I KNOW SCHOOL ISN'T FUN RIGHT NOW
But you have friends who love you

DRUNK STUDENT ACCIDENTALLY MAKES SNOWMAN COME ALIVE
No one believes him
By Ms. Bums '17
Oops I Got My Dick Stuck to A Frozen Lamppost (Again) Dept.
(YOUR NIGHTMARES) Saturday night, Brady Fox '14 emerged from Diner B in a drunken stupor to find that the snowman he had built on the rugby field earlier that evening had come alive and was hungry for human flesh.

"Brady seemed a little bit off that night—he was just muttering to himself and building a really sexually graphic snowman," friend Rob Thomas '14 said. "When he told me the snowman had chased him around Root Glen last night, my first thought was that Brady had a bit too much to drink."

"At night, he comes to the edge of my bed and just stares at me," Fox said while rocking back and forth in the fetal position. "He already tore my roommate apart with his bare hands and ate him. You've got to believe me."

Fox has even reached out to Campus Safety, worried that his snowman will kill again.

"Mr. Fox told us to look out for a killer snowman with a carrot on his crotch. Yeah, sure. We're on high alert," the head of Campus Safety said as he stifled a laugh. School authorities have noted that there are wet tracks through the Blood Fitness center, but have chalked that up to students not wearing the proper shoes.

"I can't sleep. I don't know whether he's watching me. I don't know how I'm going to make it through finals," Fox said. He later suffered a nervous breakdown when Thomas suggested they watch Frosty the Snowman on TV together.

"I understand that Brady is a little stressed about finals," Thomas said. "However, this is just overkill. He's scared to go outside because he's afraid the snow will rise up in an army and swallow him. That's just weird."

Immediately after the Duel reached him for comment, Thomas disappeared, with only melting ice to be found in his bed.

"Can you blame me for wanting to eat my creator?" the snowman wrote in a statement carved into the snow outside of Benedict. "Whoever built me clearly has no understanding of the human anatomy. I mean, look where he put my nose. And I have a can of PBG stick- ing out of my ass!"

In unrelated news, Student Housing has reported that a Jan is planning to move next door to Fox next semester. This new student, Steven P. Norman '17 has curiously never been seen around campus without his winter coat and sunglasses.

"Steve gives very wet handshakes," RA Jim Mackleston '15 said. "He must use a lot of moisturizer."

JUNIOR ABROAD PREPARES TO RETURN TO CAMPUS
Must narrow world view considerably
Nationalism Dept.
By Ms. LaSon '17
(THIS BACK OF THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CLASSROOM) Amy Sandoso '15 has spent the last twelve weeks living in France as part of Hamil- ton's study abroad program and is now preparing to return home. When discovered that she would not be able to be able to fit both her new COEXIST poster and her 700-page anthology, Into Stories of Social Injustices Reformed into her suitcase, she realized how difficult her journey back to America would be.

"It's going to be hard leaving a place where I was surrounded by culture and diversity at every turn. What I mean to say is, the most culture you see at Hamilton is the Oktoberfest celebration each fall," Sandoso explained. "I have to try to remember that I'm not really supposed to care about the political climate in Europe or scandals in foreign governments."

In order to make her transition back to Hamilton easi- er, Sandoso has asked some of her friends to begin updating her on the current affairs in America. "I don't want Amy to go through what I did after my trip to Rome," friend Tyler McMillan '14 said. "All I knew how to talk about were the fundamental differences in the educational systems across the world. Boring shit. So, I've been trying to help by sending her Snapchats about my favorite Buzzfeed articles every day."

Another friend, Denise Green '14, offered the advice, "I know that you think everything you've experienced this semester was really interesting and all, but honestly, you should try to spend a few minutes each morning chanting 'Murica! Murica! Murica!' before you leave your room to help regain your focus on what's important."

Though slightly nervous about the conclusion of her semester in France, Sandoso is confident that she will be able to readjust to life at Hamilton thanks to the help of her devoted friends. "I know that after a few days on campus, I'll remember that all the world-view I really need can be found in the posters and clippings taped up around Opus 1," she said.

HEAD OF RELAXATION CELEBRATION IRRITATED TO FIND CAMPUS MENTALLY STABLE, HAPPY
Suddenly has no use for industrial crate of stress balls
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3. The West Wing
Relevant Department: Government
Checks and balances? Separation of powers? Liberalism versus Realism? Yeah... right. Impress your professor by telling him how the American government actually works without those fancy schmancy terms and with a little more scandal. You know—like that show—government actually works without those fancy schmancy terms and with a little more scandal. You know—like that show—

4. Reign
Relevant Department: History
History professors might argue that bits of the show are completely made up historically inaccurate. But who are they to judge? Were they around when Mary, Queen of Scots was living in France? Yeah, I didn’t think so, either. This show will help you spice up your history paper with love triangles between noble people, forbidden romance, and magic creatures of the Blood Wood. Bet the history textbook forgot to mention this stuff!

5. Breaking Bad
Relevant Department: Chemistry
Take a break from Taylor Science Center and check out how the actual science in the show is sparse, but at least there are a few chemical elements in the opening credits. If the exam asks for the abbreviations for Bromine or Barium, you’re all set.

Friday Five: Binge TV for Finals Survival

By Ms. Wilson ‘14
As finals week impends, your professors will say that you should be on the third floor of the library, pounding your head relentlessly against that Microeconomics textbook. But why not use TV shows binges to prepare for finals? Honestly, the shows on Netflix are often far more informative than the books written by some cranky old guys. So put away your books and pull up that Netflix queue. Here are the shows that are going to help you ace finals:

1. Mad Men
Relevant Departments: Economics and Communications
Learn about how a major advertising firm operates while staring into the dreamy eyes of Don Draper. The show discusses major brands and how they communicate their message. Maybe even useful for Women’s Studies majors to discuss how all of the major characters are going to get lung cancer and liver damage from smoking and drinking 24/7.

2. Orange is the New Black
Relevant Departments: Sociology, Anthropology, Women’s Studies...
any class in which the term “social construct” is frequently used
This show is riddled with social commentary on race, class, and gender that will help you write that ten-page humanities essay. Remember not to leave out typical issues that come up with lesbian relationships, such as having to go to prison with an ex-girlfriend. As a bonus, there is also a very important life lesson—don’t be a drug mule for your girlfriend (even if it is just one time, and amazing post-drug transporting sex is guaranteed). YOU WILL GO TO PRISON.

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Try to find a formal date? These are your options:

Stupid
Drunk
High Maintenance
Too Hot To Talk To

REJECTED FROM HAM & CHEESE

“Sacrifice Bundt” by Jacob Ricket ’16


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