

# THE DUEL OBSERVER

*"Knowe Thyself, Not Be Thyself."*

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## Accepted Student Still Hiding In Dunham

Mr. Martin '03

Nate Brown, a student accepted for the Class of 2007 and a visitor to the hill for Tuesday night's Open House, has apparently been hiding out in the basement of Dunham since that evening. Brown told The Duel Observer "I was hanging out in South all night. I drank like 5 'Stones' [makes air-quotes] and was trashed! It was awesome! I threw up, but the freshman kid that was hosting me said that it was OK and everybody does it sometimes. I then yelled 'Boot and Rally' and everyone thought I was real cool." Apparently, after his debaucherous Tuesday evening, he decided he never wanted to go home again, and took up residence in a maintenance closet in Dunham's basement. The KPD has been searching for Brown since Wed. afternoon. As a final thought, Brown added, "I was playing Beirut with this girl that was wearing a shirt that barely covered her boobs! It blew my mind! If every night at Hamilton is this crazy, I don't see how this place could ever get boring! Is that snow over there?"

## T. Hedick Demands Change of E-mail Address

By Mr. Fromowitz '06

Freshman Tiffany Hedick sent a formal written request to Hamilton College Information Technology Services demanding that her email address, [thedick@hamilton.edu](mailto:thedick@hamilton.edu), be changed. "It's been really embarrassing," said Hedick. "Even my parents feel uncomfortable emailing me." Hedick's letter included a laundry-list of reasons why she feels a change is needed with specific complaints ranging from "professors take me less seriously" to "I am a girl." As of press-date, ITS has not responded to Hedick's request. A spokesperson for ITS, though, recently spoke to The Duel regarding the issue. "Off the record," said the spokesperson "I think it's pretty funny." Adding: "It's not my problem."

## A DUEL OBSERVER EXCLUSIVE RES LIFE: RAS WILL SERVE AS ROOM SERVICE

By Mr. Keane '03

Responding to claims that the resident advisor staff had become ineffective and unnecessary, The Office of Residential Life announced this morning that, starting next year, the RAs will provide full room service accommodations to their advisees. This service will include baggage handling, linen service, dry cleaning, full kitchen service, wake-up calls, bed turn-down service (complete with mints

on the pillows), and Champaign delivery. Director of Res Life, Karren Tayper, says the change is designed to make students more comfortable as they work through the rigors of college. A spokesperson from the Office of the President added, "This is exactly what Hamilton needs to transform it from the college it is to the resort it could be." When asked about the possibility of mini-bars in the dorm rooms, he said he had "not ruled-out the possibility."



The new RA in Bundy East

A representative for the resident advisors expressed their concern and outrage at having been assigned these new duties, "We were not hired to work as room service. In fact, we were hired to do very little." Regardless, they will attend Cornell's School of Hotel Administration for training in early August. Most students, however seem pleased with the decision. Beth Littleton, a College junior noted, "My only real complaint about Hamilton was that I could never get a fresh towel when I needed one. I hope Student Assembly next year really pushes the adult-TV-in-the-rooms issue."

## Chem Prof Considers "Weird Science" in Voice Mail Message

By Mr. Robbins '05

Professor of Chemistry, Thomas Knott, announced Wednesday that he would include a 10 second sample of the Oingo Boingo song "Weird Science" in his voice mail message, most likely the chorus. Knott thought of the idea while catching the end of "Weird Science," the motion picture which made the song famous, on the Superstation this past weekend.

However, after sharing the news with Physics professor Danielle Goldswith, chaos broke out within the Science Building. Biology professor Gwen Herzner was reported as saying "Chemistry, a weird science? Please. Let's see how long Professor Knott would last in a lab on vegetative propagation."

The news spread across campus quickly where it was met with disapproval by Archaeology professor Douglas Hitch. In an all-campus e-mail, Hitch included, "Answer me this Professor Knott, do you know what bones taste like? You don't? Well the archaeology department has a slice with your name on it."

Professor Knott has refrained from changing his voice mail as he searches for facts to boost the weirdness level of his discipline. According to Knott the search has been largely unsuccessful, unless you consider that the initial intention of the Periodic Table was to convert gallons of horse period into Prussian currency. Weird.

## God Apologizes for Crappy Weather

By Mr. Auerbach '05

(HEAVEN) - God recently appeared on the local news to issue a formal apology to the residents of upstate New York. God spoke unto the reporters, "So me and Hendrix we were drinking, and well I pressed a wrong button or two, I'm sorry." God was pretty upset about the continued winter storms but the more he was badgered the more vengeful he appeared. He rose to heaven with the final remark, "Yeah keep giving me shit, let's see how you like doomsday's weather, assholes." Jimi Hendrix could not be reached for comment.

## Computerized Parking Lottery Continues Automation Trend

By Mr. Rothe, '05 (NY plates, FKR-395)

Following the decision of the Registrar to go online last year, this year's parking lottery promises to be another online gathering of long wait times and smashed keyboards. "We are dedicated to making the students wait as long as possible to register their BMWs, Saabs, and the occasional Saturn. We could easily afford another server to speed up the process, but we have families to feed, sports cars to drive, and vacations to take," commented John Derin from ITS.

If online parking registration is successful, it will mark the beginning of automation here at Hamilton. The Board of Trustees is researching 24-hour room surveillance to cut down on stealing, parties, and recreation. The hallmark of the new system will be automated course and major selection. Hamilton hopes to be ranked 19th on the US News and World Report within 5 years.

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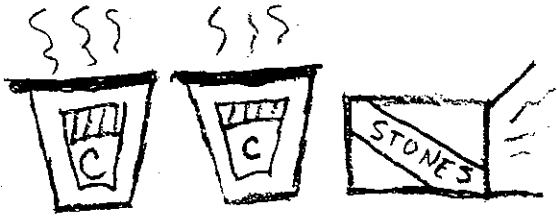
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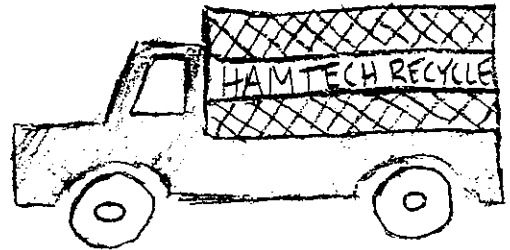
# What Happens To Our Cans?

An Earth Day Public Service Announcement by *The Duel Observer*

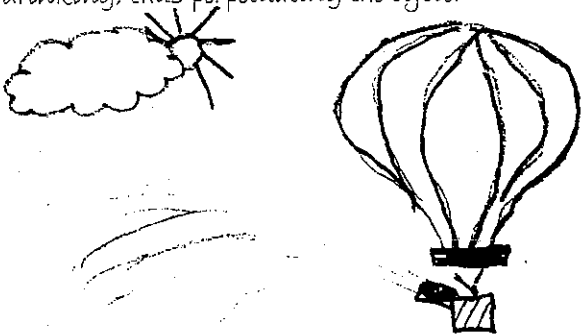
1.) On a random Saturday morning, nearly 11,870 cans are available for pickup in Hamilton dorms.



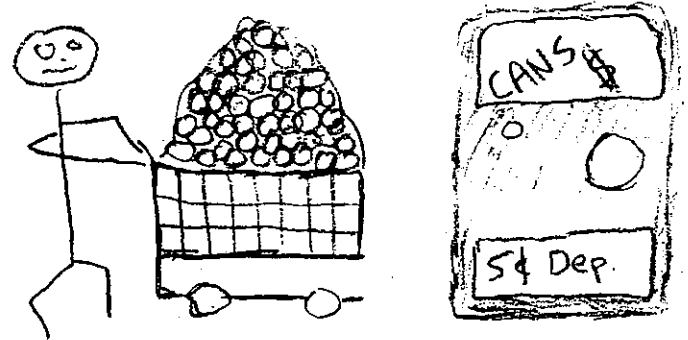
2.) The "Hamilton Recycling" truck picks up the cans.



6.) The \$25,000 is used to pay 4 midgets in clear plastic hot air balloons to spray a mixture of snow, sleet, and rain on the campus during the coming week. This forces students to hole themselves up in their room, moping and drinking, thus perpetuating the cycle.

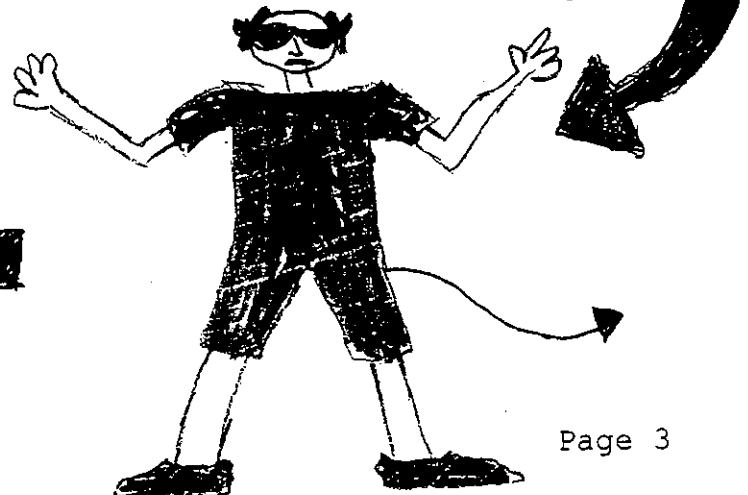


3.) The truck heads down to Tops and, over the course of 7.5 hours, the driver puts all the cans one by one into the machine, redeeming the 5¢ deposit.

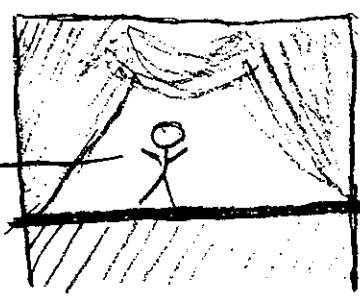


5.) Tobin appears later that night, in his new apparel, on "Showtime At The Apollo," winning \$25,000 in the open mic contest for his rendition of J.Lo's "Jenny From The Block."

4.) At 7pm, a deposit receipt for \$593.50 is presented to President Tobin. Tobin proceeds to purchase a black latex jumpsuit, purple Oakley shades, and fake devil tail with the money.



Don't Be Fooled By The Rocks That I Got



## Res Life Enslaves Overflow Students at Phys Plant

By Mr. Adams '06

In days after housing lottery numbers were distributed a scandal has been unfolding - one unlike any other to grease the pages of history at Hamilton. Allegations have been made that the Office of Residential Life, unable to accommodate excess students with the looming housing crunch, has decided to enslave overflow students with work directed by Physical Plant employees. One less than senior Res Life official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, had this to say about the new policy: "those jerks over at Admissions have been putting the screws to us for too many years. . . up until now we've been able to squeak by, but last year was too much. We have had to take matters into our own hands; this 'ought to put a serious dent in their applicant pool!" he said while shaking his fist. We attempted to contact the Admissions office for comment but were repeatedly hung up on, as thought to be inquisitive prospectives.

## Student Changes Cell Phone Ring to "Carissima"

By Mr. Keane '03

In a fit of school spirit not seen since the now-infamous "Buff 'n Blue in the Bluff" incident, senior Ted Wilkens made arrangements this week with Verizon Wireless to have his cell phone play Hamilton's alma mater, "Carissima" whenever he receives a call. Wilkens hatched the idea after hearing a fellow student's phone sing Nell's "Hot In Herre" at a Bundy party. "I just thought it would be a great way to show my school spirit. Lord knows we don't have the kind of football team you can really rally behind.", he explained. He also mentioned a desire to learn the song's words before commencement. No other students have followed suit to date.

**Hey you! Put that out. Tuck in that shirt.  
Straighten that tie. You can't write for  
The Duel looking like that!**  
duel@hamilton.edu

## After ELS Success, Students Demand Social Spaces At UOM, EGB, PGC, VNL, AOH

By Mr. Martin '03

After the successful utilization of the ELS (Emerson Literary Society) basement as a social space, *The Duel Observer* has discovered that a student petition has been presented to the President's Office urging the opening of other spaces popularly referred to by three-letter acronyms for social events. The petition recommended Hamilton utilize such spaces as UOM (University of Miami), EGB (Pete's Grandma's Basement), PGC (Peepers Gentleman's Club), VNL (Van in North Lot), and AOH (Anywhere Other than Here) for campus parties. The president's office said that it would consider the idea, but warned that the openings of other planned social spaces have been delayed by a shortage of clipboards and ambivalent student security guards. An appendix to the petition recommended that school policy require ELO (Electric Light Orchestra) to be hired as the party band for any Hamilton function. Tobin expressed support for that idea, commenting "This school does need a little more rock and roll."

## McEwen's New-ened Menu

Proposed Entrées:

### Transubstantiated Easter Bunny

Cocoa puffs in milk

*Chilled with religious intolerance*

### Gender Reintegration (thus far unavailable at Commons)

Cheeseburger on Carrot sticks

*Served with Cootie Inoculation*

### Sloppy Jo Fo' Sho'

The Culinary Specialty of drunken Jo (Who passed out watching MTV last night in Utica "da cut")

### New Saturday Hours!!

McEwen Proudly brings you:

Eleventeen!!!

Ripped from the sweetness of morning, a humanities student sugar suffixed and waffling.

REPORTED BY MR. CAIRNS '05