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STUDENT BODY DEMANDS LESS CAMPUS ACTIVISM

"Let us be apathetic in peace" plead students

By Ms. Ryder '11

DARFUR IS JUST SO FAR AWAY, YOU KNOW? DEPT. (HAMILTON COLLEGE) After last week's flurry of e-mails and recent surge of activist activity, it appears that the campus community has had enough with student activism.

"The last STAND e-mail did it for me," Megan Carlson '10 said. "So what if over 200 people cared? I don't care! I'm a college student: the only things I care about are sex and boozing."

Sam Wegman '09 agreed, "These e-mails are getting to be so annoying. Seriously, what does all this have to do with me? At least the spam offering free Viagra and penis enlargement meds help improve my everyday life."

"Why are these people trying to shake us out of our apathy?" Jack Burr '11 squealed. "The world outside is full of horrible things. I'm so much happier neither knowing nor caring about the world around me."

The activists would not go down without a fight.

"The genocide in Darfur, while taking place far away, is an enormous human rights tragedy which requires immediate action," STAND leader Jeb Escalator '11 said. "And clearly, the best way to do that is to guilt-trip people into signing meaningless online petitions."

President of Hamiltonians for Obama Katie McHound '08 elaborated, "How else are we See "Better cause: free Prada," page 3

HAMILTON COMMUNITY RELIEVED TO FIND OUT "NEW" *DAILY BULL* IS FAKE

Students prefer idea of being pranked than idea that they're stupid

By Mr. Leubsdorf '10

THANK GOD IT WASN'T REAL DEPT.

(HAMILTON COLLEGE) The College community, stunned by the "horrifically lame" new *Daily Bull*, fervently clung to rumors around campus that the new *Bull* was an elaborate prank by the old *Bull* staff, before they were confirmed on Wednesday.

"It HAD to be fake. There was no way a student at a top 20 college could be that stupid," Professor David Palmer desperately wailed. "If not, my small shard of hope for our country's future that hadn't already shattered by Britney Spears would've been destroyed forever."

"The fact that there isn't anyone *that* dumb here reflects well on Hamilton," Ben Griffin '08 said. "However, the fact that so many people thought it was real probably doesn't—or at least reflects serious intellectual self-esteem issues."

Some were pleased by the *Bull's* new direction.

"I don't see why people were complaining about the *Bull*. It really spoke to me and my outlook on life," clueless Julie Wayne '11 said. "Reading the *Bull* was like reading my own thoughts... or lack thereof."

"I didn't like the old *Bull* because the writers were too smart," Henry Bold '09 said. "I much preferred the stupid *Daily Bull*, because I could look down at it and feel superior instead of the See "Punk'd," page 3

WHITE HOUSE'S NEW ECONOMIC STIMULUS INITIATIVE: GIVE RICH PEOPLE TAX BREAKS

South residents celebrate explicit endorsement of their lifestyle

By Mr. Brindle '11

RECESSION DEPT.

(WASHINGTON, DC) The White House announced massive tax breaks to the top 10%, to help the struggling economy by encouraging consumption of important preppy goods like beer, The North Face jackets, and Ugg Boots.

Press Secretary Dana Perino said, "The fact is the economy needs an infusion of cash by consumers, and who has more money than rich kids whose parents give them money to buy their love and cover their neglect?"

Patriotic Lightsiders immediately pledged to help.

"Like, when I go out and buy a really cute top or hot new jeans, I'm really saying that I love America," Kristina Zambelli '11 explained. "And if you aren't willing to support America, then Daddy says you're a communist."

Henry Johnson '09 proudly said, "It's my duty as an American, frat bro, and rich asshole to buy things I don't need. USA! USA! USA!"

Johnson pledged to help keep the booze industry afloat by consuming, "at least 30, probably 50" alcoholic drinks per day, and encouraging everyone to "take off their pants and get wasted."

Investors showed confidence in the plan.

"We'll see big gains for companies like Keystone, Smirnoff, and especially for retail stores like Hollister and other preppy clothing lines," analyst Tony Perkins said. "This will be the biggest surge in the market since all these kids' parents forgot about Christmas and covered for it by

giving them excessive amounts of money."

Some critiqued the new plan.

"This elitist consumerism won't help the oppressed poor," Darksider Miles Hugel '10 squealed. "We should focus on buying important things like tight jeans, razor blades, and indie music that sucks but I pretend to like so I feel different."

Despite the criticism, the White House stood beside their plan.

"Now is the time for this generation to help this great nation, like the Great Generation," Perino pronounced. "So go out there, and show your true American values by spending your parents' money."

**PHYSICAL PLANT "ACCIDENTLY"
FORGETS TO SALT WALKWAYS**
**Students see through unsubtle plot to
reduce student body size**

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HILL CARD INTRODUCTION “A CATASTROPHE”

Surprises Nobody

By Mr. Haluza '11

EPIC FAIL DEPT.

(HAMILTON COLLEGE) In a turn of events which stunned no one remotely familiar with Hamilton, the introduction of the highly-anticipated Hill Card was a massive failure.

“I’m shocked and appalled that a campus-wide change in technology would just create more trouble and not work,” cynical senior Ben Griffin '08 said sarcastically. “This is a first for Hamilton, except every other time they’ve tried something like this.”

“I believed them when they said the card was operational, so I spent 30 minutes outside North trying to use it to get in,” explained naïve freshmen Lucy Wilkinson '11, “Daddy isn’t donating money so I can use keys like some stupid poor townie!”

School officials clung to delusions about the card’s usefulness.

Spokesman John Nitterman said, “The beautifully named Hill Card will grant entry into any dorm, pay for alcohol purchases on- and off-campus, and after a few weeks, will also grant immortality.”

Instead, the card’s abilities are currently limited to being rejected in Commons, setting off security alarms in dorms across campus, and occasionally combusting.

“See, we should’ve gotten retinal scanners instead or maybe replaced the jitney with an enormous monster truck that can crush cars,” Trent Borland '10 said. “That way at least our tuition money is being spent on something that’s awesome and actually works.”

Some students have actually found uses for the card, for instance, as makeshift shivs in case of power outages.

The Administration issued a plea for patience.

“Don’t worry,” stated an e-mail from ITS, “The Hill Card will be working by the second week of—ok, lets be honest. By the time this works, y’all will be alums. And you shouldn’t have expected otherwise.”

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supposed to encourage people to participate besides nagging the crap out of them? No one pays attention to you unless you’re selling delicious baked goods in Beinecke.”

She added, “And if you don’t vote for Obama, you’re against hope and dreams, and therefore will go to Hell.”

The administration decided to take immediate action.

“We want to do everything we can to discourage apathy and encourage participation,” Dean of Faculty/Presidential minion Joe Urgo explained. “It’s our first priority, after finding Joanie’s Diane Keaton sunglasses, and constructing an elaborate way of hiding the dark side forever... I mean, fixing the Hill Card.”

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other way around.”

Students had mixed feelings about the return of the old *Bull*.

“This was a clever scheme to make us miss it,” Ben Griffin '08 said. “And you know what? It worked. Please Hymen Radcliffe: come back. I don’t care how many pretentious wang jokes you write—anything is better than that the other *Bull*.”

“As much as I hated the stupid *Bull*, at least it was comprehensible,” Aaron Page '10 said. “Would it be too much to ask to have a *Bull* that wasn’t so post-modern and just has cartoons and funny stuff from the internet once in a while?”

He sighed, “Probably.”

In other publication news, new Daily Bull rival, Better Than the Daily Bull publishes commentary on improper use of “than” and “then,” has gross misuse of “your” and “you’re” in same issue.

OUTSIDE-THE-BUBBLE NEWS

This is totally irrelevant, but Leubsdorf looks good in drag

THE WORLD

Nothing happened in the world this week, besides the usual general crappiness, hopeless despair, etc.

THE UNITED STATES

South Carolina

Barack Obama crushed Hillary Clinton in the South Carolina primary, beating her by 27%. Unfortunately, Hillary is a Terminator: she always comes back and if you get in her way she'll shove an enormous arm-sized knife into you.

Arkansas

Bill Clinton, please stop acting like a jerk.

New York

The NYPD reported that the masseuse who discovered Heath Ledger's body made three phone calls to Mary Kate Olsen before calling 911. Unless Mary Kate has some sort of magic lifesaving cocaine, most people would consider that irresponsible.

Super Bowl XXXXII

On one hand, Eli Manning has been playing well in the playoffs. On the other hand, he's Eli Manning. Patriots win, 31-17.

Florida

Mitt Romney and John McCain escalated their tightly fought battle for the GOP nomination, with McCain accusing Romney of being "totally gay for Teddy Kennedy" and Romney countering that McCain "got cooties from Hillary Clinton's butt."

Los Angeles

Britney Spears' manager released a statement that announced that Spears has "mental issues." Well no shit, Sherlock.

California

New medicinal marijuana vending machines have started to appear throughout the state, especially near LA. In other news, the *Duel* staff will be transferring to USC.

DUEL OBSERVER EXCLUSIVE: AN INTERVIEW WITH ELI MANNING

On Sunday, the undefeated New England Patriots will play the New York Giants, who are led by a confused-looking southern boy named Eli, in the Super Bowl. Looking at his AV Club dork demeanor and his stats, you wouldn't know that Eli is the younger brother of superstar Peyton Manning. The Duel Observer recently sat down with Eli and asked some questions.

DO: What logical explanation could there possibly be for you to be in the Super Bowl?

EM: Well, we have a good team and we pulled out some clutch wins.

DO Haha, that's a good one. Seriously, how the Hell did you guys win?

EM: What do you mean?

DO: Well, your brother is a vastly superior quarterback. He's not in the Super Bowl. Even Brett Favre, a living legend, and the guy boning Jessica Simpson didn't make it. What right does a mediocre wannabe like you have to play in the Championship game?

EM: Hey, I got my team to the playoffs earlier than Peyton. I'm going to the Super Bowl earlier than Peyton. I'm

the better player at this point in my career comparatively.

DO: I think not.

EM: YOU'RE A LIAR. MY DADDY LOVES ME!

DO: What?

EM: Sure, he never went to my pee-wee games, and sure he refers to me as "that mistake," but once he said I was only a minor stain on the Manning name.

DO: Uh, ok...

EM: He didn't come to the Green Bay game because he was watching his DVR recording of Peyton hosting SNL but he'll be at the Super Bowl. You'll see...

DO: Why wouldn't he be at the Super Bowl?

EM: Well (*sniffle*) he said that Peyton and him were seeing *27 Dresses*. But if there aren't too many previews, the movie gets out early, and Peyton doesn't want to get ice cream afterwards, he promised he'd try to watch on TV.

[Manning then ran away and cried "for hours"]

Note: The Duel tried to interview New England quarterback Tom Brady, but he was too busy impregnating a supermodel.

Interview by Mr. Linden '08