

THE DUEL OBSERVER

"Knowe Thyself, Not Be Thyself."

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Captain Obvious Explains Downtown Problem

By Mr. Martin '03

NO SHIT DEPT.

(CLINTON, NY) In a hail of flashing lights and colored smoke, world-famous Captain Obvious crashed into the Town Hall meeting September 17 and in seconds summarized the cause of the poor town/gown relations.

"You closed the frat houses and North Court, and made Bundy a pain to use," started Obvious, "and then you expect people to use the Annex for parties, even though it looks like a firehouse garage, but with less character." Obvious continued, "On top of that, you don't give CAB enough funding, so they can't afford activities that anyone wants to go to. This has made more people have to go downtown



Captain Obvious

to find places to go on the weekends, and hence more problems."

One faculty member expressed concern to Obvious that minors might be consuming alcohol on campus. "I can tell this might take a while."

At first, the audience lay stunned by Obvious' simple explanation, then, quickly, cheers erupted and students, faculty, and town officials lined up to shake his hand. Plans for a statue on Martin's Way were put into the works. Obvious replied "I am blessed with the gift of superpowers, and I use them to help others." He then went to McEwen, where he explained to employees why sour cream cannot sit unrefrigerated, on a counter for three hours.

WEBSTER'S RELEASES "GEORGE W. EDITION" DICTIONARY

By Mr. Keane '03

CHIEF LEXICOGRAPHIC COORESPONDANBT

(WASHINGTON, DC) As the worldwide leader in lexicography, Webster's released Thursday its latest edition, in an effort to clarify the ever-changing American lexicon, as changed by President Bush.

"The main feature is that this version has ninety-four percent more illustrations than any previous edition.", said Theodore Winthrop III, President of the company. Additions include words like "compassionativity" and "unilateralismness", as well as phrases such as "Don't mess with Texas". The dictionary also points out that people living in Greece are knows as "Grecians". Perhaps the most useful addendum to the book is the simplified definitions of words like "good" and "evil".

"Daily Bull" Editor Seen Taking Notes At Annie Sprinkle Lecture

By Mr. Martin '03

(EVENTS BARN) In the midst of Dr. Annie Sprinkle's presentation on vulvular meditation and astute criticism of neo-feminist tantric art-porn, the staff of Hamilton's *Daily Bull* were spotted furiously taking notes and learning from a master. Said one staff member, "We thought we had tested the limits of Student Assembly-funded discourse on the subject of dick, but boy...were we ever wrong." Later the editor spoke, "We were inspired by all that porn. This opens up all kinds of possibilities. You are going to see a whole new Bull in the future." Sources confirm plans for an updated "Quote of the Day", and a new "dicky" approach to the horoscope section. The editor then added "And if you don't like it, don't read it. That's your prerogative as a literate human being. Boo-ya!"

African-American Student Tired of Posing for View-Book Photos

By Mr. Robbins '05

DIVERSITY PROMOTION DEPT.

(CLINTON, NY) Daniel Retsin, a Hamilton College junior, reported Wednesday that he has grown tired of posing for the upcoming Hamilton College view-book. The college uses the view-book to give potential students a look inside Hamilton College life by providing literature and photos relating to the school. Retsin was originally slated to appear in thirty of the book's eighty-one photographs. Some of the photographs of Retsin include reading Turganev's "Fathers and Sons", sitting on the steps of Root Hall with a backpack over one shoulder, and swing dancing with College president, Eugene Tobin. Despite the exhaustive time commitment, Retsin is "happy that the college is trying to promote diversity." However, Retsin wishes that the college would use more than one of its African-American students for the photo shoots. It was also reported that he would prefer if the photographers stopped asking him if he was available for an upcoming shoot with alumni.

Professor Ignorant of "Joke" Status of Class

By Mr. Keane '03

(KIRKLAND LOFT) As the fourth week of classes drew to a close, there were widespread reports that Professor of Dance Sussie Worth had not been notified by the Office of the Registrar that Intro to Dance is in fact a "Joke Class". Senior Caroline Mathews commented, "I'm a math major - I don't need this crap. Who ever heard of a 10 [expletive] page paper in an intro dance class?" Mathews' sentiment was shared by other students who also chose the class as a GPA-booster. Professor Worth was unavailable for comment, but was reported to be writing the class' third midterm. Similar problems arose last Spring when the instructor of Irish Parables received late word the class was classified as a "Blow-off".

COLLEGE OFFERS ONEIDA COUNTY VERNACULAR SEMINAR

By Mr. Brown '03

NASCAR APPRECIATION DEPT.

(CLINTON, NY) Language constantly evolves, and the Rhetoric and Communication Department is committed to investigating what went wrong in upstate NY. Professors involved in this project noticed a stagnation of colloquial speech in Oneida County and decided to offer the course for the Spring semester. The tentative title for the new course is "Oneida Vernacular - The Degenerative Dialect". Students will draw from the Jewel channel and Forever Leather commercials as sources, as well as a class in the Diner. This course gives a unique opportunity to study how the offspring of a New York Taxi driver and Canadian used-tractor salesman would have spoken in 1991. "It's really a form of cultural anthropology" stated one enthusiastic student; she continues, "I've already been practicing the 'hun,' the long, nasal 'a' f o u n d i n 'yeeapples" and of course, "whatchadon theah, pick theeat up!" A Student from the Boston Area is also excited for the course, considering it's going to be "a wicked pissah."

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THE DUEL OBSERVER'S PROPOSED STUDENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS

Edited by Mr. Robbins '05

As we at the Duel Observer sit in our voyeuristic tree, alleged injustices occur at the hands of Campus Safety. As the situation stands, the students wish to use candles and drug paraphernalia for alcoholic purposes, while Campus Safety wishes to try-on their booty shorts as students stand outside in the cold. The situations has reached a stalemate and the time for intervention has come; the following is our proposal for students' rights and Campus Safety's role on campus.

STUDENTS' RIGHTS:

- 1. All Students Should Have Access to a Lounge of Sin-** At said lounges, students can participate in unmonitored debauchery with easy access to a portal to Hell. The portal serves as a means for increased debauchery, but can also be used for recruiting pledges for Greek organizations. Additionally, the lounge should be lined with Guns N Roses and Def Leopard posters to keep God from seeing in.
- 2. All Students Should Have the Right to Arbitrarily Declare Opposite Day-** Meaning that in any situation where a student has been reprimanded by a Campus Safety official, if that student declares it to be opposite day, the punishment is then reversed into a reward. The reward is not subject to opposite procedure.
- 3. All Students Should Receive Three Replacement Cards At the Start of the School Year-** These replacement cards can be used when in Campus Safety's custody. The replacement cards allow students to assign his or her punishment to another student. The student who is assigned the blame may not use a replacement card to assign that blame to another student, but he or she still maintains opposite day privileges.

CAMPUS SAFETY'S ROLE:

- 1. Campus Safety Should Be Allotted Space in *The Spectator* for an "Ask Arnie" Column-** To begin this process, Campus Safety should hire an officer named Arnie. Each week students may write to Arnie about potential wrong-doings and ask Arnie his advice on the situation. As a result, students will think twice before committing acts of mischief knowing that Arnie would not approve.
- 2. Campus Safety May Distribute WWCS D Merchandise-** The merchandise would remind students to stop and ask, "What Would Campus Safety Do?" This allows Campus Safety the opportunity to take advantage of trends--such as Fleece Jackets and Fanny Packs-- to provide students the false allusion that Campus Safety is on their side.
- 3. Campus Safety May Videotape One Case of Brutality a Month-** By videotaping their brutality, Campus Safety may distribute this video to problem-students in order to gain respect. Additionally, Campus Safety may then send the tapes to America's Funniest Home Videos in an effort to promote the WWCS D merchandise.

Senior Catches on to "Courier New" Phenomenon

By Mr. Brown '03

TYPESETTING & TREACHERY DEPT.

(SOUTH) Recent technological advances have blurred the boundaries between "four pages double-spaced" and "five and a half double-spaced." Senior Adam Locke stumbled upon a much overlooked feature of Microsoft Word in a crunch to submit his thesis proposal this week. The Women Studies/Creative Writing double major apparently never questioned the authority of "Times New Roman" dominating the pull-down font menu. Sick of Locke's "whiny bitching" about being a page and a half short on his proposal, his roommate relinquished the most useful nugget of collegiate knowledge: "courier new dude, courier new." Locke successfully stretched his thesis proposal another one and three-quarters pages past the eight-page requirement. "I'm amazed that technology has come this far," exclaims Locke, "why haven't more people caught-on to this magical paper-lengthening font?" In light of Locke's childish naiveté, the roommate decided to save the "Palatino-2.15 spaced" trick to himself.

Bush Puts Tony Blair In "Allies" Buddy List Group

By Mr. Martin '03

(WASHINGTON, DC) While passing time on AOL Instant Messenger last Tuesday night, President Bush decided British Prime Minister Tony Blair (WtchPrjk23) had demonstrated enough loyalty to earn a place in his "Allies" Buddy List Group. Bush then placed President Lt. General al-Bashir (skibum2456) of Sudan and President Kim Chong-il (Bluntsmkr223) of North Korea into his ever-growing "Axis of Evil" Buddy List group. Secretary of State Colin Powell then suggested creating a third group, somewhere between those two, to which Bush responded "I don't understand."

Roma's Offers "2 ½ Hours or It's Free" Delivery Guarantee

By Mr. Martin '03

HOT HOT HOT SUACE DEPT.

(CLINTON, NY) Roma's Pizzeria announced today a bold new guarantee that their pizzas will be delivered in "2 ½ hours or less," or your pizza is free. "We were getting a lot of complaints about pizzas taking too long to get to customers," said owner Steve Roma, "this is our plan to guarantee that every Roma's customer has an prompt, enjoyable pizza experience. Right?" The guarantee is valid Monday through Wednesday, between 4pm and 6pm. Deliveries to TDX, Wally J, and Saunders are not guaranteed, added Roma, "since we're still not real sure where those dorms are." While the delivery guarantee has changed, Roma's policies ensuring inaccurate orders, unacceptable temperatures, and inconsistent delivery prices will remain in effect for the remainder of the '02-'03 academic year.

Emerson Gallery Completes Projectile-Vomit Project

By Mr. Cairns '05

ARTSY-FARTSY DEPT.

(CLINTON, NY) Emerson Gallery curators announced the early completion of their controversial projectile vomit project at 3:00AM Sunday morning. The project was a modern approach to the outdoor school of realism, and at least thus far involves two exhibits on martin's way near the benches, and one to interest students on their way down to Bundy. More traditional artists have dismissed the work as inartistic, crude and vulgar. Despite this criticism however, the Emerson Gallery plans to go forward with more outdoor exhibitions, including a urine-soaked North Court wall.

Résumé looking a bit blank?

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