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HAMILTON DECLARES SNOW DAY

First sign of Apocalypse down, six more to go
By Mr. Lee '07

THEY DID WHAT NOW? DEPT.

(CLINTON, NY) Record-breaking snowfall forced a rare snow day at Hamilton College this past Wednesday, the first since "never" according to College historians.

Students found endless joys in the cancellation of classes.

"I went to bed completely unprepared for my religion studies exam," Julie Hoover '08 confessed. "When I woke up, everyone was yelling 'Snow Day!' So either Jesus or Global Warming loves me."

Still, students ran into problems as the day advanced, not the least of which included finding food.

"Commons has never seemed so far," Erin Perry '09 shivered, standing outside her Dunham quad. "I may never eat again."

Even more grave problems soon arose.

"Mother Nature could not have struck at a crueller hour," Chris Fielding '07 cursed. "Wednesday morning: when all the weekend booze is long gone, but before fresh booze has been purchased."

Nevertheless, Hamilton students rose to the occasion.

"It takes more than an act of God to keep Hamilton kids sober," Fielding vowed. See "School's Out for... Today", page 3

SENIOR THESIS REVOLU- TIONIZES CURVE THEORY

World fundamentally changed
By Ms. Masee '07 and Mr. Lee '07

INCONVENIENT TRUTH DEPT.

(SCIENCE CENTER) Stacy Williams '07 shocked Curve Theorists everywhere with her dramatic reworking of existing Curve Theory models in her initial thesis presentation. The revised math includes calculations for Freshmen Orientation and Senior Week, as well as adjustments for so-called "tart factors" and "girls-know-better" variances.

Williams said her work was inspired by a conversation in the Pub.

"Someone asked if we remembered Freshmen Orientation... and we realized we didn't," Williams said. "Whatever Dry Week. The only dry thing was my martini."

Nevertheless, Williams realized that valuable data had been excluded from existing Curve Theory math.

"Freshmen girls have no senior boys to entice during Orientation," Williams explained. "And senior boys run out of freshmen girls by Senior Week. At both ends of the revised graph, the genders are neutral. The symmetry brings tears to my eyes."

President Joan Hinde Stewart declared she would put Williams' work at the forefront of the Excelsior Campaign, as the work "demonstrates a rare practical application of the liberal arts... this damn
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LOCAL MAN CLAIMS TO HAVE GONE TO JARED'S

Origin of diamond necklace stirs debate

By Mr. Leubsdorf '10

HE WENT TO JARED'S? DEPT.

(CLINTON, NY) Dispute rages over Tim Brady's '09 present to his girlfriend this Valentine's Day.

"I'm innocent," Brady insisted. "I thought she liked nice things... so I went to Jared's."

He added, "Is it really *that* unbelievable that I would do that for my boo?"

Student reaction indicated an unequivocal yes.

As Sarah Maneater '08 argued, "no man here would ever do something like that in a million years. Stupid Alpha Males."

An outraged Aaron Page '10 squealed, "This is a typical celebration of a bourgeoisie capitalistic materialistic capricious attitude, parading his fraudulent blood diamond excesses in front of us the proletarian masses."

Page later admitted, "I don't know what any of those words mean. I just wanted to sound smart."

Love expert Larry Sabato said, "It's not surprising that no one believes him, because this generation doesn't believe in love. Britney Spears, Laguna Beach, the Clintons, and the Fox television network destroyed it for them. Now they're just cynical and bitter, like Generation X, but less bitchy about it."

Eillean Wilson '09, Brady's credulous girlfriend, sought to conclude the debate, saying, "of course Tim went Jared. If he didn't I would kick his ass out the door."

She continued, "This girl doesn't come cheap. Nah uh!"

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Some disputed the celebrations. Disgruntled non-tart Sara Davenport '09 argued, "It's just like my farther always told me. Dating is like golfing. When you go out there, you play with one partner."

Seeking to defend their man, Card's friends spent hours combing through Burke Library searching for the appropriate Man Law passage.

"We cite article XVI, section C, subsection 3," Martin pronounced. "Women are like kegs. Never tap just one if you have two on hand."

MAN MONOLOGUES TO FOLLOW NEXT WEEK

To discuss sports, cars, whiskey; show length capped at five minutes.

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He proceeded to describe how his suite-mates borrowed HOC snowshoes and "Day after Tomorrowed it" down to the Nice and Easy.

Eight hours later, the suite-mates returned, dragging a sled weighed down by no fewer than seven ice-cold Keystone 30 racks.

Alumni scoffed at the news of a Hamilton snow day.

"You bunny rabbit soft freshmen.," Chuck Needham '75 accused. "Back in my day, we *manned up*."

However, Needham conceded, "Of course, back then, the ladies thought a frost-bitten finger or two looked good. It was the style at the time. See, we fought that style war so you kids could have NorthFace."

Regrettably, Colgate predictably and pointedly held classes.

"Whatever Hamilton. You're always a spot behind us because you're soft – we're willing to lose a few students and staff to keep that academic edge."

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well better move us above Colgate in the rankings."

Students found the revisions both practical and disturbing.

"So freshmen girls eventually see through our shallow attempts to seduce them?" Chris Fielding '07 demanded. "*God damn it. Why can nothing gold ever stay?*"

Williams cautioned that Senior Week numbers indicated unusual activity by both genders.

"The entire campus is 21, so the gloves come off," she said. "We're talking scrumptious Andre with breakfast, Flip-Cup at Commons lunch, administrators personally filling our Solo cups in the evening and reckless abandon all night long."

Senior girls, beset at all sides by tarts, said they were overjoyed by the findings.

"Senior boys can't fight it... it's science," Alyce Fawn '07 gloated. "Victory now has a new theme song. It goes 'from the window... to the wall' down in the Bundy Last Chance Dance."

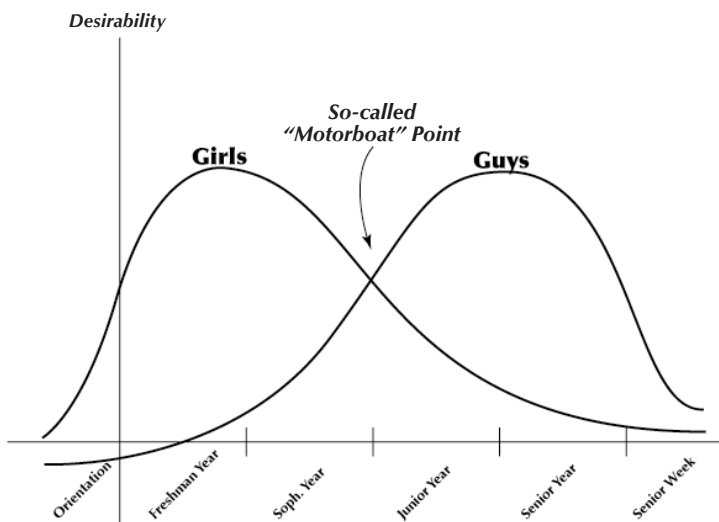


Figure 1.1: Results derived from Zogby International Polling, wild conjecture.

Students have dubbed the findings the "Boobie Theory."

Administrators have strongly objected to the name, prompting student questions of whether or not the Administration lives in the real world.

"Not if we can help it," Administration spokesman John Nitterman replied.

LOCAL MAN SACRIFICES EVENING TO DOLLAR DRAFT NIGHT

Compelled by forces beyond his control

By Mr. Lee '07

CRAZY NOT TO...DEPT.

(LITTLE PUB) Ned Troosi '07 appealed his girlfriend's harsh "no-nookie — one week" sentence today, protesting that his legendary drinking binge at the Pub last Saturday was not his fault, or failing that, a least not premeditated.

"Dollar drafts — 'nuff said," Troosi said. "It was my obligation as a Ham-Tech student to drop an Al Ham at the Pub."

Troosi compared the evening to "an invasion by polar-bearing riding, Molson drinking, no good Canadians. Would I, as a good American citizen, shrink from the fight? Hell no! USA all the way, baby!"

Nevertheless, Troosi's girlfriend, Ali McDougall '07 has held firm on the sentence.

"I was promised an evening of snuggling and *Love Actually*," she said. "Instead, I watched 'two minutes' turn into 'just two more' twenty beers later. As state and federal law prohibits my preference for blood, this punishment is mild indeed. He should quit his whining while he can."

However, a jury of Troosi's peers exonerated his behaviour.

"The Tro-Man is being held to an unrealistic standard," Harry Roy '08, explained. "When Lady Opportunity comes a knockin', she doesn't want lame excuses like 'I have a final paper due' or 'girlfriend of 4 years.' She wants to hear how you're going to *do her all night long*."

GIRLFRIEND DELIVERS BEST VALENTINE'S DAY PRESENT EVER

Those three magical words every man wants to hear

By Mr. Messier '08 and Mr. Lee '07

JUST LIVING THE DREAM DEPT.

(HAMILTON COLLEGE) Joe Card '09 declared himself "absolutely satisfied" with his relationship following a viewing of *Lost in Translation* with his lady friend this Valentine's Day. During the film, his girlfriend confessed a certain attraction to Scarlet Johansen and admitted, "I'm kinda bisexual."

Card proceeded to kiss his girlfriend on the cheek, arise from the bed and run wildly down the Martin's Way, hugging strangers and yelling, "YES! Jackpot! God bless America!" His demonstration persisted for a half hour until, succumbing to minor frostbite, he collapsed in a state of blissful delirium.

Card's girlfriend Sandy Borroughs '09 later declared she was bemused by Card's actions. "I'm just saying, if you gave me Scarlet and four shots of Bacardi Raz, anything could happen," Borroughs explained. "Until that happens, I figure why not let him nurse that dream like a free beer at the pub?"

Upon some reflection, Borroughs conceded, "maybe three shots".

Meanwhile, Card's friends celebrated his good fortune.

"You hear about these things on the news every once in a while," James Martin '07, supportive friend, said. "But when it See *"Gifts of the Heart"*, page 2

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