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"THE GLARING PROBLEM WITH THE *DUEL OBSERVER* IS THE LACK OF FACULTY INPUT."

COUNSELING CENTER ANNOUNCES NEW RELATIONSHIP-LABELING SERVICE

Pet-naming program still in the works

By Ms. Rinehart-Jones '20

SOMEHOW OUR BUSINESS DEPT.

(IN YOUR HEART) In response to unprecedented demand for romantic advice prior to Valentine's Day, the Counseling Center has announced a service that provides labels for ambiguous sexual relationships.

"I woke up on Valentine's Day in a cold sweat, asking myself, 'Oh my god, do I have a girlfriend?'" Kenneth Gourmand '18 said. "I was freaking out. A girlfriend present is way different from a friend-with-benefits present. All I usually have to give her is a jar of chocolate chips I steal from Commons. So I dragged her to the Counseling Center, and they told me we were officially in a relationship."

"It was so romantic," Gourmand's girlfriend, Allison Grimes '18, commented while rummaging through Gourmand's drawer of personal effects.

RA BURNS DOWN DORM TO PROVE HOW DANGEROUS FIRE HAZARDS ARE

He fell into a burning ring of fire

By Mr. Paull '20

PYROMANIA DEPT.

(THE RUINS OF EELLS) The Clinton Volunteer Fire Department was called to extinguish the now-destroyed Eells residence hall on Wednesday morning. RA Thomas Sweatt '18 allegedly became exasperated with the amount of fire safety violations in the dorms and decided to demonstrate the perils of said violations by lighting one of his resident's tapestries on fire, which resulted in the entire building being engulfed in flames.

"No one would listen to me. It was always 'Would you please take that Barstool Sports flag down Brett! It is dangerous and makes you look like a bit of an asshole,' Or, 'No Erica, I don't care if you got that *Fifty Shades of Grey* Greedy Girl G-spot Rabbit Vibrator for the low price of \$99.99, you can't charge it in an extension cord with no surge protector!' I couldn't take any more, so I got a bit carried away and ending up torching the place," Sweatt said.

The new service is in response to the numerous dating and relationship problems that have arisen on campus prior to February 14th. "Since the program started, we've officially labeled twenty-six couples as dating, twelve as being in a purely sexual relationship, two as being friends who should never be allowed near each other's genitals, and one as being roommates," Love Dictator Frank Monson reported. "In the last case, they'd never actually done anything sexual, they just 'wanted to make sure.'" Most of the couples cited pre-or-post-Valentine's Day anxiety as their reason for seeking out the service.

In the wake of the service's debut, the Bookstore has sold out of condoms, chocolate, and both love-themed and apology-themed greeting cards.

However, not everyone is satisfied with the results of their labeling session. "I don't get why we got friends with benefits," Becky Larson '17 said, holding up her counselor-designated "FWB" label, an image of two people in a bed high-fiving. "We've been engaged since October. We have a cat together. I'm her emergency contact. I think they got overwhelmed and started designating people randomly."

The final straw for Sweatt was the obscene amount of tapestries and Yankee Candles™ Nautical Studies major Keith Toboggan '19 had decorating his room. Toboggan had no less than seven tapestries, all of swarthy sea captains on large wooden ships, and assorted scented candles like "ocean spray" and "eau de manatee."

"All I wanted was for my room to be a reflection of my personality," Toboggan said. "I guess my RA just hated my personality."

Sweatt was trying to show Toboggan how quickly one of the boat tapestries could catch on fire when he "tripped" and knocked one of the illicit lit candles into a tapestry. Sweatt was correct in his assertions of how fast the flames would spread, as he and Toboggan only had ten seconds to flee the building.

When asked for comment, Hamilton's Chief of Fire Safety said, "Prometheus gave us mortals this accursed flame, but we were not meant to have access to this awesome force. Every day the inferno grows bigger and bigger. It wouldn't matter if there were a thousand tapestries or none at all, nothing can satiate fire's unquenchable thirst for destruction."

ROCKY HORROR PARTY WATCH PARTY TOO META, CEASES TO EXIST

Collapses under its own improbability

By Mx. Collins '19

METAPHYSICAL PHILOSOPHY OF GLITTER DEPT.

(REDACTED, PENNSYLVANIA) Early Saturday morning, a loud whooshing sound was reported as an entire room vanished out of Kirkland Loft. This was allegedly where John Seeders '18 and Harry Jefferson '17 were in the midst of a party, watching a video of what has been labeled the "wildest Rocky Horror Party to ever happen."

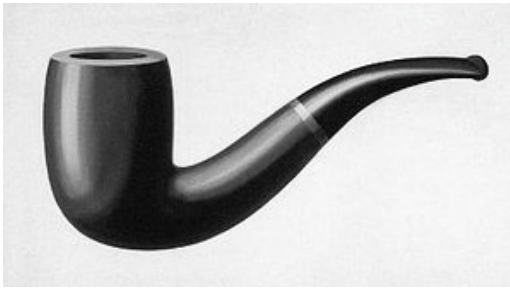
Jefferson and Seeders recorded the entirety of Friday's event and played it in full on the TV in their room a few hours later, adding antics of their own. This included dressing up in corsets made of pictures of people dressed up in corsets, making drinks made of tinier drinks, and unironically using ironic statements.

"Rocky Horror was fucking lit, man," Jennifer Taylor '18 said. "Like six hundred people showed up all wasted out of their minds. I saw one guy doing an entire pound of coke in the corner. Or maybe that was body glitter. Does it matter anyway? Although there was this one total cock dressed up in a boxer's costume trying to fight everyone and screaming the words to 'Eye of the Tiger' all night."

"Dude, Rocky is my favorite movie," Gregory Swift '20 said.

The party ended when the room slipped through the fabric of space and time. The sole survivor of this incident, Sarah Dipety '17, recounted the events of that night.

"It started out like most parties, drinks and chatter. But when it got to the part of the Rocky Horror Party where everybody throws their spoons at the screen playing the movie we threw spoons at the television. Then everything went black and all of a sudden I was in the room under the bridge and my clothes were on upside down. It was wild, but the strings of the universe are just not woven tightly enough to carry the density of something this meta."



Ceci n'est pas une article.

In this issue: "My depression thinks this is funny."

WEARING A CORSET IN PUBLIC



somehow more revealing than being naked

See "negative clothing," pg.-1

Hamilton Alum of the Week: Caligula, 206 AD



MAJOR: EXPERIMENTAL GOVERNMENT
SENIOR QUOTE: "GIVE MY HORSE A DIPLOMA, TOO."
FUN FACT: INVENTED THE CONCEPT OF GREEK SOCIETIES (DIK VITAE)

VALENTINE'S DAY FALLOUT FORECAST

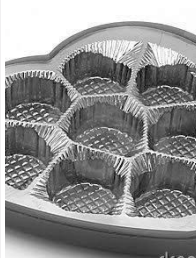
WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY



100% chance Nola's emptied your bank account



Life is like a box of chocolates. Empty.



"Will these candy hearts last until Halloween?"

ELIHU ROOT'S 200TH BIRTHDAY

By: Giovanni Townsend, Clinton Elementary 5rd Grade

Elihu Root was born on a dark and stormy night in 1492 to a math teacher and a balloon artist in a small town in the Swiss Alps. As he was birthed, his mother cried out in pain, “ELI-HIHOOO,” a call that was heard echoing over the craggy peaks by neighboring goatherds, thus naming the child and inventing the tradition of yodeling at the same time.

Root grew up roaming the surrounding coniferous forests. One day, at age eight, Eliho was eating ice cream while frolicking through the wilderness when he tripped and spilled his frozen dessert on a fallen pinecone. He ate it nonetheless and found himself enjoying the crunchy texture; thus he created the ice cream cone.

Ululate travelled to America at age sixteen. The young immigrant quickly found work at the Home Depot flagship store and joined their notoriously poor beer league softball team in an effort to learn the customs of his new land. It turned out that he was a natural at shortstop and almost single-handedly turned the team around, drawing large crowds to each game, who would cheer “Root, Root, Root for the Home Depot team!” The chant remains a part of the American sports tradition today.

Aloha was known for his active imagination, even as an adult, and owned a large collection of stuffed animal puppets with whom he would put on elaborate plays. His favorite was reportedly a large bear named Rosie Velt.

Hallelujah took the profits amassed from his puppet shows and used them to travel to South America. He was disappointed to find that he could not travel directly from Costa Rica to Columbia for his preferred morning coffee, so he took the leftover funds and replaced the country of Panama with a large waterway. This initial work with water later led to his discovery of waterboarding, which is not to be confused with surfing.

Lalelilolu Root was a very influential and important man and it is good that his work is being recognized more and more.

Picked up off the playground by Mr. Stevenson ’19



Taken like a sugar pill by Ms. Suder ’18

FRIDAY FIVE: REJECTED FEBFEST EVENTS

By Mr. Letai ’19

FebFest is in full swing, providing countless opportunities do something other than your homework in the middle of the week. Let's take a look at some proposed events that didn't quite make the cut.

- 5. **Pledge Allegiance to King Wipman.** Organized by the Monarchist Society, this event is the perfect opportunity to swear your undying loyalty to David Wipmaan! Being a student is nice and all, but it's more fun to be a serf. The oath of eternal servitude only takes a few minutes, and the rest of the event consists of carrying Wipmman around campus on a palanquin.
- 4. **Little Pond Ice Fishing.** Cold weather means one thing: time to get out the fishing poles and ice picks. Drink some beers and hang out until your fingers slowly fall off at Little Pond. Sources conflict on whether there are actually any fish under that ice, but one thing's for sure—if you fall through, it's probably not deep enough to drown you!
- 3. **Alligator Wrestling.** Taking place in the basement of the Science Center, this is to be the underground Hamilton Animal Fighting Club's first public event. Hoping to erase the memory of the “crow incident” last year, the HAFC will open the doors to the alligator enclosure and let the best species win. Students will be permitted to bring one object of their choice to use against the gator. However, due to safety concerns, participants will be required to wear Crocs.
- 2. **Glen Hunting.** In the hunting community, it is well-known that the most dangerous game is a Hamilton student. Students with six or more points will have the opportunity to erase their points by volunteering to be hunted by Hamilton students and wealthy alumni, an event hosted by the Hunt and Dressage club. The glen will echo with the excited whoops of the hunters as they sing traditional Hamilton hunting songs like “The College on the Kill” and “Ezra Pound Them Into Dust.”
- 1. **Dramatic Reading of the *Duel Observer*.** Hear your favorite blue paper read aloud in the barn. Treat your ears to some wholesome satire and the smooth, sultry tones of our very own emcee and resident dance master Brian Burns.

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