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YOU UP? @BULL

(Read: 3:34 A.M.)

OPUS REVEALED AS MONEY LAUNDERING SCHEME

Getting both kinds of cheddar

By Mr. Letai '19

LIGHTLY TOASTING THE BOOKS DEPT.

(DEEP IN AN ARMCHAIR) Opus is under investigation following allegations that it is simply a front for money laundering. “We have reason to believe the entity known as ‘Opus’ has been operating as a money laundering front for organized crime for some years,” said Oscar Malone, a campus safety officer with “IRS” written on his arm in sharpie.

Witnesses report seeing suspicious figures bringing briefcases into and out of Opus, often accompanied by suit-clad security teams.

“I’m just saying, why were they wearing sunglasses inside?” Chris Feldman '20 said. “Or, for that matter, outside? Today is the first time I’ve seen the sun in three weeks.”

“I actually stopped a guy one time to ask what he was carrying,” Bon Appetit employee Ellie Ness

said. “He stared at me for a second then said ‘dough.’ At the time I assumed he meant for cookies, but if that was true, why didn’t he have any milk?”

Past inquiries into Opus’s financial escapades have been mysterious failures. Former Dean of Dining Priscilla Melman retired upon waking up to a squirrel’s head in her bed. Jared Thomkins '15, a reporter for the Spectator, cancelled a three part exposé on Opus after he was pelted by mangoes from a van outside KJ.

When questioned, Opus representative Peter “Panini Press” Pannuci said, “I dunno nothin’. And neither do you, if you know what’s good for you.” Pannuci proceeded to smack his palm with a sock full of coffee beans for almost five minutes.

Malone is optimistic about finding the truth. “Our investigation is closing in on some key suspects,” he said. “We’ve almost deduced the whereabouts of Opus czar Warmed-Up Wally. After that, we can focus on the real mystery here: determining how and why Opus 2 exists at all.”

nomenon that upperclassmen are treated like a higher social class than lowerclassmen. That was the main thing Randy protested. He was anti-hazing, anti-condescension, and anti-pretty-much-every-other-way-seniors-and-freshman-interact,” Roberts elaborated. “He’d say things like, ‘We were all seniors in high school once. Why should people go from the top of the food chain to the bottom? Come to think of it, why should there be a food chain at all? We all should interact the way people of the same class do: as equals.’ Randy was charismatic, and argued like a politician debates. He had a bright future.” A single tear rolled down his cheek, which he wiped with his orientation pamphlet.

Alec Jones '19, a member of the Conspiracy Theorists Club, took it upon himself to get to the bottom of this crime. “It’s pretty obvious what happened. Whoever was threatened by Frischmann benefitted from the hierarchy, and who benefits from it? The seniors.”

Roberts confirmed this theory. “Frischmann didn’t lick their boots, so they just cut the damn thing out of his mouth and took it. I don’t want to get involved. I’d like to keep my tongue, thank you very much. If this happened to a prominent intellectual like Randy Frischmann because he didn’t watch his mouth, what makes you think one of us isn’t next?”

LANGUAGE TEXTBOOK NARRATIVE GETS PROGRESSIVELY DARKER

Lit 110 was a simpler time

By Ms. Naston '20

UNNECESSARY VIOLENCE DEPT.

(THE DARK CORNERS OF THE LANGUAGE LAB) Upon completing this week’s reading, students in Russian 130 were shocked to discover that the main characters in their textbook’s narrative were sent to the gulag. This plot point was reportedly preceded by several passages in which the Vasilevyekh family, the protagonists of the textbook’s overarching plot, were visited, followed, and questioned by the KGB.

“It’s really taken a bad turn,” Anna White '19 said. “It seems like just yesterday we were reading stories about Babushka Vasilevyekh making borscht for the family, and now they’re under a communist dictatorship. We should have seen the signs coming, but I guess we just ignored them.”

The students in Russian 130 are not alone. “Our peers in other language classes have expressed similar concerns. For example, in the French textbook, one character died in a failed uprising,” James Woods '20 said. “I took Latin last year, and at one point, they executed a Vestal Virgin. Look, I didn’t mind it when Caligula appointed his horse as consul, or when those parents exposed their newborn, but this is just taking things too far.”

“I don’t have a problem with the content of the text itself,” one Spanish professor said, pointing to a cartoon depicting torture devices used in the Spanish Inquisition. “It’s the violent illustrations that really give me the heebie-jeebies. Oh, and don’t even get me started on the book for 140. That’s when Spain starts colonizing the Americas. Honestly, fuck Columbus.”

Others argue that these increasingly serious passages are simply preparing their students for their experiences abroad, recalling former students’ experiences overthrowing corrupt local governments. “Even if you don’t go abroad, these texts can be incredibly beneficial,” a French professor remarked. “For example, my students are learning how to respond to an unjust judicial system and corrupt law enforcement. Maybe they can use that during their time at Hamilton!”

FRESHMAN LITERALLY SILENCED BY UPPERCLASSMEN

Communicates via flashcards on lanyard

By Mr. Mayer '21

TONGUING THE LINE DEPT.

(ORAL COMMUNICATION CENTER) Outspoken underclassman rights advocate Randall “Randy” Frischmann '21 woke up Tuesday morning in the KJ water feature bleeding profusely from his mouth. He was promptly rushed to the St. Elizabeth Medical Center. While performing an MRI, later costing his family the equivalent of one year of tuition, doctors discovered that Frischmann was missing his tongue.

“Only a scarred, uvular stump remained,” one doctor said. “It is not yet known how this occurred, and according to local police, the story hasn’t exactly rolled off his... stump.” He is still recovering in the Health Center, attended to by service dogs.

While his family waited on official word from the Health Center, friend Badger Roberts '21 recalled, “Oh yeah, I knew Frischmann. We hit it off during orientation because we shared a tongue-in-cheek sense of humor—or used to, I guess. Anyways, Randy was a rebel. He didn’t like the system, and he wanted people to know that... the whole upper-lowerclassman hierarchy, you know?”

“According to Randy, the hierarchy is the phe-

In this issue: Diana brought a dead caterpillar to the meeting.

ASHLEY PLACE’S CAR IS SUSPICIOUSLY NICE.
Skimmed Co-Op money?



See “Pimp my Title IX” pg. 9

Choose Your Own Adventure!

Issue 5: The creature lunges at you. He suplexes you, but you maintain your composure and block with a triple-arm backflip. Wippman moves with intense speed, appearing below you, and delivering an uppercut, launching you into the air. He jumps up after you and delivers 4 whirlwind kicks, each one freezing a part of your body. With a final fifth kick, he delivers a devastating blow to your spinal column, paralyzing you in mid air before having you tumble down to the ground. As you land, what towers over you isn’t a man, but infact it is a wolf. “Davie!!! DAVIE!!! DADDY!!!!!!” The crowd cheers. As David looks around he lets out a victory howl before changing back into his human form.

- A. You are defeated. Dead end, loser.
- B. Activate your own animal form. See issue 7
- C. Limp to the Pub. See issue 8

HAM PLAGUE FORECAST	DAWN	MIDDAY	DUSK
	100% chance these aren't locusts, but they're just as bad.	High probability the water feature turns into blood.	“Aw man, I got the boils but my firstborn didn't die. And I hate him!”

Environmental Studies 110: Getting Lost in the Glen (Fall 2017)

Class Meeting Time: MW, at dawn and dusk to see more creatures
Office: Wherever you find me. Office hours: Whenever you find me

Required Texts:

Deering Glen History: Examining the Arboretum Through a Deer Lens (2015)
Women High Amongst the Trees: Kirkland College’s Feminist Legacy (1985)
“Chewing a Space for Chipmunks in the Discourse.” Root Glen Quarterly, volume 170, 2013, pp. 73-101. (Blackboard)

Additional readings may be assigned on Blackboard.

Grades and Assignments:

Attendance & Participation: 20% Students are expected to smoke a minimum of three times a week. Participation grades include a weekly blog post (250-400 words) written while high and posted to Blackboard. Responses to classmates’ posts should be at least 100 words. Posts and responses are not optional. The blog can be found under “Discussion Board” in the “Tools” tab.

Quizzes: 15% Expect weekly quizzes on plant names without looking at the little marker thingies.

Midterm exam: 15% Get lost in the Glen for 48 hours.

Research Presentation: 20% Instead of being taught by me, the expert with the PhD, groups of students will present on an assigned reading for the duration of a class. “What use is this to anyone?” is just one of the questions we will ponder beneath the leaf canopy.

Final exam: 30% Get lost in the Glen throughout finals week, Dec. 11-15.

Extra credit: Have sex in the woods.

Academic Policies:

All written work must be scrawled into dirt or snow (according to season) in a standard 12-point font. Laptops are not permitted in class: it is one thing to Instagram a gnarled stump but it is quite another to scroll through a Sasha Velour subreddit instead of marveling at nature’s majesty. Students are permitted to miss one (1) class session without penalty. However, getting so lost that you miss the rest of the semester earns you an ‘A.’ Littering and plagiarism will result in automatic failure.

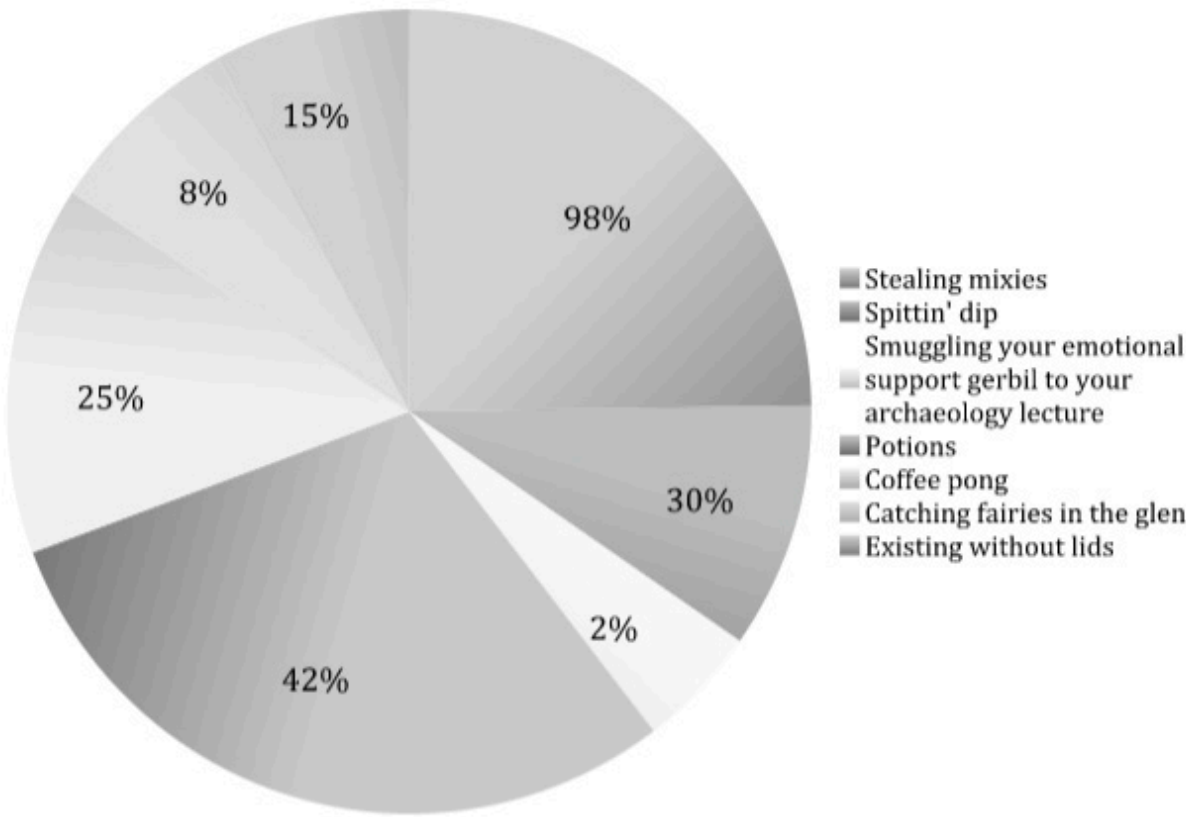
The Hamilton College Root Glen will make reasonable accommodations for all students. Edibles will be provided for those with appropriately documented asthma. If you have such an impeccable sense of direction that you always find your way back to the green tree tags, please contact the Associate Dean of Students.

Rules:

Hikers/Snowshoers:
Please Don’t Walk In the Main Set of Ski Tracks
Skiers:
Please Stay To One Side of the Trail
PLEASE SHARE THE BLUNT WITH OTHER USERS
No Motor Vehicles
ALL STUDENTS MUST BE STONED

Carved into tree bark by Ms. Warren ’18

Weekly Usage of Commons Cups: A Breakdown



Stolen from Bon Appétit’s Files by Ms. Stevenson ’19

FYRE (First-Year Required Events) Forever!
Week of 9/22-9/28
(Required for everyone else too)

- Friday, Sept. 22
- Required honor code recitation, 5:00-6:30 p.m.
 - Meeting the dogs from the K-9 unit before they search Milbank, 7:30-8:30 p.m.
 - Group beauty sleep, 8:45-11:59 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 23
- Group beauty sleep cont., 12:00-9:00 a.m.
 - Calling your grandma, 2:30-3:47 p.m.
 - Campus safety mixer, 7:00-8:15 p.m.
 - Campus safety mixer gospel choir karaoke, 7:30-8:15 p.m.
 - Group beauty sleep, 8:30-11:59 p.m.

- Sunday, Sept. 24
- Group beauty sleep cont., 12:00-9:30 a.m.
 - Screening of *Too Much Sugar: the Dangers of White Bread*, 10:00-11:30 a.m.
 - Group criticism of Cyndi Lauper’s “Girls Just Wanna Have Fun”, 2:30-4:30 p.m.
 - Group beauty sleep, 8:00-11:59 p.m.

- Monday, Sept. 25
- Group beauty sleep cont, 12:00-8:50 a.m.
 - Class, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
 - Bathroom break, 1:30-1:32 p.m.
 - Editing the paper you wrote a week in advance, 4:15-6:15 p.m.
 - Medically-induced group sleep, 7:15-11:59 p.m.

- Tuesday, Sept. 26
- Medically-induced group sleep cont., 12:00-8:50 a.m.
 - Class, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
 - No bathroom break, 1:30-1:31 p.m.
 - Screening of *We are Happy Now: the Triumphs of Prohibition*, 4:15-5:30 p.m.
 - Medically-induced group sleep, 6:45-11:59 p.m.

- Wednesday, Sept. 27
- Medically-induced sleep cont., 12:00-8:50 a.m.
 - Lecture: the Dangers of Taking too Much Advil, 9:00-4:00 p.m.
 - Weekly celebration of David Wippman’s existence, 4:15-4:20 p.m.
 - Mixer with the kids from the Clinton Child Care Center, 4:25-5:15 p.m.
 - Gathering everyone into the Barn for observation and ensuring that absolutely no human interaction occurs, 5:30-11:59 p.m.

- Thursday, Sept. 28
- Having every aspect of your life controlled by the draconian lizard that secretly runs campus safety, 12:00 a.m.-May 13

Posted on Dunham’s communal puke bucket by Ms. Terhune ’21

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