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FRESHMEN HAVE SUMMER READING, REST OF CAMPUS LOOLS

Upperclassmen see Piranha 3D instead

By Mr. Grebey ‘12

Reading opens doors dept.

(NOT VIETNAM) Upperclassmen were thrilled to have dodged a bullet: for the first time, incoming freshmen were assigned a mandatory summer reading book.

“The Things They Carried,” a harrowing tale of the Vietnam War, was chosen in a vote held at the end of last year. It narrowly beat out runners up Harry Potter and The Goldfinch of Fire, Green Eggs and Ham, and The Kama Sutra.

By having the entire freshmen class read the same book, the assignment hoped to foster a sense of unity, and according to many freshmen, it worked.

“My roommate and I were brought together by mutual hatred, like America after 9/11 or when Maid in Manhattan hit theaters,” Brian Young ‘14 added. “Now the class of 2014 will be forever bonded by a mutual hatred of the Vietnamese War, that Martha bitch, and water buffalo.”

Meanwhile, upperclassmen expressed other opinions on the summer reading, mostly those of relief.

“I’m glad my class didn’t have to read a book over the summer,” Nicole Myers ‘11 said. “I would’ve hated to have to do any work over the summer. I just had my 60 hour-per-week internship. And then my other internship. And my lifeguarding job to make money. And those nights working the red light district. Oh God, I’m so tired.”

The Administration was pleased with the results of the summer reading assignment.

“I bet Colgate didn’t have their freshmen read a classic piece of American literature,” President Joan Hinde Stewart gloated. “18th place in U.S. News rankings! Such on these nuts #21!”

PROFESSOR TO OFFER COURSE ON HIMSELF

Edible panties have nothing to do with this article

By Mr. Piskor ‘13

MILFS AND MIDGETS DEPT.

(HILLARY CLINTON, NY) Students interested in their professors’ lives will find curricular bliss this semester. Professor Fitzwilliam Grudge-Panties, a visiting professor in the Comparative Literature department, will offer a course on himself entitled “The Literature and Sociology of Me: A Comparative Study.”

“I’m really excited about teaching this course,” Grudge-Panties exclaimed. “Like, today, he showed us a picture of his nude Greek gentlemen. The end.”

By the class’s avant-garde nature, but he is excited “to make the college catalogue intellectually, spiritually and physically into Grudge-Panties.”

In the future, I think this class should sink deeper, emotionally and physically into Grudge-Panties.

Somebody poisoned the waterhole!

Contaminated water supply creates perfect opportunity for back-to-school blame game

By Mr. Sinton ‘13

WHAT THE F**K IS TRIHALOMETHANE DEPT.

(ILLINOIS COLLEGE OF WATER DISTRICT)

Over the summer, Hamilton College publically announced— if non-descript, weekly e-mail count as announcements— that some crackpot outfit called the Onondaga County Health Department has given them some silly nonsense about exceeding the maximum allowable contamination level for the water supply or whatever. Otraage: didn’t ensue.

The Administration tried to downplay the contamination.

“Yes, some studies ‘prove’ that this type of contamination leads to an increased risk of cancer, miscarriage and birth defects,” college spokesperson John Nitterman Jr. admitted, “and yes, maybe similar levels of chloroform, bromodichloromethane and dibromochloromethane cause cancer and affect the liver, kidney, nervous system and the ability to bear healthy offspring, yadda yadda yadda, whatever.”

Nitterman went on to say that the real story was “how much money the College would save because infernally students don’t need free condoms.”

While resident aqua-genius Steve Bellona says the poisoned water is technically the Mohawk Valley Water Authority’s fault, campus groups reacted to the news by blaming people they hated.

“Motherfuckin’ BP!” College Democrat President Kevin Hill ‘11 shouted. “I haven’t got the proof yet, but I just know it was them. I’ve never liked those Brits. First the pelicans, now the freshmen! Who’s next, the Waifs of Rhode Island?!?”

“The Health Department found dangerously high levels of chloroform in the water, so the first thing I did was investigate the Greek Scene. Delta Iota Kappa got pretty touchy when I asked them about it. But like actually touchy—they kept draping their arms around my shoulders and asking if I wanted to play ‘ruit. I told them the only ‘ruit I was interested was the ‘ruit of this issue.”

The campus may never know the real culprits behind the poisoned water system. Especially because those chem majors refuse to tell anyone about their summer project.

WORDS OF WISDOM WITH MADELEINE ALBRIGHT

“Madeleine Albright is thrilled that Hamilton gets Bravo and the Food Network now. Seriously, this is really exciting.”

HOTDOG MAN ABDUCTS FRESHMAN

See “The Bratwurst Bodysnatcher,” pg. 8
Friday Five:
Most Unexpected Summer E-Mails
By Mr. Zappala ’12

1. Student Parking System Overhauled: Wait, so now any registered student can park in any student lot? How dare you talk sense!

2. SEVERE HEAT ADVISORY: It’s rumored that, for about a half-hour, temperatures went as high as 81 degrees. Then it snowed.

3. Registration Times No Longer Selected Arbitrarily: Students may now get into classes they prefer or require for their major as early as second semester sophomore year.

4. Real Life to Improve Fire Alarm System, Students to Sleep Through the Night: …Sorry, that one was admittedly a bit of a stretch.

5. Legion of Doom Refuses to Use New Sadove Student Center as Hideout: “ELS worked for us because it had that decadent, evil feel to it,” Les Luther said. “Now look! It’s shiny and there are tins and shit. We’d like to go back to the Burke Library again.”

Want to Get LAID?
So do we.*
Come make jokes about it at The Duel meeting on Sunday, August 29th at 7pm in KJ 101**

*No, but seriously, we get laid all the time. Well sometimes, I guess.

**Did we make clear that we’re looking for writers? If not, come tell us about it on Sunday!}

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REATIONS TO
Toy Story 3

15%
“What happened to the sociopath from the first one?”

5%
“So Lotso is the Carebear Jay-Z?”

12%
“Where the fuck is Andy’s father?”

4%
“No, but seriously, we get laid all the time. Well sometimes, I guess.”

64%
“I miss my childhood.”

>0.01%
“I didn’t see it. I hate kids. Love, Brittany Tomkin.”