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HAMILTON'S ADMISSION OFFICE ACKNOWLEDGES "LOOKS-AWARE" POLICY

"We're suckers for tight abs," Admission officials admit

By Ms. Waxman '11

JUST LIKE LIVING IN AN ABERCROMBIE CATALOG DEPT. (HAMILTON COLLEGE) The Office of Admission revealed this week that in addition to good grades, SAT scores, extracurriculars, and writing samples, a candidate's looks are a crucial piece of the admissions puzzle.

"We are committed to choosing the best students," a statement issued by the Office of Admission admitted. "The best applicants are well endowed, both intellectually *and* physically."

Admission officials confirmed long-standing rumors circulating around campus that the College primarily targets the hottest students from Boston and New York.

Spokesman John Nitterman claimed, "We have to live up to our school's definition on UrbanDictionary.com as an 'incredibly kick-ass college that has been molding some of the brightest and most sexually appealing Americans.'"

Nitterman explained that interviews are strongly recommended so that admission officers can get a good look at applicants.

As one Admission official, who asked to remain anonymous, put it, "When I see that a candidate has not done an interview, that says to me that this student is too ugly to show his face."

Admission intern Harry Wagner '09 said, "When I interview candidates, I ask myself a few See "Bias for sexy," page 2

STUDENT BODY DEMANDS CAMPUS MOVE TO FLORIDA

Paul Lieberstein cancellation "last straw"

By Ms. Ryder '11

STUPID ICE STORMS DEPT.

(HAMILTON COLLEGE) Anger reigned across campus last Wednesday because of an ice storm which led to the cancellation of an anticipated lecture by *The Office* star Paul Lieberstein '89.

"What do you mean it's cancelled?!" Jen Wallace '10 cried. "I thought FebFest was supposed to improve my morale, not crush it."

"This hurts more than my mother's inability to understand my existential pain," Darksider Miles Hugel '10 agreed. "It stung more than the razors I used after hearing the news."

Campus activists demanded action.

"We demand the campus moves to Miami," Katie McHound '08 shouted through a megaphone. "Our need to occasionally feel our extremities outweighs my distaste for unsexy old men in Speedos."

"Moving is the safest and best choice," Mandy Levin '11 added. "Seriously, the worst thing that could happen to us in Miami is heat stroke, voter disenfranchisement, or the aftereffects of Cuban cuisine."

The Administration reacted poorly.

"There is a correlation between frequent cold weather and *US News* rankings," spokesman John Nitterman squealed. "Look at Carleton. It's consistently in the top three, and it's -40° there all the time. Although it's easier to keep your yields down when 40% of the freshmen class dies of frostbite."

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EDITORIAL RESPONSE: JIM BEAM TOOK YOUR DIGNITY, NOT ME



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By a 3 Year Old Day-care Child
The recent Spec editorial whining about living near the Day-care Center made me so upset that I soiled myself. After crying and watching a particularly engrossing episode of Sponge Bob, I decided to respond.

What really pissed me off about it is that the writer doesn't realize how obnoxious college students can be. You might be saying to yourself, "Aww, but they're only cute teenagers—they don't know better."

Look, when drunk screaming college students wake you up every Friday at 2 AM as they stumble home from the Rok you will understand. When your playground is littered with beer cans because they're so self-absorbed they don't realize that there are other people in the world, you will understand.

I'm sorry the writer is so upset about being woken up when we arrive at day care at 7:30AM. I would ask to be dropped off later, but my mother has to go to work at 8 on campus to clean up your friends' vomit. I'm really sorry my mom has to work 12 hour days here in order to pay for health care, which means that you get mildly inconvenienced. Can you ever forgive me?

And I'm sorry that you were asked to be quiet in your dorm. I realize that it's really such a trial to be quiet from 8 to 5 on weekdays, when you have so many important things you need to do in your room, like chatting loudly with your BFFs or watching Maury. Being forced to delay blaring Spice Girls songs must be so hard, I feel your pain.

I understand that my peers can sometimes be whiny, immature, and obnoxious publicly. But we're little kids; we're supposed to act like that. I have one question for the writer of the editorial: What's your excuse?

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important questions: Is this candidate qualified, what will they add to our community, and would I hook-up with this person at a Bundy party?"

When decision letters go out and the flood of phone calls come in from perplexed waitlistees, Hamilton's admission officials stand by their "looks-aware" policy.

"It's hard to explain to distressed guidance counselors and parents that these applicants have above-par applications and qualifications, but sub-par looks," said Nitterman. "Instead, we tell them that Colgate is a better fit for them."

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HAMPOLL: APATHY CRUSHES ALL PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES COMBINED

Majority of student body “don’t give a shit” about 2008

By Mr. Leubsdorf’10

52% DEPT.

(HAMILTON COLLEGE) The latest survey showed students overwhelmingly favoring apathy for the 2008 Presidential elections, garnering 74%, compared to 20% for Barack Obama, 4% for John McCain, and -87% for Hillary Clinton.

HamPoll attributed apathy’s high numbers to extreme alcohol consumption that “reduces intellectual curiosity about everything except boobies” and the scheduling of primary election results during the same time bloc as American Idol.

Students were defensive about the poll’s findings.

Julie Wayne ’11 said, “I don’t vote because politicians don’t represent my needs, and they don’t represent my needs because I don’t vote. Like, vicious cycle, duh!”

“Why should I care who the next president is?” Ben Griffin ’08 asked. “What has the government done for me lately, besides give me student loans and freedom? You know, those tiny unimportant things.”

The candidates had differing responses.

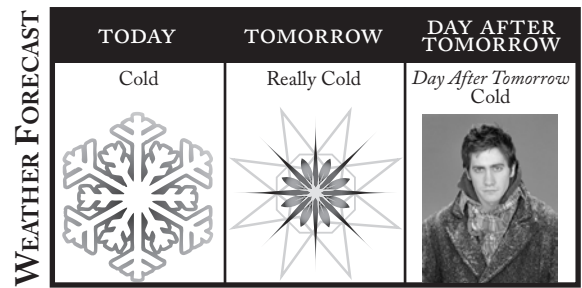
John McCain reiterated his goal of building the younger generation’s character “the same way mine was built: through discipline, moral guidance, and a long quagmire in a foreign land with no exit strategy.”

On a more inspirational note, Barack Obama said, “My campaign will engage young voters by inspiring them with hope for the future. Or if that fails, give them free booze, whatever works.”

Some students had a different take.

“Of course most students aren’t engaged,” Aaron Page ’10 said. “Why should they be? Every election is a choice between the lesser of two evils, and candidates more intent on slurring each other than the issues. Maybe this year will be different, but who knows.”

He sighed, “Being apathetic must be nice. At least then one avoids being constantly disappointed.”



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“This is a terrible idea!” President Joan Hinde Stewart snapped. “Just look at Miami University, with their non-stop partying, and ridiculously successful football program. It’s out of the question, and that’s that.”

She folded her arms and pouted. “Now stop complaining, because we won’t listen until you’re alumni donating ridiculous amounts of money.”

It was left to Dean of Students Nancy Thompson to lay down the law.

“Aww, Toby cancelled, you poor rich white people. You know, there are some people that would love to have that as their problem. So shut up and get back to boozing.”

She tactfully added, “Bitches.”

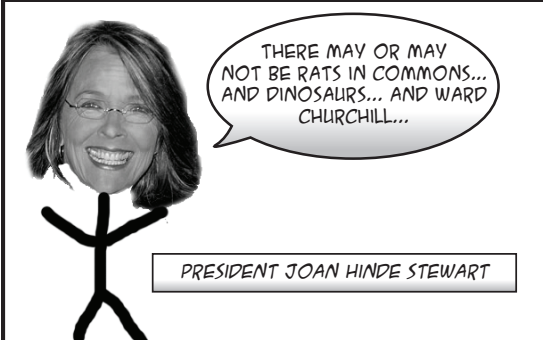
INDIE BAND THE NATIONAL COMES TO HAMILTON

Concert attended mostly by Cornell hipsters

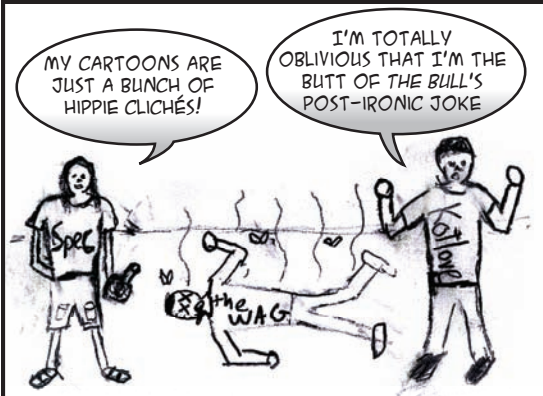
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THE STUDENT BODY DEMANDED A CARTOON TO
MOCK THE ADMINISTRATION'S LATEST BLUNDER...



OTHER HAMILTON PUBLICATIONS WEREN'T UP TO
THE TASK...



LUCKILY, ONE PUBLICATION WAS...



THE DUEL OBSERVER: HAMILTON'S FAVORITE
PUBLICATION... BY DEFAULT

OUTSIDE-THE-BUBBLE NEWS

It's too cold to think of something witty
for this subhead

THE WORLD

Kosovo

This renegade former province of Serbia declared independence on Sunday. Angered Serbians responded by saying, "We don't want you anyway" and claiming the clothes Kosovo was wearing made it look fat.

Pakistan

Opposition groups crushed President Musharraf's party in recent parliamentary elections. Musharraf showed his acceptance of the democratic elections by waiting five minutes before assassinating opposition leaders.

Cuba

Fidel Castro stepped down as Cuba's president and was replaced by his brother Raul. Before resigning, Fidel gave Raul Indian burns and a wedge, just to remind him who's boss.

THE UNITED STATES

Houston

Former President George H.W. Bush endorsed John McCain this week, solidifying McCain's support among the old white dudes bloc and killing support from everyone under the age of 70.

Wisconsin

- Hillary Clinton's campaign accused Barack Obama of plagiarizing some lines from one of his supporters, Governor Deval Patrick. Apparently, it's not ok to use similar phrases, but it is ok to claim credit for someone else's administration.
- In other news, Hillary is SO screwed.

Kansas

What's the matter with Kansas? It's fucking boring, that's what's the matter with Kansas.

New York

Lindsay Lohan posed in a series of nude photos for New York magazine as an homage to Marilyn Monroe, which is ironic because Lindsay Lohan's career is as dead as Marilyn Monroe.