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## NBA LOSING GROUND TO NATIONAL BEIRUT ASSOCIATION

*The future is now*

By Mr. Chuff '08, Mr. Irvin '09, Mr. Lee '07,  
Mr. Messier '08, and Mr. Sadove '10

COMMITTEES WORK DEPT.

(NEW YORK, NY) The National Beirut Association announced fast gains this quarter, surpassing the NBA in ratings for the first time.

Created at Dartmouth in 1982, Beirut has grown into "America's sweetest pastime," Thomas Barnard, sports-historian, said. "The founders combined the senseless drinking of baseball, the pretty shot of basketball and the excitement of football. Suffice to say, they were *model Americans*."

National Beirut Association Commish Ernest Tobin wasn't surprised by Beirut's stunning growth.

"Fans prefer, nay, *demand* a sport based on hitting small cups while drunk, as opposed to missing buckets sober," he explained.

Fans agreed.

"Beirut is a sport for all of us not born tall, or strong, or athletically gifted, but only with the ability to hold our booze," Ryan Fris '08 said. "It's a sport for the common man."

Meanwhile, the NBA, long considered the neglected red-headed step-child of national sports, sadly conceded the loss. NBA Commissioner David Stern blamed the loss  
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## APPALLED SENIORS QUESTION SELVES, JUSTICE

*Don't know nothin' no more*

By Mr. Lee '07

RED PILL DEPT.

(HAMILTON COLLEGE) A dismayed handful of seniors found themselves questioning their divine right to rule the Hill following an unprecedented soft showing at last week's Senior Pub Night. Though the Pub came to be full by midnight, class officers are calling the incident "a shocking wake-up call."

"For three years, I've harped about the softness of each class...especially this freshman class," Lee Rhodes '07 said. "Yet...it never occurred to me. Are we the soft ones?"

All around campus, seniors plead being overwhelmed by work and extracurricular responsibilities.

"So far, my thesis spans twelve volumes and takes two grown men to lift," Ashley Deline '07 explained. "My working title is "Lower Quality of Life Among Science Researchers: Fact or Empirical Certainty?"

"Ah, to be a sophomore, with no greater responsibility than killing a 30-rack every Wednesday night. Now, I'm president of three organizations, sit on five boards and coordinate project 'Whatever, US News'... you know, the thing where we poison Colgate's water," James Western '07 sighed. "Damn it! Why must I be so cool?"

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# LOCAL MAN INSTITUTES MANDATORY HAPPY HOUR

*Desperate times, desperate measures*

By Mr. Lee '07

WHERE EVERYBODY KNOWS YOUR  
NAME DEPT.

(MILBANK 44) Disgusted by rumors of softness at his beloved alma-mater, Chris Felding '07 has moved swiftly to establish a 5 o'clock Happy Hour in his Milbank suite. To bolster attendance, Felding has made the daily event mandatory for all suite members.

"The Greatest Generation held Happy Hour at 5 PM sharp. They also won WW2, beat Joe Stalin, and put a man on the moon. Coincidence? I think not," Felding said.

As to the mandatory requirement, Felding gestured to a bag of flour ominously labeled "enforcer flour" in crude red marker.

"The suite-mates have a choice," he explained. "5 P.M. drinks or 5 A.M. antiquing. No suite-mate of mine is bunny-rabbit soft."

Felding's threats of flour attacks have been unnecessary so far, as 5 o'clock Happy Hour mania has swept the campus.

"I don't throw around the word 'hero' very often," Harry Roy '08, suite-mate, said. "Christopher Montgomery Felding is a Great American Hero."

"Making your way in Hamilton today takes everything you got," Sara Davenport '09, bar-fly, added. "It's like Cheers, only everyone drinks cheap gin or Utica Club."

Alumni rejoiced in the news.

"My God...then the Hamilton spirit lives!" Chuck Needham '75 exclaimed happily. Raising his UC, he proceeded to declare,

2 "I salute you, Hamilton College."

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on the NBA's marquee franchise, the New York Knicks.

"The Knicks' slow, agonizing suicide has been a cry for help on behalf of the whole league," he said.

Once again, fans agreed.

"I keep a dictionary on my desk," Lee Rhodes '07 said. "Ominous: adjective. Foretelling evil. E.g.; *it's ominous when it takes the Westminster Dog Show to sell out MSG.*"

Fan James Withiwiez '08 concurred.

"Rutger's football is outdrawing the entire NBA. Rutgers!" he said. "Hang your head in shame, NBA. No...worse. Go crawl in the deep, dark hole Isaiah Thomas dug at Madison Square Garden and die."

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# GILBERT GOTTFRIED COMING TO CAMPUS

*Because Godfrey bitched out*

By Mr. Mirandi '10 and Mr. Lee '07  
*GET YOUR ACT TOGETHER DEPT.*

(HAMILTON COLLEGE) To the mild disappointment of the Hamilton community, comedian Godfrey backed out last week's performance, pleading "strep-throat." Representatives for Godfrey promised to send fellow washed-up comedian Gilbert Gottfried and a second-rate comedian to be named later as recompense. Gottfried, the hideous voice of Iago in Disney's *Aladdin*, said he was excited to perform at Hamilton.

"You want me to perform? Comedy?" Gottfried gushed. "Oh thank God! I've been dancing for nickels outside of VH1 for months! Thank you so much!"

However, when asked what sort of material he would bring, Gottfried hesitated.

"Well, I can do the thing I did on VH1's *I Love Toys*...you know, the thing were I make the nails on chalkboard sound until people's ears bleed. And then, um, gee, I have...the ear bleeding thing."

Meanwhile, students doubt Gottfried's ability to mend their broken hearts like a 98 Degrees song.

"They're just not the same!" Sara Davenport '09 wept. "Sure, they're both shitty comedians reduced to the VH1/liberal arts college circuit. But Godfrey...spells his name differently."

Still more students vowed revenge.

"Dude, Godfrey is such a bitch" Cody Rollins '10 said. "I mean strep throat! Strep throat? Are you kidding me? That's like the bitch excuse you use to get outta going to

middle school on a Wednesday in March."

"I will not buy any more of Godfrey's comedy material," Margaret Yaple '09 vowed. "I mean—he doesn't have anything...but if he ever did do something more noteworthy than MTV's *I Bet You Will*—I would not watch it."

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Worse, seniors fear that they are only part of a growing trend.

"Our freshmen year, the seniors said we were softest class in Hamilton history. And now we think the freshmen are soft," Hannah Verso '07 fretted. "Soon Hamilton students will only have the backbone of delicious jello-shots!"

Yet seniors vow to bravely press on.

"My liver's seen some tough semesters, but I've only got one left before I'm a respectable adult. I intend to leave it on the field," Stacy Williams '07 said, gently patting her liver. "You can make it, champ."

"We won't go gently into that good night! We'll rage, rage against the dying of the light!" Rhodes bellowed. "After I write this Dylan Thomas term paper, that is."

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Grey's Anatomy creator Shonda Rhimes had only written two projects, *Crossroads* and *Princess Diaries 2*, and then suddenly she has the most popular show on television. What's the obvious conclusion? She sold her soul to Satan."

Godot concluded, "The Black Prince knows his way around a script."

Posner, despite all odds, still was optimistic about Battlestar's chances.

"It's unlikely, but stranger things have happened," he said. "If "Everybody Loves Raymond" can win 12 comedy Emmys anything is possible."

# MATH DEPT. GRANTED REFUGEE STATUS

*Orphaned in a cold, lonely world*

By Ms. Stagner '09

*IN NEED OF A DADDY WARBUCKS DEPT.*

(HAMILTON COLLEGE) Following its recent housing crisis, the UN has granted Hamilton's Mathematics Department refugee status. Already, the Math Department has been scorned by Foreign Language Department growth in CJ, declared "not pretty enough" for the Science Center and laughed out of Root Hall.

However, a cold, lonely Math Department has put a brave face on its search for a foster building.

"They say construction will be done in 2010...so we expect the building by 2015," the Math Department said. "Meantime, we asked Café Opus if we could crash on their couch. They said it was OK, for a little. We figure, eight years, that's a little while, right?"

Nevertheless, the Foreign Languages defended their domination of CJ.

"We divided the campus nice and fair, 'I Love Lucy' style. You can find the chalk line in North Lot. We got everything East, they got everything West, fair and square!" the Foreign Languages replied.

Many departments support the Math Department. The Art Department responded, "Look man... this is a bummer man... this is not, like, crunchie-groovy, man..."

Or, as the Government Department more eloquently stated, "This unfocused response to the people's desire of the departmental desires that clearly establish disunion among the departments can only be remedied by a refocusing of desiring response by the established departments."

# LOCAL MAN INSISTS "BATTLESTAR GALACTICA" BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY

*Student body briefly listens, gets distracted by shiny object*

By Mr. Leubsdorf '10

*EDWARD JAMES OLMOS OF "STAND AND DELIVER" FAME DEPT.*

(HAMILTON COLLEGE) Local nerd David Posner '10 created a stir last Friday during his impassioned speech that the Sci-Fi Channel's "Battlestar Galactica", based on a war between humanity's war with a robotic race named the Cylons, is the greatest show in television history.

"Come on people!" Posner exclaimed as he fell pounding his fists in Commons. "It has robots! Robots that look like humans and think God has destined them to replace us! Robots!"

He continued, "The human survivors are metaphors for America AND Iraq! Why doesn't anyone else want to see this?"

Posner's rant failed to make a positive impression on the student body.

"Wasn't Edward James Olmos dead?" Jessica Mayer '07 asked, "I guess only his career is."

Joe Thrash '10 added, "Fridays at 9 doesn't exactly cater to any audience with any semblance of coolness."

Entertainment expert W.F. Godot proposed an answer.

"Look at Battlestar's competition.

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