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FRATERNITIES SENTENCED TO 1 YEAR IN SIBERIAN LABOR CAMPS

Lenient voices prevail

THIRSTY FOR JUSTICE DEPT.

By Mr. Clark '06

(CLINTON, NY) Dean of Students Nancy Thompson had seen enough. In her words, "it was time to drop the f**king hammer."

Reports of destructive and unruly behavior by fraternity members had accumulated on the Dean's desk, but she had always dealt with them individually. But last weekend's "Pledge Mayhem" cage-fighting tournament was the last straw.

Shortly after hearing that seventeen shell-shocked pledges were sent to the hospital with bruises, broken ribs, and several cases of liver failure, Dean Thompson issued an executive decree exiling all fraternities to spend a year "studying abroad" in Siberian gulags.

There was an immediate outcry that the punishment didn't fit the crime, to which she replied, "It's about as fair as the back of my hand." After a moment, Dean Thompson thoughtfully added, "Bitch."

Although Hamilton's sororities reportedly had no connection to "Pledge Mayhem," they were sent to Miss Pruitt's Finishing School for Nice Girls in Oxfordshire, UK "for good measure."

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INVASIVE SPECIES INVADES DARKSIDE

Like little people

TODDLER RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

By Mr. Allinger '09

(DARKSIDE) Every Friday, Lee Rhodes '07 is introduced to his Thursday night hangover by shrill wails outside his Root single. "Short, stumpy limbs, oversized heads, high pitched screams on the weaponized scale," he explained. "I am bamboozled."

Reports abound of these small social pack animals who have claimed the hill just short of the wreckage of Keehn Fac-apt as their own. Observations indicated they have very primitive English and math skills.

"My father didn't spend two thousand dollars on a Kaplan SAT prep course for me to go to a school with public school rug-rats!" Sara Davenport '09, spoiled freshman, scoffed. "My guidance councilor said this school was competitive."

Even more sociable students were confused. "I invited them to play a little Beirut Saturday night, and they looked at me like they'd never heard of the game," John Lewis '06 said. "They wanted to play something called 'tag'. Which I thought was Dodgeball with shots...apparently not."

Some speculate they may not even be students. They may rather be some type of infestation, eating through the walls of Root and causing recent Milbank damage.

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GOD CAUSES THOUSANDS IN DAMAGES

Sanctions!

YOU CAN DO THAT? DEPT.

By Mr. M. Clark '07

(HAMILTON COLLEGE) Following heavy damage caused to the Hamilton campus this past weekend by freak wind storms, the Administration plans to announce sanctions on the all-powerful deity by all-campus e-mail sometime early next week.

The damage, which included uprooted trees, power failures, and damage to the Campus Safety building, was described as "reckless and of Biblical proportions." As an effort to make an example of God, college administrators decided that disciplinary recourse was essential to prevent future incidents of vandalism.

Sanctions will include banning the presence of God in Milbank Residence Hall and the Chapel, limiting the housing of God and his followers, as well as disallowing God to recruit new followers on campus until June 2007 and forbidding God from having on campus events.

God's followers were upset with the sanctions, feeling that they was being unfairly blamed for damage caused indirectly by some of his powers.

The Apostle John spoke in his defense, saying "We as a religion have never, ever, encouraged the wrath of God. Besides, I'm sure it was mostly Satan." However, loud, heavenly chants of "I am G-O-D," easily implicated God and his followers as the guilty party and lead the Administration to finalize punishment.

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Fraternity members don't understand exactly why they're being punished. "If making freshmen beat each other to a bloody pulp with fraternity paddles is wrong, then *I don't wanna be right,*" Delta Iota Kappa pledge coordinator Andrew Mercoles '06 said. "It builds character."

Some fraternity members seemed unfazed by the news, however. "So, I'm going to freeze my ass off, do a bunch of boring busywork, eat badly...how is this any different?" Jim Frankel '08 asked. After a brief moment of reflection, he added, "The most difficult adjustment is probably going to be the switch from Keystone Light to vodka."

Joseph Stalin could not be reached for comment, but he probably would have approved.

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SPRING TRAINING RAISES FALSE HOPES

Merciful distraction from college hoops

FORLORN HOPES DEPT.

By Mr. Irvin '09

(FLORIDA) MLB teams resumed Spring Training, causing 40 odd days of cruel hope.

Optimism runs high among Boston Red Sox fans who ready to embrace their offense-depleted team with the good cheer of Death Row inmates. Fans predict this year's success will depend on how many socks Curt Schilling covers in his own blood and how many times Manny Ramirez relieves himself inside the Green Monster.

Yankees fans were equally over optimistic. One was quoted as saying, "at least Mike Mussina isn't a year older!" This was quickly followed by "Ah...dogged!"

Another fan predicted, "Randy Johnson will go 32-0 with over 200 strikeouts! He's as reliable as a Pinto!" Other fans eagerly await Johnny Damon so that, "we can heckle him 81 games a year and chant for one Bernard Williams."

When asked, "Well, what about the Mets?" Boston and Yankee fans briefly laid aside their rivarly to exchange shrugs.

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Happily, Physical Plant is already taking pro-active measures.

"Gorillas!" George Kanter, Physical Plant's pest specialist beamed. "Mighty gorillas will act as a Keystone species to cap the growth of...well, whatever these are."

When asked what would control the gorillas, Kanter replied. "Chinese red fire beetles. Well, that and the mercy of God."

OLD MEN SENIORS REMINESCE OF BETTER TIMES

Ain't as good as it once was

"I REMEMBER BACK IN AUGHT THREE"

DEPARTMENT

By Mr. Goulding '06 and Mr. Lee '07

(HAMILTON COLLEGE) Seniors gathered freshmen around Martin's Way today to regale with tales of better days, of when men were men, Annex parties didn't have a wall in the middle of them, and Mr. Hamilton alone bought you a 30 rack.

Citing the social decline at the school, from the loss of North Court to the advent of 3rd party catering to the party in Babbitt 41 last week, "a thirty rack of Beast and ladies to match," John Lewis '06 scoffed, the council of elders predicated rising beer prices, whinier freshmen and check-points run by jack-booted Campus Safety thugs. Waving his cane in the air, Lewis sighed, "things fall apart, the center cannot hold. Mere anarchy is loosened upon the world, bitches."

Yet other students vowed optimism. "We're going to take on the problems of this campus," promised Nick Allyn '08, class officer. "We're getting in their face. We're too close for missiles... we're switching to guns."

Allyn has solid grounds for optimism, "at least we're not Colgate."

Colgate was quick to reply, "Whatever Hamilton. We've been recklessly boozing for over a decade."

RIP \$8.99 thirties

DEVIL GOES DOWN TO GEORGIA, SUES FOR CONTRACT FRAUD

Fiddle player too

COUNTRY MUSIC LAW DEPT.

By Mr. Lee '07

(ATLANTA, GA) The Devil filed suit against Johnny, the sassy, fiddle playing local boy, alleging contract fraud. He seeks Johnny's soul in recompense, along with 20 million dollars for emotional distress.

J.G. Wentworth, Utica-area ambulance chaser, explained the Devil's case. "Fiddle playing is a purely subjective field. Neither Johnny nor the Devil were qualified to admit defeat or claim victory. There should have been a panel of judges," Wentworth explained. He went on to say either the judges of American Idol, Judge Judy, or a special celebrity panel of the Chipmunks would suffice.

When asked about the Devil's concession, Wentworth was quick to reply.

"The Devil was not of a balanced state of mind. He was in bind, 'cause he was way behind. Also, he had been drinking."

Indeed, independent observers have always wondered how Johnny even won. "Chicken in the bread pan picking out dough? Granny does your dog bit no-child-no? Hell, someone had to be high on the drugs to be beat by that," concluded Billy-Joe Thucksburg, of the American Fiddle Institute.

Johnny quickly dismissed the Devil's claim.

"I done sold that golden fiddle. Marryin' yo' cousin ain't cheap," he explained. "Worth every penny, too."

VIN DIESEL TO DIRECT MOVIE STARRING VIN DIESEL

Fabric of space-time rent asunder

THE FAST AND THE CURIOUS DEPT.

By Mr. Millhauser '08

(LOS ANGELES, CA) Sony Pictures announced recently that the historical epic Hannibal will feature Vin Diesel as title character, romantic lead, director, best boy and key grip.

The casting decision follows in the footsteps of such great actor-directors as Clint Eastwood, Mel Gibson, and Steven Seagal. Studio executives promise that in the movie, which details the life of the Carthaginian general, "Vin Diesel will make such cinematic masterpieces as Casablanca, Citizen Kane, and Rocky 5 choke on their tears. Like little sissy girls watching their dreams collapse."

Rumor has it that the movie will contain all of the following scenes: Vin Diesel wrestling alligators with his tongue, Vin Diesel shooting Roman general Scipio Africanus in solar plexus with a shotgun, Vin Diesel setting large numbers of civilians on fire, and Vin Diesel disemboweling vampires with a blue magic marker.

Despite the presence of heavy violence, nudity, profanity and bestiality, the MPAA has already rated the movie G, because "Vin Diesel plays by his own rules, and nobody else's."

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