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## ALUMNI RETURN TO THE HILL

*Real world not all it's cracked up to be*

By Mr. Lee '07

*NEED AN ACADEMIC ADVISOR DEPT.*

(HAMILTON COLLEGE) Alumni sojourn back to Hamilton this weekend, seeking easy answers, easier drinks and memories of a simpler time.

"I wear a tie everyday and live in Brooklyn, the Bundy of New York City," Isaac Yale '06 sighed. "I used to sit in the quad and think, 'oh my God!' I'm totally gonna go far! Yeah. Far from Manhattan."

Nevertheless, campus groups excitedly await the return of alumni this weekend.

"Ol' Daisy taught us how to drink like men," Harry Roy '08, Delta Iota Kappa president, boasted. "For him, we'll drink enough silver bullets to kill a werewolf."

Roy added, "The booze is cold, the barbecue's hot and the women-folk are tucked away. Bring on the alumni!"

Alumni, terrified that 75% of Hamilton graduates marry fellow alumni, are happy to avoid class-mates by staying with students.

"I'm afraid to make eye contact," John "Daisy" Lewis '06, said. "It's like an 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance with an open bar."

"The only way Mr. Right went to Hamilton is if he went here twenty years ago and buys me a rock bigger than the Hill," Julie Sterne '06, scoffed.

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## FITNESS CENTER UNABLE TO MEET DEMAND

*Demolition Date: Next Monday;*

*Reconstruction Date: 2014*

By Mr. Mirandi '10

*CHUCK NORRIS' TOTAL GYM DEPT.*

(HAMILTON COLLEGE) Almost as utterly unforeseeable as the Yankee's postseason collapse, the Fitness Center seems to have fallen drastically short of expectations. The immense volume of users, suddenly all gung-ho about physical fitness, have the Center more packed than the Diner on April 20, forcing Administration officials to call the Center dangerously successful and move for its immediate destruction.

"It warms my heart to see our enthusiasm about staying slim - we are the 3rd most beautiful liberal arts college. But if students insist on doing all this exercise, clearly, they aren't exhausting themselves studying enough," President Joan Hinde Stewart explained. "This is why we can't have nice things."

Students agree there is a problem.

"This is an outrage!" John DeCaprise '10 bellowed. "Dedication is perfecting your Beirut arc at 7:30 am on a Tuesday, and it is inexcusable that the facilities can only accommodate students from Carnegie, Milbank, and Dunham. What about North?"

Despite expert predictions of the decline in student enthusiasm for the Fitness  
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# JACK BAUER SCHEDULED TO HOST 24 HOUR FILM FEST

*And kill 73 terrorists*

By Mr. Mirandi '10

*PROVING THAT SAVING THE WORLD DOESN'T ALWAYS INVOLVE HUGGING A TREE DEPT.*

(CLINTON, NY) The death of President Palmer has forced CTU Agent, Jack Bauer to seek out President Joan Hinde Stewart to fill the void of an intimidating, authoritative figure.

Impressed by Jack's unique persuasion methods, Mr. Bauer has been invited to host the 24 Hour Mandatory FILM Festival at Hamilton, attracting and isolating the entire student body from the campus for an entire day. Undoubtedly, during this time of enforced tranquility, the campus can expect tense drama and conspiracy.

Commotion has amounted over Bauer's appearance. Many speculate that he arrived to train Campus Security in counter-terrorist protocols.

When reached for comment, President Stewart affirmed, "Our campus, once thought to be safe and secure is in fact vulnerable to a terrorist attack. And it is my job as President to ensure that our wonderful college will be awarded 'Safest Campus' in the 2008 US News and World Report College Rankings—oh, and that we protect our students blah blah blah"

With all students trapped at the FILM Fest, Campus Security will be free to conduct training exercises. "There is a mock hostage scenario in Mac," Mr. Bauer shouted. "There is a bomb squad tutorial in the Science Center. Ignore the people atop CJ, they're not construction workers, but snipers."

Students are not fully welcoming of

the enhanced security. Jessie McBrian '09 attested, "I mean, I hate terrorists as much as the next guy, but dude," he whispered "the more thorough things are, the less of a chance my fake ID has of working at Nice and Sleazy."

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Center, the college remains steadfast on its stance of reconstruction.

Defending the decision, President Stewart added, "Constructing the Fitness Center is exactly like working out your muscles; at first they start out small, and then after numerous repetitions, they get bigger. And for the sake of our students, we are prepared to do 3 sets of 20 reps to get our building right."

When criticized about the staggering expenses of such a project, Stewart defended, "It's not easy to blow through your \$45,000 a year tuition—you got any better ideas?"

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Meanwhile, Administration officials promise a weekend of fun-filled activities.

“What better way to relive your college years than by giving us money?” John Nitterman, Administration spokesman, asked. “The logic’s a bit fuzzy if you’re not drinking at the time...but we’ve got the booze covered this weekend.”

Older alumni scoffed Nitterman.

“I’m a Hamilton College graduate – there isn’t enough booze in the world to pass that kind of logic over this keen liberal arts mind,” Chuck Needham ’75 said. “I welcome them to try, though.”

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When asked to comment about the latest House scandal, Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist chortled, “See, that’s why the House is our bitch. They may outnumber us, but unlike them we’re not dumb enough to get caught. We’re wily, like coyotes.”

Hastert, when asked if there were any circumstances under which he would resign, commented, “I only would resign if I was a sketchy Hamilton alum who hooked up with a freshmen boy and woke up on the roof of Millbank with a dead girl the next morning. But what’s the likeliness of that?”

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“We must say, Maureen Dowd’s dry sarcasm does not compare well to Thomas Friedman’s astute political analysis. The reader expects a serious and thoughtful tone on the Op-Ed page,” wrote the group. “We suggest Ms. Dowd take her snarky wit back in the kitchen, where it belongs.”

**NUCLEAR WAR NOT FUNNY**  
*Local satirists stumped by reality that North Korea is, as a point of fact, bat-shit crazy*

## COMMONS TO MANDATE HEALTHY FOOD CHOICES

*Secret’s in the sauce*

By Ms. Stagner ’09

*WEIGHTLOSS BY OTHER MEANS DEPT.* (HAMILTON COLLEGE) Distraught by the effects of “Wings Wednesday” and the late opening of the Blood Fitness Center, Commons has enacted several improvements to help students during this time of need for intense calorie burning.

The current favorite of these improvements is the addition of amphetamines to the new types of coffee.

Jen Mitchell ’09 said, “THENEWCOFFEEISSOSUPERGOODANDAMAZINGTHATATTHELIBRARYICANSTUDYTHEPROPERFORMOFPASSIVEVOICE.”

Smaller cups have been placed by the ice-cream machines to limit the ice-cream consumption. As Sara Davenport ’09 said, “Think about it: with a normal cup you can hold a lot of ice-cream, with these little things, you need two, three, maybe four cups! Who is going to walk out of Commons with four cups of ice-cream?”

Davenport paused, “This girl.”

The addition of the new steep and perilous ice-cream freezers has resulted in the death of several students. Chelsea Stellato ’09, standing tall at 4’8”, reported her epic adventure.

“I fell in about five days ago and met about ten other students who had also plummeted to the bottom...it was a struggle to get back out. We lost a lot of delicious men back there”.

Bon Appétit has brave new plans for the future of Commons, including leveling McEwen—the red-headed step-child of Bon Appétit.

# HASTERT REFUSES TO RESIGN AFTER REVELATION OF AFFAIR WITH HALF-ALIEN MALE MEXICAN GOAT CHILD

*Democrats Lukewarmly Half-Criticize Nauseating Trysts*

By Mr. Leubsdorf '10

*WHY PEOPLE DON'T VOTE DEPT.*

(WASHINGTON D.C.) Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert is ignoring calls to resign after Fox News revealed his ongoing affair with the horrifically diverse goat-boy. The inconclusive evidence includes emails, IMs, text messages, faxes, videos, and a Hallmark card Hastert sent to the terrifying creature thanking it for "a terrific boning."

Hastert tearfully defended himself, saying, "I deny that I had sexual relations with that bootylicious, well-hung monster. I am being framed by the facts."

Hastert continued, "And even if I did nail him, he's not like he's illegal. He had his green card."

He concluded, "This is not my fault. It's Bill Clinton's fault."

This is not the first time Republican leaders have refused to resign because of scandal. In 1996, then Speaker Newt Gingrich refused to step down after numerous allegations of ethical improprieties and human sacrifices to heathen gods, stating that leaving "would only anger the mighty and powerful Tlahuizcalpantecuhtli."

Later in 2005, Tom Delay ignored calls that he quit his job as House Speaker even after it was revealed that he was exchanging political influence for campaign contributions, stating that, "like the President, I don't even consider having an exit strategy."

# NEO-CONS START READING NEWSPAPERS

*"We invaded where?" demand shocked conservatives*

By Mr. Lee '07

*ALL THE NEWS DEPT*

(NEW YORK, NY) Although inspired to read by a particularly heated liberal-loathing session, ultra-conservatives report themselves pleasantly surprised to find little of the "puppies, hippies and other liberal crap," they expected in the New York Times.

"It says right here, 'Bush tax-cuts don't benefit poor people,'" TV pundit Bill O'Reilly said. "Since when did America have poor people?"

Sudden re-introduction to reality may be harmful for ultra-conservatives, estimates political expert Karl Oppheimer, as they haven't seen it since 9/11 and "weren't too friendly with reality pre-9/11."

Nevertheless, ultra-conservatives have taken the transition well.

"For years, I bashed the New York Times as a pseudo-intellectual liberal bastion," author Ann Coulter said. "Mostly, I was too cheap to shell out a whole dollar for a newspaper. But wow! Look at how much cool stuff there is!"

Coulter confessed she most enjoyed Weekend Styles and Sports Thursday, because Murray Chass "tells it like it is."

"I'm writing Arthur Sulzberger a nice note," call-in radio host Rush Limbaugh said. "Though, I'm adding a PS - John Tierney needs to shut his pie-hole."

Many conservatives joined Reverend Jerry Falwell's letter to the editor, which largely praised the Times, but added some commentary on the Op-Ed page.

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