

# THE DUEL OBSERVER

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“Knowe Thyself, Not Be Thyself.”

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## NOTHING SIGNIFICANT HAPPENED THIS WEEK! (But we did something creative: gray boxes. Check it.)

### HAMILTON ALUM APPOINTED BY OBAMA AS “SECRETARY OF KEEPING IT REAL”

Appointee promises crackdown on lameness  
By Ms. Ryder '11

BRO CZAR DEPT.  
(WHITE HOUSE)  
President Obama held a press conference this week



to announce the first major shake-up his administration has faced thus far, naming long-time bro Charles “Chaz” Covington IV '02 the new Secretary of Keeping It Real.

“Tensions in Washington are out of control, and as a result we can't pass key priorities,” Press Secretary Robert Gibbs explained. “Secretary Covington's mandate is simple: get everyone to chill the fuck out.”

Covington had an interesting college career, to say the least. His senior thesis, titled “The Sega Dreamcast, and Why it Will Live Forever” helped him rise to the top of his graduating class. As President of DIK, he established the now infamous “Women are Objects” party, and made the popped collar the prepster icon it is today.

“Not many people realize the power this position holds,” Government Professor David Palmer explained. “Almost every single trend in American government, from powdered wigs to the infamous Congressional office suite crawl, can be traced back to this position.”

But it won't be all fun and wigs for Covington. “He will also be responsible for enforcing ‘Man Law’ policies across the country. They can vary quite a bit state to state,” Palmer added. “Especially after the recent Supreme Court case *Brahs v. the Commonwealth of Massachusetts*.”

The campus was electric after the news broke. “Ohmigod, it's about time,” Jenny Sather '10 said. “The gridlock in Washington is hurting our country, and Chaz will help bring change we can believe in. Also, he'll hopefully insert a weed legalization clause in the health care bill.”

“I hate to say this, but, WE TOLD YOU SO!!!” Career Center representative James Benson exclaimed. “Do you think he got to the White House by turning in his resume two semesters too late? No, he got it through his daddy's connections. God bless Hamilton, and god bless America.”

### NEW ELS TO HAVE McDONALDS, SIX FLAGS, APPLEBEE'S Additional Starbucks stand to open in every dorm

By Mr. Grebey '12

I'M LOVIN' IT DEPT.

(ELS) Students had mixed reactions to the announcement that the new ELS will host a variety of new franchises, including McDonalds, Six Flags, and Hooters that will compete with existing institutions such as the Diner, Events Barn, and the Annex bathroom.

“With the economy in the state it is we realized this would be a great source of income,” President Joan Hinde Stewart said. “That and I blew through a lot of money during my sabbatical. Did you know pot is legal in Amsterdam?”

The new additions will have special Hamilton themed offerings such as the McHamilton Shake that comes with two shots and four points, and Six Flag's Curve Theory roller coaster, which may surpass Dunham as the most vomit-filled place on campus.



#### The Duel Explains... Curve Theory

*Freshmen End:* Girls are being pursued by hordes of sketchy upperclassmen, while boys remain untouched because they're icky.

*Senior End:* The guys realize they have an advantage on most dudes here because they no longer have acne, while the ladies stay out of the dating pool after realizing the limits of the available male population.

“These big companies are going to drive Hamilton traditions out of business,” Jessica Tintle '10 complained.

“How can the random assortment of trinkets around Opus compete with the familiar corporate atmosphere of Starbucks? Seriously, do you realize how many yuppie spawn go here? Opus is doomed.”

“I hate the rampant commercialism and consumerism,” an angry Dick Redding '11 said. “Hamilton has become a corporate whor- errr... empowered woman who I deeply respect and would never ever denigrate.”

Still, some students are excited about the new additions.

“It's about time we got in on commercializing ourselves!” Thomas Hunt '13 said. “After all, Colgate's named after toothpaste and we're named after what, one of the founding fathers? Lame.”

“Having all this stuff makes downtown Clinton, New Hartford and the rest of the world completely obsolete,” an excited Tina Smith '12 remarked. “We have no reason to ever leave the bubble again. Thank you home-delivery Tex-Mex.”

### JUNIORS STUDYING ABROAD MISS HAMILTON

But not the continuous silly controversies

By Mr. Leubsdorf '10

SKYPE SEX DEPT.

(THE WORLD) Juniors spending the semester abroad in exotic foreign locales ranging from the heart of Africa to the bars of London reported missing living inside the bubble, preferring to be a “big fish in a really really tiny pond.”



Morons

“It's so hard to stay in contact with everyone; parents, friends, and that guy I hooked up with once freshmen year,” Carolyn Phillips '11 emailed. “The cost of postcards forced me to drop a few of my friends, but most of them are losers anyway.”

“The internet service in Peru is terrible!” Kevin Wong '11 complained. “They charge me so much more for downloading videos. I'm not sure how much longer

I can last without new man-on-unicorn porn.”

“I was a big deal; *Duel* writer, TKE bro, and President of the Save Belgium from Starving Coalition,” Jason Lee '11 said. “People knew me. Parisians just think I'm just another dumbass American. God, I miss that claustrophobic incest-pit otherwise known as Hamilton.”

Others felt culture shock.

“It's strange and different being in the minority,” Connie Eden '11 reported from China. “Even if I wanted to, I could never exercise my white privilege like I could at Hamilton. Although I think I've forgotten how to use it.”

“When I was socially irresponsible at Hamilton, the worst thing that would happen is that I would be EMT'd,” Ethan Mars '11 said. “If I'm socially irresponsible in Budapest, I get robbed for my wallet and possibly my kidneys.”

Almost all thought it was worthwhile.

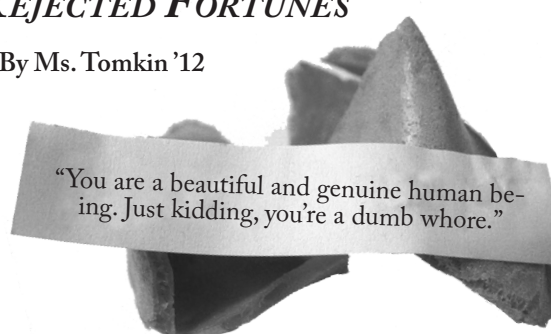
“This has been a great experience,” Kevin Farrell '11 said. “Living in Botswana has changed how I look at the world for the better. At the same time, I look forward to not worrying about getting terrifying diarrhea each time I eat something.”

“Although, to be fair,” he continued. “Commons is not that much better.”

### In this issue: Not our best work!

#### CHINA SEA<sup>©</sup> REJECTED FORTUNES

By Ms. Tomkin '12



“You are a beautiful and genuine human being. Just kidding, you're a dumb whore.”

#### JACKASS TAKES TWO SPOTS



See “Fueling stereotypes,” pg. 177

#### PAPER GRADE FORECAST

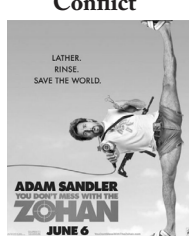
ENGLISH 201 HISTORY 123 GOVERNMENT 101

Clenched Rage: An Analysis of *Equus*



“Ideas: A-  
Structure: A  
Your Booty: A+++”

History of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict



“Everyone here is fucking crazy” is an accurate, but blunt thesis. B”



“This was literally a napkin with a drawing on it. C-”

## POLLUTANTS WEEK SCHEDULE

Compiled by Mr. Charman '13

### MONDAY, SEPT 28

Nice and Easy Sells Half-Off Cartons of Lucky Strikes

10 am-2 pm, Commons Dining Hall

There will be food (Big Macs, deep fried Twinkies and Keystone Light)

### TUESDAY, SEPT 29

Environmental Devastation Themed Trivia Night  
8 pm, the Pub

Come dressed as your favorite Captain Planet villain!

### WEDNESDAY, SEPT 30

Movie Night: *Thank You For Smoking*  
9 pm, Science Center Auditorium

Co-sponsored by Joe Camel

### THURSDAY, OCT 1

Guest Lecture by Ship Captain Joseph Hazelwood, of *Exxon Valdez* Fame  
7:30 pm, Dunham

### FRIDAY, OCT 2

All-Campus Party: 'Wet Hot American Exploitation of Limited Natural Resources'  
10 pm, Bundy Dining Hall

## HAMILTON HOROSCOPES

By Mr. Robinson '12 and Mr. Hess '13

### Staff Seers

#### Libra

This weekend, you will watch or participate in a game of beer pong and fail miserably at hooking up with any of the girls who look even remotely sober. This weekend will be like every other weekend.

#### Scorpio

The squirrels are after you this week, and no amount of Nerf firepower will save you.

#### Sagittarius

Your long distance relationship is going to be a rock to you in these confusing times.

A big rock, tied to your feet. Have fun.

#### Capricorn

You will accomplish less work than you intended to this week. YouTube and stalking Joe Urgo on Facebook are to blame.

#### Aquarius

The planets are saying it is your turn to get lucky. This weekend, your roommate will vomit somewhere other than your bed.

#### Pisces

Remember to look on the bright side when you wake up naked in someone else's room. You can pretend you're on the streaking team while you do the most confusing jog of shame ever!

#### Aries

Despite your best efforts, you will lose a very near and dear friend of yours. Their name may or may not be Cable TV.

#### Taurus

You're brimming with positive energy today! Too bad you're still going to get really high tonight and miss your classes.

#### Gemini

You're having a rough time getting out there and meeting people. I recommend alcohol.

#### Cancer

The stars are aligned this weekend, which means you should avoid blacking out if you ever want to see your dignity again.

#### Leo

You know that test on Friday? Sucks to be you!

#### Virgo

Try to get back into your usual working habits. For seniors, the planets say it is time for you to start on your theses, you fucking idiots. And yes, the planets said fuck. Venus has quite a potty mouth.



What, you've never seen this constellation before? (see "In this issue")



## STUDY ABROAD BLOG: ANNA IS SOMEWHERE THAT IS NOT HERE

By Anna Winchester '11

TravelingToAwesomeTown.blogspot.com

Last year, I was having trouble deciding where to go abroad. I considered all the usual suspects, but my roomie (Hi Natalie!) suggested I go to a place that was truly different from my culture. So I decided to expand my horizons and opted to spend the year abroad in an entirely foreign place: the Grayside.

So far, living down in Bundy West has been a life experience I'll never forget. First, it's FILTHY down here. The beer cups, condom wrappers and lost articles of clothing mix together with the mud and poor landscaping to create a scene reminiscent of a burst septic tank or NYC post-alien squid attack in *Watchmen*.

Traveling to other Grayside dorms made me realize they aren't much better. Wertimer has the distinct, inescapable odor of floor-cast, and I was unable to enter 100 College Hill Road, despite drunkenly trying to break

through the door using my shoulder and a golden bike. What, I'm not good enough for you guys, just because I never licked caviar off of my Schnauzer's

schnauzer nor taunted a workstudy kid with a \$100 bill on some fishing line? And if you've never been mugged for a half-empty Utica Club and some free condoms, you've never been to Bundy East.

I'd feel worse for "Graysiders" if the ones I met weren't so primitive. Graysiders spend all day just sitting in their rooms and subsisting on Ramen, Milwaukee's Best, and flavor-blasted goldfish. As a result, everyone is emaciated, since trekking to Commons is pretty much like returning the Ring of Power to Mordor.

When my study abroad term is over, I plan on trying to get HAVOC down here. They really need to come down here ASAP – I swear to god if another hungover person says "like, last night was totally radical, bro" I'm going beat them to death with the copy of *The Norton Anthology of Poetry* I carry around for protection. I can't wait to return to civilization.

P.S. I totes miss you so much, Natalie!!!!

P.P.S. See you soon!

P.P.P.S. Skype me? Facebook chat me? Oh god, I'm so lonely...

Edited by Mr. Sinton '13



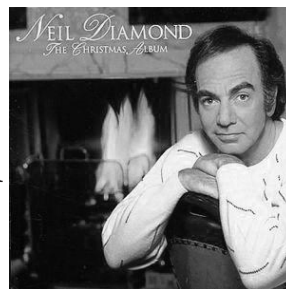
A Bundy native in repose

### The Duel Explains... The Grayside

The Grayside is a term to describe the dorms down the Hill, Bundy, Psi U, Wertimer, etc. It was coined by someone else, but we will claim full credit for making it up and propagating it. We have a copyright motherfucker!

## FRIDAY FIVE: HIT SONGS AT LATE NIGHT DINER BREAKFAST

By Mr. Yarnell '10



1. "I'd Do Anything for Love" by Meatloaf: And I would do anything for love... Except listen to Meatloaf for seven straight minutes. No I won't do that.
2. "Sweet Caroline" by Neil Diamond: As if we needed another reminder that everyone at this school is from "outside Boston."
3. "Fat Bottomed Girls" by Queen: "You make the rockin' world go round." Nope, you're just wasted.
4. "Believe" by Cher: In this song, Cher asks "Do you beiiiieve in life after love?" Only if they're willing to bonus me, Cher. Only then.
5. "American Pie" by Don McLean: If you're going to write the next great drunken American sing-a-long, don't follow up a catchy chorus with complex verses that drunk people have to collectively mumble.



In his defence, it looked delicious

UH... JAKE JUST ATE AN M&M OFF THE FLOOR Eww...

**Correction:** In last week's article "Campus Prepares for H1N1" it was stated that a student was diagnosed with Hamilton's first swine flu case. A blood culture later showed that was inaccurate. He had Ebola. We apologize for the error.

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