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"Knowe Thyself, Not Be Thyself."

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MAYA RUDOLPH TO REPRISE ROLE As Terry Martinez On *SNL*

FIRST-YEARS DISAPPOINTED BY LACK OF PARTIES

Because they'd totally be invited

Mr. Stringer'23

CRUSHIN BREWS DEPT.

(IN MY ROOM LIKE Y'ALL **SHOULD** BE) As the semester starts anew and the class of 2024 arrives at Hamilton for their first days of college, many students have found themselves struggling to adjust to the "new normal" of life on the hill. Masks are everywhere, dining is to-go, and parties as we knew them are canceled, much to the chagrin of many first-year students.

"It just sucks, y'know? I was just really excited to hit the social scene and make new friends. This felt like it was going to be my year," Neil West '24 said.

"I was finally gonna get laid!" another student lamented, with confidence unbecoming of someone with a fedora and *Minecraft* t-shirt.

"This is all so unfair!" Kyle Bradsworth '24 cried. "I feel like I've been robbed of my college experience. Everyone knows that the most important part of college is the social experience! My daddy donates too much money for things to be any different than normal!" Bradsworth then scream-cried about the loss of his "college experience," saying, "The masks don't even work!" and "My dad's lawyer is going to fuck you up!" His ten newest, closest friends were left to console him in the middle of Martin's Way.

Senior administrator Wavid Dippman expressed apathy over the issue. "Who cares? The college's charter is pretty clear: 'No fucking loser frosh at cool upperclassman parties.*"

When questioned about not being able to attend a college party in his first semester, Zeke Amador '21 replied, "Dude, I'm a senior. Can't you tell? I just got my student pub card!" He gestured to the thin, barely visible strip of hair above his lip. "My dad said if I grew this mustache people would stop thinking I was a pre-teen."

But all is not lost for many enterprising young first-years, who are undeterred by the looming threat of a deadly global pandemic and are still finding ways to be sociable. Namely, just congregating like normal but in stupid fucking places like the Field House. It's heartening to see that this Hamily will not be intimidated by science or common decency, and it is clear that the class of 2024 will make their Hamilton College Experience the best two weeks of their lives.

*as published in the 1875 amendment

HAMILTON FOOTBALL TEAM HAS FIRST EVER PERFECT SEASON Half of endowment spent on golden championship rings

By Mr. Chivily '23

Advantageous Technicalities Dept. (STEUBEN FIELD) After the NESCAC announced that athletics for the Fall 2020 semester were canceled, student athletes at Hamilton came to terms with the fact that they would be missing an entire season of their respective sport. Many teams were upset at the news, but one team was overjoyed at the prospect of not playing a single game. Excited chatter swept through the Hamilton Football Team, as the players and coaches realized they would not have to go through another embarrassing season where they lose every single one of their games. "This is so ferda, I'm highkey gonna slam some brewskis at a Psi U party that totally violates every social distancing restriction," middle linebacker and Commons hard-boiled egg connoisseur Lance Beeker '21 said.

Listen, we've gone years without making the playoffs, or even winning a game. Since our season was canceled, we don't have to worry about being humiliated because our kicker missed a field goal from five yards away or we lost 77 games in a row. We have the best record since

1903," Head Football Coach Benny Smith said. "We're gonna spend this year training harder, stronger, and more intensely than ever before. Next season, we'll win a real game, and finally get that wooden rocking chair back from Middlebury, assuming they haven't used it for firewood in their biomass plant."

Hamilton Football fans have also noted the historical significance of this season. The Hamilton College 2020 Football Team is being hailed as the most successful team in Hamilton's history. Alumni who played for their alma mater are finally not ashamed to admit they were a member of the team. "I've raised three children and used my Econ degree to help crash the housing market in 2008 to make millions for myself, but this is arguably the proudest I've ever been in my entire life," Zachary Radcliffe '83, former quarterback, said.

The team's newfound success has inspired the Hamilton administration to build a new football stadium. "We're planning on building a state-of-the-art sports complex over the grounds of KTSA and Sadove. Sure, we'll demolish two important buildings on campus, but in the end, fans will want to attend games and it'll increase our endowment!" President David Wippman said. Fans are expected to flood into the stands of the new Steuben Stadium for the first time.

STUDENT BRINGS THE WRONG Mask to Class

Professor is kinda into it

By Mr. Lannon '22

HARDCORE ECONOMICS DEPT.

(THE RED PIT) Heads turned Tuesday, as Ian Marston '23 stumbled into his 8:00 AM Microeconomics class wearing what a classmate described as "The kinkiest fucking shit I've ever seen" in place of the school-issued cloth mask. The black leather mask covered his entire head, sporting a series of steel spikes and zippers, a ball gag, and the words "HARDER, FASTER, STRONGER" emblazoned across the straps.

When questioned about the incident, Marston stated, "I just grabbed the closest mask to my bed when I got up this morning. I swear I left my cloth mask right there, but I was barely awake until the caffeine hit me halfway through Micro, so I guess I grabbed the wrong one. I noticed something was up with my mouth, but I assumed it was just morning breath and not a spiked ball gag."

While the majority of the class was left in shock at Marston's erotic interpretation of the mask requirement, none were so strongly affected as Marston's girlfriend, Maive Hendricks '22, who fainted. When questioned later, she replied, "He made fun of my crocheted mask earlier, for giving off vibes that I was 'that girl,' and then comes in wearing THAT? Not to mention he's sure as hell never used that mask with me!"

Although this marks a bitter end to Marston and Hendricks's relationship, the accidental revelation of Marston's kinkier second persona, Meathook Marston, has brought about several advantages for this semester. Most notably, Marston's professor has promised extra credit if he keeps wearing the mask to class. When asked for a reason, Professor Edmund Barner mumbled through his beard, "Maybe I should try that."

Members of Marston's cohort have been seen carrying a vat of Elmer's glue, a weed whacker, and a pair of live jellyfish into his room, not appearing until several hours later, wearing borrowed items of Marston's clothing and drenched in sweat.

In this issue: I'm pubescent - I'm hairy as a motherfucker!

FIRST WEEKEND FORECAST

SATURDAY FRIDAY 40% chance Campo misses the parties too



"Do you think they're six feet apart?"

SUNDAY

COVID-19 TESTING

Ever wondered what a lobotomy felt like? Not like this, you're doing it wrong. See, "You weren't gonna pass that Econ final anyways," pg. 20

Hamilton Health Tip of the Week

Refrain from asking about your friend's summer to avoid getting kicked in the teeth. If you do get your teeth kicked in, ask your RA for an extra mask!

Incident Report for the Week of 8/28/20

- 8/23 Noise complaint, Dunham Hall, 8:02 PM
- 8/23 Open container violation, South Quad, 10:22 PM
- 8/24 Noise complaint, Dunham Hall, 8:04 PM (This better not become a regular thing, David.)
- 8/25 Fire alarm, McIntosh Hall, 3:46 AM (You think you're a cool Dark Sider just because you burn sage? Fire safety is not a goddamn joke, Sarah!)
- 8/25 Loogie Hocking violation, flooding complaint, Milbank Hall, 7:14 AM
- 8/27 Dry cough report, Wallace Johnson, 8:37 AM (disciplinary hearing pending)
- 8/27 Marijuana complaint, Babbitt Hall, 8:38 AM
- 8/27 Violation of bulk alcohol policy, open container violation, disgusting mullets, Eels Hall Porch, 1:55 PM
- 8/27 HERT activated after Zodiac Killer sighting, Halfway House on College Hill Rd, 1:44 PM (further developments will be shared via text when least convenient and most stressful for you)
- 8/27 Noise complaint, several panicked calls, Minor Hall, 8:03 PM (Next time we won't set off fireworks after a HERT alert, oops! :) Sorry! :) We couldn't have foreseen this!)
- 8/27 Noise complaint, Dunham Hall, 8:07 PM (David, I swear to god—)
- 8/27 Unregistered & non-distanced gathering, KJ Red Pit, 9:52 PM (Which idiot freshman thought it was a good idea to bring NATTY LITES??? We have all of your names, don't worry.)
- 8/28 Excessive PDA (public indecency, second degree), mask violation (public indecency, first degree), Minor Field, 12:46 AM
- 8/28 Duel Observer email sent, campus-wide, 10:30 AM (evacuation of all students commenced within the hour)

Perused while trying to remember what an Opus chai with whole milk tastes like by Ms. Cavallino '21

Hamilton's Quarantine Meal Service Oclaimed

8/19/2020



Stephen B.

Wertimer, Clinton, NY

👯 9 friends

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Embed review

This place has EVERYTHING. Hummus, giant chocolate chip cookies, yellow dye 3. And guess what? It's exclusive. I personally heard about it from my mother's cousin's brother-in-law's dogsitter's favorite cellist Ashley Place. And personally, I love eating meals alone. No more human flesh tainting my vegan couscous!

1 check-in



Aliah T.

Milbank, Clinton, NY

👬 0 friends

5 reviews

Embed review

Jenna S.

Kirkland, Clinton, NY

0 friends

4 reviews

David W.

President's Estate, Clinton, NY

21 friends

31 reviews

29 photos

8/22/2020

I really loved most of my meals. However, I think someone accidentally gave me some of the oil that Hamilton is currently invested in. I would prefer the cranberry juice cocktail next time.

Q Useful 2





8/21/2020

I LOVED the chickpea wraps and the giant chocolate chip cookies. But I really could have used more protein. I would almost say that it's like how the new Advisory Council could use more student voices, but then nobody in charge would take my review seriously.

Q Useful Funny Cool

2 check-ins





★ ★ ★ ★ ■ 8/20/2020

I have never had a more delicious meal in my life. I am beyond pleased with my sandwiches and apples. Yum. Thank you, Hamilton, for being the best institution out there. You will certainly make it until November. Only four stars because I wish I could have seen more of that



handsome Wippman fellow.



Reviewed by Ms. Terhune '21

Housing Groups Guide

After receiving many complaints about the various restrictions placed on students and who they are allowed to visit, we at the Dean of Students Office have developed a few new communities that students can enjoy. These will join Family Units, Cohorts, and Extended Family Units in our guide to residential life and will be implemented effective immediately.

Distant Cousin - Everyone who shares the same room number as you regardless of what residence hall they live in will be considered a Distant Cousin. Distant Cousins are allowed to wave at each other on Martin's Way from 20 feet away. Also, when calling out to a Distant Cousin, you are only allowed to get their name correct 65% of the time.

Estranged Uncle/Aunt - Each Cohort will have one member randomly designated as the Estranged Uncle/ Aunt. This means they are no longer allowed to have contact with anyone in their Cohort. They are free to interact with a different Cohort, but since they are not allowed to change room assignments, they aren't allowed to visit anyone else. Also, their Hill Card will be deactivated for the duration of the semester.

Siblings - All on-campus couples must now register with the school to be labelled as Siblings. This is to prevent sexual activities between couples, as you are now having sex with your sibling, and since that's incest it will result in four points if caught.

Extended Extended Family Unit - Two Extended Family Units combined will make an Extended Extended Family Unit. You are still not allowed to visit anyone else and being in someone's Extended Extended Family Unit won't actually help in any capacity. Also, they're chosen completely randomly just to make it more confusing.

Step Parent - Whenever an RA enters a relationship, their partner becomes that floor's Step Parent. A Step Parent is not a trained RA but is allowed to make decisions as if they are. Additionally, you must address your Step Parent as "Daddy" or "Mommy" because we know our student body would be super into that.

We hope you enjoy these new communities. The Dean of Students Office is committed to making this semester as good as it can be, and if you disagree with any of our actions, we will fucking bury you.

Found taped to his dorm room door by Mr. Kelly '21

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