

OUTSIDE-THE-BUBBLE NEWS

The taste of real news but without the calories

USA! USA! USA!

Wilmington, Delaware

A video supposedly showing Vice President Joe Biden's daughter Ashley snorting cocaine was shown to New York Post reporters. Upon hearing the news, several Hamilton frats offered Ms. Biden party invites.

New York, NY

Congress reacted to the scandal about AIG executives receiving bonuses drawn from federal bailout funds by tying the executives to stakes and burning them to death.

Austin, Texas

Texas will vote whether to require creationism be taught in the state's public school system, part of a larger plan to keep confirming the stereotype that Texas is a state of whackjobs.

THE WIDER WORLD (FATTIES)

Lilongwe, Malawi

Madonna went to Malawi this week to adopt her second baby from the poverty-ravaged African country. The star pledged to legally adopt the entire country by 2012.

London, Britain

British police identified 200 children as potential terrorists. Police suspected the children of engaging in acts of terrorism such as placing cherry bombs in their school's toilets, giving wedgies to suspected narks, and plotting to unleash a "massive" dootie bomb.

Cape Town, South Africa

South Africa banned the Dalai Lama from attending a peace conference during the 2010 World Soccer Cup in an attempt to placate China. South Africa also promised to place tortured dissidents in Chinese officials' hotel rooms to make them feel more at home.

Kabul, Afghanistan

The Obama Administration announced a new strategy for handle resurgent Taliban forces by creating an enormous force of killer robots to hunt them down, ala Cylons in *Battlestar Galactica*.

TWITTER STRIKES HAMILTON COLLEGE

Twitter n. – Other shit I don't need on my computer

By Mr. Zappala '12

@TOOLSFORSTALKERS DEPT.

(BLOGOSPHERE) In recent weeks the campus has become plagued by the epidemic known as Twitter. Starting as a trend on the Hill by self-styled media mogul Eric Kuhn, the sickness eventually spread to most of the student population on campus.

"This spring break was fantastic thanks to Twitter," Marshall Williams '09 said. "I got to sit at home for two weeks and read who was doing who, on what beach, and in which Caribbean Island. Thanks technology!"

"I just can't stop twittering," Lara Karbowski '12. "I twitter about 45 times a day, sometimes writing my status as: 'Lara is twittering.' It's just so exhilarating! I get a better high from twittering than doing crystal meth in the Chem lab."

The disease has gone so far as to infect the upper echelon of news media, bringing down high-class publications such as *The Daily Bull* and *Afternoon Delight*.

"I'm so glad *Afternoon Delight* has a Twitter," Joseph Sanchez '10 commented. "Now there is finally a place online to read dirty off color jokes. I don't know how I survived before."

"You've got to be kidding me with this *Daily Bull* feed," Sanjay Elwood '11 added. "What? Killing trees wasn't enough for you people, you need to suck up my bandwidth so I can't download terabytes of porn off Limewire too?"

Finally, the virus spread to the Administration.

"What's wrong with Twitter?" Acting President Joe Urgo defended. "I figure that since Open Hour is a massive failure I'd slum it with the students on the Internet. Check out my Facebook when you get a chance. Great pics of me from Rocky Horror."

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NUMBER OF CAMPUS VIGILANTE SUPERHEROES ON THE RISE

Smallville, Monsters vs. Aliens to blame

By Ms. Ryder '11

WOMAN, WHERE'S MY SUPER SUIT? DEPT.

(HAMILTON COLLEGE) Students dissatisfied with Campus Safety's response to crime are taking matters into their own hands. Acting as students by day and superheroes at their earliest convenience, the campus vigilantes are making their presence known.

Jack Higgins '09 is tracking the heroes for his thesis, and he shared some of his research with *The Duel Observer*.

"The Incredible Nagger was one of the first ones to surface," Higgins stated. "She's really quite amazing. She'll nag the shit out of wrongdoers until they run away faster than Richard Simmons from a straight bar."

"I've seen the Nagger in action, she's relentless," Emily Duncan '11 recalled with excitement. "Some guy tried to run off with my MacBook in the library, and she ripped him a new one. She kept going on about how he needed a job to learn the meaning of a dollar and that he needed to call his mother more often."

"Then there's Captain Solvent. He has humble roots that parallel most comic book heroes," Higgins '09 added. "After an organic chemistry lab experiment gone horribly wrong, this hero's hands were permanently covered in solvent. He uses his powers to dissolve superfluous parking tickets."

"Other heroes decided to team up. Light-side/Darkside is a unique crime-fighting duo," See "Repairman man man!" pg. 3

TUITION RAISE SMALLEST IN 42 YEARS

Another attempt to diversify the campus

By Ms. Borowitz '11

CA-CHING DEPT.

(HAMILTON COLLEGE) The cost of tuition at Hamilton has always been expensive. Fortunately, next year's tuition, although still higher than last year, will mark the smallest percentage increase in 42 years. As a result, the upcoming Hamilton population will be only slightly more elitist than it was last year.

Hamilton students were disappointed when they heard the news.

"This isn't going to be good," Meryl Weatherberry '11 said. "I was really hoping for more elitism. I was going to write up a petition that makes emerald-encrusted yoga mats and solid gold tampons necessities at the bookstore...but oh well, once we're out of the recession I'm sure Hamilton will stop trying to help out those who don't have corporate CEOs for parents."

"Losers," Weatherberry sneered.

"Being superior is the only thing I'm good at," Carlisle Grafton '09 observed. "I'm not good at school, I'm not that athletic, I have no job prospects, and even though JuicyCampus.com was shut down, everyone still knows I'm bad at oral sex. So what else do I have going for me?"

Other students are willing to cut corners to assimilate.

"I'm planning on cutting back a bit on my monetary superiority," Bunny Van Dorren '12 stated. "Also, to blend in better with the poorer See "Still better than Colgate," pg. 3

LOCAL MAN SURRENDERS TO GIRLFRIEND'S PRESSURE TO GET ENGAGED

Friends mourn loss

By Ms. Sauerhaft '12

WHITE WEDDING DEPT.

(HAMILTON COLLEGE) The recent search for the snatch ruined the carefree lifestyle of local man Ben Anderson '10 as he succumbed to the demands of his girlfriend for an engagement ring.

Anderson's new fiancé, Sarah Leeber '11, bragged about her success.

"We're engaged! There will be flowers, doves, fireworks, piglets, elephants, sparklers, champagne, whips, a full orchestra, leather..." Leeber '11 prattled on.

Anderson, however, is still in shock.

"It's been two years. Just two years. I thought she was kidding when she said she wanted a son with my ears. Like a cute pillow talk joke," the recently emasculated Anderson whispered while hiding from Leeber. "I'm not supposed to get married yet. I haven't even begotten any bastard children that I don't know about!"

His friend, David Sanders '09, shared his eulogy for Anderson.

"I was keeping this bottle of gin for when he died," Sanders said. "But I guess this could be the same thing. He is coming home to the same woman night after night now."

Sanders proceeded to burst into tears for the loss of his bro and consume the bottle of gin.

Meanwhile, Leeber continued her plans for the wedding.

"...diamonds, streamers, alligators, lace, garters, swans, matching mullets, and ooh! A portrait of us hanging above the dance floor," she added.

"I wish I'd known sooner that withholding sex would get me a ring. Otherwise I never would have agreed to that night in Chuch E. Cheese's. Those strippers cost me a fortune."

Andersen's current, but soon to be former, roommate, Rich Neemzie '10, shared his melancholy.

"Why? Why?! It's college, we are not even supposed to be monogamous for more than a few weeks, let alone a lifetime! What are they going to do? Live in a Kirkland loft for their first year together as the Andersons?" Neemzie cried. "This sucks. Instead of couples, why don't we pull a *Big Love* and just marry everyone? Or least all the underclass girls?"

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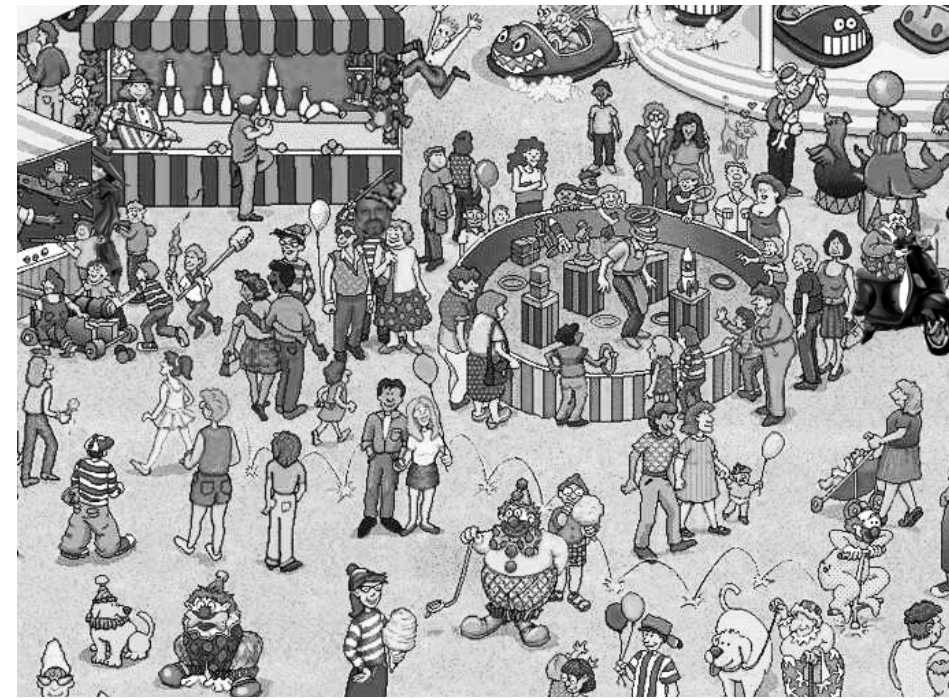
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 students I am just going to wear an oversized sapphire necklace that once belonged to Princess Diana rather than my 15 karat diamond ring."

"I mean, isn't that what we're already trying to do?" Sarah Davenport '09 questioned. "Why else would I wear designer flannel shirts and ray-bans other than in an attempt to look stylishly hip and equilateral? Even though I am so totally superior."

Other students are thinking of transferring. "I chose Hamilton because it *was* expensive," Nolan Bottomtrumpton '10 said. "Now my only choice is to spend my senior year somewhere I can brag about a little more rightfully. You'd be surprised at how much respect the Bottomtrumpton name can get you."

"And by respect, I mean Zac Efron."

DUEL DOES IT IN THE DARK
Don't lock your door...unless you want to play hard-to-get *wink*

THE DUEL'S CAMPUS SEARCH FOR:

JOANIE!



URGO!



URGO'S TRUSTY SCOOTER!



Continued from "Repairman man man!" pg. 1
 Higgins '09 elucidated. "Their confusing tactics are described as combining 'extreme bro-ing out' with bad slam poetry. This dynamic duo works best against ridding the campus of townies."

Campus Safety is still trying to figure out how to stop the vigilantes.

"We're surprised how organized they are," Campus Safety Officer Carlton Townsend remarked. "From what I hear they've formed their own alliance, which included a blood oath to never reveal their alter-egos. Mind you, that's strictly hearsay."

The superheroes admit that they have formed their own society.

"It wasn't easy coming up with a name," Captain Solvent confirmed. "Apparently all the good ones are taken, so we settled on forming a Greek society."

Solvent then struck a pose and proclaimed, "Fear not, Hamilton College, where crime hides, Pi Alpha Lambda seeks!"