

Do it in the Dark
How to read the Topical

Sorority Throws Video
Evidence Party

Has absolutely nothing to hide

By Ms. Suder '18

HASTY REDACTIONS DEPT.

(THE SILK GROAD) A collective, disappointed head-shaking fell over campus last weekend when Hamilton's most law-abiding sorority, TIT, threw its annual Documented Debauched Bacchanal without even trying to hide it.

“Last year, they made a half-assed attempt to cover up the exceedingly irresponsible party itinerary, which included binge-drinking eleven-year-old pledges, meth-driven money laundering, arson plots, and guava fruit illegally imported from Mexico,” DIK brother Skipper Morgan '16 said. “But then some idiots got caught using horse tranquilizers on real life horses and had to make a public apology to the Hunt and Dressage Club. Apparently they're still bitter, though.”

“I just want to prove that I can totally throw a typical, fun college party without getting in trouble,” TIT president Candy Thomas '16 allegedly wrote in a totally private email message sent to all of her sisters and also cc'd to every member of the New York State Troopers. “I was voted ‘Most Likely To Use Her Push Up Bra To Get Off With A Warning’ in high school.”

Just to prove they did, indeed, have nothing to hide, TIT's social media-savvy members at the totally top-

secret soirée were responsible for taking photos, videos, instas, tweets, Facebook statuses, phonograph recordings, seismograph vibrations, wax cylinder seals, and detailed hieroglyphics to be distributed along every social media platform available, including slipped under dorm room doors and texted (so retro) to every flip phone for miles.

“I can't believe how easy it was to find the evidence to indict them all,” Campus Safety officer Claudio Kishi said. “They literally called the Campus Safety office during set-

up to ask for help carrying in the fourteen kegs they had stolen from the home brewery in Root 502, which the girl on the phone called ‘Grand Theft Moonshine.’”

Once the toxic waste disposal team was finished, the somber aftermath of the party cast a dark shadow on the reputation of the nationally-respected sorority. TIT's president reluctantly whispered a non-apology into the ear of a carrier pigeon, allegedly saying that she hopes this debacle does not ruin her chances of studying abroad in Colombia.



Roommates Accidentally
Get Common Law Married

Adopt succulent

Mx. Collins '19

RUINING THE SANCTITY OF MARRIAGE DEPT.

(DRIVING A “JUST MARRIED” CAMPO CAR)

Students Steven Becker '16 and Brendon Johnson-Becker '16 were quite surprised last Wednesday when they found out that they had, in fact, become common law married. The duo discovered this when Steven received his roommate of three years' college tuition bill in the mail. After much discussion, the two decided to stay married just long enough to gain tax benefits and to lower tuition costs. Becker stated it was “purely strategic,” while Johnson-Becker stared wistfully out the window.

As Becker and Johnson-Becker discovered, under the guidelines of local common law marriage, two people living together for a three years are effectually married in the eyes of the law. After the recent SCOTUS decision in *Obergefell v. Hodges*, this can apply to people of the same sex. Roommates everywhere are accidentally being married and filing for costly divorce.

Tensions are growing between the formerly plantonic Hamilton couple as Becker plans on filing for divorce after graduation. “My girlfriend is protesting this union. She gets a little jealous, you know? She was already angry enough after the Walmart body chocolate incident (please don't ask). She told me if I don't stop running around with this ‘strange man’ she's going to throw out the macaroni frame I made her last Valentine's Day!”

Johnson-Becker feels different on this matter. “I wouldn't mind making this work. He just won't put any effort in! Our poor plant, Jefferson, is growing up in such a hostile environment. Every day he comes home from class and just totally ignores us and does his goddamn homework!” Johnson-Becker also remarked how proud he was that the two were selected as “Hamilton's cutest couple united under duress” by popular vote.

The RA for their dorm, Shirley Parlous '17, has given up attempting to handle the situation, and is calling on higher authorities to “deal with this bullshit.”

Topical Staff Confirmed to
Be Yahoo News Rejects

Makes sense

By Mr. Wesley '16

CAMPUS PAPER LITTERING DEPT.

(THE SITUATION ROOM) In a turn of events that surprised no one, a recent AP investigation of The Topical revealed that the campus “fun facts” publication is simply an amalgamation of rejected Yahoo News articles. The investigation was triggered by a brilliant piece of investigative journalism published last week that surmised that The Topical was actually a malicious entity out to corrupt our minds. The investigation findings, released this morning, stated that The Topical not only printed articles so poor they were rejected by Yahoo, but was reportedly contemplating running their insipid, psuedo-journalistic, masturbatory drivel twice a week to take advantage of as many articles as possible.

The news was widely received with shrugs. Some were even surprised that the investigation was even necessary.

“I always thought they were thieves. Personally,

I had a theory they were ripping off CNBC tweets,” Stan Smith '16 said. Honestly, this might be more reassuring.”

When reached for comment, Seymour Yahoo, heir to the admittedly mediocre Yahoo! Kingdom, said, “All of us over here are just kind of embarrassed. We really didn't think anyone would rifle through our trash, especially because we shredded all of that tripe in the first place. Fuck it, I'm going to go get drunk and write some answers for high schoolers to copy on their biology finals.”

The investigation revealed that it could have been worse. Among the many, many, many Yahoo articles yet to be released by the coffee stain of a paper were several original, and thus unreadable, pieces: “Knittin' Kitten,” “Sports the Dinosaurs May have Played,” and “Fork or Spoon: What's your spirit utensil?”

When contacted for comment, the Topical responded with a broken link to a BuzzFeed article that did not at all relate to the situation.

In this issue: Anal-ytics

ONEOHTRIX POINT NEVER = HEROIN
Porno Event E-Tix



See “IMF trying to have successful event,” pg. nag a ram

PUPPY PROPHET'S HARD TRUTH
OF THE WEEK



If we eradicated every problematic holiday, we'd still have Arbor Day.

THANKSGIVING DINNER FORECAST	1 ST COURSE	2 ND COURSE	DESSERT
	Shock	Superiority	Sadness
	High probability of surprise vegan!	80% chance your family found a raccoon that's way cooler than you.	“So, how will that help your career?”



Thesis Survey

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to NOTICES-STUDEN. ▾

Nov 9 (2 days ago) ☆



Please help me with my psychology thesis. Everyone who fills out my survey will be entered into a raffle to win an “Opus gift card,” if you know what I mean ;)

Participant Consent Form

Procedure:

If you agree to be in this study, you will be asked to fill out a series of questionnaires that pertain to your opinions on which people you would like to (i) fuck, (ii) marry, or (iii) kill. Please answer the questions with complete honesty if possible. The total time required to complete the study should be approximately 10 minutes to account for careful contemplation and Facebook stalking. For participating, you will receive extra credit in your psychology course or any quarter credit of your choice.

Benefits/Risks to Participant:

Participants help to contribute data that enriches the knowledge of the field of psychology. Benefits potentially include your new spouse and/or fuck buddy. Risks include prison.

Voluntary Nature of the Study/Confidentiality:

Your participation in this study is entirely voluntary and you may refuse to complete the study at any point. If you refuse to complete the study, you will forfeit any and all prizes and any dignity you have left. Also I'll laugh at you. Your name and number will never be publically connected to your responses on the questionnaire.

Contact or Questions: You may contact tdrew@hamilton.edu if you have questions, or for a good time.

CONSENT STATEMENT:

Do you consent to participate in this survey?

☐ Yeah ☐ Hell yeah

What is your full name?

What is your gender?

Can I have your number, babe?

Please select one option for each and do not repeat answers.

Jennifer Fuck ☐ Kill ☐ Marry ☐

Ben Fuck ☐ Kill ☐ Marry ☐

Kelsey Fuck ☐ Kill ☐ Marry ☐

Thank you for completing the survey. Your participation is appreciated.

Fretted over by Ms. Barry '19

How My Semester Is Going: A Graph



Formula:

$$F=n*p*s/d$$

Where:

F = Fucks

N = number of assignments

P = percentage of grade

S = hours of sleep

D = days left in the semester

Derived by Ms. Alatalo '18

Campus Safety Incident Report

In an effort to increase Campus Safety’s translucency and draw attention to how funny we think you guys are when you’re high, The Duel Observer decided to publish a selection of the previous weekend’s incidents.

Thursday, November 5

2:00 PM Buttrick Hall - Incompetency

6:32 PM Commons - Commons cat burglar seen pilfering salad bar, but gets away leaving two campo officers hand-cuffed together, hanging from the chandelier above a pile of cat food

7:42 PM Blood Fitness Center - Fencing Club duel to death ends in slap fight

1:47 AM KJ 234 - Overstressed student summons demon tutor

Friday, November 6

4:10 PM Dunham Green - Suspiciously well-coordinated squirrel attack

8:25 PM Campus Safety Building - Marijuana complaint

8:34 PM Root Hall - Musket possession by Monarchy Club

9:47 PM Chapel - Drunkard wearing traffic cone pissed on Al Ham statue then runs off to graffiti “fun facts”

10:31 PM KJ Water Feature - Piracy

11:18 PM Babbitt Hall - Fire alarm due to my mixtape

Saturday, November 7

7:39 PM South Hall - Suspiciously positive Yik Yak sent

9:53 PM Bundy Hall - SOS Karen and Mo’ are making out and she is waaaay out of his league

2:20 AM Root Glen - Roommate stuck in tree

Sunday, November 8

9:30 PM Dunham - After sending email, Archery Club finally arrested for crimes against humanity, receive designated penalty of 1,000,000 points and ten years in Dunham

7:00 PM KJ 101 - Duel Observer is shamelessly plugging its meeting time. This is too tragic.

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