

ARCHERY CLUB PLAYS CUPID FOR VALENTINE’S DAY
5 dead, 17 wounded, 2 married

UNBUILT HEALTH CENTER
ALREADY BETTER THAN
CURRENT HEALTH CENTER
Residential detox program to be housed in Farmhouse

By Ms. Suder ’18
MODERN MIRACLES DEPT.
(HICKORYLESS GROVE) A brand-new campus Health and Counseling Center is slated to be built next summer. Despite the fact that not even the foundation for the building yet stands, the facility is already garnering better reviews and results than the current operating Health Center in terms of recovery rates and patient satisfaction.

“When I tried to go get medical attention during the current Health Center’s walk-in hours for the ice pick in my shoulder, they didn’t do shit,” Carter McKenna ’17 said, ripping his bedsheet into makeshift bandages. “They just gave me ibuprofen and told me to get some rest. Whatever. The bros at the Farmhouse darty I passed on my way back to the Glen House helped me pull it out, though, so

it’s all cool now. Man, it’s like that empty lot where the new Health Center is has better service than I ever got from the bored secretaries at the rejected-Commons-extension.”

Other students shared similar sentiments. “I was having an anxiety attack and trying not to slip down the sidewalk on the side of College Hill Road on my way to the Counseling Center,” Sherrie Munoz ’20 yelled from a deep crater of snow in the Hickory Grove. “But then I totally did. Slip into a ditch, that is. Well, as I was falling, I had this existential realization that humans have no purpose, we are ants on the speck of bread crumb under god’s foot, and my parents don’t love me. So I decided to just chill in here for a while to catch my metaphorical breath. I suppose I should ask a trained professional for help with my debilitating mental illness, but this is, like, so much easier.”

“Hey, if anything, the location of the new Counseling Center is so much more convenient than the last one,” Eddie Jacobs ’17 slurred. “I can go straight from the Pub to my AA meeting, and then go to the Pub.”

PRESIDENT WIPPMIN SPARKS
CONTROVERSY ON TWITTER
Calls *Duel Observer* fake news

By Mr. Boudreau ’20
“WE HAVE A SOCIAL MEDIA?” DEPT.
(THE DARK SIDE WEB) President David Wippmin ignited a scandal of executive proportions after releasing an onslaught of controversial tweets this week. The tweets addressed a number of subjects that have been less-than-pressing, and came as quite a shock to the campus community, especially from the usually soft-spoken president.

The first tweet came in response to a recent allegation that Colgate University students are taking on-campus jobs at Hamilton. Wippmin wrote on Tuesday, “WE WILL BILD [sic] A WALL AND MAKE COLGATE PAY FOR IT!”

History major Vincent Napoleon ’17 noted, “A wall won’t prevent Colgate students from coming onto campus. Also, from a tactical standpoint, our school’s hilltop location would be more than sufficient in a battle.”

Wippmin also took shots at the campus’ dining facilities on Wednesday, writing, “McEwen Café, which I hear is highly overrated, is serving fake ‘meat.’ Sad!” The meat in question was actually tofu. However, the tweet did restart a flame

war between Light and Dark siders regarding the appropriate ranking of McEwen.

“It’s all a distraction tactic,” Political Science major Marquis Minks ’18 said. “Every time the President tweets about something insignificant, it’s just to make us forget about the things we should be mad about, like the laundry price increase or the quality of the pizza at Commons.”

President Wippmin tweeted again on Thursday, stating, “The FAILING computer science department should focus more on getting more than two professors (pathetic!) and less on attacking me.”

Unsurprisingly, the Computer Science department took offense to this comment. “We’ve never criticized the president,” Geoffrey Legne ’20 pointed out. “And it would be nice if he actually helped us hire a new professor instead of just casting the blame on others.”

When asked about the effectiveness of Wippmin’s recent online crusade, social media expert Madeline Kiff ’19 commented, “He really would get his message across better if he tagged @HamiltonCollege, because they’ll retweet anything. Or if he used #getscrolled. Or if he had more than fifty-nine followers.”

ADMINISTRATION CHANGES
ACADEMIC POLICY: THERE ARE
STUPID QUESTIONS

Your questions are stupid and so are you
By Mx. Collins ’19
DISHONOR CODE DEPT.
(ON THE SYLLABUS) On Wednesday, Associate Dean of Students Orvis sent out an all-campus email detailing a change in the campus’ policy on in-class queries. Faculty members will no longer entertain questions they deem “stupid.”

“After much contention among faculty, it has been unanimously decided that there is, in fact, such a thing as a stupid question. While this may initially disturb some of you, we assure you that this change is for the best of the collective mental health of this campus,” the email stated. Under the new policy, professors will no longer be required to tolerate questions about things on the syllabus, things clearly displayed on the poorly-designed website, or deep philosophical questions that may reveal the secrets of the universe for which students have not reached the appropriate level of security clearance.

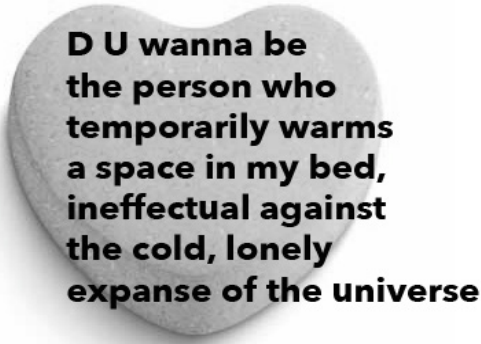
Protests have erupted across campus in response to the email. Large groups of students from both Dark Side and Light Side have united under the cause of repealing what is being called “a ban on simple clarifications.”

“My professors have gone absolutely mad with power,” Penny Williams ’18 said. “Sometimes, something they say just doesn’t make sense and we ask them to explain it a little more plainly. They just scream something about the corrosion of intellectualism and slap us with a stack of paper copies of the syllabi that they haven’t even passed out yet. And now they’ve started handing out points for questions they deem ‘not smart enough.’ I’ve received three just this week!”

In spite of protests, administration remains firm in its stance. President Wipeman himself has come out in support of the policy change, calling it the “single most important piece of legislation written by a soon-to-be totalitarian regime since the Declaration of Independence.”

In this issue: what a tangled web we weave

THIS FRIDAY WITH DU, ROMANCE ISN’T DEAD!






See “36 men standing alone in a room,” pg. 0 girls

Hamilton Alum of the Week:
Oscar Wilde, Class of 1888



MAJOR: EGREGIOUSLY CREATIVE WRITING
SENIOR QUOTE: “HEAR NO EVIL, SPEAK NO EVIL—AND YOU’LL NEVER BE INVITED TO A DARK SIDE PARTY.”
FUN FACT: WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ‘MAD DOG ABSINTHE AND THE JITNEY CARRIAGE’ INCIDENT.

FEB FEST FORECAST	SUNDAY	MONDAY	WEDNESDAY
	Moonlight Snowshoeing	Mr. Hamilton	Pete Davidson
			
	“Why do people do this?”	High probability Brian wins or it’s rigged.	85% chance Yodapez is not impressed.


REJECTED OPUS EMAIL TITLES

They can't all be winners.

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what do opus magnums & cocaine have in common? - they're both mostly cocaine	8:58 pm
Fuck that paper you're writing. Fuck everything except paninis	8:52 pm
If you try to order something past 4pm you will activate our fatal boobey traps	8:52 pm
You are nothing - nothing	8:51 pm
cafe opiss on my face	8:51 pm
spend that loan money HERE instead of on TEXTBOOKS	8:51 pm
chai lattes now w/ 25% less algae - when compared to other lattes	8:50 pm
PLEASE HELP SOMEONE ANYONE IVE BEEN TRAPPED HERE FOR FIVE - IVE 5	8:50 pm
opus: drink the void! - our menu for 2/10: depression paninis	8:49 pm
Secret sorority? What secret sorority? Us? Never! - who TOLD YOU	8:49 pm
one time i dropped my adderall in the espresso machine and i didnt tell anyone	8:48 pm
There's a dog behind the counter. Always a different dog - sometimes a yorkie	8:47 pm
we might make you kill someone for the last panini - it's entirely possible	8:47 pm
hey turn around i can see you yes you in kj TURN AROUND - hey	8:46 pm

Carefully deleted by Ms. Rinehart-Jones '20

WHERE IS “JUST OUTSIDE OF BOSTON”: A VISUAL REPRESENTATION



Sent to Jojo without a byline by Ms. Suder '18

FRIDAY FIVE: FIVE REASONS TO GIVE A BUFFERGRAM

By Mr. Burns '17

A capella isn't so much a type of music as it is a sign that God hates us all. Every Valentine's Day, the Buffers insidiously weaponize a capella for the expressed purpose of "spreading the love," but instead end up spreading herpes-of-the-ear (and every once in a while, herpes) in the form of "Buffergrams." Here are five reasons to inflict this awful thing on someone else.

- You want them to leave you alone.** Every Buffergram sends a message, and that message is always "I fucking hate you." The perfect way to kill any burgeoning relationship is to give them a poisonous earworm from the Buffers at six in the goddamn morning (which also happens to be the time their roommate sets aside every day to masturbate). Hopefully they won't get so mad they seek vengeance against your family, but no guarantees.
- You actually think it's "romantic," you idiot.** So you're the "sensitive" Dark Side freshman who can't hold a conversation with anyone. You see an e-mail for Buffergrams and think, "this is how I'll finally win the heart of the girl I've never talked to! By pretending Boyz II Men is still relevant!" So instead of, ya know, talking to the person, you plan a sneak attack on their eardrums by a group of burly, better-looking men. The fact that this tactic doesn't magically work in your favor makes you irrationally angry, angry enough to tweet obliquely on the Internet. Don't worry, in a year or two when you start wearing thick glasses and wearing all black you'll be able to say you meant to do it "ironically."
- You're a garbage person!** You're currently pursuing an interdisciplinary major in "golf course management." You believe in the healing power of crystals. Your favorite show is *Fuller House*. But above all, you believe in love! You're one of those people who always posts on Instagram celebrating your "week-o-versary" or "month-o-versary" with interchangeably slackjawed and unaware significant others. You expect the person who you just met at the anti-equality rally last week to take you to Nola's on V-Day or it's over. Of course you're going to give a Buffergram—you do it every year!
- You want to curse them.** Legend has it that a "Buffergram" actually renders a plague on the house of whoever receives it. It begins the day after Valentine's Day when you notice the sheets are pretty damp. Yes, the future ghost of R. Kelly has been there—this is his revenge for the Buffers not singing more of his songs even though they are very applicable to Valentine's Day. Then you will be cursed to have a terrible fucking time at Rocky Horror, much worse than last year. Then you will be cursed to stay on campus for years after you graduate until people ask, "Wait, why are you still here?"
- You just want to give them a handjob.** A Buffergram is for that guy you don't want to go all the way with, but wouldn't think twice about wrapping your greasy chicken liver hands around his stiff member. It doesn't have to be a special – in fact, it's probably best if it happens in the McEwen stairwell at 9 PM on a Tuesday. God, I love Valentine's Day.

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