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TOWNIE POLICE ARREST ENTIRE STUDENT BODY

**"Irreverent approach" to life cited as reason
for mass imprisonment**

By Mr. Leubsdorf '10

RONALD McDONALD HOUSE DEPT.
(HAMILTON COLLEGE) Kirkland police arrested the entire student population last week for disorderly conduct, public drunkenness, public urination, public lewdness, and 27 other alcohol related crimes.

Police Chief Harold McCrushjoy said, "We've been getting noise complaints for 195 years, and we're tired of it. We want peace and quiet for our desolate deserted poverty-stricken hellhole."

Students were shocked and displeased by the mass arrests.

Sarah Davenport '09 screamed, "OMG those police guys were so mean. They acted like I was a crack whore. I don't deserve to be treated like Lindsey Lohan, at least not yet."

She continued, "And now Daddy took away my allowance for a month. How am I supposed to afford the new *Continental* tailgating outfit?"

Darksider Miles Hugel '11 wept, "Being arrested made me feel like a My Chemical Romance song: depressed and badly written."

He added, "I'm going to listen to Regina Spektor, write poems, and cry until I can feel joy again." See "Townies have laws?," page 3

LOCAL MAN WAKES FROM SUPPOSED COMA

Maxes out 50MB e-mail storage

By Mr. Cardoni '11

WHO AM I? WHY AM I HERE? DEPT.
(HAMILTON COLLEGE) On Friday, Chris Jones '11 regained consciousness in Dunham, after what he concluded had been a coma, due to the huge amount of e-mails he had received.

"Last time I remember, I was playing Be-ruit," Jones explained. "And the next thing I know, I'm on my floor naked, and my inbox is totally full. What the hell happened to me?"

As he scrolled through 1,625 student organization e-mails, Jones reflected on how times had changed.

"Back in the old days, no one gave a crap about Scottish Country Dancing or Capoeira. Now they're flooding my inbox telling me to come to practice. I don't even know what Capoeira is!"

Upon further reading, Jones decided that he was schizophrenic.

"I'm like Edward Norton in Fight Club. Except his alter ego kicked ass, and mines seems pretty lame. Apparently, I've ballroom danced and joined five different a cappella groups, not to mention Knit Happens."

The worst, though, was yet to come.

"I missed the President's open hour!" he moaned. "That hour of waiting for Joanie to See "Dumb Freshman," page 2

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the masks, indicating that the recipients would be contacted via Hamilton's new reverse-911 system with further instructions.

"It's all pretty sketchy, right?" Anna Stein '08 pondered. "But I've got one, and they gave me this cool costume that the mask fits into!"

John Nitterman, administration spokesman, sent out a campus-wide e-mail recently, advising students who hadn't received a gas mask to call home before Wednesday.

He wrote, "It's not a big deal, but your parents would probably appreciate it, just in case. That might be important."

He hastened to add, "If you see green gas coming from the vents, don't worry, it's just... happy gas. Yeah, that sounds plausible."

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hone freshmen's mental abilities.

Julie Wayne '11, commented, "Thanks to the construction I can now function on two hours sleep and make Dean's List. The only negative side effect so far is that I now hear Joanie's voice in my head, ordering me to eliminate her enemies."

Wayne was later seen chasing squirrels through the Glen and cackling maniacally.

After seeing this, Ben Hettington '09 scoffed, "Oh well, we're just witnessing the thinning of the herd. Wait 'till Class and Charter Day. Then we'll see how tough they are."

Although some faculty expressed concern for the welfare of the students, Stewart scoffed.

She proclaimed, "The class of 2011 will be the best class we've ever seen: able to survive anything, even our winters. They should be thanking me, the pussies."

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show up was the highlight of my week. Well, at least I know about the time change."

Jones' disgusted RA, Michael Knox '10, tried to bring him back to his senses.

"Chris got in at about four this morning and passed out," Knox said. "And now he's freaking out about a 'coma' because he hasn't figured out how to use his spam filter properly. Please."

He added, "What I see are 90 juniors trying to buff up their resumes and one hung-over, dumb-as-shit freshman."

Jones however, was convinced he had been in a coma.

He said, "I'm hoping that I can catch up on recent events soon. I think the Students for Barack Obama meeting will help me figure out what's happened after I became comatose. Or at the very least, I'll find out who the hell this Barack Obama guy is."

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MY TURN

By Al Ham

The Duel is proud to introduce its new columnist, Hamilton's favorite tri-corner-batted pig, for his perspective on life and campus events.

My name is Al Ham. I come to you as a vestige of Hamilton's past and represent the hope of the College's future. I am biased and opinionated when it comes to Hamilton: a great college conceived in history and raised on the belief in what might be.

But enough of that. You need to know that Al Ham has your back. You will see me at games, fund raisers, and maybe at the next Al Gore speech (it is an inconvenient truth that we share the same first name. I had to seek a court injunction against Mr. Gore when he tried to take credit for inventing Al Ham).

You won't hear me speak in public but I have ways to let you know where I stand on the issues of the day.

You'll know when you are experiencing an Al Ham moment.

Over the coming weeks, my personal photographer will allow you to get a glimpse into the world of the Ham.

I have decided to take on a more public persona this year but have avoided the gauche reality TV trend.

You will learn some things about what makes Al Ham tick. For starters, I like long walks on the beach, Chinese food from China Sea, and gorging diner ice cream. I am a

vegetarian and an animal rights activist.

So pay attention Hamiltonians. This is your opportunity to rendezvous with sublime destiny, as facilitated by yours truly, Al Ham.

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"Sweet! Now I have major street cred from spending time in the joint," John Libby '11 delightedly squealed. "I'm going to be the 50 Cent of Darien, Connecticut!"

"I don't see why they had to arrest us," Ben Griffin '08 said. "So what if we get a little rowdy time to time. Is that really a problem? And is it really a big deal if we drunkenly trashed their town? We're rich!"

He continued, "Our trust funds give us the rights, nay the responsibility, to be inconsiderate jerks to our social inferiors."

Alumni were unimpressed with the student body's conduct.

Lee Rhodes '07 said, "Being arrested for on alcohol related charges? Please. I call that my Tuesday night."

The Administration was furious at students about the arrests.

Dean of Students Nancy Thompson snapped, "We just raised enough money to build a Student Union, and now we have to spend it on bail for 2000 people. Look, if I wanted student body composed of morons, I would work at Colgate."

She spat out, "This kind of stupid behavior is why we can't have nice things."

**FORMER DUEL OBSERVER
EDITOR ARRESTED
That's just how we roll**

STUDENTS CURIOUS ABOUT GAS MASKS DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT CAMPUS

Administration prepares for "Stage 2"

By Mr. Haluza '11

REMOVING THE CHAFF DEPT.

(HAMILTON COLLEGE) Several students have reported receiving mysterious packages in their mailboxes recently, raising suspicions among the student body.

"I was expecting to receive a care package with food from my mom, not a gas mask," Jason Moran '10 remarked. "It was weird, because I didn't think she knew about that particular fetish of mine."

However, Moran's package was not unique, as exactly one quarter of the student body also received masks.

President Joan Hinde Stewart refused to make any sort of official announcement, but said that "we've found the perfect solution to our current housing crisis."

Those who didn't get masks expressed confusion about the reasons for the mask distribution.

Alex Shaw '08 said, "I'm not trying to sound paranoid, but isn't it a tad weird that they received gas masks and the rest of us got Bibles? Either something super serious is going down, or the Republicans are feeling *really* desperate about their chances in 2008."

Tom DePaula '11, added, "I've seen a lot of construction workers hanging around the air vents. I thought about investigating, but instead I got hammered."

Also unusual was a message included with See "Administration Scheme," page 2

HAMILTON LAUNCHES FRESHMEN TRAINING PROGRAM

Latest plan an attempt to build super-students, a la Dark Angel

By Ms. Stagner '09

WHAT DOESN'T KILL THEM... DEPT.

(HAMILTON COLLEGE) In a swift move to show Hamilton's superiority over Colgate, President Joan Hinde Stewart has announced plans to make the class of '11 the best class er.

Stewart said, "we will rebuild them, and make them harder, better, faster, stronger."

"We can do it. We have the technology," she added. "But we don't want to get sued. So the KJ renovations provide us with some legal protection and a good facility for intensive physical and mental training, you know, like in the *Bourne Ultimatum*."

Darkside freshman have noticed that the difficulties caused by the construction have increased their physical prowess.

Steve Lemit '11 notes, "Following the path around the construction zone is impossible. I've learned that hopping the fence, jumping over the pit hole, zig-zagging through the orange barrels and bounding over the fence is faster."

He added, "Now I have mad agility, like a cougar. I can sneak up on someone and kill them with my legs."

The construction noise has also helped See "Project Blackthorn," page 2

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