

# THE DUEL OBSERVER

*"Knowe Thyself, Not Be Thyself."*

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## FRESHMAN TRAVELS WITH BOOKS, FAILS TO DO HOMEWORK OVER BREAK

By Mr. Keane '03

*NO SHIT, SHERLOCK DEPT.*

Julie Handwerk '06 reported mixed feelings of guilt and remorse Tuesday evening, upon returning from home having not opened a single book all weekend. "I knew I wasn't going to do the chem homework, but I thought I could at least read a few chapters of history.", commented Ms. Handwerk. Independent research by *The Duel Observer* shows that this one case is part of a larger epidemic, as Hamilton students brought 1,284 books with them for Fall Recess, while only three were opened — all accidentally. There was one report of an E-reserve having been read, but this could not be verified by time of press. Students are likely to catch-up this weekend.

## Campus Lacks Rides to Boston for Fall Break

Mr. Martin '03

*MASS PIKE DEPT.*

Freshman Doug Marks '06 was left stranded on campus for fall break when, to his dismay, he found no one else had made plans to travel to Boston for the weekend. Marks was quoted as saying, "I figured someone on campus had to be going there that I could catch a ride with, but there was absolutely no one..." Perusal of the Daily Bull and Ride Board revealed rides to Des Moines, Boise, and Austin, but, unfortunately for Marks, none to Boston. Marks remained hopeful though, saying, "Maybe next year someone from Massachusetts will start going here and I can catch a ride with them."

## High School Smoker No Longer Perceived as "Rebellious"

By Mr. Brown '03

*SMOKE 'EM IF YOU GOT 'EM DEPT.*

Marlboro connoisseur James Ryke came to Hamilton this fall hoping his dirty, dirty habit would gain him popularity — like it did in high school. Still visualizing the day he allowed Suzie All-That to a bum cigarette off him in the high school parking lot, James now smokes alone outside of Opus, Root, CJ, and the Library. James laments, "Junior high kids used to flock to me wanting me to buy butts...I was their God...where are those 13-year olds now?" Probably in eighth-grade by now, James. "I even tried to find a cool parking lot to smoke in on campus," continues James, "but the cool kids never show-up." When not smoking butts by himself, James can be found lobbying for the prohibition of cigarettes on-campus. James hopes to resurrect his high-school "bad-boy" status by making smoking a clandestine activity again. James has yet to stumble upon Keehn.

## Local Weatherman Represents Forecast with Decaying Corpse

By Mr. Robbins '05

Utica weatherman Kip Tungsten has begun an unconventional process of representing his most recent forecasts with images of a decaying corpse. Mr. Tungsten believes that the images of said corpse parallel the horror which is the weather of Central New York during late October. In an effort to accommodate the worsening conditions during the winter, Mr. Tungsten plans to superimpose images of prominent Republicans onto the image of the corpse. Additionally, as to accurately represent the level of discomfort, Mr. Tungsten will present the weather while undergoing coronary artery bypass surgery.

## Away Message, Dry-Erase Board Both Claim Most Up-To-Date Josh Stonington Coverage

Mr. Robbins '05

*THE LIGHTS ARE ON, BUT NOBODY'S HOME DEPT.*

Tensions mounted on Wednesday when reports providing the whereabouts of Josh Stonington - a Hamilton College Sophomore - offered conflicting information. According to the A.I.M. Away Message, Josh was "studying for Econ." At the same time, however, Josh's Dry-Erase Board reported that Josh was "at the aquarium." With regard to the incident, the Away Message offered, "the board's sole purpose is to relay messages to Josh by any given drunk that walks by." In response, the Dry-Erase Board proposed, "Slander; just what I'd expect from a service that spends the majority of its time reciting Bjork quotes." To solve the conflict *The Duel Observer* attempted to get in touch with Josh, but at the time he was "getting some ass," or "visiting Grandma."

## Disgruntled Diner Employees Use Jukebox to Drive Students Away

Ms. Fenton '04

*50 DISK CHANGER DEPT.*

Since the installment of a jukebox in late August, Howard Diner employees have used annoyingly-loud volumes to drive students away. The music, which can be heard from as far away as Dunham, in addition to being too loud, is also of the wrong generation. Early 90's tunes, such as "MMMBop" and "Whoomp! There it is!", while at first entertaining, have finally driven the last few patrons to McEwen. Previous attempts to broaden the musical selection with Travis Tritt and Dolly Parton discs have brought only more complaints. Diner employees, who could not be reached for a comment, could be seen from Martin's Way snacking on gummi sharks and orange slices, while grinding to "No Diggity".

## Admissions Tour Neglects to Show Kirkland/North "Gang Showers"

Mr. Martin '03

*SOAP ON A ROPE DEPT.*

In a glaring omission pointed out by a student to *The Duel Observer*, the admissions office is apparently leaving Kirkland and North's wretched green, high-school locker room style "gang showers" out of the campus tour. In the interest of portraying an accurate picture of our campus to prospective students, *The Duel* has asked Admissions to point out that for some freshmen, the Hamilton experience not only includes First Night and Feb-Fest, but the daily ritual of sharing one's private bathing routine with four fellow classmates. Due to the tour's omission, the last prospective to see the showers was Kylie Richards, of Sudbury, MA, who, along with her mother Donna Richards, took it upon themselves on Sept. 13 to personally inspect the facilities. As a result, they were treated to a brief but sufficient glimpse at the "package" of a very surprised Steven Clark '06, who claims to have been suffering from "shrinkage".

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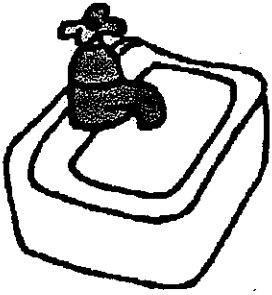
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## LOCAL MAN "JUST ABOUT TO CALL" GIRLFRIEND

By Mr. Keane '03

*WE NEVER JUST TALK ANYMORE DEPT.*

In a fruitless attempt to bail himself out of an ever-deepening hole, New Hartford resident, Jim Dillenson promised his girlfriend late last night that he was "just about to call". This proclamation came seconds after Lisa Wallford, Jim's girlfriend of 19 months, called his cell phone "just to say 'hi'". Sources close to Ms. Wallford indicated that her call was intended to pinpoint Dillenson's whereabouts. Dillenson admitted he was bowling with his buddies, but maintained his aim to call. The conversation then devolved into a debate about Dillenson's drinking habits and reluctance to bring Ms. Wallford on an outing with his friends. Dillenson reportedly later regretted his cell phone purchase.

## HAMILTON ENERGY BEAST EATS STUDENT!

By Mr. Butler '06

*AFRAID OF THE DARK DEPT.*

Sophomore Rick Lambert was eaten late Friday night by what appeared to be the "Million Dollar Hamilton Energy Beast". Lambert was walking



back to the "dark side" with two friends when the beast came out of the bushes next to Martin's Way and quickly devoured him. When reached for comment, friend Mitch Wilson responded, "Rick was a great guy, but man...that was probably the coolest thing I've ever seen." Up until this incident, the energy beast had only been seen on the light switches of

most dorm rooms, and was thought by most to be fictional. At this point Campus Safety reports that the beast is still at large, but "that'll teach those kids to leave the lights on."

## Coors Silver Bullet Restocked in MD and VA Wal-Marts

By Mr. Cairns

*IMPECCABLE TASTE DEPT.*

With recent developments pointing to the end of the sniper's reign of terror, Wal-Marts in the area have begun restocking vaguely sniper-related objects that have now regained inoffensive status. Items now back on the shelves include violent video games and white van accessories. The removal of Coors Silver Bullet created a more significant problem, especially among hill-billy stereotypes. A lobby of these hicks, frustrated by their forced switch to the artsy Keystone Premium, and also bemoaning their abuse by unoriginal comedy, expedited the restocking of Coors Light. "My gut's shrinkin' jus' right now, cuz of that there 20 calories less a brew" said a drunken, smiling Rufus Hallingberry. The hick lobby planned to celebrate the beer by a late fall drunken hunting session. The nation hopes the thrill of the hunt can take their minds off the mental anguish they have recently been through; the lack of the cool, refreshing Silver Bullet. Officials took drastic steps to ensure the Coors Light flow continues unimpeded, including stockpiling cases in the VA State Capitol.

## Shampoo-Induced Orgasms Faked

By Ms. Merrigan '04

*LATHER, RINSE, SMOKE A CIGARETTE DEPT.*

A spokeswoman for Clairol, makers of Herbal Essences Shampoo, revealed in a statement last week, "We've been faking." The statement came after several complaints were lodged against the company from homely college girls. The 'fugly' girls were apparently washing their hair repeatedly in an attempt at climax, creating a water shortage on campuses across America and unreasonable shower lines. In an interview with senior shampoo analyst, Goldie Locks, one of the girls expressed her concern about the scandal, "Since I've been faking this whole time, how do I know when it's real?" Herbal Essences and Clairol have provided a hotline for these girls and are encouraging them to "get drunk and get laid."