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MADELEINE ALBRIGHT PAYS HOMAGE TO ALEXANDER HAMILTON'S BROTHER, ANDREW HAMILTON

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(Clinton, NY) As part of the Sacerdote Great Names Series, former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright delivered a poignant speech to her adoring fans this Wednesday night. While delivering her remarks about her childhood, her experience in the United

States Government, and her views on foreign policy, Albright made sure to show her respect for such great names as Adams, Roosevelt, and of course, Andrew Hamilton.

Many in the audience were surprised at the mention of Andrew Hamilton, Alexander's little brother. Andrew has never

received historical praise, but he served as an antagonist in Alexander's life. Throughout their adolescence, Alex and Andy displayed the usual brother love-hate relationship. Whenever they played "Colonization", Andy demanded to be banker. Alex would refuse, and Andy would buy up both utilities (lamp oil and outhouse) in hopes Andrew would land his game piece (the ox) there.

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Alexander Hamilton

NEW STUDENT NEWSPAPER PROMISES LESS-ACCURATE REPORTING

PRESS RELEASE by Mr. Keane '03

(CLINTON, NY) The staff of the Duel Observer released its first issue today, despite pleas to the contrary. Students received the new publication with a mix of disdain and ambivalence.

"We're not here to be anyone's journalistic hero", explained publisher Tom Keane '03, "we're here to pad our résumés and get chicks."

The new publication hopes to fill a void left in students' lives after the repeated disappointment brought on by existing campus periodicals.

The offices of the Duel Observer expressed enthusiasm over a new brand of press not presently available on the Hamilton campus.

Insiders claim that this new movement will incorporate conjuncture, yellow journalism, pseudo-science, plagiarism, opinion, the reporting of unsubstantiated facts, and a complete disregard for the traditional bounds of "good taste". Editor-in-Chief David Schwartz mentioned a refusal to be held captive by the confines of what he called "decent grammar".

Fears about the potentially offensive nature of the newspaper were quelled by Managing Editor James Robins '05. "We don't want to hurt anyone's feelings, but when you make the kind of metaphorical omelet we're cooking... well, let's just say you have to break some satirical eggs." Robbins went on to promise a reverence to the benign humor of comedic greats like Bill Cosby and Kimmy Gibbler from "Full House".

Five Day Forecast for Clinton, NY

Chief Meteorologist, Thomas Keane

Fri



Shitty

Sat



Shitty

Sun



Partly Shitty

Mon



Shitty

Tues



Shitty with a
Chance of Pissy

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This kind of rivalry followed them throughout their lives. On a brisk summer day in 1789, Alexander became Secretary of the Treasury and founded the First Bank of the United States, while

Andrew was appointed Receptionist of the Treasury and preceded to found the Second and Third Banks of the United States. Similarly, when Alex left the Treasury in 1795 to practice law, Andy tried to follow in his brother's footsteps but fell short, becoming a paralegal for Adams, Jefferson, and Monroe.



Andrew Hamilton (c. 1791)

Alexander met his fate in 1804 when he lost in a duel to Aaron Burr. Little known is that Andy also lost his life that day to a similar duel against Aaron's little brother, Artie. Albright knew to pay homage to Andrew, a master of bankrupting his financial wizard brother Alex in Colonization, a founder of two failed national banks, a wizard in eluding historians, and one who followed in his brother's footsteps just a little too closely.

This Week in Hamilton History

- 1992 – Students outraged over lack of social options - only 5 frat parties per night.
- 1999 – Mo visits campus as perspective student. Gets voted pre-frosh president.
- 2003 – 70% of Class of 2002 still jobless.

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As the situation intensifies, the Administration refuses to recognize a problem. "As has been the case this entire academic year, and as long as I have held my position, this campus maintains numerous facilities where our students can attain nourishment," claimed Walter Sinclair, Director of Student Affairs.

To adapt to the worsening situation, some students have become resourceful. "I've read a lot about a drought in Somalia. Northern Somalia has a lot of hills, so, to adapt to the situation, I took my father's credit card, and I ordered a bunch of new climbing gear from REI," said Todd Baker, a second-year student.

To prevent dehydration at Hamilton College, health specialists have encouraged students to make use of their older Nalgene bottles. However, many students are having trouble adapting to the conditions, as proved by Tina Farish, second-year student, who said, "I only have the original model, which everyone on campus has. I saw this pink bottle, which completely fits my personality. Besides, I need a Nalgene bottle that expresses my individuality."

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INSIDE ADMISSIONS

75% of Admissions Essays Address 9/11 Attacks

40% Increase From Last Year

By Mr. Robbins '05

An astonishing discovery by the Office of Admissions revealed that 75% of the 2006 application essays discussed the September 11th tragedy. More astonishingly, however, was the fact that 35% of the 2005 application essays discussed the same event.

As expected in the wake of such a tragedy, James Farrington, a student from Pomfret School, wrote, "The most influential moment of my life would have to be watching the aftermath of the September 11th attacks on television. As I watched the broadcast, I realized that I wanted to be a politician so that I could improve relations with the Arab World."

Unexpected, however, was Ihab Khayal's sinister remarks concerning the future attacks, "Upon the day of emergency, your big brothers will fall, as we rejoice in the name of Allah."

When asked why the Admissions staff was unable to detect these threats, Brian Gumpfrey, Assistant Dean of Admission, responded, "To be honest with you, following the Early Decision rounds, we just throw all of the applicants' names in a hat, and accept every third name."

With regard to the popularity of Hamilton among terrorists, Patrick Doherty, expert of Terrorist Educational Habits at DePaul University, added, "Like others, terrorists tend to place emphasis on receiving a liberal education. In addition, I believe the school's reasonable proximity to New York was a factor."

Upon receiving this information, Hamilton did an extensive research, which cleared its students with any involvement. With regard to the 2005 applicants that included threats of terrorism, The Duel Observer received this information: "60% used Hamilton as a safety school; 30% were rejected; 8% did not receive adequate financial assistance; and 2% deferred admission."

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS

Hamilton College requires its applications to complete additional material to the Common Application. The Duel Observer obtained a copy of the additional questions required of the class of 2006:

Truth or Date: Did you, like, totally make-out with Frankie Thistle after last year's homecoming?

Instant Admission: Hypothetically speaking, you car-jack a police officer for the thrill of it. You thought you had a place to lay-low for a while, but it turns out that your contact was picked-up for stealing pornography from minors. So, do you have an extra room for the week ending December 22nd? (contact bgumpfre@hamilton.edu)

OPTIONAL TESTING

Starting with the class of 2006, Hamilton College made optional the submitting of SAT-1 scores. However, in an effort to ensure it accepts the most academically apt students, the college recommends its applicants submit their results from the following tests:

- The 'Am I Fran Drescher?' Test
- Litmus Test
- The 'Fat, Ugly, or Both' Test
- The Perv.-Factor Test (scores below 7 need not apply)
- Power Hour
- The Pepsi Challenge
- The Test of Time

Strike At Nalgene Plant Leads To Campus Drought

By Mr. Robbins '05

(CLINTON, NY) As the Nalgene strike approaches its fourth week, its effects are spreading beyond the plant. The strike, which began as a result of management's failure to grant union employees basic health insurance, has spread to an isolated college campus in Clinton, NY "whose members demand and foster creativity, self-reliance and personal responsibility." Now, upper-class college students are forced to take the burden of the age-old management and union bickering.

Reports claim that the strike began affecting Hamilton students over a week ago. "Yeah, like, [ed. note: Wednesday] I went to EMS to get one of those cool, new green bottles, but the guy said they were all out. They had the clear bottles, but I already have, like, twelve of those.

So I bought this cute Patagonia vest," said third-year student, Kate Campbell. Sara Backrin, first-year student, added, "I've been trying to drink as much as possible while at Commons but I totally got light-headed on my way to Beinecke."

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Delinquent Student Forced to Clean CMS Blackboard After School

By Mr. Keane '03

CHIEF JUDICIARY CORESPONDENT

(Root Hall) Billy Wisteron '04 was asked to speak to his "Study of the Novel" professor, Jane Windsor late Thursday afternoon following the class lecture. Accused of disrupting class time with his tales of Wednesday night shenanigans at the Village Tavern, Wisteron was forced to stay after class cleaning CMS, whereupon he was overcome by a dust of 1's and 0's. Wisteron plans to appeal to ITS.

OUTKAST APOLOGIZES AGAIN TO MS. JACKSON; THIS TIME THEY'RE REALLY FOR REAL

By Mr. Schwartz '02

EDITOR-OF-THIS-ARTICLE

(Compton, CA) For the second time, Andre 3000 and Big Boi, the members of the rap duo Outkast had to send their apologies out to Ms. Jackson. "I thought writing a song about my baby's mama's mama would be enough, but I guess my baby's grandma don't listen to no rap", said Big Boi. Andre 3000 added "I apologized a trillion times, I never meant to make her daughter cry, but I guess that just ain't enough." Apparently the duo originally released an apology in musical form over the airwaves, allowing millions of hoodlums around the nation to join in with Big Boi and Andre 3000 in apologizing to Ms. Jackson. The group previously released a song entitled "Rosa Parks", but The Duel Observer was unable to obtain whether Ms. Parks was also one of their baby's mama's mama, or just a fictional person created to make money in our dominating capitalist society.

We ran into Big Boi's baby's mama's mama planning a pretty picnic, but realizing that she can't predict the weather, decided to wait for another day. When asked whether she accepted Big Boi's apology, Ms. Jackson reiterated her feeling that "this thing you got goin' on [with my baby], I just think it's puppy love." She further added "my baby's baby is a grandchild and not a paycheck!"

Outkast is insistent that this will be the last time they try apologizing to Ms. Jackson. With sincerity, Andre 3000 pleaded "I'm sorry Ms. Jackson". "OOOH", added Big Boi. While the reason for the "OOOH" is unknown, what is apparent is that the love between Big Boi and his baby's mama will last forever. Forever? Forever ever? Forever ever.

Answer to Last Week's Puzzle

"To get to the other side."

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