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*"Knowe Thyself, Not Be Thyself."*

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## ASBEST O'S SOUNDS LIKE A DELICIOUS CEREAL! (We're making jokes asbestos we can!)

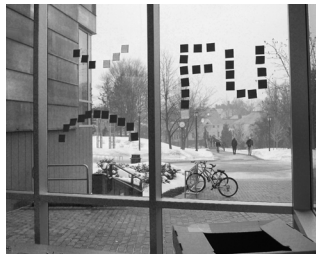
### CYNICAL STUDENTS RETALIATE AGAINST "DISGUSTINGLY CUTESY" KJ OVERHAUL

**Apathetic Students Association almost protests, decides not to**

By Mr. Robinson '12

**RANDOM ACTS OF "FUCK YOU" DEPT. (KJ WINDOWS)** Recently, the KJ and Science Center Atria were decorated with sugary, multicolored streamers and sticky notes in an effort to "encourage expression of love and appreciation for each other." Although most students appreciated the gesture, some were offended by the colorful vandalism.

"The streamers clashed horribly with the whole design of the KJ atrium," visiting Duely Noted



alumna Sunny Tuesday '06 squealed. "And the whole thing was just so cliché. Tack city."

Grumpy seniors writing their theses joined forces with an unsurprisingly bitter contingent of Knit Happens-ers to fight fire with fire.

"We couldn't stand by and let this icky bright colored garbage taint our cynical, hollow lives," Kevin Prefect '11 explained. "So we decided to fight back in the most passive-aggressive way we could."

Mere days after the colorful debacle, demotivational posters, depressing news articles, and stories demonstrating the futility of love in the face of human insignificance greeted students as they took refuge from the miserable cold.

"I tried to write something hopeful on the Post-it

notes they put up on the KJ windows," Karl Artifices '10 explicated. "But all my efforts were for naught. I haven't felt that much utter existential despair since I took a creative writing class."



**Punt, pass, and kicking puppies**

"My walk of shame was bad enough when KJ was all sugary and cheerful," frustrated Jan-Admit Tony Lombardi '13 lamented. "Now it's gone from an ironic 'everyone is happy but me' message to 'go die in a ditch'. I hate Sundays."

The Custodial Staff was upset with both groups.

"Look, the fact of the matter is that both sides are annoying as hell," KJ custodian Brad Braderson lamented. "You both had your messages, now we have ours for you. Shut up, you damn hippies. And you cynical fucks, wait until you leave this relative paradise and enter the real world."

### HAMILTON GRADUATE PLAGIARIZES IN *THE NEW YORK TIMES*

**Will appear before the Honor Court next week**

By Mr. Charman '13

**PLAGIARISM: ALSO OLDER THAN THE NYT DEPT.**

**(NEW YORK CITY)** *New York Times* reporter Zachery Kouwe '00 recently published an article entitled "Madoff Family Members Agree to Asset Freeze" on February 5th. However, an almost identical article was also published on *The Wall Street Journal* website two hours earlier, written by Juliet Chung and Amir Efrati. (*Editor's note: seriously. This actually happened.*)

Further investigation by *The Times* uncovered that Kouwe was in fact a habitual plagiarizer, the worst and least sexy kind. Kouwe's shamelessly ripped-off articles were mostly for *The Times*' Business Section, but he was also working on what appeared to be an exact replica of *The Twilight Saga*.

"We are thoroughly displeased with Zachery's conduct involving his articles," *NYT* Business Editor John Phillips said. "We have taken what we



**"The Honor Code applies to the real world too?"**

think to be appropriate disciplinary action and put Mr. Kouwe in time out for 30 minutes. We feel that when he is released, he will know better."

Some former classmates were pleased at the former econ major's downfall.

"I knew something was a little suspicious with him," bitter ex-girlfriend Sarah Planter '00 laughed. "He wrote his senior thesis in 20 minutes, and it was an almost a word-for-word copy of Adam Smith's *Wealth of Nations*.

At least then he had a footnote. Jeez."

Students were upset but not surprised.

"What really baffles me is that he didn't even try to hide it," econ major Sean King '11 remarked. "I mean he pretty much hit command-C command-V and changed the name. That's a freshman mistake! Pathetic."

Kouwe's academic mentor, former Hamilton President Eugene Tobin who resigned in 2002 after he plagiarized parts of his 'Four Score and Seven Years Ago I Had a Dream' convocation speech, had no comment.

*Related Story: USA Today now under investigation for lifting articles from Scholastic News. See more, page 802.*

### RADIOACTIVE STUFF IN BUNDY GIVES STUDENTS SUPERPOWERS

**With great power comes great indifference**

By Mr. Grebey '12

**OUTDATED BUILDING MATERIALS DEPT.**

**(HALL OF JUSTICE)** When following up on the recently discovery of asbestos in the Bundy dorms, Physical Plant workers stumbled upon a massive supply of enriched weapons-grade uranium within the walls.

"We have no idea how this happened," spokesman John Nitterman admitted. "You would think we would know because of the horrible mutations and proliferation of frat brahs with superpowers, but we thought they were just Bundy-ites that were possibly high on PCP. You know, the usual."

"As for how the nuclear waste got there, I suspect Iran, but I'm also fairly racist. I watch 24."

The nuclear waste is wreaking havoc on the inhabitants of the dorm, with numerous reports of mutations.

"I thought I was going to be just like Spider-Man," huge nerd John Parker

'12 complained, "but instead I've been shitting spider webs all week. Those movies are not biologically accurate!"

"The nuclear waste seems to have heightened all of my senses, like in that crappy Ben Affleck movie," Dick Murdock '12 kvetched. "It's terrible! I can see every single stain, germ, and shattered dream in my room. And I can hear everything when my neighbor brings a girl home."



**"Who are you working for, Physical Plant?!"**

"EVERYTHING!" he wailed between sobs.


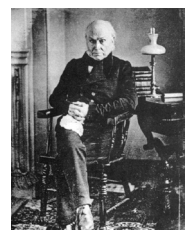

Despite public urging, affected students were unenthusiastic about the possibility of starting a superhero team.

"Hell no!" remarked Clark Wayne '12. "I'm way too self-absorbed for that. I'm gonna enter a life of crime. I'm an econ major anyway."

He added, "I'm using my mind-reading powers to plagiarize papers from dorks before they're even written. Take that, thinking intellectuals!"

The Administration had no solutions.

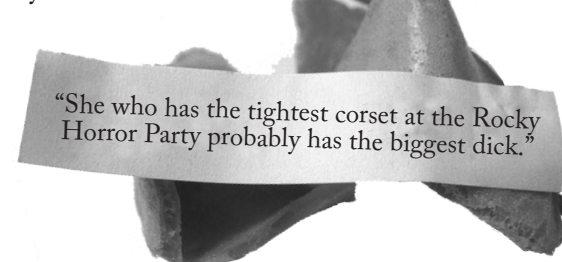
"We have no intention of fixing the problem," Nitterman said. "Did you see what happened when we tried to 'fix' the lighting problem in Commons? Why would you think we would know how to handle nuclear waste?"

GENERIC FORECAST	Box 1	Box 2	Box 3
	Random "chance of" Percentage	Quote	Probability Joke
			
	456% chance of [insert booze/sex act/random pop culture]	"Haha, that picture of John Quincy Adams is so wacky!"	High probability of Mr. Leubsdorf P'10 anger about use of pic w/o permission

### In this issue: econ major bashing!

### CHINA SEA® REJECTED FORTUNES

By Ms. Tomkin '12



"She who has the tightest corset at the Rocky Horror Party probably has the biggest dick."

### DAVE ENG NARCS ON DOLPHIN DRUG RING



See "Flipping on Flipper," pg. 58



Mr. '13 Tries Drugs!



Isn't it illegal?



How is it?



Everything is way too real! I'm freaking out!



A MESSAGE FROM THE CARTOONIST

It has come to my attention that many people (including every staff member of *The Duel*) thought that the girl character in last week's Mr. '13 was wearing a tube top. She was not—it was a shirt with stripes on it. This is not a reflection of my skills as an artist, but rather of your character. You saw what you wanted to see, you sick, sick perverts.

-Mr. Grebey '12, staff stripper

FEB-FEST RECAP

By Ms. O'Brien '13

Wally, the world-renowned king of the snoccer-playing world, has been snowing the campus a good time all week. In case you've been too busy doing things that actually matter/are free to see the week's enchanting activities, the highlights are recapped below.

Sunday AM: Opening Ceremonies

A riveting display of snow culture and lure, complete with mildly feverish dancing to Snow Patrol and Coldplay. Fireworks were displayed, ceremonial candles were lit, Wally's right hand was re-packed, and the "we-melted-our-only-athlete's-right-hand-crisis" was averted.

Sunday PM: Commons Valentine's Day Dinner

At first glance, it was just a mediocre Commons' dinner with the addition of some candy and Valentine's Day décor. Upon further review, the first glance was confirmed.

Monday: Snoccer

The quintessential sport of snow creatures all over the world! Actually, I just made that up because I have no idea what Snoccer actually is. Fortunately, Wally apparently did, because he won. Yay, Wally!

Tuesday: Wine Tasting

Change your misbegotten notions of snowmen; they can and do enjoy the finer things in life like wine, chocolate, and touching his suggestively placed carrot while looking at *Sports Illustrated's* Paint-Ons in the swimsuit edition.

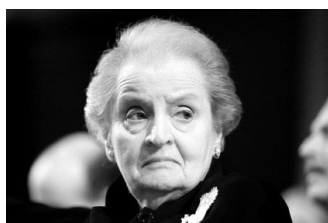
Wednesday: Annual Snow Hill Roll

For those unfamiliar with this century-old tradition, the first contestant to roll down the Hill wins. Wally experienced a 349% size increase, and was unable to avoid rolling over the four judges/attendees/competitors. No one survived to determine the winner, but Wally got the gold medal anyway. Roll on, Wally!

Thursday: Party

Despite his cold exterior and black uninviting eyes, Wally melted the hearts of students, before melting at last night's Annex party. His gold medals were found with a bottle of SGH (Snowperson Growth Hormone) in a small pool of water. So much for believing in things.

WORDS OF WISDOM WITH MADELEINE ALBRIGHT



"Madeleine Albright is tired of all this dumbassness, hatin' on WHCL. Shout out *Blue Vinyl*, Thursdays at 7. Face this, *Spec*."

HAMPOLL SEX SURVEY QUESTIONS

A brief look into Hamilton's wonderful breadth of sexual depravity

By Mr. Hess '13

How would you describe your sexual orientation?

- (A) Either all boys or all girls. No in-betweens for me (Sarah Palin)
- (B) I like to try a little bit of both worlds (Katy Perry)
- (C) Asexual, I reproduce by budding (Lady Gaga)
- (D) I'll fuck anything that moves (Bill Clinton)



Lada Gaga Jr. Being Conceived

How often do you engage in sexual intercourse?

- (A) Once a day, like a vitamin, only with more nakedness
- (B) More often than my boyfriend/girlfriend
- (C) Does making love to my hand count?

What is most important to you in a partner?

- (A) Personality: The vindictive bitches—those are the keepers
- (B) Experience: What good is a guy if he's never tea-bagged a dwarf?
- (C) Size: Big is good, gargantuan is better
- (D) Endurance: Just like coursework, sex is best when it's been 3 hours and we're still just getting started

How important do you feel sex is to a relationship?



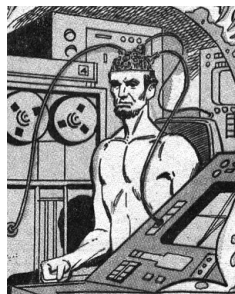
- (A) Like Bert and Ernie; you can't have one without the other
- (B) Unnecessary; sex can wait, masturbate!
- (C) What is this relationship thing you speak of?

What method of contraception do you rely on most?

- (A) Good ol' condoms; don't be silly, wrap your willy
- (B) The pill, or for men, telling yourself that "she's probably on it"
- (C) For men, copious amounts of Mountain Dew to commit genocide of the sperm kind
- (D) For women, a strong kick to your partner's love apples

Have you ever performed any of the following? (Urban Dictionary may be needed)

- (A) Filthy Sanchez
- (B) Bucking Bronco
- (C) Queen Kong
- (D) An Abe Lincoln (The top hat is required)
- (E) The Tony Danza (a.k.a. "who's the boss, bitch?")



Where on campus have you engaged in actions of a sexual nature?

- (A) My dorm room... snore
- (B) The laundry room, with the help of the dryer's vibrations
- (C) The Science Center's study rooms
- (D) Bundy... snore
- (E) Office of the President

Have answers for these disturbing questions? Email [Duel@Hamilton.edu](mailto:Duel@Hamilton.edu)!

ATTENTION: VISITING PROFESSORS!

Looking to get tenured to gain job security/impress chicks in Upstate New York's fine drinking establishments? *The Duel* has got some tips:

1. Blackmailing the department chair helps. Sleeping with his/her spouse does not, oddly enough.
2. When senior professors from the department visit your class, bring your flask. Extra points for offering some to the students.
3. Offer to baby-sit tenured professors' children and remember not to ask questions when your colleagues ask you to put their kids' dinners in dog food dishes.
4. Publish absolutely anything you can. Got an old, slightly perverted children's book in the desk drawer? Send it out! Do you have contacts over at *Maxim* magazine? I'm sure they can fit your piece on Chinese Socialism. What? It's topical!
5. Bribing the other professors in the department is always an excellent choice. Coming in one morning with donuts is nice, but sexual favors are a dead win. If it's a new "field" for you, well...that's what college is all about right? Why else would you want to stay here for life, you lunatic?
6. DO NOT, under any circumstances, teach your students in a manner that will cause them to enjoy their studies or your lecture. Learning is not fun. Get with the program!

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