

FRIDAY FIVE: MOST UNNECESSARY EMAILS OF THE SUMMER

By Mr. Yarnell '10

5. *From: Joan Hinde Stewart*
Subject: Amethyst Initiative

Joanie joins 125 colleges in signing the initiative that does NOT advocate lowering the drinking age, "but rather asks for informed debate about the effectiveness of a law that is now a quarter century old." Either way, the drinking age at Hamilton will remain 17.

4. *From: Fitness Center*
Subject: Summer Pilates. Why not?

Because I'm not on campus, and to me, Pilates sounds like an entree at the Olive Garden.

3. *From: All Campus General Announcement List*
Subject: Severe Weather Message

A news flash about shitty weather at Hamilton? That's about as obvious as China's female gymnasts being 10 years old.

2. *From: Physical Plant*
Subject: Bee swarm @ ELS

This would become the best email of the summer if Nicholas Cage showed up near ELS screaming "OH, NO! NOT THE BEES! NOT THE BEES! THEY'RE IN MY EYES!! AAAAHHHHH!"

1. *From: Physical Plant*
Subject: Summer Construction Update

Pretty soon, Physical Plant will send me an email every time they take a huge dump. Lookin' forward to it.

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LOOKING FOR NEW WRITERS
Join to get line on resume, laid

EXCERPT: U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGES RANKINGS 2009, #10-20

10. University of Phoenix Online
11. Clown College of Middleton, CT
12. Three Way Tie, Indistinguishable Hippie Schools
15. Middle-of-a-Corn-Field College (Iowa)
16. Academy for Future Wars With Iran
17. Southern Dandy College
18. Colgate "University"
19. Katy Perry College
20. Hamilton College

Hamilton College (Last Year, 17)

Hamilton has many qualities that merit the highest regard. They have great academics, a beautiful campus, high alumni donation rates, bootylicious students, and a President who has an eerie resemblance to Diane Keaton.

However, we decided to drop Hamilton's ranking three spots for several reasons. One was the new KJ Addition. While we usually cream ourselves each time a college renovates or builds something new, it lacks many of the new amenities that our top colleges have built, such as massage parlors and death lasers that can blow up planets.

Another factor was bribery. Colleges usually give us amazing bribes, whether it be Williams' financial generosity or Wesleyan's weird yet enthralling short films featuring love stories between transgender pirates from the future.

Hamilton's bribe this year was pathetic: a fruit basket and a card. If they wanted to play with the big boys, they should've sent a serious gift, like money or a large cake with a stripper inside.

But the primary reason was simple: pure arbitrariness. Let's be honest; the methodology for this list is 1/3 statistical manipulation, and 2/3 bullshit. Occasionally, we like to mix things up on our top twenty list just for shits and giggles. So if someone gets fired because of our rankings, so much the better for our egos.

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DESPERATE SENIORS BEGIN YEAR OF RESUME FLUFFING Career Center reports dangerous shortage of CRE among Class of 2009

By Mr. Leubsdorf '10

STUDENT ASSEMBLY DEPT.

(HAMILTON COLLEGE) Seniors are scrambling to polish their academic and extracurricular credentials, trying to boost their chances of finding a job or getting into grad school after college, or at least avoiding living in their parents' basement.

"I slacked off until now," Susie Goldberg '09 admitted. "I realized this year that I am totally unprepared to find a job. I have no CRE, as I've spent the last three summers boozing and working the early shift at Hannaford's."

"What should I put down for extracurricular activities on my resume?" Brian Hugel '09 wondered. "My main extracurricular activities are smoking pot and playing Mario Galaxy. I'm not sure where those would fit on a resume."

Despite the panic, some remained confident

"Some say people join frats to buy friends, but really we didn't buy friends," Blake Winchester '09 explained. "We bought into a network of elite connections that will help us get top jobs. Yay perpetuating inequitable class structures!"

"I have qualifications that will attract any grad school," Jane Silverstein '09 said. "I made Dean's List once and co-founded the Pokeman Club. Harvard Law, here I come."

Student Activities reported a spike in new clubs, most founded by seniors.
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KJ ADDITION COMPLETE Vaguely ominous building has many cool, unnecessary features

By Mr. Haluza '11

IS THAT COPPER? DEPT.

(HAMILTON COLLEGE) Once an eyesore and obstruction for students and faculty, the recently completed KJ Addition is now open and eagerly awaiting visitors.

Described on the Hamilton website as functioning as "both a center for the humanities and a badass-looking building," the new KJ includes such features as a water park with a 400-foot waterfall, a flying glass elevator, and a petting zoo.

Opinions towards the new KJ were mixed.

"I'm pleased the inside of the addition defies the Darkside's general architectural motif of buttfugliness," Aaron Page '10 said. "And a lot of the stuff in it is long overdue. But some of it is just unnecessary, and you know that someday a drunk fratboy will fall into that waterfall, pass out, and drown."

Some had positive words for the building.

Bill Jourgenson '11 said, "The new KJ just has this fascinating sort of mystery about it. Like is it my exorbitant tuition that's paying for that gold-plated fountain of Capoeira blood, or is it just my dad's donations? Or is the Administration just big Thumbs Up fans?"

The Administration has described the new KJ as a way to bring Hamilton together, and keep it that way.

"After our drop in the *US News* rankings, we need to bring Hamilton out of its beer-soaked abyss more than ever!" a frantic President Joan Hinde See "Joanie's chocolate factory," page 2

VARSIITY BEIRUT TEAM PREPARES FOR REBUILDING SEASON

Team alcohol tolerance at worrisome Colgate student level

By Ms. Ryder '11

“DRY” WEEK DEPT.

(HAMILTON COLLEGE) After losing phenom Matt Grady '12 to a lucrative contract in the European Beirut Association and having two starters graduate, the top ten ranked Hamilton Beirut team returned a week early to start their intense training camp.

“The days get pretty long,” new team captain Ben Warner '09 panted. “Beer miles at sunrise, followed by 15-cup with Keystone Ice really breaks you down.”

David Barr '11 agreed, “We’ve been double fisting till our arms fall off. This training camp is making me feel like a soft freshman all over again, but it’s all worth it to make it back to the playoffs.”

There is, however, a hint of promise in this year’s recruiting class. Star recruit Mao Wei '12, training in drinking games since age 4, won three gold medals for China at the Drinking Games World Cup in Berlin this past summer.

“I’m most excited about hanging up a Jonas Brothers poster in my room.” Mao said through an Asian Studies translator. “But I’m concerned about living across the hall from girls. My cootie shot isn’t up to date.”

Mao Wei’s impossibly boyish looks have sparked some debate amongst rival collegiate coaches, but Coach Dan London reassured the community.

“Trust me, Wei is not underage,” London

said. “Seriously, its not like Hamilton institutions have a history of abetting underage drinking. Mao will make a seamless transition to our style of play, as he can pound back a 40 like it’s going somewhere.”

Team captain Warner remains optimistic despite a tough schedule, as it faces fifth-ranked Cortland State on the road next weekend.

“It’s a cupcake compared to the rest of the season,” Warner said. “But I can guarantee that we will win or, like an ATX girl at a Bundy party, get obscenely wasted trying.”

Continued from “Joanie’s chocolate factory,” page 1 Stewart exclaimed. “This new building is just what we need! Actually, no, it isn’t. Damn it...But you’ll never catch me alive Board of Trustees!”

Cackling madly, President Stewart ran into KJ’s glass elevator, and launched it into orbit around Minor.

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STUDENTS TERRIFIED BY PARENTS’ USE OF FACEBOOK

Children mortified that parents have more Facebook friends

By Ms. Stagner '09

THE EVILS OF TECHNOLOGY DEPT.

(HAMILTON COLLEGE) Now that the formerly college-oriented Facebook is open to anyone, people from every generation are taking advantage of the social network, including parents trying to keep track of their children at college.

“Man, that friend request from Mom was the most awkward thing ever,” Steve Luzinas '10 admitted. “Especially when I didn’t accept it.”

“Dad went through and friended all of my high school friends,” Brett Zon '12 said. “But what’s even worse is that Mom now talks to my girlfriend daily and they exchange Growing Gifts.”

Parents’ profiles have also become a source of unwanted information.

“I’m sorry, but I never wanted to know that Dad’s AIM screenname is PimpMaster45,” Sarah Davenport '09 said. “It was bad enough that Dad listed his interests as ‘getting hot with Betty,’ which is awkward because my mom’s name is Michelle.”

However, some fear that the Facebook population is out of control.

“My Grandma is on Facebook,” Candace Haden '11 said. “Which is fine, except for the seven wall-posts she leaves everyday asking if I’ve seen her dentures, and event invitations to her Senior Citizen group meetings.”

Some students are using preemptive strategies.

“It took me 4 days,” Luke Varen '09 sighed. “But I managed to Photoshop all of the pictures with me holding a beer so that it looks like I’m holding a Bible.”

“I decided to set up a decoy profile,” Beth

Bushell '12 said. “Really, it’s just easier on everyone this way.”

Parents were oblivious to the pain they were causing their children.

“I love Facebook,” Sarah Henry P'09 said. “I can see what my little Joey is up to. It’s nice to keep in touch somehow, since he doesn’t call home very often. However, I don’t understand why he is so obsessed with the capital of Lebanon.”

OUTSIDE-THE-BUBBLE NEWS

Denver, CO

- Barack Obama selected Senator Joe Biden (D-DE) to be his running man, shattering the glass ceiling for dudes with hideous hair plugs.
- Barack Obama’s acceptance speech for the Democratic nomination yesterday in front of 75,000 supporters was delayed when Hilary Clinton jumped on stage and started to give her acceptance speech.

Phoenix, AZ

- John McCain continued a twenty-state trip to visit all of his houses, a goal he hopes to achieve by Election Day.
- Meanwhile, McCain’s campaign continued his celebrity line of attack against Obama, comparing him to celebrities such as Bob Saget, Fran Drescher, and Kathy Griffin.

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“Employers love it when you show you care,” Jake Simmons '09 said. “So I formed a club dedicated to raising awareness about the situation in Georgia called GGFB, for Give Georgia a Fucking Break”

When asked why Georgia, he responded, “First the Michael Vick thing, then the Braves collapse and now Russia invades? Everybody needs to cut Georgia some slack.”

Others had a nuanced perspective.

“I shouldn’t worry,” Ann Lewis '09 stated. “It’s not like I’m an Art History major, and therefore doomed to unemployment. But just in case, I’ll add fluff to my resume by writing for *The Duel Observer*.”