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DRAFT DAY CELEBRATIONS BEGIN

High holy days of men

By Mr. Chuff '08

'CAUSE MARIO WILLIAMS WAS A GREAT CALL...DEPT.

(MILBANK 44) Dressed in ceremonial bathrobes and cracking up consecrated Keystone, suitemates of Milbank 44 formally opened worship in the 2007 Draft.

"It is all that is the sancity of man," Chris Fielding '07, high priest, explained. "On Saturday, Roger Godell, the Santa Claus of the Draft, is coming to spread sports joy."

Fielding explained he was so giddy that sleep looked improbable this evening. Hamilton would have to "rage pretty hard" tonight to prepare for the Draft, as students were "too excited for anything save alcohol induced sleep."

He may be right. All around campus, students reported themselves eager for Draft.

"Hope springs eternal in the Draft – even for the Raiders or Lions," Nick Allyn '09 said. "Well, maybe not the Lions. Then again, not even Detriot cares about Detriot."

Plans for a proper celebration were already underway.

"War room, pizza, beer and pork. We're bunkering up," George State '08 explained. "If Milbank catches on fire...I'm taking my chances."

When asked why he was opting for pork, compared to either delicious chick-See, "What's on tap" page 3

LOCAL GIRL FORMS ALL-FEMALE WINGMAN SQUAD

The Flying Hellcats

By Mr. Messier '08

GET YOUR FREAK ON DEPT.

(HAMILTON COLLEGE) When Missy Jones '08 heard the horror stories from the weekend, she was appalled. When she saw male friend after male friend come home bruised and beaten, she knew something had to be done.

"What's the point of being a super-power if you can't use it?" she demanded. "So we formed a Coalition of the Willing."

Jones refers to her elite squadron of female wingman, dedicated to using their powers to help worthy males secure hook-ups. Female wingman, long experienced in defensive operations, are well-known as the deadliest aces in the air.

"I fly with Missy last weekend – we went to the Pub, heavy action, the target was surrounded by five escorts, complete FUBAR," Nick Allyn '08 recalled. "She went in, and it was like a bomb went off. They were all talking about Grey's Anatomy and the path to the target was clear."

Yet the squadron has its critics.

"This is a violation of the laws of God and Man!" Alyce Fawn '07 snapped. "Woman, whatever. Point is, men and women cannot fly together. It's like in the Bible or something!"

Fawn described as scenario in See, "Real American heroes" page 3

SENIOR FAILS HIS SOPHOMORES

One year later, still soft as freshmen

By Mr. Lee '07

BASED ON A TRUE STORY...DEPT

(HAMILTON COLLEGE) Less than a week before Class and Charter Day, a tearful Lee Rhodes '07 admitted that his attempt to "make men" out of his suite's sophomores had ended in dismal failure.

"They won't be ready to drink at sunrise," he confessed. "They won't be ready to drink until 8 AM. They're...they're soft."

Rhodes realized the extent his failure this week, when he found Mike Hallon '09 drinking a Smirnoff Ice.

"Little Mikey claimed he was just trying to kill a wounded soldier," Rhodes explained. "I asked from what theatre. Sissy-war? 'Cause I hear the fighting is *real bad* there."

According to Rhodes, he only meant to fulfill a proud Delta Iota Kappa tradition, whereby upperclassmen pulled underclassmen to pass on valuable life lessons.

"I lived with John Lewis my sophomore year – the even money said dead or alcoholic in six weeks," he said. "I'm still standing."

Though difficult, living with Lewis was "a Zen-like" experience. There, Rhodes learned appreciate Coors Light as the classiest of beers, that 5 o'clock was to be celebrated world-wide and that no wounded soldier got left behind.

"He showed me the office bottle," Rhodes recalled. "I couldn't have written my thesis without it."

Still, his good intentions aside, experts

wonder if Rhodes waging war on the tide.

"Sissiness, or 'pansyrotis,' is on the rise among college males," Dr. Jill Grove, Saint Luke's lead psychologist, said. "The sweet burn of whiskey is simply too much for their delicate constitutions."

Alumni were none too pleased with the confession.

"Punish the weak!" Chuck Needham '75 snapped. "That's how we did things back in my day! 'Course, that's why ol' Dick Thursday lost his thumbs, but things happen."

John 'Daisy' Lewis '06 was even more crushed.

"You're killin' me Smalls!" he sighed.

Still, hope may spring eternal yet in the other sophomore, Thomas Lestina '09.

"Lestina is a Wednesday Night Beirut Champ," Rhodes conceded. "What can I say? Hope drinks on a week-night."

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en wings or beef, State added "because it's the most manly way to clog arterie...it's science."

Celebrations are expected to border on epic, as the next Man Holiday will not come to pass until the Ohio State/Michigan game.

"It may be a long way off, but there are only 3 Man Holidays per year," State concluded. "Draft Day, Ohio State/Michigan, New Year's Day. All football holidays. Not a coincidence."

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which Hamilton's social scene, filled with happy couples, would implode, leaving behind a keg-filled wasteland populated by scavengers and sub-free kids.

"Sexual frustration drives our social scene," Fawn concluded. "Such a force will destroy Hamilton as we know it."

Even a male force reacted against the Flying Hellcats.

"Chicks, man, they're taking over everything," Grant Truman '09 bemoaned. "They already got our clothes and drinking and half our sports. Now it's wingmanning. Before you know, it, 'guy's night' will be the half-hour before sunset, and Saturday night will be spent cuddling on a futon, sipping an Appletini, watching Love Actually."

Still, confirmed kills are up with the aid of the Flying Hellcats.

"Before they intervened, it was like pitting horses against tanks," Luke Nac '09 said. "Before, the Pub was a lost cause. Now, I can even score at a choir concert."

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"We'll still be underclassmen, and therefore not real people" moaned John Stevens '10.

He continued "It's like trying to differentiate between Bundy East and West. They're almost exactly the same!"

Departing seniors offered pearls of wisdom to the rising sophomores.

Lee Rhodes '07 said, "Just remember, when you deal with freshmen, use a firm pimp hand when necessary. As long as you remember that, you'll be o.k."

Alyce Fawn '07 added, "Ladies, enjoy your youthful tart-dom. Take advantage of freshmen boys while you still can."

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"I'm just curious, really."

Others, however, found the presentation informative.

"It makes a suspicious amount of sense," Lauren Broccoli '08 mused. "Send her my love? Ask the Lonely? Being along in my city? When you think about it, Steve Perry took the love ballad, hooked it up to the amplifier and rocked the hell out of it."

Still, according to Rhodes, Meatloaf represented a form of 80s rock denouement to Journey.

"He gets his girl and his guitar, because he admits that he'd do anything for love," Rhodes concluded. "Just, you know, not *that*."

DUEL OBSERVER TO PUBLISH BOOK

Entitled "Dear Joan, I'm Leaving you": shameless self-promotion not lost on student body

SENIOR THESIS SEEKS TO UNITE JOURNEY

Like trying to unite a puddle of Keystone

By Mr. Lee '07

STREETLIGHTS! PEOPLE! DEPT

(HAMILTON COLLEGE) Lee Rhodes '07 shocked the Journey world this Wednesday with his thesis, "Driftin' Apart: Loneliness and the Beat in Journey," which asserts "Ask the Lonely" unites Steve Perry's works.

"Ask the Lonely is often consider the worst Journey song ever...which is saying something," Rhodes began. "And it is. But a close reading finds it's messaged dominates Perry's works."

According to Rhodes, all Journey songs grapple with the deep loneliness that can only be expressed with electric guitar.

"In Perry's world, a man must choose between his guitar and his woman," Rhodes said. "Is this so different from the world in which you and I live?"

Rhodes said he came to the project by way of "Paintcan Night."

"Basically, empty paint can filled with booze plus 3 Journey songs on loop," Rhodes explained. "Which is the basically the only way to listen to extended Journey anyway."

However, some Journey scholars were quick to disagree.

"So long as that wheel in the sky keeps on turning, Journey is existentialist," Dr. Gary Holt of Colgate University replied. "Or Post-Marxist. He was a city boy...she was a small town girl."

Hamilton students had mixed thoughts.

"What if I want to roll those dice, just one time?" Stacy Williams '07 wondered.

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FRESHMEN EAGERLY

ANTICIPATE SOPHOMORE YEAR

Looking forward to flaunting superiority over

class of 2011

Mr. Leubsdorf '10

WHAT GOES AROUND... COMES BACK AROUND DEPT.

(HAMILTON COLLEGE) Freshmen throughout the campus are eagerly awaiting their ascent from their puke-laced freshmen year into becoming real college students.

"I'm VERY optimistic about next year"

Aaron Page '10 said, "Especially after seeing next year's freshmen girls on accepted students' day. Oh right."

"Oh man, when I come back this fall I'll finally be able to look down at somebody!" Haley Johns '10 squealed.

"I will no longer be that dumbass freshmen who couldn't hit the last cup" beamed Joe Williams '10. "Now I'll just be a regular dumbass!"

Others looked forward to the different living conditions.

Tim Brody '10 said, "I'll get away from my roommate who just sits in his boxers playing Warcraft, and live with a bunch of alcoholic potheads, just like I always hoped and dreamed!"

Susan Phillips '10 naively chirped, "I'll finally be out of stupid Major and have a suite in Millbank! I can't believe it was still available at #399!"

A minority were not as enthused as the rest of their class.

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