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"Knowe Thyself, Not Be Thyself."

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COVID STATUS TURNS ORANGE For Halloween

LIT. & CREATIVE WRITING COSTUME COMPETITION JUST STUDENTS IN WIZARD HATS

"Ooh, this one has pockets."

By Ms. Terhune '21

ORIGINALITY DEPT.

(CREEPY ROOT BASEMENT) On Friday afternoon, the Literature and Creative Writing Departments hosted an online costume competition wherein students presented their best Halloween attire. While previous costume competitions featured a variety of characters, such as Frodo, Legolas, and Tall Frodo, students in this year's competition dressed up exclusively as wizards.

"I thought my Gandalf the Grey costume, AKA a paper hat and a grey robe, was pretty unique," Madge Smith '21 said. "I had even planned a final reveal where I tossed bleach on my clothes and became Gandalf the White, but I gave up after I saw all the other wizards in the chat. I can't compete with Dumbledore, Merlin, and 'the wizard from *Brokeback Mountain* if *Brokeback Mountain* had wizards."

The competition's judge, Professor Brock Campbell, felt that the costume competition would help increase student morale. "This country has been in shambles since Comic-Con was canceled," he said. "Our Creative

Writing students have absolutely no creative outlets anymore, and their angst seems justified for the first time in the department's history. With this competition, we can provide our students a space to have fun, connect with their peers, and reuse all their D&D props."

The competition's winner, Wynn DeWorde '23, took a uniquely personal approach to choosing her costume. "I knew that I wanted to be a wizard, but I wasn't sure which one," she said. "And then I thought, 'Which wizard do I know most intimately?' and I knew that I had to go with Yoda from my Yoda x Sherlock Holmes fanfic."

Likewise, DeWorde won because her story of how an adorably lactose intolerant Yoda fell in love with Sherlock Holmes touched the audience in their hearts and bowels. "As I showcased my costume, I simply explained that Yoda and Sherlock met in a Utica café scented with hibiscus and cigarettes. Yoda used his lightsaber to cast a spell on Sherlock, and Sherlock instantly became enamored with the space wizard. I'm pretty sure that won them over," she said.

One student not dressed as a wizard joined the Zoom call, but left before he could officially be considered for the costume competition. Decked all out in leather and chains, the participant "Lord Bigman" stuttered an "Uhh, wrong Zoom call--oh, hi Professor," before waving goodbye with his cane.

Costumes Matter" to her Instagram story. In an Instagram Live, Sullivan-Adams stated, "I made my costume using parts of my grandpa's uniform, so it's sentimental. Plus, wearing a badge is hot! It puts me on a power trip."

Sullivan-Adams' remark offended multiple students, namely her roommate, Jessika Ross '21. "Her grandfather got fired for police misconduct, so I have no idea why she thinks this is OK. Whenever we try to talk to her about it, she reminds us that she's taking an Africana Studies course," Ross said.

"What do the liberals want me to be instead? Sexy Kamala Harris?" Sullivan-Adams asked. "I mean, I guess that's the same thing." According to Sullivan-Adams, she plans to wear her costume to her not-COVID-friendly Carnegie mixer anyway. "I just feel so oppressed because of these protests," Sullivan-Adams said. "Rich white people can't catch a break these days."

Sullivan-Adams was caught later that night with a campus police officer, literally licking his boots in a Campo car.

LIGHT SIDER PROTESTS ON BEHALF OF SEXY COP COSTUMES

Claims BLM is violating her rights

By Ms. Wroblewski '23

PLEASE READ THE ROOM DEPT.

(DEEP IN THE CORNFIELD) In light of recent protests, certain iconic Halloween costumes have fallen from grace in the eyes of many students, and numerous Light Siders have expressed concern that their costumes will be deemed offensive. However, one student in particular is making significant fuss about the sensitivity surrounding sexy cop costumes this Halloweekend.

"I am just, like, so distraught. I put together such a sexy cop costume and now it's just sitting in my closet," McKeighleigh Sullivan-Adams '21 said. "People told me I'd get canceled if I wore it but honestly, I don't see why it's such a big deal. I come from a police family so I totally get that all lives matter," she sighed.

Sullivan-Adams has been very vocal about the matter on social media, sharing posts that say "All

"Wait until they see my Henry V costume."

FRENCH MAJORS UPSET AFTER STUDENT WEARS JULIUS CAESAR COSTUME

By Mr. Chivily '23

MISPLACED ACTIVISM DEPT.

(DISCIPLINARY ZOOM ROOM) On Halloween, Octavian Thurinius '23 posted a seemingly harmless photo of himself as Julius Caesar on Instagram. While the reception to his costume started out well, comments soon turned nasty. A series of French majors called out his costume as problematic, since Julius Caesar killed "one million Gauls two thousand years ago" and was a monster for "eating veal at feasts during his military campaigns in Gaul," and demanded the post be taken down.

French professors also decried Thurinius's post. "Hon hon hon, you stupid arrogant American. You thought you could insult the honor of the French people, who have created many smelly cheeses and were brave warriors for millennia until 1940, and get away with it?" French Professor Mangeur D'Escargot commented on Thurinius's post.

The outraged French majors and professors formally filed a complaint with Dean of Students Terry Martinez after Thurinius refused to take the picture down. "Hamilton rejects racism and bigotry. After conferring with The Advisory Council, I have decided to officially cancel Mr. Thurinius. I am expelling him from Hamilton and exiling him to France as punishment. He was notified of his fate earlier over a five-minute Zoom call," Martinez said.

A similar incident occurred over the 2019 Halloween season. Joseph Ganbat '22 decided to honor his Mongolian heritage and dress up as Genghis Khan for Halloween. After a group of Chinese majors and professors filed a complaint against Ganbat, Ganbat was put into academic probation and a wall was built around his dorm.

"In light of the incidents involving Mr. Thurinius and Mr. Ganbat from the past two HALLOWEENS, the Hamilton administration feels that the student body is too immature to pick their own Halloween costumes," President David Wippman said in an email. "From now on, students will have to choose amongst three pre-selected costumes: a sexy Alexander Hamilton, a Dunham chlamydia cell, or myself with hair."

In this issue: Let he who is without paint on their taint cast the first stone

PWLTDFT SAYS DON'T VOTE!



This November 3, stay home and play Boggle with your grandma See, "Maybe You'd Win If You Weren't Crying So Much, Meemaw," pg. 20

Hamilton Health Tip of the Week

Rush your ex before rushing ATX!

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10:00 PM

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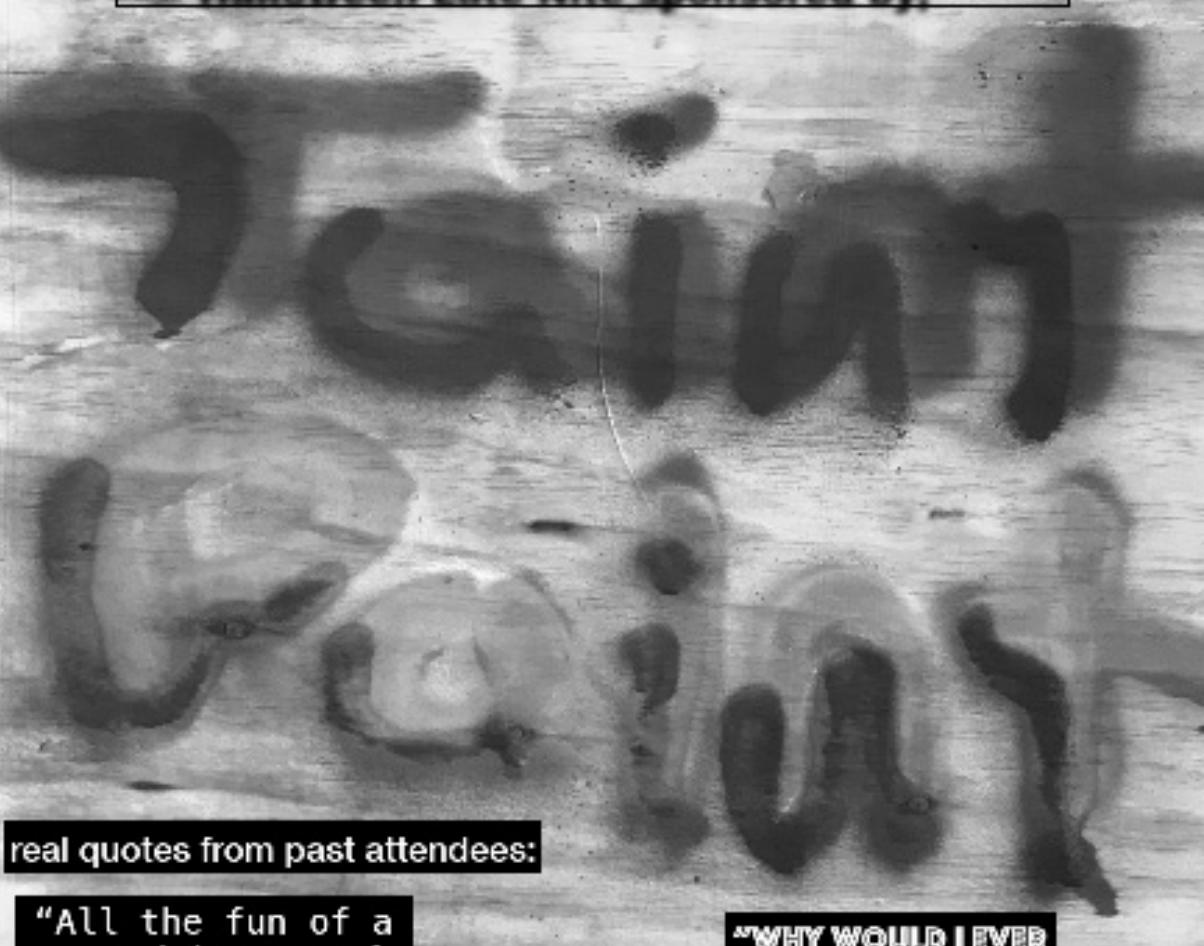


Low probability
you even know
what this
event is



"I could've just
ignored this as a
PDF."

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Halloween Late Nite sponsored by;**



real quotes from past attendees:

"All the fun of a UTI with none of the sex"

"It's like the spongebob pretty pattys episode except with my cunt hair"

"WHY WOULD I EVER PUT THAT ON ME"

"it won't come off"

Hosted by Mr. Gallagher '21

Lamestream Media Silent on Deadly Pandemic

We are in a crisis. A crisis of faith. And also of disease. There is a lethal new virus spreading around the world and the liberals in charge of our media conglomerates (like Rupert Murdoch) have remained curiously silent. We here at *The Enquiry* would like to know why.

First let me set the Wilhelm Wagner record straight. Just because *The Enquiry* publishes fascist content, and I write for *The Enquiry*, does not mean I am a fascist. Now that we got that disclaimer out of the way, you cannot cancel me. I am cancelproof.

I did my own research into this, and I found that over 200,000 people have died from this virus in the US alone. So why is nobody talking about it? My theory is that the media doesn't want the American public to know that Antifa started it. There is evidence that actively proves the opposite, but I firmly believe that Barack HUSSEIN Obama is directly responsible somehow. He claims he had nothing to do with it, but that's exactly what he would say if he had, so I'm just asking questions here. I don't personally know anybody who's had it, which is surprising given that I haven't left this basement in two years. But you're telling me my loved ones (blow-up dolls in the corner) are safe from an airborne virus? Give me a break.

Now, I'm not saying that Bill Clinton eats the babies he sniffs, but what I AM saying is that nobody has proven that he doesn't. And I'm not saying that Donald Trump knows about all of this and is fighting to protect those babies, but I AM saying that he definitely isn't not probably doing exactly that. Don't look into that. Just read this Q post I found. It'll only take you 3-ish hours to manipulate whatever he says to fit whatever you want it to say, AND IT SAYS EVERYTHING.

This virus seems to be virtually unheard of on the Rachel Maddow show. You know, Rachel Maddow, the Czech pornstar who livestreams herself jerking off to an American flag and sitting on the face of a Civil War reenactor. The good kind, of course. If you want to believe CNN, or as I like to call them, the Clinton Nanarchy Nantifa show, the protests are the biggest thing in the US right now. But what about the virus huh? Obama's got some explaining to do.

Published in a mustard-stained *Enquiry* by Mr. Wilson '23 and Mr. Steele '23

Friday Five: Portals On Campus (And How to Access Them)

By Mr. Piazza '24

Ever wanted to disappear into another realm? Maybe vanish out of existence? Fuck Jack Skellington? Get to the front of the Commons line? Here's how to access the portals.

5. Jump off Martin's Way Bridge. This one is unverified, but once while I was on shrooms a very convincing pigeon told me I'd find a better place down there. The transmission happens before you hit the ground, so I wouldn't worry.

4. Enter mouth of the Science Center Alligator. The professors might call her Eliza or Martha, but his real name is Azathoth the Destroyer, and the dread you feel approaching her gaping jaws is nothing more than a conjuring designed to defend the treasures of the realm beyond. Wear your grandma's favorite steak-scented perfume for optimum transmission.

3. Swim to the bottom of the KTSA Pond. All you'll need is an antique diver's helmet and a harpoon (just in case), and you'll find a portal to a nether dimension swirling at the utmost depths of the pond. The Board of Trustees' panic room may or may not be there.

2. Drive the Glen Car. You know the old broken down rusty car in the Glen that no one can resist taking an Insta photoshoot in the first time they find it? Well, if you want to enter the *Cars 3* universe, you just have to sit in the driver's seat fully naked and recite the whole script to *Planes*. (It's kind of the cars' Bible. (Except for Lightning McQueen, who is obviously an atheist.))

1. Journey to Couper Hall's Attic. Okay, this is the most Narnia-esque of them all, and I think this one will really work, so all you have to do is pickpocket the janitor and deliver the key to me, and then we can go in together. Don't try going in alone; you will die. Now I will warn you, I suspect that the janitor is a mythic beast in disguise, so be prepared for tricks, and pick up a breadstick from Commons before for self-defense. If you go through this portal, you'll end up on bed rest, but don't worry (probably).

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Meet the Newest American Girl!

Meet the newest member of American Girl Doll's 2020 collection: David Wippman! This 7-foot-tall, 112-pound doll is sure to bring your child joy, inspiration, and lymphoma. David is characterized by his perseverance, determination, and fortitude as his accessories include a standup desk and bed with accompanying motivational rocks. He also comes with a can of oil and powdered milk for his squeaky, weak, little bones. Did we mention he is calcium deficient? David also carries a bottle of homemade iron supplements to help with his anemia. He will surely teach your child how to care for a dehydrated and nimble 50-year-old man. Fun!

David was trained to be a plumber as a young fancy-boy and loves what he does. Besides fixing pipes, David loves to comb his hair, wear shampoo, and starch his clothes. Your child will also need to take care of David's companion animal, Gloria the Hamilton skunk! Gloria got a little too stinky? Don't worry! David always carries his trusty thermos filled with lukewarm tomato juice to ease the scent.

David retails at the normal American Girl Doll price of \$115. However, you can also add his customizable accessory pack which includes his desk, bed, rock, and starch bucket for the low cost of \$48. Purchasing David also makes you eligible for a 20% discount on his accompanying doll, Terry Martinez! David's companion novel, "Starch Me Up Buttercup" is sure to bring your children some laughter and is a great read for the whole family. David is a special edition doll and will only be available for one month, so get him fast!

Found in List Dining Area underneath exposed wires near Gloria the Skunk
by Ms. Schneck '23 and Mr. Hausmann '23



Life Advice from Girl With Leggings in Carn™: How to Overcome the Sunday Scaries

Dear Girl With Leggings in Carn™,

Ok firstly I love your weekly column— thank you for giving us Ham ladies life advice and like also teaching us about Insta activism because I literally had no idea you couldn't say slurs anymore! Hamilton literally would be so lost without you (lol unrelated but that time you called campo on Minds for Change...ICONIC). Ok so I need some help, girlfriend...Every Sunday I wake up with the Sunday Scaries! You know what those are, right? You wake up after partying all weekend (cringing at all the cringey things you did), you feel so hungover, and on top of that you have so much work to do!! They always sneak up on me, so this week I ask you... How do you deal with the Sunday Scaries?

Love u girlie,
Heidi Shart '23

Dear Heidi,

Thxsomuch for ur questshun! I luv hearing from my freshmen gorlies! U guys r literally so cute like omg I low key miss Dunham so much— EW don't tell anyone I said that! Hahahahahahbut girlie the struggle is real. Sunday scaries are literally the scariest thing ever except maybe that one time with the Cubist missile crisis (lol I'm a history major soz I'm such a freaking nerd EW don't laugh at me ewwww!) And like nobody ever talks about them like everyone's always like "ugh mondays" but like u guyss Sundays r literally like so much worse. It's like waking up right after Chernobyl happened but like every week hahahahaha last Sunday was sooo scary, so I'm so glad u asked this questshun 4 this week.

Last Sunday I woke up with gout lol talk about Sunday scaries XD! I like woke up and my footies were like GIRLL WYD!? and I was like ugh so true so I called my mom and she was like (my mom is literally my rock) u should totally (guyss literally my mom is my bff) go to the ER like gout is so awkco taco— yes! She actually said that. My mom is low key a crackhead omg but like gotta love her u know (except for when she calls me fat and stupid but like lol crackhead girlies are always like that. Also my mom is so funny bcs like she was indicted omg crackhead hah!) And so I like get in my Subie and like drive to the hospital except my foot wasn't working bcs gout lol so I asked my friend Sam to drive me and omg u guys he was literally so sweet. He let me hold the wheel and everythinggggg.

Ok so I get to the ER and this cute little nurse man comes up to me and he's like "hey I'm ur nurse" and I was like "oMG male nurse this is literally too funny guys I was crying." Wait no I didn't say that last part I only said "OMG male nurse!!" And then he said "What?" And then I said, "OMg my toesies" and he said "What?" And then I said, "Call her daddy" and then he said "What?" and then I said "Guys are just so much more chill like girls are too much drama" and then he said "What?" and then I past out and I woke up ten minutes ago with no feet and like a million freaking stick-n-pokes on my legs!!! Like um who am I, Avril Devaline?! Oh except like they're not stick-n-pokes lol. It's just the forty stitches on my leg stubsies.

Anyways girl u literally just have to get through them, like some people are like omg do ur work on Saturday or like wensday but like Sunday is like the perfect day to do everything bcs like u can j save it for one day & make it easier. Also like maybe try cheating.

Stay woke stay fabulus,
Girl With Leggings in Carn™

Found taped to Elihu Root's tombstone with a free baby by Ms. Davidson '23