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## #11 HAMILTON ADVANCES TO FINAL FOUR

*Shocking upset over #1 ranked UVM*

*CINDERELLA DEPT.*

By Mr. Conway '08

(CLINTON, NY) Hamilton advanced to its first NCAA Beirut Tournament Final Four, toppling #1 ranked University in Vermont in overtime.

Overtime appeared unnecessary in the last moments of regulation when an errant "Top Gun High-Five," from team captain Greg Lung '08 inadvertently knocked the ball disastrously into the last cup. Amidst controversy, officials ruled he committed a "premature victory celebration which resulted in a tip-in." Worse, officials ejected Hamilton Coach Matt McConner during his spirited protest at officials and subsequent attempt at fisticuffs.

Lung quickly atoned for his mistake, shooting a 3 cup field goal on his partner's front cup and shouting, "Underachieving and Beirut, that's what upstate New York does!"

"I asked the guys to pick me up," Lung said during post-game interviews. "And they manned up. Because that how we do at the HC."

UVM Coach Bobby Knight reacted badly to the news.

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## WAR ON DRUGS FINALLY OLD ENOUGH TO DRINK

*Plans include getting real tore up, addressing opium in Afghanistan*

*ALL GROWED UP DEPT.*

By Mr. M. Clark '07

(WASHINGTON DC) First Lady Laura Bush hosted a 21<sup>st</sup> birthday gala for the War on Drugs amid pomp, ceremony, and cash bars.

The War on Drugs, created in 1985 to encourage America's school children to "Just Say No" has reached a government-sanctioned level of maturity and can now legally purchase and consume alcohol in all fifty states. Speaking behind a giant American flag and a "Mission Accomplished" banner, the War on Drugs said, "Yeah, I mean, it's not like the law kept me from drinking, but now I can totally buy Mike's Hard Lemonade for freshman girls, and that really ups my odds." The War on Drugs paused to high-five his buddy, the President's Council on Fitness. "When I was in Colombian military academies, my parents always told me drinking responsibly was OK, but drugs were bad, m'k? Granted, they were yey'd up when I was conceived, but it was a different time, the Reagan Years man. And they were right. Just say no to drugs...and yes to another Raspberry Smirnoff baby."

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# HOMELAND SECURITY IGNORED WARNINGS OF PLUMBING DISASTER

By Mr. A. Clark '06

*THEY JUST DIDN'T LISTEN DEPT.*

(WASHINGTON, DC) An entire floor at the offices of the Homeland Security Dept. was flooded yesterday when the toilet in Secretary Michael Chertoff's private bathroom backed up and overflowed.

As he was fleeing the devastation, Chertoff announced to reporters that "there was no way [he] could have known" and that the plugged toilet was "clearly an Act of God that was beyond our control."

But an internal source sent the *Duel Observer* a series of e-mails from the DHS janitorial staff to Mr. Chertoff warning him that the plumbing situation would be "dire" if he continued to flush paper towels down the toilet. Mr. Chertoff's responses included "It's your job to clean up after my mistakes" "What the hell do you know about plumbing? You're a janitor. You just wouldn't understand," and "Suck it, Trebek!"

At a followup press conference, Mr. Chertoff denied that he even knew what a paper towel was. When asked why he didn't simply use a plunger, Chertoff said, "But that would be icky! Also, I was convinced that this flood was a terrorist attack against our intelligence and first response capabilities."

Lobbyists for major chemical concerns were quick to secure a \$190 million government contract for drain  
2 cleaner.

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"We didn't think we could be beat this year. We recruited the strongest drinkers and ping pong players we could find...freakin' Russians and Chinese."

Coach McConner explained that Hamilton's superior training paid off against such a physically dominating team.

"When they were out getting their first kiss, we were playing Beirut. When they were studying for their degrees, we were playing Beirut. When they were earning gainful employment, *we were playing Beirut.*"

Hamilton joins SUNY Plattsburgh, Arizona State and tournament favorite Brigham Young University, "the Fighting Polygamists."

The tournament was sponsored by Samuel Jackson Beer; "It'll get you drunk!"

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To mark the occasion, Bush White House officially declared victory in the War on Drugs. Vice-President Cheney commented, "now that the War on Drugs is old enough to drink, we don't have to worry about it messing around with harder, hippy-reefer crap." Mr. Cheney added, "They still call it 'reefer' right?"

Hamilton academics were quick to flood the media with relevant, insightful commentary on the occasion. Hamilton College President Joan Hinde Stewart was quoted in the *East Bumblefuck Herald Standard-Post* as saying, "Keeping the future leaders of America away from that harder, hippy-reefer crap will encourage greater intergenerational communication over 30s of Miller High Life, the champagne of beers." President Stewart then paused and asked, "they still call it 'reefer' right?"

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Still, in the face of extensive empirical evidence to the contrary, Spring Break continues to bring about good memories.

"Sure I have to take 20 different pills a day and I'm incontinent. But the midget and Swedish supermodel were totally worth it," said Chuck Needham '75, wistful for bygone years. "Well, the midget, at least."

## LUCK NOT ACTUALLY A LADY

*Family tree disputed*

## REGISTRATION

### APPROACHES

*Like Wheel of Fortune*

*MW, TR OR BUST DEPT.*

By Mr. Lee '07

(HAMILTON COLLEGE) The Office of the Registrar has released new course catalogues and with them, the peril and promise of the registration season to come. According to the last Adler conference, student opinion on continued class registration is low, with 37 percent of students saying they favored classes and the remaining 63 percent 'unsure' or 'against' the subject of classes.

Nevertheless, registration continues and with it, the special relationship between students and the Office of the Registrar.

"The Office of the Registrar is a cruel mistress. Example. 'The New York Yankees and 20<sup>th</sup> Century American History'. Money in the bank, right?" Clint Miles '07, explained. "Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 8:30-9:45. Why you gotta play with me like that, Registrar? Why?"

Yet other students wished for the chance to register just one more time.

"How will I turn my Philosophy degree into money?" John Lewis '06, asked. "Roll it up real tight and mug people? 'Cause that's Hobbesian and I don't roll that way."

And yet more students lamented a fate largely of their own doing.

"The Science Center is the tenth layer of Hell, reserved for double Chem and Bio majors," Julie Hoover '08 cried. "And I have sold my soul."

## STUDY FINDS SPRING BREAK HARMFUL TO HEALTH, DIGNITY

*Remains much better than staying at home*  
GOOD TIMES DEPT.

By Mr. Lee '07

(CLINTON, NY) Professor of Biology Kathleen Smith presented a paper last week in Cancun to great academic acclaim entitled, "Mexican Water Doesn't Burn When You Pee: Why What Happens on Spring Break Doesn't Stay on Spring Break."

Some students disagreed with the findings.

"I met such nice girls in Cancun!" John Lewis '06 exclaimed. "Well, one was a stripper. The other was a drug dealer. But they were just trying to pay their way through the University of Phoenix online!"

Others, however, were unsurprised.

"What happened on Spring Break remains between me, a girl named Chastity, half of a dance club, two Mexican cops and a priest. And a Facebook photo album. My girlfriend hasn't said anything yet," Adam Tyndale '07 said. "I got some 'splainin' to do."

Sara Davenport '09, shame-faced freshman, declined specifics about her actions on Spring Break, saying only "it is my single greatest prayer that my father does not watch late night TV. Or order those types of videos."

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## LOCAL MAN PRESENTED WITH IMMACULATE BRACKET

*Charred body found later in evening*  
SNOWBALL'S CHANCE IN HELL DEPT.

By Mr. Kearney '08

(HAMILTON COLLEGE) After finding a "immaculate bracket" in his Tex-Mex taco, Ike Portimer '07 burst into the Little Pub early last evening to boast of his good fortune, claiming it came from the Virgin Mary herself. Little Pub patrons were immediately skeptical, but the NCAA bracket proved itself perfect upon scrutiny.

The Lord God Himself later verified the bracket, wishing to dispel any doubters. Virgin Mary did indeed make the bracket, although He doubted Her method. "She reasoned the Patriots won 3 Super Bowls, so they couldn't go wrong," God explained.

The statement came too late for Portimer, who was promptly attacked by an angry mob at the Pub when he attempted to switch his already entered bracket with the "Immaculate Bracket." Campus Safety was called to the scene and after taking ID numbers and names, dashed off to resolve "emergency parking problems" and admonished the mob to "play nice."

The mob quickly then sacrificed Portimer to appease the March Madness Gods, citing the 11<sup>th</sup> Commandment as their justification, "thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's bracket."

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