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HAMILTON CULTURE WARS! (Because who doesn't love the 90s?)



AFTERNOON DELIGHT WAGES WAR ON RELEVANCY And Knit Happens' cookie supply

By Mr. Charman '13

BASIC STANDARDS DEPT.

(COMMONS) A "unique outlet for original humor," better known as *Afternoon Delight*, made its semester debut last Tuesday. By lunch most copies wound up in the trash because, let's be honest, if you take a jab at Marge, people get pissed.

"I thought this was a writing college," confused reader Sarah Lee '13 remarked. "*Afternoon Delight* is akin to the comedic styling of Bob Saget: loud, offensive racket that doesn't really involve anything funnier than the word 'fuck.'"

"I don't understand how that abomination is allowed to be published, much less given money from the school," Jimmy Anderson '11 said. "Although it's better than *The Duel Observer's* annual 'let's take a lot of unnecessary cheap shots at another publication' ritual.



Dunce hats: the only good use for *Afternoon Delight*

"At least now *Afternoon Delight* can join *The Daily Bull*, *The Spectator*, and *The Continental* in the 'Abused by *The Duel* Facebook group."

The remaining copies were most often spotted in the back pockets of male Clinton Middle School students, right next to their month-old pack of Camel Lights.

The History Department, with notoriously high standards for writing, was especially upset.

"Based on their first three issues, they automatically fail the next three history courses any of them plan on taking," Professor Tom Keller fumed. "When the Founding Fathers crafted the First Amendment, they did it under the assumption that American values would never sink so low."

Despite the almost universal critique, *Afternoon Delight* pledged to move forward.

"We have a lot of good stuff lined up," an anonymous contributor explained. "We have a special on how to properly club a baby seal, a section on the Rainbow Alliance and auto detailing, and a piece I'm really looking forward to where we individually insult every Administrator who has the power to shut us down."

SA PRESIDENT ACCUSED OF BEING A COLGATE STUDENT

"Colgathers" rumors almost as absurd as the outdoor skating rink

By Mr. Sinton '13

BIRTHER DEPT.

(GLEN BECK'S BRAIN) This year, without Juicy Campus to spread sexy slanders, the Hamilton grapevine is ripe with rumors that Student Assembly President Amy Goldstein '11 is actually a Colgate student.

The alleged source of the rumor was noted flibbertigibbet Samantha Cattrall '11.

"Have you ever had a class with her?" Cattrall questioned. "I have, but as far as we know, she just goes to one class and pretends to be a student to screw with us. The professor who gave her a higher grade than me was clearly in on her fraud."

Unable to find Goldstein's matriculation records or any other hard documents, Cattrall's rumors remain unfounded.

However, due to Goldstein's strange ability to get things done in a timely fashion and radical ideas of progress, many scared students still cling to the lie.

"She's like the Babe-raham Lincoln to the SA's usual collective James Brochanan-esqueness," Isaiah Hopkins '10 elucidated. "This rumor finally gives us a chance to knock that top hat right off!"

Alex Bhutani '12 expressed joy at the rumor's existence. "Regardless of its validity, it gives us something to talk about other than sexism and hate crimes which, lets be honest, have gotten a little passé at this point."

President Goldstein defended herself.

"It's calumny, I say, utter calumny. This derogation of my character is repugnant. I am a woman of good repute and I won't stand for this slander besmirching my good name! Besmirching I say! Did you get that, that's what I say, I say!" she cried before putting down her thesaurus and removing her powdered wig.

"If you want the truth," she added. "I rejected Colgate a long time ago. Have you been there? It's like everything wrong with the Lightside on horse steroids."



Goldstein shows her true colors

CAMPUS PROTESTS DIK FOR CAUSING ANOTHER INVITE PROTEST

DIK response: "female equality is still an unproven phenomena, like global warming"

By Mr. Zappala '12

AGAIN, REALLY? DEPT.

(HEARTS AND MINDS) Delta Iota Kappa's controversial invitations for the "Women Are Objects" party have brought the DIKs to full blown war with Nancy Thompson, the Womyn's Center, and most of all, students who want "at least one goddamn semester without a massive controversy."

"It's gotten just a bit out of hand," Jessie McGee '13 pointed out. "The e-mails have gotten so over-



whelming I needed to direct anything with the phrases 'social equality,' and 'the poster probably shouldn't have had candy corn spilling out of there' to the spam folder."

"This could be a constructive moment," Danielle Morris '11 suggested. "However, that would depend on one certain group of students actually understanding its the 21st Century and women have rights now, and for another group to be willing to listen, accepting that people are flawed and make mistakes. Unfortunately—"

Ms. Morris comments were abruptly silenced by someone taping a "person" label over her mouth.

Meanwhile, Student Assembly has been working on a solution.

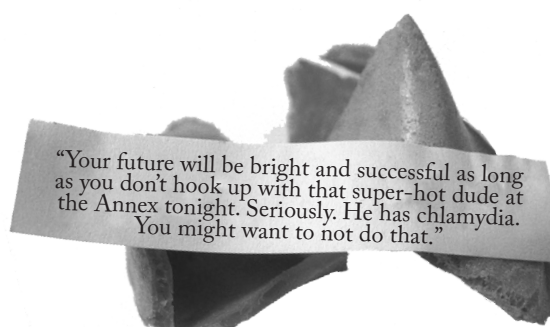
"We planned to revoke their party privileges," one SA representative explained. "But since the social space lottery screwed them and every other Greek already, our work was already done. Enjoy all those parties in Bundy!"

The latest round of protests have even caused the Administration to lose its everlasting patience.

"I'm going to scream if I have to go to one more seven hour meeting," spokesman John Nitterman complained. "Write one more heartfelt apology, or have my day interrupted by—ahem...a fine, wonderful, intellectual, strongly opinionated, and obviously correct activist. Yesiree, bob, I love my job."

CHARLIE MOOD FORECAST	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	Happy	Hammered	Angry
	No work, high possibility of attaining weeeeed	Milbank crawl, mixture of Utica Club and Taylor Swift	Hungover, 80% chance of fight with bro posse

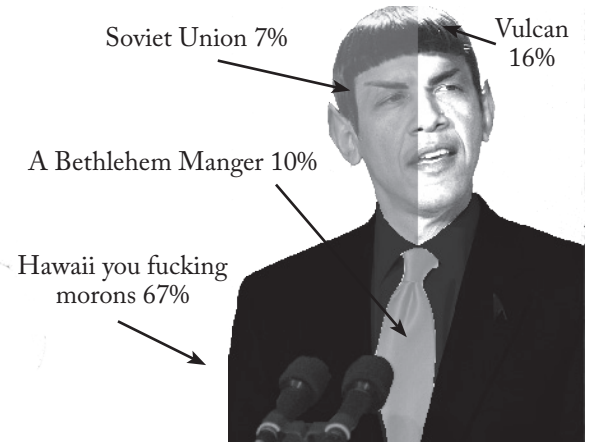
CHINA SEA[®] REJECTED FORTUNES



"Your future will be bright and successful as long as you don't hook up with that super-hot dude at the Annex tonight. Seriously. He has chlamydia. You might want to not do that."

By Ms. Tomkin '12

WHERE WAS OBAMA BORN?





ASK JOANIE!

MR. '13
By Mr. Grebey '12

Dear President Stewart,

Like many others, I have found some of the recent party invitations offensive. I demand to know what you and the Administration are doing to change our culture of cock.

- Peggy M. Sanders '10

Dear Peggy,

I can assure you that we are doing everything we can to make womyn and all other minorities feel safe on campus. Why else would I have Dean Thompson send out vaguely worded e-mails that do not even describe the offense or the offenders? We're also working on a number of programs through the CEC, including forums on name-calling and how to share building blocks.

In addition, you should know that the school has a very strict screening process for party invitations. Greeks are required to roll two dice to determine whether or not their party theme will start a protest. Nine and above, they're in the clear, but if they hit snake eyes, it's guaranteed to spark a candlelit vigil. In this way, we can adequately prepare to scold them into useless e-mail apologies and false promises of more sensitive behavior.

- Joanie

This was not written by President Stewart, nor does it represent her views... or does it?

PARKING LOTTERY PROCEDURES

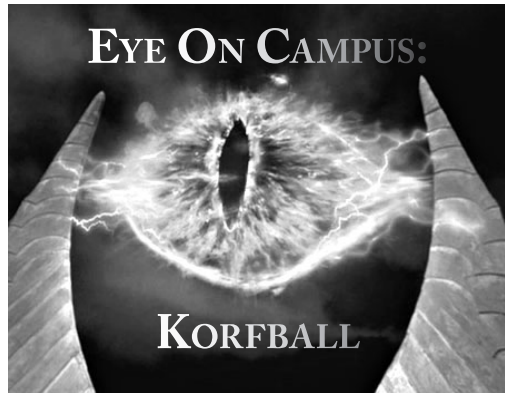
By Ms. Ryder '11

Due to the tremendous outcry over the new parking space system which climaxed in the Campus Safety office burning to the ground, a new lottery will be taking place. Follow **Tonight's Bundy party theme: The Duel's** guidelines, and your racist towards Mayans? days in Root Extension will be long gone!



1. Go to Hamilton.edu/college/safety.
2. Click on "New lottery" then "Form 3Z8QXy."
3. Eat 43 hot dogs in 9 minutes or less.
4. Enter the secret password to print your form.
5. Mud wrestle 3 alligators (using crocodiles is strictly prohibited, and all offenders will automatically be placed in North Lot).
6. Recite the alphabet backwards to the tune of "My Humps."
7. Climb the temple and assemble the Silver Monkey.
8. Slay the vicious dragon of Charles "Chaz" Covington '34.
9. Return the form to Campus Safety, and solve the desk clerk's riddle.
10. Get placed in North Lot anyway, sucka!

INDESIGN CRASH ADDS 5 HOURS TO DUEL LAYOUT MEETING
Enraged editors take out frustration and angst on *Afternoon Delight*



By Mr. Hess '13

The recent introduction of the provocatively titled "Korfball" to Hamilton has led to a massive rise in popularity for the sport. Korfball's Wikipedia page received record traffic while Google's for Korfball hit a record one-day high of 14.

Korfball is a non-contact sport involving players attempting to throw a soccerball through the korf, the Dutch word for "awkward-looking hoop thing-a-ma-bob."

The game requires at least one man and woman to be on the court, although guarding of a player of the opposite sex is strictly forbidden.

Jamie Watson '13 didn't mind the gender separation, stating "At least in Korfball, when women try to stay away from me, I know it's not because of the smell of goat feet."

Despite "Korfever" spreading across campus like a dry-run of swine flu, Korfball, referred to as netball by 90% of the rest of the world, has drawn criticism.

"I've petitioned for four years for Hamilton to introduce handball with no luck," Brit Vandrex '10 complained. "It took some freshman 2 days to get full funding for a 'braadwoorst' stall and an alpine horn band."

Dean Nancy Thompson defended the decision, "We take pride in sponsoring new activities and student passions, no matter how weird they are. That's why we keep giving money to fund *The Daily Bull*."

POINTS ARITHMETIC

By Mr. Mahmud '11

Scenario 1:

You're an underage sophomore at a Bundy party. The line to the urinal is long. You really gotta pee and figure the protein in urine is good for plant life. You can't stop mid-stream when Campus Po rolls up...

Open Container = 1

Under 21 Possession = 2

Lewd Behavior = 1-6 (minors could be present, so 4)

Failure to comply with college official = 1-4 (if he/she hasn't been laid in a while we're looking at 4)

11 points. Peeing outside of a school-sponsored party while cuddling precious Keystone. The end result? Expulsion, transfer to Union.

Scenario 2:

So you've just turned 21. You're excited, and go out to buy handles of vodka, gin and rum. It's a Tuesday night so you go to bed early. On your way back from the bathroom Campus Po claims to smell "dope" in the hallway and you're the only person there. They search your room...

Marijuana Use = 3-6 (let's say 4 to be safe - they did, after all, smell it, very precisely noting your dry mouth and red eyes, and also correctly deducing that sleep deprivation and drying mouthwash had nothing to do with it)

Violation of bulk alcohol policy = 2-6 (we'll go for 4 as you're three times over the allowed amount)

Bonus Points = 3 (cause you know, it's "hard" alcohol)

11 points. Tough break. Don't worry, I'm sure your many hours at the OCC will help you explain to gramps why, instead of joining the Peace Corps and changing the world, you're working at Wal-Mart.

Scenario 3:

For our freshmen readers: what's worse, streaking or violating the weapons policy?

You guessed it. Hide your dingles and take out them #&@%ing guns! Long live Hamilton!

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