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CAFÉ OPUS EMPLOYS

STARBUCKS-IAN STRATEGY

NEW BRANCH IN KIRKLAND DORM LOUNGE

By Mr. Robbins '05

(CLINTON, NY) Café Opus, Hamilton's specialty café which offers coffee, chai tea, and a wide assortment of other hippy shit, has opened its second branch in the first-floor lounge of the Kirkland dormitory. While Opus employees have been celebrating the launch of this new branch, community members have raised concerns as to its placement-- juxtaposed adjacent to the lounge's two vending machines.



Vending companies have feared such an action since the café began offering gummy-bears for sale. "At first, the café's original placement behind the Coca-Cola vending machine was assumed to be a coincidence, but the offering of candy and baked goods was obviously a direct attack on the neighboring machines. At that point, it was clear that Opus' mission was profit and campus domination," said Steve Delaney, Wall Street Journal.

Reporters have questioned Opus executives about the reasoning behind the bizarre placement. Barbara Welch, company CEO, offered, "we at Café Opus have nothing against the vending operators on campus." She continued, "we are merely contributing to the amount of available caffeine in the dormitory, so as to allow the residents to make noises at all hours of the night, which helps the inhabitants to continue their mission of preventing James Robbins from getting any sleep."

Upon review of Hamilton's "Strategic Plan", *The Duel Observer* has uncovered Wal-Mart's hopes to expand into the Chapel.

WEB REGISTRATION FAILS

STUDENTS SHOCKED AND SUPRISED

By Mr. Keane '03

(CLINTON, NY) The Class of 2003 awoke before 6AM Monday to discover that the debut of WebAdvisor at Hamilton was a total debacle. The new system, intended to streamline the pre-registration process, in fact registered 503 juniors for "Pain in the Ass 460".

Students were in utter disbelief for the better part of Monday. "I just can't believe that the Office of the Registrar and ITS teamed up, and something went wrong.", commented a distressed Jenny Moreland '03. Similar cries of disillusionment were heard throughout the day. Student Assembly leaders vowed to find a way to restore confidence in both the Registrar and ITS.

RES. LIFE ANNOUNCES NEW HOUSING LOTTERY

By Mr. Keane '03

HOME SWEET HOME CORESPONDANT

(MILBANK) If an effort to keep up with the Registrar's move to online registration, and Campus Safety's migration to electronic parking tickets, Res. Life and the RHC announced plans to improve the Housing Lottery, including measures designed to make it more like a "traditional lottery".

The first change students will notice is a "Scratch and Win" card that will accompany their lottery number. Students will have the option of selecting the housing option on the card, in lieu of participating in the formal lottery.

The crux of the new system is the PowerBall game being coordinated with Colgate and Utica College. This will triple students' chances of ending up in a Bundy East-like situation. Jitneys will be available.

National Gastime

An Exposé on America's Game

By {Anonymous} '03

It all began when a friend of a friend invited four friends and I to a baseball game. Little did I know that the events that transpired that day would have a profound affect on our physical health and also the atmospheric concentration of methane.

The baseball game proceeded in the venerated stadium one inning following the next. America's pastime unfolded with glorious weather, excitement, and nine innings of overeating:

- A hot dog with sauerkraut - \$4.25
- A couple 16 oz. beers - \$12.00 (each)
- Popcorn - \$4.75
- Cheesy nachos and jalapeno dip - \$6.00 (plus \$2 for extra cheese)

Eventually the time came for us to go. As we ambled to the parking lot my friends and I had to fight the loud rumbling of our stomachs that led to a shooting pain that continued into a paralyzing body cramp. A sudden volcanic effervescent rumble and crack on the leather seat led the six of us to discover that baseball was a threat on our world.

A whoosh of air from the window shifted the foul, methane-sulfuric fury of six friends expelling noxious affects of three hours of a national passtime. As we pulled up to our individual dorms we asked ourselves, is baseball (combined with overeating) making a significant contribution to global warming? Are our heroes responsible for the melting of the polar ice caps? I hope not.

ASK THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Frank,

What does Britney Spears look like from Heaven?

- Truk

Dear Truk,

That cute cat looks like an ant from up here, a blond little ant! And what's the deal with your name? That nancy-boy crap would never fly in Vegas.

- Ol' Blue Eyes

Send your questions to Frank: duel_observer@hotmail.com

ICELAND MELTS, WORLD SHRUGS

By Mr. Prior '01

(REYKJAVIK) Iceland, an island nation of almost 300,000 people, melted today, sending the population scrambling for survival. While the government of Iceland declared a national emergency, the rest of the international community seemed largely unaware it had happened. When asked about the Iceland's melting, President Bush replied, "No, my freezer is working fine."

Local residents were more stressed. Strom Husavik, a local penguin herder, was forced to seek refuge on board a local fishing boat, taking as many of his penguins as he could. "We tried to fit them all on board, bless these fishermen, but when penguins get crowded they get nervous, and so many jumped overboard and swam away. I do not think I will ever see them again," cried Strom.

Fortunately, many Icelandians were away on spring break in the warm and sunny Scottish Highlands.

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Springtime for Hamilton

(and Germany)

PHYS. PLANT, SLUTS

PREPARE FOR BENCH SEASON

By Mr. Keane '03

(MARTIN'S WAY) The return of warm weather has brought back a Hamilton tradition: sorority sisters perched on the Martin's Way benches.

Physical Plant workers have been busy readying the benches for the "on season". Chores include sanding and re-staining the planks, as well as leveling the benches. Safety concerns are present too, as black pants are known to slide easily on the seating surface.

The cool chicks have also been in training for what is widely considered to be their mating season. The books store reports an increase in sales of Virginia Slims, and other area retailers have stocked the hippest sunglasses. Senior Victoria Waters has been practicing her "I Think She Gained Weight Over Spring Break" speech for over three weeks.

Freshman Girl Totally Wearing White Before Memorial Day!

By Mr. Keane '03

CHIEF FASHION COORESPONDANT

(CLINTON, NY) Freshman Julie Holstein totally wore white Capris on Tuesday, thus committing one of the most serious fashion *faux pas* seen on campus since the Socks With Sandals Incident of '99.

Wearing white, especially white pants, has traditionally been acceptable only between Memorial and Labor Days. Nonetheless, the freshman claimed ignorance.

"What the hell was she thinking? It's things like that that kept her from getting a bid. I bet she wears black shoes with a brown belt," said a junior girl who wished to remain unnamed.

Spring Semester Checklist

Collect all 6!

- Make out with a prospective
- Smoke on Minor Field
- Use Frisbee to disturb outside class
- Realize that IM Kickball sucks
- Don't tell Freshmen about the Glen party
- Bring all Dunham furniture outside

Warm Weather = More Boobies

By Mr. Schwartz '02

(CLINTON, NY) With temperatures climbing into the high 80's throughout the week, Hamilton College has seen an unprecedented amount of skin on campus. Tank tops and tube tops are back. Freshman boys, who struggled with 7 months of winter before the arrival of the warm front, were seen walking on Martin's Way with their textbooks conveniently placed in front of their crotches. *The Duel Observer's* team of top-notch scientists has predicted with the forecast of mid 90's by next month, many women will be seen around campus topless, and perhaps even naked.

Lactose Tolerant Student Demands More Whole Milk

By Mr. Schwartz '02

(CLINTON, NY) Samantha Wright '02 hides her secret, hoping that no one will find out that this svelt 100 pound girl has an obsession with whole milk. "All of my friends drink skim. Originally I did it too because skim milk was way cooler then whole milk, but then I just felt that I really like whole milk", Samantha confessed. "Besides, they are both like 35 degrees each, so I don't know what my friends are talking about. They are both cool."

Her pleas to McEwen staff to always stock whole milk went unabated when Samantha found all the drinks empty last Thursday morning. She plans to bring charges up to the National Dairy Council.

STUDENT ORDERS LP50, NO ONE ELSE CHIPS IN

By Mr. Schwartz '02

(CLINTON, NY) Clinton's own Tony's Pizzeria, famous for its daily special of a large pie and fifty wings for some obscenely low price was ordered last Thursday night by Doug Enison '05. Unfortunately, Doug was left to front the bill himself when all of his friends were conveniently not around when the delivery took place.

"We had finished off two thirty stones in Bundy and the guys were craving some wings so I thought getting an LP50 would be a great idea. Of course, when the guy knocked on our door, none of my boys were there, and they all came back when the pizza guy left."

Upon questioning, Doug's friends gave this excuse: "Excuse? We just went next door. We always do this to Doug. He always pays and is too much of a wuss to ask us to chip in afterwards." *The Duel Observer* immediately became friends with Doug and ordered a special.

Good Cop Good Cop Routine Fails to Intimidate Suspect

By Mr. Crowley '02

MIDWEST COORESPONDANT

(SKOKIE, IL) Alleged mugger Jimmy Keefe successfully evaded local police officers' attempts to elicit a confession from him Monday night when they performed an unprecedented good cop, good cop routine.

Officer Mike Edwards explains, "I thought Gary (Edwards' partner) was going to play the bad cop, he always does. He started interrogating the perp, so I ran to the bathroom." Connors continues, "Yeah, so I'm telling this suspect that it's alright, we'll help him out if helps us out, the DA will go easy on him if talks. He's hesitant and I can tell he's thinking it over, so try and put him even more at ease with an offer of soda or coffee. That's when Mike comes bursting in the room saying, 'Gary, take it easy, you're too emotional! Let me deal with him!' Then he goes over, saying that he should ignore what I've said and listen to Mike instead."

Edwards added, "Man did I feel dumb later. I'm telling him that I'm his friend and Gary was just too worked up."

Keefe later admitted he was confused by the entire ordeal. "I was going to tell that first guy everything, but then the other cop comes in telling me that everything would be ok. I believed him, and waited for my lawyer to show up. Good thing too, my lawyer got me off of all charges on a technicality. God bless America."

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