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@HAMILTON It's OCTOBER 9TH, 2011! (in cAse u 4-got, Dumbest Generation)

ELS 2.0 RENOVATIONS BEGIN KJ to follow: “Not yet a complete labyrinth”

By Ms. Adams '12

OBSCENE ENDOWMENT DEPT.
(PHYSICAL PLANT) Construction began this week on the new ELS, and is scheduled to continue until hell actually freezes over. Updates include a new radio station, café, diamond-encrusted toilet seats and a roof-mounted rocket launcher in case Milbank decides to act up.

The building will feature floor-to-ceiling glass windows and minstrels roaming the halls to provide a pleasant, welcoming atmosphere to students.

“ELS parties will be so much better now!” an ecstatic Shelley DeWitt '15 said. “The old basement was the Annex’s skankier, sweatier counterpart. At least now we don’t have to party in the equivalent of a World War II-era bunker.”

Yet many students have expressed displeasure. “Nobody wants classy,” Alexa Smith '13 disagreed. “Not knowing if you’ll contract chlamydia, or if the roof will collapse at any minute, is exciting. If we wanted general cleanliness and safety, we’d be throwing ragers in the KJ Auditorium.”



The Administration also announced plans for renovations around campus, starting with the Science Center. “The building is simply out-of-date,” Administration spokesman John Nitterman Jr. said. “We need to highlight Hamilton’s strength in the scientific fields, beginning by convincing prospies that we aren’t all pansy-ass Classics majors.”

Renovations would include a shark tank for the bio majors and a high tech meth lab on the third floor. Other planned improvements include a campus-wide ice cream truck and a swim-up bar in Bristol Pool.

“There is so many other potential improvements we could use,” Alex Tinkel '14 said. “An Eye of Sauron on the Chapel roof to deter drunk hook-ups, disco lights in McEwen, and any other project that will delay the construction of the Arts facility indefinitely.”

“The only building on campus that doesn’t need renovations is the library,” Nitterman added. “That architectural wonder is perfect as it is. My God, it’s state-of-the-art. Groundbreaking work, especially the 1960’s acid-trip carpeting.”

HAMILTON AND COLGATE MERGER OFFICIAL

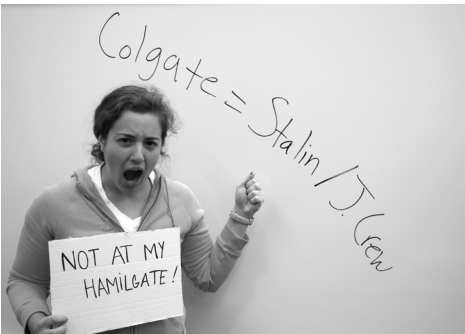
Hamilgate Collegeversity seen as “Harbinger of the Death” of the Liberal Arts
By Mr. Sinton '13

AT LEAST WE’D BE DI? DEPT.
(HAMILGATE) In keeping with the merger-mania sweeping the world this year—King Wendy McD, Afpakistan, New Mexizona and Lil’ Weezer to name a few—Hamilton has announced its acquisition of Colgate University.

Early reports indicate that Colgate sought the merger after it gambled away its endowment betting that Eli Manning wouldn’t choke. Spokesman John Nitterman Jr. commented, “Hamilton has a long history of simply merging to meet our needs and/or crushing our nearby competition. We accepted Colgate’s offer after our attempts to meet our ‘bro’ quota fell short because of limited spots on the Lacrosse team.”

Sources in the Administration indicate that if the Hamilgate merger is successful, Spelman or Morehouse is next on their wish-list.

Student reaction to the merger has been mixed. Darksider Susie Carmichael '14 yelled, “First we get



Starbucks in ELS and now we’re merging with the Abercrombie of higher education? The Administration is doubling the Lightsider population and all we get is more d-bags doing the Milbank crawl!” She then stormed off in her ironic Chicago 2016 t-shirt.

Angelica Pickles '15 was optimistic about the merger. “Hopefully we’ll get their hard-alcohol policy because my biffles at Colgate don’t have to sip on Smirnoff in the bathroom like I do. Also, people will judge me less for my wardrobe because all the girls at Colgate wear skirts this short. Britney Spears and Lindsay Lohan homages are so retro-chic right now.”

As per tradition, however, most students were apathetic to the titanic change. “I dunno, I guess its a big deal,” Charles Finster '13 said. “But as far as I’m concerned it’s as irrelevant as Rosie O’Donnell replacing Simon on *American Idol*.”

Well, at least some things never change, especially *The Duel* article format.

Editor’s Note: After this issue, The Duel Observer will be merging with the Colgate’s satirical publication The Toothpaste Times. Look for the blue/red DuelPaste next week!

SHITTY BEER BAN IMPLEMENTED Next up: bans on hard candy, rubbing alcohol

By Ms. Ryder '11

RED-SHIRTED DUEL WRITERS DEPT.
(BUTTRICK HALL) The Student Assembly voted to endorse the school’s proposed ban on “lesser beers,” continuing the ongoing battle to eliminate any fun and accessible activities for all Hamilton students.

“We let this drag on for far too long,” SA President Gary Peltzer '12 said. “This campus looks like the Ralph Lauren fall catalog. I think we can afford to pony up for some good booze on a Saturday night.”

The Administration introduced the new policy early last month, as part of the “Paternalism Now, Paternalism Forever!” five-year strategic plan.

“We’re building off last year’s radical ice cream and sunshine ban, which raised GPAs and decreased our already exercise-bulimia-thin waistlines,” spokesperson John Nitterman Jr. reasoned. “We figured if people were paying out the asshole for good beer, they



Last C&C Day before ban

wouldn’t drink as much, ipso facto, raising our rankings.”

The student body’s reaction ranged from furniture-tossing rage to resignation. “We fought hard, but the only thing left to do now is shotgun one last ‘Stone behind Babbitt,’” Joe Friesen '13 sighed. “Too bad it burned down with everything else in the Great Darkside Fire of ’09. Oh, if only we listened to the warning of all those fire alarms!”

Others continued to resist. At last week’s Presidential Open Hour, members of the Varsity Beirut team pelted President Stewart with pong balls relentlessly. Meanwhile, rumors have emerged of an underground beer trade, with a Utica Club worth five cigarettes, and a thirty-rack worth a kidney.

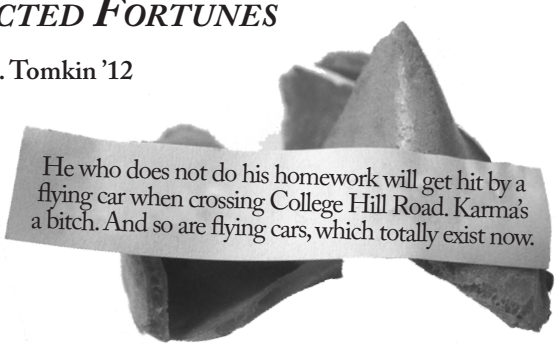
While no one was willing to divulge details, Laurie McHound '12 offered this pearl of wisdom, “Let’s be real here. Shitty beer is about as banned as marijuana. Where there’s a will there’s a way, and there is definitely always going to be a will to get totally bombed on the cheap and hook-up with a random TDX brah at Bundy.”

FUTURE EVENTS FORECAST	10/24/2011	11/18/2011	12/20/2012
	Northeastern Civil War Breaks Out	Hamilton Controversy #2547	Mayan Apocalypse
	Caused by Yankees-Red Sox ALCS series	Will it be caused by the Bridge and Pinochle Club? Only time will tell!	Roland Emm-erich totally saw this coming

In this issue: Meta-commentary!

CHINA SEA® REJECTED FORTUNES

By Ms. Tomkin '12



THE BROTHERS OF DELTA IOTA
KAPPA PRESENT
ALIENS ARE WEIRD!*

FRIDAY
8PM TO 2AM
BREAKAWAY
LOUNGE
BUSES LEAVE FROM
DUNHAM CIRCLE

* Members of
the Space
Justice Initiative
not welcome

MR. '13

By Mr. Grebey '12



OUTSIDE-THE-BUBBLE NEWS
AMERICA-TOWN... OF THE FUTURE!

Dubuque, Iowa
Sarah Palin, continuing her campaign for the Republican Presidential nomination, announced a new series of policies that would deal with underperforming schools by nuking them, adapting the advice of “my closest advisors: the ghost of Ronald Reagan and the voices inside my head.”



Obama prepares for re-election campaign against Darth Palin

Washington, DC
After years of painstaking compromise, Barack Obama signed in a controversial healthcare reform bill that will guarantee health insurance for everyone except short people, who everyone agrees can “go fuck themselves.”

New York, New York
The bankrupt *New York Times* was bought by 9 year old Jimmy Finkelstein for ten cents, who promised to retool the venerable paper’s around invesigating who farted during recess, and analyses by Maureen Dowd about why girls are icky. They will compete with the only other remaining newspapers, *The Washington Post-Onion*, and *Naked USA Today*.

El Dorado, Kansas
In a tragic incident, terrorists destroyed the world’s largest community-built ball of twine. The largest ball of twine built by a single man, which some think may be targeted next, has been moved to a highly fortified bunker in the middle of the desert.

Utica, NY
For the second year in a row, Utica has been voted America’s #1 growing metropolis. Utica’s Mayor cited Make a Difference Day as a “crucial factor.”

THE WIDE WORLD... OF THE FUTURE!
Geneva, Switzerland
The Large Hadron Collider has once again failed to create a black hole, leading disappointed scientists to begin work on the Super Large Hadron Collider. This is not to be confused with the Very Large Hadron Collider, which the North Korean government now claims is almost fully operational, and will be “super-duper cool.”

Beijing, China
The Chinese government expanded its weather control machine’s capacity tenfold. On a related note, several sources report that China’s president has recently been spotted shooting lightning from his hands and laughing maniacally.

Bangkok, Thailand
Even in the future, Bangkok is a funny name.

Amsterdam, Netherlands
The Dutch government’s decision to enforce anti-weed laws inadvertently led to sudden economic collapse and massive riots. In addition, mere hours after the crackdown began, many of the city’s levees shattered in the same instant, causing most of the city to be swept away in a Sodom-esque disaster.

By Mr. Robinson '12 and Mr. Leubsdorf's corpse '10

OBITUARY: MR. LEUBSDORF '10

By Ms. Riemer-Peltz '12
Former *Duel Observer* Editor-in-Chief William Page Leubsdorf '10 was found dead Friday morning at 5:37am, by a custodian cleaning the Blood Fitness and Dance Center. “His dead and crumpled body was hardly recognizable except for his glasses and Tom Vilsack '08 shirt,” Brittany Tomkin '12, a former colleague of Leubsdorf commented as she identified the body.

“The autopsy reveals deep lacerations spreading from the hips to both ends of the body,” Dr. Vinnie Goombatz of St. Luke’s Hospital revealed. “Leubsdorf had a condition called iliopsoas tendinitis, commonly known as dancer’s hip, which eventually led to his demise.”

“Apparently he had been dancing five times a week in secret since freshman year,” Leubsdorf’s stalker John McCormack '10 said. “I don’t know how I didn’t see this sooner...now all I have left is the remnants of his satire to keep me warm at night.”

Will was born on October 23, 1986, in D.C. on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. He was the youngest of twelve older siblings. His parents raised him on conflicting ideologies: his mother was half Jewish-half Dutch Reform Protestant, his father a Scientologist, and his influential Uncle Bob an Amish war veteran.

Growing up, Will never knew what to believe. He had so many questions about the world and about himself. In his desperate quest for the truth, he turned to politics. Will’s most influential role models shifted from his parents and the Red Power Ranger to various political figures: namely, Ross Perot.

Eventually, Leubsdorf took on body sculpting as an interest in addition to politics. He became obsessed with the idea of the perfect form, and aspired to embody Michelangelo’s *David*. He was known among his friends as the most robust and agile. Also, he had killer thighs and a naturally exquisite jawline.

When he arrived at Hamilton, he knew he had to master the art of the dance and began practicing five times a week for hours on end. To cover his tracks, he took up his old political dream. In his charade, he accidentally managed to reunite Czechoslovakia, and end starvation and political unrest in Africa within only two years. Still, this meant nothing compared to his love of dance, which he pursued with renewed vigor until his end.

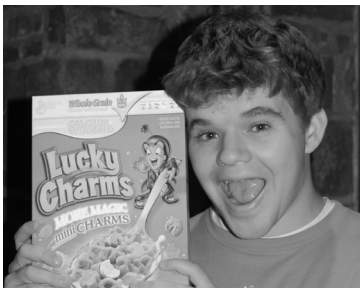
Only in death has Will’s dream been realized—to touch others through his gift. Several videotapes of his choreographed routines were found in a box under his bed marked, “open in the event of my untimely death.” Now we all know the truth, and we can remember Will for who was truly was—a world-class, beautifully sculpted, dancing machine.



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Recipes?	http://students.hamilton.edu/duel/

SPORTS DUDE
OF THE WEEK:
CONNOR
“THE TANK”
McMURPHY '14

By Mr. Charman '13
Age: 19
Sport: JV Beruit Team
Hometown: Amsterdam, New York
Throws: Right/Left
Personal Hero: Frank McCourt
Favorite Movie: *The Boondock Saints II: All Saints Day*
Years Competing: 15



McMurphy with image of his great grandfather

Claim to Fame: Last Saturday in South, executing a bounce shot to double a cup... Game over.
Most Embarrassing Sports Moment: After 18 hours of continuous play, McMurphy finally hit the wall and took out 12 full cups and the table.
Explanation for Excellence: Williams’ mother nursed him on whiskey. His father, a burnt-out professional beruit player in Greece, has tried to relive his sports career through his son, making him practice long hours outside of school. Not surprisingly, his parents are both Irish.
Hobbies: Drinking—it’s a hobby, not a problem.
Next Match: Friday morning before his midterm.
Personal Quote: “People only bounce shot on your table if you let them.”

FRIDAY FIVE:
PERKS OF BEING A SUPER-SENIOR

- By Mr. Yarnell '13
- Those freshmen girls, man. You get older, they stay the same age.
 - When you foster relationships with professors for six years, you start watching *Gossip Girl* with them every week, and they start to confuse you with their children.
 - Spending three years in the Pub earns you that coveted “town drunk” status.
 - Having plenty of time to perfect your final Art project: an Impressionist painting of yourself made with Diner grease.
 - While your graduated friends beg for change on the streets, you charge everything to your Hill Card (now accepted by most porn sites and drug dealers).

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