Seven Hamilton sports will join Amherst, Bates, Bowdoin, Colby, Connecticut College, Middlebury, Trinity, Tufts, Wesleyan, and Williams in the NESCAC in 2011.

Seven Hamilton Sports to Leave Liberty League, Join NESCAC

by Kara Labs ’09
Senior Editor

By the fall of 2011, Hamilton College will be a fully integrated member of the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC). Currently, 21 of Hamilton’s 28 varsity men’s and women’s teams play in the NESCAC. Hamilton’s Athletic Director, Jon Hind ’80, and three other administrators, in order to assess the impact and implementation of such a move.

The remaining seven Liberty League teams (field hockey, men’s and women’s soccer, men’s and women’s basketball, and men’s and women’s lacrosse) will permanently join the NESCAC. In the fall of 2007, President Joan Hinde Stewart presented a proposal to the other ten NESCAC presidents. Following a Hamilton athletic administrative meeting, a four-person committee was commissioned, comprised of Hamilton’s Athletic Director, Jon Hind ’80 and three other administrators, in order to assess the impact and implementation of such a move. They looked at financial, student welfare, campus staffing and scheduling implications. Discussion of scheduling

Survey Indicates Parking Problem

Student drivers unhappy with parking rules

by Daniel Steinman ’12
News Writer

According to a recent survey, 83 percent of student drivers on campus believe that parking regulations are too strict. Associate Professor of Economics Stephen Wu’s Economic Statistics class conducted the school-wide survey about students’ opinions on parking. Last week, Wu presented his findings to Dean of Students Nancy Thompson and Director of Campus Safety Francis Manfredo. The questions were sent to all sophomores, juniors, and seniors. 392 students responded. 295 of respondents are car-owners on campus. While Wu felt that was a good response rate for a survey of a campus with roughly 680 student drivers, he pointed out that those who are happy with parking conditions might have been less likely to respond. The majority of respondents claimed to be “somewhat dissatisfied” with parking on campus. Most complaints seemed to involve around campus safety’s enforcement. Most complaints seemed to involve around campus safety’s enforcement. Most complaints seemed to involve around campus safety’s enforcement. Most complaints seemed to involve around campus safety’s enforcement.

Student Group Demands Change

Faculty open to new approach towards diversity, racial issues

by Thomas H. V. Yarnell ’10
News Editor

A group known as the “Concerned Students” is attempting to change how Hamilton College approaches race-sensitive issues. This coalition is open to any students who are concerned about the racial climate on campus and it consists of members from various student organizations, including the Social Justice Initiative (SJI). The Concerned Students helped to organize the candlelight vigil that was held outside Delta Phi’s controversial Mexican Night Party on Saturday, April 4. Since then, they have been holding meetings to develop a strategy that they believe will help the College better embrace diversity. According to Concerned Students member Corinne Bancroft ’10, “The Concerned Students are not concerned with any punitive action towards Delta Phi but rather are concerned with implementing systemic changes about the way that Hamilton as an educational institution deals with situations related to diversity issues.”

The group is collaborating with Associated Dean of Faculty for Diversity Initiatives Steven Yao in order to help achieve some of their goals. Among these goals is holding an open community forum before the end of the semester. Plans for the forum are in the works, and they include bringing in a third party moderator who specializes in facilitating community dialogue.

Yao said that the forum would discuss “issues of privilege and race and how each member of the community can engage productively with issues relating to those concerns.” Like many of the Concerned Students, he views the fall-out from the Mexican Night Party as a chance for the community to reevaluate how it deals with such issues. “Part of what’s been valuable about these recent events is the opportunity they present for the institution to examine itself and identify structures that are in place or not in place which may unwittingly exacerbate the sense of exclusion.”

A Change in Plans for Class & Charter Day

by Erin W. Hoener ’10
Editor-in-Chief

Despite the cancelation of the G-Road celebration, Class & Charter Day 2009 will not lack the festive nature of years past. In addition to the normal festivities - Hamtrek, the awards ceremony and an all-campus picnic - three bands, The Down-Beat Keys (DBK), Spacecopter and Applewagon, are set to perform around campus and provide entertainment to the entire campus. The three bands will be playing simultaneously at three different venues - DBK on the Eels balcony, Spacecopter outside of the Pub and Applewagon at the Habbitt Pavilion. While most of the current student body thinks of the G-Road party as a long-standing tradition, Dean of Students Nancy Thompson explained that the large G-Road gathering has only been occurring for the last five or six years. Prior to G-Road becoming the place to be on Class & Charter day, students mostly gathered in smaller groups around campus. Thompson is hoping that students will responsibly enjoy the many events planned for the day and wanted to remind students that “all of the same rules apply” as usual.

Spearheaded by senior Luzvara Mendelsohn, the student members of the Alcohol Coalition have taken the initiative to organize a three-
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on campus,” Yao said.

Other faculty members and administrators are also working to take action. Members of the Academic Council, an executive faculty committee, have come up with a resolution that they hope the other faculty members will pass at a specially scheduled meeting on Tuesday, April 28.

According to Patrick Reynold-

s, dean of faculty and chair of the Academic Council, the resolution is “a series of sug-
gestions by the faculty for im-
proving the campus climate, in light of recent events. The steps include suggestions and offers of help to various groups on campus including [the faculty]. These include curricular initia-
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tives and their community development plan.

An assembly representative election on Tuesday, April 28.

Many of the changes will be on the ballot with the general Student

Assembly is currently revising the constitution and

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enforcement of school policies. Along with the 83 percent of re-

spondents claiming enforcement is too strict, 85 percent agreed that the fees handed out are too heavy. (According to The 2008-2009 Parking Guide, students who are parked in a Faculty/Staff lot do not require a parking permit. However, fines are handed out in the Faculty/Staff lot or the wrong student lot are subject to a $25 citation.”)

When questioned about the out-

come of the meeting, many students replied that they believe fines are handed out inconsistently. Others thought that the fines were grossly draconian. A large number of students thought that campus safety offi-
cers spend too much time enforc-
ing parking rules at the expense of improving security for students. Wu stressed, “People who are getting lots of tickets are go-

ing to lose that perception.” He also brought up the possibility that many of students’ problems might be the result of them not fully understanding the system or the reasoning behind it. Thompson said her primary concern was correcting the per-
ception that campus safety’s first priority is issuing parking tickets. “We want to make sure that stu-
dents know that campus safety is a resource for them,” she said. Thompson added that the stricter enforcement of parking fines this year was a reaction to complaints from students in the past who thought there was little consistency in whether or not a violator could get out of paying a ticket.

Assistant Dean of Students

Jeffrey Landry pointed out that one of the administration’s goals is to ensure that Hamilton is a pe-
destrian campus. There is a con-

cern that making parking too ac-

cessible may increase the amount of driving around campus.

Manfredo will be talking to the class that took the survey for the students input on how to improve parking regulatory prac-
tices. He also may speak with members of Student Assembly.

If there’s a better system of assigning parking spots, we’re open to that,” Thompson said. “We are open to suggestions for making parking more fair, more consistent.” She went on to say that students would most likely discover both positive and nega-
tive ramifications to any change that might be made.

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Three Bands Ready to Rock Class & Charter Day

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Lacrosse, Men's Basketball to Compete in NESCAC

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The DownBeat Keys (left to right) Top row: Jared Schneider ’11, Andrew Root ’09, Baldwin Tang ’10, and Ryan Calabrese ’09. Bottom row: Kadajah Bennett ’12 and Will Preston ’11.

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Coach Anderson added, “I didn’t have to travel as far as I did when I was in the Liberty League.” She is looking forward to two more years with the league. Hind also noted that the “worst case” budgetary and scheduling scenarios he calculated had been designed to increase the athletic budget between $80,000 and $100,000 per year.

Recently, the NESCAC announced that they approved a system similar to what the Liberty League currently has, where men’s and women’s teams would play a double-header every weekend and travel together on the same bus. This would cut travel costs dramatically, and fewer travel costs will be incurred each weekend. Said Hind, “our worst case scenario would already be lower.”

According to Acting President Joe Urgo, “The NESCAC does not play games during the week, so this will be better for [our students, as they] will not need to miss as many classes.” Student athletes will need to leave on Friday, but will now play on Sunday rather than Tuesday as Hamilton currently does in the Liberty League.

Tobin Anderson, head coach of the men’s basketball team, said of the switch, “I am excited to have our program join the NESCAC. In my opinion, it is the best D-III men’s basketball conference in the country (two of the last five national champs come from it), so it will help us from a visibility and recruiting standpoint. There has been a very positive ‘buzz’ from high school players and coaches about us joining, so I think it is already having an effect.”

As to whether there is any animosity between the other Liberty League coaches, Urgo stated, “The Liberty League is happy that the decision has finally been made. There is a waiting list for other teams who want to enter the Liberty League.”

Field hockey coach Gill McDonald said, “I don’t think my coaching strategy is really going to change when we move to the NESCAC. In fact, [the NESCAC] is the best conference for field hockey in the country. It is so competitive and you have to make your best every game. Over the next three years, we will just keep concentrating on working hard and continuing to grow as a team.”

Both Urgo and Hind expect Hamilton to be competitive in the conference. Hind is optimistic and said that he expects Hamilton to improve athletically and that the switch will help bring in more competitive athletes. “It will force us to sharpen ourselves,” said Urgo. Further confirmed Hind’s confidence in the Hamilton program, saying, “I don’t see any reason why we wouldn’t be competitive.”

In the near future, Hamilton has many athletic improvements on the agenda. The floor in the Margaret Bundy Scott Field House will be resurrected, as the turf field. “We want to be able to afford our athletes the best opportunity we can,” said Hind.

Sean Mackin, the women’s basketball coach, said, “We are proud to be in the NESCAC and really look forward to it. We already play three NESCAC schools each year so it should be a smooth transition.”

Coach Anderson added, “I think the depth of the NESCAC will make us a better program. The Liberty League has been very strong recently and it will be again next year, but from top to bottom the NESCAC has teams that compete at a very high level. The geographic diversity of the NESCAC gives our alumni and potential recruits a chance to see us in all areas of the Northeast and that kind of visibility will only make us stronger.”

On behalf of the field hockey team, Coach McDonald said, “The team is really excited and proud to be recognized among the NESCAC schools. One of the biggest differences will be travel time to away games. Right now we don’t even play outside of New York and soon we will be playing in three different states.”

There has been mixed feedback from some of the student athletes regarding the announced integration. Catie Gibbons ’09, who currently plays women’s soccer, said of the switch, “I think it will be a very good thing for admissions at Hamilton. I think it will allow WLAX to be more competitive and gain more respect nationally. After all, we follow their rules; we might as well play them. I think we will benefit by getting better kids who want to attend NESCAC schools.”

Gibbons added that she thought the transition might be rough on some of the teams. “I think the school has more selfish goals in mind, but goals that somehow will work for the betterment of the athletic department,” she said. “I do think that some programs, like basketball, will have a very rough few years unless the programs are able to become more competitive before we make the change.”

Molly Kane ’09, a women’s basketball player, said, “I think it is a good move, but I am also happy that I am leaving before the change takes place. I think I would have liked to compete in the NESCAC, but I’m glad I didn’t have to travel as far as the teams will have to in the future. For women’s basketball, and probably most other sports, the league competition will be much tougher top to bottom than it is in the Liberty League. I think most teams will struggle during the first few seasons, but overall it will be a good move for both the school as a whole and the athletic department.”

Hind mentioned that one of the reasons Hamilton considered the switch had to do with the notion that Hamilton is more highly selective on a national level. “It is becoming more difficult to stay aligned with a New York State conference league,” said Hind. Kane agreed with this sentiment. “I think the exclusively NESCAC affiliation will help Hamilton attract more student athletes from all over the country looking for a NESCAC education, while most Liberty League athletes come from the Northeast,” she said.

“It will be challenging, but I am looking forward to the challenge,” and I applaud President Stewart, Dean Urgo, and our AD Jon Hind for making it happen,” said Anderson.

“I expect us to be competitive,” Hind stated firmly. “Whether we will be at the top of the league in every sport is probably not true...what school is?”

Hind emphasized that “[the] NESCAC is a highly competitive league and it is important for Hamilton to be aligned philo-

April 23, 2009
NESCAC Integration Success: To Be Determined...

It is well known by now that Hamilton will be fully integrating all Continental athletics into the NESCAC. This announcement was slightly confusing for some, as Hamilton has long considered itself “a NESCAC school.” For most students, this integration will mean nothing new – simply an easy reference to combat the blank stares received when explaining the merit of a Hamilton education to anyone outside of the Northeast – “No, it’s a really great school…in the NESCAC...you know, like Williams and Middlebury and Amherst...”

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Fighting Words

“Bigotry” is not always what it seems

by Will Leubsdorf ’10

Spending this semester in South Africa has given me a different perspective on the issue of race at Hamilton. While political apartheid was dismantled 15 years ago, socio-economic apartheid still remains a powerful force within South African society. South Africa is defined by vast inequalities along racial lines, and many older whites still possess racist attitudes. Younger whites may not share these biases, but they are fundamentally ignorant about people from different racial and socio-economic backgrounds, a situation which resembles the racial and cultural clash that currently pervades the Hamilton community.

There is a difference between the bigotry of the older generation and that of the younger generation’s ignorance, which is caused by lack of knowledge rather than deeply entrenched racism. It is very dangerous to mistake one for the other, as the tactics for challenging ignorance are vastly different from the tactics used to fight bigotry. I am therefore skeptical about claims that incidents like Mexican Night are used to exploit Hamilitons’ inherent issues that come with growing up with a privileged upbringing.

These students recognize the inherent issues that come with growing up with a privileged upbringing, although not necessarily the implications of those issues. As a result of being labeled as bigoted, they become apathetic and unwilling to discuss these issues. Nothing changes, and this cycle repeats itself.

Instead of spurring valuable discussions grounded in respect, opportunities to address ignorance are missapporiated to achieve different goals. Events like Mexican Night are used to exploit Hamilton’s Kirstie Alley-sized white liberal guilt and consolidate it.

Almost fifty years ago, President John F. Kennedy challenged Americans to “ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country.” To create an inclusive community at Hamilton, I challenge you to: Ask not what someone else can do to make our community better, but rather commit to one thing that can be done to make it better. I propose that one thing, fundamental to having an inclusive community, is having a set of agreements about what we believe, what we say and what we do. These are the three building blocks of an organizational culture.

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I’m not saying that I must share the same beliefs about religion, politics or just about anything else with someone else. But, it is my personal responsibility to find ways to work together effectively. If I cannot do this, I have failed!

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Thumbs up

Brighten up library employees’ days by adding sodomy threats to the end of thesis writers’ “do not reshelve” notes.

May Day BYOB:

Stumbling around the football field practically and soaking up each other’s IIlusory, Illusory.

ATX 80’s party:

You’re gonna need Doc Brown’s DeLorean.

Beginning Green


Thumbs down

Getting automatic outs for the girls that aren’t on your B league soccer team: Why not automatic runs? Are girls not as good at softball as boys or something? Get on that, Womyn’s Center!

Senioritis:

No, I haven’t gotten to the minimum page requirement for my thesis. Yeah, I used the period trick already.

Low Carbon Diet day:

No cheese because cows are taking dumps... you’ve gotta be f***king kidding me.

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To the Editor:

Elijah LaChance’s piece in last week’s Spectator (4/16/09) about the link between vaccines and autism does not cast enough doubt on that link, which has been thoroughly debunked, and his report on Wakefield’s research is outdated. The London Times reports (2/8/09) that “The doctor who sparked the scare over the safety of the MMR vaccine for children changed and misrepresented results in his research” (1). Wakefield’s fraudulent research was not just harmlessly wrong about autism; it caused and still causes great harm — children have died because of it.

The Times article reports that “1,348 confirmed cases of measles in England and Wales were reported last year, compared with 56 in 1998. Two children have died of the disease.” The anti-vaccine scare also dangerously decreases herd immunity, which protects those children who legitimate cannot be vaccinated (2). A clear account of the whole issue is posted at sciencebasedmedicine.com (3), including the revelations of Wakefield’s conflicts of interest (not only did he have patents on an anti-vaccine “cure for autism”, but he was actually paid by lawyers to produce results against vaccines).

Don’t fall into the common media trap of thinking that one has to give each side of an issue equal weight, when only one side has reputable science behind it.

Sincerely,
Katherine Collett
Assistant Archivist
Burke Library

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Mind Your Manners! The Art of Classy Cubicle Conduct

Papers are piling up, the impending doom of finals is approaching and seniors are frantically scrambling to finish their theses. With this in mind, we’d like to remind everyone of the unwritten protocol for using the library and science center. Not to offend anyone by the exclusion of KJ as a study space, but quite frankly, we don’t study there.

First up… library. As you increase in altitude in the library, studying intensifies. Keep this in mind when choosing your study spot. Don’t go to the third floor cubicles to gossip with your friends and eat a bag of chips. This is flat out inappropriate. Second floor tables are a little more social, but keep it to a low roar, and bro, we don’t want to hear about last weekend’s escapades. Some people may disagree, but “resting your eyes” for a few minutes in the second floor common chairs is fine by us! We get tired sometimes too.

Next, please step into the library with your cell phones to talk on your cellular device. Not only do you probably not want the whole library to hear your convo, but we don’t want to hear it either. Especially if it involves your grandma and her dog.

As the new library food policy states, only “dry snack food” is allowed in the library. This does not include PB&J sandwiches, which are possibly the most annoying item to consume in public… you can’t avoid the lip smacking from that oh so good peanut butter. And if you see any senior buried in a sack of chips with greasy hair or looking generally disheveled, stay back and silent… they’re dangerous and you probably don’t want to piss them off.

Finally, let’s talk about the Science Center. The atrium can be intimidating at times, but generally some casual chatter is acceptable; just keep outbursts of mass hysteria at a minimum. Most people know that the corner study rooms are a hot commodity. Be sure to arrive early on Sunday if you really want one, but beware: people will throw your stuff out of it if you abandon a study room for more than a reasonable amount of time. We know it’s painful, but some department chairs seem to not want outsiders in their computer labs, but please try to keep them tidy unless you want a Chemistry major to burn a hole through your skull with his eyes.

Good luck with those final papers. You can help everyone out by following our advice. You’ll notice the difference, because everyone will be in a better mood.

by Emily Chapin ’09 and Lindsey Wong ’09

Illusory Progress Won’t Do
control of public discourse on race in the hands of a few, through proposed institutions like the Cultural Education Center and now the Social Honor Code discussion. Last year, when a Spectator article critiqued Social Justice Initiative, members began to question group representation, which writer made the majority of students unwilling to listen to our legitimate concerns about the campus environment. This exacerbates the ignorance that is the core problem, perpetuating stereotypes and misconceptions.

It is the classic “boy who cried wolf” scenario; by mistaking ignorance such as that which led to the Mexican Night flyer for bigotry, it is much more difficult for students to deal with actual bigotry when it appears.

We are all flawed people, trying to grapple with an intractable problem within our community and society. There are no George Wallace or Bull Connors at Hamilton, and treating the campus like it is racist is an insult to our community’s character and intelligence.

If we want anything to change at Hamilton, we must step back and actually discuss these issues with each other, to understand why these things happen.

Through respectful discussions between peers, friends, dormmates, faculty members — in and out of the classroom — we will be able to successfully challenge the ignorance that pervades our society. Only then will things change for the better with respect to these core fundamental issues of comfort within our community.

In summary, I’d like to paraphrase a quote from Ben Franklin: we will all succeed together or we most assuredly will all fail separately.

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When people think of ways they can help the environment, they usually think recycling, conserving and reducing carbon footprints. However, these methods can have negative consequences most people don’t know about. Recycling companies, for example, often outsource the processing of recycled waste, meaning that it can be processed by child labor and without proper environmental regulations. Although resources are saved by recycling, this process and many others are simply moving the problem out of our backyards and into the backyards of disadvantaged communities and countries. On Thursday, April 16, Giovanna Di Chiro, Research Associate in Environmental Studies at Mount Holyoke College, and Co-Director of the Pioneer Valley Environmental Justice Coalition, presented a lecture entitled “Environmental Justice and Sustainability,” in which she suggested alternatives to such methods.

Di Chiro’s work focuses on how disadvantaged communities can participate in environmental movements, and how they can have their voices heard. This is especially important because it is these communities that suffer most from environmental problems. Dump sites, heavy traffic and other pollution-causing factors are often moved to their backyards. Di Chiro argued for programs that combine economic stimulation, social involvement, environmental policies and awareness to combat poverty, global warming and job loss, among the many other problems currently afflicting society. These programs would be environmentally just; they would address environmental problems without laying the burden on disadvantaged communities. Additionally, they would be sustainable, or the programs would be simply diverting the problem to later generations, most likely in disadvantaged communities.

Di Chiro presented an example of socially just environmentalism with the organization “Nuestras Raíces,” Spanish for “Our Roots.” The Holyoke area of Pioneer Valley in Massachusetts faces severe pollution, unemployment, poverty and health problems. Nuestras Raíces is working to combat these problems by allocating empty lots as community garden space that families can use to grow organic crops. These crops are sold at local farmers markets, and can bring up to 2,000 dollars in income and community center. Not only are the crops organic, but the land is prepared using natural means, such as having goats and pigs clear and irrigate the soil, encouraging sustainability.

Overall, the organization provides a solution to poverty, helps environmental sustainability and protection, economic growth, strengthens relationships between elders and youth and provides a community where children are involved in environmental activism. With organizations like Nuestras Raíces, Di Chiro argued that we can “challenge the categorical separation of humans and nature...[and] link justice and sustainability to create...a future that is inclusive of all peoples, all animals, and all landscapes.”

**Green Trivia Night**

*by Elijah LaChance ’10 Science & Technology Editor*

In many ways, it was a Trivia Night like any other. Some teams huddled around the bar with glasses of Guinness and Woodchuck cider. Other teams took tables and sipped their Lime Bud Lights. Music blurred between questions as Director and Assistant Director of Student Activities Lisa Magnarelli and Paul Ryan took the answers and tallied the scores. However, sprinkled between questions on Sarah Jessica Parker and Stephen Colbert were trivia tidbits about other Green Week events that sought not only to raise knowledge on environmental issues. After one particularly shocking answer, one student’s brow furrowed particularly at the question from ear to ear to ear. The answer to the question from one student’s brow furrowed as he said, “Man, I didn’t know that.” Speaking of answers, the question to the question from earlier in the article is: the Chevy Volt. Such were the thrills of a Trivia Night that sought not only to amuse, but to inform.
The Hill Shows its Colors for Green Week

Events Include Farmers Market, Low Carbon Diet Day

by Elijah LaChance ’10 and Julia Litzky ’12

One of the favorite Green Week activities for many students is the Farmers Market. This year’s wares included jewelry by Victoria Designs, flower arrangements by Silk Flowers by Lori, hand-painted china, snacks from Tom’s Natural Foods, produce from the Hamilton community farm garden and hand-made clay mugs from Clinton Pottery. In addition to mugs, Jonathan Woodward of Clinton Pottery demonstrated the use of a potter’s wheel and making pottery. Catie Ferrara 10, who organized the event for Hamilton Environmental Action Group (HEAG), said she was “very happy to have Tom’s, which is always popular with students, and the pottery wheel demonstrations added a nice touch.” However, she was, “a little disappointed because a few vendors backed out (due to prediction of rain) but the turnout was not too bad for the spring. I do expect more people in the fall.”

Students, though, were not phased by the weather predictions, and Ferrara said she was happy with the students’ interest in the market this year. Despite the cloudy weather and several empty tables, many students stopped by to browse and buy on their way to and from classes and activities. William Melvo felt that “the market had some very interesting and cool work, especially some glass beads [in the jewelry].”

As Ferrara said, the market “is a good tradition on campus. I look forward to organizing it next year.”

A second Green Week event that took place on Wednesday, April 22 was Low Carb Diet Day, sponsored by Bon Appétit. For this day, low-carbon options were provided to help illustrate which foods have low carbon footprints. This meant no livestock products, such as beef and cheese; according to the Bon Appétit website, livestock generates about 18 percent of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Foods from far away that would need to be air freighted, such as Students...
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more vendors for more variety, turnout. I’d like to have seen "I’m a little disappointed in the previous HEAG Farmers Markets, Diane O’Neil, who has sold to be more agriculture-based. fall Farmers Market has tended farmers rarely have produce to ally, the spring market is more Gener very interesting and cool art felt that “the market had some activities. William McIvor ’2 way to and from classes and to browse and buy on their tables, many students stopped several empty weather and De in the market said she was and Ferrara the weather not phased by though, were Students, provided to low-carbon tit. For lunch, Bon Appetit sponsored by Bon Diet Day, was Low Car day, April 22 that took place on Wednes A second Green Week event next year." I look forward to organizing it “a good tradition on campus. As Ferrara said, the market is snacks. It’s nice to have ven glass beads [in the jewelry]- was air freight needed, such as high-carbon foods such as clams and mussels were offered. It may seem that such seafood would not be low-carbon because it must be shipped from several hundred miles away to get here. However, the fishing and collection methods are mostly environmentally friendly and have a small enough carbon footprint to make up for the damages caused by the required transportation. With Low Carbon Diet Day, Bon Appetit showed students how they can make greener food choices that will help reduce their overall carbon footprint. If you’d like to learn more about the carbon footprint created by your eating habits, visit http://www.carlowarbon.org to calculate the impact of your food choices. If you missed these Green Week events, or are interested in doing more, there are several events planned. On Thursday, April 23, the movie Radiant City will be screened at 8:30 p.m. in the Kimmer-Johnson Auditorium. Radiant City is a dramatic documentary on the potential environmental harm created by our suburban society. To conclude the Green Week events, there will be an Arbor Day Tree Planting on Friday, April 24, at 1:30 p.m. in front of Eells. Even though Green Week is over, hopefully it will have made an impact on the Hamilton community, so that we can better reduce our effect on the environment.

Like every Trivia Night, the green version produced some head-scratching questions and camaraderie.

In the spirit of Green Trivia Night, we decided to come up with some of our own environmental trivia questions. Look on page 12 for the answers, and also an article on Green Trivia Night.

1. What are the three easiest materials to recycle?
   A) Aluminum, plastic and paper  
   B) Paper, aluminum and glass  
   C) Glass, plastic, and aluminum
   D) Freshmen, Babbitt suites, and Martin’s Way bricks.

2. Where and when was the first recycling program introduced?
   A) Copenhagen in the 1840s.
   B) Chicago in the 1920s.
   C) New York City in the 1890s.

3. How long does it take recycled materials to return to the marketplace?
   A) As little as 30 days.  
   B) As little as 14 days.  
   C) Between six and eight months.  
   D) How long did it take you to pick up that prospe at Bundy on Saturday?

4. How long could you power a computer on the energy from one beer bottle?
   A) 15 seconds  
   B) 2 minutes  
   C) 25 minutes  
   D) Why the f*%k would I be using a comput- er when I’m supposed to be getting drunk?

5. How many trees does it take to provide for America’s consumer needs each year?
   A) 350,000  
   B) 25 million  
   C) 900 million  
   D) Three more now that Physical Plant ripped out those three behind KJ. Way to go, Hamilton.

6. How long does it take for glass to decompose?
   A) One million years  
   B) 100,000 years.  
   C) 12.5 million years.  
   D) Not long enough. I mean come on, we need more glass to put up yet another futuristic building that lets in more light than a Florida beach.
Worth Getting off the Hill for: Indian Cafe

by Elizabeth Starnes '11

Features Writer

If you've ever been to Minar in New Hartford, you know how delicious the food is. Minar uses only fresh ingredients and spices and uses traditional recipes that make their food both authentic and appetizing. With the opening of a new outpost of Minar right on College Street in Clinton, it's easier than ever to get your Indian food fix.

The Indian Cafe is open seven days a week for lunch and dinner, with a great lunch buffet from 11 to 2:30 where you can fill up your plate as many times as you want for only eight dollars. They also cater for larger groups and parties, and its new closer location makes pick up simple.

The restaurant is divided into two levels and is decorated with Indian art and white table cloths, and it's a great place for a date or dinner with friends.

The staff there is very friendly and welcoming and will offer suggestions if you're new to Indian food. They also offer three levels of spiciness for every dish, so you go as spicy as you can handle.

As for the food, there are a few perennial favorites that seem to please everyone. For an appetizer, try the vegetable samosas, which are like crispy turnovers and are filled with mildly spiced vegetables and potatoes.

The chicken or shrimp Tikka Masala is marinated in yogurt and then prepared in a creamy tomato sauce spiced with turmeric and red chili and goes well with the Navratan Korma, which is a mild and fresh vegetable dish. You should also try the Aloo Gobi, a vegetarian cauliflower and potato dish spiced with cumin, curry and turmeric.

Each entree comes with a side of rice, though you should definitely supplement your order with some naan, which is sort of like pita bread, but is softer and served hot out of the tandoori oven.

If you're not worried about your breath, go for the garlic naan. For a refreshing beverage, check out the ice-cold mango Lassi. An additional incentive is that the milky Lassi can serve to balance all of your spicy food. Think you still have room for dessert? Try the rice pudding, which is cooked with cardamom and has an unexpected flavor.

If the upstate New York weather makes leaving your dorm seem unappealing, but you're still craving Minar, you can indulge your lazy side and have your food delivered right to your door.

Indian Cafe: 8 College Street, Clinton NY 13323
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Photographs by Olivia Waxman '11, Andy Borowitz, Rachel Horowitz '09 and Becky Cairns '11 in the Fillius Event's Barn.

Photo by Julio Monterroso '10

“Fresh Prince” Creator Andy Borowitz Visits Hamilton

Comedian and Hamilton parent armed with humor updated for the new “Willenium”

by Lily Gillespie '12

Features Writer

It's hard to imagine that many college kids would be ecstatic to have their parents come to their school and speak in front of a bunch of their peers; even less would they want their parents not only to speak, but God help us, to talk about things like sex or taboos such as mental retardation.

Last Thursday, Andy Borowitz, father of sophomore Lexi Borowitz, proved that although nothing was off-limits, he knows how to be a cool and extraordinarily funny dad.

For those of you who don't read your e-mail, The Spectator, or happened to be oblivious to the hundreds of fliers around campus last week, let me introduce Andy Borowitz. Perhaps his greatest claim to fame would be his work on The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air, a show I imagine many of us remember from its first running in the early '90s or in its more recent re-runs. Borowitz is a co-creator of the show and won many awards for his work.

However, Borowitz did not come to Hamilton to discuss television, but rather the current state of our nation, ample fodder for comedians these days. Before launching into his satire of American politics, Borowitz made sure to remind us Hamiltonians, as if we could have forgotten, that we go to school in the middle of nowhere; as a reference point, Borowitz shared his story about a regular brunch with big leaguers of the comedy world: Jerry Seinfeld and Chris Rock. Borowitz explained that while Seinfeld and Rock were planning shows in major New York venues, he was looking forward to his show "upstate" and chose not to mention that this "upstate" meant Hamilton College and the Fillius Events Barn. Hey, sometimes you just have to be a big fish in a little pond.

The jokes were quick to turn to politics and the media, with which Borowitz is well acquainted thanks to his many years in television and his self-professed obsession with cable news, which he lambasted for its lack of news and its recent fascination with social networking sites such as Facebook, MySpace and the particularly nefarious, Twitter. The last of the three led Borowitz to accuse the news and its broadcasters of "abdicating professional responsibility."

Borowitz did not forget politics and made the first 100 days of Barack Obama’s presidency a priority of his performance. Borowitz praised Obama for his use of an "awesome poster," his calm throughout the campaign and his particularly effective catchphrases.

Borowitz made sure to balance his praise with equal criticism, suggesting that it was terrible of Obama to give the people hope, to end the War on Terror by renaming it, to win the admiration of the French, to be totally uncool and to speak in complete sentences, a phenomenon he finds "jarring after 8 years." Heaven forbid we should actually be able to understand what our president is saying!

College Democrats Vice-President Olivia Waxman ’11, who helped to organize the event, commented that "Andy’s schtick on President Obama was a laugh-riot and a lively prelude to our more serious ‘Think Tank’ discussion of his first one hundred days on May 1st, which we will be hosting with Professor Philip Klinkner of the government department."

Borowitz also roasted readers of his online satirical publication, The Borowitz Report, and the gullibility of some of said readers. Apparently, some believed a story that Theresa Heinz Kerry had called a Girl Scout something nasty at a political rally during her husband’s campaign.

Borowitz concluded the evening with a list of five things he would like President Obama to address during his presidency: The out-of-control McDonald’s reality shows and the dangerous messages they send about relationships, infomercials, the internet (where you can find a website for Doritos)— and the ordering instructions for certain adult viewing options in hotels.

For those of you who missed it, I’m sorry you did because Borowitz illustrated that he remains the culturally aware individual he was years ago when he made Will Smith an icon of America’s young people.
AFew Words from...
Scooter Girl

by Scooter Girl
Features Writer

When traversing the Hamilton campus, one most frequently encounters students on foot and the occasional bicycle. But one lesser-known and almost equally efficient means of transportation is the Razor scooter. Immensely popular five or six years ago, the Razor seems to have, for the most part, fallen out of the limelight. After testing scooter transport for myself recently, I am certain that it is deserving of its comeback.

Weighing in at only about 9 pounds, the Razor is a much more light-weight alternative to the bulky bicycle, yet it still allows for the same efficient transportation. Additionally, the Razor can be folded up for easy transport in Comm cram, class, or across any unscootable terrain.

There are, of course, a few drawbacks to this mode of transportation. While the thrill of downhill scooting is as exhilarating as it is efficient, scooting uphill is more difficult, especially on uneven brick such as the terrain outside of KJ. However, this does make for a better workout than simply walking to class. Another problem common to the scooter, especially when it is used excessively, is wheel misalignment. Failure to routinely tighten the Razor’s screws may lead to sudden turning of the handlebars, which inevitably causes dangerous difficulty in steering.

Perhaps the most notable effect of riding a scooter, however, is the reaction garnered by passing pedestrians, cyclists and drivers. In my experience, reactions ranged from looks of confusion to bemused smiles to comments on my ingenuity. Upon first walking into the Diner on my red Razor, I was met with applause and laughter from the Diner workers, who claimed, much to my delight, that I had been the highlight of their evening. The Diner workers, who claimed, much to my delight, that I had been the highlight of their evening. Evidently the scooter, or “Scoots” as mine came to be known as, proved to be so much more than just a mode of transportation; it urges anyone and everyone to embark on their own scooting adventure.

Tips for Avoiding Unwanted Chatter in the Bedroom

by Johanna Pajak

It’s long been a philosophical and scientific pursuit to find what, exactly, separates us from other animals. We would like to think that this would be an easy distinction to pin down, but that has not proven to be the case. Sure, we have our various technological and intellectual endeavors. Have you ever met a monkey with a microwave or a blog? I think not. Well, probably not. Most importantly, we have language, which enables us to define and subsequently recognize our various psychological and emotional complexities. But then there’s this other stuff: our dependence on food, the need to sleep, our competitive drive and, of course, our most animalistic of urges: sex. It seems like, in dealing with this conflict, we compartmentalize the intellectual and biological aspects of the human character, leaving Wittgenstein and Descartes on the bedside table while we hump our way back to nature. Sure, this isn’t always the case; there’s a vast collection of cultural (with a capital “C”) works that address our sexiest of sexy-sex feelings, but sometimes when our two selves collide, things can get uncomfortable. Like this woman, for instance, who wrote in this week, asking:

I am a heterosexual female. My boyfriend likes to talk dirty. He says the filthiest things both before and during sex, and I can barely look at him afterward. The bigger problem is that I don’t know if he wants me to respond and what I would even say if I were to. Should I just tolerate this annoying habit or should I bring it up with him?

In speaking with friends and doing a little reading on the ole interweb, it seems that men are generally more comfortable talking during sex than women. Who knows why this could be? It’s like you try to get ‘em to talk about their feelings and they’re all “the game’s on,” and then as soon as you’re in bed they’re all “oh, blah, oh, eh girls? That was a joke; of course that’s not how it is. There are a number of kinds of sex talk, all of which have their virtues and downsides. Primarily, men seem to take this kind of aggressive line which, given recent events, I will forgo providing examples of. How to respond to these statements can be a difficult nut to crack for any woman. Do you encourage the aggression? Return the aggression? Neither is a particularly successful approach. One’s aggression often provokes the other’s aggression, which, to be honest, I find difficult to deal with. I would rather not be subject to it, let alone partake in it. I think the best way to go about putting an end to all this chatter would be to respond to her lover’s verbal advances with the most bizarre and nonsensical things she can think of. What would work best would be things that could be interpreted as sexual but definitely aren’t, such as “the vending machine is broken” or “you have hamburger hands.” I would think that after a couple rounds of banter like that, he’ll probably not want to provoke you by initiating the sex talk.

Of course, if that doesn’t work, you could always buy him a gag ball…

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Chatter in the Bedroom

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Bachelor & Bachelorette of the Week

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Ilse Zoerb '11

What is the weirdest thing currently in your room?
My roomate's clone-o-willy.

Turn On? Sense of humor.
Turn Off? Arrogance.

What is your worst habit?
Picking at other people's food.

If you were a dorm which would you be and why?
That's a silly question. Rabbit because I'm cute!

If you had to describe yourself as the love child of any two musicians which would you pick and why?
Mamma Cass Elliot and Andre 3000. However I will start to get suspicious of having Andre 3000 as a father after realizing I am not as cool as he is and come to find out my real father is actually Randy Newman.

If you were God, what would you do to the world?
I would love to stand on that pedestal.

If you could break one rule at Hamilton for a day which would you choose?
Bone ape-tit......

If you could trade jobs with anyone at Hamilton for a day what would you choose?
I'm out of the way, very awkward but I have good intentions.

What is your favorite physical feature?
Nicholas Cage haters, because.

What accessory best defines you?
No helicopters to dry off the golf course.

If you could get rid of one group on campus what would it be and why?
The Slashie Award: Best vodler/literhosen model.

If you won an award at an awards show what would it be for?
Home economics, because I wanna cook tiramisu.

If you were any social space what would it be and why?
The Hub. I'm out of the way, very awkward but I have good intentions.

If you were a dorm which would you be?
Little too much teeth.

What movie genre best describes you?
Romaction... think about it.

If you were God, what would be the first thing you'd do to the world?
I would love to stand on that pedestal.

If you could have any super power what would it be?
Roast beef, obviously.

If you were a cold cut, which would you be and why?
The guy in charge of the KJ water feature overnight.....

If you could create a holiday what/when would it be?
Cat Appreciation Day. February 17th in memory of my recently departed feline companion, Baby. I'm not joking.

If you were a film genre what would you be?
Film noir, she said typing furiously at the keyboard.

The best night everrrrr! On L. J. Scurfield's birthday.

If you were a major which would you be and why?
Romaction... think about it.

What would you say is your most attractive quality?
Romaction... think about it.

If you could create a new points system what would be the #1 offense?
Condoms... I am so lonely.

What advertising slogan best describes your life?
"Finger lickin' good." Thanks Colonel. Represent!

If you could have any two musicians which would you pick and why?
Chris Martin and Andrew Root... have you ever started into either of their eyes?

If you were a film genre what would you be?
Middle-earth.

If you had to create a new points system what would be the #1 offense?
NERDS!

What advertising slogan best describes your life?
"It's what your right arm's for." (Courage Tavern Ale, that's obvious.)

If you could create a holiday what/when would it be?
The best night everrrrr! On L. J. Scurfield's birthday.

What would you do to the world?
I would love to stand on that pedestal.

What is your favorite physical feature?
My sparkling personality.... and my huge booty.

If you could trade jobs with anyone at Hamilton for a day what would it be?
John Wulf's friendship.

What would you say is your most attractive quality?
Any ability or characteristic even comparable to John Wulf.

If you could create a holiday what/when would it be?
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If you were a film genre what would you be?
Middle-earth.

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Senior Bassist Impresses Hamilton Audience

by Matt Nudell '11
Arts & Entertainment Writer

On April 18, Andrew Root '09 performed his senior recital entitled “Colors of Catharsis” to a large audience in Wellin Hall. Root has made a name for himself on campus as the electric bassist of Hamilton’s hip-hop groups The Down Beat Keys and The Head Band. The recital displayed Root’s musical virtuosity and immense creativity through his diverse catalogue of original songs. The concert opened with “Evergreen,” a trippy, planetarium electronic anthem that featured multi-layered synthesizer parts. Root asserted that the song portrayed “his praise of the forest in winter.” “Evergreen” decayed into “Slip,” a quiet piece featuring Ryan Calabrese’s 90 resonant percussion work and Root’s melodic, echoing bass solo lines. Calabrese and Root performed their original “Rockwell,” a song about rejection, later in the concert. The next two songs, “Vaporize” and “Peaks,” featured Wes Hughes ’11 on tenor sax, Matt Prescottano on electric guitar, and Tim Carmen ’11 on drums. “Peaks,” depicting Root’s “praise of stain-climbing,” was particularly memorable for its ascendant, floating tone. Next, the members of the Down Beat Keys joined Root on stage to perform the band’s upbeat, funky songs “I Don’t Remember” and “Slow Down.”

The concert also featured the debut of the original hip-hop composition “Fix Ur World,” written by Kadajh Bennett ’12 and Andrew Root, which was one of the concert’s highlights. Wellin Hall’s energetic atmosphere melted into Root’s original tune, “Goodbye, Opa,” a reflective, emotional ballad describing Root’s long drive back to Hamilton “after saying goodbye to his grandfather for the last time.” The bassist dedicated “Goodbye, Opa” to his grandparent’s, and the song was highlighted by Hughes’ majestic soprano sax solo. “Goodbye, Opa” was followed by “Miracle It,” a love song featuring Amanda Nelson ’12 on lead vocals, Prescottano on electric guitar, Andrea Frederick ’11 on piano, and Carmen on drums. The recital ended with two of Root’s original reggae pieces: “Forcibly Mellow” and “Antidote.”

Root remarked to the audience during the concert that the two songs embodied his life’s expansive musical journey: “Forcibly Mellow” was written when he was 16, while “Antidote” was completed just days before the recital. Root stated that “Forcibly Mellow” described “his laments of his weaknesses and his frustration with his inability to conquer his internal demons.” Buf- fers Pete Mallozzi ’09 (lead vocals) and Aaron Ricio-Carman ’09 (background vocals) starred in the song’s live performance. In addition, the bassist recalled that “Antidote” is “my fight song, my declaration to the human-created world that no matter what it tells me, I will not be denied what I seek.”

The two reggae songs featured two professional horn players: Jeff Stockham on trumpet and Angelo Cardona on trombone, who provided both tunes with blisteringly, virtuosic solos. Overall, “Colors of Catharsis” was immensely moving, and a tremendous achievement. In the concert’s program, Root reflected on the concert’s title, “…I realized that my goals on a larger scale were the same in writing each piece. I love all music because of the different ways it makes me feel, my declaration to the human-created world that no matter what it tells me, I will not be denied what I seek.”
Emily Eunice Goughary
Installation/Sculpture

“The creative process should not be one that is separate from the making of everyday objects or from design, architecture or lifestyle. I plan to continue replacing impersonal mechanic processes, products and lifestyles with those that weave local materials, human histories and soulful energy into something valuable.”

Ashley Stagner
Intaglio Printmaking

“I wanted to emphasize the mysterious and fantastic beauty of the woods [to prove] that even in this industrious and mechanical ages, through nature, the magical still exists...and attempt to bring the viewer into a fairy-land.”

Jessica Owens
Painting

“I’m attracted to the things that people no longer value, and I like giving them new meaning. I went all over--dumpsters, abandoned buildings--collecting unwanted objects and collaged them into my paintings. My paintings discuss life’s many phases; vestiges of the past become the foundation for the future. I like to imagine that my paintings’ rough, textured surfaces are like a molting cocoon.”

Isha Ojha
Video/Installation

“[My project] is about memories/psychological time and how this displaces one from the reality of the present moment.”

Greg Huffaker III
Photography

“My photos explore the leap from the home of the young person into a world of mystery and decay.”

Louisa Brown
Drawing and painting

“I am curious about the point at which a whole entity no longer equals the sum of its parts. I am interested in worlds within worlds, and so I find it significant that I have been able to draw reasonable forms out of existing abstract patterns. I am inspired by the idea of indefinite internal development.”

Triona Dombroski-Fritsch
Photography, installation

“My piece is about exploring, memory. Piecing together the physical remains of past experience.”

Austin Hawkins
Speaking my mind

“Thoughts: all of human civilization, feelings, actions are the result of natural conditions that are larger than one individual’s ‘will power.’ We can even understand the construction of cities in ports and or valleys like organic growth in the cranies of a dirty refrigerator or moss in the cranies of a log. I look at the history of the evolution of material and see all things, even cell phones and cicuitry as organic growths out of ever preceding conditions.”

James ‘outlaw’ Giroday
Process works, waffles

 “[My project] appeals to the visual and tactile senses of the viewer.”

Travis Talmadge
Photography (Black and White)

“Room 003 is a group of pictures taken in a dirty, neglected classroom in the basement of McEwen Hall. The room became a place where people felt comfortable showing their shadowed selves, longings and fetishes. The other series, “Bachelors,” is a set of images intended to illustrate themes of masculinity, social awareness, and also humor that are so salient in a college experience.”
Baby Wants Candy Success
by Rebecca Griffin ‘09
Senior Editor
“The Adventures of Space Man Africa” was performed for the first and last time ever on Saturday night, April 18, in the Folles Pavilion (An- nex). The musical, named after the suggestion of an audience member, was the product of improv group Baby Wants Candy. The group, which consists of five actors and a four member live band, provided an extremely funny and crowd-pleasing show that was created completely on the spot.

For every show, the group creates an hour long improvised musical. Complete with a band, choreography and character changes, the troupe transforms a simple title into an hour long plot filled with twists and humor that seems as though it had been rehearsed and performed countless times.

The troupe performed to a group that consisted of both Hamilton College students as well as some visiting prospective students. To warm up, the group brought one Hamilton student up on stage and asked him to describe his day to them. After probing for questions, the troupe then launched the dream sketch was only the opening to the show, however, and the real experience began after the troupe took an audience suggestion for a musical that had never been seen before. After hearing the chosen title, “The Adventures of Space Man Africa,” the troupe created an hour long musical about a space explorer by the name of Johnny Africa and his quest to find the new planet Ragnock. The musical came complete with numerous solo and group numbers, among them the almost annoyingly catchy “There’s Life Out There” about searching for new life in space. The actors transitioned from character to character, effectively creating an entire ensemble cast with their small group of five.

The performance was witty and entertaining, and audience members could only marvel at the fact that it was completely improvised and that the actors and musicians transitioned so well together. Whether discussing name changes (Johnny Africa Too), killing for orbs or the latest Sharticle in the space trade papers, Baby Wants Candy kept the audience entertained and laughing throughout their entire show.

WHCL DJs of the Week: Kelsey Barcomb ’09 & Joanna Siegel ’09
Show name and time? Trivia Panda Express, Mondays at 12 p.m.
Major: History and Neuroscience, nonrespectively.
What kind of music do you play on your show? Classic rock.
What three musical artists would you take out to dinner? ELO if they became a singular entity, Billie Holiday, Sander Doucette ’09 of Sander’s Band.
Mariah Carey or Whitney Houston? Obviously Whitney Houston, obviously.

Kenny G or Yanni? Yanni, although we don’t really know him and are not publicly endorsing his music.
David Bowie or David Byrne? David Bowie.
What song would you like to hear more often? “Why Don’t We Do It in the Road” (Hint to Hamilton bands).
What song do you wish would just go away? “Don’t Stop Believing.” Actually, please do.
Why should we listen to your show? Because as much as we love Jane Barnes, we would like more call-ins (315-859-4561). Plus, you get to hear topnotch trivia and uproariously funny banter.

A few of your favorites: Puppies and penguins and puzzles that glitter, hugging and hotdogs and hating on twitter… these are a few of our favorite things.

But music wise, we recommend: Janis Joplin, Peter Frampton, Paul Butterfield Blues Band, Beach Boys, Tranquility. Also, Bobby McFerrin, Wolfmother, Snoop Dogg and Phish. Plus, Matt Damon.

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Men’s Crew on the Rise; Women Gain Momentum

by Assyhn Soni ’11

St. Lawrence’s record-breaking season has continued through the spring break in Georgia with high expectations and hope for success. Unfortunately, the team did not perform as hoped coming out of the gates. The Continentals’ first official spring race came at the Ithaca Regatta on April 11 against Utica College and St. Lawrence. Hamilton sported three boats: a Varsity 8, an entry in the Varsity 4, and finally a Varsity 2 in the Hamilton Varsity 4. Hamilton College has a strong crew program and St. Lawrence is nothing to scoff at either, so Hamilton knew this regatta would be a good event to measure where the team stood. Unfortunately, the results were not what the team had hoped. Hamilton finished last in every race, finishing third in the Varsity 8, second in the Second Varsity 8 and third in the Varsity 4. The races featured a strong headwind of between 0 to 20 mph, so the rowing was rough. However, despite the losses, the team was able to learn some lessons and move on in the upcoming races.

For the second year in a row, the annual Gilman Cup Race was delayed by weather. While the race was scheduled for April 4, rain postponed the race to April 14, only three days after the regatta at Ithaca. The Gilman Cup is one of the most important races in the crew team’s schedule, simply for its intensity and historic rivalry with Union College. In the Gilman Cup, a victory against rival Union means the team can go undefeated, 2-0 in conference play. Hamilton was able to do just that.

The third race of the season brought on another rivals, this time in the form of the powerful St. Lawrence crew. Unfortunately, the Continentals were not able to duplicate the magic they had against Union, losing all three races. The closest came in the Varsity 8 race, with Hamilton losing by only 0.5 seconds. The loss was tough but showed progress from the team’s performance of last weekend. The Second Varsity 8 and the Varsity 4 lost by larger margins, losing by about 9.5 and 22 seconds respectively. The Continentals would have hoped, Head Coach Eric Summers has seen many positives. “So far, the season has been pretty close to what I expected. We had a late start to our racing, so we are just now starting to find our rhythm and the boats are starting to move well. We had a tough race at Ithaca, but have made significant improvements over the last week.” Coach Summers also noted that there are some uncontrollable factors in play, saying that “...for the second varsity, we just need to get healthy...thinking that will make significant improvements once we get over a few illnesses...” Coach Summers has shown improvement since the season started and one can expect that confidence grows, results will improve.

This season, crew trained in exceptionally harsh conditions.

Hamilton Women’s crew began its work over spring break with a scrimmage against William Smith and a great deal of seat rigging. While the first few days were cold and rainy, the weather picked up and the team was able to get some great rowing in before the start of the season. The women’s team launched into its season rowing in a regatta at Ithaca, competing against nationally ranked Hamilton College and St. Lawrence University. Going into the regatta, the team was expecting a tough first race. After a week of snow and frigid water (which made practice difficult), the Continentals were relieved to have cool yet sunny weather for their races. The first race for the women was the Varsity 8 boat, a young group consisting of six freshmen. Unfortunately, a tough race at Ithaca has put them behind Ithaca and St. Lawrence, and although their rowing improved throughout the race, there wasn’t time enough to gain back the distance lost at the start. The Second Varsity 8 took the water next, with similar results. The final two races of the evening were the Novice 8 and the Women’s 4 (who also consisted of all novice rowers). While the Novice 8 was unable to push past Ithaca and St. Lawrence, the 4 managed to secure 2nd place, beating Ithaca’s Varsity 4. Starting its year off against nation

Women’s Softball Looking to End Late Season Slide

by Brooke Rayder ’11

Stony Brook University women’s softball looks to be a competitive team this season, and the team hopes to stay that way. Despite the experience in the team, the team is looking forward to a successful season. According to head coach Tony Danti, the team has made good strides towards this goal.

The team has had some setbacks throughout the season, including injuries and off-field issues. The team has faced some challenges in the past, but they have been able to overcome them with hard work and determination.

Looking ahead, the team hopes to continue their success and make a run for the playoffs. With a strong pitching rotation and a solid defense, the team has the potential to be a force to be reckoned with. The team has the experience and talent to compete with the best in the country, and they are looking to prove it on the field.

With the season winding down, the team is focused on finishing strong. They will be looking to make a push in the final few games and make a statement as they look to potentially make the playoffs. Whether they make the playoffs or not, the team has shown a lot of growth and progress throughout the season. They are looking to build on that success and take it to the next level next year.

The team has some tough opponents left on their schedule, including some of the top teams in the country. However, they are ready for the challenge and are excited to see how they will perform.

With the team’s strong pitching and solid defense, they have a good chance to make some noise in the playoffs. They are looking to make a statement and prove that they are a force to be reckoned with. With a strong foundation and a solid roster, the team is looking to make a push in the final few games and take it to the next level.

For fans of the team, it has been a rollercoaster ride this season. However, with a strong pitching rotation and solid defense, the team has the potential to make some noise in the playoffs. Whether they make the playoffs or not, the team has shown a lot of growth and progress throughout the season. They are looking to build on that success and take it to the next level next year.

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Hamilton Earns V’s in Preparation for NESCAC’s

by James Russell ’09 and Scott Bickard ’11

Sports Writers

A student takes a look at his school’s lacrosse season and makes note of the two classes he deems most significant, each for very different reasons. One is his most difficult class, the other, his easiest. In a bittersweet, need-a-cold-drink-but-don’t-like-soda moment, he checks his grades at the end of the semester and finds the same letter next to each one. In the world of sports and the closely related world of track and field, we call that playing to the competition. When Hamilton’s last home meet of the season on Saturday began with a six-man 10k consisting exclusively of Mohawk Valley Community College runners, it looked like it was going to be that kind of day for the track and field team. It would even be without track slayer/steeple crusher Peter Kosgei ’09 (he’ll run today in the Penn Relays and then Saturday at NESCACs.) Thanks to some season and career best performances, the Hamilton squad showed it can still lay down great marks even in smaller and less competitive meets. And don’t underestimate opponents MVCC and Union, whooshed through the others events: “They got some speed!” said Mark Breazzano ’10. The “E” Musketeers (Emily Gaudet ’12, Erin West ’11, and Emily Potter ’12) were at it again in the women’s steeplechase, with Madeleine Guenter ’11 also in the mix. Cross-country all- American Poter once again took 10th, beating her previous time by over 20 seconds. Point carriers Liz Wahl ’10 and Rebecca Vaguda ’09 just kept it steady on Saturday. Wahl wasn’t her fastest in the 400m (61.92), but had to have been happy with her 24.62 200m. Vaguda coasted up and over the barto a height of 2.95m for first place. Mere- dith Fitzpatrick ’11 and Abby King ’11 ruled the top two spots in the Ham- tilon heavy women’s 1500m. Fitzpatrick took the easy victory in 5:00. “K” finished in 5:04. Distance guru Gen Flanders ’09 also impressed her way into the race, taking 4th place in 5:12. Many runners, especially the distance type, will mix in mid-distance events to keep their mindset fresh. The faster pace should help set Flanders up nicely for her next two 5ks. “It was much faster, going from the 5k to the 1500,” she said. Peter Woodruff ’09 took the 100m hurdles. The team has worka- ture events by running the 1500

Greley’s Golden Spike

V for Victory: E for 800m. Cam Gaylord ’09, Cuffie Win-

Kler ’10 and James Greley ’12 earn Golden Spike Honors.

by Melissa Nezamzadeh ’11

Sports Writers

Only two games are left in the women’s lacrosse season. The team will play Union and Skidmore away from home this Friday and Saturday, respec-

tively. Currently, Hamilton has an overall record of 11-1-

0 and a Liberty League record of 6-0-0, placing them tied for number one with Union in the league. Along with Union, Skidmore is also a contender in the Liberty League, placed at number six. Therefore wins over both teams would give the Continentals a perfect season and keep them at number one, causing Union to take the sec-

ond place spot.

The team anticipates a great game against Union which according to Coach Patty Kloodt “gained a lot of competitive experience last year losing in the Regional Final.”

The Hamilton women will be ready for Union since the rival game has to play against them. Having the opportunity to play Union later in the sea-

son gives the Continentals the advantage of perfecting all their plays, unlike their game against Salisbury early on in the season. The women have been “working on a fast-paced attack,” according to Liz Rave ’10, with more movement of the ball in the attack area. Over the past few weeks, the women faced off against teams like St. Lawrence, Wil-

liam Smith, Ithaca and Roches-

ter. In the William Smith game, the team had some difficulty keeping the lead in the second period, forcing the game to go into overtime with a score of 7-7. Anne Gravely ’11 shot the winning goal, assisted by Kailie Briscoe ’09 with six seconds left.

Overall, the Continentals led in the number of shots on goal and ground balls per pe-

riod. For those of you that are new to lacrosse, a ground ball is a loose ball that is rolling on the ground that can be picked up using the stick. It provides a great opportunity for the team that gains possession. Also, the Continentals took advantage of the large number of turnovers produced by Wil-

liam Smith and free position shots. In fact, Hamilton scored two of its eight shots from free position shots. A free position shot is awarded to an offensive player who draws a foul from the defender, which gives the offensive team an advantage. Similar to last year, Hamilton had a blow out game against the University of Rochester and Ithaca.

Coach Kloodt had been impressed with both teams last year and anticipated fac-

ing off. The team had some difficulty in the men’s side. Although he wasn’t his usual “woodmooth” self, he still found first place in 4:16. The lack of competition in the 1500 probably hurt Peter, who derives most of his pacing from the “energy” of the pack. Stick jumper James Russell ’09 broke the school outdoor re-
cord and set a new personal best as the pole propelled him 15’2”. However, he had everyone most excited about his final failed at-

tempt at a height of 15’7”, which would have ranked him 7th in the country. “It’s there,” said

Golden Spike Winners: James Greley ’12, Cam Gay-

lord ’09, Cuffie Winkle ’10. Has Greley finally arrived? The uber-mover tree-legged the best race of his career, out-sprinting a Union runner for a 1:58.56 800m “V for victory.” Teammate Winkler (1:58.99) and Gaylord (1:59.61) also ran their college PRs. If this group continues on this path, may Hamilton have the workngs of the best 4 X 8 team in school history (Yes, I’m including Kosgei to finish the quartet.)

Women’s Lacrosse Undefeated in Liberty League

Kailie Briscoe ’09 is credited with the assist to the game-winning goal by Anne Gravely ’11 against W-S.
Men’s Baseball Team Out of Playoff Contention

by Jeff Rudberg '10

Sports Writer

After winning two of its first three NECSCAC games this sea- son, the Hamilton College base- ball team looked ready to make a surprise run at the playoffs. However, back to back one-run losses to Wesleyan (5-4 and 2-1) during a double-header on Apr. 12, started an eight-day slide resulting in only one win in the past nine games.

The Continentals’ losing streak could not have come at a more inopportune time. The five conferences losses (two to Wes- leyan and three to Williams) bring the team’s season total to six and put the Continentals in fourth place in the five-team NECSCAC West. With only four conference games left on its schedule, Hamilton is mathematically eliminated from moving up to second place to secure a playoff spot.

Hamilton’s lone win during this losing stretch came against Utica College in the annual Jackie Robinson Game. Each year these two schools play to commemorate the life and achievements of Jackie Robinson. This year’s game MVP was Gideon Clark ‘09. Clark led Hamilton to its 19-5 victory with three hits, three RBIs, and one run scored. Despite the team’s struggles over the past nine games, Gideon Clark has been hitting better than he has all season. During this stretch, Clark hit .400 with nine runs scored. Gideon’s hot hitting has made up for his slow start, and his batting average is now fifth-highest on the team at .322.

Since the win over Utica College, Hamilton lost each of the next seven games by seven runs or more. This is in large part because there was simply not enough quality or healthy pitchers to play nine games in eight days. In these nine games, Hamilton sent 16 different players to the mound, and six of these players are not even listed as pitchers on the team’s roster. As a result, Hamilton’s team earned run average is now 8.23, second to last in the conference. Continental pitchers have walked 136 batters on the season, more than any other team in NECSCAC. However, after four days without a game heading into a three-game weekend series with last place Middlebury College, the Con- tentinal arms should be rested and ready to add to their win total.

Right now, Hamilton has accumulated 11 wins, only two of the short-of-the-record 13 set in 1998. With eight games left on the schedule (pend- ing weather) this milestone is certainly within reach. Even though the team will not meet their goal of reaching the playoffs, it remains enthusiastic about getting into the remaining schedule. In spite of the recent losses, shortstop Wes Mayberry ’11, Alex Augustyn ’10, and Justin Atwood ’11 all continue their chase to hit .400. Choate is also contending for the league lead in stolen bases. He is currently ranked 4th in the conference with 13 attempts, and three more successful stolen bases will set the school’s single season record. Justin At- wood hit his fourth home run of the season and is now only three away from matching the single season record of seven. On the mound, Max Foster ’10 has tied the school’s all-time strikeout record at 135 and is now just shy of the single-season record.

Hamilton has four home games currently scheduled to close out the season. It will be another year until the team reaches the playoffs, but there is still plenty of reason to go out to Royce Field to support the Continentals.