

# THE DUEL OBSERVER

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## The Sun Has Finally Come Out but Some Students Say They’ve Known for Years

**WHAT HAPPENS AFTER HAMILTON: THE THEORY OF CONTINENTAL DRIFT**  
**Roll Conts, drift Conts, what’s the difference?**

By Mr. Lannon ’22

**FREE ROAM DEPT.**  
**(RAMPANO FAULT LINE)** Campus quaked yesterday in wake of the end of year Career Center talk, titled “What Comes Next? How to Avoid Continental Drift.” Directed at the graduating senior class, the talk centered around anchoring oneself to the Hamily, even upon trying to leave the Hill.

“Even after you’re long graduated,” Speaker Winston Freeman lectured, “you’re part of an ever-growing and continuous family. The thing is, we become an estranged family. Years pass and a once close graduating class dwindles bit by bit, until there’s no one else left at the reunions. We

**HAMILTON COLLEGE REALIZES IT’S DOING TOO MUCH FOR EARTH DAY**  
**How about the Earth pulls itself up by its bootstraps?**  
Mr. Feldman ’22

**DEPARTMENT OF UNSUSTAINABILITY**  
**(ON THE MOUNTAIN OF WASTED FOOD)** After the success of Earth Week, Hamilton Administration received complaints from the Board of Trustees that the College was doing too much to support sustainability efforts. Originally excited to see how much waste the student body could produce, the Board was disappointed to learn that the weighing of scraps was an attempt to curb student food waste. “I remember a time when Hamilton was a school where students did something. In my junior year, I single-handedly cleaned out the salad bar to bring us to ten pounds a student,” Charles Koch ’79 (whose portfolio entirely consists of Big Oil) said. “To try and bring to the student’s attention that they aren’t completely entitled to waste whatever they want is an affront to our values. It’s simply unAmerican.”

Students, however, pushed back against

can’t have that. Ask the Geology department. Continental drift is bad news. Too many continents drift, and you end up with barriers and pretty soon there are lines drawn and it’s a game of ‘Whose Fault is it Anyway.’”

Following their warnings, the Career Center purchased a value pack of boat anchors at New Hartford superstore Moats, Boats, ‘n Remotes: Stuff to Keep ‘em In or Out. “With our A.N.C.H.O.R. program (that’s Association of NESCAC College Heretical Outlook Reform), we only have two kinds of graduates. They’re either buff or blue by the time we’re through with them, a reminder that you’re always part of our Hamily,” School Spirit Coordinator Oliver Loyaltei boasted.

In a last-ditch effort to defy the Career Center, Streaking Team captain and NASCAR enthusiast Derrick “Free Willy” Johnson ’22 blew a raspberry at Loyaltei, before flawlessly drifting around the corner on his scooter and zooming off into the sunset.

the Board and College by saying the school wasn’t doing enough. Paul Paulson ’23, an Econ major and self-described Instagram infographic expert, told *The Duel*, “frankly, it’s embarrassing to be associated with this school. Most other institutions do at least three sustainability events that no one pays attention to. We can barely do one.” When pressed about whether there were any other events put on by Hamilton, Paulson noted that he didn’t really pay attention.

In response to the outrage, President Wippman was properly chewed out by the Board and then immediately placed into the trash, despite there being a compost bin directly next to it. The College has since announced that all other green initiatives have been placed on pause except for the growing number of Covid cases, which is the only way the College can maintain its ‘Green Status’. This includes halting the complete color rebranding, replacing everything related to the College to be buff and green, turning off the heat in summer, and dismantling President Wippman’s personal coal plant. Additionally, the ambitious goal of going carbon neutral by 2500 has been pushed back to 2600.

**KTSA POND IS DINER’S NEWEST SUPPLIER**  
**Offishially the freshest around**  
By Mr. Lum ’22

**AQUACULTURE DEPT.**  
**(DOWN WHERE IT’S WETTER)** Bon Appétit announced on Wednesday that, as part of a continued effort to source and provide local food, it will begin serving sushi made with fish from the KTSA pond. This comes after complaints from students that the Howard Diner’s seafood is way too good. “It’s unclear whether Bon Appétit is responsible for the overabundance of what appear to be spicy salmon in the pond. Maybe they’re just capitalizing on some strange natural phenomenon,” said Director of Facilities Management Harry Balsaxon. “Either way, we should probably stop spraying all those carcinogenic chemicals on the ground nearby,” he continued.

Bon Appétit remains silent on the fishy origin of this new sea life, temporarily avoiding punishment for illegal campus pisciculture, but the negative effects are already piling up. Birds in the area have been observed suffering from mild to severe gastrointestinal discomfort, and one student relaxing on the KTSA lawn was allegedly skewered by a rogue tuna. Imaginative students like lacrosse player and craft beer enthusiast Chad Fischer ’25 are now considering eliminating the middle man, frustrated by having to go through the whole diner line again just for sushi. “Sushi is raw fish. What do I need diner for?” Fischer asked. “I can just scoop the fish up and eat them.”

In an email from the administration yesterday, students were warned against trying to capture the fish for use as pets or food. “You could fall into the pond and contaminate our pristine Clinton water,” the email stated. The administration is considering repurposing the Annex as a fish steroid testing center after the recent sighting of one absolutely gargantuan swimmer. “On God, this scoundrel looked like Mike Tyson,” eyewitness Olyveah Schmyth ’25 said.

It’s unclear what’s next for Bon Appétit, but McEwen has reportedly been eyeing the campus squirrels ever since they came out of hibernation. According to head chef Tannenbaum Sausisse, they’re “always looking for something new to spice up the ‘global’ section.”

In this issue: the pool’s drained and so am I

BANANAS AND BONES



Is that a banana in your pocket, or are you just excited for the show? See, “Come to the Barrett,” they said. “Watch a theater kid monologue,” they said. “It’ll be fun,” they said.”

SENIOR WEEK FORECAST

DAY1	DAY3	GRADUATION
High probability you're still in quarantine	"I can finally step on the map now! What's that about a swim test?"	80% chance your grandpa beats you in a cane fight

Weekly Omelette Recipe

- Crack open shell
- Find chick
- Chick imprints on you
- You are a parent now.

# Questions for the Administration

We at the *Duel* have a few questions that we'd love to ask the Administration, so please, President Wippman, Terry Martinez, or whoever else is out there, @ us with your response.

- What happens if my roommate gets covid under the new system?
- How can I request a new roommate?
- How many points do I get for hotwiring a food truck?
- Special interest housing: what rate are we talking?
- Has anyone gotten laid via myhamiltonconnect?
- Has anyone gotten a job via myhamiltonconnect?
- Does anyone use myhamiltonconnect?
- Are my work orders going through?
- Are my Title IX complaints going through?
- Did we really have to name like six different buildings "Root"?
- Goat yoga is FULL?
- Where do the goats go after yoga?
- Unrelated, has anyone solved "mystery meat"?

Submitted anonymously to *The Duel Observer* weekly meeting

Dear fuckleheads of our Community,

It has recently come to my attention that Hamilton is now getting some negative press. While normally we love any and all attention to increase our alumni donations, I really can't stand the idea that a single alt-right news site could scrounge up only one side of an entire avenue of on-campus discourse and pander it to their couple hundred radical readers who now say we're all going to hell! Please, there's a performative reason we made the Chapel the tallest building on campus; don't waste your parent's hard-invested money this way.

While I usually love sitting back to watch you little lemmings run around with your heads cut off, I lost my patience and am sending you this slap-on-the-wrist/plea/not-mad-just-disappointed email at 9pm on Easter Sunday without its usual official template layout. What I ask is this: everyone just cease inconveniencing me at your earliest possible opportunity. It costs you nothing to simply not engage in these conversations through toxic (you young people love these words right? That'll get your attention?) apps like Jodel, but it costs me a great deal of stress and also income, since the old ass alumni who donate to us can't understand that sometimes young people have the ability to see nuance in larger issues, and that satire publications (wink wonk, xoxo The Duel) are meant to point out the absurdity in situations where this is not evident.

While, of course, I understand that our students are capable of rational thought and can comprehend that other people can say things and have opinions without getting butthurt (tushy-troubled... fanny-frustrated? I should quit my day job!) I simply have to step aside to allow outsider institutions to judge us by the cries of one tiny "club" who I already sent to get a stern talking to from Chaplain McMaster Josh McArsed. Please understand I'm just a girl, standing in front of an entire student body, asking them to make my job easier. I know we educated you as a student body well, just not well enough to appease the powers that funnel money into your financial aid programs. C'est la vie.

Found weeks later, sad and soggy, in the Dean of Students' Drafts by Ms. Kapphahn '22

## Friday 5: Things The Duel Won't Comment On

By Mr.McCann '25

Recently The Duel has been accused of not responding to a request for comment by a notable newspaper. In response to this salacious attack on our highly respected news publication, we've decided to compile a list of things we absolutely, unequivocally, refuse to comment on.

**5. The Dunham Cock fighting ring.** While the existence of the Dunham cock fighting right has long since been confirmed, *The Duel Observer* absolutely refuses to comment on what type cocks are fighting, and will neither confirm nor deny if they have seen drunk freshman furiously running around Sadove in a feverish haze, pants around their ankles, silently whispering "jubb jubb want rubb rubb".

**4. Hamilton's basement playground.** When pressed for comment on whether *The Duel* has been inside of the rumored basement playground under List (a playground only known to consist of suspiciously sized swings, what looks to be like props from an Indiana Jones movie, and oddly proportioned dog costumes), their only response has been, "no comment".

**3. The Duel.**

**2. Goats on campus.** As Hamilton's only consistently respected news publication, *The Duel* was recently grilled by local students, asking if the goats really were for yoga, or if they were instead here for more nefarious purposes. *The Duel* has not yet responded to the voices of concerned students.

**1. The mysterious voice.** As of roughly a week ago, the campus has begun to hear a voice chanting, "the rapture is coming. The end is nigh, you feeble mortals, no one is safe." When asked as to whether this was a sign by a vengeful deity, or a poor attempt to get students to attend RA meetings, *The Duel* refused to comment.

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