DUEL OBSERVE

VOLUME XXII, ISSUE I

"Knowe Thyself, Not Be Thyself."

August 30, 2013

STUDENTS RETURN FROM FAIRLY PAID INTERNSHIPS Hi, we're the satire publication

HOUSING GLITCH PUTS ALL SUB-FREE FRESHMEN IN MILBANK

Sincere apology on the way

By Mr. Kennedy'14

RESIDENTIAL LIFE DEPT.

(MILBANK 42) The Office of Residential Life issued an apology Friday after accidentally placing all substance-free first year students throughout Milbank Residence Hall. Assistant Dean of Students for Residential Life Travis Hill expressed his deepest condolences, adding, "And may God help you all."

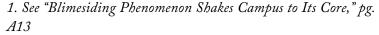
As a result of the mix-up, sub-free students' GPAs have registered significantly below the class median. Grades faltered in the Thrillbank environment of excessive drinking partying everything. Many found themselves unable to balance diligent studying, a normal sleep cycle, and the random junior passed out on their desk.

Some, like Andrew Rickets '17, expressed that it was difficult to study with beersoaked ping-pong balls landing on their textbooks. "I have managed to read four pages in the last two hours. In that same time, I've been hit in the face with seven slapped cups and three Bud Light Limes¹. And what the hell is Brewsday Tuesday?"

Others, especially those who hate their fathers, have embraced their new living arrangements. "I never thought of myself as much of a swimmer," David Petrus '17 explained while transitioning from a beer bong to an ice luge in the Swim Team suite. "But let's just say water's not the only thing I'm drowning in this year, heyo!"

Contrary to initial speculation, these new Milbank residents have found themselves integrating into campus much more quickly than their first-year peers. They suggest that they are more confident, have greater guidance, and make more fun of people with lanyards than their substance-consuming friends do.

James Tomlin '14, strumming his guitar while crossfaded and completely nude, offered sage advice to his first-year Milbank neighbors. "Just remember the beers are never truly free," he said, adding, "And hey, if you're genuine and honest about who you are, people will like you just about anywhere on this campus²."



2. Except for Babbitt. They're just a bunch of assholes over there.

SHY FRIEND REALLY GOT IN GREAT SHAPE, DAMN

Group Dynamics Thrown into Chaos

By Mr. Gwilliam '15

I'M TOO SEXY FOR THIS DEPT.

(AT THE GYM, BABY) So you remember that English class you took freshman year? The one with the really shy girl in it? She was cute, but always like, ran right out of class afterwards, never really talking to anybody? Well, things are going to be different this year.

Karen Oglevie '16 returned to campus after spending her summer at home where she had "literally nothing to do." So what else do you do when you when you're bored out of your mind in Farmersville, Ohio? Get ripped.

"It all started out with flamingo racing," Oglevie said. Her friend, Amy Sooth '16 introduced her to the "sport" at the end of the spring semester. "Well it's fairly simple. You find a flamboyance of flamingos," (Oxford English Dictionary: seriously though, that's actually what they're called.) Sooth told us, "And... well, you try to outrun them!" Oglevie so loved racing against flamingos that she found herself exercising to gain an advantage. Her life was turned around.

Soon, everything started changing in their group of friends. "I don't want to brag or anything, but I've always been the hottest one in the group" Sooth humble-bragged. "I was always the one to bag a boy at the end of a Bundy party. But now, Karen is getting all this attention! I'm still really, really pretty, guys! I need you to pay attention to me!"

Oglevie revealed that there is some serious drama going down in the group. Serious. Drama. "Amy won't talk to me, and she got Sasha and Aliya to ignore me too. It's terrible. Luckily, Dan and all the other guys have been there to comfort me. I mean, they will literally never let me go to sleep alone. They're so nice!"

We contacted Dan Smalls '16 for a comment. "Who cares about group dynamics? I'd go through all sorts of drama for dat ass," Smalls relayed. "Plus, I'm sort of hoping that because of all the drama, we'll get to see two girls fight. That'd be so hot."

SUITE KITCHEN EXCITED TO Ruin Close Friendships

"Some call it sadistic, I call it good clean fun!" By Mr. Anesta '14

REZ LYFE DEPT.

(BABBITT) This past weekend, a close group of four seniors (and the two sophomores they rented out to fill the double) moved into Babbitt 43, smiling and excited for their last jaunt on the Hill. "Nothing can mess up this year for us. We're seniors, man, Jesse Cyril '14 said. "And look where we're living! We're gonna get all Zack and Cody up in this bitch."

The kitchen, however, did not share the same goal of starting this semester with a clean slate. "I've got a sinking feeling that this friend group is going to expire in the very near future," the Babbitt 43 kitchen said, chuckling maniacally.

For years this cooking space has been slowly destroying friendships, attributing its success to the little things. "You've got to hide the clean knives, push the pint glasses into the back of the cabinets so the short kid can't reach them. But honestly, these kids mess things up for themselves most of the time."

"Sometimes I forget to do the dishes or leave a ing? Are you interviewing fork chilling in a toaster, but we're too tight to let shit like that hurt our friend dynamic," Wally Lewis '14 said. "I mean we're like Sisterhood of the Travelling Pants. Only we're dudes and we occasionally butt chug."

When asked about his motivation, the kitchen said, "I'm a kitchen; what else can I do? I've been sentient for decades and I can't come up with another hobby. I'm so lonely," it sighed.

"Bro, what are you dothe sink?" Jake Carplestein '14 yelled, showing a com-

plete lack of respect for the art of journalism. "Get out of my kitchen!"



In this issue: We're feminists. We swear.

D.R. FORECAST Wow, Congrats Not gonna happen Tension

WEEK 2

"I mean, we're just so compatible!"

WEEK 1

High probabil-ity that blog she keeps about you is creepy

100% chance this is tough, but worth it. Keep

WEEK 3

DRY WEEK IS OVER, THANK YEEZUS!

See "Thank you Yeezus, you're our only hope," pg. 47

DUELFUCIUS CORNER



Duelfucius says: "He who grabs two forks in Commons will burn forever in Hell."

THE ETERNAL OBSERVER By Ms. Simons '16

\$\$\$WRITERS WANTED\$\$\$

- -No experience required!
- -Must be funny (but not too funny)!
- -No douchebags, please!
- -Must be willing to forego human con- -Danes encouraged to apply tact for weeks on end (to perfect the art)! -Enjoys crawls (September 28 preferred)
- -Celibacy preferred, not required (see
- -You will not be paid!
- -Must love frogs

- -Adamantium-reinforced skeleton preferred
- -Must secrete own ink
- -Must love the Mother Country

- -Please bring a selfie, a blood and stool sample, and a 140-character quip on Miley's VMA performance to KJ 101 this Sunday at 7 PM! Paid for By Mr. Goebel '15

"HEY— How Was Your SUMMER?" A FILL-IN-THE-BLANKS CONVERSATION GUIDE

By Ms. Ng'16

Student #1: Hey (pet name, at least 1.5 degrees below peak familiarity, to account for 3 month absence-induced and/or accidentally racist name confusion) it's good to see you. How was your summer?

Student #2: It was great, (see blank #1)! I got this great (rhymes with ego trip) in (major city). That was alright, it was a lot of work but there were some fun (abstract plural noun) to it. At least I got some (conceptually valuable commodity coined by writer who understands the inherent nature of millennial existence) out of it. I didn't get (rhymes with haterade!!), but I mean it's all about the work experience, you know, gotta (verb meaning to physically feed, as in prize a winning swine or pet Komodo Dragon) that resume haha you know?

Student #1: Yeah, haha, (proverb proclaiming the oneness of humanity). That sounds chill, I was just working at my old summer camp as a counselor, it's called Lake (portmanteau of two North East American floras).

Student #2: Oh cool, yeah I think that's near the place I used to go to. Camp (rhymes with Waka Flocka)? Maybe you've heard of it?

Student #1: Yeah sounds familiar. It was nice to be back at camp. The kids in my group were pretty (adjective rhyming with pneumatic drill) but they could be (plural noun likening to Satan) sometimes. Me and the other counselors would just mess with them all the time. Kids will believe anything; we convinced them (fictional existence of a supernatural entity in the vicinity of the campgrounds, as in fairy circles, lake monsters, secret employee lounges with stripper polls and sushi bars). So all in all it was a good summer. It's nice to be back though.

Student #2: Yeah for sure, (self-consciously cheesy line indicating affection for the Hamilton College campus).

OUTSIDE THE BUBBLE NEWS

All the news you should already know, but don't

New Haven, CT

Following a 2011 federal investigation into their sexual harassment and assault policy, Yale has released a report detailing the responses to the six cases of what they deemed "nonconsensual sex" in 2013. The punishments ranged from a one-year suspension to a written reprimand. In other campus news, plagiarism is now punishable with a scornful look and murder in the first degree with a note home to daddy.

North Hampton, NY

Last week, a man was discovered after spending a total of six days in Jennifer Lopez's home in the Hamptons undetected. Enjoy sleeping tonight in your dorm not protected by cameras and top-notch security guards.

Washington, DC

Private citizen Edward Snowden leaked to the Washington Post that the National Security Agency compiles metadata from nearly all "non-U.S." communications. If you've said the words 'Ericsson,' and 'radio,' you've

Damascus, Svria

United States Secretary of State John Kerry reported the State Department is confident that the Al-Bashad regime has used chemical weapons to quell insurgents. "But how 'bout them Sox?" the former Senator from Massachusetts commented.

London, United Kingdom

Catherine Middleton, Duchess of Cambridge, and her husband Prince William celebrated the birth of their first child, George Alexander Louis, on July 22, 2013. Chicago rapper Kanye West, another new father, is reportedly set to release a diss song directed at young George, claiming that his daughter, North West, is far more adorable and has a much more ironic name. Select lines include: "Here's the moral of the story-a / Ain't had a good queen since Victoria," and, "What's a prince to a king? / What's a king to a G-d? / What's a god to my kid? / Trick question, my kid is a G-d."

Red Wedding, Westeros

Yo but seriously. What the fuck?

FRIDAY FIVE: DORM DECORATING TiPsSsSs!

By Ms. Van Dusen '15

Wow, your first college dorm room! Here are some tips that are bound to make your room an awesome platform for desperately proving yourself to others self-expression. You won't believe how much you can do with a room that's the size of a standard, twoperson prison cell!

- 5. A "Keep Calm and Party On" Poster: It's super original, super hilarious, and an important step in establishing that you're no dummy when it comes to England's political history. If you can't find the aforementioned poster, a "College" poster from Animal House will suffice. Perk: it will never get
- Pictures of your conventionally attractive high school friends doing cool activities: Everyone knows that if you weren't cool in high school, you're not going to be cool in college, so make it very clear to everyone that you had hot friends. If you didn't have friends in high school, use some stock photos from clip art!
- Your most impressive memories from high school: Everyone at college will care about your AP scores, the hilarious senior prank you orchestrated and how hot the girl you got an overthe-pants handsy in the back of a movie theater was. Bring as many relics of these moments as possible, as the most earnest friendships at college will develop after peers have definitively ranked your accomplishments.
- A snake: No one will have a snake! You can be the freshman who brought a snake to school! Helpful especially for guys,



as it will subliminally tell everyone that you have a big, venomous schlong.

1. A shrunken head or two: This is helpful in establishing that you're the dominant roommate, capable of murder/cannibalism if and when the time comes.

THE DUEL OBSERVER

JOHN KEVIN BOUDREAU Editor-in-Chief/ 'Ye NATHANIEL BENEDICT LANMAN

Editor-out-Chief/Yeezus

SARBINA ESTHER YURKOFSKY Managing Editor/Kanye JOHN PATRICK KENNEDY Layout Editor/God

CHARLOTTE HINIKER SIMONS Artiste/Hova

> BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN The Boss

Senior Staff Writers IOHN ANDREW CARLYSLE IOHNSON SARAH ALEXANDRA CASWELL

Staff Writers

J. ANDREW PHILLIP SCHNACKY HANNAH CURTIS CHAPPELL MICHAEL LOUIS DYER ADAM PATRICK GWILLIAM NATHAN TAYLOR GOEBEL COLLIN JOSEPH SPINNEY

Contributors

WYNN ROSE VAN DUSEN ISLA CLARE NG JAMES JOSEPH ANESTA

Copy Editors

LILLIAN FRANCES MCCULLOUGH

FINE PRINT: The Duel Observer is a publication of the Hamilton College Media Board, and is pubished every Friday. The facts and opinions expressed in this publication are not necessarily true or indicative of staff opinions. Any resemblance to persons, organizations, or institutions real or imagined, is purely coincidental. Coincidences are coincidences.

Comments? Complaints?

Recipes?

Email duel@hamilton.edu

Or find us on the interweb!

http://students.hamilton.edu/duelobserver/