

# THE DUEL OBSERVER

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## FRESHMAN ROOMMATE DROPS OUT OF RESIDENTIAL RACE Endorses Ferguson Hall

### NEW CURRICULUM DESIGNED FOR STUDENTS RETURNING FROM ABROAD

Calculating time difference counts as QSR  
By Ms. Terhune '21  
STUDY DOMESTIC DEPT.

(BED) As COVID-19 continues to spread around the world, Hamilton administrators have asked that students studying abroad in affected countries return to the United States. The Dean of Students Office has consequently designed a curriculum that enables students to complete their studies from home, and the new completely digital curriculum has been received well by students.

“I begin each morning by playing Kahoot with Terry Martinez,” Megan Campbell '21 said, having not changed out of pajamas in three days. “I’m really sad I didn’t get to spend the next couple months in Beijing, but my new coursework almost makes it worth it. I mean, Terry quizzes us on New York State alcohol laws. How would I have otherwise known that the legal drinking age is 21 and that the tiniest sip of rum will send you straight to hell?”

Andy Domo '21 felt similarly pleased with his new course load. “Instead of learning Italian through an immersive experience, now I get to

learn it through Duolingo!” Domo exclaimed. “I thought it would be *facile*, but the Duolingo owl actually gets on my case about doing homework more than my Italian instructor ever did.”

Choosing to study politics from her uncle’s basement rather than in Washington D.C., Sam Delon '22 voluntarily left her own ‘abroad’ program. “I told my study abroad advisor that I felt unsafe being there, with D.C. being a metropolitan area and all. I convinced him that the threat of coronavirus, combined with the recent insurgence of listless presidential race dropouts, constituted a safety hazard. Now, in addition to my refreshing morning sessions of Kahoot with Terry, I just listen to NPR and Alex Jones and think, ‘Huh, that’s different.’”

Martin Yerkin, a Dean of Students Office assistant, feels satisfied by the academic rigor Hamilton has managed to offer despite the displacement of its students. “Hamilton has singlehandedly demonstrated that it is possible to do substantive coursework from home using the power of the Internet. Our trustees are already looking into beginning ‘on-line classes’ that would enable us to make even more money.” When asked about the logistics of already-paid tuition and expected educational return, Yerkin said, “I’m overjoyed that we can continue to provide an education well worth \$70,890 per year.”

happened,” Thatcher was heard saying. “Thankfully, only minor injuries were suffered because a snowbank was landed on. A broken finger and a bruised neck are possessed by me.”

“Honestly, I don’t see any problem regarding the passive voice,” said Classics Professor Kelly Billingsly. “To view the passive voice as an outdated relic of a bygone era is absolutely insane. The Romans and Greeks spoke in both active and passive voices. You don’t see any history professor committing ritual scaphism on a student for using the active voice,” Billingsly said while dodging bricks thrown by O’Brien.

The following week, O’Brien himself was defenestrated after accidentally using the passive voice. “Napoleon was being discussed by Professor O’Brien. Passive voice was used by Professor O’Brien in the discussion. All of a sudden, demonic screeching was heard by us from the hallway and class was interrupted by a band of incensed professors. Professor O’Brien was defenestrated by these professors, and a pile of horse manure was landed in. A burlap sack was placed over his head and he was taken away by these professors,” was said by Thatcher. The whereabouts of Professor O’Brien remain unknown.

### TRIVIA EMAILS REVEALED TO BE MESSAGES FROM KIDNAPPED HOSTS

\$10 tex-mex coupon not enough to pay ransom  
By Mr. Golden '20

MISSING PERSONS DEPT.  
(KIRKLAND POLICE) Students and faculty alike were horrified to discover that over the past four months, campus icons Kenny, Jane, and Ellie have not been sending emails from the comfort of their dorms, but have in fact been kidnapped. Their increasingly frantic emails failed to alert the jaded Hamilton College Community, as everyone reading the cries for help assumed they were simply creatively advertising their event: Tuesday Night Trivia in the Little Pub. The emails, which employ a variety of fonts, colors, formatting, and subliminal messaging, have been decoded by the Kirkland Police with help from a local school teacher and his wife to reveal the shocking message, “Please help us oh god please we haven’t seen the light of day in months.”

Information regarding the motivation of the crime has been scant. However, old messages between the trivia buffs point towards a shocking suspect, eccentric billionaire and honorary alumnus Mike Bloomberg '19. It seems the Golden Trio were being forced to use Bloomberg as the answer to the Halftime Trivia biography question. Their responses pointedly illustrate their views on the matter, Jane having said, “lmao I would rather take a shot of bong water than make our trivia pals think about Mike Bloomberg for three whole songs’ worth of time.” Unfortunately, this is the last known correspondence between the three before the start of the frantic and unsettling emails, leading police to believe Bloomberg may have kidnapped them as an act of revenge.

Officer Greg Cerdito, the head detective investigating their disappearance, agreed to take a break from playing Solitaire for the Lonely™ to give *The Duel* an exclusive interview. “I just don’t get why these kids didn’t call us armed police here at the station! It’s been years since we had a good wrastle with a billionaire. I want to rub my little fingers inside all the linings of his coat and pants, every penny counts! Gimme his damn used tissues, I don’t care, I’ll sell ‘em!” Cerdito said, jowls shaking with rage. “These kids would still be around if they hadn’t tried to seem so cryptic and esoteric! Was the quirk worth it?!”

Community members have gathered together to search for our beloved missing know-it-alls. President Wippman released a statement in support of the Kirkland Police force. “The latest email, containing only a scanned PDF of a child’s drawing of a well has proved difficult to decipher, but I have full faith in the force’s ability to find the missing students. Will I make a statement against Bloomberg? Absolutely not. These students should have known better than to say no to a wealthy white man. This is a valuable life lesson for their future.”

### STUDENT DEFENESTRATED BY HISTORY PROFESSOR FOR USING PASSIVE VOICE



“If I sue will they raise my tanking GPA?”  
By Mr. Chivily '23  
MIDDLING GRADES DEPT.

(KJ 201) EMTs were rushed to Kirner-Johnson after Sophia Thatcher '22 was defenestrated by her History professor for using too much passive voice during a class discussion. “The Thirty Years’ War was being discussed in class, and too much passive voice was being used by Sophia. I was enraged by this, and Sophia was defenestrated by me,” Professor Joseph O’Brien was quoted saying.

Violence has been executed against students by whom the passive voice was used before. In 2017 the thesis of History major Ben Jenkins '17 was lodged down his throat after “the Titanic was struck by an iceberg” was written instead of “the Titantic struck an iceberg.” In 2019, Kevin Jennings '21, while abroad in London, was accosted by hired goons after tweeting, “OMG my tweet got liked by Joe Rogan!”

“After everything experienced by previous students was considered by me, I’m not surprised this

In this issue: You know how it’s Nerf or nothing? Well, for me it’s nude or nothing

MIDTERM FORECAST	DENIAL	ANGER	ACCEPTANCE
			
	5% chance you start working on your paper this weekend	Low probability the MLA guidelines have stayed consistent for an hour	“Fuck it, I’ll drop out—is Bloomberg still hiring?”

### THE CARNIVAL OF THE ANIMALS



“I hope one of the oboes gets bear-baited.”  
See, “No animals, no games, no nothing,” pg. 14

### THE DUEL ZODIAC

June 3-August 26,  
Betty: Betty has four kids, and nothing will ever be more important. Betty loves spin classes and Williams-Sonoma. Betty used to be part of a pyramid scheme, and now she works in multi-level marketing. Betty deserves to be happy. Leave him, honey.





NEW TO THE HAMILTON  
MOVIE CHANNEL

BACK TO THE BUTTI-TURE

NOW STREAMING!

From Hamilton Alumna Jojo Rinehart-Jones, a film about a boy sent back in time to save his existence after discovering his parents met at a Hamilton College PETE-UP the week *after* Super Tuesday. Upon travelling back in time in a retrofitted Jitney with a character loosely based on that disgraced Hamilton professor who was into cloning, our protagonist accidentally causes Pete Buttigieg to drop out of the presidential race by crashing his time machine into the office of the DNC in charge of secretly allocating weapons manufacturing dollars to his campaign. Now it’s up to him to travel to Hamilton College to get his parents together some other way—before he starts to disappear! But along the way, he’ll find that his mother’s eyes are starting to wander towards a mysterious new “Jan” student... HIM!

Panned by critics and audiences alike, the film is being given exclusive HMC screening rights by Rinehart-Jones in exchange for an extra plate at reunions this year.

“Bizarrely filled with references to a specific liberal arts college” - Roger Ebert


“Makes about as much sense as Pete’s speeches” - *NYTimes*

“[frowny face emoji]” - Chasten Buttigieg

“Top ten songs to do acid to. I mean movies. I mean uhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh-hhhhhhhhhhhhhhyeah” - *The Daily Bull*

Printed out by Ms. Rinehart-Jones ’20

Spring Break Calendar

MARCH 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8  Who cares	9  Who cares	10  Who cares	11  Who cares	12  Oh fuck wait I have a paper due tomorrow	13  SPRING BREAK FUCK YEEEEEE EEEEEEEEEE EEEEAAAAA AAAAAAAHH	14  Sleeeeeeee
15  eeeeeeep	16  Get out of bed to pee then go back to bed	17  Text friend to hang out and then fall asleep with them on read	18  Attempt to break my JO record (18 in 24 hrs)	19  Apply for jobs	20  Get out of bed to bring snacks back to bed	21  Like my suite mate's Habitat for Humanity trip on Facebook
22  Binge watch TikTok compilations and alien conspiracies	23  Ok, actually apply for jobs	24  Open my window shades and see natural light	25  Yell at Mom for not having Fiji water even though I told her I wanted it	26  Alright jokes aside, let's do that job shit now	27  Take a break today to de-stress	28  CHECK TODO LIST FOR THINGS DOABLE IN ONE DAY
29  fuckfuckfuckf uckfuckfuckfu ckfuckfuckfuc kfuckfuckfuck fuckfuckfuckf	30  	31  Oh cool I got an A on my paper				

Predicted by Mr. Kelly ’21

Friday Five: Women

By Mr. Wilson ’23, Mr. Wright-Schaner ’23,  
& Ms. Davidson ’23

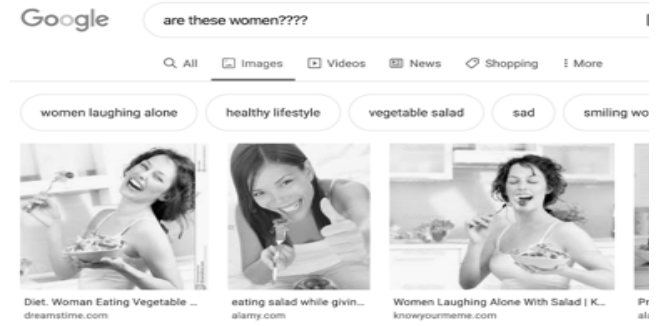
*With everything that’s going on with our current political climate, the writers at The Duel Observer thought it pertinent to celebrate some of the most influential women for this upcoming International Women’s Day. Women have been around for at least sixty years, possibly even sixty-seven. Women began when Orange is the New Black happened irl (in real life). They’re often called by “names” that end in -y like “Anny,” “Sophy,” and “E.E. Cummings.” Not only are they women but they also do other things too in addition to that. And so strong (the women are). They’re the strongest womxn I know. One woman is Marie Curie (ew), but I digress.*

**5. Mom.** I hear about this one all the time. The first time I met my mom was Christmas Eve 2008. There she was, on her womanly throne, with my sister(?) on her lap. She had a big stomach, a red suit, and a white beard. It was in the Westfield Mall that I saw her when I saw my mom for the first time on Christmas Eve 2008. “What do you want for Christmas?” she pried kindly but kinda mean too also. “A pony,” I lied. She laughed like a mom would: with her mouth. She became canonized later that day... St. Nick they call her, my mom, whom I met for the first time in the Westfield Mall on Christmas Eve 2008.

**4. Things in the sea.** In the novel *Moby Dick* by Herman Melville, the main character Ishmael always refers to a special someone when he talks about sea things. “Thar **she** blows,” he says about a whale (127). “**She’s** keeling to starboard,” he says about the boat (229). We can confirm without hesitation that these things that he talks about might be women! Because of the pronouns he uses, they are women because he says “she” because of the pronouns he uses (447). It was kinda funny too sometimes (the book was).

**3. Juliet Davidson.** She’s right here?

**2. This One, Maybe...**



1. ??? It is hour twenty-eight (28) of writing this article, and we have not discerned any other women. Maybe Glenn Close, but we don’t know. hmm

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