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YET ANOTHER SILLY HAMILTON CONTROVERSY! (Oversensitivity+boredom+liberal guilt=Walletgate)

STUDENT ASSEMBLY BANKRUPT!

Even Elmer's Glue couldn't fix this piggy bank By Mr. Sinton '13

RECESSION DEPT.

(BUTTRICK HALL) Doing their best impression of Bear Stearns, Student Assembly announced over the weekend that they were bankrupt. Student Assembly unsuccessfully filed for TARP relief, but apparently Hogwarts @ Hamilton doesn't count as an asset, just an infringement on intellectual property rights.

Treasurer Nathaniel White'10 defended his actions, "I don't know how we spent all this money, it was surrounded by so much red tape it should have been literally almost impossible for organizations to get money."

After weeks of showering useless student organizations like Model NATO, Mainstream Spring Break, and Unique C (the all Dixie Chicks a cappella group that sings in mumbled whispers) with thousands of unwarranted dollars, SA's Paris Hilton-esque spending spree came to an end.



The Finance Committee in better days

The elected members were at a loss for what to do.

Garret Lawrence'13 distraughtly cried "It's like we lost Monopoly, but this time the ridiculous sums of money

were real! My au pair warned us that Monopoly shouldn't replace lessons in money management, but Mommy fired her for backtalking and asking for minimum wage."

Certain failed crackpot schemes to raise money included: a bake sale (student organization default), selling thongs with the slogan "StuAss" on it, and a car wash sponsered by a shirtless and sudsy Joe Urgo.

Finally, it was Trust Treat's cancellation that momentarily relieved the Assembly's money problems by returning some of their funding, but Joan Hinde Stewart promptly blew the money on topless "Thriller" dancers for her annual "Tweak or Teat" Halloween party.

"Our job is to provide students with resources to express their passions," SA Rep Glinda Lewis '12 said in SA's defense. "Who are we to judge which passion is more worthy of funding? How do you choose between Korfball and Project SHINE? Neither of those obviously sticks out as more worthy, does it?"

ST **SUNDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY** REAM FORECA Happy Dream Sex Dream Nightmare

High probability of flying the *Millenium Falcon*

involves Senator Olympia Snow (R-ME)

57% chance of being hunted and skinned by Teddy

SWINE FLU PANDEMIC CREATES Mass Chaos on Campus

Think Lord of the Flies, except sexier By Ms. Tomkin'12

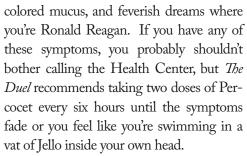
HAND SANITIZER RELATIONS DEPT. (MORGUE) The Health Center has seen a massive influx of students with flu-like symptoms over the past couple of weeks. Many believe that the swine flu was first spread at the Chi Psi Farm Party after one student was rumored to have had sexual relations with a pig prior to performing a keg-stand.

Many students were frustrated when they were unable to make appointments at the Health Center.

The sick take revenge "It's like being on the Titanic and tryon "The Healthies" ing to get on a lifeboat," Lola Feminist'12 said. "Except without letting women and children go first. What the fuck? This whole equality thing is really starting to suck."

"They're being really selective about who they admit," Roger Bojangles '11 commented. "I almost had an appointment but when I said I was from New Jersey, they suddenly said they were completely booked. I finally hung up after the receptionist recommended that I amputate my head to reduce my fever."

Symptoms of the swine flu include a fever, rainbow-



"It's true, we've had a few cases of legitimate swine flu," Health Center Nurse Miss Piggy admitted, "but most of the kids that showed up were just hung over from the latest Bundy Party."

Nevertheless, some saw the outbreak in a more positive light.

"I'm feeling healthier than ever!" a gleeful Marjorie Green'13 said. "I mean, I guess it's because I spent last week alone in my room smoking marijuana, but hey, at least I don't have The Swine."

SIDEBAR: SURVIVAL ADVICE

By Ms. O'Brien '13



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If you have managed to avoid the swine plague thus far, here are some essentials necessary to maintain your health and sanity:

Surgical Mask: Be sure to employ the mask at the first sound of a sniffler in class. When said sniffler blames allergies, be wary—that's what they all say. Healthy Status Identifier: A bandana on the arm signifies "healthy." At the

first sign of infection, it must immediately be moved to the head. Personal Cutlery, Plate, and Cup Set: For those brave

enough to venture to a dining hall.

Personal Solo Cup: A real Beruit champ isn't fazed by a mere pandemic.

Padlock: Lock yourself in your room until the outbreak dies down and/or you're the only survivor left.

If you follow this advice and still contract H1N1, there's not much that can be done. Get your mind off your illness with any of the following:

- Read a classic childhood story like Charlotte's Web. Be sure to be wrap yourself in a blanket.
- Watch a movie appropriate for the situation, such as Quarantine or Babe.
- If you get ahead in the reading of all of your classes and can't quite quench your thirst for knowledge, start learning something new. Pig Latin perhaps?

HAMPOLL ANALYSIS: WHAT DO STUDENTS THINK OF **CAMPUS INSTITUTIONS?**

Next survey topic: What conversation topics will ruin your Thanksgiving dinner?

By Mr. Leubsdorf'10

Not a HamPoll Staffer

(STATS 101) A survey conducted by HamPoll yielded shocking results, finding that students strongly approved of some things and strongly disapproved of others. The survey sample was self-selected, so results may differ from the overall population; seniors avoiding their theses and College Republicans were grossly overrepresented.

Most campus institutions fared well. Students ap-

proved highly of Custodial Services (91%); with one student expressing wonder that they "haven't tried to poison our bong-water because we never clean up our beer cans." Many also approved of the Jitney, although 41% of those who like drunkenly stealing van seats disliked the service.

Students illustrated mostly positive attitudes towards student organizations, strongly favoring HAVOC (74%), with a few outliers that hate poor people. The Womyn's Center had the highest levels of dislike (35%) due to the campus' ignorance of their goals, with 76% of disapproving students identifying patriarchy as a battleship from the Spanish-American War.

Most students were indifferent towards Christian, Jewish, and Muslim student groups, with 43% stating they would only get involved in religious organizations

when they were near-death and in need of a quicky their many sins.

However, many students were indifferent (average 38%) to all polled items, revealing a "don't



The U.S.S. Patriarchy was blown up by a Spanish mine at Havana Harbor in 1898

give a shit" attitude towards things that don't affect their regular activities: reading for class, eating with friends, and crying while masturbating to a mental image of Finn from Glee.

Any groups appearing in the poll that are interested in more systematic breakdowns are welcome to contact HamPoll. More likely than not, if an organization received high approval, they smiled slightly after reading this article and moved on. If an organization did poorly, they dismissed this poll's validity and continued doing whatever they did that pissed



OUTSIDE-THE-BUBBLE NEWS: SUMMER EDITION

Just kidding, it's still freezing

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Portland, Maine

Voters overturned Maine's gay marriage law on Tuesday, preserving the sacred institution of marriage for great role models such as Britney Spears and Jon & Kate.

Watertown, New York

Democrat Bill Owens won a heated race for the 23rd Congressional District, the first time that area has been represented by a Democrat in 150 years. Republicans blamed the loss on their candidate for "not scaring voters enough with the crazy."

Trenton, New Jersey

Republican Chris Christie defeated Democratic incumbent Jon Corzine to become Governor, despite Corzine's last-minute ad campaign calling the rotund Christie "Fatty McManTits," alleging that Christie would try to eat voters after being elected.

Hollywood, California

Josh Duhamel and wife Fergie called allegations from an Atlanta stripper that she had a one-night stand with the actor utterly ridiculous. "It most definitely went on into the following morning," Duhamel said.

San Francisco Bay, California

Everyday commuter Joe Marshall was nearly hit by a large piece of steel and cable that came crashing down onto the Bay Bridge from its suspension tower, causing structural engineers to suggest that U.S. bridges might be structurally deficient....ya think?

THE WORLD

Ashdod, Israel

Israelis nabbed a ship carrying hundreds of tons of Iranian weapons allegedly going to Hezbollah. The ship's crew denied knowing that any of the containers held weapons, but admitted afterwards that "it seemed suspicious anyone would need that many wallets."

London, United Kingdom

Former British soldier Simon Mann, jailed for a coup plot in Equatorial Guinea, was recently released back to the U.K. He admitted the failed coup really damaged his self-esteem, and after intensive therapy vowed to try harder next time.

Rome, Italy

Judge Oscar Magi acquitted the CIA chief of Rome, Jeffery Castelli, of a kidnapping charge from back in 2003, not because he didn't order the kidnapping but rather 'cause he's just kind of a cool guy.

Tokyo, Japan

Japan's foreign minister cancelled a meeting with Secretary Clinton due to an "inability to coordinate schedules," as Clinton's only free time conflicted with this week's new episode of *The Vampire Diaries*.

On this issue: Flu germs!

STUDENTS CHASTISED FOR **JITNEY ABUSE**



See "Lisa Mags: 'Any more jitney damage = my fist to your head," pg. 22

LETTERS-TO-THE-EDITOR: A Concerned Parent

Warm autumn leaves, antiquated brick buildings; with all the "feel-good" bullshit they put in the brochures, I was pleasantly surprised this past weekend to learn my son, despite the best efforts of these PC "you shouldn't pass-out drunk on the Child Care Center playground" hippies, is getting a good ol' American college education.

Walking into my son's room in Dunham was like stepping into war-torn Gaza. Keystone cans scattered along the walls, vomit in the sinks and other "homey" touches really brought me back to my own college days. Between the muscle milk stain on the floor from orientation and the pile of Solo cups thrown around his room,



I've never been more proud of my son.

However, I feel Hamilton is underachieving several key col-

lege areas. At a party I attended this weekend, I noticed some young people practicing "selfcontrol," in which they limited their drinking to remain conscious. When I was a boy, my father used to tell me "Jimmy, shut the hell up and drink your beer," and I think this is the sort of dedication needed at Hamilton.

I also feel like Hamilton is lacking in the school spirit department. I'm here a whole weekend and what badass mischief goes down? Nothing. No "Drinking Time," no horses in the Dean's office, no forcing freshmen to run outside naked to avoid getting beaten by baseball bat-wielding seniors? Pathetic.

Now Hamiltonians shouldn't be too discouraged. Compared to the parent's weekend with my daughter at Duke, I had far fewer incidents in which I wanted to kill both myself and the pretentious asshole who felt the need to lecture me on the advantages of a second popped collar.

This weekend has led me to believe Hamilton has potential. As a proud old brother of Delta Iota Kappa, my advice for this school is to believe in yourself, and you can accomplish anything. Oh yeah, and harden the fuck up. By Phillip Brooks P'13, edited by Mr. Hess '13

TERRIBLE JOKE OF THE WEEK

By Ms. Tomkin '12

Q: How many redundant swine flu jokes does it take to screw in a light-bulb?

A: None, because they Do It In The Dark! I mean, not really, because swine flu jokes are more conceptual than physical and cannot actually screw in a light-bulb and when in the dark, probably do not do anything more than they would in the light, but for all intensive purposes, this makes perfect sense.

Comments? Complaints? Recipes?

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THE DUEL PRESENTS: A HISTORY OF WALLET-RELATED OPPRESSION By Mr. Leubsdorf'10

SICILY: 1848

The first wallet is created by Giuseppe Boyardee, and promptly thrown at his wife for making terrible meatballs for dinner.

BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG: 1863

The Confederate Army, running out of ammunition, resorts to throwing wallets at the advancing Union Army, killing 4,000.

PITTSBURGH: 1895

Andrew Carnegie crushes a labor strike with a barrage of wallets. Oh, and bullets.

Seneca Falls: 1906

A wallet thrown at Susan B. Anthony decapitates her, setting back the suffragette movement fifteen years.

Nazi Germany: 1938

Hitler probably used a wallet.

SOVIET UNION: 1946

Stalin makes a wallet from the skin of his enemies.

DC: 1963

Martin Luther King Jr. gives famous "we shall overcome.. the thrown wallets" speech.

DALLAS: 1963

President Kennedy Mob-Castro thrown

is killed by a CIA- Preparing for life as next target of SJI

wallet. Didn't you see Oliver Stone's JFK?

VIETNAM: 1967

America firebombs North Vietnam with napalm-laced wallets.

WHITE HOUSE: 1984

Ronald Reagan ignores the start of the AIDS epidemic, resulting in thousands of death, because of advice given to him by his wallet, who talked "with the voice of Fred Astaire and the wisdom of Clarence from It's a Wonderful Life."

California: 2008

Proposition 8, banning gay marriage, passes due to a homophobic campaign heavily funded by the Mormon Church. No wallets were involved; just, you know, actual bigotry.

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