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"Knowe Thyself, Not Be Thyself."

AFTER TWENTY YEARS, DAD FINALLY AGREES TO PLAY CATCH He just has to go out and pick up some milk first

ALL PERSONAL BELONGINGS LEFT ON CAMPUS HAVE **DESPAWNED**

Type/cheat into Blackboard to hack them back in By Ms. Rinehart-Jones '20

GAMEZ DEPT.

(YOUR LAST SAVE) Many students leaving campus for spring break were unable to bring most of their belongings with them, and with the COVID-19 pandemic still ongoing, it is unclear when they will be reunited with their stuff. In response to the student body clamoring for more information regarding how, when, and if they will be able to get their belongings back, President Wippman announced Monday that these questions are irrelevant, as most student belongings left on campus have since despawned.

Many students are, understandably, upset at the loss of their items.

"I mean, I'm already blind with frustration when it happens to me in Animal Crossing," said Rebecca Koenig '20. "The fact that my actual real life stuff just disappeared because I was away from it too long? That's so infuriating, it's almost impossible to believe. And I'm in KSA; I'll believe basically anything a person of authority says to me."

Many other community members are simply confused at what it means, exactly, for things to despawn. Said David Armingham '23, "I don't

TRY-HARD TEARS HIS ACL During Virtual SPIKEBALL CLASS

Loses Vineyard Vines corporate sponsorship By Mr. Chivily '23

Extreme Overachieving Dept. (A WELL-MANICURED BACKYARD)

Screams of terrible anguish reverberated through Newport, Connecticut, last Tuesday afternoon, when Trenton Maxwell Huntington IV '23 tore his ACL while filming a TikTok for his virtual Spikeball class. "Just because classes are online doesn't mean it's an excuse for me to be all lazy and chill. I'm not gonna be one of those dipshits crying about their shitty internet connection, I'm gonna be number-fucking-one!" Huntington said in between bloodcurdling howls.

"I was filming Trenton and all he had to do was hit the ball into the net and then dab. Somehow he managed to hit the ball so hard into the net, that while mid-dab, it smacked him in the face causing him to slip on a wet patch of grass, then somehow tearing the ACL in his left knee, Wendy Cummings '21, Huntington's girlfriend and quarantine buddy, said. "I love Trenton, but

get it-they just disappeared? Where did they go? I'm a Physics major, so these questions are very important to me. Also, I left my favorite quarter zip from the L.L. Bean pop-up shop in my dorm, and if that has disappeared, I'll be devastated. It's unlikely the pop-up shop industry is going to make a comeback once we reopen the economy, so that quarter zip is irreplaceable. How do I respawn those memories?"

Other students are employing a zen attitude towards the news. One Opus barista said, "The notion of being able to 'own' things in the first place is so fucked up I don't even know where to begin. I think it's only fair for the atoms that made up those things to go seek their own new desired forms." The school also noticed an uptick in students switching into the Computer Science and Philosophy departments as a result of the soul-searching caused by the news.

President Wippman could not be reached for an interview, but the Office of the President released an unprompted clarifying memo the following day, which read: "It's come to our attention that some students are confused by the idea of things 'despawning,' to which we respond, git gud. It's also been rumored that Hamilton's campus has experienced a complex series of heists and break-ins which resulted in all of your belongings being stolen. This is nonsense. Your items have simply disappeared. You know, like in Minecraft or whatever. We personally find it insulting that people would suggest that the College has ever mismanaged, covered up, or been personally responsible for a major crisis."

honestly he has no chill. He once blew up a lab in the science center after staying awake for 96 hours trying to make the perfect cell diorama."

"I just don't know how it happened. In all my years as a coach and tenured professor of physical education, just about all of my students have pulled or broken something, but I've never seen someone so eager yet so feeble," Football Offensive Line Coach and Jane Lynch Professor of Physical Education Vince Lombardi said after hearing the news. "I wanted my students to write short essays about the rules of Spikeball and then make a TikTok of themselves. Does Trenton injuring himself in my class make me bad at teaching physical education? I don't know, probably."

Despite his injury, Huntington has become something of an internet celebrity. Cummings posted the video to her TikTok account and overnight, the video, accrued over one hundred thouto something," Huntington said while constantly refreshing the video to check for new views. "At least my name's out there. It's good for networking purposes! No pain, no gain!"

Hamilton to Provide Joe Exotic with Honorary Degree

Mullets out for our new favorite member of DIK By Mr. Golden '20

MURDER FOR HIRE DEPT.

(FMC FORT WORTH) The Hamilton community was delighted to hear that President Wippman has offered an honorary degree to public figure and Netflix superstar Joe Exotic '20. The two were seen huddled together in the visiting area of Fort Worth Federal Prison, where Wippman reportedly slipped the diploma into Exotic's back pocket before exiting the premises.

"Oh damn yeah that bald snack gave me a fancyass diploma and a cane! At first I thought he was just trying to grab my ass and, as a taken man of course, I was gonna have to toss him to the tigers! Hunk a meat like that could feed 'em for days you know! Got them biker buns! Pull a li'l Carole Baskin on his ass, collect that sweet endowment money from the school! Whatd'ya mean that's not how that works? But yeah, I got me a nice fancy paper to put up on the wall besides my David Archuleta poster. Keeps me company at night," Exotic answered excitedly when questioned about the interaction.

The actual motivation behind the award was initially unknown, since the administration again failed to share any of its plans with the student body. In fact, the student body was only made aware of the award when a blurry video of David Wippman appeared in the new bonus episode of Tiger King. When questioned about the interaction, Wippman raised his defenses, stating, "Why should it matter who the college is affiliated with? He's a white man and his name is on the tip of everybody's tongue right now! I'm not endorsing any of the things he did; I'm not even sure I believe he did any of those things to begin with! The media always twists things to make men look like villains nowadays. At the end of the day, he is a man with principals and I believe he embodies the Hamilton Spirit. Only a man who truly 'knows thyself' would wear a studded pink leather suit to a court hearing!"

Hamilton students have sent a barrage of angry emails to the administration asking for an explanation for the strange and sudden event. When asked her opinion, Shelley Marks '21 stated, "He's a monster! He tried to kill a lady and God knows how many animals he's killed! We said we wanted a stronger LGBTQ community on campus, but not like this!"

Exotic was last seen arguing with the bursar trysand views. "I guess in the end, all this added up \mid ing to raise money to reopen his zoo. "Come on, it's like one of those waddayacallit Emerson projects! Who cares if I'm in jail? All of your other students are stuck inside too. I'm trying to get America back to work here!"

In this issue: Bet you didn't know he was Canadian!





Hope your dorm plan can last until January brother is a Timmy See, "Taj Mahal leftovers gain sentience," pg. 6-9 months

THE DUEL ZODIAC

November 1-The Winter Solstice, Timothée Chalamet: This zodiac is highly allergic to shellfish, but loves making you feel like you're the only girl in the room. All Timmy Cs are your brother, and thus your C. Call them a thief? Only if they steal your heart (which they will)!



Life in Hell without Travis Hill

March 26, 2020 3 days since the last episode of Life on the Hill Podcast.

Dear Diary,

I miss the goofy, fun podcast about life at Hamilton, especially now that I'm no longer there. That touch of home would really be nice in these times.

Love,

T.N.

April 1

6 days since last Life on the Hill

Dear Diary,

Maybe the podcast stopping was an April Fools joke, and today Travis Hill will release a new episode!! Doesn't he think it's funny that his last name is Hill, and the podcast is called Life on the HILL? God, if he ever makes another episode, I'm gonna call in and ask!!

T.N.

April 8

13 days since last Life on the Hill

Diary —

My bitch step-sister took my airpods but I guess I won't need them since Life on the Hill isn't coming back. I mean, what the fuck would I be listening to if not the dulcet sounds of Travis Hill chatting with Terry Martinez? This whole thing is bullshit.

T.N.

April 9

14 days since last Life on the Hill o another episode of My Favorite Murder

i can't function like this oh god oh no oh fuck i can't listen to another episode of My Favorite Murder now I'm afraid of the dark i need my sweet trav hilly to lull me to sleep with his sultry tones i

April 16 21 days since I last felt love

life? on what hill? was there ever a real travis hill? was that his name? what is my name? i miss Him, please give him back i'll give the Radio God Behamenavicus my left teat if it means i can have daddy travvy back please i need Him

April 20 25 days since last orgasm

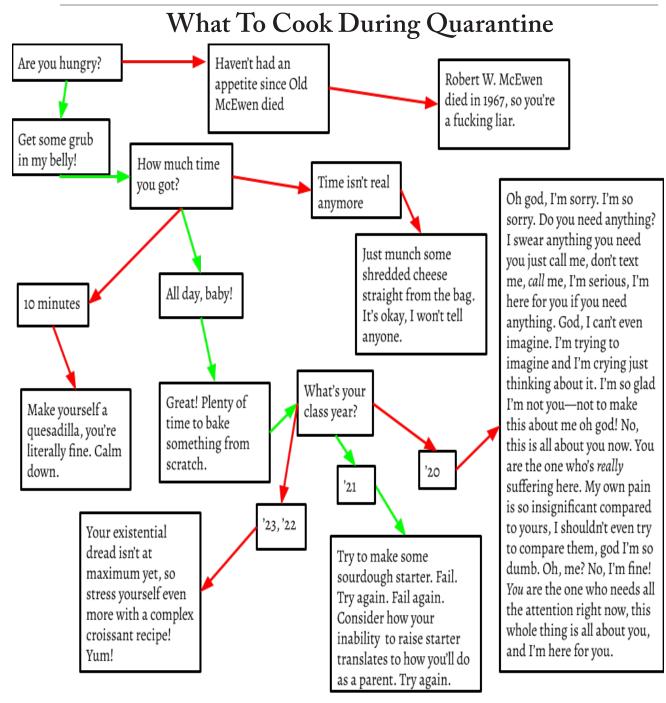
i took 4 edibles and i cannot feel my nose but i listened to every episode of LotH on half speed and it felt like asmr. tingles

April 22

27 days since my last confession

i crave t.hill......what must i give.....why must he tAke... my love, my life, my soul, fair Traiv, let me run my fingers through your curls once more... every time i close my eyes i see tie dye... i crave the bliss of your sweet baritone...

Found scribbled on two-month-old diner napkins by Ms. Naston '20



Softboy Sam's Virtual Dating Tips

Look, if the shift to online classes has been a huge change for us Hamilton students, then the shift to online dating has rocked us harder than The Lumineers are going to rock the Staples Center this summer. But the change hasn't affected me (just like coronavirus won't affect me sitting second row for the concert of the decade on August 21st), because my dating life is going better than ever. I have six different girls that I'm texting daily and a handful more whose DMs I'm ready to slide into at any moment just to tell them that their 'song that reminds you of someone you'd rather forget' on their Instagram story always makes me cry. It's a bit tough to remember which ones want dick pics and which ones don't, but that's what the notes app is for.

Speaking of dick pics, here's my first tip (that's advice, not a reference to my lil partner in crime). Lots of people have been growing out their hair or getting crazy haircuts while in quarantine, but what I've been doing is perfecting the fade of my pubes. If you get the blend just right, a good camera angle will create a forced perspective that'll make your dick look taller than the Eiffel Tower next to Aziz Ansari (who was *slandered*).

The big thing these days, though, is the Zoom date. How are you going to romance the ladies if you can't get them drunk and take them for a romantic walk down to your Bundy single? My go-to move is to whip out my ukulele and give them their own personal Acoustic Coffeehouse. You'd be surprised how fast my feminist cover of "Norman Fucking Rockwell" gets a girl to say, "can we just cut to the part where we both masturbate on camera?"

If you're looking for a longer engagement, try watching a movie together. In my experience, all the girls are hot for *Little Women* right now. It's a bit of a slog at 2 hours 15 minutes, but if you mute yourself then you can just ignore whatever Hermione is talking about and practice funny voices for your next Tik Tok. You do want to pay attention when Bob Odenkirk eventually shows up though. But for real, *Little Women* is tight, because they all get married at the end, so girls get super emotional and want to talk about their feelings and stuff afterward. Just make sure to say you think she's prettier than Timothée Chalamet or she'll get really self-conscious.

So yeah, it's tough out there, but if you keep up the hard work now, when commencement eventually happens, you'll have several 'last night at Hamilton so let's make it count' dates to look forward to. And if you can't wait that long, just do what I do and sneak out of the house to fuck some Tinder townies.

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