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## STUDENT BODY ON DIVERSITY: MEH

**Campus apathetic to social inequality**

By Mr. Leubsdorf’10

LAZY DEPT.

(HAMILTON COLLEGE) The student body expressed mass indifference over the recent debate on diversity, stating that striving for social justice was “too hard.”

“I would help, but I have so much other stuff I need to do,” Tim Brody ’10 said. “History papers, psych labs, and that freshmen girl in my French class.”

Julie Wayne ’11 said, “Tackling these issues would require a lot of rigorous self-examination, and I really don’t wanna do that, because then I’ll just become aware of how many brain cells I’ve massacred this semester.”

“I want to help make a difference, but it seems like that would take up a lot of time,” Andy Wilson ’11 explained. “And frankly, I’m pretty busy building a bong out of a Tickle-Me-Elmo.”

He added, “That Sesame Street guy was right, they ARE changing our world.”

“You see, I’m an armchair liberal,” Katie McHound ’08 explained. “I like talking about the need for social change without actually doing anything. That way, I get to feel self-satisfied without doing any work!”

Some were apathetic intentionally.

“I think all diversity programs are terrible and should be eliminated!” Conservative Henry Bold ’09 roared. “Partially because I think they’re See “But my best friend is...,” page 2

## BLOOD FEUD ERUPTS BETWEEN SPECTATOR AND CONTINENTAL

**Libel complaints, dirty words exchanged between two parties**

By Mr. Leubsdorf’10

LIKE HEARST VERSUS PULITZER, EXCEPT STUPID DEPT.

(HAMILTON COLLEGE) Simmering tensions between the two publications erupted into a full-fledged war over accusations of racism and libel.

*The continental* spokeswoman Sarah Davenport ’09 yelled, “Saying we’re racist is hurtful to our image, even more than when we actually publish issues.”

Managing Editor Jane Poles ’08 screamed, “This attack damages our recruiting and advertising efforts, which are already hard since we only appeal to the top 1% of the student body.”

“How dare Thumbs Up call us racist!” writer Julie Wayne ’11 cried. “We’re not racists, we’re elitists. There’s a *difference!*”

*The Spectator* was not conciliatory.

The TU/TD writers taunted, “We’re not afraid of them. They can’t stop us from our mission: offend everyone on campus. Also, slur Capoeira as much as possible.”

*The continental* promised vengeance against *the Spectator*.

Davenport pledged, “We’ll get our revenge, as the campus will see when we have a four page spread in our Holiday issue with my new ‘Allinger-skin’ coat.”

Students reacted harshly to the controversy. See “Klingon Blood Feuds,” page 3

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"These Muppets really understand me!" Israeli Prime Minister Olmert exclaimed. "They've taught me important life lessons, like why I should share toys and the West Bank."

"This initiative makes me very happy," Palestinian President Abbas said. "Thanks to Big Bird, now I understand the power of tolerance. Also, he promised to take huge bird dumps on Hamas."

Some countries resisted the new diplomatic offensive.

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmandinejad said, "I refuse to allow Burt and Ernie anywhere near Iran, because then my claim about there being no homosexuals in Iran will look even more ridiculous."

"The Cookie Monster devoured all my chocolate chip cookies," Iraqi Prime Minister Maliki pouted. "And then he lectured me about sharing oil between Sunnis and Shiites. He's the worst little hypocrite I've had to deal with since Paul Bremer."

The criticism hasn't stopped plans to expand the Muppets role.

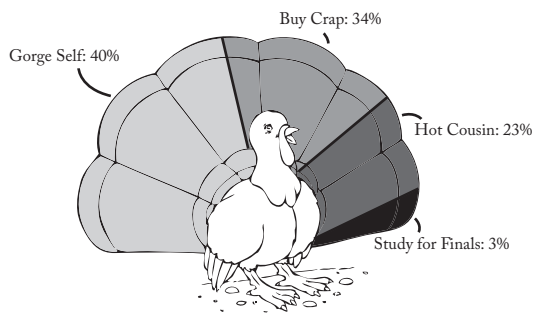
The Muppets, including new Secretary of State Henry Kiss-N-Hug, will lead a new peace conference in Maryland, where they will attempt to settle the Palestinian conflict and sing a song entitled, "Friends Share...Oil."

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Some were vocal about the need for change.

"We all need to be active in improving diversity," Aaron Page '10. "Do it because it's the right thing to do, and if that isn't reason enough do it so we'll no longer be subjected to preachy *Spec* articles."

## WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO OVER THANKSGIVING BREAK?



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## CAMPUS PREPARES FOR THANKSGIVING BREAK

Students prepare to bite their tongues when their racist relative opens their mouth

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# ZERO HOME GAMES SCHEDULED FOR WOMEN'S BEIRUT TEAM

Scheduler clearly unaware of “home court advantage” concept

By Ms. Arnold '08

WHAT'S THAT ABOUT TITLE IX? DEPT. (HAMILTON COLLEGE) After the completion of the new multi-million dollar Small Beirut Center last fall, the team completed a league-title winning season. Having hoped to continue that success, the team was surprised by the utter lack of home matches on their schedule this season.

“How is that we get only one scrimmage at home and no home games?” Women's captain Susie Lee '08 asked. “Seriously, Ballroom Dancing gets more home games than we do.”

“This is America, where winners always get top priority,” player Sarah Davenport '09 squealed. “How does a winning team get shafted? What are we now, Canada?”

The Men's team was pleased with the schedule.

“We knew this would be a rebuilding season,” Men's captain George State '08 said. “We thought playing the women in a pre-season scrimmage would raise team morale. But then they killed us. It was like a nightmarish version of a *League of our Own* come to life.”

Joe Williams '10 said, “It was so embarrassing. Losing to a bunch of girls in Beirut is like getting lower grades than a girl in science or math; it just shouldn't happen.”

John McEwen '11 moaned, “It hurts us every cup they hit, taunting us, haunting our dreams. We're happy that the administration restored gender inequality so we can sleep peacefully.”

The Administration defended the lack of

Women's home games.

Spokesman John Nitterman said, “Women's teams are doing too well. Pretty soon, they'll demand more money, and we're out of excuses for why a certain losing guys team still gets an outlandish budget. That isn't a problem if we set them up for failure.”

He added, “Don't worry, we scheduled plenty of practice time for the girl's team... in the kitchen.”

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“The joke wasn't libel, but it also wasn't funny,” Laura Bowman '10 said. “There was a million ways that point could have been better made. For example, *the continental*: more pictures of horses than ethnic minorities.”

She added, “And it's not like *the Spectator* is high quality either. Seriously, if I have to see one more breathless cover story on a Students Against Violence event, I'm going to start a students FOR violence group.”

“There's a good reason why the *Daily Bull* and *Duel Observer* are more popular,” Aaron Page '10 pondered. “At least they remember the proper target for ridicule and libel: Joan Hinde Stewart.”

## HAMILTON UPDATE: OTHER ONGOING PUBLICATION FEUDS

1. *Red Weather* versus irrelevance
2. *Daily Bull* versus coherency
3. *Spectator* versus grammar\*
4. *continental* versus black people±
5. WHCL versus massive indifference
6. *The Wag* versus superfluousness
7. *Hamiltonian* versus layout technique

\*Ongoing since 1848

± Our lawyers advised us to redact this joke, so we don't get slapped with a libel complaint. Yay censorship?

# THE DUEL OBSERVER PRESENTS: OUTSIDE THE BUBBLE NEWS

Because We're Too Hammered to Follow Current Events

## UNITED STATES

### New Hampshire

Rudy Giuliani spoke today in New Hampshire, and only managed to fit in seventeen 9/11 references in his speech, a record low. Then he offended three different minority groups while divorcing and marrying his third, fourth, and five wives.

### Iowa

Hillary Clinton's campaign was caught planting a question about global warming during a Q&A session in Iowa. When a reporter asked Clinton how she could critique Bush while using his campaign techniques, she responded by ripping off the journalist's head and swallowing it whole. There were no follow-up questions

### New York

Governor Elliot Spitzer was forced to drop his plan to allow illegal immigrants to get drivers licenses after a massive public controversy. Enraged, Spitzer exploded and destroyed Albany, *à la* Sylar in *Heroes*.

### California

Britney Spears' new album *Blackout* is a major hit, revitalizing her struggling career. To celebrate, Spears gave her children crack.

### Kansas

Please, like anything ever happens in Kansas.

## THE WORLD

### Pakistan

President Pervez Musharraf instituted marshal law and imprisoned popular former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto on Sunday, claiming that he was protecting Pakistan from terrorism. Anyone who pointed out that going after Bin Laden or the Taliban running amuck in Northern Pakistan perhaps might be a better way of fighting terrorists was shot.

### France

A million transit workers went on strike this week, while productivity stood at a standstill and people didn't work. So basically, it was like every other week in France, except the trains were late.

### Sri Lanka

A tornado or tsunami killed a bunch of people or something, but lets be honest, no one gives a shit what happens in Sri Lanka.

### Chile

A powerful 7.7 magnitude earthquake hit northern Chile, killing two and injuring a hundred. Meanwhile at Chili's there's a special limited time deal for buffalo chicken fajitas, now costing only \$11.55!

### Iraq

Yep, everyone there is still fucked.

## U.S. ANNOUNCES MUPPET DIPLOMACY INITIATIVE

**"It can't turn out worse then John Bolton"**

**Bush says**

By Ms. Stagner '09

S IS FOR SCREWED DEPT.

(WASHINGTON D.C.) Encouraged by the success of "Sesame Street," US diplomats have decided to use Muppets to help resolve crises in the Middle East.

President Bush said, "Efforts for peace have gone nowhere, mostly because of my horrific incompetence. So we've decided to use Muppets, mostly because their more human and personable then Condi Rice."

He added, "Also, who doesn't love Elmo? Maybe with him as our spokesmen they'll listen to us. And even if they don't we can use his furry little body to shield us from IEDS."

Already, the strategy is producing progress. See "1 car bomb, 2 car bombs 3...", page 3