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## STUDENTS UNENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT RETURN TO SIBERIAN WINTER

**Joy at escaping parents, needy high school exes tempered by -24° temperatures**

By Mr. Leubsdorf '10

GLOBAL WARMING IS A GOOD THING DEPT. (HAMILTON COLLEGE) Students streaming back to the Hill from warmer climates were horrified to find themselves constantly freezing yet again because of the poor weather of upstate New York.

"Oh yippie, now I have to wear four layers all the time and get frostbite when I walk to Commons," Susan Phillips '10 spat out. "I'm bubbling with excitement."

"You know what I missed in Florida?" Sam Lewis '11 said. "Horrific wind chills, constant snowfall, and ice so I can slip and hurt my back. Thanks Central New York, for giving me everything I so desperately wanted."

Darksiders were especially unenthusiastic about returning.

Julie Wayne '11 whined, "I swear they never turn the heat on here. I have to wear my coat in my room. There are gulags with better heating systems than the Darkside."

"This weather is so awful!" moped emo icon Miles Hugel '10. "I'm going to curl up into the fetal position and listen to My Chemical Romance until I can feel my extremities, which is about as likely as me feeling joy."

"All these hideous buildings really don't help  
See "Snow sucks," page 3

## SPAM WEB SITES HACK INTO HAMILTON SERVERS

**Quantity, quality of school-sponsored crap e-mails unaffected**

By Mr. Leubsdorf '10

GREAT DEALS ON TRIPS TO OMAHA! DEPT. (HAMILTON COLLEGE) The student body was shocked, appalled, and slightly aroused by the massive cyber security failure, allowing peddlers of free Viagra, iPods and horse-on-girl action to misuse Hamilton network e-mail accounts.

Harry Wagner '09 said, "I didn't notice at first, because really who reads all the e-mails? I became suspicious after the Econ department kept promising students a 'bigger and better package.'"

"I thought it was a little bizarre when the Health Center e-mailed us offering pills for longer boners," Laura Bowman '10 admitted. "But I just figured they were trying to be useful to students for once."

The spam e-mails proved extremely effective in grabbing students' attention.

Jack Burr '11 proclaimed, "I never went to a College Democrats meeting, but now that they're bringing in 'big busted horny Russian sluts' I'm definitely attending one."

"I hate all the stupid e-mails Career Center sends out," Sarah Davenport '09 said. "Like, stop sending me a million e-mails over winter break about your freaking workshops. But now that they're offering free iPhones, how can I not go?"

Some sophomores even had their upcoming choice of majors simplified.

"I never considered Philosophy as my major,"  
See "Pills for only \$3!," page 2

# ELECTION 2008 UPDATE: WELL, SOMEONE HAS TO WIN

## Iowa Caucuses

- Mike Huckabee decisively won the Republican caucuses, sweeping the evangelical vote by promising to stone heretics and ban math.
- Barack Obama was victorious on the Democratic side, mostly due to his totally original message of change, something that no other politician running for the presidency has ever used before.

## New Hampshire Primary

- Hillary Clinton came back from the edge of political defeat and won after tearing up in a diner, showing skeptical voters that cyborgs can feel emotions too.
- 71 year old John McCain won the GOP primary with the slogan “Get those damn kids off my lawn.”

## Michigan Primary

Mitt Romney is an enormous tool, and so is the state of Michigan by extension by voting for him.

## Nevada Caucuses

- Democrat John Edwards’ campaign was bankrupted after he bet all his money on the craps table. His attempt to recover his losses at black jack failed miserably.
- Ron Paul won second place on the Republican side by winning the crucial creepy Internet dork vote.

## South Carolina Primary

McCain won a surprising victory here with a campaign based on honor and human decency, rather than the traditional South Carolinian platform of race baiting backstabbing.

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Dave Pander ’10 said. “Recently though, they’ve been sending out amazing e-mails with deep metaphysical questions such as ‘Do girls like bigger schlongs?’ They have me hooked.”

The administration reacted quickly to the crisis.

Spokesman John Nitterman said, “We’ll address this by creating an inefficient security program that screws up things that work and doesn’t solve anything—just like the new version of MyHamilton.”

He added, “While the large amount of penis enlargement spam mail was incredibly embarrassing, there is a brightside to the situation. Just ask the freshmen girls.”

## STUDENT BODY RECEIVES NEW ‘HILL CARD’

**It’s exactly like the old card, except blue and full of false promises**

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# STUDENT DISCOVERS TEEN PREGNANCY ISN'T LIKE QUIRKY ROMANTIC COMEDY

## Hit movie raises false expectations about pregnancy

By Ms. Ryder '11

REAL LIFE DEPT.

(HAMILTON COLLEGE) Jenna McDonald '11 was surprised this week when her pregnancy test turned pink, indicating that, in medical parlance, she was “knocked up.”

“I threw up for three days straight. I thought it was just a killer hangover,” she recalled through gulps of Sunny D. “I got a test at the drugstore and it sucked. The cashier was neither quirky nor clever. He just asked for \$10.75 and told me the bathroom was for employees only.”

Her expectations about pregnancy, however, were somewhat unrealistic.

“Yeah, that damn movie gave me false hope,” she lamented. “Like, seriously, I sat for hours on end waiting for the witty comments to come out of my mouth.”

“Also, I’m pissed that the father isn’t cute and awkward like Michael Cera. He’s just awkward. God, why did I sleep with him? Oh right, we were drunk during that pre-finals week power outage. Thanks a lot, physical plant.”

Like the movie character, McDonald also considered abortion before adoption.

“Instead of one pathetic looking girl holding up a sign, I had a torch-wielding, angry mob of pro-lifers screaming that I was a murdering whore. I gave up before I got in the parking lot.”

Her parents did not react well

“I don’t get it,” her father conceded. “We pay 46 grand a year for Jenna to go to school, and she doesn’t have the brains to use the free condoms?”

It’s not like she goes to Colgate.”

However, McDonald expressed optimism about the future.

“Sure, I’ll be pushing a baby as big as a watermelon out of a hole the size of a walnut, but the baby’s gonna be cute and happy with the adopted family, and we’ll live happily ever after. Right?... RIGHT?!”

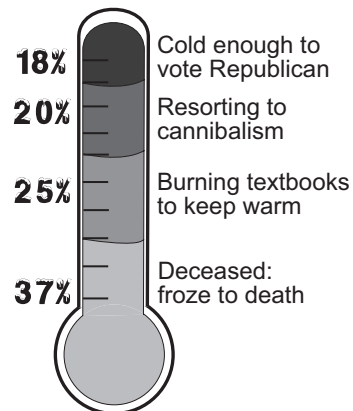
Continued from “Snow sucks,” page 1 with seasonal affective disorder,” Danny Taub ’08 said. “They’re more depressing than the Fridays I spend in my room watching *Star Trek IV* and intermixing masturbation with sobbing.”

Some saw reason for optimism.

“Aw man, now I have to spend the next two months trapped in Babbitt, drinking to keep warm and hanging out with my suitemates all the time,” Harry Wagner ’09 said. “Wait, actually that sounds pretty sweet. What the hell am I complaining about?”

“Sure it’s freezing cold and snowing all the time,” Jane Li ’09 admitted. “But that’s just part of Hamilton life, like Keystone and blinding hatred of Aaron Burr. So if you don’t like it, transfer to Sissyville University, aka Wesleyan.”

## HOW COLD ARE YOU?



# OUTSIDE-THE-BUBBLE NEWS

Goddamn it's cold

## THE WORLD

### Serbia

Nationalist hardliner Tomislav Nikolic led in the first round of the presidential election, because there's nothing the Balkans need more than another horrific nationalistic genocide.

### Pakistan

President Musharraf is touring the West to regain support for his embattled regime. Not murdering the last hope for democracy in Pakistan (Benazir Bhutto) probably would have been a better way to do that.

### Kenya

The next time some Europeans complain about Iraq, remind them that, while we messed up a country, they totally fucked up an entire continent.

## THE UNITED STATES

### Kansas City

A former right wing Republican congressman was indicted last week as part of an Al Qaeda terrorist fundraising ring. Ah, sweet delicious irony.

### Los Angeles

Jamie Lynn Spears didn't use birth control because it is a "sin," and she's not getting an abortion because that's a "sin" too. Seriously, she was knocked up by a dude out of wedlock. Would one more tiny condom-sized sin really have been a big deal?

### New York

The New York Giants stunned the Green Bay Packers and made it to the Super Bowl, where they will lose once Eli Manning reverts to his usual suckiness.

## THE DUEL OBSERVER PRESENTS: A GUIDE TO INTERNET LAUGHTER

*There are many textual expressions that convey face-to-face elements such as laughter. Phrases like "lol" have many implicit meanings, but what are they? The Duel Observer has your guide.*

Lol: It's rare that we actually laugh out loud alone. Even when you watch something funny, do you chuckle the same way you would if you watched it with other people? Usually it's more awkward than miniature golfing alone.

Instead, "lol" has a more figurative meaning. It communicates "That's funny" but in the broadest sense of the word. Think of "lol" as a fail-safe or great filler, like huge-ass NFL sideline reporter Tony "Goose" Siragusa.

Haha: Remember this is an onomatopoeia, and then look at how hard it is to spell. "Haha" actually represents the sound made while laughing, which makes it unique as it represents a sincere form of Internet laughter. People that snort, for example, don't write "snort snort," which reads less like laughter and more like the signature sound of a Pokémon.

"Haha" also can soften the blow of a heavy statement. For example:

"I deserved to be socked in the face haha"

"It's not going to stop snowing until April haha."

"I'm pregnant haha."

Ha: This is as flat as it looks. "Ha" indicates you didn't find something funny and furthermore you found it annoying or offensive. Don't pull this one out unless you are seriously not amused, like Joan Hinde Stewart at a Streaking Team meeting.

There are other expressions such as "lmao" (laughing my ass off), "lmfao" (laughing my fucking ass off), "rofl" (rolling on the floor laughing), "roflmfao" (rolling on the floor laughing my fucking ass off), and "lshimp" (laughing so hard I shit my pants). Okay, I made that last one up. But the majority of Internet laughter is variations of "lol" and "haha." Using anything else would make you a real dork. (lol).

By Mr. Yarnell '10