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## I KNOW SCHOOL ISN'T FUN RIGHT NOW But you have friends who love you

## DRUNK STUDENT ACCIDENTALLY MAKES SNOWMAN COME ALIVE No one believes him

#### By Mr. Burns '17

Oops I Got My Dick Stuck to A Frozen Lamppost (Again) Dept.

(YOUR NIGHTMARES) Saturday night, Brady Fox '14 emerged from Diner B in a drunken stupor to find that the snowman he had built on the rugby field earlier that evening had come alive and was hungry for human flesh.

"Brady seemed a little bit off that night—he was just muttering to himself and building a really sexually graphic snowman," friend Rob Thomas '14 said. "When he told me the snowman had chased him around Root Glen last night, my first thought was that Brady had a bit too much to drink."

"At night, he comes to the edge of my bed and just stares at me," Fox said while rocking back and forth in the fetal position. "He already tore my roommate apart with his bare hands and ate him. You've got to believe me."

Fox has even reached out to Campus Safety, wor-



ried that his snowman will kill again.

"Mr. Fox told us to look out for a killer snowman with a carrot on his crotch. Yeah, sure. We're on high alert," the head of

JUNIOR ABROAD PREPARES TO RETURN TO CAMPUS

Must narrow world view considerably

NATIONALISM DEPT.

By Ms. LaSon '17

(THE BACK OF THE INTERNATIONAL RELA-TIONS CLASSROOM) Amy Sandoso '15 has spent the last twelve weeks living in France as part of Hamilton's study abroad program and is now preparing to return home. When she discovered that she would not be able be able to fit both her new COEXIST poster and her 700 page anthology, *Stories of Social Injustices Reformed*, into her suitcase, she realized how difficult her journey back to America would be.

"It's going to be hard leaving a place where I was surrounded by culture and diversity at every turn. What I mean to Campus Safety said as he stifled a laugh. School authorities have noted that there are wet tracks through the Blood Fitness center, but have chalked that up to students not wearing the proper shoes.

"I can't sleep. I don't know whether he's watching me. I don't know how I'm going to make it through finals," Fox said. He later suffered a nervous breakdown when Thomas suggested they watch *Frosty the Snowman* on TV together.

"I understand that Brady is a little stressed about finals," Thomas said. "However, this is just overkill. He's scared to go outside because he's afraid the snow will rise up in an army and swallow him. That's just weird." Immediately after the Duel reached him for comment, Thomas disappeared, with only melting ice to be found in his bed.

"Can you blame me for wanting to eat my creator?" the snowman wrote in a statement carved into the snow outside of Benedict. "Whoever built me clearly has no understanding of the human anatomy. I mean, look where he put my nose. And I have a can of PBR sticking out of my ass!"

In unrelated news, Student Housing has reported that a Jan is planning to move next door to Fox next semester. This new student, Steven P. Noman '17 has curiously never been seen around campus without his winter coat and sunglasses.

"Steve gives very wet handshakes," RA Jim Mackleson '15 said. "He must use a lot of moisturizer."

er, Sandoso has asked some of her friends to begin updating her on the current affairs in America. "I don't want Amy to go through what I did after my trip to Rome," friend Tyler McMillan '14 said. "All I knew how to talk about were the fundamental differences in the educational systems across the world. Boring shit. So, I've been trying to help by sending her Snapchats about my favorite Buzzfeed articles every day."

Another friend, Denise Green '14, offered the advice, "I know that you think everything you've experienced this semester was really interesting and all, but honestly, you should try to spend a few minutes each morning chanting "Murica! 'Murica!' before you leave your room to help regain your focus on what's important."

Though slightly nervous about the conclusion of her semester in France, Sandoso is confident that she will be able to readjust to life at Hamilton thanks to the help of her devoted friends. "I know that after a few days on campus, I'll remember that all the world-view I really need can be found in the posters and clippings taped up around Opus 1," she said.

## HEAD OF RELAXATION CELEBRATION IRRITATED TO FIND CAMPUS MENTALLY STABLE, HAPPY Suddenly has no use for industrial crate of stress balls

#### By Mr. Riopelle '17

PROCRASTINATION PROMOTIONS DEPT. (DON'T BOTHER ME, I'M STUDYING) This Tuesday, Head of the Relaxation Celebration, Carl Newbert '14, was irked to find a campus full of relatively stable, healthy students, instead of what he describes as "frantic, half-demented exam drones."

"I work on this celebration for months," Newbert complained. "I bring boxes of candy, stuff to smash in frustration, and all sorts of other de-stressing activities. In return, all students have to bring are their frayed wits. That's the deal. I've held up my end of it. So where's all the panic?"

Indeed, inquiries made around campus suggest students are in full control of their mental faculties.

"Yeah, it's finals. So what?" Olivia Bernedine '15 commented. "I've been preparing. I have a study guide written up for each exam. I've made a solid start on my final research pa-

per and an outline for the rest of it. And my Theater project's coming along just fine. Why? Don't tell me you've been *procrastinating*?"



One student during last semester's finals

Newbert said he has encountered this attitude all over the campus. "It's pissing me off!" he said. "You guys are college students! You're supposed to be partying, putting off your work until the last minute, and then flipping out about it! Is it too much to ask for a little late night, stress-induced hair loss?"

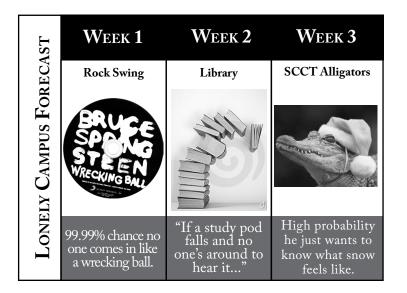
When informed that Hamilton College

say is, the most culture you see at Hamilton is the Oktoberfest celebration each fall," Sandoso explained. "I have to try to remember that I'm not really supposed to care about the political climate in Europe or scandals in foreign governments."

In order to make her transition back to Hamilton easi-

students are not like other college students they have great study habits and even better hair—Newbert exploded. "Then why, pray tell,

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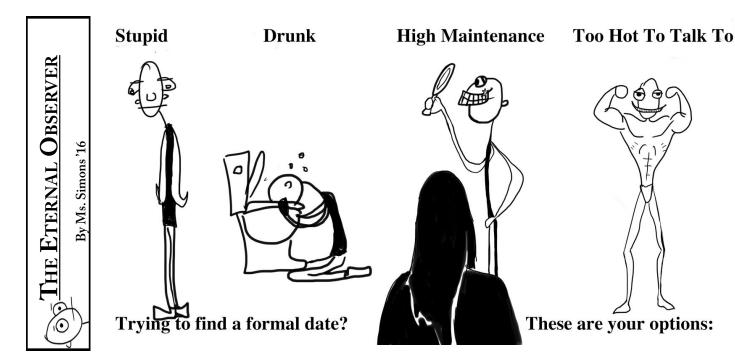
## In this issue: Almost a complete Greek vacation

Freshman Trying to Start Greek Society Distressed to Find Out About Frats



See "Odds are the Germans on SA won't fund it," pg. 2012.





## FRIDAY FIVE: BINGE TV FOR FINALS SURVIVAL

#### By Ms. Wilson '14

As finals week impends, your professors will say that you should be on the third floor of the library, pounding your head relentlessly against that Microeconomics textbook. But why not use TV show binges to prepare for finals? Honestly, the shows on Netflix are often far more informative than the books written by some cranky old guys. So put away your books and pull up that Netflix queue. Here are the shows that are going to help you ace finals:

#### 5. Breaking Bad

#### **Relevant Department: Chemistry**

Take a break from Taylor Science Center and check out how your chemistry degree can be applied in "the real world." (Basically you have two choices—become a high school teacher or a violent drug lord). Sure the actual science in the show is sparse, but at least there are a few chemical elements in the opening credits. If the exam asks for the abbreviations for Bromine or Barium, you're all set.

#### 4. The West Wing

#### **Relevant Department: Government**

Checks and balances? Separation of powers? Liberalism versus Realism? Yeah... right. Impress your professor by telling him how the American government actually works without those fancy schmancy terms and with a little more scandal. You know—like that show—*Parks & Rec.* 

#### 3. Reign

#### **Relevant Department: History**

History professors might argue that bits of the show are <del>completely made upbullshit</del> historically inaccurate. But who are they to judge? Were they around

## **REJECTED FROM HAM & CHEESE**



"Sacrifice Bundt" by Jacob Ricket '16



### CHILL BRO DUDES Continued from "Head of Relaxation..."

am I even here?" he shouted, before storming off to his ice cream truck and driving away in a huff as the cheery jingle echoed across the road.

Newbert has since given up treating others' anxieties and turned to his own. At last report, he was seen coping with his new lack of purpose by cuddling with puppies in a massage chair.

when Mary, Queen of Scots was living in France? Yeah, I didn't think so, either. This show will help you spice up your history paper with love triangles between noble people, forbidden romance, and magic creatures of the Blood Wood. Bet the history textbook forgot to mention this stuff!

#### 2. Orange is the New Black

Relevant Departments: Sociology, Anthropology, Women's Studies... any class in which the term "social construct" is frequently used This show is riddled with social commentary on race, class, and gender that will help you write that ten-page humanities essay. Remember not to leave out typical issues that come up with lesbian relationships, such as having to go to prison with an ex-girlfriend. As a bonus, there is also a very important life lesson—don't be a drug mule for your girlfriend (even if it is just one time, and amazing post-drug transporting sex is guaranteed). YOU WILL GO TO PRISON.

#### 1. Mad Men

#### **Relevant Departments: Economics and Communications**

Learn about how a major advertising firm operates while staring into the dreamy eyes of Don Draper. The show discusses major brands and how they communicate their message. Maybe even useful for Women's Studies majors to discuss <del>how all the men behave like assholes</del> the male dominated culture of the industry. Also, anyone on the pre-med track might write a paper about how all of the major characters are going to get lung cancer and liver damage from smoking and drinking 24/7.

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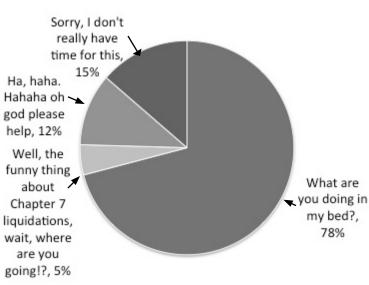
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"Alas, poor Yordick. I blew him, Horatio" by Hamlet '14



"Still Life, or la maison du schadenfreude đã 裤子" by Terrance Malick '17

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