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## STUDENT DETERMINED TO SWEEP MID-TERMS

*All-out campaign*

By Ms. Alser '09

*SCHOOL OF ROVE DEPT.*

(HAMILTON COLLEGE) With the approach of mid-terms, Saul Cashman-Quest '09 has intensified his efforts to win the top class participation grade in Communications 101, the only class he isn't taking pass/fail.

Cashman-Quest has been running under the "Remember me in December" banner, in hopes that he will reap the benefits of his campaign when final grades are tabulated.

"Some people just aren't prepared to go to the lengths necessary to succeed in college," Cashman-Quest said. "I, on the other hand, am perfectly willing to kiss whomever's ass I need to".

Many students expressed annoyance at constant politics advertised by flyers on every single table, chair and wall in Commons, along with Cashman-Quest's replacement of every plastic cup with custom paper cups bearing his logo. Still more thought personal delivery of flyers and "Quest is Best" pins a poor use of time, trees and rhyme.

Seniors found themselves most perturbed. "I remember when professors regulated class discussions with a firm pimp hand," Mac Dreamy '07 said.

Yet Cashman-Quest has not limited

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## FITNESS CENTER THEORETICALLY OPENING

### SOON

*Also in theory, communism works*

By Mr. Mirandi '10

*RICHARD SIMMONS DEPT.*

(CLINTON, NY) The long awaited Fitness Center inauguration fell on deaf ears and flabby midsections this week, with most students cramming for exams or packing for a trip home.

Both deceiving in construction deadlines and appearance, the Fitness Center will boast seven levels, five underground. The basement will include a 400,000 gallon shark tank for the College's newest gym class, *Motivational Swimming*.

Two levels will be dedicated to Hamilton's highly anticipated, Division 1-A quality Beirut training center. While exactly equal in equipment, including internationally certified tables and titanium keggers, one level will serve as a varsity training area and the other level for the common student with a dream.

"The Administration showed a great commitment to the game here," Beirut Varsity head-coach John Millridge said. "Fact is, Hamilton's IM teams could take some Div 3 schools, easy."

The Fitness Center will also host a vastly expanded staff.

"Each student at Hamilton College is  
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# AHMADINEJAD, CHAVEZ UPGRADE FACEBOOK STATUS

*Kim Jong-il played match-maker*

By Mr. Lee '07

*NEWS FEED TOLD ME SO. DEPT*

(NEW YORK) Diplomats around the world expressed bemused pleasure at finally seeing Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and Venuzian president Hugo Chavez update to "allied with" status on Facebook.

Many suspect Chavez's particularly strong game of "Bush Bashing," at the annual UN gathering won Ahmadinejad's fickle heart. Both presidents are known aficionados of the game, a slight variation on Quarters, wherein players seek to top each other in displays of absurdist statements.

"Calling Bush the Devil at the United Nations...Yahtzee, game over," British Prime Minister Tony Blair laughed. "Though, it really is a great game. Angie Merkel and I play sometimes, only with shots."

Blair added, "That girl's got game."

As to the new relationship, many world leaders confessed they had seen it coming.

"Those two had "it's complicated" up so long, we all know something was afoot," French president Jacques Chirac said. "Populist democracy's never produced such a pair."

For their own part, Ahmadinejad and Chavez idyllically described their relationship.

"He has nuclear weapons, I have an oil trust fund, we both hate westerners and love Matthew Perry," Chavez explained. "We'll be together forever."

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himself to traditional campaign measures. Seeking additional fodder for class discussion, Cashman-Quest has joined as many student clubs as possible, going so far as to revive Hamilton's "Save the Squirrels" society (defunct, 1979) which knitted sweaters for squirrels.

"In support of Bob's comment, as President of Hamilton's Knitting for Squirrels Society, I see how the laws of supply and demand directly affect our society's squirrels and their urgent need for little sweaters. Which applies directly, Professor, to your comment on the need to enunciate when speaking," Cashman-Quest triumphed recently.

Professor Watterson admitted that he found the campaign strange, though not simply because Cashman-Quest is running unopposed.

Watterson said, "What's all the fuss? I just make up the grades anyway."

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# STUDENT ASSEMBLY

## FINISHES FUNDING

*Hopes, dreams of student clubs itemized*

By Mr. Lee '07

*MONEY, MONEY, MONEEEY DEPT.*

(HAMILTON COLLEGE) Student Assembly recently concluded another year of student club budgeting, working as always against a constrained budget and vast student demands. As Assemblyman Nick Allyn '08 sighed, "Yarn Club shall go wanting."

Students without funding reacted badly.

"Needles are made for two things; darning socks and *stabbin' good*," Sara Davenport '09, president of the Yarn Club, sulked. "And I didn't get my \$63.79 in yarn."

Still, funding didn't end terribly for many student organizations.

"We got what we needed...rocket sleds," Max Tully '09, founder of Hamilton's Snow Racing Club said. "Our second choice, Soviet throwbacks, but hey, the Ruskies raced a good sled."

Nevertheless, Student Assembly officers added increasing the student activities fee by \$50 would completely fund all requests, but fear a lack of student support.

"That's three 30 racks – and these here beer die say *no dice*," Lee Rhodes '07 said, justifying said fears. "Unless my parents pay for it, in which case, whateves."

Alternatively, the Administration could dedicate some of the \$175 million capital campaign towards student services, which already are lacking even in areas under Administration funding. Physical Plant estimates Bundy Dining Hall is only "held together by duct tape, prayers and strategically

placed Keystones."

When asked, Administration spokesman John Nitterman expressed confusion.

"Wait. Whoa. Clubs? You mean students don't spend every waking hour studying? Whoa," Nitterman said. "I gotta sit down."

Nitterman proceeded to ease very gently into a chair, muttering, "my whole world is changed."

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important to the college rankings," President Joan Hinde Stewart explained. "We're only ranked third for Most Beautiful Students. That's why we hired a personal trainer for each and every one of our students."

President Stewart added, "you will be beautiful, fit, intelligent and talented... or else."

Enforcing the Administration's mandate of perfection will be three time World Strongest Man Mariusz Pudzianowski, who vowed, "in my country, there is problem. But fatty not it!"

While some students questioned the necessity of Pudzianowski and 1,775 other personal trainers, George State '08 raved, "Pudz can carry 38 Kegs—do you know how valuable an asset he will be to the team?"

Amidst opening propaganda, the Administration also sheepishly added that, due to massive budget overruns, the Fitness Center would have to forgo winter heating.

## WOMEN'S RUGBY UNHOLY

### FORCE OF NATURE

*Have scored fifty billion points in last two games, allowed nothing*

## LOCAL MAN LESS FUNNY

### SOBER

*Common plight*

By Mr. Clark '07

*HE GOT MAD WEAPONS TOO? DEPT.*

(CLINTON, NY) Friends of Lee Rhodes '07 held an intervention yesterday to address a severe "humor problem."

"The Lee we know is witty, charming and usually three whiskey-guys deep," Tully Jersey '07, long-time drinking buddy, said. "We want him back."

Friends say a nasty incident in McEwens Dining Hall confirmed their fears, when Rhodes repeatedly failed to make a *Wild Wild West* reference.

"He keeps repeating, 'we have surprise. Them? They have a big spider,'" Jersey explained. "First, it wasn't a good movie. Second, he's misquoting it. Third, we were talking about football."

"Yeah, he said the same thing Friday night. We were laughing our asses off then. But now?" Joe Williams '10 added. "He sounded lame...Colgate lame."

Severe lapses in cleverness whilst sober are a problem at Hamilton, as the Alcohol Coalition has observed. If students choose laugh at stupid things, the Coalition recommends safe means of doing so, like reading construction updates or freshman campaign posters.

Meanwhile, Rhodes acknowledged he has a problem.

"Yeah, I've realized that not every situation calls for my patented shoot first, shoot second, shoot some more and when everyone's dead, ask a question or two policy," he said. "Or the *Wild Wild West*. The *Wiggidy Wild Wild West*, if you will."

## YANKEES ADVANCE TO

### POST-SEASON

*As it was, is now, and ever shall be*

By Mr. Kearney

*SAME AS IT EVER WAS DEPT.*

(BOSTON, MA) Following a disastrous season that was topped by the "Boston Massacre '06", Red Sox faithful were left in sissy tears while Yankee fans danced gaily into the night.

Experts estimated that Boston lost because of "a lack of left-handed pitching, many injuries to key players and problematic, if not improper, relationships with sheep."

By contrast, the Yankees emerged victorious on account of "a dominant offensive line-up, a shut-down bullpen and the charisma that comes with always getting the girl," New York Times sportswriter Murray Chase estimated.

Chase added, "having more money than the Lord God himself doesn't hurt either."

Boston fans quickly observed the inherent inequality of their rivalry.

"With Alex "Sissy-Boy" Rodriguez, Derek "Pretty Boy" Jeter and Johnny "*Black Hearted Traitor Scum*" Damon alone, they could have taken the pennant," Red Sox fan Brian O'Flannigan '08 bemoaned.

Post-season predictions vary for the Yankees.

"Yankee fans will choke on their own tears of desolation," O'Flannigan predicted. "A-Rod is the Grim Reaper of post-season hope."

"The Yankees will win the World Series in a perfect sweep, bring peace to the Middle East and dance in showers of champagne that will drown some Mid-Western states," Charles "Chuck" Needham '75 gloated. "It will be glorious, for it has happened 26 times already."

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