

# THE DUEL OBSERVER

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## STUDENT ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT LOSES POPULAR VOTE accuses Colgate students of casting 2,915 illegal ballots

### CITRUS BOWL FRUIT BAN LEADS TO SCURVY OUTBREAK

Orange you excited about sports

By Mr. Letai '19

VITAMIN SEA DEPT.

(NOT THE HEALTH CENTER) In the days leading up to the annual Citrus Bowl, the administration has reinstituted its ban on citrus fruits in the dining halls. The resulting lack of Vitamin C has led to a campus-wide outbreak of scurvy.

“I just want a lime. I’d even settle for a kumquat,” Francesca Drake ’18 said as she attempted to bite into an Opus cookie with nothing but her empty gums. “I haven’t been able to drink tequila since this whole thing started.”

The comprehensive removal of citrus fruits, enforced by the administration in order to prevent students from throwing oranges onto the ice, has been applied with new intensity this year. Extra steps taken by the school include buying every orange from Hannaford and moving them to a secure location, bringing citrus-sniffing dogs onto campus, and administering mandatory blood tests to check

### CAMPUS VANDAL STRIKES AGAIN BY PAINTING COMMONS GREEN

It’s not easy

By Mr. Paull ’20

POST-GOOD TASTE DEPT.

(MY SWAMP) The student body arrived back to campus after winter break to find that its beloved Soper Commons Dining Hall had been painted a lurid green in an act of vandalism.

“It was horrible,” EMT Deborah Marsh ’17 said. “I see enough vomit on a nightly basis, but now when I’m eating my usual breakfast of Eggo Waffles™ and cottage cheese, I have to stare at those puke green walls.”

The students’ cries for justice did not go unanswered as Campus Safety launched a full-scale investigation into the besmirchment of the Soper Commons Dining Hall walls. The investigation found that the culprit was none other than the notorious campus graffiti artist known simply as \$OCIETY. \$OCIETY was responsible for the infamous cheese sculpture debacle of 2013 as well as several other atrocities against

for excessive Vitamin C before entering the rink. As a result, the Health Center reports that almost 1,000 students have been afflicted with scurvy, far more than the previous annual record of 0.

“We don’t think it’s that much of an issue,” Nancy Thompson said, biting into an orange wedge like a twenty-first century Marie Antoinette. “Our top priority is making sure that visiting athletes are not pelted by fruits.” When asked if she was concerned they would instead be pelted by rotted teeth, Thompson shrugged and said, “It’s probably not as bad for the ice.”

Some students have embraced the scurvy as a symbol of a new lifestyle. Sales of eyepatches and tricorne hats at the bookstore have increased by 300%, and Campus Safety reports that in the past week it has confiscated a record number of pet parrots.

A representative from Bon Appétit commented on the health crisis, stating that the company is “thrilled” that, due to many students’ lack of teeth, the dining halls could now serve solely protein paste. “Now that the students have to eat all their food through a straw,” the representative said, “we figure it won’t ever be necessary to reintroduce the oranges.”

common taste and decency around campus.

“First they painted that awful mural in McEwen where the proportions are a mess. The farmers have way too many types of crops to maintain a healthy agricultural environment and it has that weird skeleton dog. Also there’s that flying fucking apple,” Keith Toboggan ’19 said. “The clouds are nice though.”

\$OCIETY recently posted new threats on his Twitter account. He posted a short message, which reads, “Root Hall. Bubblegum pink and ecru.” Students and faculty alike are wondering whether any of the buildings they have come to love and cherish will retain their original paint colors.

“Nobody should have to walk into a building they are so familiar with only to have a new color on the walls,” Michelle Moon ’19 said. “If \$OCIETY had any decency, he would repaint the walls to their original color. I don’t remember what that color was, but it was much better than this chartreuse. I mean, it took someone else telling me that the walls had been painted green for me to notice, but still it’s a travesty.”

### PHYSICS DEPT. DISCOVERS SPACE-TIME ANOMALY DUBBED “FREE TIME”

Theory could revolutionize how we understand the universe

By Mr. Riopelle ’17

AMERICAN EDUCATION DEPT.

(A “LOUNGE”) On Wednesday, Hamilton’s Physics Department announced it had made a breakthrough in theoretical physics research, discovering a new kind of temporal phenomenon the department is calling “Free Time.”

According to Physics Professor Deirdre Gants, free time is “a sort of break in the normal flow of Work Time, which is what we think of as normal time. Essentially, free time refers to a chunk of time in which things like responsibilities and deadlines, which we’ve always assumed were fundamental laws, don’t exist.”

A student-professor research team reportedly stumbled upon the concept accidentally while researching methods for optimizing work-sleep-work ratios, when, for a brief moment, the research work stopped. The department credits Physics major Paul Kinser ’17 for the initial breakthrough.

“I finished filling out a twenty-page Excel data sheet, and I turned around to ask Professor Gants what was next,” Kinser said. “It’s hard to explain, but essentially what happened was that, well, there wasn’t anything next.”

Witnesses report that Kinser and Gants blinked in puzzlement for about two and a half minutes, before another seventy pages of data arrived and collapsed the anomaly.

As exciting as the new area of research is, Professor Gants notes that practical experimentation is a long way off.

“Until we know more about Free Time in theory, it’s just too dangerous to try to replicate it in a controlled setting,” Gants said. “We were lucky the anomaly we experienced was so small. For all we know, a large enough break in the normal flow of Work Time could fundamentally damage reality as we know it.”

In the meantime, however, the Physics Department claims it will devote all its efforts towards uncovering more about this recent breakthrough.

“We’re going to get the bottom of Free Time,” Kinser said. “And we’re not going to sleep until we do.”

In this issue: the years start coming and they don’t stop coming and they don’t stop coming

YODAPEZ AUDITIONS FORECAST	7:01 PM	7:15 PM	7:23 PM
			
	78% chance of someone doing Baldwin’s Trump.	Low probability they’re laughing with you.	“Sex with me is like <i>The Duel Observer</i> : I only come on Fridays.”

### MAN HOCKEY DATE AUCTION

Is that your hockey stick, or did I just pay \$27 to sit awkwardly with you in McEwen?



See “Too much or too little?” pg. 19.99

### Hamilton Alum of the Week: apl.de.ap from The Black-Eyed Peas, Class of ’93



MAJOR: MUSIC, I GUESS?

SENIOR QUOTE: “I AM IN THE BLACK-EYED PEAS.”

FUN FACT: HE’S NOT FERGIE, WILL.I.AM, OR THE OTHER GUY.

RE: My ALTERNATIVE Essay

Inbox x

Kelly Conley  
to me

8:18 PM (8 minutes ago)



Dear Professor Spicer,

I am writing to you concerning my rather uninspiring grade on the recent Medieval History paper. You wrote in the margins that I had included facts that were “not true.” But there’s no need to be so overly dramatic about it. All I did was take initiative. The ones you provided weren’t working for my argument, so I, thinking outside the box, just used alternative facts. These are actually better than yours for a variety of reasons, but lets focus on the main one: they prove my point.

But if we examine the issue a bit further, I think that you will agree that it is impossible to know which of us is really correct. These events were thirteen hundred years ago, and no one keeps records that well. Despite what I wrote in the paper, it’s not like we have photographic evidence!

This is a liberal arts school, and I am trying to apply interdisciplinary thinking—specifically, my creative writing skills. However, it is becoming increasingly clear that despite all of the creativity I clearly put into my essay, you will insist on treating both me and it with open hostility. And honestly, I think that your attempt to diminish the enthusiasm I feel for my work by writing off all the effort I put into it is utterly shameful.

Yours with sincere concerns,  
Kelly Conley

Click here to Reply or Forward

Forwarded to the Honor Court by Ms. Granoff ’18

## O ’Fredo! My ’Fredo!



O ’Fredo! Manfredo! our fearful trip is done,  
The school has weather’d every rack, the hoverboard ban is won,  
The nerf guns banned, the emails bland, the people all exulting,  
Students informed of parking lot closures, the campo grim and daring;  
But O heart! heart! heart!  
O the bleeding drops of red,  
Where on the campus Manfredo lies,  
Fallen cold and retiréd.

O ’Fredo! Manfredo! rise up and hear the bells;  
Rise up—for you the flag is flung—for you the bugle trills,  
For you bouquets and ribbon’d wreaths—for you the hill a-crowding,  
For you they call, the swaying mass, their eager faces turning;  
Here ’Fredo! dear father!  
That @fman1131 sired!  
It is some dream that on campus,  
You’ve fallen cold and retired.

Manfredo does not answer, his lips are pale and still,  
My father does not bust my weed, he has no job nor will,  
The school is video surveilled, its voyage closed and done,  
From fearful trip the Man of Wipp comes in with object won;  
Exult O students, ring O bells!  
But I, unhinged and tired,  
Walk the campus Manfredo lies,  
Fallen cold and retired.

Written by Walt Whitman, defiled by Ms. Barry ’19 with help from Mx. Collins ’19

## Requiem for the Pub Hickory Grove

Oh Administration of Great Campus of Hamilton, hear my plea. I am Loren Axel ’17 and I speak for the Trees. You have hurt my friends, the ones who help us breathe! Outside of our pub, where we go to drink our mead.

In your email you said,  
“As I had mentioned earlier, the hickory grove in front of the Little Pub was removed over the winter break in preparation for the new Health Services and Student Counseling building to be constructed on the same site this coming summer. The trees are being delivered to the Bello-ner factory to process them into Thneeds, a Thneed’s a Fine-Something-That-All-People-Need!”

Great Bello-ner do not take away my trees, they clean the air, without which smog would build and none of my sweet Science Center crocodiles could sing their beautiful songs. Do not take away my friends, for under whom shall I sit to satiate my addiction to the pub’s TCBs? Stop what you are doing I beg and I plead, for I cannot return to the pub if they’re gone.

Your thneeds may be beautiful and high in demand but I cannot agree that they are what we need. Bring back the nature, the shade, and the wood. It’s quite easy to do, all it takes are some seeds. What’s next, the Farmhouse? Don’t remove that! We need that housing for growing cannabis, an earth friendly plant!

So please, dear faculty, hear my cry. I am Loren Axel, and my way of life may die. Don’t take my trees or my picnic tables. Wait you’re building an actual counseling center? Maybe now I’ll be stable!



Found scattered in the leaves by Mx. Collins ’19

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