IMF Blunder Leads to Funding Crisis

by Scott Bidy '11

News Editor

Hamilton students preparing to see Yeasayer tonight will be attending one of the last performances sponsored by the Independent Music Fund and WHCL. Hamilton College Radio this year; the upcoming Oct. 11 performance by Jamie Lidell will be the last concert sponsored by the group for the 08-09 academic year. As a result of a violation of Hamilton College funding policy, IMF was put on financial probation, and will be unable to book artists or host shows beyond those already booked last year, including the well-attended Mayday festival. WHCL is using its funding to cover the performance by Lidell.

The suspension of funding can be traced back to July, when IMF was in talks with the Windish Agency to book a performance at the beginning of this year. After booking Lidell last semester in an event co-sponsored by IMF and WHCL, the Windish Agency contacted IMF about booking further shows in the future. Through an exchange of e-mails, IMF indicated a tentative date for Yeasayer to perform, a possible price and expressed the desire to book. The Windish Agency, which represents hundreds of bands, including Diplo, Animal Collective, RJD2, and Madlib, considered this communication a legally binding contract.

In an interview with The Spectator, Assistant Director of Student Activities Paul Ryan detailed what happened next: “The agency said to IMF, you’re going to confirm, or we’ll never work with Hamilton again.” The Student Activities and Publications Board, now facing the loss of cooperation of a premier talent agency in booking future performances, decided to follow the accidental contract, bailing out IMF, which would not have been able to cover the cost of tonight’s performance on its own.

This booking snafu was in major violation of the funding code for student organizations; Hamilton students are prohibited from signing contracts with any agency or performer or from entering into an agreement without adequate funding. IMF did both, resulting in a probationary suspension of funding. WHCL was brought into the funding probation as well; according to Ryan, “It’s hard to distinguish between IMF and WHCL, because the membership is almost identical.” Ryan further stated that it was deemed inappropriate

Students Remember 9/11

by Haley Reimer-Peltz ’12

News Writer

Yesterday marked the seven-year anniversary of September 11, 2001, on which day nearly 3,000 men and women died, including three Hamilton alumni. There were various informal ceremonies of remembrance, including a lunchtime interfaith discussion on the Commons balcony, and an afternoon candlelight vigil on Martin’s Way outside of Commons.

Rev. Jeff McAm, the college’s chaplain, led the lunchtime discussion and was active in the other memorial events. The purpose of the discussion was to give people an opportunity to be together for support in an informal setting.

“My goal is to include the campus community to whatever degree the community wants to be involved,” McAm said. “Although it’s a healthy instinct to want to forget the terror, it’s important to keep it close enough to remember.”

Around thirty people came to stand at the vigil. The ceremony started by giving anyone who had something to say the chance to speak. People shared stories of how they remembered the day, of people they knew involved in the tragedy, and overall reflections on how 9/11 has affected us at Hamilton and in the world. “Amazing Grace” was sung as a flame was passed from candle to candle.

There was a much larger gathering at the first anniversary of 9/11. The following year the college held a vigil at the library steps.

“The tradition of the flags has continued for three years, but the remembrance has decreased a little each year,” remarked McAm.

The Hamilton Democrats and Republicans came together to organize the candlelight vigil outside of Commons. The two political clubs got together to set up the display of flags,” commented Minella. “[The display] is a small thing, but it’s important to recognize the day.”

Another student who has been active in the organization of the 9/11 memorials is fellow Hamilton Republican member, John McRae ’09. There was not much going on his first year to commemorate the event, but the following year the two political clubs got together to create the flag display.

McRae commented on the significance of the ceremony: “Looking back at history, we tend to aggregate things, and see 9/11 merely as propelling us into the Iraq war. The personal dimension often gets lost, and that’s why the memorial is important.”

Campus Reacts to Great Names

by Daniel Steinman ’12

News Writer

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Manfredo, Tonetti and Rose: A New Year Brings New Faces to the Hill

by Meredith Kennedy '09

Melissa Beneway Rose is Hamilton’s new director of Financial Aid as of July 2008. Rose earned her Bachelor’s of Business Administration Degree in Management Information Systems from the University of Oklahoma and has gained several years of experience working in the field. Rose comes to the Hill after working in the technical support group at Purdue and Western Lafayette, as well as at Johns Hopkins University as Associate Director of Financial Aid at the School of Medicine.

Rose’s background in financial aid systems has helped make her transition to Hamilton a smooth one. “The community welcomed me with arms wide open,” Rose said, adding that “Hamilton takes care of their employees and it is an absolute honor and privilege to work here.” Rose already feels at home in the Financial Aid office, and is excited to raise two sets of children in such a friendly environment.

Francis Manfredo, who replaced Pat Ingalls, is the new Director of Campus Safety. Manfredo has two Bachelor’s degrees in Fire Service Administration and Emergency Management and is also a graduate of the National Fire Academy’s Executive Fire Officer Program. Manfredo recently retired from the Utica Fire Department after twenty-three years as the Assistant Fire Chief. In addition to his new responsibilities at Hamilton, Manfredo continues to work part-time as a patrol officer for the New Hartford Police Department. Manfredo sees his new position at Hamilton as “an exceptional opportunity to bring both fire and patrol safety into one job.” As a nearby resident, Manfredo finds Hamilton to be a great working environment. He is still learning the ropes, but like former Director of Campus Safety Pat Ingalls, Manfredo is working hard to be dedicated to the college community. “There will be changes,” Manfredo said. “My goal is to work with the faculty, staff, and students to have an even safer campus.”

Peter Tonetti is Hamilton’s new Chief Investment Officer. A Colgate graduate, Tonetti earned his Bachelor’s Degree in Economics before going on to earn his Master’s from MIT’s Sloan School of Management. Although Tonetti hails from one of Hamilton’s rivals, he has always held the Hill in high regard. Tonetti spent most of his professional career working for Exxon on their traveling auto staff in both Houston and New York until 1988, when he began working for Phillips Electronics North America.

In August, Tonetti returned to his upstate New York roots to manage Hamilton’s endowment. “It’s been a big learning process, like trying to drink from a fire hose,” Tonetti admitted. However, the help from colleagues and the welcoming atmosphere of Hamilton has helped make the transition to the challenging position a little smoother. “Hamilton is a great place to be,” Tonetti exclaimed, excited about his future on the Hill.

The Spectator
Funding Crisis

The leaders of IMF, who had performed a major managerial indiscretion, to be given the funding for similar purposes, leaving WHCL in the same predicament as IMF.

The repercussions of the funding suspensions for two major providers of musical entertainment on campus are vast; all IMF sponsored events, from smaller performances by local artists to campus wide events like Mayday, are now cancelled. The Campus Activities Board “is going to look into having an outdoor show,” said Ryan, “but it’s not going to be Mayday.”

IMF was started in 2002 as a campus group focused on bringing alternative music, including local, underground and indie bands to Hamilton campus. Since its inception, IMF has held dozens of performances and concerts, featuring artists like Eve 6, the New Pornographers and Chromo.

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Treasurer/ Secretary
Brandon Moore
Sara Scheinson

Trying to sound minimally cliché, I am confident I am your best choice for Treasurer simultaneously serving as president of a three-hundred-member community service club and the investment club, school newspaper editor, and assistant captain of the varsity ski team, I held significant responsibility and dealt frequently and efficiently with funding issues. In any event, the past month has proven to me that the Class of 2012 definitely doesn’t suck, and by that I mean is undeniably of the best ever at Hamilton. Please elect me as Treasurer so I can do as much as possible to benefit our class.

Class Representative
Laura Gilson

Having been in student assembly all four years of high school and on the executive board for the last two, I am well qualified to be one of our class representatives. I would always be happy to listen to anyone’s ideas and will try my best to delegate concerns that arise. I promise to be dedicated to doing my best for our class and fulfilling all the duties that come with the position. Vote for me, Laura Gilson, as our class representative and I will do my best to make sure that our freshmen year is an unforgettable one!

Mike Bieber

The last three weeks have inspired me to actively make this year excellent. As president, one of my main responsibilities will be to organize and oversee fundraisers, events, and most importantly epic raves for the Class of 2012. However, it is of course not my responsibility to lead the class, but for the class to lead me. Your suggestions and requests are important as my decisions I make to improve our mutual experience on the Hill. Please allow me to be your voice in the student assembly. Class of 2012; just leave it to Bieber, Mike Bieber.

Woodger Fausch

Having been in student council all four years at Hamilton, I am well versed in the workings of the student government. I have maintained a solid savings, organized and colorful notes. As secretary-treasurer I would work to make sure that the class of 2012 sponsors quality events and sells quality merchandise while maintaining a solid savings. So if all of that sounds good to you remember to vote for Sara Scheinson!

Charlotte Gendron

I had the unique opportunity to attend a Quaker high school. Although I am not a Quaker, I do believe in the values that Quakers instill, one of which is integrity. At my school, I was able to learn and appreciate the role integrity plays in a community, as well as the importance of giving a level of trust to the students, and how much it strengthened our community. I want to be an Honor Court representative for Hamilton College because I would like to bring what I have learned to this community, and learn more about the Honor Code.

Dana Gould

Hello Hamilton, my name is Dana Gould and I am running as your class representative. I want to make a strong difference in the way that our class is represented throughout Hamilton. I understand that our college has been yearning for a leader to bring change to this campus. Graduating from a high school that was almost double the size of Hamilton in New York City, where I was the Vice-President of the entire student body, I am prepared. I have the experience to deal with all aspects of the bureaucracy.

David Ginsberg

Friends, Hamiltonians, countrymen and people of other nationalities who now attend Hamilton... I am Colin Chapin, and I am running for the position of President for the class of 2012. As president, I will unite our class with events, some sweet swag, and other activities that you would like to throw down. I’ve been characterized as an approachable and energetic person, and I am sure that as president I would lead our to an amazing start at college. We are called the best class to ever grace this campus, let’s have a year to match that reputation. Thanks so much.

Colin Chapin

Fellow Classmates: As a presidential aspirant, my interest to become a member of the student assembly is prompted by my fervent desire to yield to my classmates' aspirations and also by my ambition to emphasize that unity, creative thinking and amicability are cherished and harbored here at Hamilton College. In my function as class president, with a spirit marked by unreserved enthusiasm, I promise to try my hardest to be of service whenever I’m needed and also to organize various delightful events recurrently. Please express your presidential preference by voting for me, an emissary who cares much about your visions.

Woody Fausch

Class of 2012, to get to Hamilton you put in a significant amount of effort. You may have stayed up late to finish homework assignments or gotten up early for athletic practice. Either way, you worked hard to accomplish what you have. It’s really frustrating when someone else takes an unethical shortcut to achieve the same success that you worked for. I’d like to be your Honor Court Representative because I am passionate about protecting your honest efforts. At the same time, if there is not “clear and convincing” evidence of a violation I will be an advocate for dismissal.

Rachel Maass

One of life’s greatest atrocities lies not in the mind of a murderous villain, but in the good man who idly stands by and watches as the world passes him. I’m Richard Maass, a freshman here at Hamilton College, and I believe that there exists no greater evil than that of negligence. Since the beginning of my high school career I have actively engaged myself in student government and other positions of leadership including my town’s school board as the student representative. By actively engaging ourselves in the world around us we can affect the course of our future.

Rachel Maass

I hope you’ve all had an enjoyable, safe and productive first couple weeks of school. My name is Adam Minchew, and I am running for 2012 Class President. As a presidential hopeful, it is not my arrogant, nor is it realistic to promise impossible change. Instead, I promise to represent the 463 diverse, intelligent, athlete (the list goes on) and overall outstanding students who comprise our bicentennial class. So whether you’re in the classroom, on the field, or out parting on Saturday night, I will support your varying interests. Let’s have an epic year.

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Riley Steppnick

If I am elected Honor Court Representative, I believe that I can provide a fair but firm point of view. I am outgoing but I also know when it’s time to be conscientious. I also have strong experience in the judicial arena as I served as a member of Youth Court in high school. Through this experience I have learned of the necessary balance of compassion, fairness, and austerity needed in making decisions regarding a student’s future. As your Honor Court Representative I would pledge to uphold the integrity that this institution deserves. Thank you for your consideration!

Tyler Roberts

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Rich Maass

Andrew Taub

Hello, my name is Andrew Taub and I am running for class representative. During high-school, I served as Student Council President in my senior year, as well as a grade representative in my sophomore and junior year. With this experience, I am capable of committing my time and thought, voicing your opinions, as well as helping to create and organize events. I would appreciate your support and look forward getting to know more of you as the year continues. If you have any questions, feel free to email me at ataub@hamilton.edu. Thank you and remember: vote for Taub!
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Vote in this First-Year Election

This may be cliché, so bear with us:

This week our paper is running the positions of the first year candidates for the Student Assembly (SA). Some of these fellow students may be your friends, others may be your roommates and others you may have never heard of.

Now the easy place to go with this editorial is here: vote. But let’s not jump the boat. Let’s go to Commons, Opus or the Diner. If you keep your ear open as you walk that oh-so-awkward walk from the back door of Commons to the beverage stations, chances are you will hear one group of friends or another complaining about something at Hamilton.

“The Jitney sucks!”

“That walk up the Bundy Hill is horrible. We should install an elevator!”

“God, Thumbs Up/Thumbs Down is AMAZING.” (Er, sorry, that is not a complaint, just something we notice people talking about a lot in Commons).

Anyway, you know the complaints; we are sure you have made them yourself. But how many of you have voted for your SA representative? And for those who have voted, how many of you actually know what each candidate stood for, or did you just choose the top person on the ballot?

Here is the bottom line: decisions are made by those who show up. Hamilton, as a college and as a body of amazing administrators and faculty, listens when we speak.

Please take this opportunity to read what each candidate stands for, discuss this with your friends and vote! Please?

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No

This abstract principle of personal freedom is certainly at the heart of conservative policy toward economics, and taxation in particular; but more grounded motivations do exist. Interestingly enough, Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama acknowledged these early this week in altering his proposed economic plan. According to the Associated Press, "Obama says he would delay rescinding President Bush's tax cuts on wealthy Americans if he becomes the next president and the economy is in a recession, suggesting such an increase would further hurt the economy."

If Obama believes lower taxes to be essential because of economic hardship, his policy in greater prosperity seems counter-intuitive. Prior to this announcement, Obama's plan called for the highest progressive tax rates in almost a decade. If the country remains in its current economic state, which Obama does term a recession, "and while the Democrat becomes president, his decision to keep the Bush tax cuts temporarily in place would coexist with the $300 million in spending his plan already proposes.

Intentional deficit spending in this circumstance could easily result, among other things, in inflation and higher interest rates—perhaps proving that the president's policies can have a non-negligible impact on the economy after all.

Yes

Looking at the American economy nowadays makes No Country For Old Men seem like a feel-good comedy. The unemployment rate in August rose for the eighth consecutive month, increasing to its highest level in five years. The housing market continues to crumble. Nearly 700,000 Americans have already lost their homes to foreclosure, a number that will increase to over a million by the end of the year. 9% of homeowners with mortgages were either behind on their payments or in foreclosure. Many homeowners have negative equity. As many homeowners' wealth is tied to the price of their house, this has the effect of restricting consumer spending, and furthering the downward economic spiral. The credit market is also in shoddy shape thanks to disastrous sub-prime lending practices. The banks that gave big loans to clients who were unable to pay off the loans lost millions of dollars. The federal government has been forced to bail out numerous financial institutions in an attempt to keep the credit market from totally collapsing, most recently Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, which the government took over this week.

But when taxation develops into a method for the redistribution of wealth, it insidiously alters the structure of our nation with misleading offers of "free" services and restrictions on our liberties. As Barry Goldwater writes, "Property and freedom are inseparable: the extent government takes the one in the form of taxes, it intrudes on the other."

Our current economic turmoil has one source: the failed economic policies of President Bush. The current administration has rapidly deregulated American businesses, especially the credit and housing crisis. Nearly America's economy has not been as deregulated as it is now since the Great Depression, so it is not too surprising that as a result we are going through the biggest credit crisis and more banks have closed in the last year since the Depression as well. The Bush tax cuts have both caused massive increases in the deficit and deepened the widening income inequality between the poorest and wealthiest Americans. The median household income over the past eight years has dropped, while the poverty rate and number of Americans without health insurance has increased.

While the American economy did well through 2007, the American people did not. The majority of that year's success was largely due to corporate profits and the salaries of the wealthiest Americans. John McCain's economic policies would perpetuate these failed policies. McCain actively pushed prioritization during his long tenure as chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee in the defeat of hobbyists, who now staff his campaign. McCain proposes more of the same policies that ship jobs overseas and increase the economic suffering of the majority of Americans. McCain’s economic policies would do nothing to alleviate the economic-suffering of the majority of Americans.

Barack Obama's economic plan offers real solutions to reverse the damage to the economy. Obama's plan would give tax cuts to 95% of Americans, increasing their spending power and pumping more money into the economy. He would focus investment on green energy sources, providing jobs and reducing American dependence on foreign oil. This is in sharp contrast with John McCain, who despite his rhetoric about an "all of the above" energy plan, has repeatedly voted against investment in alternate energy solutions that provide domestic jobs, like ethanol.

Obama will stop giving tax breaks to companies that ship jobs overseas and work to make our free-trade agreements include protections for the environment and workers. McCain would end free trade; it enhances it by making sure that our foreign trade is fair to all parties.

This election offers a clear choice on economic policies. John McCain offers more of the same failed policies, while Barack Obama offers real change.
The Candidates You Don’t Know: McKinney & Barr

by Kate Tummarello ’11
InInsights & Ideas Editor

Often, when looking to choose a presidential candidate, many voters feel as though they must choose between two lesser of two evils. Of course, it is rare that you will agree with absolutely everything a candidate says, but what happens if you disagree with everything both candidates say? If you can’t force yourself to agree with the majority of what John McCain or Barack Obama say, you can always look to the other candidates. And yes, there are other candidates.

One such candidate is Bob Barr, who is running as a member of the Libertarian Party. This former representative of the Seventh district of Georgia had the slogan “Liberty for America.” Barr and his running mate Wayne Allyn Root want what any good libertarian wants: as little government interference as possible. Barr claims that the system of check and balances that should be in place in our government is failing and needs to be restored.

Another candidate is Cynthia McKinney, who is running as a member of the Green Party. She was the first African American congresswoman. That’s right; she’s an African American woman.

Thumbs up

Shakespeare in the Graveyard: I am sure that some of the alumni buried there are irked that the graveyard is being used for theater, not storing the $h*t out of pledges.

The Kooks: Too bad it was hotter than a southern courtroom in there.

The New KJ water “feature”: How many scholarships did that cost?

Monday night football at the pub: 6 foot subs, chips, salsa, and $1 Keystones. Awesome! There goes my last day of sobriety and chance for a meaningful existence!

Thumbs down

Freshman at Pub Lunch: If you don’t stop coming, I am going to snatch one of you up in a bear trap, peel off your hide, and wear it to lunch as a warning to your comrades.

Girl Talk at Colgate: You may be smarter than us, but our stage held up Aretha Franklin and yours couldn’t hold up a skinny hipster.

Study abroad application: The same process that I went through 3 years ago, only this time it’s to get the f#@k away from here.

The new Hill Cards don’t allow access to buildings after 11 o’clock... but most freshman girls aren’t unconscious before then!

Who Cares?

Tom Brady shatters his ACL. Oh no! He’s going to spend the rest of the year being nursed back to health by Gisele Bundchen... Seriously, f*@k you Tom Brady.

School. That’s it, I’m becoming a poster gypsy, traveling from campus to campus, selling prints of Monet sunsets to brohams looking to get their d’s wet.

40 teams at Trivia Night: I could hardly hear myself think up the wrong answers to 80% of the questions.

by Steve Allinger ’09
& Anthony DelConte ’10

Cynthia McKinney, former representative of the Seventh district of Georgia is running as the Libertarian candidate for president.

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"At the time I was in school right across the river in Brooklyn. All of a sudden, a teacher came in and told us all to go to the basement. But of course once I had heard that the towers had been hit, I immediately thought of my home and my family, which preside right across the street from the towers. You would look out our window towards them and you would not be able to see the top unless you stuck your head all the way out of the window.

"[My family] remained in my house until after the second plane hit and then they knew that they had to get out of there. We did know people who stayed in our building until after both collapsed. They locked themselves in their bathrooms and were lucky; the building next door [was] destroyed by falling debris. Since they closed the bridges in the city, I was not able to see my parents until the next day.

"In the weeks following we eagerly watched the news to find out if our building was still standing. It was September 21 (2001) when we were finally able to get a police escort to our house and see the damage with our own eyes. All the windows were blown in. Dust and debris lay everywhere with a coating of random office papers and files. All the businesses in the towers blew right into our living room.”

"On 9/11 in 2001 I was living with my family in England, on an academic exchange at Oxford University. We watched the twin towers fall on BBC television... In the months that followed, we were overwhelmed by the sympathy for the United States we encountered everywhere we traveled in England. As soon as people learned we were Americans, they would come over to shake hands, relate an anecdote about American friends or an American visit, or (among the older people) share memories of the Yanks they knew during World War II... The affection shown Americans in Europe was warm, spontaneous, and very moving. Too bad so much of that goodwill has been squandered in the years since.”

Maurice Isserman, Professor of History

"On 9/11, I was in my office in the basement of Burke Library when I heard a commotion in the hallway. People were watching the live broadcast from ground zero on CNN right after the first plane hit the towers. I remember having a feeling of total disbelief and shock as the second plane hit and the towers collapsed. “A couple of months later I was on a scheduled visit to New York City [where] I visited with Professor Henry Rutz, who was overseeing the Hamilton program in NYC and the two of us walked to Ground Zero in the evening. I particularly remember the grounds of St. Paul’s Chapel, which was completely littered with debris from the fallen towers... Watching all the workers among the smoldering debris I could only think that the world would never quite be the same again.”

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### Common Foods
- **Open 24 hours with invitation only**

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### Worth Getting Off the Hill For: Tom’s Natural Foods

By Lily Gillespie '12
*Features Writer*

If you weren’t looking for it, you might miss Tom’s Natural Foods in downtown Clinton, with its unassuming, ivory-coved facade. However, it is well worth the trip. To step into Tom’s is somewhat like stepping into a time warp, for it is best likened to the establishment in Oswego. When I established such an establishment in Oswego. When I walked, the customers and the “cross-section of people” he sees in his store, I saw this firsthand: he was equally warm with the customer for whom he had especially ordered something as he was with the biker, covered in dirt, who stopped in on his way to pick up a snack. It’s also about a love of food. When asked what his favorite product was in the store he was quick to name chocolate, not only for its obvious charm but for the obvious charm and quality, but, as an owner of a natural foods store would point out, because it’s high in antioxidants.

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From Where I Sit
Hamilton’s International Perspectives

By Allison Eck ’12

Four Condom Commandments

By Annabelle Moore ’12

During your typical Health class, this is when the teacher would pull out the banana or, if you were really lucky, the plastic penis model. This is often so amusing that the essentials of the lesson are quickly forgotten, so pay attention. Only put a condom on an erect penis. First, begin to unwrap the condom onto two fingers. One will help to show you if you’re unraveling it the right way. Next, pinch the tip of the condom that looks like a little poutie. This is what holds the ejaculate so should be as airtight as possible so you can make it. Continue by holding the condom tip with one hand and rolling the condom down the length of the penis with the other. Smooth out any air bubbles. Once it has reached the base of the penis give the tip of the condom another pinch to double check.

Thou Shall Not Lie In Your Lovers Arms Right After.

This important rule is often forgotten but can easily lead to pregnancy/STDs. Right after the guy ejaculates with the penis while holding the base of the condom to the base of the penis and dispose of the condom. If the penis goes soft the condom can slip off inside of the vagina or your partner. Once you’ve removed the condom and disposed of it, then you can cuddle all you want (or until you have to go to class.)

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Spectator Between the Sheets

By John Smith ’12

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FEATURES WRITER

To a foreign student here at Hamilton, a college campus is like a rampant microcosm – the ideals, customs, manners, and language thriving on the quad may seem representative of Americans as a whole. But what do foreign students really think of life at typical American liberal-arts college? Is the culture shock too much to handle? Or have the first few weeks as a Hamilton freshman in an exotic and unfamiliar country been enjoyable? I talked to one member of the class of 2012 about his first impressions, Raoul Patrascu.

What country are you from?

I am from a medium-sized country in Eastern Europe called Romania.

What do you feel about the language and cultural barrier?

How easy or hard is it to communicate with other students?

Was it a difficult transition?

I love English, and I’ve been speaking it since I was very young. I’ve also lived in the US before, so it is easy to communicate with other students. Going to college in a different country has definitely broadened my horizons—it’s made me more mature and opened my eyes in a way that is very hard to describe. I think the most difficult transition was getting used to being very far from home.

What’s a quirky American custom that you find funny?

Long shorts! In Europe everyone wears short shorts, but here it appears to be the fashion to wear long shorts.

How do you think American food compares to Romanian food?

American food is better tasting but doesn’t compare to Romanian food. People are much more generous in Romania, and invest more trust in others. I’ve always wanted to be a doctor since I was a kid. I’ve always wanted to be a doctor because I

What are people typically concerned with in Romania in regards to current events or social issues?

We are concerned with similar world issues, and we care just as much. The independence of that country in Serbia I think is like helping people. I always did, and that is just something I really like - human anatomy and physiology. I’ve been dreaming of this since I was a kid and was giving people mock prescriptions. Plus, the academic legend behind the American medical schools is what they’re the best in the world.

What other countries have you been to?

I’ve been to Serbia, Hungary, and Austria.

Who is your favorite Romanian gymnast to watch on the Olympics?

This girl named Alina Dumitruc, she plays judo. I like Alina Dumitruc because she is the illustration of hard-work and desire. My favorite gymnast is Nadia Comaneci, of course.

Why did you come to Hamilton?

Academic quality, superb faculty which is always incredibly supportive and eager to help, and of course, the awesome campus with its family atmosphere. There is that beautiful feeling that I get when I see that all the people around me – especially my advisor and the faculty – are eager to do this and is there anything that

one of those issues. Terrorism was second, although on a much smaller scale. Romania also had troops in Iraq and has American military bases inside the country. Romania is pro-US.

What American stereotypes have proven to be false or true?

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What clubs do you intend to join?

Emerson Literary Society, International Student Association, and intramural soccer...for now.

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Girl Talk Debacle at Colgate University

by Rachel Pohl '11

Arts & Entertainment Writer

Colgate University was the place to be Friday night as famous musician Greg Gillis, better known as Girl Talk, ventured to Hamilton, New York for one of Colgate’s biggest concert events of the year. The concert was held outside on Colgate’s quad, where hundreds of students flocked. Hamilton, Colgate, and Cornell experienced a night of grave disappointment.

Most reviews of the show were dismal; Hamilton students were particularly surprised by Colgate’s poor management of the venue and event in general. The crowd was visibly upset when Disaster struck and the makeshift “stage,” crowded by students and Gillis, collapsed. The tiny stage had made only a couple of tables, caused equipment failure and a short- ended show. Those who had seen Girl Talk perform before were disappointed. “I was upset with how the show was run. It flowed or energy as the one I went to in Pittsburgh because of the constant interruptions,” said Kate Northway, a sophomore.

The audience had to wait for over an hour for Girl Talk to stage, and spontaneous clothing removal by Greg Gillis. By the end of a Girl Talk show, Gillis is usually in only his boxers, however, Gillis left Colgate almost completely clothed. Getting dancing on stage is a huge selling point of Girl Talk concerts, but many students were not able to get on the stage. For those who did, their dancing time was short lived. While some still enjoyed the dancing, the upbeat concert atmosphere, and the invasion of our rival school Colgate, most were left down.

Gillis started making a name for himself while studying in Case Western Reserve University’s biomedical engineering program. Now working to become an engineer, Gillis eventually quit to focus on music. He has listed Barack Obama, John Lennon, and brass bands as his influences. Though Talen does not call himself a Christian, he believes in the message of ecumenism and environmental justice and environmental protection.

In 1997, Talen, a Minnesota-born actor who describes himself as a parody of a preacher, began performing a role that doubled as a theatrical space, where Talen was working as house manager. Lanier was then the vicar of St. Clement’s, an Episcopal church in Hell’s Kitchen. The ruse was discovered, Reverend Billy began preaching to the actual customers. The police removed him from the store. The Starbucks coffee house became another frequent target of the Church’s actions due to its displacement of local small businesses, its labor practices, and its role in creating what Talen calls “fake Bohemia.”

Tickets for Rev. Billy and The Church of Stop Shopping are $15 for adults, $10 for seniors, and $5 for students. For more information or to buy tickets, call the box office at 859-4331 or visit www.hamilton.arts.pitt.edu.

Mark Kellogg to perform on September 14

Hamilton College Department of Music will present a free recital for trombone and euphonium by Mark Kellogg, accompanied by Joseph Werner, on Sunday, September 14 at 3 p.m. in Wellin Hall on the Hamilton College campus. Mark Kellogg is currently the principal trombone of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra.

He is also associate professor of trombone, euphonium, and brass chamber music at the Eastman School of Music. An active performer, he has embraced a wide variety of performing roles, from jazz soloist to chamber musician to orchestral performer.

The concert will feature a variety of music for trombone, euphonium and piano from the 19th century to contemporary works including a selection composed by Jeff Tyzik, Principal Pops Conductor of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra.

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This concert is free and open to the public. All seating is general admission. For more information, call the box office at 859-4331.

Upcoming Events at Hamilton College

Activist Bill Talen and the Church of Stop Shopping

The Hamilton College Performing Arts opens the 2008-09 Contemporary Voices and Visions Series with “Billy Talen and the Church of Stop Shopping” on Saturday, Sept. 13 at 8:00 p.m. in Wellin Hall.

Activist Bill Talen is an artist who, as his alter ego “Reverend Billy,” leads the Church of Stop Shopping, an anti-consumerism performance group that encourages Americans to abandon the consumer culture that they contend has overtaken our society.

Performing with a gospel choir and live band under the persona of a revivalist street preacher, Talen (“Reverend Billy”) exhorts consumers to be conscious of large corporations and give them credit. His performances often focus on refusing products produced in sweatshops and the broader message of economic justice and environmental protection.

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Crank
How would your life change if you knew, definitive-
ly, that you only had one year to live? One day? How about
one hour? For Chev Chelios, the latter becomes reality when
he wakes up groggy and with chest pains. Poisoned by a
Chinese synthetic, Chev, a hit man for an LA syndicate,
has only one chance and one hour to exact his revenge on
the rival mob. To prevent the poison from killing him, he has
to keep adrenaline pumping through his body. For anyone
who has seen any Jason Statham movies, it should come
as no surprise that the methods he chooses to keep his heart
pumping involve over-the-
top stunts and obscene acts through the streets of Los An-
geles. With an amazing premi-
se, the movie unfortunately
does not surpass the category
of "mindless action flick." The
movie does, however, raise the
bar of this genre with feats of cinematography involving car
chases, motorcycle crashes,
fistfights, psychedelic drug
trips, gunfights, and helicop-
ter scenes that will please any
action buff earning it 3.8 let-
tuce heads, so look for it on
the channel 54. For those of
you who have already seen
Crank, I’d like to cue you into
what will be coming out April
2009: Crank 2: High Voltage
somewhere picking up where the
first one left off. With Crank as a guilty pleasure of mine, I
can’t wait.

Christmas!
Two syllables, one word, a thousand images. I’ll let
you take a moment to think them over, presents, a tree with elec-
tric lights, and a jolly white guy in a red suit? I no longer need
to paint the picture, because
this past Wednesday, Reverend
Billy Talen painted the picture
for us in a road-trip spectacle
across his Church of Stop Shopping. “What Would
Jesus Buy?” (starring Sarah
Scoll ‘07) is a comic and poi-
ging reminder that Christmas
can cross the country
30 days before Christmas
to encourage people to change
their spending habits which
are, according to Reverend
Billy, destroying not only the
Christian community but all of
America. Believers and non-believers are suffering in
debt, while swathes of con-
sumers clothes overseas at
the expense of mistreated em-
ployees. Reverend Billy takes
this subject very seriously, claiming large companies like
Disney bow to the throng of the
“anti-Christ,” Mickey Mouse. Reverend Billy along with his
band that can perform band-
ning at Hamilton on Saturday
night, so you will get another chance to hear a message that
if anything will have you roll-
ing off your seat. For the Mi-
chael Moore style directing,
the message is fresh, but there are numerous issues I give this film 5
out of 5 Lettuce Heads.

Happy Shopping!

F.I.L.M. Premiere 14
by Rebekah Mintzer ’09

Arts & Entertainment Writer

This Sunday September
14 at 2 p.m., a new semester of films, images and Lan-
guages in Motion, better known
as the F.I.L.M. series, will be
is to make available to the cam-
pus and Central New York com-
unity events that demonstrate the breadth and depth of
the history of the moving image,” says F.I.L.M. program-
ner and Hamilton professor Scott Macdonald. “We present forms of moving-
image experience not available to mos-
to people; filmmakers and video-makers
who do remark-
able work that is otherwise not accessible; and major scholars
who are writing the history and
theory of film, video, and the other moving-image arts. The
goal is to host events that are exciting, interesting, entertain-
ing education for anyone with an
interest in the visual arts.”
The inaugural event for this
semester’s F.I.L.M. series will be
Terry Borton’s “Victorian Halloween and Magic Lantern
Show.” The Magic Lantern is
the United States. “Each of our
F.I.L.M. Series seasons has be-
gun with an event that reminds
us of the early history and/or
the pre-history of the movies, and
Borton’s visit looks to be an
usually exciting kick-off event,
one that can enter-
tain a very broad range of people of all ages,” Macdon-
ald says. Borton’s performance on Sun-
day will utilize the technology of the
1890s to tell Halloween-
oriented stories like Poe’s The Ra-
ven. His live perform-
ance will include hilarious songs and
animated comedy
appropriate for chil-
dren and adults ages
6 and up.
Future events in F.I.L.M. this
se-

mer will look to be equally as intriguing. Hamilton will host
avant-garde film-
maker/performer screen-
ings, descriptions of
documentaries on the
Iraq War augmented by
the commentary of an expert, a lecture
and screening on sexuality in
the American cinema, the return
of the famed Alley Orchestra,
and many more exciting events and opportunities to delve deep-
ner into the world of cinema.

F.I.L.M. presents the Magic Lantern next Sunday.

Interested in writing for
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The New York City skyline is lit up at all hours of day and night; although beautiful, it also produces massive amounts of light pollution.

Without illumination, how else can New York City remain that place which never sleeps? Light at night has become so enmeshed in the city life and culture, that when the lights do go off (as in the summer 2003 blackout) New Yorkers don’t know what hit them. While the infamous blackout was a ramifications of the adverse effects of what the Dark Sky Society coins as “light pollution,” Manhattanites treated it more as an affirmation of devotion to light. Charles Lockwood claims that “we’ve lost 2,000 stars” but we all know that they’re still up above, folks. Besides, see Light, page 17

Modern Keyboard Breaks the Mold

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Technology has advanced in many diverse ways. There are iPods and cameras and robot vacuum cleaners and refrigerators with touch screens built in. Those are the types of things that most people view as “technology”- a cool new gadget that will revolutionize some aspect of their life, be it anything from food to fun or something in between. One sort of technology not often thought about, however, is the keyboard. They are everywhere on the Hamilton campus, usually attached to computers or a keyboard or built into the casing of a laptop. There is not much thought given to a keyboard- it appears that there are more varieties and better marketing for machines to help you clean your carpet.

Until now. Now there is the Optimus Maximus keyboard, which at first glance appears to be a fairly regular device for entering keystrokes. It consists of a white plastic base and keys that appear to be black with transparent caps that move downward so that the key can be pressed. This is, however, the boring part. The exciting part comes when the keyboard is turned on. Instead of having the letters, numbers and symbols painted on or etched in, they are displayed. The squares underneath the clear plastic are actually 113 LED (light emitting diode) screens, each with a resolution of 48 X 48 pixels. For comparison, an average computer screen is approximately 800 X 1000 pixels with the overall range extending in both directions. These miniature screens display at first the regular QWERTY keyboard until the owner decides to change.

Due to the versatility of the keys, fonts on the keyboard can be changed. The letters can be made bold or italic or violet or orange or any combination of colors or fonts or even sizes. (If made too large the character will go off the screen.) For see Optimus, page 18
The Many Questions About Vertical Farming Revealed

American standards. Despomiers cited profitability statistics based upon food prices at upscale NYC delis. While the cost of vertically produced products would not necessarily be prohibitive for those living in a prosperous, metropolitian environments (where prices are already high) it is questionable whether these crops would be feasible in other markets, such as growing cities in developing nations or suburban areas. Moreover, it is doubtful that any but most affluent nations would be able to invest in these technologies. And, as population growth is most rapid in developing nations, vertical farms might not be able to address some of the most critical demographics suffering with the food crisis. However, there is no guarantee that any modern agricultural technology we invent could ever meet the growing demands of our global population. If we vastly increase the amount of food we produce with energy-intensive technologies, then the behavior of population will continue to grow at its current rate, perhaps even accelerating. We must seriously consider the population crisis alongside the food crisis if we are to combat the re-source challenges we face.

Finally, there are questions about whether we should be investing in technologies which might undermine individual farmers. Both small-scale farmers and industrial farmers alike would be hurt by a switch to vertical farming, for these cropskrapers would require far less labor per acre of land farmed than current agriculture demands. A decrease in farming jobs would create a significant hole in the already deteriorating middle-class American job market.

So, though vertical farming sounds like an innovative and extremely efficient way to deal with the food crisis, there are still many questions surrounding this futuristic technology. It will have to overcome many obstacles before being implemented on a wide scale in the international food market.

Light Pollution: A Part of Daily Life in Manhattan

New Yorkers who miss star-gazing know that they can take a half-hour drive at night east (to Long Island) or north (Westchester) or south or west (New Jersey) and they can get a glorious view of the night sky. The bigger challenge is not finding the stars, but rather the New Yorker who has the time to engage in such idleness. I love everything about the city: the dust, the traffic, the car alarms, sirens and even the lights at night. But if there’s any alternative light source that would be less harmful to our planet, then taxpayers’ dollars should be invested towards this end. The world already has the foreboding reality that global warming is dangerously creeping towards us. Since the energy crises of the 1970’s, light sources have become more energy-efficient, i.e., less polluting. Of course more needs to be done. But throwing the city into darkness in the interests of reducing pollution is like turning off the power when the falling Times Square ball is half way through the final countdown on New Year’s Eve. You can’t trick me into believing that my stars are gone. I know they’re still up above. Many New Yorkers who suffered the aftermath of tragic 9/11 found comfort and consolation in looking at the skyline where hopes and dreams never fade. Everyone experiences moments of darkness, but New Yorkers will never have to waste away in darkness as long as we have our skyline. Would you rather feel secure or scared? Compared to the avian flu, the war in Iraq or HIV/AIDS, too many lights seems an infinitesimal problem. While you may be lamenting the earth’s destruction and the end to human life as we know it, look out at the horizon. The skyline should provide your with enough reassurance to get you through your pitch-black nights, knowing that that one spec of light might be where someone is laboring over Plan B for the continued existence of the human race. When people are not scared of darkness, they’re hard at work. After all, it’s not called the city that never sleeps for nothing.

New York City’s skyline, like Lady Liberty’s effervescent torch, is a beacon of light, attracting the country’s and the world’s best and brightest, who labor to make life better for themselves and everyone else. So lay off my skyline, please!
Huge Possibilities for Vertical Farming Tainted

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Amongst the myriad of approaches being researched to improve sustainability in agriculture, vertical farming is the most fantastical. The idea is to introduce a means of growing produce in urban areas by building vertical farms. Just as genetically modified crops attempt to maximize the agricultural utility of farmland, vertical farms attempt to revitalize barren, urban earth. With human population increasing so rapidly, the demand for food is increasing as the amount of arable land decreases due to urban sprawl, climate change, and global pollution (and this with 80 percent of fertile land already being harvested).

The “cropcrapers” of vertical farming could potentially become an efficient solution to the food crisis and be integrated with horizontal farming to meet our dietary needs. Dickson Despommier, a designer of vertical farms, says that “we need to devote as much attention to vertical farming as we did to going to the moon. It will free the world from having to worry whether there will be enough food to come from.” However, the idea of vertical farming is still in the design stages. The Vertical Farm Project has put forth several designs for vertical farms.

Vertical Farming would have a number of advantages, including year-round crop production, the elimination of weather-related crop failures, growing all food organically, recycling black water, allowing abused farm land to be restored to its natural state, the conversion of black and gray water into potable water by collecting the water of evaporospiration, adding energy back to the grid via methane generation, and reducing fossil fuel emissions by eliminating tractors, plows and shipping.

However, despite all of these advantages, which might prove true if the vertical farm were ever created, there is a significant amount of information suggesting that this idea is entirely ludicrous.

To begin with, we are talking about completely undermining the very manner in which life has flourished for millennia. As Chris Sullivan ’09 put it, “Agriculture is the union of natural ecological processes and human ingenuity - we observe what happens in an unaltered ecosystem and incorporate these ecological principles. This technology disregards these principles by attempting to grow food in isolated, sterile environments which do not exist anywhere in nature.”

To remove crops from the ‘threat’ of interaction with insects and environmental factors, such as weather, would be an incredible experiment in agriculture with infinite variables.

There would have to be an amazing amount of research into the reliability and safety of vertical crops before they could enter the food market. The Vertical Farming Project calls the environment they create for their crops ‘organic,’ however, we must consider whether organic production simply means a lack of pesticides and herbicides or if it implies something more about the simplicity of the way in which the crop is allowed to grow. Removing weeds and insects from interacting with crops in a sterile environment is not necessary for natural or organic growth.

However, philosophical qualms over the organic nature of this technology aside, there are still many complications facing vertical farming technologies. The energy demands of this technology would be incredibly high, despite the Vertical Farming Project’s claims that they would produce energy using methane and recycle all black/grey water. The simple logistics of hauling in 21 stories of quality topsoil would be incredibly complex. Would this soil not have to come from land that in itself might be suited for farming?

The space allocated for the soil to occupy also seems concerning - with no depth to create soil horizons and for new topsoil to develop, soil would have to be hauled in every year to replenish the vertical farms.

The amount of energy required for these projects may very well prove astronomical, for removing weather from the agricultural equation requires that we artificially replace sunlight, rainfall, and natural pollination. All of these processes would be incredibly energy intensive to replicate, and surely the energy demands of a vertical farm would not be met by its own methane production or even with solar panels on the farm.

This elaborate and fantastic technology would not come without a price; the cost of a 21-story vertical farm would be about $84 million in initial construction, with an additional $5 million in annual operating expenses, according to Despommier’s calculations. In order for this technology to be profitable, foods would be rather expensive (compared to see Many Questions, page 17

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For 16 spectacular seasons, Brett Favre was god-like to Green Bay Packers fans. On March 4, 2008, the cheese head nation wept alongside Favre as he announced his retirement from the National Football League. At the press conference Brett fielded, “I know I can play, but I don’t think I want to and that’s really what it comes down to.” He and his agent, Bus Cook, eluded that Favre would consider playing in the NFL again, but said that another season in the NFL would only be successful if Brett led his team to another Super Bowl Victory.

On July 2, 2008, after four months of being officially retired from the NFL, Brett seemed to have a change of heart, and contacted the Packers about his possible return to the NFL again, but said that another season in the NFL would only be successful if Brett led his team to another Super Bowl Victory.

July 29, 2008, Brett Favre filed for reinstatement in the NFL, and it was granted by NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell to be effective August 4, 2008. Favre reported to Packer’s training camp, where he met with Coach Mike McCarthy and General Manager Ted Thompson. At the conclusion of the meeting the Packer’s management and Brett agreed that it would be better for both parties to separate.

The Packer’s traded Brett Favre after negotiations with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and the New York Jets. Favre would become a Jet in a complex deal that was based on the percentage of snaps Brett took and the overall success of the Jets in the 2008 season. Once the deal was made public, the Brett Favre New York Jet’s #4 Jersey sold 6,500 copies in 24 hours on NFL.com. This broke the old record of jersey sales, held by Tony Romo, by nearly 900 jerseys. With newfound excitement for Favre in New York, there was a microscope on his performance opening day in Miami. The first practice Brett Favre took part in as a Jet was attended by an estimated 10,000 fans and in N.Y., Mark Cannizzaro wrote, “Never before has a Jets training camp captured the Stevie Wonder kind of buzz.” The New York Jets took on the Dolphins and Favre did not disappoint. He threw for 194 yards and two touchdowns, passing the win over the Dolphins 20-14. Brett Favre commented that he had a great career with the Packers, but it was time to move on and he is proud to be a Jet.

There is no doubt that at age 38, Brett Favre still has the skill to dominate on the football field. Travis Blood ’09, a football enthusiast said, “Favre may be old, but he still has it.” If Favre had stayed retired, he would have been eligible for the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2013, which is without question the ultimate destination of Favre after his illustrious career. The New York Jets picked up an individual completely dedicated to the game of football and not only will he win them games, but put fans in the stands, too.

Hamilton by the Numbers

Women’s Soccer 3-0

Men’s Soccer 2-0

Men’s Tennis 1-0

Volleyball 1-4

Field Hockey 0-1

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Instant Replay Contested

by Andrew Perkowski ’10

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It was twelve years ago this October that Jeffrey Maier forever endeared himself to Yankee fans by making one of the most famous catches in baseball history. On one fateful night in the Bronx, the twelve-year old Maier extended his glove into the field of play and caught what was a game-changing home run by rookie Yankee shortstop Derek Jeter. Despite the dugout protests of then-Orioles outfielder Tony Tarasco, and his manager Davey Johnson, umpire Rich Garcia ruled that there was no interference on the play and so cemented Maier’s legacy in Yankee history. The call gave Jeter a home run and sparked a Yankee team that would go on to win the World Series that year, and three more in the following four seasons.

When Major League Baseball implemented its new instant replay formula earlier this month, the sport took pains to make sure an incident like the one involving the Yankees and Orioles in the 1996 American League Championship Series would never happen again. A quick caveat to Cubs fans - the threat of a recurring Stevie Barmat-type incident is very real, as you will find below.

Of course, in doing so, baseball has taken a dangerous step into the technological era. The process, which allows umpires to only review fair and foul home runs calls, and fan interference on home runs, is now functional in all 30 Major League ballparks. Proponents of the move heralded the decision made by baseball executives and owners, claiming the league has been overdue in joining other American sports that use replay. The National Football League and the National Basketball Association eagerly adopted advanced forms of review in 1999 and 2002, respectively. According to a recent ESPN poll, 82 percent of Americans believe instant replay for home runs and foul balls is good for the sport, and over 45 percent of Americans, in a different poll, feel baseball should make review possible for additional calls.

For baseball purists, this push to modernize the game comes at far too great a cost. The sport has long prided itself on maintaining what is referred to as the human element: the notion that umpires are as much a natural element of the game as a gust of wind that forces a ball foul, or rays of sunshine that conceal a deep fly. Unlike other sports, baseball is fundamentally dependent on umpires; they dictate the flow of the game, and their judgment is relied on at virtually every moment. To second guess that judgment would be to undermine the foundation on which the game was built – the baseball judiciary system. Umpires have become increasingly scrutinized in recent years, yet it seems as if baseball has survived under their judgment for well over one hundred years. In this age of entitlement, we selfishly argue to alter a cherished tradition. Sadly, this is indicative of baseball's growing disenchantment with umpires and the financial dichotomy that has grown between officiator and player, as of 2000 the top salaried umpire earns less than the lowest salaried Major League player.

As for the introduction of replay, one must wonder that further technological “advancements” may lie ahead. If baseball executives, perennially apprehensive towards allowing technology in their game, were persuaded to allow one form of replay, what’s to stop them from implementing more? If Commissioner Bud Selig, who has been outspoken as a baseball purist, couldn’t say no to replay, perhaps a more progressive-minded successor would implement further reforms.

One of the outspoken adversaries of the new system is Cubs’ manager Lou Pinella, a man notorious for his dramatic confrontations with umpires. He has said he fears that the new rule “may turn into a fiasco.” Baseball must take pains, however, to keep this new phenomenon in check. Watching “Sweet Lou” trade in his fiery blowups for red challenge flags would be an absolute tragedy for many who feel that the sport must make certain that day never comes.
Men’s Soccer Routs SUNY IT in Home Opener

The 2008 college soccer season is underway, and the Hamilton College Continentals opened with a great start. Last Saturday, the men’s soccer team won its first game in a non-league duel at Rochester Institute of Technology. Falling behind 0-1 in the fifty-second minute, Head Coach Perry Nizzi’s team showed great strength and morale to turn the game around and win 2-1.

Forward Paul Moakler ’10 scored in the fifty-seventh minute to tie the game after an unlucky save by Rochester’s goalkeeper. Frank Campagnano ’09 recorded his first assist for the Continentals when he passed to wide-open Hudson who headed the ball into the net for his second goal of the game in the 63rd minute. After falling behind 0-3, SUNY Institute of Technology had no chance to come back into the game, and the Continentals recorded their first shutout of the season.

Coach Nizzi, in his eleventh season at the helm of the soccer team, and his players have great expectations for the upcoming season. After playing in the NCAA Tournament three times in the past four years, including first-round victories in 2004 and 2007, the Continentals want to follow up their long history of success.

Led by team captains Akumah-Boateng, Anthony Carello ’09, and Michael Hannan ’09, the team wants to earn another trip to the tournament. Last year, the Continentals beat New York University 2-0 in the first round, and eventually lost to New Jersey City University in the second round. The team finished the season with a 10-5-3 record, which marked the seventh time that they have reached a double-digit record in this decade.

The Continentals recruited eight players from the incoming freshman class (five of them played at some point during the season-opener) and will start the season with 37 players on the roster. Seven starters returned to the team including midfielder Akumah-Boateng, a three time Liberty League all-star and all-conference points last year. He scored four goals and recorded two assists. Goalkeeper Carello was a big reason for Hamilton’s success in the Liberty League last year. He did not allow a goal in 10 of the Continentals’ 18 games and recorded 69 saves.

Midfielder Hannan returned after having played only in the past three years. The other returning starters are Sam Dwyer (two goals, three assists), Jesse Arroyave ’11 (four goals, one assist), Joseph Hudson (three goals) and Paul Moakler ’10. On defense, starters Marcus Dormanen ’10 and Daniel McGowan ’11 are back. Of all the players on the roster, 10 Continentals earned a spot on the league’s all-academic team this past season.

After winning the first game of the season, the Continentals face at least 13 more opponents. Six of them are games against non-league teams. These include the season’s home opener on Love Field this past Wednesday against SUNY Institute of Technology. Upcoming soccer games on Love Field include matches against Ithaca College (September 13), St. Lawrence (September 26), and Clarkson (September 27).

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Golf Finishes Third

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After finishing second in the Liberty League Championships last April, the Men’s Golf Team came on strong in its season opener at the St. Lawrence Invitational last weekend. Stiff competition from 14 collegiate teams located in the United States and Canada provided an exciting atmosphere for the Continentals. Hamilton came away with a third place finish behind two Canadian universities.

On Saturday, the team came out swinging with a collective score of 305 strokes. Even more impressive than the opening round performance was the play of LJ Scurfield ’12 who held his own on the long course, shooting a respectable four-over par. He teamed with returning teamleader Brad Roche ’11 to give the Continentals a fighting chance for the overall title on day two.

Starting the final day in fourth place down by 10 strokes to the University of Waterloo made it even more critical for the players to eliminate mistakes and capitalize on birdie puts. Scurfield led the way with a 72 to finish in a tie for fourth place overall of the 72 competitors in the tournament field. Roche again came up strong with a 74 to earn seventh place overall.

The play of Dave Christie ’09, Jeff Corbett ’09, and Kevin Osborne ’09 completed the turnaround with rounds of 79, 75, and 80 respectively. Overall, the Continentals finished with the second-best score of the day to finish as the top NCAA team in the field. Hamilton dominated the defending NCAA Tournament semifinalist St. John, which finished in second-to-last place giving the Continentals its first win over a top 10 team in over six years.

Scott Blosser ’12 is an additional asset that the team will be able to rely on this season. He played in the individual tournament at St. Lawrence. His two rounds would have made him a valuable member in team competition, as he finished seventeenth overall with a final round of 74.

This weekend the team will head to Middlebury College for the Duke Nelson Invitational where they finished fourth out of 24 teams last season. If they are able to utilize the stellar play of the underclassmen, then the Continentals have a great shot at improving that finish with a victory.

The following weekend, the team will head to Williams in a tune-up for the NESCAC Championship Qualifier near the end of the month. Great things are expected for the year’s squad and it could mark the beginning of the Continentals’ reign over the NESCAC.