

STUDENT RETURNS FROM SEMESTER  
AT SEA FLUENT IN WHALE  
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NEW LEADERSHIP IN EFFECT  
AFTER CLUB FAIR DISASTER

Student activities operating under designated survivor protocol

By Mr. Boudreau '20

SURPRISINGLY DARK PREMISE DEPT.

(A BUNKER) After the tragic collapse of the Tolles Pavilion during the annual January Club Fair ultimately left the leadership of every Hamilton student organization dead, the campus community has been placed under the rule of designated survivor Keith R. Sutherland '21, the vice president of Juggling Club.

“It’s a dark day at Hamilton,” Sutherland said in his first public address as the newly appointed Chancellor of Student Activities. “But I want you all to know that I’m ready to juggle the tasks of the one-hundred-plus clubs at Hamilton, just like I learned how to juggle flaming torches at Juggling Club on Sundays at 1 in the Field House.”

The designated survivor protocol was instituted in 1956 during the Cold War (the coincidentally named 1935-1993 conflict with Colgate, not the US tensions with Russia). It has been put into effect twice at Hamilton: once after the Accepted Students Day Riot of 1986, and a second time after the Post-Title IX Training Orgy of 2003 caused a chlamydia outbreak that left campus leadership in-

capacitated.

The campus community has taken this change in leadership well considering it comes in the wake of such a horrific tragedy. “Like, I’m sad that so many of my friends perished in a terrible accident,” Kirsty Serbowitz '20 said. “But also, it’s kind of nice to live under the authoritarian reign of Chancellor Sutherland. Because he’s the one that proposes and approves the budgets, at least there’s no more drama about club funding.”

Latest reports, however, indicate that Sutherland is in way over his head. “I haven’t even heard of half these clubs. What the heck is Powder Club? Do they just do cocaine all the time?” Sutherland asked, while trying to write a sufficiently incoherent Novelists’ Support Group email and make hotel reservations for the next Mock Trial tournament.

Sutherland’s power does raise questions over the legal precedents it sets. Intra-college legal expert Jeff Roosevelt '19 said in a recent statement, “Due to antiquated legislation, Sutherland’s current position as Chancellor of Student Activities makes him second-in-command after David Wippman. Meaning, if anything were to happen to President Wippman, Sutherland would take control of the whole school.” Latest reports indicate that Wippman is aware of this fact and has been placed under the protection of Campus Safety in an undisclosed location.

SPRING SEMESTER POSTPONED  
DUE TO WEATHER

Eighteen fingers frozen off, 18,372 to go

By Mr. Projansky '21

METEOROLOGY DEPT.

(SCCT ATRIUM) In a shocking announcement from President Wippman himself, the school administration announced on Monday that, due to weather concerns, the spring semester has been postponed. In the announcement, Wippman said the semester would be delayed until further notice, or until the average high of the week is fifty degrees or above.

“I mean, it only makes sense,” Mila Wever '21 said. “The buses from Boston and New York keep getting pushed back to the point where some students decided their best bet was to Heely to campus, which is just unacceptable for any student. Rollerblading back is one thing, but Heelys?”

“I mean yeah, of course I’m excited!” Brandon Stern '20 exclaimed to his friends. “I won’t do any

work, not because I’m in denial of the semester starting or because I’m procrastinating like usual, but because there’s no work to do!”

“You know, while I’m happy that classes don’t start yet, I am a little concerned,” Brian Vern '19 said to some of his friends. “I have a few graduation requirements that only meet in the spring semester, so if we don’t open fast enough, I’m going to have to do a third senior year.”

Others were a bit suspicious about the announcement. “I think it’s all a scam,” Ty Dopler '22 wrote on his Facebook page. “My guess is they still haven’t opened the Health Center and are trying to hide it. Or they haven’t figured out where to place all the kids who moved out of Rogers yet.”

“Look, we’re doing what’s best for students and teachers,” President Wippman said in a follow-up address. “No one is really ready for the semester anyway, so maybe it’s better if we all just let mother nature do its thing, and wait it out while telling ourselves we actually want to be here.”

PROFESSORS HAZE WAITLISTED  
STUDENTS

“Do you have what it takes to be a LIT 203 pledge?”

By Ms. Cavallino '21

POWER DYNAMICS DEPT.

(KJ 005) Thirteen professors were suspended this week after being found in violation of Hamilton’s hazing policy. The scandal came to light after several waitlisted students were hospitalized for hypothermia after running naked laps around the Hall of Langvages. Other reported activities include carrying all the professor’s books at all times, cage fighting, and blood sacrifices to Samuel Kirkland.

“I just really need this class to complete my Comp Sci and Art History double major,” one student (who wished to remain anonymous out of fear of retribution) said. “I told my professor that I was willing to do anything. When I said that, I meant coming to office hours or doing an independent study to hopefully get credit, but instead I chugged Natty Light and recited the Hippocratic Oath twenty times. Anything for academics, right?”

“Oh, we were never actually going to let these kids into our classes,” Holly Branson, one of the suspended professors, stated. “We just wanted to see how much dirt we could make them eat before they suffered a physical or mental break. It’s our one way of feeling any semblance of power. It’s not like the administration ever listens to our requests, so why should we listen to the students?” When told that it was part of their job to create a safe learning environment, the professor shrugged and muttered, “Lame,” adding, “I’m not letting narcs in my classes ever again.”



“You think I’m impressed? Chaucer never got the bitch cup!”

In this issue: Where DO Jans get their lube?

DAVID WIPPMAN LEFT ALONE  
ON CAMPUS FOR ENTIRE BREAK



Foils robbers with cutout of Marge  
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Court hearing,” pg. 90

THE DUEL OBSERVER  
LECTURE SERIES PRESENTS

“Really Loud Sex Noises:  
Slapping and All”  
A talk by Your Suitemate

FIRST WEEKEND FORECAST	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	40% chance your clem- entines make it through security	High probability A Hoe Does, in fact, Get Cold	0% chance of being well-rested for the next five months



# A SHORT SUMMARY OF LAST SEMESTER

Were you abroad last semester? Are you a Jan? Well, while you were traipsing around Europe learning how to say “American embassy” in three different languages, a lot happened here on the Hill. Here’s your guide to everything you missed last semester:

## SEPTEMBER

- The One Big Class: In a bold educational experiment, every course at Hamilton was combined into the One Big Class. While many students enjoyed the initiative, with some even considering declaring the One Big Major, the One Big Class was cancelled when the professor discovered someone passing notes in the back.
- Snake-gate: Campus was shocked by the discovery that Bundy East was inhabited entirely by reptiles. After some daring and courageous action from Frank Coots, all the snakes were captured and relocated to Wertimer.

## OCTOBER

- Humans vs. Zombies Snafu: The People Who Like To Do Fun Things’ HvZ event was rocked by controversy after a campo officer mistook a player for an actual zombie, and campus narrowly avoided an airstrike by the CDC.
- Jessica Pulls Some Major Bullshit: Jessica pulled a complete bullshit move at Kristin’s “Up and Autumn” party. Onlookers generally agreed that she was acting like a real bitch, and said it was almost as bad as when Brandon screwed over Maggie at last year’s Easter luncheon.
- The Grave Rave: After using Commons forks to make a pentagram in the graveyard, students accidentally summoned a horde of vengeful spirits on Halloween night. Fortunately, the ghosts were chill, and because they were all over one hundred years old, they could buy beer.

## NOVEMBER

- Kyle Gets Laid: It’s about time. Big ups to my man.
- Wippman Pardons a Turkey: On the last day of classes before Thanksgiving break, President Wippman removed four points from a turkey who was in danger of being suspended.

## DECEMBER

- Campus-Wide Secret Santa: The Dean of Students’ Office spearheaded an anonymous gift exchange between the entire student body and faculty. Dean Martinez announced that the initiative would not be repeated next year, as everyone received the same \$5 Opus gift card.
- God Reveals Himself: Nobody will forget when the Lord Almighty Our God appeared on Dunham Green and all of campus was made whole and pure in His sight. Definitely sucks if you missed out on that!
- Health Center Demolition: After physical plant realized they forgot to check the “no asbestos” box on the construction form, workers demolished the newly constructed Johnson Center for Health and Wellness shortly after its opening. The administration has announced that the Health Center will be replaced with Hamilton’s previous policy of leaving a box of Kleenex and jar of Advil in the KJ atrium.

Dutifully compiled by Mr. Letai ’19

# CONSPIRACY THEORY OF THE WEEK: THE SCCT ALLIGATOR IS FAKE

An alligator? You think this school has an alligator? Why would they have an alligator? For science students to study biology and neurology? That’s fake. There’s no way we have an alligator. I mean, have you SEEN the alligator? Yeah, didn’t think so. Oh, they only let people see the alligator if they take a class? What is it, Alligator Handling 101? You don’t know? Yeah, of course you don’t.

Why should I believe you when you’ve never even met anyone who’s seen the alligator? Oh, your friend told you she’d seen it in person, huh? That friend is a goddamn liar. She was probably hazing you. It was a long con.

Sure, text her about it. See if she texts you back. Tell her I want a picture of the alligator or I’m not buying any of it.

You can’t just believe everything you hear. The tour guides may tell people that the alligator is real, but tour guides lie about lots of things. Sure, the Science Center has a carnivorous reptile, just like the college dining halls have good food and your liberal arts degree is going to get you a job after graduation. Yeah, maybe the alligator will hire you.

Besides, the Science Center probably isn’t big enough to house an adult alligator. A baby alligator, maybe, but then what would they do when it grew up? Turn it into soup? I think the Vegan Club would have something to say about that.

Oh, you have “photographic evidence?” Don’t make me laugh. This picture is so blurry, it’s like the Loch Ness monster! I can’t believe you even think there are such things as alligators.

Every time you think you’ve seen an “alligator,” it was probably just a conveniently shaped log, or an unusually wet dog. I mean look at the facts; no alligator has ever bitten my arm off. I just don’t have any evidence. Alligators could be a massive government psyop and you wouldn’t even know.

Has your liar friend texted you back yet? Of course not. She’s probably in on it, too.

Exhaustively explained to Mx. Barry ’19 on the third floor of the Science Center

# Friday Five: Rejected Plans for Bundy Dining Hall

By Ms. Dickmeyer ’19

*It’s been announced that the stickiest party destination on campus, home to Jungle Juice and frisbee formals, will no longer be available as a social space. Bundy Dining Hall will instead be converted into a café. Here’s what we thought it should be instead:*

**5. Party Culture Art Gallery.** The crazy antics that students get up to on the weekends produce some very interesting... uh... art pieces. For example, the puke right in front of the KJ vending machines, or the tower of Natty Light over seven feet tall made by the brothers of DIK, or the random bra found hanging on the tree outside McEwen. These kinds of creative, party-centered art pieces deserve to be recognized beyond just a student’s final exhibition in their Introduction to Digital Photography class.

**4. Indoor Practice Facility for Dark Siders.** Sure, the sports teams have their brand new, state-of-the-art indoor turf, but the Dark Siders need something located closer to practice chess which, by the way, is technically a sport! Rows and rows of chess tables with a pair of folding lawn chairs would surely be a better use of space than nothing at all.

**3. A Mega Laundry Room.** The sacred oasis for dirty clothes and bedsheets, Bundy Dining Hall should be transformed into Bundy Laundering Hall. Twenty-five washers and twenty-five dryers along with a hallway of ironing boards and a permanently stocked closet of Tide Pods and dryer sheets.

**2. My Sex Dungeon:** Move over “Red Room of Pain,” here comes “Abandoned Dining Hall of Sexual Torture.” The best part? Nothing inside Bundy Dining Hall needs to change. The beer spills, empty countertops, and kitchen full of desserts will do just fine.

**1. Burn it to the Ground.** Don’t convert it! Just get rid of it. Burn it down and then we can finally start the Hamilton College Cannabis Gardens, which will inevitably be in high demand once New York State legalizes recreational marijuana consumption. It can even raise money for the college, *Because Hamilton* blazes.

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