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HAMILTON ADOPTS "NO WOUNDED SOLDIERS" POLICY

Open container: one point. Failure to finish it:

five points

By Mr. Lee '07

NO ONE GETS LEFT BEHIND...DEPT

(HAMILTON COLLEGE) Appalled by the results of a campus wide alcohol use survey, the Alcohol Coalition announced dramatic changes in the Points System for the 2007-2008 academic year.

"90 percent of Hamilton students drink, and that's fine," John Nitterman, Administration official, said. "But 70 percent report not finishing their beer at some-time in the last three months. That's flatly unacceptable."

Plans call for a serious crackdown on unfinished drinking in the first few weeks next year.

"If you plan on partying, you better be willing to finish the job," Nitterman warned. "Wah, I have a test tomorrow' or 'boo-hoo I can't mix alcohol with my medication' isn't going to cut it anymore."

Faculty report themselves tired of smelling the stench of stale beer every Friday morning.

"I can't be expected to teach a bunch of wimpy posers who can't even finish their Keystone" Professor David Palmer said. "If I wanted to do that, I would be at Wesleyan." See "Shut-Up and Drink, Soldier," page 2

COLGATE STUDENT CONVERTS

"I repent, I repent!" he cries

By Mr. Lee '07

DRINK THE KOOLAID DEPT.

(COLGATE UNIVERSITY) Sid Ray-Sherman (Colgate '07) openly avowed his conversion to Hamilton College this week, following a visit to Hamilton for the May Day music festival.

Ray-Sherman was inspired to visit after seeing flyers for Citizen Cope about the campus and repeated invitations from high-school friend Lee Rhodes '07. In his own words, Ray-Sherman set off "to prove Colgate's superiority, once and for all."

Seeking to establish quick dominance, no sooner did Ray-Sherman set foot on Hamilton than he demanded a game of Beirut.

"Seeing as how he was from Colgate, we called out our weakest, most inexperienced drinker," Lee Rhodes '07, the host, explained. "We went to Joe Williams. Seven cup margin. It wasn't even fair."

Matters went swiftly downhill for Ray-Sherman after his devastating loss at Beirut. Later in the night, Ray-Sherman had little luck with the ladies either.

"I dropped my best line," he sighed. "First, she corrected my grammar. Then she slapped me."

Sara Davenport '09, the young lady in question, defended her actions.

"Would these happen to be moon
See "The one true path," page 2

ROOMMATE TENSIONS

ESCALATE

Passive-Aggressive Conflicts Now Just Aggressive

By Mr. Leubsdorf '10

CAN'T WE ALL JUST GET ALONG? DEPT.

(HAMILTON COLLEGE) Across campus, tensions between freshmen roommates have exploded into open conflict as the semester closes, with reports 'back-sass' escalating 3000 percent.

"All my roommate's little quirks are starting to get on my nerves," Rachel Kelly '10 said. "Specifically her being an ugly 'ho."

"His disrespect is starting to bother me," Aaron Page '10 commented. "He keeps on having sex with his gf in our room... when I'm there... on my bed."

He added, "My teddy bear Mr. Fluffykins will never be the same!"

Susan Phillips '10 said, "She always smoking pot, which is so rude. What's ruder is that she won't share it."

John Stork '10 said, "My roommate is a real angry drunk. He comes back and smashes stuff, like my laptop and my collarbone."

He continued, "Before he threw me into the wall I didn't realize that Dunham walls were so thin. Lesson learned."

So far, few resolutions have worked.

Tim Brody '10 said, "We tried splitting the room in half. But then I realized his side had the TV, so I punched him in the face and took it all."

Seniors offered their unique wisdom.

"I don't give a crap about freshmen tears," Ben Griffin '07 said. "Now 'scuse me, I'm going to get hammered booze-drunk. WOOO LAST TWO WEEKS OF COLLEGE!"

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Students see the issue as one of personal responsibility.

"How many Keystones have we wasted?" Lee Rhodes '07 demanded. "How many 30s? And how many more 30s are going to have to be wasted before the depths our sin catch up with us?"

Administrators also fear that Hamilton might attract an image as a "wounded soldier" school.

"What is this, Colgate?" Nitterman scoffed. "Hamilton has a proud tradition of being better than that."

But more important than academic concerns, fiscal matters or Hamilton's reputation, the welfare of Hamilton's character has been called into question. The so-called "sissy" trend has to come to a halt.

"Stop laughing," President Joan Hinde Stewart snapped. "This isn't funny. We're dead fucking serious. Man the fuck up, Hamilton."

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Continued from "Take me real world, I'm ready," page 4 climbed the Rock Wall in the Fitness Center, I shotgunned a beer in the Chapel," Fielding said. "I had a bonfire in the Glen, I outran Campus Safety, I went to Colgate and picked a fight...and won."

Fielding acknowledged that he hadn't accomplished all of his goals.

"I didn't spend enough time in the Pub, I didn't abuse Curve Theory enough, I definitely didn't mock the *Continental* enough," he sighed. "But there's never enough time for the great things in life. No regrets."

THE FIVE STAGES OF GRIEF

As observed through Chris Fielding '07.

Stage 1: Denial

"It was snowing, like, three weeks ago! Spring is months away!"

Stage 2: Anger

"How the hell could my god-damn advisor actually pass my thesis? I wrote it drunk, god damn it!"

Stage 3: Bargaining

"Come on, Joan, ten points. I can get ten points standing on my head. Drinking 40s on the stoop of Buttrick? Already done. And I mean done."

Stage 4: Depression

"WAHHHHH...I want my mommy! WAHHHHH"

Stage 5: Acceptance

"You know, the real world won't be so bad. I bet Brooklyn even has more than one bar! Yeah! And I can always be that sketchy alum who never really leaves... I'll be seeing you soon, ladies of '11."

Continued from "The one true path," page 1 pants?" she scoffed. "Whatever, passive voice."

The next day, a campus tour left him trembling in awe at Hamilton's palatial facilities.

"Their Science Center has alligators, robots, lasers," Ray-Sherman listed. "Robot alligators with lasers? Oh God, our world is over."

"And their Fitness Center...dear God! A rock wall *and* a juice bar?" he breathed. "My God, it seems a brand-new Fitness Center and Arts program do a great college make."

Ray-Sherman reports himself a changed man.

"I thought all Hamilton students were alcoholic slackers," he said. "They are. So God help us if they ever decided to try."

Happily for Colgate, Hamilton students scoffed at the notion of actual effort at impressing the rankings.

"Dance for *US News and World Report*?" Stacy Williams '07 laughed. "Whatever, Amherst boys aren't that cute. Or at all."

Meanwhile, Ray-Sherman promised to spread the word.

"I'm forming a cult," he said. "It'll be like 'Jews for Jesus' only with more Koolaid and, in honor of our patron, lots more Barton's vodka. Well, that and hatred of Burr."

IT'S CLASS AND CHARTER DAY

Best day in the history ever, repeated once a year.

ADAM BRODY, ZACH BRAFF TO STAR IN NEW FILM

Promises to be whiniest movie ever

By Mr. Leubsdorf '10

SHARPEN YOUR RAZORS DEPT.

(HOLLYWOOD) The two actors, known for their emo-tastic work in the *the OC* and *Garden State*, announced their new project, *Pain Hurt Love Lost*, which they said would "make *Schindler's List* look like an Adam Sandler comedy."

Braff announced, "This movie will out-emo *Garden State*. Seriously, after seeing it, you will slit your wrists."

"It'll be about our generation's deep internal angst, driven by their inability to feel and their desire to feel again," Brody said. "So basically it'll be two hours of complaining by upper middle class white dudes."

Braff, who will write and direct the film, said that the plot "will be bitching mixed in with a quirky love interest. I'm thinking either Natalie Portman or Eva Mendes, depending on who's willing to sleep with me."

The duo also had big plans for the movie's soundtrack.

Braff promised, "It will have the most trendy, pretentious CD ever. We'll mix some Death Cab, Snow Patrol, Shins, Silver Jews, and Mat Kearney. Basically all the guys you only pretend to like because they're hip."

Both actors had bold predictions for their film.

"We won't get Oscars, but this film will teach America to feel!" Brody squealed. "Try to do that Ryan Gosling!"

Braff added, "This will be THE movie that define us as the bitchiest generation ever. Generation X and Baby Boomers, you're on notice."

SENIOR READY TO GRADUATE

It's his time

By Mr. Lee '07

TIM MCCRAW IS A WISE MAN...DEPT

(HAMILTON COLLEGE) A serene Chris Fielding '07 told friends and family this week that, after a period of profound reflection, he is ready to graduate.

"It started three weeks ago," Fielding explained. "My advisor sat me down and said, 'Chris...you're graduating."

"I asked him if it was serious, and he was very quiet...seems that I fulfilled both my P.E. requirements and took the Q-Lit exam," he continued. "He told me to focus on the days I had left."

Fielding has since turn his attention to getting his affairs in order.

"I sold my books and gave away my Beirut table, sure," he said. "But there's so much more."

Fielding traveled about campus, making amends.

"I forgave Joe Williams for breaking the elbow rule the last time we played Beirut," he said. "And I apologized for throwing that chair at his face."

He also made pilgrimages to legendary locales, including Piggy Pats (of South in yo' Mouf fame) the Only Café in Vernon and Peeper's Gentleman Club.

"I stole a wheely chair from Bristol and rode it down College Hill Road, I See "Take me real world, I'm ready," page 3

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