

# THE DUEL OBSERVER

*"Knowe Thyself, Not Be Thyself."*

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## HAMILTON HIRES FIRST FEMALE PRESIDENT!

**COLLEGE WILL CLOSE FOR THREE DAYS  
EACH MONTH**

By Mr. Keane '03

The Presidential Search Comm. announced its selection of Joan Hinde Stewart early Tuesday morning in the Chapel. Stewart wasted no time outlining her plan to "feminize" Hamilton, which goes into place in July. The most noticeable change will be the cessation of official College business at a time every 28 days or so when, according to Stewart "I just can't deal with you people." Other changes including replacing the traditional colors, buff and blue, with a more cheery pink and peach. Many biology students were relieved to learn they will no longer be required to dissect those "icky, icky" frogs. Several professors expressed dismay toward Stewart's proposal to encourage students to cry in order to get deadline extensions on papers and to avoid parking tickets. When asked about a possible dispute with Dean Paris, Stewart huffed, "If he doesn't know why I'm mad then I'm not telling him!" Hamilton will be celebrating Stewart's inauguration at an all-campus slumber party to be held in August.

## Faculty Lounge At New Science Building to get Jacuzzi

by Mr. Adams '06

It was announced yesterday that funds have been diverted from the Psychology Dept. budget to finance a Jacuzzi, to be installed in the faculty lounge of the new complex. Though the faculty of the science departments has been clamoring for such an improvement for decades, only in the last year—with the publishing of a ground-breaking study by the Psychology Dept. (finding that Jacuzzi breaks minimize stress)—has the dream of lunch-break leisure become a reality. A lowly psychology professor had this to say about the development: "The Physics Department dared us to do the study—or rather threatened us to. We never thought it would come to this. Wait, am I a tool?" Signs have already been posted to keep pets, students, and assistant professors away from the tub area and changing rooms.

## Drunk Driver Saves Innocent Child's Life

By Mr. Martin '03

*BOTTOMS UP & BUCKLE-UP DEPT.*

In a miraculous turn of events Thursday night, the actions of Brent Buckinson, a highly intoxicated driver from Herkimer, NY, saved the life of Mikey Harris, an innocent 7 year old with so much life left to live. Harris was playing in his front yard that night with his dog "Rascal," when a large boulder on a nearby hill broke loose and headed straight for the unexpecting child. At that very moment, the "absolutely shitcanned" Buckinson lost control of his car, swerving into a tree on the Harris's front lawn, which eventually fell in the path of the boulder just before the rock was to strike the young child. Mikey's mother, Helen, was ecstatic: "If it was not for the outstandingly bad judgment and acute alcoholism of Mr. Buckinson, Mikey might not be with us today. Thank you, Mr. Buckinson." Mr. Buckinson, who blew a .32 BAC afterwards, had no recollection of the incident.

## New Message From Saddam May or May Not Speak Of Events That May or May Not Have Happened

By Mr. Schwartz '02

*ACTUALLY WATCHES THE NEWS DEPT.*

In a recently released 8 track tape from Saudi television station *Al-Bundy*, former head of Iraq, Saddam Hussein calls on the people of Iraq to "lead up in uprising and/or remain victorious over our defeat and/or victory against the tyrannical United States". Furthermore, Mr. Hussein's top diplomat, Mr. Itell Lotsaliez stood by his claim that the Iraqi regime is still strong and has defeated and killed all the American troops. He was then led away in handcuffs by U.S. military officials. Anonymous sources deep in Iraq have now claimed to have seen the ousted leader outside the Grand Opening of Baghdad's first Best Buy, in hopes of being one of the first 30,000 customers to receive a free DVD of "Rugrats go to Paris".

# Sports: Canada loses to USA in Dodge-Ball

By Ms. Merrigan '04

The longest and most extensive dodge-ball game in world history ended last week when Ellen Nowak of Seattle, Washington hit Ray Thurn of Vancouver, Canada in the leg. The game, which spanned the 1,500-mile 49<sup>th</sup> parallel border between Canada and the US, lasted 2 years, 14 hours, and 37 minutes. In the end, Thurn had been pinned behind a tree for 4 days when he finally decided to make a run for it, grab a stray ball, and attempt to hit Nowak. Nowak reacted faster, having a ball already, and struck Thurn as he ran. When asked to comment about her winning throw, Nowak said, "I knew the end was near. I mean, come on, when was the last time they won a war? Let alone a dodge-ball game." Canada's response: "Stupid bul-lies, I want a do over!" The United States would not confirm or deny plans to take Canada's milk money.

## Commons Announces

### "Tobinberry" Ice Cream as Tribute

By Mr. Butler '06

FLAVOR OF THE MONTH DEPT.

In a final tribute to the departing president, Commons recently introduced a new "Tobinberry" ice cream flavor. The new flavor was added to the freezer on Tuesday and since then has become very popular with students. Commons employee and ice cream technician Bill Roston, the creator of Tobinberry, lists the ingredients as vanilla, butterscotch, almonds, raspberry, and regret. Despite public approval, many students have however, noticed a strong resemblance to the Ben and Jerry's ice cream flavor, Cherry Garcia. When asked about the similarity, Roston excused himself to the bathroom, and has been missing ever since. Samples of Tobinberry have been taken to a lab for testing, to determine if in fact the new ice cream has borrowed some of its taste from Cherry Garcia. Results were still not available when this issue went to print.

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# Student Reads Syllabus, Realizes He's Screwed

By Mr. Keane '03

ALL TOO FAMILIAR DEPT.

Junior, Herbert Thorgenston recently read the syllabus to one of his classes and was horrified to learn the administrative details contained in the document. His copy of the syllabus for "RhetCom 387: Devolution in the Speech of Central New York" was found underneath a pizza box and a squash racquet as he cleaned his South dorm room. He was quite alarmed as he read the details of the attendance policy, "What the...? You can only miss three classes?" Taken in the context of Thorgenston's admittedly liberal class attendance strategy, this news was quite a shock. Other points of interest contained in the syllabus include the stipulation that all written class responses are mandatory and that students may rewrite any paper. Thorgenston became particularly disheartened as he read about the professor's refusal to accept extra-credit work. Asked for a s t a t e m e n t , Thorgenston remarked, "Yeah, I'm really screwed. This happens every damn semester."

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# The Duel Observer Guide to Take-Home Finals

More professors each semester seem to be assigning take-home exams. This trend is largely welcomed by students, but it causes some confusion. The proper etiquette and protocol for these exams is not widely known. For your edification, *The Duel* has compiled this list as a comprehensive guide to earning your desired grade.

## A

Start the exam as soon as you get it.  
Use and properly cite specific references from the class readings.  
For quantitative questions, show your work.  
Follow the Honor Code.

## B

Start the test whenever you get around to it.  
Cite readings, but not necessarily those from the class.  
Use the Honor Code as a guideline.

## C

Assume the test is open-book.  
Start test sometime between the end of this beer and the start of "Baywatch Nights"  
Use (but do not cite) SparkNotes.com to taste.  
"Alright - You do the even ones, I'll do the odd ones."

## D

Get the answers from that DU kid who sits in the back corner.  
An attention span is only a Ritalin away...  
"There was a fourth page? I'm sorry Professor, it must have fallen off!"  
Don't be afraid to use crayon.

## F

Cut and paste the "Women Drivers" article from Page 4 into your Women's Studies exam.  
Hand in your parking tickets instead of the test.  
Two words: interpretive dance.  
Start it on your way to the Professor's office.  
Don't worry about it; the professors are here all summer.

## Roommate Told His Music "Sucks;" Seeks Counseling

By Ms. Merrigan '04

Yesterday, Rob Carr overheard his roommate, Eric, telling a mutual friend that Carr's music preferences "suck." Carr, on the other hand, was confident that his music was "bitchin'," having been told so by many lady-friends. To clear up this misunderstanding, Carr confronted Eric with this information. The roommate denied the alleged comment, establishing that Carr's music was "cool" and that he "liked a lot of the tracks." Dissatisfied with this answer, Carr asked a mutual friend about the event. This friend, who wishes to remain nameless, told Carr that Eric has been bashing his music since "Day 1." Obviously upset by this information, Carr sought emotional support from the Hamilton College counseling center. He does not know if he will be able to finish the school year and still maintains that Fleetwood Mac's "Rumours" is far better than "anything out there today."

## Hamilton Raises Awareness of the Dangers of Women Drivers

By Mr. Brown '03

MY GIRLFRIEND DOESN'T GO TO HAMILTON DEPT.

Behind every good man is a woman, a woman who statistics and common sense say probably shouldn't drive. The damaged pick-up display between Martin's Way and the Health Center hopes to raise awareness about the dangers of women who decide they're okay enough to drive. Many opponents of woman drivers are striving to reveal the truth behind the myth. "We're sick of everyone joking about woman drivers," states one activist, "there's a truth behind the punch-line, and that truth is that women shouldn't drive; they're a danger to themselves and other motorists." Other activists go further and warn even non-woman drivers to never let a woman get behind the wheel, even if she says she is able to drive. The red pick-up adds, "I'd rather sit here and have drunk Hamilton students try to rip my door off than have another woman get behind MY wheel."

## 2003 Hamilton Continental Football Preview

Sept. 13	..... Winners
Sept. 20	.....AWAY@ Winners
Sept. 27	..... Winners
Oct. 4	.....AWAY@ Winners
Oct. 18	.....AWAY@ Winners
Oct. 25	..... Winners
Nov. 8	.....AWAY@ Winners
Nov. 15	..... Winners
Nov. 22	..... <i>Post-season begins*</i>



*\*like it matters*

## Campus Safety Officer Ironically Turned-On By Streakers

By Mr. Keane '03

Hamilton College Campus Safety Officer, Bobby Muligano, confided to close sources that he was "kinda turned-on" by the self-named Varsity Streaking Team. These emotions are at odds with his sworn duties, including curbing the activities of the this new campus menace. Casual observers were overwhelmed by the blatant irony. The trouble started several weeks ago when the band of bare students began to run across campus in the buff. The Dept. of Campus Safety became excited at the chance to participate in their version of a high-speed chase, but sources say Muligano, in particular, became excited at the chance to see a nude 19-year-old for the first time since 1983. Muligano's own directives to the students hinted that even he may realize the humor in the situation, "Hands up and spread 'em! Wait... is this getting too weird?"