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MOST POPULAR HAMILTON HALLOWEEN COSTUME THIS WEEKEND: GOOD CHILD, STUDENT

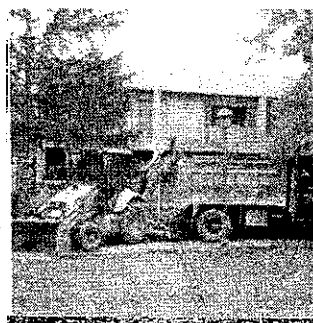
By Mr. Cairns '05

Displaying a super abundance of Halloween spirit this season, Hamilton students extended the typical one day celebration into a weekend long festival. The most popular costumes on campus appear to be that of the "good child" and the "good student". The most ambitious students are not just changing their appearance, but their entire mindset and environment. This transformation involves cleaning rooms, burning academic warnings, stuffing disgusting laundry under beds (which also covers the vodka bottles), and even children pretending to enjoy their parents' company. The Trick or Treating aspect of the holiday has also been amplified into an elaborate ritual of "appeasing and guilting" for not candy, but cold hard cash. The halloween spirit is not just confined to children however, as parents are also joining in on the fun. Ellen Trillewick said that she is planning on going [to Hamilton] as a "well adjusted supportive loving parent". This involves not mentioning the fact that her daughter Suzy Trillewick is "throwing her life away with that useless philosophy degree."

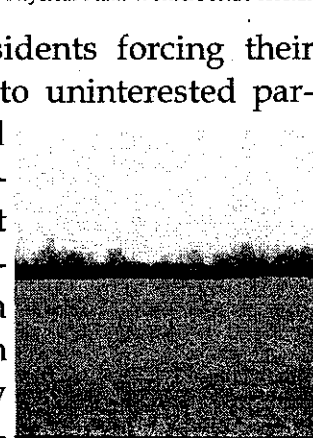
Administration Enacts "Hide Keehn Dormitory" Policy for Parents' Weekend

By Mr. Robbins '05

Following a last-minute decision by the Office of Campus Affairs, the Physical Plant has been instructed to hide the Keehn dormitory during Parents' Weekend. The decision was finalized after concerns were raised during last Monday's Planning Committee meeting. The concerns ranged from the possibility of its residents forcing their view on organic apples to uninterested parents, to confusion caused by the residents' ironic t-shirts. Physical Plant workers have been instructed to remove Keehn from its current location and move it to a nearby forest in Clinton. The Director of Campus Affairs believes the residents of Keehn will benefit as they will be afforded the opportunity to alienate themselves from the ecosystem, and protest the segregation of the different types of earwigs.



Physical Plant Workers Hide Keehn



The Former Location of Keehn

Howard Diner Introduces Tip-Cup, Campus-wide Laughter Ensues

By Mr. Brown '03

Hoping to climb to the next rung on the service-ladder, Bon Appetite added a tip-cup to the Howard Diner. The Diner offers the finest chicken finger experience in the Beinecke Village, thus a tip-cup appeared to be the next logical step in building an illusion that Hamilton actually serves edible food. A paper cup was placed before the register with a sign that reads: "Tipping is not just a fun past-time with cows." Considering a "finger-wrap" is a difficult order to execute without the incentive of a possible tip, Bon Appetite wishes to instill a greater sense of respect among the "spoiled idiot brats" of Hamilton College through the tip-cup. Last week's tip-cup yielded two Saranac bottle caps, six Canadian cents, and ketchup. Bon Appetite's next step in elevating the Diner to near-pretentious levels will be to replace the juke-box with John Tesh.

Little Sister Vows Not to Hook-Up This Year

By Mr. Keane '03

Julie Metzler, little sister of Robert Metzler '02, vowed not to "get ass" during this Parents' Weekend, as she did last year. *The Duel* could find few sober eyewitnesses, but several sources place Julie in both a quad in South and the second floor lounge of Dunham at various times on the Saturday night of last year's Parents' Weekend. Tales of Julie's escapades quickly spread through the halls of Hamilton, and Robert's acquaintances were reportedly awaiting her arrival this year as early as last month. Mr. and Mrs. Metzler denied all knowledge of the incident, but did recount a "morning-after-glow on her face" at Breakfast at Tiffany's on Sunday morning. "Holy shit! She was only seventeen?", commented one senior. As of Friday morning, Robert was reportedly already sick of random guys asking him what time his family was getting here this weekend.

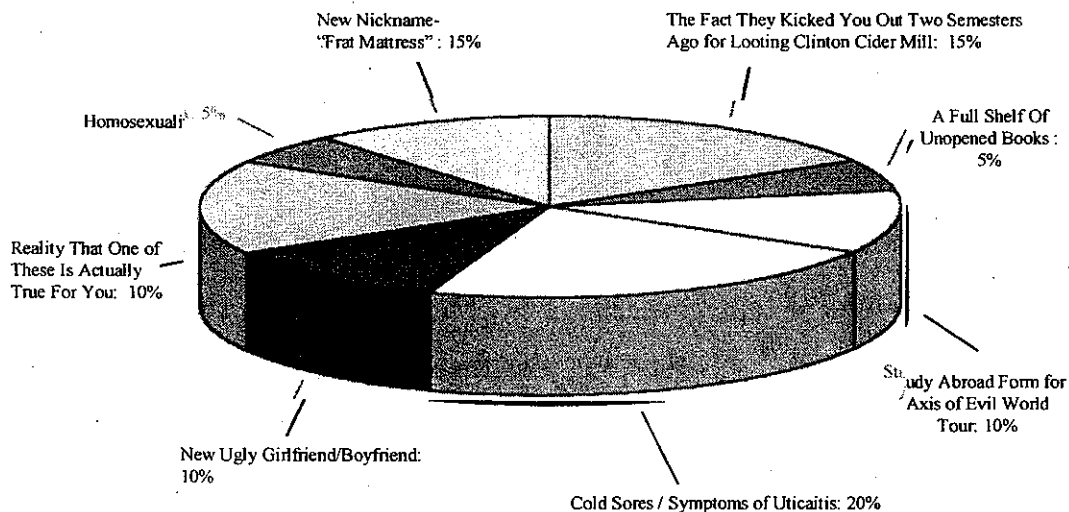
Parents of Senior Afraid This Isn't Their Last Parents Weekend

By Mr. Martin '03

Donald and Laura Seymour, parents of senior Brett Seymour '03, have reportedly shown concern that, due to Brett's academic performance this semester, this may not be their last Parents' Weekend. "Brett keeps telling us not to worry," said the elder Mr. Seymour, "but it is already November, and he seems to have no idea what his thesis is going to be about. How could he be keeping up to date with his work? Laura and I are quite concerned. We don't want to be here this time next year." Later, Brett responded by saying "Yea, my parents are getting all on my ass about school-work and 'motivation' again. I don't let it bother me. Want a beer?" Brett's parents were also concerned that employers would never consider him with "hair that looks like that."

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