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WEATHER UPSETS COLLEGE LOCAL MAN IGNORANT

"I makes it raaaiiiiiinnn," Jack Frost boasts

By Mr. Lee '07

DON'T KNOW WHY THERE'S NO SUN IN THE SKY...DEPT

(HAMILTON COLLEGE) Bewildered, shell-shocked students are only now crawling out of their dorms, following weeks of unseasonable cold weather, exacerbated by this week's blizzard. The reprieve could not have come sooner, as students and organizations reported themselves near breaking.

"Rain, rain, go away...come again...another day," Sara Davenport '09, eternal optimist, sobbed. "Oh God, it's hopeless!"

When the weather turned decidedly bleak, Judy Kelly '08 began a diary.

"For posterity's sake, in case I didn't make it," Kelly explained. "One day's entry: Day 25: Still heavily overcast, only rare reprieve of sun. Moral low, gin-supply worse. Getting restless. May have to resort to actual course-work to pass time."

Spring sports are reeling from the inclement weather. Hamilton's Division 1-A Varsity Beirut Team has struggled to even hold regular practices.

"A lot of people think that Beirut is an indoor sport," Coach John Millridge said. "It is. But the game is so much greater, so much more beautiful outdoors."

"Coach missed outdoor practice, so he kept us inside, actually conditioning," George State '08, team captain, shuddered. See "Stormy Weather," page 3

ABOUT AL GORE

Still plans to go blazed out of his mind

By Mr. Leubsdorf '10

AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH DEPT

(HAMILTON COLLEGE) Brian Lampl '09, average Hamilton student, was embarrassed to discover this week that he doesn't know why Al Gore is famous.

"I remember hearing about him in the news, especially around the year 2000, Lampl said, "But I can't remember why they were talking about him. It couldn't have been that important if I don't remember."

His friends were similarly befuddled.

"He was always with that Clinton guy during the 90s," Ben Griffin '07 said. "I think they dated for a while and broke up, and Gore got that talk show."

Upon reflection, Griffin realized he was referring to Anne Heche and Ellen DeGeneres.

"I remember Leo was talking about him at the Oscars," Mary Hoover '08 said. "I think he was that scientist guy in *The Day After Tomorrow*, but I'm not sure."

Even the administration fumbled for information about Mr. Gore.

"As the Ward Churchill incident made painfully obvious, we really don't pay attention to the speakers on campus," John Nitterman, Administration spokesman, explained. "Only two things matter with speakers — alums and dollar dollar bills."

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CHILD OUTWITS CLASS

Students embarrassed by plucky 5th grader

ABIGAIL BRESLIN IS SMARTER THAN YOU DEPT

By Mr. Leubsdorf '10

(HAMILTON COLLEGE) Freshmen of Intro to Government 101 sought to hide their shame this Monday, following the smack-down laid by Ashley Lockwood (potentially '22), littlest sister of admitted student Julia Lockwood '11.

"The first time, when she knew about gerrymandering it was cute," Lindsay Harvey '10 said. "But when she analyzed the shift of religious and economic voters in 1992 and we couldn't, it was embarrassing."

Aaron Page '10 added, "The worst was when she knew the answer, but waited for five minutes for us. The awkward silence was humiliating, like middle school redux."

Others students were unfazed.

"A small child outwits freshmen..." Lee Rhodes '07 sighed. "God, how I wish things surprised me anymore."

Administration spokesmen John Nitterman praised the news as evidence of Hamilton's progressively intelligent classes, which he hoped would build "a student body able to crush townies with their minds by 2030."

When asked how the Administration managed such success, Nitterman shrugged.

"We might have sold our souls for better classes and a Fitness Center juice bar," he explained. "Juice bar...totally worth it."

When asked about how she outwitted the class, Lockwood said, "well, first, I listened to teacher. And then I answered the question."

She added, "It was funny when teacher said the word duty. Hehehehe... duty."

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"Well. Hmm. Gee," Chris Fielding '07, famed wit, explained. "Huh."

Man Law neither condemned nor praised Austen. Experts could only cite Article 1, Section 4a, "if you didn't call your cup, it doesn't count. No foul, but balls back."

Meanwhile Mayers was "perturbed."

"He's only an underclassman boy-toy, so whateves," Mayers said. "But still, is 'dibs' no longer sacred?"

At this time, Austen and Davenport were unsure of their relationship status. Speaking separately, they expressed optimism.

"I think we'll take it to the next level, and the level after that, and so on," Davenport explained. "That is, until we reach the level where I leave."

"We'll be cool until actual feelings get involved," Austen said. "That's the way of every great Hamilton couple."

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SHENANIGANS EXPECTED AT HOUSING LOTTERY

Ain't nobody wants to go to live in Milbank

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basketball," Harry Roy '08, victor, gloated
as his opponent was carted away. "Thanks
to Ruediger's lecture, there never will be."*

Colgate, however, scoffed at the image of a tougher Hamilton.

"Whatever, Hamilton. We've been under the protection of the Yakuza, the dreaded Japanese ninja mob, ever since we realized we couldn't win our own fights. Bring it."

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"I actually don't find it that surprising people don't know him," Katie McHound '08, one of two people on campus who correctly identified Gore, said.. "We can be so isolated here, it's easy ignore the outside world. Granted, we were in elementary school when he was VP...but you know, Hamilton's for life, etc."

"People here don't really care about the news," Aaron Page '10 said. "And if people choose to live in a drunken fetid pile of their own stupidity, who can stop them?"

Al Gore, when asked about people's ignorance of him, said, "Well, that's because Generation Next sucks. Yeah I said it. Remember how only 32 percent of young people turned out in 2000? I do!"

He added, "I hope global warming drowns you all."

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"Running, lifting...man, I can't wait to get back out there and just play ball."

Meanwhile, the weather has wrecked havoc with the tour schedule.

"Families keep asking why God forsook this land," Nick Allyn '08, tour-guide extraordinaire, said. "I tell them God is just trying to drown Colgate and that the Hill is a modern-day Ark."

Allyn added that families found the explanation "remarkably plausible."

Even unseen campus activities are suffering from the weather.

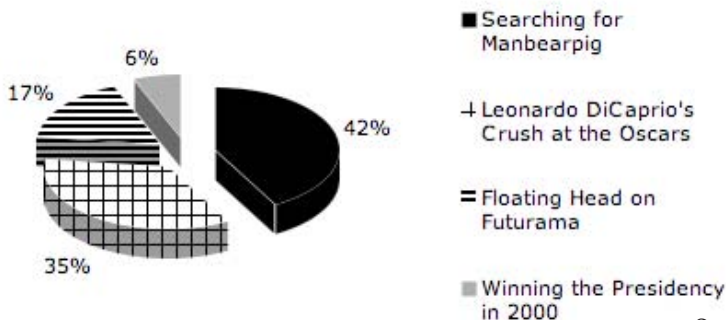
"It's hard for a young man's fancy to turn to love when his gal's still wearing four layers," Harry Roy '08 grouched. "Mother Nature is officially worse than a nun at an 8th grade dance. Hook it up, damn it!"

For their own part, at least the freshmen class has learned a powerful lesson.

"The seniors said we were all soft and that the winter would eat our souls – we laughed them off, thinking we were all badass," Joe Williams '10 explained. "We were **so wrong.**"

We remember Al Gore as...

Survey by Zogby International questioning Hamilton students on how they remember Al Gore.



LOCAL MAN MAILES IT IN

Social, moral and philosophical consequences of settling for her friend

By Mr. Lee '07

ANYTHING FOR LOVE...DEPT

(HAMILTON COLLEGE) Will Austen '09, hopeless romantic, found himself in an interesting position today, after partying Thursday night and awaking Friday morning in the South quad of Sara Davenport '09.

"This could not possibly be more awkward," Austen decided. When informed that much of the Diner saw him leave with Davenport, Austen admitted he may have spoken too soon.

"Just...just kill me now," he begged.

Austen's feelings are well justified. Moved to compassion following his dramatic failure to seal the deal two weeks prior, Davenport arranged to give him another chance with friend Jessica Mayers '07. Yet an evening of heavy drinking, late-night Diner, and Meatloaf's "I Would Do Anything for Love" led Austen another way.

"I started singing along, and then she believed me when I said I would do anything," Austen hurriedly explained. "Then she asked if I would get her out of her godforsaken town... she's from Westchester! And things got worse from there."

For her own part, Davenport tried to minimize blame.

"I was gunning for his wing man, but love is a battlefield, damn it," she said.

Yet plenty of recriminations still lingered this morning. Austen's friends, who viciously, daily mocked his failure before, were unsure of what to say of Austen sealing the deal, if only the wrong deal.

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WORLD CHAMPION MARTIAL ARTIST VISITS CAMPUS

Freshmen flee in terror

By Mr. Brody '10

BRING ON THE PAIN DEPT

(HAMILTON) Students gathered to hear world champion martial artist Gabe "Godzilla" Ruediger discuss martial arts and self defense early this week.

"Good submission holds don't stop 'till the job is done," he began, pinning Aaron Page '10. "See how much more pain it causes? Before he was wincing..now he's crying!"

"That's how you defend yourself against pigs like this guy," he concluded.

"I didn't do anything!" Page later complained. "I totally respect women! They're some of the best objects I know!"

Ruediger declared himself pleased with his influence.

"Martial arts teach strength of mind and body, and is great for exercise," he remarked, "I mean look at my ass. Pure buns of steel right there."

He added "plus, it'll teach Hamilton to walk over to Colgate and kick their candy asses, or the Darkside if those hippies get uppity."

Students seem to have enthusiastically embraced his teachings. Campus Safety has already responded to an IM Basketball dispute escalated by "pre-emptive defensive combat" this Wednesday.

"I told him, there are *no charges* in IM See "Jus ad bellum," page 3

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