

# THE DUEL OBSERVER

*"Knowe Thyself, Not Be Thyself."*

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## OPEN HOUSE TOURS TO GO THROUGH ANNEX

**Enrollment expected to drop 95%**

By Mr. Schwartz '02

### TOUR GUIDE AFFICIONADO

(CLINTON, NY) On April 16<sup>th</sup>, Hamilton College will open its doors to over 400 prospective students and unfortunately also open its doors to the Annex, reducing the number of enrolled students to the 20 who did not attend the Open House.

The choice to include the Annex as part of the school's tour was a decision by the Admission staff, which ultimately felt that the inclusion of Hamilton's own massive garage would help the college's new department, automotive mechanics..

In order to cut down the length of the tour which had grown to over 2 hours, tour guides will now omit South Dorm, the Library, and the Fieldhouse, all buildings deemed "unnecessary when compared to an enormous, empty, gray building".

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## God's Autobiography Released; Snubbed by Critics

By Mr. Robbins '05

### DISAPPOINTED DISCIPLE

(HEAVAN, SKY) God's autobiography, a work 4.6 billion years in the making, was met with mixed results last Wednesday. God: G is for Grapefruit has faced its fair share of poor reviews. In addition, The Book has missed its perspective sales total by over five billion copies.

"I've seen better writing in the bathroom stalls of the Baltimore DMV. Hey God,

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## CRYPTOGRAPHERS CRACK HONOR CODE

By Mr. Keane '03

### SCIENCE EDITOR

(CLINTON, NY) A dedicated team of scientists has reached a breakthrough in cracking the Hamilton College Honor Code. The code, which befuddled students and faculty alike for decades, was broken early this morning by what some scholars are calling "a secret decoder ring".

The Honor Code, and its familiar "By my signature below, I affirm on my honor that I shall abstain from dishonesty in all academic work." had come under fire in recent years for discouraging cooperation between students and academic resources already written by someone else.

Scientists quickly enlisted the help of the Oneida Nation. "I heard it worked in World War II in the Pacific.", said Dr.



*A picture of a gavel we found on the Internet.*

Spielenbach, referencing the Navajo Code Talkers. The Oneida Nation issued a statement, saying "We were happy to help. Now can we have our land back?"

Scientists had been trying to break the code ever since it was realized that it was not only a nuisance to students, but a cipher as well. Officials at the National Security Agency became suspicious that the Dean of Students might be trying to use the honor code to promote a secret agenda. Today's discovery reveals that that the Dean did indeed have a motive: keeping students honest and not letting Hamilton turn into another Colgate. *The Duel Observer* did not bother to reach the Dean's office for comment.

# Student Loses His Copy of The Daily Bull; Places Lost Ad in Said Bull

By Mr. Schwartz '02

EDITOR-OF-THIS-ARTICLE

(CLINTON, NY) One minute he was reading it during breakfast at Commons, but when Jason Rizner '04 went to return his tray, his personal canary-yellow copy of *The Daily Bull* had vanished. "I was really upset. I mean, there are other ones on the other tables, but this one had sentimental value. There were these really funny jokes about penises, and I didn't even get through all of the horoscopes yet."

Jason took the only appropriate action he could think of: emailing *The Daily Bull* and submitting a lost Bull ad:

*"Have you seen my copy of the daily bull? Last seen on the first circle table in commons. It means so much to me, my grandmother gave it to me when she was visiting. Please return it to Campus Safety - no questions asked."*

As of press time, Jason was still considering filing a report with Campus Safety. When reached for a comment, Campus safety said they would have a hard time tracking down Jason's specific copy of *The Daily Bull*, but the officer then noted that Campus Safety has a hard time doing most things.

# Junior Takes Second Nap in One Day

By Mr. Keane '03

(MILBANK) Mark Nash '03 retired for his second "cat nap" of the afternoon, despite criticism from his suitemates. "Dude! You guys don't understand.", remarked Nash. "I was up until 4AM last night talking to this chick, Lisa." Nash then echoed a familiar defense: "Besides, I'm always more productive after I wake up." Sources close to the story described Nash's post-nap mood as "cranky at best". This junior may be one of a growing number of students who the Health Center has called "nappers".

# Federal Reserve Cuts Grass for First Time in Two Years

By Mr. Prior '01

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) Today the Federal Reserve Board of Governors announced that it would cut the grass around it's Martin building by a greater-than-expected 3 inches, after a 40 year high. Many analysts had noted that the grass had been allowed to grow unusually long, and some feared that with the coming of spring the long grass would contribute to a high pollen count. A senior economist is quoted as saying, "Ya, it was getting really long, and not just grass and stuff. There were some weeds in there."

Market analysts believe that the cuts were prompted by stronger than expected growth rates in the grass, and by concerns that the blades might become long and droopy. The growth rates of the blades undergo seasonal fluctuations. Recent growth has been so great, however, that the coming of spring cannot account for all of it.

One contributing factor is widely thought to be the state of disrepair of the Fed's lawnmower, its primary instrument of grass cutting policy. Some economists believe that in addition to being out of gas, the machine might have a broken wheel. President Bush termed this the "Axle of Evil", but mispronounced it.

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# **S P R I N G   B R E A K   R E P O R T**

## **“Minor: Party Metropolis,” Freshman Tells H. S. Friends**

By Mr. Robbins '05

*ED DONAHUE'S PSUEDONYM*

Ed Donahue, a first-year student from Hampstead, New Hampshire, repeatedly praised the party life of Minor dormitory to his hometown friends over the course of spring break.

“Yeah, in Minor, we consider ourselves the Dunham of the Dark Side,” Donahue reportedly told his friends. When asked about Dunham, Donahue quipped “Yeah, just wait until I tell you about the Annex.”

However, Ed’s stories of debauchery have become suspect among his friends who have witnessed his “rookie mistakes” over the course of break. “If I didn’t see those digital pictures Ed doctored with his computer, I would have believed that he had spent the past eight weekends coming up with the far-fetched stories that he tells us.”, noted Billy [ed. note: Billy is Ed’s best friend since 7th grade].

Ed even found it necessary to defend Minor’s party life to family members as well. When his parents commented on the affordability of the dormitory’s damage report, Ed responded with, “you should have seen what we did to the Glen.”

Ed, who is now back on campus, is looking forward to the upcoming weekends. When asked of specific plans, Ed replied, “I don’t want Campus Safety banging on my door. I’m just glad to be back; it’s good to get away from all of those light-weights.”

### **The Duel on the Street:**

**“What Did You Do Over Spring Break?”**

**I interviewed for a job at ShopRite.**

**- Walt Riner '02**

**Alternative Spring Break  
in New York Mills rocked!**

**- Krysten Schmerbeck '02**

**I missed FebFest.**

**- Kurt Mangold '02**

**Double-header IM Kickball practice**

**- Shawn Fortin '02**

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**- Mike Bridgeson '04 [ed. note: Mike  
is Deaf]**

**What Spring Break!?!?**

**- Disgruntled Diner Employee**

**I finally finished the Freshman 15....**

**4 guys, 1 night, 1 Camero.**

**- Jen Siks '05**

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Ayn Rand called, and she wants her writing style back," said Don Adams of *The Boston Herald*, which seems to be on par with most reviews The Work has received.

"I told Him it was the wrong time," said Richard Minks, publisher, "the kids, they want to hear about zombies and dirtbikes, not His justification for gravity. If I were Him I would have released It 700 years ago, you know, when people cared."

Among the defeats The Work has received, It has been banned from the shelves of Wal Mart. The executives disproved of the image of God urinating on a copy of Journey's "Departure," which graced the front cover. In addition, The Work has fallen to #29 on The New York Times' best-seller list, behind *The No Spin Zone* by Bill O'Reilly.

As of now, the stone tablature edition, which was originally agreed upon, has been cancelled. However, in an effort to increase sales, God will embark on a book tour starting in May. He was unavailable for comment.

## DIORAMA REMINDS STUDENTS OF GRADE SCHOOL

By Mr. Keane '03

(BEINECKE) Hamilton students returned from Spring break to be welcomed back by a diorama of the Beinecke Student Activities Village. Most students embraced the new decoration, but one young lady was heard to say "What the hell is this thing?"

The diorama, which increased Physical Plant's construction paper and glue stick budget by nearly \$20, reminded many students of carefree days when academic assignments were more hands-on. One history major even expressed a yearning to "dissect something".

Many in the Hamilton Community are hopeful that the diorama will pave the way for a mobile of the solar system by the Mail Center.

## Hot Topic selected as new anchor store in Sangertown

By Mr. Schwartz '02

MALL REPORTER

(NEW HARTFORD, NY) Bradlees maintained the role of the anchor store at Sangertown mall for many years. Upon declaring bankruptcy despite the booming economy in central New York, the luxurious retail space at the end of the South wing of the mall was left unoccupied. Target, described as a "luxurious K-Mart" and rumored to move in to this space has back out of its contract after realizing what it was getting itself into.

Due to constant nagging from the plethora of 14 -year old "goth kids" that frequent the mall, Hot Topic has decided to expand its store and become the premier anchor store at Sangertown. While this move in effect expands their store space by over a hundred times, Alex Rogers, manager of Hot Topic feels that he and his three other employees will be well prepared to handle the expanded space. "Once I get out of school at 2 I will devote all my afternoon to the store", Alex commented. "I even have some great ideas for new products, such as tee shirts with pot slogans on them, spiked collars, and more magnetic earrings."

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During a trial run over Spring Break, a tour of 12 High School Seniors were almost split over their opinion of the Annex, with 10 students loathing it, 1 student thinking it wasn't "that bad", and one student, 23-year old, 6 time High School Senior Mark Hander exclaiming "it's the best garage ever!" Admissions concluded the tour was a success.

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