either. On Thursday, April 23, HEAG will show the movie “Radiant City” – a film on 21st century subnaries – at 8:30 p.m. in the Kirner-Johnson Auditorium. On Friday, April 24, the week will conclude with the annual tree planting. This year’s tree will be planted across the road from Eells Residence Hall by Physical Plant in the early afternoon; the exact time remains to be determined and will be affected by the weather.

Of course, Green Week is not meant to be just a one-week wonder. Ilse Zorb ‘11 pointed out, “Every week should be Green Week. I don’t think it should be just a one-time thing.” Nevertheless, beautiful weather never hurts when it comes to appreciating the environment. With spring on the Hill, there is no question nature will be decked out in long-forgotten splendor. The plethora of events during Green Week is an encouraging sign that Hamilton might be able to respond with a glorious showing of its own. Hopefully, the Green Week activities will instill habits and awareness that will last year-round.

Autism Awareness Month: Caused by Vaccines?

by Elijah LaChance '10

Science & Technology Editor

Ask people what they know about autism, and eventually you’ll get it: their eyebrows will turn up quizzically, trying not to offend, and their voices will rise as they ask, “Isn’t it caused by vaccines?”

The controversy over whether vaccines play a role in causing autism is everywhere in the media today. Time magazine recently ran a two-page feature on it, and Newsweek, U.S. News and World Report and the New York Times have covered it repeatedly. But what does the issue boil down to? When did it start? And is there any scientific evidence supporting the idea that this devastating disorder is triggered by injections intended to prevent disease?

The original concern centered around the Measles-Mumps-Rubella (MMR) vaccine, a vaccine typically given in three injections between the ages of two and four. In some cases, all three injections are given together. The controversy has since expanded to other vaccines. In 1998, Andrew Wakefield, a Canadian-trained surgeon by training, published a paper, then retracted it, saying that he was grossly misquoted and that his data was not what it appeared to be.

In 1998, Andrew Wakefield, a Canadian-trained surgeon by training, published a paper, then retracted it, saying that he was grossly misquoted and that his data was not what it appeared to be. The study, which suggested a possible link between the MMR vaccine, a common occurrence in social development disorder in children. The study, which suggested a possible link between the MMR vaccine, a possible benign bowel disease, and autism, was published in the British Medical Journal. It was later found that the study was flawed and that the results were not statistically significant. The study was later retracted, and Wakefield was found to have a financial interest in a company that makes a vaccine alternative.

In 1998, Andrew Wakefield, a Canadian-trained surgeon by training, published a paper, then retracted it, saying that he was grossly misquoted and that his data was not what it appeared to be. The study, which suggested a possible link between the MMR vaccine, a possible benign bowel disease, and autism, was published in the British Medical Journal. It was later found that the study was flawed and that the results were not statistically significant. The study was later retracted, and Wakefield was found to have a financial interest in a company that makes a vaccine alternative. The controversy over whether vaccines play a role in causing autism is everywhere in the media today. Time magazine recently ran a two-page feature on it, and Newsweek, U.S. News and World Report and the New York Times have covered it repeatedly. But what does the issue boil down to? When did it start? And is there any scientific evidence supporting the idea that this devastating disorder is triggered by injections intended to prevent disease?

The original concern centered around the Measles-Mumps-Rubella (MMR) vaccine, a vaccine typically given in three injections between the ages of two and four. In some cases, all three injections are given together. The controversy has since expanded to other vaccines. In 1998, Andrew Wakefield, a Canadian-trained surgeon by training, published a paper, then retracted it, saying that he was grossly misquoted and that his data was not what it appeared to be. The study, which suggested a possible link between the MMR vaccine, a possible benign bowel disease, and autism, was published in the British Medical Journal. It was later found that the study was flawed and that the results were not statistically significant. The study was later retracted, and Wakefield was found to have a financial interest in a company that makes a vaccine alternative.
Evidence Supporting Vaccine Link is Limited

from Autism, page 16

for knowingly endangering the children receiving the vaccines. The case quickly merged with others across the country, becoming a massive suit. The controversy finally made its decision in Feb., 2009, ruling against the parents on the grounds that no link had been proven between the vaccine and the disorder.

It would seem, then, that there is no more an incident between vaccines and autism. Since autism is usually diagnosed between birth and the age of four, the same range in which vaccines are typically administered. This similarity would lead to the misunderstanding called “post hoc, ergo propter hoc,” which translates to “it happened after, therefore it happened because of.” This line of reasoning hardly ever proves true.

Today, most proponents of the autism-vaccine link do not claim that vaccines cause autism by themselves, but rather that the vaccine overloads the systems of children who are already at risk of autism. Unfortunately, current research has yet to find any strong causative links between autism and vaccine ingredients, either as causes or as triggers. Nevertheless, it would be unwise for scientists to discount the idea of vaccines as causative factors for some cases of autism. Just because some ingredients in the vaccine might not cause autism, that doesn’t guarantee that others might not be playing a role. Autism is a complicated disorder, and the vaccine-autism controversy is a multi-faceted issue. Vaccines are meant to protect people from disease. Even as scientists continue to look elsewhere for potential causes of autism, watchdog groups have sworn to make sure they do not ignore the dangers of potentially unsafe vaccinations.

The Escherichia coli bacteria, commonly known as E. coli, is one of the common causes of food poisoning. Food poisoning. You can get poisoned by under-cooked meat, contaminated vegetables, poisonous mushrooms or anything harboring a particularly nasty bacteria. The symptoms (nausea, vomiting, abdominal cramps, diarrhea, dehydration, bloody stool and fevers with chills) usually start in the digestive tract, as that is where the pathogen is first absorbed. As one might imagine, these are undesirable, prompting Rebeca Williams’ 12 to comment, “It’s not pleasant.” Indeed. And for many, it is deadly. Approximately five thousand people die each year because of food poisoning. Additionally, it is estimated that food poisoning causes over one billion dollars in medical costs and productivity losses from missed work each year.

As Claire Sayler ‘12, points out, “Nobody likes food poisoning, obviously.” So what can be done? Who is to blame for this unpleasant epidemic that causes 325,000 hospitalizations a year? The uncomfortable answer is that nobody causes it. Food poisoning is unavoidable in our modern culture, but there are few things that can be done to help prevent being poisoned. Although these tips may seem like common sense, they can make a very big difference in the long run. For example, keep cold foods cold - do not leave milk, cheese or yogurt out for long periods of time and then consume them. Make sure that foods are not expired - pay attention to the printed sell-by date on perishables and be cautious of items without expiration dates. Only buy foods in whole packages without any leaks or other damage to the packaging, even if the dented one is twenty cents cheaper. The extra money for a perfectly intact package is worth it in order to make sure you stay healthy.

Unfortunately, these methods are not perfect. They help to reduce the chances of food poisoning, but nothing can eliminate it. So don’t blame Common for that strange feeling in your abdomen. Just view it as an unfortunate fact of life. Be sure to stay hydrated and get enough sleep. No matter what, have sympathy for your friends because, as Sarah Fobes ‘12 said, “Yeah, that sucks.”

The Green Tip of the Week

by James Beslity ’11

One of the easiest ways to be environmentally conscious on campus is to conserve electricity. Use compact fluorescent light bulbs in lamps in your room. They last longer and use 50-80 percent less energy than incandescent bulbs. Also, unplug (don’t just turn off) electronic devices when you’re not using them, including microwaves, coffee makers, pencil sharpeners, cell phone chargers or anything else you might have plugged in. Though this may seem like it would make a trivial difference, if everyone did so, much energy could be saved. For example, a plugged-in cell phone charger consumes 94 kWh over 9 months. This may not seem like much energy, but if you multiply it by the approximately 1,800 students at Hamilton (most of whom likely have cell phones), that’s 1,701 kWh of wasted energy every academic year!
Celebrating 90 Years!!

EUGENO BURLINO, OUR FOUNDER

THE "KING of PIZZA" SINCE 1914

O'SCUGNIZZO'S

WORLD FAMOUS, ONE OF A KIND PIZZA,
GOURMET SANDWICHES, SPECIALTY SALADS & SOUPS

FREE DELIVERY!

Hamilton College Specials!

LARGE

Cheese Pizza
& 3# Wings
& 2 Liter Soda

$19.99 !!!

"Fabulous Focaccia Sandwiches"

$5.00 Baby Size
Add Soup or Salad &
a Drink for $2.00!!

"The Best" Homemade

SOUPS

$3.00

BIG BOWL
w/Garlic Bread

Our

Unique Fresh
Specialty Salads
w/Garlic Bread

YOUR CHOICE

$3.95 Small
$7.95 Large

Choose From:
Antipasto, Spring Mix,
Spinach, Pasta
or Marinated
Vegetable

34 Chenango Ave., Clinton
(Next to Dollar General) PHONE: 853-1111

WE DELIVER LUNCH & DINNER!

OPEN DAILY:

For Lunch, Dinner & Late Night Snacks

"BABY, WE'RE THE GREATEST"
HAMILTON
SPORTS
BY THE NUMBERS

Men's Baseball
vs. Ithaca College
April 14: Win (19-5)

Men's Tennis
vs. Union College
April 14: Win (7-2)

Women's Tennis
vs. Colgate University
April 14: Loss (6-1)

Hamilton Golf
@ Skidmore
April 12-13: 2nd Place

Softball
vs. Rensselaer
April 13 Loss (4-17)

Men's Crew
@ St. Lawrence Regatta
April 11: Varsity Eight-3rd Place

Women's Crew
@ St. Lawrence Regatta
April 11: Novice Four-Second Place

Men's Baseball
vs. Amherst
April 11: Loss (8-1)

Women's Lacrosse
vs. William Smith
April 10: Win (8-7)

For Hamilton Sports Schedules, please visit www.events.hamilton.edu

Athlete of the Week:
Anne Graveley ’11
by Abby Perer ’09
Sports Writer
Age: 20
Hometown: Queensbury, NY
Sport: Lacrosse
Claim to Fame: In Friday’s game against William Smith, Graveley scored the game-winning goal with six seconds remaining in overtime. It was William Smith’s first loss in the Liberty League, in which Hamilton maintains a perfect record.


Most Embarrassing Moment: In high school, during a game against her school’s rival team, Graveley was running down the field towards the goal and her skirt fell off. Luckily, she redeemed herself when she managed to pass the ball to a teammate who then scored a goal.

Favorite Pro Athlete: Brandi Chastain.
Favorite Sports Movie: Space Jam.

Next Game: Wednesday, April 15, 4:30 p.m., at Ithaca.

Confessions of a Michigan State Fan: UNC Deserved It
by Tim Shaw ’10
Sports Columnist

Now that the dust has settled from North Carolina’s convincing win against Michigan State in the 2009 National Championship game, the burning question in sports journalism and casual conversations has become “Are they the best college basketball team ever?” Putting aside the fact that I am a Michigan State fan, I have to admit it is hard to answer this question with a “no.”

Why is it so hard to say that there are other teams better than this year’s team? It starts with the fact that they won every game of their tournament run in convincing fashion. During their tournament they won each game by no less than 12 points (Oklahoma in the Regional Final). We can also look at their four losses during the regular season. Each loss was against an NCAA tournament team, with only one loss (Boston College) coming at home. Another loss was in the ACC Conference Tournament against Florida St. without Ty Lawson, a pretty big piece of their team.

Another reason to argue for their immortality is that their scoring could come from anywhere on the court. The number of weapons on the 2009 North Carolina team is pretty impressive. Their five starters (Tyler Hansbrough, Lawson, Danny Green, Wayne Ellington and Deon Thompson) average double figures in points.

From this, it is also hard to argue against this team because it is loaded with NBA prospects. Not only is each one of their starters in a position to be drafted, but their sixth man, freshman Ed Davis, was projected as a top five lottery pick before he decided to return to school. Another freshman who was injured all season, Tyler Zeller, is expected to eventually reach the big leagues.

These are all compelling arguments, but every argument has its counterpoint. Some critics may argue that their only loss to Boston College proves their mortality and that the double digit averages are skewed because of their high-paced offense. More importantly, some argue that they cannot be the best ever because they were unable to win multiple championships with virtually the same team they have had for the past three seasons.

On a more personal level, I am hesitant about proclaiming this team as the best ever given a personal vendetta against the aforementioned Tyler “Psycho T” Hansbrough. Don’t get me wrong, he is an amazing player. You don’t become the ACC’s all-time leading scorer without being exceptional. My problem with Tyler lies not in his floor skills, but more in the public recognition he receives from sportscasters—every single one of them. If they would end their exaggerated praise for one second and understand that we all realize he is a good player, I might actually enjoy watching him play. I apologize to his supporters - but there is just something about the never-ending compliments that Hansbrough receives (coupled with the fact that he has the “deer-in-headlights look” all the time) that frankly makes me want to harm someone or hurt something.

With that off my chest, I realize it is immature to judge an entire team based on the media’s depiction of one player, and I must say that North Carolina is one of the best teams assembled in the history of the NCAA.

Regardless of how you look at the 2009 North Carolina Tar Heels, given the way they walked through each round of the tournament and won with the support of a plethora of future NBA players, you cannot question they were the best team of 2009 and should be considered as one of the best teams of all time, if not the best.

Top 11 Gym Encounters
According to the professional opinion of Daniel Greenberg ’12

1. The Professor wearing khakis/shorts-shorts and inappropriately unathletic clothing (WARNING!!! - May Contain Hairy Everything)

2. The Under Armour wearing skinny gym-rat.

3. The bootilicious elliptical hot chick wearing scandalously and suffocatingly tight clothing

4. The unboobticious elliptical hot chick who shouldn’t be wearing tight clothing.

5. The unresponsive iPod listener who will not wave back at you no matter how hard you try.

6. The obnoxiously heavy breather on the treadmill whom you want to trip.

7. The Skeleton-esque girls hogging the stairmasters.

8. The freakishly-jacked grunter with way too much creatine and backone.

9. The one random old guy creepishly gazing at supple freshman girls.

10. The guy with nasty B.O. sucking down too much creatine and backne.

11. The exercise bike sitting blob doing all his work while limply moving one leg.

The University of North Carolina Tar Heels defeated Michigan State in the 2009 NCAA Finals to become National Champions.
Track and Field Shines Again at Golden Spikes

Track and field is not a sport. For just writing that line, we know we’ve hit on a sore topic for all those track-letes with chips on their shoulders. But it’s not a sport. It is something more and something less. It is absolute, 100 percent, competition. If competition were an absolute, 100 percent, competition, it’s not a sport. It is something for all those track-letes with chips on their shoulders, but not for everyone.

Kate Greenough ’09 and Keith Gross ’09 have been outstanding. In case you don’t remember, last year’s Penn Relays marked one of the most memorable events in the season. Peter Kosgei has ever lost, even though he ran perhaps the best race of his career (4:3:4 in the steeple chase). He’ll be one of the only Division III runners in one of the most competitive college invitationals in the country. Regardless, Kosgei should still be counted as the favorite based on last year’s experience and his obvious improvement. Also running the men’s 800m, Cam Gaylord ’09 just ducked under the NESCAC qualifying time of 2:02.3 to run a 2:02.22. James Grebey ’12 made his 1500m debut in 3:41.12, with Garret Armbuster ’10 (4:14) and Peter Woodruff ’09 (4:15) just off the tall first-year pace. Greg Fullman ’09 continued to establish himself as one of the top 400m hurdlers around with his second place finish. It should be interesting to see how he fares against top competition in the weeks ahead. Josh Ondriff ’11 will also be looking to the weeks ahead to finally break the 14m distance in the shot. However, his 13.8m throw on Saturday should keep him satisfied for one more week. In the men’s 200m dash, J. P. “P. J.” Traylor ’10 had to wait until the end of the day to run his race but still managed to break into the 23s (23.95). Traylor called it a “doctor’s race,” because he’s “been to the 23s before, but not recently.”

On the women’s side of things, Meredith Fritz ’11 destroyed last week’s time with a 4:57, 5th place 1500m. 5K couple Gen Flanders ’09 and Abby Jones ’09 were at it again on Saturday with 2nd and 3rd place finishes. We’ve spoken of Flanders’ edge in previous articles, but some ink should also be countable for Jones, who’s been looking strong in recent weeks.

Notes: Tidelco Ductan ’09 did not compete and is listed as probable for Saturday. Akilah Bond ’09 is also listed as probable. James Russell did not compete, but is a definite for this Saturday. Hamilton will compete at home this weekend.