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POKER CLUB? I HARDLY KNOW HER (CLUB)! Hey, still funnier than the Buffers

SENIOR THESIS RESEARCHER DISCOVERS HAMILTON COLLEGE IS ONE BIG GAME OF **THE SIMS**

"So that's why I am so awkward at making out" By Mr. Wesley '16 PIXELATED JUNK DEPT. (DEEP IN THE BOWELS OF THE SCIENCE CENTER) Last week, self-declared socio-economical linguistic engineering major,



Chris Bert '14, discovered that Hamilton is actually just a game of The Sims.

"I first noticed something strange when I was exploring the basement of the Science Center. I discovered I couldn't stop walking into a glass wall. Like it really hurt to walk into the wall, but at the same time, there was just this voice that told me to keep walking. Eventually, the voice shut up and I was able to leave."

The next day, while working on a Science Center computer, Bert was trying to figure out under which department he should save his research on the brain structure of good, bad, and moderately disfigured cowboys. During his extensive search, Bert reportedly discovered a folder named GeminiSpaceProgram. His curios-

STUDENT "ACCIDENTALLY" **PREGAMES INSTEAD OF** PREWRITING

It's not pretty

By Mr. Spinney'16 I...I Swear I Um Don't Need A Uh Comma THERE DEPT.

(THE NESBITT-JOHNSON WRITING CEN-TER) This past Tuesday night screams could be heard emanating from the Writing Center. A naked man stood yelling in the middle of the computer lab, clutching a bottle and what looked like a Duel Observer article. Collin Spinney'16 (Editor's note: We have redacted the subject's name to protect his as well as our own reputations) apparently believed that his pre-writing conference actually was a "pregamed" conference.

ity piqued, Bert opened the folder and discovered that | Hamilton College is actually an amalgamation of all of Samuel Kirkland's childhood drawings. Additionally, he also found that he could watch and control students through a program that looked a lot like The Sims.

Bert's suitemate, Jane Kohnstam '15, added, "I was astonished when Chris showed me the game, but it was like fucking hilarious. I discovered that if I move my his dresser in front of his bed, he becomes incapable of sleeping."

In unrelated news, Campo had to forcibly detain a student when the student refused to stop shouting and gesticulating wildly at his dresser for blocking his bed.

"It was a little freaky at first, because I started noticing everyone walking into walls repeatedly, freshmen swarming parties randomly, and sophomores expressing their opinions of least relevance," Bert stated. "But after a while I began to play with it. For example, I made one of my close friends go running on the treadmill for a couple hours while wearing Crocs and a wool suit. I also used the game to show a freshman couple how making out can cause them to spontaneously become pregnant."

At last report, Bert caused a mass gathering of the streaking team by deleting every fourth shower at 8 am.

his writing.

Gregory Beam '15 recalled the scene. "He just came up and yelled at me about some post-modernist feminism joke and..." Shit. I forgot what else he said. Oh well. But anyway I got, I mean Spinney got no help from anybody and had to be escorted out by campo, those fascists.

Then, uh, more stuff happened and uh...fuck. You know what? I did it. I showed up to the Writing Center naked and drunk and all I wanted was a little help with my article but OH NO everyone had to get on their high-ass horses and say I was "out of line." Me? I'm the one out of line? You turned away a student in need of vocabularial assistance and that's why you're reading THIS shit!

And yeah, maybe I'm drunk now too, but what do you care? You don't know me! You don't know my life! I once saw a bird fly into a car windshield and then I cried for a week! Did you know that?! No you didn't, you bunch of

HOCKEY PLAYER DISCOVERS WONDERS OF VEGETARIAN Food

Is now concerned about other people for first time

By Mr. Renero-Soulé '17

Behavioral Gastronomy Dept.

(COMMUNITY GARDEN) Everybody at Hamilton thought it was impossible for a star enforcer to sustain life deprived of beef, processed cheese, and industrial levels of chocolate milk, but James Wright '15 proved them wrong. "Ever since I started eating seared tofu and Swiss chard, I've felt... different," Wright said. "I don't get the urge to punch people wearing TOMS anymore. In fact, I think totes are actually really cool."

Wright described his conversion as life-changing and has already prepared a half-hour spokenword performance to express his feelings about the situation. He claims that the transformation began at the Real Food Challenge, when he accidentally ate a meal intended for a vegetarian. Upon noticing the absence of any meat, Wright had to eat a whole wheel of smoked Gouda to avoid fainting. The Rudd Health Center believes had he failed to eat the cheese, he might have suffered Sudden Cholesterol Abstinence Syndrome (SCAS), which is potentially fatal in people with a jock predisposition.

Wright did comment that after a few days of his new diet, withdrawal symptoms were evident and could not be ignored. "I woke up in the middle of the night with a cold sweat," he said. "I couldn't stop thinking about roast beef at one point." At his most desperate, Wright even considered buying black market bacon grease from Canadian fat dealers, but after consultation with his yoga group, decided against it. Instead, food replacement therapy involving intravenously administered fair-trade tea while listening to Maya Angelou's poetry, helped him overcome the worst symptoms.

Beyond preferring McEwen to Commons or becoming conscious about third-world debt,

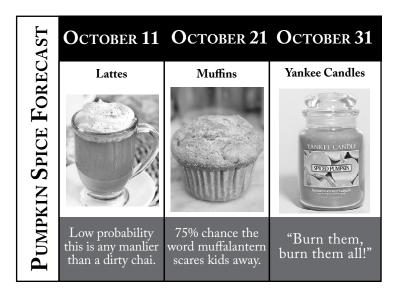
"He just wouldn't calm down and kept swinging his genitals around trying to gesture at sentence structures he wasn't sure about," Molly Glenlivet '14 said, a tutor. In fact things got, uh, worseish when Spinney decided he should go out into the KJ Atrium and ask others their opinion on

pricks. It's my own goddamn business and none of you can tjell me waihat to do!

And another, you so but not...me! And not drunk all time yeah! But words and blue thing for what and so.

Wright has seen a marked increase in his athletic ability. "Maybe it was understanding what it means to be a non-heteronormative multiracial

See "Canada Celebrates First Vegetarian," continued on back page.



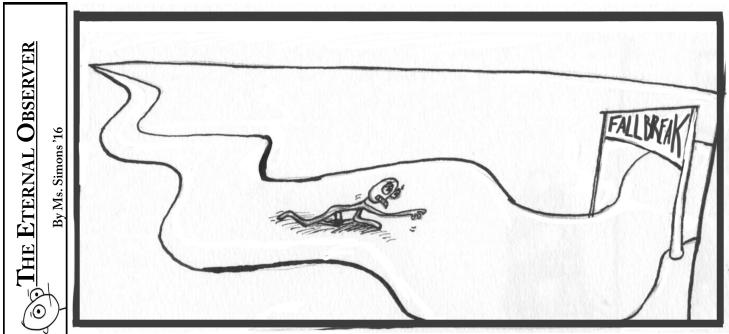
In this issue: If you got it, font it

AT LONG LAST, JOANIE TURNS INTO A GIANT CROISSANT



See "Pat Reynolds calls it the Cronie," pg. 81.





DISCONNECT CLUB INTEREST MEETING

Brent Kowalski
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to EVENTS-ALL

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Sick of all these goddamned emails?

Tired of random font and text Size changes giving you a sEiZuRe first thing in the morning?

Read enough targeted, rhetorical questions reminiscent of bank loan infomercials, only *ines-capable* and *less relevant* to your *post-grad life*?

Then come check out **Dis**connect! We're Hamilton's only **Anti-Email** club, dedicated to opposing the tyranny of **mass**, **catchall emails** that KILL A LITTLE PIECE OF YOUR SOUL each time you check your mail!

Join us this **Monday** at the *ass-crack of dawn* on the **Martin's Way Bridge** (We'll have Cider Mill donuts!)

On the agenda:

1) Host an initiative, ceremonial chucking-off-the-bridge of our laptops and iPhones

2) Steal a language table's breakfast spot and devise CFUel and UDUSU2 punishments for those people whose names keep showing up in our inboxes

3) Implement said punishments

4) Sweet, sweet silence

Join Disconnect! Yeah! Hooray!

READ THIS, TOO!!! -----> We're also taking volunteers for our **TOP SECRET** mission to shut down the email servers once and for all! But sign up ASAP. We can only take *10* people, and the slots go *fast*!

Have **questions**? Email me at <u>bkowalsk@hamilton.edu</u>, and **you'll be going off the bridge after the computers**! Posted by Mr. Riopelle'17

Friday Five: Sure-fire Advice for Acing Midterms

By Ms. Wilson '14

- 5. Sleep with your textbook as a pillow: Skip reading the textbook—simply dream about reading it. Think about how much knowledge you can absorb by putting your cranium right against the pages of the supply and demand
- 3. Hold a ritual fire a week prior to the exam: Pray to the gods of Eternal Knowledge and Photographic Memory. Host a giant bonfire by lighting all of your notes on fire in front of the chapel as the majestic Alexander Hamilton statue looks on. Don't worry about the fact that your notes are now incinerated—they were never useful anyways. Steal Becky's.
- 2. Play a drinking game during the review session: Everyone knows drunk

CANADA CELEBRATES FIRST VEGETARIAN

Continued from "Hockey Player Discovers Wonders of Vegetarian Food."

jazz-bagpipe player living in 1970s Uzbekistan," he commented while crocheting. "Or maybe it's just the fact that my veins are now much less clogged with tallow and lard."

Hamilton's hockey coach, based on Wright's drastic improvements, has begun a formal investigation into the matter, and strongly believes a vegetarian conversion therapy will be the secret weapon they need to beat those pretentious fuckers at Amherst and seize the NESCAC title.

CLASSIST TWEETS FROM @HamFinAid

Discovered by Mr. 'First World' Wagner '14

Why can't we just take blind kids instead of poor kids? #Needblind

If you're looking for a free ride, vote for Obama. #Hamiltonhandout #Leftyadvice #*Enquiry*

Joanie's just had to hold off buying her 4th vacation home. I hope you're happy. #Povertyaffectsall

You fuckers better give back as alumni #Whatgoesaround #Reacharound

Need blind doesn't mean I can't ask you how many summers you've spent on 'The Cape.' #Thereisawronganswer

If you hit 'Apply Online' on anything but an Apple product, you're gonna be redirected to Utica College's webpage. #Justsayin

This financial aid thing is being passed around like an STD #Raisetuition #Raiseforacure

Giving out financial aid is like drinking Keystone Ice for breakfast #Bittersweet #Clintonproblems

FREE FINANCIAL AID OUTSIDE COMMONS! #Psyche #Getajob

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functions. Use those extra hours you should have wasted invested reading by doing the recreational activities that college is truly meant for, i.e. shotgunning Old Milwaukee in the Milbank showers and having sex on the third floor of the library. (Gotta use the library for something constructive.)

4. Offer sexual favors to your professor:

People are always saying, "go all the way for an A." Show your professor how dedicated to the class you are by offering to go all the way (or third base, at the very least). Extra credit if it's the hipster Econ professor.



"Let *me* balance your Slutsky Equation."

studying=fun studying. Bring a water bottle filled with Svedka (Mr. Boston for the economical drinker) to the review session. Drink every time the professor says, "This will be on the exam." Take a shot whenever that annoying dude who sits in the front row asks a question. Get so drunk that you actually start participating—do this by asking educated questions or by shouting "LIAR" at the professor and throwing your pencil across the room.

1. Don't show up for the exam: If you don't show up, you can't get any questions wrong, right? If you want to play it safe though, show up and light your exam on fire using the lighter from #3. Your professor obviously knows you had all the correct answers, and she cannot penalize you just because she is unable to read them. SARAH ALEXANDRA CASWELL COLLIN JOSEPH SPINNEY

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