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## DUEL OBSERVER RANKED #1 IN CREDIBLE NEWS

### Also star quarterback and Academy Award™ nominee

#### ROOT AND MCINTOSH SWAPPING SUB-FREE STATUS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

Residents started into action

By Ms. Granoff '18

RES LIFE APPRECIATION DEPT.

(HIDING IN ROOT BASEMENT) Residents of Root and McIntosh halls were shocked to find out two weeks ago that their dorms would be exchanging sub-free status. They were further astonished, and somewhat panicked, to discover that these changes would in fact take place immediately.

McIntosh resident Angelina Grimke '19 was alarmed by the turn of events, saying, “I swear to God, I will write them so many angry letters over this! They have no respect for everything I went through to get this single in the first place!” as she hurled beer cans through open windows in Minor.

“When I first saw the email, I just thought, ‘Damn, I can’t live here next year.’ Next thing I know, Res Life showed up at my door and brought me in for violating the sub-free policy.” McIntosh resident Timothy Leary '17 said. “I know I violated bulk sangria policy and all, but putting me in the

stocks seems like overkill.”

Meanwhile, many students living in Root Hall were similarly displeased to hear about the sudden change in their accommodations. While there are no longer official penalties for having alcohol in the building, some residents have gotten together and declared their intention to impose substance-free living by means of vigilante justice.

“It really feels like the only option left to us,” Root resident Emily Pankhurst '17 said. “We all chose to live here, and until two weeks ago it was our refuge from the degenerate human swill that has corrupted the rest of campus. Where can I go now to escape the cataclysmic devastation that goes on out there every weekend?”

Other Root residents decided to take their grievances directly to Res Life, where Assistant Director Ashley Place expressed some confusion upon hearing their concerns. “This situation is just so much easier for us,” she commented. “I know that there will be some minor disorientation during the transition, but I am sure that once these students realize it was for the greater good of Res Life they will accept it. There’s nothing they can do either way, of course.”

#### GLOBAL FOOD STATION SHUT DOWN AFTER TRUMP BAN

Prelaw students already on the case

By Mr. Boudreau '20

AGRICULTURAL DEFENSE DEPT.

(A MELTING POT) The Hamilton community was surprised to discover that a previously unnoticed clause in Donald Trump’s controversial executive order banning immigration from certain countries resulted in the forced closing of the Global Food station at McEwen Café.

The shutdown has caused a great deal of confusion and anger, especially for the Bon Appétit staff. The global food cooks were given no forewarning of the ban, and were last seen holding empty frying pans and flipping imaginary Swedish meatballs. Foods that were delivered before the ban was announced were stranded in boxes at the McEwen loading bay, even some that were needed for non-global dishes.

“It’s a complete outrage!” Kit Sharp '18 said, between bites of turkey burger from the “Home” station. “They can’t just ban the global foods. It’s

unconstitutional! How am I supposed to get Jamaican jerk chicken?”

The ban occurred after federal agent Dick Grossman came to the hill to enforce the executive order. “We’re just trying to keep our delicious American foods safe from radical herbs and spices,” Grossman told the administration. “If I told you that just one flank steak had salmonella, would you still eat a plateful of them?”

“That’s not really how it works,” replied mathematics professor Francine Millhouse, who has extensive experience in statistically weak metaphors. “Not only has the global food line never actually harmed a student with salmonella, but from a statistical standpoint, you would have to eat ten thousand pounds of steak before you risked disease.”

David Wippmoon addressed the controversy later in an all campus email: “Our namesake Alexander Hamilton’s favorite food was fish tacos, and we need to uphold his beliefs in food diversity. Our campus believes that all foods, no matter where they’re from, deserve a chance to be partially eaten and then thrown away.”

#### SCHOOL LEARNS HOCKEY TEAM DOES NOT SUCK

Student: “Wait, we do sports here?”

By Mr. Paull '20

D3 DEPT.

(SAGE RINK) The student body reacted with uncharacteristic enthusiasm after learning that “man hockey” clinched the top seed in the NESCAC. Faced with the prospect of a varsity sports team doing well, both the student body and administration went a bit overboard.

“I didn’t know we had *any* sports squads, let alone a championship caliber hockey cabal,” Scooter Bronson '17 said. “I go to every game now and even got a tattoo of our star center, Jimmy ‘the Eggman’ Valducci, on my lower back.”

Some students treated the news with skepticism, finding it hard to believe that one of their sports teams could ever be considered the best at anything.

“When I first heard that hockey got the number one seed, I thought that they meant that our boys have the strongest sperm in the CAC. I’ve come around to the idea that our athletic organizations can be valued for more than just their genetic material,” Kirk Downs '18 said.

The administration has announced several major changes to the College in response to the hockey team’s success. President Wavid Dippman has announced that an extra 20,000 seats will be added to Sage Rink, as well as concession stands, an arcade, a child care facility, and a margarita bar. The Science Center will also be demolished to make room for a multi-level parking facility.

“Our long-term goal is to transition Hamilton from a liberal arts college to a minor league hockey team,” Dippman said. “Students may apply for jobs at concession stands in Sage Rink or other hockey-related jobs, provided of course that they still pay tuiton.”



The jitney will be late.

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#### BEACH PARTY



Bring your own crabs!  
See “I don’t like sand,” pg. II

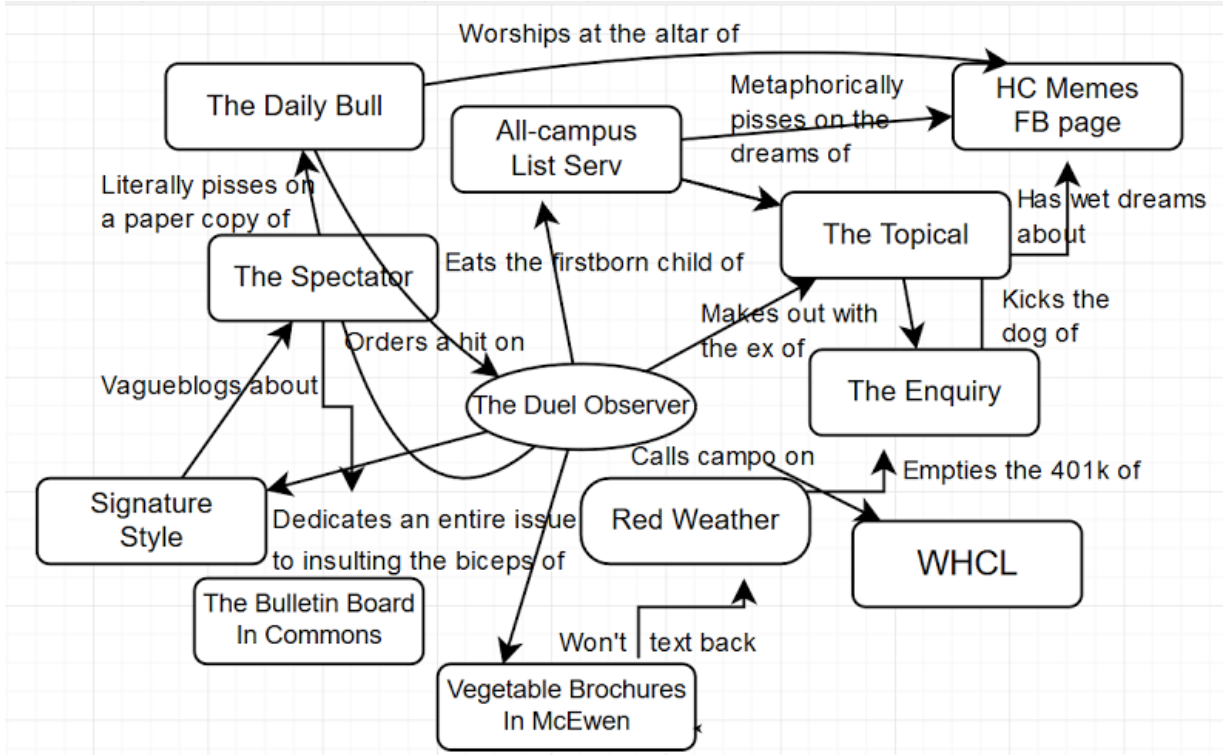
#### Hamilton Alum of the Week: Professor W. Rybaltowski, '07



MAJOR:  
NEUROSCIENCE  
SENIOR QUOTE: “I AM NOT A PROFESSOR.”  
FUN FACT: HE HAS NOT SLEPT IN THREE WEEKS.

EARLY SPRING FORECAST	MONDAY	WEDNESDAY	SATURDAY
	High probability puddles prompt self-reflection.	“Ch-ch-ch-chia.”	100% chance this is a fluke.

Media Board Publication Drama: A Guide



Transcribed dutifully by Ms. Suder '18

ORIENTATION LEADER APPLICATION QUESTIONS

The application process for this summer's orientation leaders is currently in progress, and the Duel Observer managed to snag a list of questions straight from the desk of Andrew Jillings. Read them for an inside look at the rigorous process that selects the students who will be most first-years' first familiar face on campus.

- 1. Do you think you are a natural leader?
- 2. Do you have wilderness experience?
- 3. How many pairs of Crocs do you own?
- 4. Have you ever skinned and eaten a squirrel?
- 5. Do you want to?
- 6. Are you sure? They're surprisingly tender.
- 7. How comfortable are you being nude around trees?
- 8. Indie and I are in a burning building. Who do you save first?
- 9. How many times a day do you say the Wippnam's prayer?
- 10. Have you ever killed?
- 11. Will you kill again?
- 12. What is the most powerful animal you have defeated?
- 13. Which Spice Girl are you?
- 14. Fuck, marry, kill: a beehive, the Adirondacks, and a printing press.
- 15. Do you have a green thumb?
- 16. How about an orange pinkie?
- 17. Do you reject Satan and all his works?
- 18. Where were you on the night of April 3rd, 2006?
- 19. Are you Jitney certified?
- 20. Are you Comically Large Tandem Bike certified?
- 21. How powerful is your kung-fu?
- 22. Could you carry a freshman on your back through mountains for up to 10 miles?
- 23. Are you CPR certified?
- 24. How much can you bench?
- 25. That's ok, I guess. I can do 300.
- 26. Are you comfortable being nude around all types of architecture?
- 27. How do you pronounce "naked?"
- 28. Are you now, or have you ever been, a member of the Communist party?
- 29. Where's the beef?

Filled out dishonestly by Mr. Letai '19

FRIDAY FIVE: SPEAKERS WHOSE NAMES WEREN'T GREAT ENOUGH

By Ms. Dickmeyer '19

- 5. **Robert From Down The Hall.** Let's face it, although his ability to chug seventeen beers in a row at 2 AM is impressive, it's not "you should tell ten thousand people about it" impressive. Perhaps if he could chug 17 beers while discovering the cure for cancer, the Great Names search committee would be interested.
- 4. **Indie Jillings.** Anyone who's ever been in the Glen House knows how great an entertainer Indie is. For the seven-and-a-half minutes per day that Indie is not sleeping on the red beanbag chair, he can be found giving great oratories to many a bird and squirrel out back.
- 3. **Joan Hinde Stewart.** The former Hamilton College President had hoped to be chosen as the Great Names Speaker because she wanted to inform the campus of all the cool things she's been doing since retirement, such as collecting antique forks or counting how many people walk by her as she sits on a bench in front of Bed, Bath, and Beyond.
- 2. **The Ghost of Azel Backus.** He was actually a perfect candidate for the speech: well-versed, humorous, and educated on many topics. Unfortunately, during the interview, the search committee handed him a stack of papers and they went right through his hands and fell to the ground. They committee decided it was too logistically difficult for him to speak because he would be unable to hold the mic.
- 1. **Stephen Sadove.** The Chair of the Board of Trustees has had to introduce the keynote speaker of many events, such as commencement and inauguration, but has never been asked to give his own speech. It came as a great shock to many, as they believed the Saks CEO would be held in high regard. Upon rejection, Sadove vowed to make each introductory speech for the actual keynote speaker of an event longer and longer until it was basically the same thing.

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