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THEY ACTUALLY BUILT SOMETHING IN THE CONSTRUCTION SITE Good job, Bon Appétit

Administration To Cut COSTS BY INSTALLING SINGLE Monolithic Blue Light

Did Zarathustra speak that too?

By Mx. Stevenson'19

VERTICAL MOBILITY DEPT.

(ATOP THE CHAPEL SPIRE) This past Monday, Campus Safety and the Dean of Students' Office released a statement detailing the purported installation of a new, state-of-the-art emergency alert system, which was later revealed to be just one oversized blue light box visible from every location on campus. The enormous new light will be mounted above the Chapel's iconic writing quill

"The quill is, of course, emblematic of Hamilton College's dedication to literary and academic excellence, so it seems only right that we equate our devotion to the safety and well-being of our students with that," Dean of Students Terry Martinez said. When questioned about the logistical difficulties involved in reaching said light, however, Martinez demurred, mumbling something about "pulling yourself up by the bootstraps" and "crampons."

The new beacon will reportedly be constructed using materials reclaimed from the smaller, now-defunct blue lights around campus. "It's a great way to reduce both costs and energy consumption," Head of Campus Safety Frank Coots said. "It's obviously far more economical to maintain one lighthouse-grade bulb than...three small ones? Wait, we only have three of these things on campus? Oh, Jesus Christ, please don't tell Ashley Place."

Students had mixed reactions to the safety update. "I thought the whole point of blue lights was that they're easily accessible from anywhere,' Skye Danielsson '18 said. "I mean, sure, it's definitely easier to find the chapel than that one secluded corner of Root parking lot, but its unique three-story architecture isn't doing it any favors. Also, the light pollution will be terrible for the squirrels."

The Roleplaying Club, meanwhile, released its own statement regarding the installation, saying that they were very grateful for the new prop, but were still waiting for Martin's Way to be renamed the Great East Road, and also that Diner was out of onion rings.

causing them to neglect their peers. Setting off fire alarms encourages students to both interact with one another and get outside. And let's face it," de Sade continued, "while Resident Advisors are generally helpful, nobody wants to be a narc. The RAs aren't going to call out all the kids who, despite already being here for an entire term, have neither friends nor a life. I have to take that responsibility upon myself."

Megan Campbell '21, one of the residents whose REM sleep was interrupted by the fire alarm, did not appreciate Campus Safety's tactics. "OK, yeah. There's the whole aspect of being woken up and made to stand in the rain that upset me, but did they tell you how they set off the alarm? They started an actual fire. In my room. Everything that was in there is completely destroyed. I had a goldfish."

On Wednesday, Campus Safety released an official statement saying that they will continue setting off fire alarms until they think that Hamilton feels like "one big, mildly incestuous family."

MyHamilton Directory BECOMES SOCIAL NETWORK

Will John Winstead '76 notice if I watch his story twice?

By Ms. Warren '18

STILL RELEVANT DEPT.

(WWW.MYHAMILTON.EDU) Students logging on to everyone's favorite networking portal this week were surprised to find a row of short videos at the top of the page à la Instagram stories (née Snapchat stories). In an official DM, the Office of Admissions said they turned the MyHamilton directory into a social media network after realizing that members of next year's freshman class will have been born in the year 2000.

"millennials are so yesterday, and coincidentally they're the only people who remember that song. its all about generation z now," the DM read. "todays hyperconnected teens want filters, not directories. now they can find professional connections in valencia, earlybird, or with dog ears."

As a part of an ongoing demonstrated commitment to being chill, the message was all-lowercase and sent 36 hours after initial student queries were received. Associate Deanturned-social media manager Helen Fiorello says she now spends her workdays scheduling posts for peak hours and researching popular hashtags.

"It's all about capitalizing on social media trends and promoting engagement," she said, smiling gamely as though her new job description isn't identical to the most useless internships currently posted on indeed.com.

The new interface is completely inscrutable to those who graduated before 1990, and even members of the class of 2018 are unwittingly humiliating themselves online. Seniors have been clamoring to use the directory's new features, sending alumni pictures of themselves as doe-eyed koala bears and maintaining informational interview streaks.

"Tve noticed a lot of upperclassmen posting too much, trying to get jobs or whatever," Angela Cho'21 said. "Personally, I would never post more than once a day and I delete any professional update that gets fewer than 100 likes."

In addition to reaching out to alumni, intrepid users are using the new network to bolster connections with on-campus peers.

"I was reduced to stalking my ex on venmo and analyzing his Astro Poets horoscope," Juliet Bernstein'19 said. "Now I can use MyHamilton to see he was recently tagged at the Arboretum Lecture, 'Building Soils for Better Results in all Locations,' and that he reached out to an '06 alum who works as a marketing director in the city. My group counseling cohort better buckle in because we have a lot of new content to sift through."

Jesse Eisenberg has been confirmed for the upcoming MyHamilton movie, with Armie Hammer rumored to be in talks to reprise his role as hot twin antagonists.

CAMPO ACTIVATES FIRE ALARM TO FORCE SOCIALIZATION Thinks "indoor kids" are fucking losers

By Ms. Terhune '21

CLINTON FIRE DEPT.

(MUSTER POINT BEHIND KEEHN) A representative of Campus Safety recently admitted that officers had purposefully set Keehn's fire alarm off last weekend because the dorm's firstyears hadn't bonded enough. The fire alarm, which went off at 3:30 A.M. on Saturday, forced all the residents to huddle together outside as rain poured down on them.

"It was really cute. The weather drove them to press against each other, like penguins," Officer Paul Dart said. "And hey, even if some of them did get the flu afterward, don't worry—we do this all the time. Sickness is only temporary. Unless you die. But that only happened once."

Mark de Sade, a senior officer, believes that forced bonding is essential to the creation of a strong campus community. "Because of the rise of the Internet, the youth have developed addictions to social media, online gaming, and hentai,

4:00 P.M. 5:00 P.M. WELLIN OPENING FORECAST 6:00 P.M. Low probability your daring art 65% chance you "I'm just here for try to lick the the free horse heist goes as planned. divorce.'

In this issue: Stop the presses! Okay start them again!

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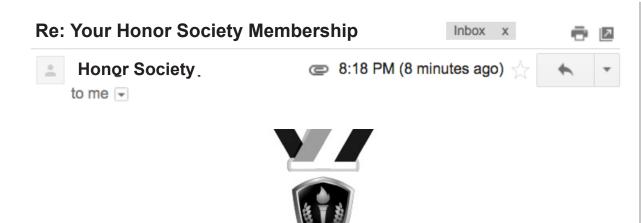


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Hamilton Kama Sutra

SEX TIP OF THE WEEK: Take a page out of David

Wippman's book: during sex, be sure to avoid taking a firm stance on Nazi apologists speaking on your campus in the bedroom.



Dear Henry,

Congratulations on being accepted into The Honor Society. Yes, you read that correctly. You got in. What an honor! Not just anyone can get into this exclusive group of high achievers and avid email checkers. Nope. You're special. In fact, we wanted to share with you some of the exclusive opportunities available now that you're an exclusive member of this exclusive society.

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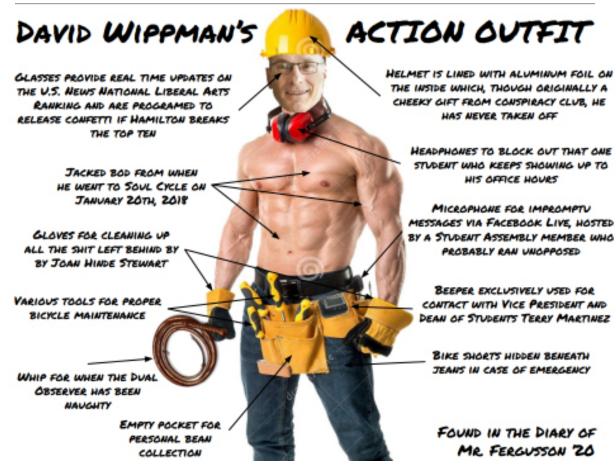
The deadline to activate your Honor Society membership is imminent! Here's what you need to do to sign up so you don't let this once in a lifetime opportunity slip away. Seriously, do this right away. There will never be another opportunity for you to join!

- Fill out the application form
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Found in the spam folder of Mr. Boudreau '20



Friday Five: Best-selling Books at the Bookstore

By Mr. Paull '20

To many people's surprise, the bookstore sells books, but not all of them fly off the shelf. Only the cream of the crop can be best-sellers. Here are the five most purchased books at our campus' very own bookstore.

- 5. The Communist Manifesto. We all know that darkside boy who goes on ad nauseum about how much better the world would be under communism. Nevermind the fact that his dad got him an internship at Merrill Lynch this summer and he drives a BMW around campus—he is clearly "woke" to the struggle of the proletariat.
- **4. The Very Hungry Caterpillar.** Freshman year can be a hard time, especially when you're succumbing to the dreaded "freshman 15." This children's book reminds us all that even if we get third helpings at every commons meal, we will still blossom into a beautiful butterfly. A hefty, hefty butterfly.
- **3. The Kama Sutra.** Some people just want to learn how to fuck good. Many girls on campus have claimed this book opened their third eye (vagina).
- **2. Mein Kampf.** Professor Pop Baguette has made this mandatory reading for his class "Intro to Being a Sour Old Man" to show that the liberal agenda against Nazism isn't the only viewpoint out there.
- **1. Diary of a Wimpy Kid.** There is no joke here. *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* was actually listed as a best-selling book at the Hamilton College Bookstore. Who knows what caused this to happen. Possibly widespread permanent brain damage among the student body caused by ergot poisoning, but I would hope that we could read above a 6th grade level regardless.

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