

OUTSIDE-THE-BUBBLE NEWS

The taste of real news, but without the calories

THE UNITED STATES

Los Angeles, California

Upon finding out that ex-girlfriend Samantha Ronson may be placing a restraining order on her, Lindsay Lohan has entered a state of emotional disaster. Those close to her report that she has only been able to quote lines from one of the twins in *The Parent Trap*.

Washington, D.C.

Kal Penn leaves *House MD* for a white house post. As per his contract, Obama must follow him around with a cane and belittle him every chance he gets.

New York, New York

To kick off his campaign for a third term, Mayor Bloomberg has spent \$3 million to release two commercials detailing his plan to fight the economic crisis. Within the commercials, he suggests careful spending to insure stimulation of the economy before inviting people to roll in his giant bed of cash.

THE WIDE WORLD

Capetown, South Africa

A study abroad student (surprisingly, *not* Will Leubsdorf) placed an online ad for himself, looking to attract young African ladies. When safety issues were brought up, he also inserted an ad for purchasing condoms in bulk. The Catholic Church was sad.

Pyongyang, North Korea

Despite the U.S. suggesting that the supposed missile launch failed, North Korea reports their space test was a success. They also reported that Kim-Jong-Il shot a perfect eighteen holes of golf for the fifth time this week.

Paris, France

The French have now officially completed facial transplants on all features of the human face, and therefore claim to be able to do a full transplant. Joanie, tired of being confused with Diane Keaton, decided to use the technology to trade faces with Oprah.

Moscow, Russia

This message has been removed by Prime Minister Vladimir Putin and his non-KGB associates.

FRIDAY FIVE:

TOP STORIES OF THIS YEAR'S NCAA TOURNAMENT

By Mr. Yarnell '10

5. During a win over Syracuse in the Elite Eight, Oklahoma's Blake Griffin hit his head on the backboard while going up for a dunk. No one (myself included), can decide whether this was impressive, hilarious, or both.
4. UNC star Ty Lawson's big toe gets the most media attention of any one person's particular body part since Bill Clinton's dick rose to fame in the mid 90's.
3. Scottie Reynolds hit the buzzer-beating shot of the tournament for Villanova in a huge win over #1 seeded Pitt. A thrilling ending that wouldn't have happened if seconds before, 'Nova hadn't thrown an inbounds pass that was so retarded, Barack Obama thought he was watching the Special Olympics.
2. The University of Connecticut is accused of excessively wooing a recruit, tainting their run to the Final Four with scandal. On an unrelated note, Will Leubsdorf secures his staff's commitment with frequent, all-expenses paid trips to Chuck E. Cheese's.
1. The North Carolina Tar Heels won the national championship, leaving no doubt about their dominance when healthy. The question remains, however, as to what a "tar heel" actually is. Unfortunately for us, even Wikipedia does not know.

G-ROAD CLOSED FOR C&C Slip & Slides to be moved into chapel, with slogan: "Slidin' towards Jesus!"

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SESAME STREET'S COUNT VON COUNT TO SPEAK AT COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY All Funds Squandered on Jon Stewart

By Ms. Mintzer '09 and Ms. Stagner '09

TRANSYLVANIAN BUREAU DEPT.

(HAMILTON COLLEGE) This week the Administration officially announced that the Commencement Speaker for 2009 would be Count von Count. As the world's foremost expert at counting in one digit numbers, the Count moved to *Sesame Street* in the 1970s after a brief and unsuccessful stint as a Mathematics professor at Harvard.

The Administration explained their choice.

"After spending all of our Excelsior Campaign money on Jon Stewart, Hamilton is fiscally drained," said Nancy Thompson. "Besides, we figured that the blow the seniors will receive by being forced into the 'real world' would be somewhat softened if it came from a beloved childhood vampire puppet."

"That, and Brown already got dibs on Grover," Thompson added.

Students eagerly anticipate his speech and advice.

"Dude, the Count is a total pimp!" exclaimed Alex Shannon '09. "That cape and hairdo scream playah, so besides listing off Elmo's former 'playmates,' he's totally going to give us important life lessons about picking up chicks."

See "Big Bird to sing at Cabaret," pg. 3

COLGATE SENDS GIANT PIÑATA AS PEACE OFFERING Chaos Ensues, Candy Goes Uneaten

By Ms. Stagner '09

WHERE'S THE CREAM FILLING? DEPT. (HAMILTON COLLEGE) In a recent attempt to unite the two colleges, Colgate students sent Hamilton a giant piñata.

"We figured that it was time to put the past behind us," Charlie DeLaurier C'09 elucidated. "We've been rivals for Allah knows how long, so a bunch of us decided to send Hamilton a giant piñata."

DeLaurier added, "We're aware that there isn't a lot of use for a piñata that big, so we filled it with Keystone Light, eight sets of twins (six female, two male), and a bunch of Reese's peanut-butter cups."

Students had mixed reactions to the colorful papier maché horse.

"Dude! That's hilarious!"

Dave Slover '10 exclaimed.

"Von, twoo, three, hello ladies."

(chicks dig a Transylvanian accent)

"The piñata operates as a parody of the Trojan horse and as a satire of the over-generalized stereotype of Mexican culture!"

"The giant piñata was an incredibly insensitive 'gift,'" Sarah Raleigh '09 stated. "It trivializes Mexican culture and heritage, reducing the country to a child's birthday game."

Students and faculty were unable to see eye to eye on this issue, and the heavily debated topic was See "Fracas, ruckus, and locusts ensue," pg. 3



HAMILTON BEIRUT TEAM BEGINS TRAINING FOR CLASS & CHARTER DAY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Team moral increases, grades decrease

By Ms. Borowitz '11

LIFE SPORTS DEPT.

(HAMILTON COLLEGE) With the end of the semester just around the corner, Hamilton's Beirut team, the only sports team at Hamilton to actually make it into Division 1, has begun preparing for the biggest event of the semester: Class and Charter Day.

"It's a lot harder than it looks," Beirut team captain Jake Branmore '09 said. "We train our players to get the balls into the cups no matter what the distraction—be it a foot-long sub, a poster of Abi Titmuss, or naked freshmen boys—oops, I mean...boobies."

New members on the team are excited for the playoff.

"This is really invigorating. It makes me feel so athletic drinking alone on Tuesday nights, and the best part is that there's no such thing as dry season," George Cardell '10 observed. "Granted my grades are going down faster than a freshman girl on a senior at a Bundy party, but in both cases it's just a phase. I think."

One of the recent developments and strategies of the team is the addition of women.

"I don't face much discrimination while I'm playing Beirut with the guys," Julia Krazki '12 stated. "We always play the way bros do...when I do a good job, they slap my ass and sometimes motorboat me. That's normal, right?"

Branmore says his biggest challenge this Class and Charter Day will be learning to scream loud enough to intimidate his opponents.

"Whenever a call is not clear, the only thing

you can do is yell really loudly," Branmore observed. "Sometimes you need to cry. You've got to just put 110% in and go for it. And if that means whimpering and falling to your knees, so be it."

However, Branmore has not considered the threat of germ warfare as others apparently have.

"Last year I caught smallpox from Beirut," Jason Hoken '10 recollected. "It was brutal for me, but a genius stroke by the other team. Touché."

He later added, "If anyone asks, that's also how I got gonorrhea, crabs, Hepatitis B, herpies, genital warts, and a sinus infection...that wasn't in my nose. Not from that time at Papa Urgo's House of Pimpin'."

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HOUSING LOTTERY LOOMS

Upperclassmen and underclassmen friendships up 46.8%

By Ms. Ryder '11

BUNDY STILL INEVITABLE DEPT.

(HAMILTON COLLEGE) As the housing lottery menacingly awaits students, freshmen are already taking action to ensure a dormitory with four solid walls and a roof rather than the newly listed Root Glen tent and North Lot van.

"I'll do anything to stay up on the Hill," Jeremy Harris '12 lamented. "I got one group of juniors to pull me into a suite, but now I have to be their 'dirty, dirty sex slave' and do all the cooking."

"If I wanted this kind of abuse, I would've just pledged and got it over with," Alissa Carter '12 stated. "So I backed out of my deal with a junior, and now I pray every night to Jesus, Buddha, and Neil Patrick Harris that I don't get a single tucked in the darkest corner of Major."

Some rising sophomores preferred to remain delusional about housing.

"I keep hearing about a magical land called 'Bundy' where Bros run wild and free," Scott Pinkerton '12 mused. "So I totally suckered another rising sophomore into pulling me. I think it's the start of a beautiful friendship."

Still, others are hoping to get by on their own.

"Sure, my number kind of sucks, I mean, I didn't even think there were 506 people in our class," Andy Wharton '12 commented. "But that doesn't mean I'm going to live in the halfway house next year, right?"

Wharton added, "Joanie? Need a roomie?"

The Administration, however, reacted positively to the union of under- and upperclassmen.

"Really, I think it's great," John Nitterman exclaimed with delight. "We usually don't see this kind of harmony until we're well into Class and Charter Day."

Continued from "Fracas, ruckus, and locusts ensue," pg. 1 discussed in e-mails, surveys, faculty meetings, and classrooms. The campus began to turn on each other.

"I received 461 sombreros and maracas through campus mail with notes asking me 'how I liked my Mexican culture now, punta,'" Michael Wickham '11 said. "Even worse was the fact that they made me pay for all of it, plus the overnight delivery."

Finally, a resolution between the two groups came about.

"We realized two things," Lara Kraft '09 stated. "First, that fighting amongst ourselves was a waste of time when we could join our forces together to target Colgate, and second, that by working together we could actually, you know, help to inform the campus of the different heritages of Hamilton students. That will bring us closer together as one community—something that we should have thought of in the first place."

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"I've always been a huge fan of the Count, and I think he, if anyone, can solve the economic crisis," said Sandra Dillon '09. "With his superior counting skills I'm shocked that Obama did not make him treasurer. Then again, Obama probably doesn't need to see the number of the day be 1.7 trillion every day."

The college will bestow an honorary degree on the Count and three additional honorary degrees. One for soon to be ex-President of Colgate Rebecca Chopp in honor of her decision to leave the toothpaste factory, and one each for Bo Burnham and Tina Fey for obvious reasons.

The Count elaborated on the details of his speech.

"I vill talk about ze life zat I have had on *Ze-same Ztreet* and more importantly, how to get zere," said the Count. "Zen I will flash ze 'number of ze day' on ze projector screen above ze podium- it will be zero, representing ze number of seniors who will have ze jobs after zey graduate! Ah-ah-ah-ah!"