

THE DUEL OBSERVER

"Knowe Thyself, Not Be Thyself."

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TRUANCY LINKED TO POLITICAL AWARENESS

By Mr. Keane '03

Hamilton students proved a long-standing theory last week: skipping class can replace effective means of political participation. Hundreds of students left class on Wednesday to rally at the Chapel in support of peace... and leaving class. Junior, Erin Fraunman, recounts the mood at the rally: "Oh, no, I've never voted, but this was a chance for me to stand up for peace ... and for leaving class early." Other students echoed her cry, claiming they will continue to "fight the good fight" for leaving class... and peace too,... if there's time.

Neuspeed Releases "S- Chip" Sorority Upgrade

By Mr. Brown '03

Due to the recent popularity of import car tuning, bolt-on company Neuspeed has released a specialized upgrade for sorority sisters. Now sorority girls can share the same technology as their Jettas and Audis. Neuspeed introduced the "S-chip" to the markets just in time for the upcoming pledge season. Wanna-be sorority sisters can now alter their voices immediately to suit their own tastes. Neuspeed has four settings on the s-chip: Valley-Girl, Loud and Obnoxious, Booty-Call, and Senior Throat. The Senior Throat setting replicates the deep and raspy sorority voice caused by four years of chain-smoking Parliament lights and drinking cheap champagne. Booty-Call can be used to entice possible hook-ups to come over for early Sunday AM humping. Neuspeed also insists that the s-chip will increase the frequency of "like" by up to 42% in normal everyday speech.

Crayola To Release New Crayon Color: Upstate Gray

By Ms. Martin '03

(EASTON, PA) Crayola announced today that they will be including a new color in their 48 crayon box: "Upstate Gray" The change is in response to the cries of thousands of Upstate New York preschoolers who, when asked by their teachers to draw the sky, responded "But the only color we have here is blue! How can we color the sky if we have no gray?" Released close on the heels of "San Diego Sky Vivid Blue" and "Cancun Sunny Every Day Yellow," Crayola does not expect "Upstate Gray" to be a resounding success outside of Central New York. It also announced that in releasing "Upstate Gray," it is discontinuing "Mud And Road Salt On My Pants Brown," another popular Central New York color.

JESUS AWARENESS WEEK A SMASHING SUCCESS

By Mr. Rothe '05

It has been confirmed that the Christian Fellowship-sponsored Jesus Awareness Week has reached a successful plateau: more people at Hamilton are now aware of Jesus than ever before. Jesus, class of 2005, is absolutely ecstatic with all of the attention that he has been receiving over the past week. "It's great! People shake my hands all the time on Martin's Way. I am now finally recognized at the fraternity and sorority parties, and they let me in with or without an invite. After being nailed to plank of wood to save humanity over 2000 years ago, I can say it's about time I got some respect and gratitude," Jesus commented. Jesus can be usually found Thursday nights at The Pub performing his crowd-pleasing and award-winning "water to wine" trick or in his Minor single forgiving sins.

REJECTED DUEL HEADLINES:

(compiled by Mr. Cairns '05)

Student Loudly Stresses Her Midterms, Useless Personality.

Bush Commits to Peace: 300,000 Troops Promote "ARMY takes Bowflex to Iraq" Commercial Campaign

Duel Writer Too Enchanted By Your Eyes to Bother With Legitimate Article Concept Experimentation With Font Size and Color In Email Must Go On – Christopher Reeve

Socially Inept Appreciate Upcoming War "Solely in Terms of an Icebreaker"

Student Greedy for The Daily Bull's Golden Stage Shouts Phallic Punchline One Last Time To a World That Chokes His ... Dreams.

AUTHOR OF "FOR DUMMIES" BOOK PUBLISHES TWO BESTSELLERS

By Mr. Siegal '03

The most recent additions to the ever popular "For Dummies" series have been released. The much anticipated books, The Penis For Dummies and The Vagina For Dummies will hit bookstores later this week. It is unbelievable how well the author has extensively the author has reported on both the male and female genitalia.

"The Vagina For Dummies" is a Godsend for confused men everywhere. Containing over 60,000 pages in more than 4 volumes, the book includes information about all aspects of the vagina including, genesis, maintenance, technical diagrams, and a model kit so that a true to life replica may be constructed to provide a three dimensional view of the remarkably complex organ. The informational section of the book occupies approximately 1000 pages of volume I. The other 59,000 plus pages contain an in depth exploration into the theory behind the vagina. It should be noted that the chapters are not in order and there is no index. Many bookstores are offering a discount because no two copies are the same, and many are missing an unknown number of pages. Curiously, there is no mention of the word "clitoris" anywhere in the collection.

The Penis For Dummies is equally as remarkable. Containing a whopping 9 words spanning 1 page (the author used "Courier New") it is the most in-depth work on the subject. The author has been kind enough to allow us to reprint this book in this issue of *The Duel*. From The Penis For Dummies: Do whatever you want to it, just don't bite.

Freshman to Roommates: My Pledging Won't Affect You Guys

By Mr. Keane '03

Freshman, Sean Hertkole spent a brief two minutes last night explaining why his pursuit of Greek affiliation will not disrupt the lives of his roommates. Hertkole explained that there will never be more than eight belligerent brothers or twelve trembling pledges in the room at any one time. He went on to stress that no one will ever awake them at 3:00AM, call the room phone endlessly all night, or break their stuff in a drunken rage. Hertkole also mentioned that he will never cry himself to sleep for more than three consecutive nights, and that his bleeding and hunger are his problems. The roommates expressed doubts, but have already started practicing the lies they will tell to Sean's parents and friends.

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The DUEL OBSERVER'S Tips for a fun and healthy spring break:

1. Go somewhere that isn't Clinton, NY. Anywhere, just not Clinton, NY.
2. Free beer is only a Sugar Daddy away.
3. Unplanned pregnancy can mean years of work and struggle. But it can also mean a stranger sends you a check every month for the next 18 years.
4. Copious alcohol consumption can liven your spring break and help you talk to people you don't normally converse with. This is even more true if you are just going back to your parents' house for break.
5. Utica Club is only sold within 50 miles of Utica. Don't get mad at the bartender when it isn't on tap in Jamaica. It's not his fault.
6. Don't hesitate. In Mexico, a free Corona t-shirt for your dignity is an even trade.
7. Anything that happens in Cancun stays in Cancun. Unless you vaguely remember removing your bikini top for a TV camera in exchange for a "Girls Gone Wild" t-shirt.

Duel Ride Board

"Hey there. I need to get to Peoria, Arkansas at 6:30am Wednesday. Anyone going that way? I'll pick up gas and tolls. Call x2435"

"If someone dosen't give me a ride to Boston, I'm gonna start kicking out headlights in the middle of the night. Someone step up, or it could be your car. Email hrandall."

"Going to NYC. If you want to pay for gas and tolls, I will give you a ride and five hours of strained and awkward conversation with a stranger. Sound good? Call x4623"

Candidate for Clinton School Committee to Stage Own Assassination

By Mr. Robbins '05

Reports hold that Robert Blightsworth, the liberal candidate for treasurer of the school committee, is planning his own assassination for the upcoming town meeting on March 18. Blightsworth, who is running unopposed for the position, is planning to leave behind a wife, two children, a Lincoln Navigator, and a liberal philosophy on bookkeeping that plans to change the face of local government.

Political advisor, George Stephanopoulos supports the decision, calling it, "the only way out." Statements from the Blightsworth camp claim that his assassination is necessary as the introduction of his new bookkeeping philosophy is sure to create competition, anarchy, and tonsillitis in this affluent, conservative-voting suburb. If he were elected treasurer of the school board, Mr. Blightsworth believes that it is rational to assume that the heavens would cave in on themselves, and God would be forced to create a new, more-advanced people to accommodate this new philosophy.

To execute the assassination, Blightsworth has enlisted the help of long-time friend and fellow little league coach, Roger Hobson. The *Duel* has obtained a copy of the itinerary, which is as follows: 1) Blightsworth introduces himself, makes humorous parallel between the day's events and the Teapot Dome Scandal; 2) Blightsworth burns copy of Principles of Accounting, vomits on the ashes, burns end result; 3) Lays out new philosophy, following the introduction of Accounts Palpable to replace Accounts Payable for humor's sake; 4) Hobson will use a flame-thrower to disintegrate Blightsworth; 5) Linda Blightsworth will sell story to Miramax, with agreement that the handsome guy from "A Knight's Tale" plays young Robert.

The New Presidential Fight Words: Poker

By Mr. Adams '06

In what may have been his last effort to persuade the American public to back his decision to disarm Iraq, President George W. Bush unleashed his most persuasive oratory skills during a primetime question session : poker jargon. "It's time for [all of the other leaders] to show their cards!", Mr. Bush confidently proclaimed. Critics applauded Bush's most articulate speech to date, but were disgusted with his lack an adequate poker face. Though reports were inconclusive about which form of poker Mr. Bush is thought to be playing, most believe he is playing his beloved Texas Hold 'em. Sources close to Mr. Bush admit that the President is still irritated that the other prominent player in the game, Saddam Hussein, never "anteed up" at the beginning of the hand. Assistants to First Lady, Laura Bush would not confirm reports that she was upset with her husband for what some sources are calling "staying up late, playing poker with his little friends, and smoking those damn cigars in the kitchen."

Glacier Overtakes G-Road Apartments

By Mr. Butler '06

In the early morning hours of this past Tuesday, residents of many of the Griffin Road apartments had to evacuate as a 60,000 ton glacier steamrolled through the area. The glacier showed no mercy as it toppled house after house. One resident was baffled that the glacier was able to sneak up as well as it did. "You'd really think I would have noticed something like that." Residents have tried to reclaim some of their possessions, but so far very little progress has been made in that area. Campus Safety has yet to officially apologize to students issued written warnings for crank calls to the campus emergency line. The Hamilton Outing Club has embraced the new addition to campus, and plans to summit the glacier next weekend. When asked for a comment, the glacier responded, "When the trains comin' through, get off the tracks. Ohh yeaaaahh..."