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WELCOME BACK TO THE HILL ☺ (Your first ten-page paper is due Tuesday ☹)

DU BURNS MILBANK TO THE GROUND

Administration responds by banning oxygen from campus

By Ms. Tomkin '12

CHEMISTRY/ARSON DEPT.
(RESLIFE'S NIGHTMARES) Fall Semester has gotten off to a grim start with the destruction of Milbank. A raging fire that started on the third floor engulfed the building in flames late last night, leaving hundreds homeless and drunk off of the beer fumes coming from the wreckage.

“At first, I thought the school was spending the endowment on cool special effects,” said Ruth Splatski '11. “When I realized the fire was real, I totally took a picture of myself in front of it and put it on Facebook. My new profile picture is so badass!”



Many students blame ResLife for allowing one fraternity to occupy conjoined suites on the third floor of Milbank. Others blamed violent video games, the Ebola pandemic, and Canada.

“Miraculously, nobody was injured,” DU President Ollie Petron '10 said. “Except naïve sophomores who accepted suite doubles there, but they don't count as real people anyway.”

“We didn't mean to do it,” Bernard Carry '12 said. “We just wanted to see if Soviet-era architecture was flammable. Turns out it's not, unless you mix it with about six bottles of Jack Daniels and an enormous flamethrower. Couldn't have seen that coming.”

In the meantime, students evacuated from Milbank are now being relocated to temporary housing on campus, including Minor Field and President Joan Hinde Stewart's house, still unoccupied after six years.

“I'm living in a cardboard box on Minor Field,” former Milbank 17 resident Brad Lee '11 said. “It's actually pretty cool because I get to show freshmen girls a romantic evening under the stars before I have sex with her and never call her again.”

In lieu of possible legal action, DU released the following statement:

“Oopsies. Our bad. Oh, and come to our Bundy Party next week. If this sounds like a shameless plug while lacking a guilty conscience after our actions last night... it totally is.”

ADMINISTRATION RAMPS UP POINTS FOR NUDITY, FUN

Penalties meant to create a *Pleasantville*-type environment
By Mr. Leubsdorf '10

MOMMY STATE DEPT.
(CAMPUS PO DUNGEON) The Administration increased the points given for a variety of extremely dangerous yet fun activities—including underage possession of hard/rubbing alcohol, having candy before dinner, and feeling any emotions of mirth or joy from outside of preapproved college activities.

“Students have consistently shown they have the decision-making capabilities of Sarah Palin,” spokesman John Nitterman said. “We want to stop the hordes of students that drink till their livers melt, streak young children, and give themselves bad boobos with sharp sticks.”

“Now, we are not against having fun. We just want you to do so in a non-spontaneous, wholesome way, like they did in the fifties—but without the latent homoeroticism.”

The punishments for nudity are especially harsh, a result of an incident in July when a few summer residents streaked ten year-olds attending camps at Hamilton.

“Those streakers crossed the line this summer,” Carol Li '12 said. “But I'm not sure why I have to be punished by being forced to wear a metal corset all the time, even in the shower. I feel like I'm in a futuristic Jane Austen novel.”

“Campus Po can't force me to be socially responsible goddammit!” Alex Murdoch '11 said. “I have the right, nay, the duty to run through the Glen naked chugging an open container with Bacardi and playing flip cup with butcher knives.”

The Administration was unmoved by the critiques.

“We will be proactive in preventing students from the dangerous practice of making their own decisions. If that means neutering the Co-Op or putting electronic leashes on all freshmen, we'll do it. If necessary, we will treat you like children in order to get you to act like adults.”



Mandatory freshmen orientation garb

STUDENTS SPEND SUMMER GETTING CAREER RELATED EXPERIENCE

Gain nothing
By Ms. Ryder '11

FUCK YOU, REAL WORLD DEPT. Hamilton student gaining valuable CRE
(DCINTERNS.BLOGSPOT.COM)

Students flocked back to the Hill this week after a valuable summer of minion work, giving them experiences that might one day bring them an entry-level position that will involve long hours and pays next to nothing.

“I had a fantastic experience at a law firm fetching coffee and burying dead bodies,” Greg Huff '10 recalled. “And by the last week, my boss could almost remember my name. I know I'm getting a great recommendation out of this.”

“I worked for Senator Gillibrand in DC, which was mostly answering phone calls from angry racist old people afraid of change,” Susan Phillips '11 said. “Which was hilarious, except when one caller threatened to disembowel me with a scimitar if the Senator didn't change her posi-



tion on Cash for Clunkers.”

An unfortunate group of students went jobless.

“I figured I could figure something out when I got back home, but all the Starbucks and trendy clothing boutiques were fully staffed,” Julie Wayne '10 lamented.

“I never thought I'd be competing with people with Business PhDs. I'm applying to Harvard Law next year so I can get that J-Crew employee discount.”

Others stayed on the Hill for the summer.

“My genetics research on fruit flies may have been completely wrong, but it was still a great learning experience,” Lindsay Wahl '11 reasoned. “For instance, did you know that Bundy living could get worse? I woke up at 7 AM to the sound of a new power tool every morning!”

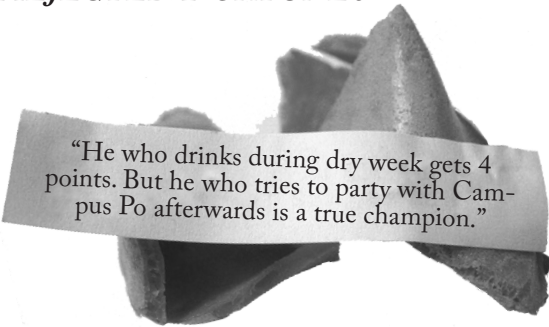
The Career Center tried to remain positive.

“Look, it's a tough economy. They can't all be winners,” Counselor Jack Hanson said after taking a long swig from his flask. “Just be glad you had something to do that wasn't in Shitsylvania, New York, you ungrateful bastards.”

WEATHER FORECAST	TODAY	TOMORROW	DAY AFTER TOMORROW
	Hot	Megan Fox Hot	Hot Hot Heat
	79°, high humidity, 76% chance of flop sweat	103° with high possibility of boners	\$7.99 at Best Buy, 35% off until Tuesday

In this issue: Where is Joanie's birth certificate?

CHINA SEA[©] REJECTED FORTUNES



“He who drinks during dry week gets 4 points. But he who tries to party with Campus Po afterwards is a true champion.”

SCHOOL BOOKSTORE SELLS HAMILTON PONG BALLS



See “Administration efforts to curb binge drinking,” pg. 3



OUTSIDE-THE-BUBBLE NEWS: SUMMER EDITION

Your favorite news from the last three months, but tanner USA! USA! USA!

Everytown, America

Democrats are vigorously challenging the myth perpetuated by Republicans that the health care bill would include a death panel that will institute mandatory euthanasia for old people. Although, judging by how old people believed the lie, it might not be THAT bad an idea.

Washington, DC

Seeking to sooth racial tensions over the arrest of a black Harvard professor, President Obama invited the parties involved to have a beer at the White House. The moment of racial reconciliation was ruined by Joe Biden, who drunkenly performed an impression of Mudflap and Skids from *Transformers 2*.

Los Angeles, California

Michael Jackson died suddenly from a cardiac arrest, a death caused by a combination of his doctor's incompetence and consumption of cholesterol-heavy unicorn meat. Fans weighed the King of Pop's massive influence on music as a barrier-shattering megastar with the fact that he probably whacked off preteens.

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Brett Favre unretired for the second time to join the Minnesota Vikings on their journey to a massive defeat in the first round of playoffs. Favre is part of a bevy of older players signed by the Vikings, including Jerry Rice and the inspirational hobbit from *Rudy*.

Columbia, South Carolina

Governor Mark Sanford (R-SC) admitted conducting an affair with an Argentine woman, after a media frenzy erupted when he disappeared for five days to visit her. Republicans quickly disowned the governor, not for his hypocrisy but because he was banging a foreigner.

THE WHOLE WIDE WORLD

Teheran, Iran

Massive protests erupted after the ruling regime rigged the presidential election in favor of the incumbent. Suspicions were raised after the results showed Mahmud Achmajea.... something with infinity billion votes, and all opposition candidates with -20 votes combined.

Antwerp, Belgium

Uh... other things probably happened in the world, but to be honest we weren't following it. Things were crazy this summer, between our jobs, partying a lot with our home friends, and then there was this thing we had with this cool Zooeey Deschanel-type girl from Tufts named Denise.

Things got complicated, like we weren't sure whether we were a couple or if it was just a fling. Then things got really crazy when her ex got back in the picture, and it just became a HUGE mess. So we fell behind on reading BBCNews.com, but next week we'll be more attentive, we promise.

ELS RENNOVATIONS BEGIN, BUILDING CLOSES

Societies complain, "Where will we have our sketchy parties now?"

ROOM DECORATION ADVICE

By Ms. Borowitz '11

Fire Hazards

Flags are an awesome way to show how worldly you are. Don't take the easy route and use the ole Stars and Stripes, as drunkenly lighting an American flag on fire is probably against the flag code. Instead, use a flag of an obscure country you or someone you know (like your weird third-cousin Carl) might have visited once, like



Yes, Lesotho is a real country

Lichtenstein, or the mountain kingdom of Lesotho.

Posters

Movie posters are also a good bet, but you need to be careful to use posters from movies everyone likes, such as *The Godfather*, *Pulp Fiction*, or any indie movie with a wisecracking teenager who is either pregnant and/or has a fucked up family. Music posters can also be great, but don't put up a poster of anything too new or mainstream like Lady Gaga unless it's ironic or post-ironic. "Safe" poster ideas include The Beatles, the Doors, and Bob Marley. If you have one of these, you will be perceived as a deep, intelligent, and most likely stoned, individual.

Photos

Pictures of your high school friends are also a good way to show off that you're not a loser. If you didn't have high school friends, steal someone else's Facebook photos. If nobody can find you in the photo, just point to an awkward person and say, "I really grew into my looks."



Mr. Zappala with "best friends," John Carroll, Freddie Olivio, and Adobe Photoshop

Quirky Items

As fun as these ideas are, you need to be careful not to look like you bought all the pretentious pictures of Paris at the poster fair. In order to stick out, you need to bring a few bizarre items, and make up a story behind them. Garden gnomes, for example, are a practical way to show how weird you are. They may block the way to your bed and cause you to have terrifying gardening-related nightmares, but the popularity points are totally worth it.

PICTURE OF THE SUMMER



Former Gov. Sarah Palin sacrifices baby to Republican Idol Ronald Reagan

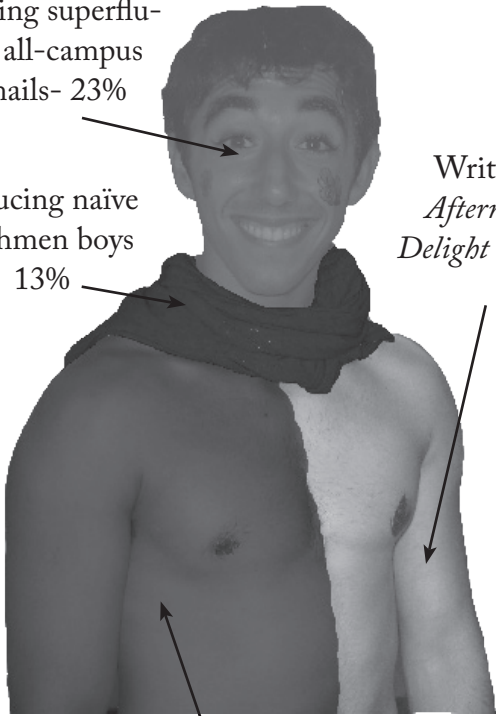
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HAMSTAT: WHAT OFFENCES SHOULD THE ADMINISTRATION INCREASE POINTS FOR?

Sending superfluous all-campus emails- 23%

Seducing naïve freshmen boys 13%

Writing *Afternoon Delight* 24%



Owning Colgate gear 40%

WHAT THE \$#&@ HAPPENED TO *THE DUEL*? OUR LAYOUT CHANGES, SUMMARIZED

5. Inclusion of photos after we were informed of the invention of the daguerreotype, 172 years after it happened.
4. Formulaic articles replaced with formulaic features.
3. Secret KGB codes embedded in articles, ala *A Beautiful Mind*.
2. Hiring of cool Asian girl to create graphics, and as a bonus, earn extra hipness/diversity points.
1. Eh... let's be honest: it's basically the same.

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