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"Knowe Thyself, Not Be Thyself."

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Popeye Ends West Coast Port Lockout

By Mr. Keane '03

LOOKING GOOD IN A SAILOR SUIT DEPT.
(PORT OF OAKLAND) Representatives from the Pacific Maritime Association and the Int'l Longshoremen's Union announced late last night that a settlement had been reached in the current labor dispute that has crippled 29 ports. The agreement was brokered by longtime maritime advocate Popeye The Sailor. Under the deal, the union members will receive the usual benefits and one can of spinach per week, so they may remain "strong to the finish". When asked to comment on why he was so concerned about the situation, Popeye replied, "I yam what I yam."

Fulbright Applicant Awarded Almostbright Fellowship

By Mr. Brown '03

EXTRANEIOUS PAPERWORK DEPT.
(BRISTOL) A post-grad committee awarded prospective Fulbright scholar Jason Faerien '03 with the Almostbright fellowship on Tuesday. Lacking the grade-point average to fulfill the Fulbright requirements, Faerien missed out on his opportunity to teach English to Malaysian migrant workers in Tibet. However, impressed with Faerien's "spunk," the Fulbright family opted to send Faerien to the Greater-Herkimer Middle School to teach Tibetan. As the first Almostbright scholar, Faerien will be awarded with Hepatitis A through D vaccinations, a taser-gun, and a large foam finger that reads "GO 'CUSE." Showing mock enthusiasm, Faerien responded with suspicion, "I don't even speak Tibetan."

AMAZON.COM ANNUAL REPORT FAILS TO CITE COLLEGE CONVOCATION SPEECH

By Mr. Martin '03

HAD TO SAY SOMETHING ABOUT IT DEPT.
(SILLICON VALLEY, CA) Amazon.com's Annual Report was found last week to contain phrases very similar to that of a recently-given college convocation speech. Questioned segments included "Upon this Hill of ours...we should strive to lower costs." and "In the spirit of Samuel Kirkland... stock prices rose." Amazon.com could not be reached for comment. Inside sources say the company was too busy recalling every other Annual Report from the last 9 years.

Vagrant Perfects "Charleston" for President-Search

By Mr. Robbins '05

GENESSEE ST. / STAR SEARCH DEPT.
(CLINTON, NY) Local homeless man, Alawishis C. Berklin, has spent upwards of twelve hours a day practicing the Charleston, a dance made popular during the 1920s, on assorted street corners. Insiders believe that by mastering the Charleston, Berklin has propelled himself to the top of the applicant pool. Berklin's biggest competition comes from Reginald Hasbry, a fellow vagrant who can sing lampooning folk songs about President Coolidge after consuming a pint of moonshine; and Louis Arments, Chair of Anthropology at Yale University. Berklin feels confident that Hasbry does not pose a threat as long as his invisible friend continues to prevent him from crossing the street. With regard to Louis Arments, Berklin added, "the day a Yalie is in position of power is the day a Radcliffe lady fails to swoon over a jazz pianist."

Campus Safety Uses "Locally Grown" Movement to Set Stoner Trap

Mr. Cairns '05

WORTHLESS POLITICAL ACTIVISM DEPT.

Suffering from a lull in their confiscation schedule after agreeing to keep fire drill pillaging to "sacking-of-Troy levels," Campus Safety resorted to more subtle measures Monday. Campus Safety used a sophisticated sting operation codenamed "Zero Energy Week" to set an elaborate stoner trap. Flyers and All-Campus Emails were distributed arguing for the superiority of home-grown produce. These emails stated that large scale agriculture produced "harvests that lost 60% of their potency in transit", and also invited students to sample the "superior taste and sensation of organic" at Beinecke. One victim, senior Philosophy major Tom Smith said he was working on his thesis about how "the Events Barn totally looks like it could tip its hat to you as you are walking by, man" when he saw some of the aggressive advertising scrawled in chalk. His enthusiasm overrode his upper-class white suburban distrust of the Po-Po's, and his drug paraphernalia (including a tennis ball bowl called Anna Smokabowla), were seized. Campus Safety wouldn't release the exact quantity of marijuana seized in the operation, though "*cough * 15 of you hip-pies were written up *cough *."

Upstate Tooth Fairy Leaves "Pack of Smokes"

Mr. Martin '03

MARLBORO MILES REDEMPTION DEPT.

(MARCY, NY) The morning after losing her first tooth, 7 year old Jessica Vinton of Marcy, NY awoke to find the "tooth fairy" had left an open pack of Marlboro Reds under her pillow. The "tooth fairy" had reportedly helped herself to three after a long night shift. Her mother, Ramona Vinton, was quoted as saying "Mommy needs you to share with her what the tooth fairy gave you, hun." Jessica said this was the best gift she had received since Santa Claus left a cordless drill and six-pack of Pabst Blue Ribbon at Christmas.

FALLCOMING WEEKEND LINKED TO AWKWARD CONVERSTAIONS WITH ALUMNI

By Mr. Keane '03

"I LOVE COLLEGE" DEPT.

(DOWNTOWN) This past weekend confirmed a theory many scholars have long held as fact: Fall-Coming Weekend directly causes awkward and drawn-out encounters with alumni. The alumni return to The Hill looking to rehash their crazy college days, or at least hook up with a junior, but often only succeed in making current students tremendously uncomfortable. The carnage is worst at the downtown bar scene. Katie Fellows '03 recounts her experience: "A guy in my sophomore year English class just came up to me and hugged me in the VT. I totally couldn't remember his name." Typical conversation topics range from "So, what are you doing these days?" to "No, seriously, there's nothing wrong with living at your parents' house." By far, the worst side effect of FallComing Weekend is the glimpse into the future it offers for the current senior class. Said one senior, "There's no way I'll paralegal in Boston next year, but I can't wait to be an adult."

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SHAPING YOUR WORLD

We're Full of Good Ideas and We Thought We'd Share a Few With You.

Proposed Senior Gift Ideas

- 1,707 fly swatters
- Renaming Major Hall to "Major Dad"
- Clown noses for Campus Safety
- Fingers for a wrap
- "Gene's Way" - A path from the VT to J-Board
- Phat rims for the Jitney
- A matching "Alexandria" Hamilton statue
- Ski lift from downtown
- The Big Pub
- A breakfast nook for the Kirkland Cottage
- Framed portrait of Mo for library

Upcoming Great Names

- Dave Coulier
- John Leguizamo
- Someone French
- Donny Walberg
- Menudo
- Tonya Harding
- Mary Kate & Ashley Olsen
- Ghost of Barbra Streisand
- Oprah's Book Club

Parties You Won't See at Hamilton This Year:

Psi U 1930s

Come celebrate the Depression.

Stryker in Bundy

The most fun you can have with a 30 Stone.

Country Club DU

No girls in cages, but lots of sweater vests.

ATX "Respect Us For Our Minds"

Come on, be serious.

DKE Heaven and Utica

Bristol and Peepers.

Senior Week Gnome Party

An inflatable tub of 2 foot elves

Gin 'N Jews

Promoting Diversity & Religious Tolerance



A ridiculous picture of John Leguizamo we found on the Internet.

Chi Psi Farm Party:

Because Hamilton needs at least one party where Townies feel comfortable too...

That Kid Ruins Another Party

Mr. Martin '03

Campus Damages Dept.

(SOUTH) Saturday, a moderately successful Beirut party on the 3rd floor of South was brought to an immediate halt by the arrival of That Kid. "Oh no," said room resident Steve Wooster, "That Kid



That Kid '04

sucks!" Upon arrival, That Kid entertained a group of girls with stories of how his cat died and how his sister got pregnant. After scaring away all the girls, That Kid vomited in the bedroom and didn't tell anyone. He then proceeded to discharge a fire extinguisher, creating enough commotion that Campus

Safety was called to the room. "That Kid," spoke a bystander, "has fucked up every party I've ever seen him at." That Kid later responded by saying "Yo, give me a break, I was drunk!"

Objectivist Club Undefeated in I.M. Philosophy League

By Mr. Cairns '05

NERD AFFAIRS DEPT.

(FIELDHOUSE) The Objectivist Club put the finishing touches on their undefeated intramural season Friday with a championship win over the surprising one man team of young Chris Foley (a faculty member's prodigious child). In the process, OC or as they style themselves, "the bloody fist of Rand", dispelled all rumors that they had simply floated through the regular season on an easy schedule (see last week's article, Nihilists Forfeit 8th Consecutive Game). Initially the OC had trouble dealing with eight year old Foley's stymieing "because God said so" defense. However, in the second half, Foley was worn down by OC's additional knowledge, and with a more open field of discussion, OC showed their deadly offense. OC aggressively employed their ethics of self-interest by ripping the head off Foley's teddy bear, Ed, and sarcastically shouting "It must have been his time". The OC then pummeled the deflated bear with over 10 lbs of irrelevant pseudo-philosophy; "Atlas Shrugged," and the "Fountainhead".

Cool RA Exposed!

Actually not that Cool

By Mr. Brown '03

CHIEF RES. LIFE

(KIRKLAND) Residents of 2nd floor Kirkland finally know the truth. Resident Advisor Ronald Kuss '04 was declared "uncool" by advisee Kevin Argyle '06 on Monday. "The first week Ron [Kuss] passed me and my roommate bringing beer back to our room...He goes, 'stocking-up for the weekend boys?' and we go, 'yeah'" states Argyle, "I said, 'sweet, at least we have a cool RA.'" Unbeknownst to Argyle, Kuss was "posing" at the time. Argyle continues, "so last Monday I stopped by Ron's room to get more toilet paper, and I walked in on him trying to download Flintstones porn on his computer... He then turned to me and goes, 'Kev, I gotta tell dude, I've never been blown.'" Undoubtedly torn between his duties as an advisee and a cool guy, Argyle ultimately revealed Kuss's true identity as a tool the rest of the 2nd floor. Kuss could not be contacted at his Fencing Team practice for comment.

Econ Major: "I'm In It For The Money."

By Mr. Keane '03

BANK ON IT DEPT.

(KJ-242) Thatcher Williamson '03 shocked his friends and professors today when he admitted to choosing economics as his major solely to be successful after Hamilton. "I'm totally going to get one of those sweet-ass I-banking jobs for like seventy grand.", said Williamson. Professor of Economics Jane Fitchen said, "And to think, I really thought he cared about inflation, unemployment, and the Solow growth model."

Do you like meetings?

We're having one for anyone who wants to write for *The Duel*. Seriously, anyone...

This Tuesday, 7pm, The Red Pit.

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