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"Knowe Thyself, Not Be Thyself."

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Parking Violations Increase: Campus Safety to Hire Ninjas

By Mr. Keane '03

SICK OF PARKING IN NORTH LOT

(CLINTON, NY) Campus Safety announced plans to hire members of the Ninjitsu in order to reduce the frequency of parking violations. Ninjas were



eventually chosen over robots because it was determined that robots would be harder to maintain in this climate.

Director of Campus Safety Pat Engals mentioned that, in addition, "Ninjas are totally sweet. They can flip out and issue a ticket without even thinking twice about it." Students should be wary of the ninjas, as they will be hiding in the trees and bushes. For example, when a car is illegally parked in Milbank Circle and students least expect it, the ninja will flip into the air, and land on the student's car. Next, the ninja will write the ticket, place it gently under the driver's side windshield wiper, and then proceed to "flip out" while using secret ninja moves on the student.

For more information on ninjas: www.realultimatepower.net

Earthquake Disappoints; Plattsburgh Residents Eager for Death

By Mr. Cairns '05

(PLATTSBURGH, NY) A rare earthquake that measured 5.1 on the Richter scale disappointed nihilistically crippled residents of Plattsburgh last Saturday, April 20th. "It sounded to me like a huge freight train coming, a happy train, that wanted to deliver me from this hell!" area man Mike Livingstone said.

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Senior Gift Committee Presents Gift Certificate

"SCREW IT," SAYS CLASS

By Mr. Robbins '05

(CLINTON, NY) On Tuesday, May 1, 2002, the senior class had rid its collective hands with the gift-buying process upon departing the reservation window of the Sangertown Ruby Tuesday's. The Gift Committee, which obtained donations from 90% of the senior class, and \$10,000 from the Board of Trustees, transferred all funds to Heidi Belcher, the head cashier, in exchange for a large, novelty gift-certificate addressed to Hamilton College for use at any Ruby Tuesday's location.

The final decision concerning the gift rested between the gift certificate and one thousand Hamilton College t-shirts. Hartwick added, "I think the gift certificate was the best option, but at this point, no one cares." All senior's interviewed agreed.

PRESIDENT TOBIN WASTED AT SENIOR DINNER

By Mr. Schwartz

EXPERT ON SENIOR DINNERS

(12 COLLEGE HILL RD, CLINTON) Tonight, President Tobin drank too much "lemonade", and assumed the role of the one drunken individual during the Senior Dinner. Upon speaking to the invited department, President Tobin immediately became really emotional. "I think that everyone here is so great, and you guys are the best", he kept saying. Tobin added that "without you great guys I don't know how I could make it through being a professor, a President, and also having a semi-hot wife."

BOMB SQUAD EXPERT PAUSES FOR DRAMATIC EFFECT

By Mr. Crowley '02
BOMB EXPERT

(CHICAGO, ILLINOIS) After successfully neutralizing a psychotic bank robber, Chicago police called in Phil Franks after discovering there was a bomb inside the bank. Franks came in, surveyed the situation, and immediately ordered no one to move an inch. Franks tip-toed over to the bomb and proclaimed, "My God, this won't be easy." He then proceeded to take out his tools, and moved really slowly. He began examining the bomb, holding it up for everyone to see the timer that was counting down from seven minutes.

Franks then began cutting through the bomb casing. When the timer got within one minute, he cried out, "I don't know which wire to cut? Is it the green, the red or the blue?" At that point two hostages passed out and one cop vomited from fear. After seeing the effect of his words, Franks immediately explained to everyone he was just having some fun. "It wasn't a bomb at all, the robber hooked up a portable alarm clock to an empty black box in order to scare the tellers. It was a slow day, and I thought it would be funny to play around a little with a joke on everyone."

Franks said he got the idea from cop movies like *Lethal Weapon* and *Die Hard*. "You know, they always stop the things with like five seconds left. Franks is serving a two-month suspension without pay for his incident. Franks commented, "I can't believe this happened when I was only two weeks from retiring. Now I lose my pension... No, I'm just kidding. I'm only 28. I've got years to go and my pension's fine."

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What *is* that shit bolted to the Diner?

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WOMYN'S ENERGY WEEK SOLVES ENERGY CRISIS

By Mr. Keane '03

CHIEF ENERGY COORESPONDENT

(CLINTON, NY) Although event organizers had only planned on talking about "individuality" and hanging out at Café Opus, the science world was shocked to learn that Womyn's Energy Week at Hamilton College inadvertently solved our nation's long standing energy crisis.

Accounts of the event were similar to Jenn Soelgarty's: "It was so weird. We were listening to the Indigo Girls and talking about how we represented the male-dominated society in which we all will become slaves to male urges, when all of a sudden, America no longer had a dependence on foreign oil."

President George W. Bush and leaders of the nation's energy companies are scheduled for a press conference at Hamilton early next week. Scientists are still not certain about exactly what happened, but preliminary tests confirm that we will now be able to supply the entire country with pollution-free energy simply by hating men. Sources hinted that next year's event might focus on curing cancer.

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S.A. ELECTIONS TO BE DECIDED IN FLORIDA

By Mr. Keane '03

CHIEF POLITICAL COORESPONDENT

(BEINECKE) Student Assembly Elections Chair Tim Harrison announced late Wednesday that ballots for the 2002-2003 academic year were in, and that they would promptly be sent to Palm Beach, Broward, and Miami-Dade Counties, Florida, where the ballots will be "counted".

This move, though controversial, was designed to add an element of excitement to campus elections. "We're taking a hint from the national election of 2000. The best part is that even though everyone voted, we have no idea who's going to win."

A group of Student Assembly incumbents announced plans to appeal the decision, but they then switched gears in order to plan another "Snack Attack" at the Pub.

College Admits Impoverished Students to Coordinate Campus Homelessness

By Mr. Robbins '05

(CLINTON, NY) On Monday, April 30, 2002, Rich Fulter, Director of Admissions, announced plans to give preferential treatment to lower-class students in order to coordinate with the lack of housing. This announcement followed the weekend's housing lottery, which rendered many students homeless.

The Office of Admissions has begun rescinding the acceptances of many affluent students. "The last thing that I want to deal with is 400 whiny first-year students complaining that the ground is too wet," said Fulter.

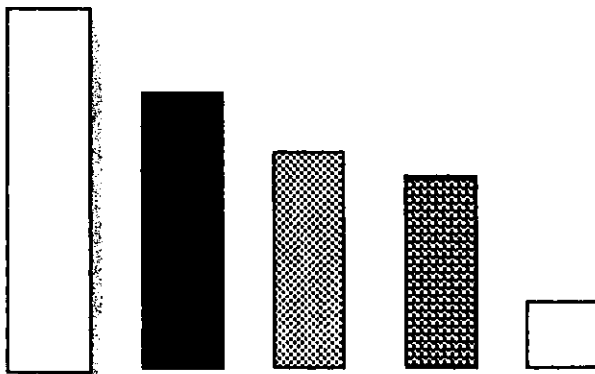
The course of action is an obvious attempt to avoid negative feedback. Homeless students would adjust better to the outdoors-life than those accustomed to shelter. In addition, to replace the rescinded international students, Admissions has initiated contact with French gypsies and the South American Guato Indians, both of which are characterized by nomadic behavior.

School officials have ensured *The Duel Observer* that enrolling homeless students is not a permanent solution. "As the class of 2006 returns from winter break, we should have plenty of igloos completed in the Glenn," Nancy Fischer, Director of Student Affairs, continued, "unless, first, they all knife fight each other to death, or whatever else it is that they do."

The Duel on the Street:

What is your favorite bar?

65%	32%	16%	13%	5%
Shadow	Filled	Checked	Bricks	VT



From *Earthquake*, page 1

The earthquake produced enough power to cave in roads, shake frames off windows, and crack plaster, but did not have enough destructive force to bring sweet death's hand to the aid of residents of Plattsburgh who wished for joyous relief from their hum drum upstate existence. "At first I was startled out of bed by the sound of my dog barking, [and] the slight shaking, but then when it ended, I felt a profound sense of futility, as I realized God had once again not answered my prayers," said Max Stilton a trucker in Connecticut, much further away from the center of the quake.

Plattsburgh Police chief Nick McTeagle said of the damages "Even with a 5.1 earthquake, it's a miracle no injuries or deaths have been reported," he continued "thank god everyone can get back to their lives now" sarcastically.

J-Board unanimous vote – All students guilty of fun

By Mr. Schwartz '02

STUDENT-WHO-HAD-TOO-MUCH-FUN-AND-WAS-FOUND-GUILTY

(CLINTON, NY) – In a surprising unanimous vote, the Judicial Board of Hamilton college convicted all students of "having too much fun", and sentenced all to ten hours of community service. Judicial Board Chair Sue Walker '03 defended her position, stating that "the school and the J-board all feel that the fun must stop. Once student's realize there's more to fun than just fun we will all better off."

The charges were brought up by Old Man Winter, who tried to stop all the students from having fun by keeping winter around until May.

Upon realization, *The Duel Observer* set out to get student's reaction to this decision. Mark Donalds, '04, cried out "why, oh why?", while Junior Kelli Retinez decided to take a more eloquent approach, saying "they may take our fun, but they'll never take our freedom!"

Web Site "Is it Hot or Not" Big Among Weather Geeks

By Mr. Schwartz '02

COMPUTER SCIENCE MAJOR

(INTERNET, WORLD WIDE WEB) – The launching of the new site www.isithotornot.com received praise from weather geeks worldwide. The site features words such as "Arizona" and "Alaska" and asks viewers to rate how hot the place is. Hamilton Geology Professor Ron Market declared that the site "ushered in a new era of weather dominated fun!" Senior concentrator Missy Ferdy '02 added her own insight, saying "[isithotornot.com](http://www.isithotornot.com) allows all us dorks to finally have an answer to which place is hottest. We've all been debating this since Adirondack Adventure." So far, the hottest place by far is "Death Valley", with "Clinton" taking up the rear.

STUDENTS DEMAND MORE PENIS JOKES IN DAILY BULL

By Mr. Keane '03

(COMMONS) Hamilton students rallied together yesterday to show their support for adding more penis jokes to the *Daily Bull*. The *Bull* has long been a mealtime staple on The Hill, but lately students are simply not willing to settle for the current level of bathroom humor. "I think it's absolutely hilarious when someone is misquoted in the 'Quote of the Day' so it sounds like they were talking about oral sex - and I know all my friends do too.", said sophomore Rick Fahkhert.

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