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SADDAM HUSSEIN TO SPEAK AT HAMILTON

By Mr. Orlando '08
TOO SOON? DEPT.

(CLINTON, NY) In its continuing efforts to bring provocative speakers that will spur discussion among the Hamilton community, the Kirkland Project has announced its next speaker: none other than former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein. Hussein will be the third speaker in the Kirkland Project's “Assholes in Context” lecture series.

Many know of Hussein from the highly publicized “Gulf War One” and “Gulf War Two: Shaky Premise For A Sequel”, but many do not know that he is also an accomplished swing dancer.



Saddam Hussein, teaching that finger-wagging move from the Jitterbug (or Lindy, or Charleston. We don't know.)

In light of such fascinating revelations, Hussein will be making a presentation titled, “Sure I'm a Dictator, but You Should See Me Dance” on Monday, February 28th in Wellin Hall. There will be a question and answer session following the presentation, and refreshments will be served.

The Kirkland Project has also reportedly considered hiring Hussein for a semester-long position in which he would teach a quarter-credit class on Swing Dance and co-teach a Sophomore Seminar on testicular electrocution.

The Kirkland Project's plans for next Fall
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LIBERAL & CONSERVATIVE PROFESSORS TO SEPARATE

By Mr. Mudie '05
INSTITUTIONAL DYSFUNCTION DEPT.

(CLINTON, NY) In a joint statement issued today, liberal and conservative Hamilton College professors announced that they would undergo a separation.

Conservative professors will continue teaching for Hamilton College on the north side of campus, while liberal professors plan to teach for Kirkland College on the south side. Students will be allowed to take classes at either campus, but only on alternating weeks.

Although both sides are trying to make the split seem as amicable as possible, reports indicate that Hamilton and Kirkland are in the midst of a fierce custody battle over Beinecke.

The joint statement issued by both sides assured tearful students that they were not the reason why the professors had been fighting.

“Of course this isn't your fault,” the statement read. “It's just that, sometimes professors can get along and sometimes they can't. Unfortunately, we've tried everything, but we are just too different to ever get along. We've decided that we're going to go our separate ways. You have to trust us that this will be the best in the long run.”

Upon reading this, many students began to weep. The statement then continued, “We want you to know that this has absolutely nothing to do with you; this is only about us. Both
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include stealing and reanimating the body of Vladimir Lenin.

The director of the Kirkland Project could not be reached for comment because she has entered the Witness Protection Program.

STUDENT EXPELLED FOR INADEQUATE CITATION¹

By Mr. Wright '08

**COUGH*TOBIN!*COUGH* DEPT.*

(CLINTON, NY) Frank Mitchell '07, didn't think he was doing anything wrong.

"I wear this shirt all the time!"² He proclaimed, flaunting his wanton disregard for school policy.

"This is as clear-cut a case of plagiarism as I've ever seen,"³ Prof. Wendy McDougal said. Mitchell was taken to the Honor Court and found guilty of plagiarism for wearing a t-shirt that said "Blessed are the peacemakers"⁴ but did not properly cite the source of the quotation.

"It's very tricky catching these things," McDougal continued. "Why, just the other day, in a class discussion, one of my students said 'All men are created equal.'⁵ I waited for her to cite her source, but she just kept talking. Clearly, expulsion was the only option."

Some students are more careful than Mitchell was. Brandon Roy '06 notes that the price of originality is eternal vigilance.⁶

"I almost accidentally plagiarized once," Roy said. "When I was looking over one of my own papers for the eleventh and final time, I thought I had properly paraphrased and cited my sources, but, lo and behold, I used satire in the paper. You see, I forgot to properly mention that satire has been used before, and therefore isn't original."⁷

Roy then looked around nervously and

added "Roy, Brandon. 2004. Personal Correspondence. Clinton, New York."

Roy could not be reached for further comment, as the author was expelled for not properly citing the previous paragraph.

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BUSH HOLDS WHITE HOUSE SLEEPOVER

By Mr. Clark '06 and Mr. Lazemby '09
SHENANIGANS & TOMFOOLERY DEPT.

(WASHINGTON, DC) The job of President of the United States comes with many unique and, according to President Bush, “freakin’ sweet” perks. The President gets a private jet, a small cadre of armed bodyguards, and divine mandate to invade any country that looks at him funny.

The President can also invite guests to stay overnight at the White House. These “sleepovers” are typically a means of rewarding campaign donors or political allies.

But President Bush, with his usual keen eye for opportunity and disregard of common sense, decided to up the stakes. Citing the need for “team chemistry”, Bush invited the highest-ranking government officials to a slumber party in the West Wing.

The first order of business was the initiation of the new cabinet members into the Secret Sleepover Society.

“At first I was kinda scared,” Condoleezza Rice, the newly-confirmed Secretary of State, later recalled. “They blindfolded me and then made me hold a ‘brain’, which I think was actually spaghetti. Then we had to write our names on the official Society charter in our blood. Then they taught us the secret handshake, which was kind of complicated.”

After getting the formalities out of the way, President Bush popped in a DVD of “Troy” and had his Secret Service man serve wine coolers. Cabinet members talked about how dreamy Brad Pitt is as they braided each other’s hair, or, in the case of Vice President Cheney, painted their toenails.

When the movie ended, Bush started a game of Truth-or-Dare. After hours of giggling, state secrets, and an admission by outgoing Secretary of State Colin Powell that he was wearing a training

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the liberal and the conservative professors still want to teach you all very much and we want you to know that.”

Though the statement was intended to console the students, many remained unconvinced. “Sure, they’re going to say that it’s not the students’ fault, but I know they’re just trying to make me feel better.” Taylor Robinson ’06 remarked.

Fists clenched in frustration, he added, “I just wish I had done all my reading last semester. Then everything would be alright.”

Alexander Hamilton could not be reached for comment because this reporter can’t find his ouija board.

bra, Secretary of the Interior Gale Norton suggested a game of Spin-the-Bottle.

“Spin the Bottle was going fine, until [Energy Secretary Spencer] Abraham had to kiss [Homeland Security Director Tom] Ridge,” Norton said. “That made [Attorney General John] Ashcroft really uncomfortable, and he told President Bush Sr. on us. He’s such a party-poopers.”

This was the first of several times the noise coming from the Oval Office prompted Bush Sr., who was staying in the Lincoln Bedroom, to insist that it was “bedtime”, much to the chagrin of his son’s guests.

After breaking up a noisy pillow fight started by Donald Rumsfeld’s pre-emptive pillow assault on Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao, Bush Sr. declared. “It’s bedtime. I’m telling, not asking!” This prompted a chorus of “awwwws”, and President Bush begged for “five more minutes.”

The Bush cabinet then spent the rest of the night huddled up with flashlights in a makeshift tent made of bedsheets, telling ghost stories and making prank phone calls to foreign dignitaries.

EPA Administrator Stephen L. Johnson could not be reached for comment because the invitations explicitly said “No Stephen L. Johnsons Allowed” and it made him cry.

HUMMINGBIRD DIET CAUSING A “FLAP” (HA HA! SORRY.)

By Mr. Clark '06

LOOK AND FEEL FABULOUS DEPT.

(LOS ANGELES, CA) Diet manual sales records were shattered this week by Dr. Thaddeus Trochilidae's new book, *The Hummingbird Diet*, displacing *The Chainsaw Diet: Slice Yourself Thin* from the top of the non-fiction bestseller list.

Dr. Trochilidae, a professor of ornithology at UCLA, realized that the tiny birds held the secret to quick and lasting weigh loss.

“The hummingbird is the smallest bird in the world, with some species weighing as little as 1.8 grams,” Dr. Trochilidae said. “That’s lighter than a penny! So I wondered: what is their slimming secret?”

“Then I realized that hummingbirds are Mother Nature’s aerobics instructors. Their tiny little hearts can go over 1,000 beats per minute. Yoga, Pilates, Jazzercise – no other weight loss plan can get your heart pumping like the Hummingbird Diet. This is the kind of workout not even Hollywood celebrities with professional trainers can get.”

Several celebrities have, in fact, taken up the Hummingbird Diet, including Jennifer Garner, Madonna, and Johnny Depp.

Some critics have challenged the validity of the Hummingbird Diet. Several leading physicians have questioned whether it was possible for the human heart to reach 1,000 beats per minute.

“Oh, it’s easy!” Dr. Trochilidae responded. “All you have to do is flap your arms 50 times per second, drink Mountain Dew™ brand colored sugar water, and maybe take some crystal meth.”

Jennifer Garner could not be reached for comment because the diet made her heart explode inside her chest.

4 *R.I.P. Jennifer Garner, dead at the age of 32.*

TOM BRADY: DEADLY ROBOT SENT FROM THE FUTURE

By Mr. Lee '07

FEBRUARY 6th: JUDGEMENT DAY DEPT.

(JACKSONVILLE, FL) New England Patriots doctors put star quarterback Tom Brady under twenty-four hour observation in a local Jacksonville hospital for observation today, following complications during a routine physical. They are confident that Brady will be ready into time for the Super Bowl.

“It seems that he is not a man of flesh and bone, as you or I,” Dr. John Thronsberg, the chief resident at Jacksonville Medical Center, said. “Rather, he is a machine. Literally. He’s made of metal and circuits.”

Thronsberg first suspected Brady’s origins during New England’s rout in the AFC Championship game against Pittsburgh.

“Drop 41 on the Steelers? Men do not do that,” Thronsberg said. “But what do you expect? He was designed with a pneumatic arm, titanium skin, and a high-powered laser canon to incinerate opposing linemen. He cannot be stopped.

“Don’t you understand? There’s nothing we can do. NOTHING! He will do whatever it takes to reach his primary objectives: winning the Super Bowl, and killing Sarah Connor.” Thronsberg bemoaned. The doctor proceeded to curl up into the fetal position and weep for several hours, before whimpering, “Go Eagles.”

In a recent interview, Brady confessed that he has no plans to enslave humanity, but said, “it’s a long off-season.”

God could not be reached for comment because, if there was a God, then why is Tom Brady allowed to inflict so much suffering upon his foes?

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