

FRESHMAN FORCED TO SPEND NIGHT IN SUITE 666
Inherits Bundy single, sees ghost of Comp Lit Department

SORORITY GIRL WORRIED
LOTTERY NUMBER NOT GOOD
ENOUGH TO GET
HOUSING DOWNTOWN

She literally can’t deal.

By Mr. Paull ’20

CLINTON REAL ESTATE DEPT.

(AT ***** HOUSE) After receiving the very last senior lottery number, TIT sister Regina Lloyd was worried that she wouldn’t be able to fill a prime room on campus with an underclassman while she would get to live downtown at the sorority’s house.

“It’s not fair. Why do bad things always happen to me?” Lloyd managed to ask while sucking down an iced coffee through lips smeared in Revlon Ultra HD Lip Lacquer. “If I got a better number I could have got a Bundy quad and filled it with underclassmen. The Uber up the hill everyday would have been expensive, but Daddy would understand. Now I’ll have to live in a Carn quad or something with my bitchy sisters. They’re so great though,” Lloyd said as she continued to complain about everything she hates about her fellow sorority members.

However, members of the sorority appeared to be on completely different pages, as they couldn’t manage to find a shred of compromise or work to-

gether to find a solution that would benefit everyone.

“That bitch thought she would ever get to live downtown?” TIT sister Laura Bennington ’20 said while commenting “OMG STOP” on one of Lloyd’s Instagram photos. “We would rather be caught without a Moncler jacket than have her in the house,” she stated. “I think she only got rushed because people felt bad for her. Her mom never told her to eat small portions,” Bennington said in a scared whisper.

Lloyd had even gone so far as to try and manipulate other non-Greek students into acting against their own best interest.

“Regina came into my suite’s common room in hysterics one day,” Jennifer Babson ’20, a one-time partner of Lloyd on an Intro to Chinese project, said. “Regina said that she wouldn’t be able to live anywhere good unless I pulled her into a Ferg split double. I told her I already had plans to get the Minor fac app with friends, to which she said I was literally forcing her to swallow a razor blade. I guess that’s what happens when your only shared experience is getting constantly berated and publically humiliated in sophomore year and a general life of privilege.”

When asked for comment on the continued existence of off-campus housing, Ashley Place said, “Whaaaaa? Huuuuhh?”

ing students, and none of them came,” tour guide Breanna Carley ’21 said. “But I did get these emails from a bunch of incoming freshmen saying that they were Nigerian princes who needed my help.”

Some suspected bots’ applications were leaked from the Admissions Office, giving an inside look at how deceptive the bots were. For example, admitted student John Doe wrote in his essay, “FREE BITCOIN DOWNLOAD GO TO 2019_freebitcoindownload.net NOW.” Interestingly enough, around one hundred John Does who wrote the same essay were admitted.

Students had mixed reactions to the scandal. “I mean, I guess it would be weird only having a handful of actual humans as first-years,” Stephanie Lopez ’22 said. “But maybe they can all live in Bundy and leave the rest of us all the good housing! This might work out after all.”

Overall, most people seemed to agree that despite most of the students being inanimate internet robots, the incoming class would bring the biggest contribution to the college in years. The college hopes that their promised free bitcoins will come soon, so that the school can finally acquire two new golf courses.

ADMINISTRATION INSTALLS GIANT
INDUSTRIAL FAN

Shit Hits It

By Mr. Boudreau ’20

SCATALOGICAL SCANDAL DEPT.

(BUTTRICK HALL) In an effort to placate students and make a positive contribution to campus culture, the Hamilton College administration purchased a giant industrial fan this week and placed it in the center of campus. Unfortunately, after the fan was installed on Monday, a whopping wet wad of shit hit it, and now the whole campus is angry and frustrated.

“We’re shocked that something like this could occur in our community,” President David Wippman said in a public statement. “But there’s not much we could have done to prevent this situation. Shit, as we all know, happens.”

Things worsened on Wednesday when Dean of Students Terry Martinez sent an all-campus email advising students to avoid walking within 100 feet of the fan. After students questioned the presence of the fan in the first place, Martinez released a public apology: “Please know I sent the email with good intentions, but I’ll admit I shat the bed on this one. Please accept my apology, and know that I’m doing everything I can to justify the continued existence of this fan and ignore its role in these terrible circumstances.”

Campus Safety has been stationed around campus, ready to spring into action by sternly voicing their disappointment in the event of further shit hitting the fan. The jury is still out on whether Campus Safety will do anything to clean up the mess or prevent further blasts, but latest reports suggest they’re just going to crack down on small group gatherings in bathrooms.

“We have heard your concerns,” Wippman continued, “and, rest assured, we are taking steps to forget about this incident. Have no fear: if the administration is able to forget about it in a week, you should be able to, too. After all, there’s a Town Hall next week, which is a great opportunity for us to shift the discourse in a different direction. Any chance people are still mad about the Farmhouse?”

CLASS OF 2023 REVEALED TO BE
MOSTLY BOTS

Try and hack us now!

By Mr. Hayes ’21

ADMISSIONS DEPT.

(SIUDA HOUSE) Hamilton’s record-setting Class of 2023 has been marred by suspicions that this academic year’s increase in applications comes from robotic entities.

“It has come to our attention that this year, the college received numerous applications from bots,” Admissions officer Charles Tuttle said. “We are re-examining the entirety of the Class of 2023 to purge any bots from the process, but it’s pretty tough to tell them apart. They’re all from ‘just outside Boston.’”

Suspicions were raised when Admitted Students Day had a sparse turnout. Many students, such as Jeremy Faulk ’21, were left confused about the situation. “Yeah, I was supposed to have a prospie, his name was like 0000000011100111010 or something, but he never showed up,” Faulk said. “I just figured he was an international student.”

“We spent all this time preparing for the incom-

In this issue: “Seven Nation Army” by The White Stripes

SCIENCE CENTER ALLIGATORS
FINALLY ALLOWED TO GRADUATE



Faculty wears Crocs in solidarity
See “It’s Doctor K. Rool now,” pg. 15

THE DUEL OBSERVER
LECTURE SERIES PRESENTS

“I Didn’t Miss You Anyway”
A talk by the Alumni Gym

DEVON'S PARTY FORECAST	9:30PM	10:30PM	11:30PM
	50% chance Devon does the same thing to you that he did to Kris	Low probability Devon makes eye contact with you	“So, how do you know Devon?”

Housing Lottery Open Hours - FAQ with Ashley Place

Q. How are you going to address the concerns of students who are tired of the same old housing?

A. This is actually a great question, and it has been coming up more than one may expect. If you saw in one of my most recent emails, we’ve recently partnered with the Dean of Students Office on initiative Take Away What Little Summer Fun There Is to rip down all hammocks and slacklines left unattended by those who want to have a good time but can’t guard their summertime resources at all hours of the day. With all the confiscated and “discarded” items we’ll be crafting make-shift bungalows above the ropes course. For the students who want to get some exciting views and live life on the “Wild Side” of campus, sign up for this new and intense opportunity! After all, if Facilities Management needs a safe space to cut the grass, so do our students!

Q. What can I get with #351?

A. In past years, students with this number sat on the floor of the Barn for hours, watched those with 100(s) and below get the best rooms, slowly lost their minds, and ended up deciding whether they’d like to live in Dunham, next to a lovely corn field with its own Jitney service, or the college equivalent of barracks. Only one student per class year gets to join the elusive 351 club, consider it an honor!

Q. Can my themed housing be substance-abusive?

A. What do you mean?

Q. Like, instead of substance free we just constantly do coke and drop acid, like full tabs on send days, maybe half tabs on grind days to microdose through a grind state of mind.

A. Is what you’re suggesting mixing the cultures of basement Moho and picnic table Door 4? If so, please feel free to submit a request, and I look forward to continuing discussions on the topic!

Q. What gives you the right?

A. Someone has to do it, and the fact of the matter is whether or not I give cleverly constructed answers to your stupid questions or try to quell the seemingly unending existential anxiety, which stems from worrying about where you have to reside on a small campus for a few months of your pathetic lives, you’ll hate me regardless. Bearing the face of Residential Life is a task which sears my skin daily and the pain of these scars is what gives my life meaning in an otherwise numb and nonsensical world.

Q. Am I guaranteed housing?

A. All Hamilton students are guaranteed housing all four years on campus. ;-)

Transcribed in Opus by Mr. Coakley ’21

Friday 4/26/19 - Incident Report

12:06PM - Hamilton Sustainability Coordinators (HSC) begin preparations for the Community Garden near Rogers Glen. Agenda: clear away debris, weeds, and last year’s crops from the old corn field and begin plantings for the summer season.

12:14PM - HSC shovels break ground in the old corn field.

12:30PM - First minor tremors felt at site; witnesses assumed it was the bass drop from the speakers.

12:36PM - Crows begin surrounding the field in a menacing manner.

12:49PM - Shovels strike something hard, at first thought to be a stone.

12:51PM - Determined that it was not a stone.

1:04PM - Tremors felt at Soper Commons Dining Hall.

1:28PM - HSC members clear dirt away from the object; witnesses report it was difficult given the earthquake and unholy groans emitting from the dirt.

1:32PM - First calls to Campus Safety reporting “a fucking earthquake oh my god what the fuck.” Call came from Minor Hall and was determined to not be a big deal, no officers dispatched.

2:01PM - Object identified as ritual sacrifice victim, dated to approximately 1979.

2:02PM - Crows flee the field for the safety of the Aviary.

2:11PM - Corn stalks rise up from the debris pile, walk in direction of Eels.

2:17PM - Marge “tsk”s disapprovingly, complains about the lack of recognition campus traditions get nowadays, tells students to remember to water their cacti before things get worse.

2:23PM - HSC members abandon shovels and run as a pit opens up in corn field with a human-like figure crawling out of it.

2:30PM - The figure (Corn God) demands tribute, HSC members all cower behind a single tree.

2:42PM - Facilities Management reports flowers withering and the Norwegian spruce shedding its needles (this has now been attributed to the lack of tribute to Corn God).

2:56PM - David Wippman coughs up corn kernels, wonders what this is all about but is not motivated to find out anything more.

3:03PM - HSC members flee, throw their Nalgene water bottles at Corn God in self-defense.

3:04PM - Corn God is mildly appeased by the offering of Nalgenes; offerings of tote bags soon follow.

3:14PM - Corn God returns to the earth, promising prosperity for the college until next Earth Day, at which time he will demand tribute again.

3:15PM - HSC collectively swears to be less ambitious about community gardening and saving the planet; it’s too late anyways.

Found the back of a recycled “Reforest the Golf Course” poster by Ms. Cavallino ’21

Friday Five: Most Surprising Cameos in *Avengers: Endgame*

By Mr. Letai ’19

The Duel *recently sent an intrepid reporter to sneak into an advance showing of Avengers: Endgame to find out what happens in the landmark film. Here, we’ve compiled the five most shocking cameos in this monumental piece of cinema.*

5. David Wippman. This wasn’t that surprising, considering David Wippman has made a brief appearance in every Marvel movie since *Iron Man 3*, but this cameo was a lot more direct. When the team is at their lowest, Wippman walks out of the the rubble and looks directly into the camera and says “know thyself.” Not only does this give Captain America the motivation he needs to keep fighting, it also turns out to be the secret to neutralizing the soul stone!

4. The Wiggles. For some reason, *Endgame* devotes a six-minute scene to showing how exactly half the members of Australian children’s music group The Wiggles were destroyed by Thanos. When they try to perform their classic song “Fruit Salad” the baritone section is completely absent, and the red Wiggle breaks down into inconsolable sobs. Arguably the most unsettling scene for any children in the audience.

3. The Jitney. The Hamilton Jitney makes a surprise appearance halfway through the movie as the car that runs over Rocket Raccoon as he crosses the highway, killing him instantly. While the Jitney doesn’t get a lot of screen time, this scene really shows that the stakes have never been higher for our heroes.

2. Jesse Eisenberg. When the movie reveals that all the spells and incantations we’ve seen Doctor Strange perform have been simple sleight of hand tricks and misdirection, it’s a big twist. The scene where he defeats Thanos by guessing which card he picked is intense, but not as intense as the scene with Eisenberg where it’s revealed that the MCU takes place in the same universe as the *Now You See Me* franchise, and Doctor Strange is finally invited to join The Eye.

1. The Trustees. At the end of the movie, after Thanos has been split in two by a conveniently-placed Ant-Man and the world has been saved, the screen fades to black and reveals a title card saying “Because Hamilton Avenges.” Then just before the credits roll, there’s a clip of the Hamilton College Trustees talking to the viewer, telling the audience why they should donate to Hamilton. It’s a weird vibe for the end of this phase of the MCU, but it is a huge moment for the liberal arts!

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