

# THE DUEL OBSERVER

*"Knowe Thyself, Not Be Thyself."*

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## Pasta, Antipasto Collide:

### Chaos at Tony's

**A DUEL OBSERVER EXCLUSIVE**

By Mr. Keane '03

Downtown Clinton was the scene of horrific, yet scientific event Wednesday evening when a bowl of mixed greens, mozzarella, and prosciutto fell into a plate of rigatoni. The union of the two dishes sparked a chain reaction that lasted for hours and claimed three lives. Rescue workers arrived at the worst ethnic food disaster in town since the Manicotti Massacre of '87. "Never seen anything like it. One lady had black olives all over her.", commented one distressed EMT. Crews expect to complete the clean-up by early spring, but are concerned about securing enough seltzer water. Physicists estimate that enough energy was released to power the Clinton Cider Mill for 183 years.

## Nations Giggle Every Time France

### Refers To Self As Sovereign

By Mr. Robbins '05

According to various NATO diplomats, the French diplomat, Pierre Labresh, became very self-conscious when other national representatives would giggle every time he would refer to France's sovereignty at this week's NATO Summit in Prague. Reports claim that the representative became so self-conscious that he stopped the speech in order to find out "what [was] so funny?" The representative of Spain offered, "it was hilarious, calling France a sovereign nation is like giving leadership of the IMF to a bank teller." Following the event, The Duel Observer tried to reach the French representative but, at the time, he was selling car stereos to Iceland from the back of his Peugeot.

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## IRAQ PROPOSES STEVIE WONDER

### ACT AS UN WEAPONS INSPECTOR

SEE NO EVIL DEPT.

(BAGHDAD) Iraqi officials today submitted a plan to the UN, detailing their desire to have music legend Stevie Wonder act as the designated weapons inspector. Under the Iraqi plan, Wonder would take tours of all questionable Iraqi military establishments, and then exhaustively report on what he saw. Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Mikhail Aziz was quoted as saying "We are confident that Mr.



Wonder will not see any weapons violations during his visit. Then the United States can be assured that we are their friend, and that we are not definitely developing an Sarin gas bomb disguised as a blue 1993 Ford Taurus." The plan also states that, in the event of Mr. Wonder being unavailable, Ray Charles could act as a suitable replacement.

## Campus Safety Ride-A-Long Inspires RA to "Join the Force"

By Mr. Butler '06

Todd Black '05, a resident advisor in Kirkland, recently had a life-changing experience. After accompanying campus safety on a wild night of safety preservation, he decided then and there that this was the job for him. The night started out with a few busts in Dunham when several students "caused a raucous". "At first I was scared, but then the adrenaline took over and I just took action," said Todd. The real excitement came later in the night though, when Todd got to drive the van and then use the flashlight. Todd will attend campus safety officer boot camp immediately following graduation.

# Sorority Diet Too Much For One Beefy Frat Guy

By Ms. Merrigan '04  
400 CALORIE CLUB DEPT.

Fed up with one his sorority friend's lack of energy, Ben Gerhardt '04 decided to dare her to an eating disorder contest. "The least in a week challenge." The unnamed sorority planned meal times, binge and purge times, and created a strict workout regime for each contestant. On day one and two Ben still had enough calories in his system from his "last supper" to keep up with her. However, the third day was difficult and finally on day four Ben had to throw in the towel (and throw up for the last time). The sorority sister ate a slice of cheese in celebration of her triumph. Ben refused to comment on his embarrassing forfeit but could be seen scurrying to the gym and did respond to shouts of "Hey, fatty!"

# Outward Bound Trip Helps Heal Wounds of Suspension

By Ms. Fenton '04

Immediately following a three-semester suspension handed down by J-Board for drunken driving, Hamilton junior Bill Schrader's parents packed his bags for an Outward Bound trip in order to rehabilitate their troubled son. The combination of a failure to come up with an adequate punishment and their inability to recognize that their son is in the wrong is what compelled Bill's parents to make the decision. Mr. Schrader, the CEO of a large brokerage firm in Manhattan, claims "fresh air, sailing, and some sunny weather will certainly help Bill realize how wrong he was to drive his new BMW up the hill and get caught."

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**  
From *The Duel Observer*  
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# EDITORIAL:

The recent controversy regarding censorship of the College's publications sparked an intense debate hearts of the students and alike. The of "The Green Apple" hastily claimed that is was "Hamilton's only COMPLETELY student-run, uncensored" Several other publications on are also solely managed students. This is most easily by examining the quality of the publications themselves. The Observer is a perfect example of slipshod work that easily be turned out by a beer-buzzed part-time attendee of a year trade school. regards to censorship, I can say that "The Administration" has

never made an effort to censor in *Duel Observer*. Once again, can easily be seen by looking random issue. Censorship is a of the freedom of the press— a concept on this country was at partially built. course, U.S. was not built on this ideal much was built on the backs of an indigent foreign proletariat, but you the point. Finally, J. Hoover had Jimmy kill JFK, and it takes licks to get to the of a Tootsie Pop.

- TMK

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# THE DUEL OBSERVER GUIDE TO A HAPPY THANKSGIVING

- Help mom with the turkey, don't help mom with dad.
- "Going to a cousin's house" and "going home with a cousin" are not the same.
- The turkey is not a hat for the dog, nor is it a good place to hide your drugs.
- Be polite to your hosts. Try a bit of everything on the table, but not the candles, dumbass.
- Don't invite your old shop teacher to make hand-turkeys.
- The Macy's Day Parade is done by professionals. No one is saying that you can't have your own parade, but don't get discouraged if not what you had envisioned.
- Jack-o-Lanterns are not easily converted to pumpkin pies.
- Offer to do the dishes. If you're a guy, your family will appreciate the effort. If you're a girl, consider it practice.
- Drinking with older relatives can be fun, but it can also be eerily indicative of your future.
- Pilgrim-style buckled shoes are twice as cute on Turkey Day.
- Be thankful for something other than the new J. Crew catalog.
- The football game is not justification for ignoring your family—but it's a good start.
- This is the one time in the year your mom makes yams. Grin and bear it.

The Bruke Library put a lot of thought into the new online card catalogue, but they asked us to think of a name.

Here are a few of the rejects:

"Alex"

"Chicks Dig Books—So Find One"

"Books Are For Nerds-o-Matic"

"Melvil Dewey Sucks"

"Where's The Library?"

"How To Find a Non-Internet Source"

"Where Da Picture Bookz At?"

"Aaron"

"You'll Never Use Me"

## Thanksgiving Shopping List

1 large turkey.

1 box of Stove Top stuffing.

1 bag of potatoes.

1 potato masher.

1 crappy art/craft  
from little cousin.

1 can beets ( you  
thought they were  
cranberries)

1 fight between sib-  
lings or in-laws.



1 liter Tanqueray

1 drunk uncle (served w/ Tanqueray)

1 set of restaurant reservations

## The Story of The First Thanksgiving (as understood by Mr. Keane)

The year was 1834, and the Huguenots had had just about enough name calling from Buzz Alderan, who was the queen of Spain at the time. So they loaded the HMS Pinafore and headed straight for the New World. They got there just in time for the coldest winter on record. Luckily, Squanto and the rest of the New England Patriots showed the travelers how to build igloos and plant fish. This started a beautiful relationship that was beneficial for both groups. The Huguenots taught the "heathens" the finer points of religious intolerance and smallpox, while Squanto and his crew showed the newcomers how to live off the land, including how to use every last piece of a Buffalo wing. During their first autumn in New England, one Huguenot boy had a bar mitzvah. Unfortunately, Squanto found out and ended up bringing his whole gang. The party ran out of pumpkin pie, and everyone went to Alice's Restaurant.

## Senior Misunderstands "Lottery" Outside of Hamilton Context

By Mr. Brown '03

Super Senior, AJ Lebaron, learned the harsh truth about the real-life lottery: you could win a ton of money. Lebaron discovered this grim reality the other day while trying to straighten-out next year's housing lottery. "I know I'm graduating next semester, but I still get a number, right?" Stated AJ after checking his campus mail, "I mean, I have this feeling that I'll get a good number. I'm trying to pull New York, but I'll even settle for Boston." Lebaron's endearing fantasy came crashing-down when he saw two diner employees scratching lotto tickets in lieu of making his buffalo patty. "At first I thought Res-Life had changed the housing lotto to a scratch-ticket system, but the two diner employees put an end to THAT wishful thinking." *The Duel Observer* then asked Lebaron what he plans to do without the housing lottery in the real world, at which he replied by curling up into the fetal position and vomiting.

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## VERDICT REACHED IN SCOTT BAIO / TJ-MAXX SHOPLIFTING TRIAL

Mr. Martin '03

OUTERWEAR DEPARTMENT: AISLE 7

(LOS ANGELES) For the second time in as many weeks, a Hollywood mega-star has been found guilty for shoplifting from Los Angeles clothing stores. Scott Baio, known for his roles in "Charles In Charge" and "Happy Days", was found guilty by a LA Circuit Court for shoplifting nearly \$37 of merchandise from the internationally lauded discount clothing store TJ-Maxx. The stolen merchandise, which included a floral housedress and red polyester suit-pants, was found on Baio's person by the LAPD after an exhaustive minute and a half foot chase, which ended in Baio pretending he was Sylvester Stallone, and then subsequently crying like a baby. By using the "LA Celebrity Sliding Scale of Justice," which finds celebrity jail sentences by taking the severity of a given crime and dividing it by the perpetrator's box office draw, Baio was sentenced to the electric chair. At the moment California does not have capital punishment, but reportedly, the Governor is quickly reinstating the policy especially for this case. Baio was quoted as saying "My career is now officially ruined," which demonstrated he had been living in a state of denial about that fact since 1989.

## McEwen Plant Just Sleeping

By Mr. Butler '06



Maybe you've noticed it, hidden away in a low-traffic corner by the bagels. Slowly biding its time... waiting for the day when it will make its triumphant return and shock the Hamilton community. And maybe when you noticed it you thought "That plant's a goner." But that's just what it wants you to think (plants are tricky). With enough sunlight, and enough love, that plant will be back - then we're all in big trouble.

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