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## SOME GUY ELECTED PRESIDENT

By Mr. Clark '06

*COVERING ALL OUR BASES DEPT.*

(WASHINGTON, DC) After months of campaigning, fundraising, and public discourse, some guy was elected as President of the United States last Tuesday night after receiving more than 270 electoral votes.



*A color-blind artist's rendition of the president-elect with a question-mark shaped hole in his head*

project problems which will face the president-elect. Some other guy at a Washington think tank believes the victor will face many challenges in the next four years, including a highly polarized nation, a stubborn and partisan legislature, and a massive national deficit.

With a high percentage of voting precincts reporting, some television networks declared that guy the winner of the election.

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Despite the successful candidate's wealthy Ivy-League background, he managed to make a connection with the blue-collar American voter. This connection helped him win "swing states" which tipped the balance of electoral votes in his favor.

Political analysts have already started to

## HAMILTON COLLEGE TO BUILD PETTING ZOO

By Mr. Lee '07

*I WANT A PONY DEPT.*

(CLINTON, NY) Sources close to the administration of Hamilton College indicate that Hamilton College will build a petting zoo in order to stay competitive with other NESCAC schools. Other northeastern liberal arts colleges have built student-oriented facilities in recent years that have placed them ahead of Hamilton in the U.S. News and World Report's liberal arts college rankings.

Bowdoin boasts fully functional "Keg Carts", while Amherst built a rollercoaster. Williams, which tops the U.S. News rankings, provides students with personal monkey butlers. "There was only one at first," Shirley van Dyke, a Williams College admissions officer explained. "But he trained others."

Hamilton, which is currently tied with Colby College for 19th in the U.S. News rankings, will not be left behind. "It's about manning up," said an administration official who spoke on the condition of anonymity and free drinks. "Watch out, Harvey Mudd College. We're coming for your ass."

Plans for the petting zoo include baby llamas, goats, sheep and horsies. Despite the overwhelmingly cute nature of the proposed petting zoo animals, student reactions to the school's plans are mixed.

Some students, like Frank Soros '07,  
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# FATHER TEACHES SON ABOUT SEX USING ACTION FIGURES

By Mr. Clark '06 and Mr. Erb '05

*WE'RE GOING TO HELL DEPT.*

(NEW YORK MILLS, NY) In an innovative display of parenting, local dad Timothy Morgan has decided to teach his five-year-old son Joey the birds and the bees using action figures.

"Kids these days are so good with the computers and watch so much TV," Mr. Morgan said. "It's hard to get Joey to pay attention to anything. I tried just talking to him about it but he threw a vase at me and ran out of the house. So I figured I'd use some...uh...interactive teaching materials. So he can learn by doing it himself. Like those computer games we get him. You know. Edu-tainment."

The dolls, referred to by Mr. Morgan as "Ron" and "Jenna", were custom-ordered from Doc Johnson Inc., a large adult novelty distributor. Despite the figures' small height, their anatomies are conspicuously out of proportion.

"I don't want him to swallow any of the parts," Mr. Morgan said when asked why the "Ron" doll was not built to scale. "Ya know, with Legos, how they don't want you giving it to young kids because it's small and they might choke on it? Well, I care about my kid. I don't want him chokin' on any loose little junk."

"I wanted to teach him about sex at a young age. All those parenting books say you should. And hey, if you're gonna teach, you might as well teach it all. Everything. Even the stuff my wife won't let me do."

While Joey seems to enjoy learning with the dolls, he has had limited access because Mrs. Morgan keeps throwing them in the trash and yelling at Daddy.

Joey could not be reached for comment because he was put in timeout after his mother caught him playing with 'Ron' and 'Deep Six', a

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favor a petting zoo. "We pay forty grand a year," Soros said. "We better have a damn petting zoo."

Other students, like Erica Coolidge '08, favor building new student-oriented facilities but does not support a petting zoo in particular. "Petting zoo? Eh," Coolidge remarked. "Keg Carts? Money!"

A recent Duel Observer poll found that 97 percent of students favored Keg Carts and 100 percent favored monkey butlers, whereas only 54 percent favored a petting zoo. Worse still, 86 percent of students polled strongly support bacon. Some worry that opportunistic and hungry students might commandeer some of the petting zoo's roster of cute baby animals for barbecue-related purposes. As one hungry student ominously said, "Fresh bacon is good like whoa."

The baby animals could not be reached for comment because they don't speak English.

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The soon-to-be president-elect promptly made a televised acceptance speech in which he promised solutions to many of those problems.

During the course of his speech, he promised to fight terrorism on both global and domestic levels, provide tax breaks for the middle class, improve the American public education system, reduce dependence on foreign energy sources, cut the cost of healthcare by importing drugs from Canada, and work with an international coalition in order to stabilize Iraq.

Whether or not he is able to follow up on any of these promises remains to be seen, especially considering the many questions raised about his political record by his opponent during the campaign. A Duel Observer exit poll showed that many voters were not confident in the victor's leadership ability or his approach to domestic security and foreign policy. They were also very skeptical about hypocrisy in his record. 100 percent of those surveyed reported that they voted for one candidate or the other because he was, "less of a douchebag than the other guy."

The guy who won will take the Oath of Office on January 20, 2005. The other guy could not be reached for comment because his phone number is unlisted.

## **HAMILTON COLLEGE FOOTBALL TEAM ALMOST SCORES**

By Mr. Millhauser '08

*SO CLOSE YET SO VERY FAR DEPT.*

(CLINTON, NY) Students and faculty alike almost burst into fanatical cheering the other day as Ryan Barss '06, the Continentals' starting running back, nearly scored Hamilton Football's first touchdown ever. Loyal fans of the team almost howled with delight when Barss just barely failed to score.

"He was tackled just two yards from the end zone," NESCAC referee Andrew Henderson reported. "I would have crapped myself if he had made it. He almost crossed the goal line, but then he didn't. It was practically amazing."

Other enthusiastic spectators nearly ripped off their shirts with joy when Barss came close to but didn't quite score the first touchdown in Hamilton's 192-year history.

"It was almost freaking awesome," Mike Allman '05 remarked. "I nearly leapt out of my freaking seat. But I didn't."

Mr. Barss could not be reached for comment because the Duel Observer almost paid the phone bill, but then didn't.

## **SPOTLIGHT ON PRESIDENTIAL POLICY**

Later on in his acceptance speech, the president-elect introduced new initiatives which he believes will "define [his] presidency." A press release from his campaign outlined the following initiatives which the candidate planned to pursue over the following years and months. He promises to:

- Make Medicare cover "hug therapy" as a cheaper alternative to prescription drugs
- Fight terrorism by giving a tax cut to anyone who plays as the Counter-Terrorists (except for the French GIGN) in Counter-Strike
- Introduce a Kittens-for-Guns program to disarm Iraqi insurgents
- Cut the deficit in half by switching sides in the War on Drugs
- Ease partisan tensions in the legislature with monthly Red vs. Blue pillow fights
- Improve American public education by deporting everyone under the age of 18 to Canada

## HAMILTON HOROSCOPES

### ARIES: (MARCH 21—APRIL 19)

Despite Axl Rose's claims to the contrary, you'll find that the jungle does not have "fun and games" so much as "snakes and malaria."

### TAURUS: (APRIL 20—MAY 20)

This week's events will make you question the validity of the saying "Dead Men Tell No Tales."

### GEMINI: (MAY 21—JUNE 21)

This week will make you wish you had taken that course in Maritime Law.

### CANCER: (JUNE 22—JULY 22)

In a bizarre turn of events, Ralph Nader will lose an election to you, even though you weren't running for office.

### LEO: (JULY 23—AUG. 22)

The stars want to remind you of the series premier of My Big Fat Obnoxious Boss, this Sunday November 7th at 9/8c on Fox.

### VIRGO: (AUG. 23—SEPT. 22)

Although it may seem like a good idea at the time, throwing water balloons at ninjas will not be conducive to your health.

### LIBRA: (SEPT. 23—OCT. 23)

This week, you will learn the true meaning of pain when you finally buy a dictionary.

### SCORPIO: (OCT. 24—NOV. 21)

During what at first will seem like a pleasant vacation in New Mexico, you'll discover the painful truth behind the sign that is Scorpio.

### SAGITTARIUS: (NOV. 22—DEC. 21)

I'm not going to lie to you. You're going to die.

### CAPRICORN: (DEC. 22—JAN. 19)

You will suffer great embarrassment this week when several complete strangers tell you to take off your Richard Nixon mask.

### AQUARIUS: (JAN. 20—FEB. 18)

You've always wanted an impressive-sounding title, but for some reason, being known as "The Assmaster" doesn't quite cut it

### PISCES: (FEB. 19—MARCH 20)

The Guinness Book of World Records will fail to acknowledge that eating all those staples merits national recognition.

## SENIOR GIFT TO BE

### "RAMMED IN THERE"

By Mr. Signorelli '05

*MULTIPLE ENTENDRE DEPT.*

(CLINTON, NY) "Ram it in There!" will be the new slogan for this year's Senior Gift campaign. After sorting through piles of submissions, Anna Malle '05, student-organizer of the E.L.S. Gift Fund, proudly unveiled the slogan last night.

"Considering the tight architecture of the E.L.S. building, any remodeling efforts will consist of ramming lots of tools, materials, and workers into the building," Ms. Malle said. "So 'Ram it in There' seemed perfect."

Currently, a fireman's pole and a mechanical bull are set to be installed. Patrick Peeler, the representative from Physical Plant who will oversee the construction, anticipates ramming these new additions into E.L.S. some time in 2005.

"We're hoping that the new fireman's pole will serve to unite all members of the senior class, just as it will unite all four floors of E.L.S.," Peeler said.

"That's my own contribution to the Senior Gift," Mr. Peeler responded when later asked about the mechanical bull. "It's been sitting in my garage for like three years. My wife's always nagging me to get rid of it. I mean, she goes on and on, and so, well, you know what I mean. We're just gonna 'Ram it in There'. Ha! I crack myself up."

Mrs. Peeler could not be reached for comment because she was ramming it in there with the mailman.

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