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IT'S MIDTERM SEASON! (Whining about work skyrockets 378%)

HOGWARTS AT BUNDY?

Even Slytherin is grossed out

By Mr. Zappala '12

NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D MISS ELS, RIGHT? DEPT. (BUNDY DINING HALL) With the ongoing ELS renovations, the usual Hogwarts at Hamilton location was switched to Bundy Dining Hall, calling into question exactly how child-friendly the interactive show will remain.

Participants have made their best efforts to defend the move.

"This wasn't by choice, you know," Emily Miles '10 explained. "The only other option was Minor Theater, but the resident ghost nurse made it too much like the real Hogwarts and would have led to a string of pants-wettings.

"Although to be fair, I've done that at Bundy too."

The actors have admitted, however, that they



Blacked-out Bundyites make great dementor prey

have altered the act to better suit the scenery.

"The time spent in Potions class will be used to teach spectators how to take flaming shots using Slytherin students as examples." Nick Abbey '11 said. "I'm told that Snape will deal with all accidents via magic. First time I've been happy to be a Hufflepuff pansy."

"In order to better take advantage of the dark, dreary, hopeless setting of the entire Grayside, we've turned the laundry rooms in Bundy West into the Chamber of Secrets," John Walloway '11 pointed out. "I'm providing the Basilisk...get it? Yeah, you know it."

The Administration, having received word of this comment, forced Walloway to quit and took some measures for the sake of the children.

"It turns out the decadence that is ever a part of Bundy is quickly infecting the show," spokesman John Nitterman noted. "As such, we've decided that all actors must take a drug and alcohol test in between performances...except for whoever plays Dobby... that fucker is nuts."

PANIC ERUPTS AS JOANIE FLOATS AWAY WITH BALLOON

...or does she?

By Ms. Ryder '11 and Mr. Leubsdorf '10

SERIOUSLY GUYS, WHERE'S JOANIE? DEPT.

(MEDIA CIRCUS) The Geology Department weather balloon broke from its ties Monday afternoon. College officials feared the worst after finding a pair of Diane Keaton-esque glasses where the balloon once stood and with President Stewart nowhere to be found.

"We sounded the warning siren, checked the Glen, and sent a SWAT retrieval team to Colgate...it could've been their fault," Dean of Students Nancy Thompson said. "We overreacted just a tad."

A plea was sent out to alumni to collect a ransom fund just in case, banking nearly \$23 million. However, checks stopped rolling in later that afternoon when the balloon landed, empty. Officials were surprised.

"Well, this is awkward." Dean of Faculty Joseph Urgo wrung his hands nervously. "I mean, it seemed to make a lot of sense. Where else would she be?"

Stewart emerged from the Science Center bath-



The getaway device?

room minutes later. Urgo tried to whisk her away to safety from flighty *Spectator* writers.

"We knew this was phony," ace journalist Kevin Finkel '11 explained. "Thirty minutes before they found her I saw a woman matching Joanie's description reading at an Opus 2 table alone. But without any interesting lectures or overblown controversies we had to be a little creative this week."

The Administration admitted the incident was a hoax, although they were not apologetic.

"The endowment lost \$300 million over the last two years," Thompson snapped. "Let's put that in terms you alcoholic beast-children understand: that's 25,337,838 thirty-racks of Keystone or 10,000,000 quarter bags of pot. It's a lot of money!"

Urgo added, "The President's main job is to raise money any way she can to ensure the best educational experience. These are desperate times, which call for desperate measures."

When asked if he was going to make cuts to make up for budget shortfalls, such as the catering budget for faculty meetings, Urgo corrected himself, "Desperate enough for a ridiculous hoax? Yes. But desperate enough to stop getting ourselves Bon Appetit's M&M cookies? Fuck no."

COLLEGE MOVES TO 100% ENERGY SUSTAINABILITY

Desire to appear more green, have excuse to not spend money on heat

By Ms. Borowitz '11

OVERDONE JOKES DEPT.

(COMMUNITY GARDEN)

To do its part in helping the environment, Hamilton has taken to heart HEAG's "Do it in the Dark" campaign with actions such as killing the power to certain buildings as part of the "Trip, Fall and Break your Face" policy, and letting KJ temperatures remain at Siberia-levels until February.

"We are implementing a full range of policies that will reduce our consumption of energy," spokesman John Nitterman said. "We will now rely on alternative sources, such as solar panels, hydropower, and burning any outstanding copies of *Afternoon Delight*."

Students had reactions to the announcements.

"Oh god, I hope they don't build more windmills," Jacob Willkins '10 groaned. "The one they already have near my suite in Babbitt makes so much noise that I



have nightmares about a horde of possessed windmills massacring the student body. Although those may be partially caused by the LSD..."

Willkins later was found on top of the windmill, attempting to negotiate with Wendy, Queen of the Windmills and Princess of the Skies.

"I like that they encourage us to take shorter showers," Dunham resident Pete Julian '11 said. "Usually when I take a shower, I'm having sex with my girlfriend against my RA's email telling us all not to. Now I have an excuse to finish early without looking like a doofus."



Other students were extremely upset by the changes. "This really screws up my entire college experience," Natalia Michaels '13 said. "How am I supposed to go on without ironing my hair every morning and setting off the fire alarm? If I'm not known as 'fire alarm hair straightener girl' I'll just be another faceless loser with nothing to live for."

BIRTHDAY FORECAST	7PM	11PM	2AM
	<p>Quiet Dinner with Friends</p>  <p>...just kidding, everyone's already wasted</p>	<p>Shitshow</p>  <p>High probability for drunken rendition of "I'm on a Boat"</p>	<p>Drunken Hookup</p>  <p>16% chance for out-of-your-league, 78% for below typical standards</p>

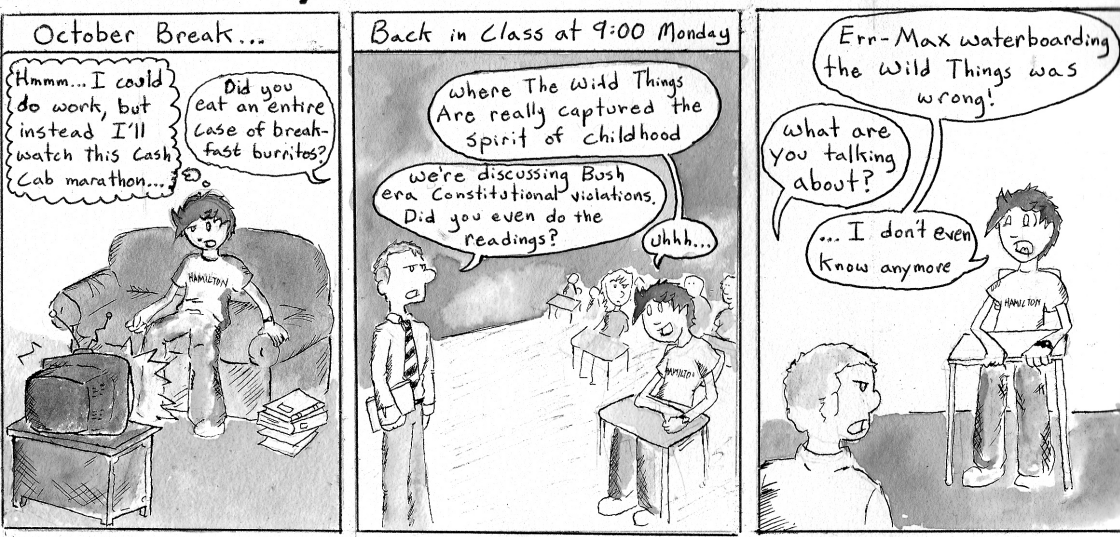
In this issue: relief from your brain's implosion!

CHINA SEA® REJECTED FORTUNES

By Ms. Tomkin '12

"He who goes out on a Thursday when he has a midterm on Friday probably fails his midterm, leading his family to pull him out of college..."

"...and send him to a reformatory in Colorado where he falls into a depression and drinks whiskey with his Lucky Charms every morning for breakfast."



RANT: FASHION ON LIGHTSIDE AND DARKSIDE IS EXACTLY THE SAME

Disagree? Well, you shouldn't have deleted the HamPoll email I sent out, suckahs

By Ms. Tomkin '12

While Lightside-Darkside differences have always been fairly distinguishable, the past two years have seen an increase in fashion crossovers between the two sides of campus, making it more difficult to determine the social groups students belong to.

As a self-proclaimed bro/fashionista living on the Darkside (you might recognize me—I'm the one with the neon satchel and the squirrel pelt hanging from the waistband of my jeans to assert my independence), I feel that it is my moral responsibility to highlight the similarities in dress between the two campuses.

Double-pocketed, flannel shirts: *Darksiders like them because they're comfortable, lightweight, and easy to maneuver in when performing avant-garde theater; Lightsiders like them because you can hide condoms in the pockets without having to worry about girls' asses crushing them when you grind against them at Bundy parties.*

Converses: *Statistics show that the more torn up your Converse look, the more badass you appear to be. When asked, "Hey, why do your shoes have so many holes in them?" Lightsiders may take advantage of this and respond with, "I just slidetackled a bunch of lax bros on Martin's Way," while Darksiders may say, "Oh, I was wearing them when I got into a fight with a bear."*

Northface jackets: *50% of the student population are Lightsiders who lost their Northface in the Annex last weekend. The other 50% are Darksiders with newly acquired jackets. Don't worry, these statistics will be reversed next weekend.*



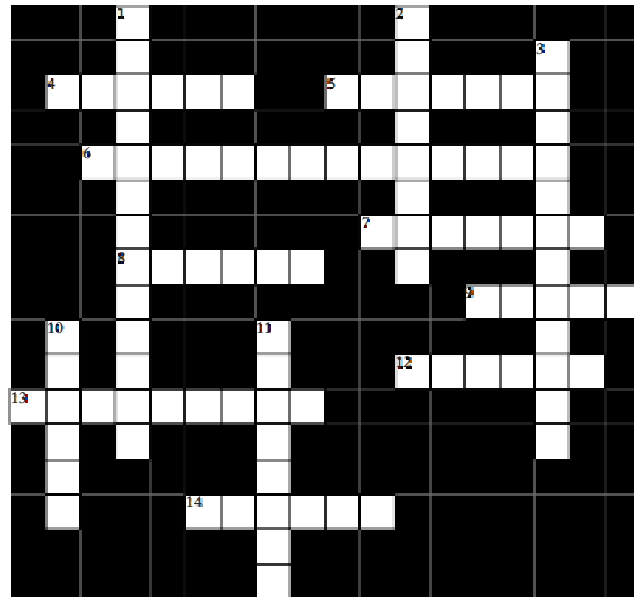
Obscure T-shirts: *It's no secret that Darksiders wear T-shirts from obscure indie bands that nobody's heard of. The Lightsider equivalent are shirts from formerly obscure indie bands that had tracks on the Garden State album. Either way, you're trying too hard.*

Boxers: *I mean, the only other option is unwanted friction in sensitive areas. Again, this is pretty universal. Except for Graysiders, who prefer to go commando, thus making it easier for them to breed and spawn in their cesspool at Bundy Dining Hall.*

In other words: no matter what side of campus you live on, you are not original and don't have a unique personality. That is, of course, unless you somehow manage to utilize one of the other four senses to assert your independence, i.e.: speaking in a high-pitched voice, writing for a satire publication, or smelling terrible.

THE DUEL JUNIOR JUMBLE!

By Mr. Hess '13



Across

- Best example of Hamilton's excellent cleanliness standards
- Where there's something strange, here at Hamilton, who you gonna call? (short name)
- The student body's lifeblood
- Dining hall which impresses freshmen for about two weeks
- World's greatest amorphous pig
- Origin of your future coronary blockage
- The "healthier" dining hall
- Hamilton's most successful sports team
- Who's that lady in Opus 2 every Monday?

Down

- Mythical creatures not seen at Hamilton since 2007
- SJI is to D-Phi like Burr is to _____.
- Hamilton's official mascot
- What freshmen are referring to when they talk about their "wheels"
- Hamilton's most korftastic sport

OUTSIDE-THE-BUBBLE NEWS

The best news, minus the journalism

AMERICA-TOWN

Orlando, Florida

NASA has finally prepared the Ares 1-X rocket for its two-minute flight at the end of the month. However, regardless of the success of the launch, the program is likely to be cancelled, leaving NASA with hundreds of millions of dollars in scrap metal to protect itself from taxpayer mobs.

Los Angeles, California

Miss California officials are planning on suing previous Ms. California, Carrie Prejean, for the \$5,200* she borrowed for breast implants. In response, the Miss America pageant is suing the Miss California officials for giving their competitor a performance enhancement.

Foxborough, Massachusetts

The Patriots defeated the Titans this week 59-0. Tom Brady made a season revival with six touchdown passes, scoring the last three touchdowns "just to be a douchebag."

The Interwebs

As discovered after the Yankees lost their first game to the Angels in the ALCS, anyone with a Facebook status can manage a baseball team better than Joe Girardi.

*This is comparatively cheap for the best implants, which range up to \$40,000 in Nashville, TN for some reason...the shit you learn on the Internet.

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SPORTS DUDE OF THE WEEK: CHRIS 'PLATO' PAULSON '10

Age: 22

Team: Varsity Beirut

Hometown: Thoreau Co-Op, Vermont

Personal Hero: Nietzsche

Win/Loss Record: 813-610

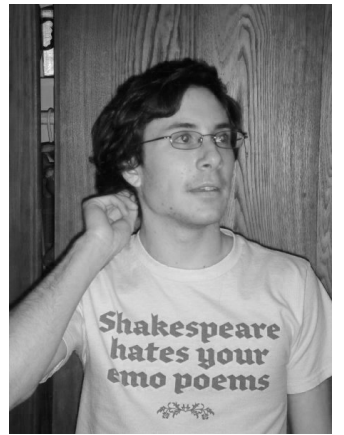
Favorite Movie: *Fight Club*

Explanation for Excellence: Chris' game is a combination of excellent foot positioning and the philosophy of Emanuel Kant.

Claim to Fame: Disappeared for three months junior year to travel to eastern Uganda and ponder whether a Keystone can has a soul.

Most Embarrassing Sports Moment: Tried to change his game to a Rousseau-style state of nature approach, woke up naked in front of Root Hall the next day covered in sharpie Edmund Burke quotes.

Personal Quote: "Why do we play drinking games? Is it because we are immature and incapable of interacting on a deeper human level, so we hide our inadequacy through boozing? Or is it because we love getting schwasted? I think both."



FRIDAY FIVE:

MOST ANNOYING PATRONS AT THE MAIL CENTER PACKAGE WINDOW

By Mr. Yarnell '10

- The guy who forgets that he's already picked up his package: you were here this morning, buddy. Check back at 7 p.m.
- The girl who rings the bell as if she's waiting for her butler Jeeves to come bring her supper.
- The guy who doesn't know his box number: if you haven't checked your mail in three months, you don't deserve the care package that Mommy sent you.
- The guy who wants to pick up six packages at one time: no, dumbass, we don't have a wheelbarrow that you can borrow to get these back to your room.
- "Yeah hi. I like didn't get an e-mail or whatever but my Northface was supposed to get here today. Could you just check for it? ... Oh really? You don't see it? Could you maybe like check again? Like maybe it's still in the mail truck or something?"

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