



THE SPECTATOR



Larcenies of Many Vehicles on Campus have Students Concerned

by Russ Doubleday '11
NEWS WRITER

Last week, Campus Safety responded to three thefts from cars parked on various lots on the south side of campus. These events occurred on Wednesday, October 22 and Thursday, October 23. The first two larcenies took place in the Root Extension parking lot, and the third incident took place in the upper Milbank lot.

Francis Manfredo, director of campus safety, noted that the thieves were only stealing from certain cars. "The perpetrator(s) have been targeting GPS navigation [systems] and other electronic equipment," explained Manfredo. "[They] seem to be keying in on vehicles that have the suction cup mounts left in place on the windshield hoping to find the electronic equipment somewhere in the vehicle."

Campus Safety could not reveal any leads on the case to *The Spectator* for confidentiality reasons. However, Campus Safety is not pursuing these incidents on its own. The office is working with the Kirkland Police

Department to help find the thief (or thieves, potentially). Officials do not know if the perpetrator (s) are students or community residents.

It is not uncommon to find GPS

navigation systems in students' cars, especially considering the majority of students did not grow up near the college. These devices need to be placed

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PHOTO BY CHRIS EATON '11

Break-ins and thefts of GPS systems from cars have worried students.

Weather Holds for Fall Fest in Downtown Clinton Last Weekend

by Meredith Kennedy '09
NEWS WRITER

Last Sunday's crisp fall weather made for another successful Fall Fest on the Clinton Village Green. Both Hamilton students and Clinton residents took advantage of the beautiful weather and enjoyed a variety of activities and entertainment before the first snowfall later in the week.

The seventh annual Fall Fest, organized by the Social Traditions Committee, included engaging activities like pumpkin carving, beanbag toss and face painting, which were sponsored by various Greek societies and campus groups. Entertainment included a live performance in the gazebo by the Hamilton College Buffers, who serenaded the crowd with popular favorites like "Signed, Sealed, Delivered" and "Cecilia." The Hamil-

tones, the Juggling Club and Capoeira also performed.

Amid all the excitement and fun games was also a heated tent filled with fall favorites like apple cider, chili and chowder, catered by Bon Appetit. The Clinton Cider Mill also generously provided an ample supply of their infamous donuts for visitors to munch on.

"We had another very successful Fall Fest," Social Traditions Committee Chair Allison Gaston-Enholm '09 said. "All of the details fell into place so smoothly this year and I couldn't have been more pleased."

Not only did Fall Fest provide an afternoon of fun for families and a way for students to avoid homework for the upcoming week, it also continued to build the communication and involvement between the college and the community. Without the cooperation of community members, especially Ferris Betrus, vice president of Clinton Chamber of Commerce, the event would not have been possible.

Gaston-Enholm is grateful for the dedication and involvement of so many people. "I was thrilled with the involvement of most societies in running booths for kids. People kept their commitments and arrived on time to set up," she commented. In addition, two new societies set up booths for the kids, providing additional support for the event.

As far as leadership for next year, Gaston-Enholm is confident that her co-chairs, Amy Goldstein '11 and Caitlyn Williams '11, will carry on the tradition in her absence. Hopefully, the weather will continue to cooperate too!



PHOTO COURTESY CAITLYN WILLIAMS '11

Fall Fest, established in order to foster better town-gown relations.

Election Debate Raises Awareness

by Daniel Steinman '12
NEWS WRITER

The College Democrats and College Republicans held a debate on some of the critical national issues voters are considering this election in the Chapel Wednesday evening. Over the course of an hour, the conversation moved from national security to economic policy, and finally Supreme Court and judicial policy, spending about 20 minutes on each subject. Each side was given about two minutes to respond to each question, with one minute dedicated to followup from the opposing side.

Visiting Assistant Professor of Government Morgan Marietta moderated the debate, using previously agreed upon topic questions to start the conversation and mostly unscripted questions for followup, as well as taking questions from the audience of about 25. "I thought it was exceptionally well argued all around," Marietta commented. "Both sides presented the arguments more clearly than the Presidential candidates [have in the televised debates]. Probably because they answered the questions."

Representing the Democrats were Rachel Horowitz '09, Will Leubsdorf '10, and Kye Lippold '10. Liz Farrington '10, Tim Minella '09, and Thomas Cheeseman '12 argued on the Republican side. Generally, neither side strayed too far from the party line in their responses.

Prominent in the discussion was how to address the mortgage crisis, which Democrats blamed on the Bush administration's lack of economic regulation. Republican Tim Minella claimed, "the economy has emerged as the most salient issue in this campaign." He clarified the Republican position: "We oppose large tax increases in the middle of economic troubles. Hiking taxes right now would retard the economy from recovering from this recession."

Both sides presented why the Presidential candidate for their respective party had the strongest anti-terror strategy as well as the strongest platform for foreign policy, focusing predominantly on Iraq, Afghanistan, and Iran.

Horowitz, the president of the College Democrats, said, "For me, the most important issue discussed was Iran and the US policy in terms of Iran. The approach that is taken toward Iran is indicative of not only what is going to happen in Iran but

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Hamilton Families Flock to the Hill

by Rebekah Mintzer '09
SENIOR EDITOR

Each year Family Weekend comes to the Hill, bringing with it many enthusiastic parents curious about what exactly their tuition is paying for, and kids dying to get taken out to dinner in place of the usual Commons fare. However, this is only a small part of the Family Weekend experience. This year, Family Weekend will run from October 30 to November 2.

"[Family weekend] provides an opportunity for parents, siblings, grandparents, etc. to get a taste of the rich life at Hamilton," said Pauline Caputi, coordinator of Alumni Relations. Caputi is also the primary coordinator of Family Weekend activities. "The creative work of the faculty and students themselves speak to this most effectively. This year there will be numerous performing arts, team sports, summer student research reports and social occasions."

The many time-honored traditions being run this year include Family Colleges (a series of academic presentations by Hamilton students and faculty), beer and wine tasting in the pub, the Adirondack Adventure 2008 slideshow, concerts by the College Choir and College Hill Singers and football game against Middlebury, to name a few.

For students and their families with their sights fixed on the future, there will be Career Center information sessions during the weekend for seniors and undergrads. These sessions, entitled "The Senior Job Search" and "The Competitive Edge," are intended to teach students and parents how to find and make the best of post-Hamilton

opportunities.

"We like to provide a wide range of activities so that there is bound to be something of interest to everyone in the family from the Climbing Wall to a poetry reading to comedy improv," said Caputi. "This year is the first time that there will be an 'English Tea' after the President's State of the College Address. This will provide an opportunity to meet President Stewart and the senior officers of the College."

Also new this year is Midnight Madness, a basketball contest involving dunking, free throws, scrimmages and performances by the cheerleading and dance teams. Proceeds from the event will go to a local charity. "Family Weekend is always a lot of fun for the staff" Caputi said. "It's great to see the enthusiasm of the parents and siblings."

Family Weekend is especially popular for parents of first years who want to see the College in action.

"My parents are coming from Maine, six hours away, so I give them props for making the drive," said Sam Briggs '12. "I think they just want to see the campus and go out to dinner, then I'll probably bring them back so they can meet my friends and hang out."

"We're going to dinner, probably at Nola's and then I really want to take them to the a cappella concert. They're also coming to sit in on my bio class on Friday," said Lenni Marcus '12. "I'm pretty excited to see them."

Many upperclassmen on the other hand, will be "orphans" for the weekend.

"Because I'm an upperclassman, my parents aren't coming, but that's okay, hopefully they'll make it up for graduation?" joked Caitlin

Student Assembly Talks Speaking Competition, Flag

by Amanda Jordan '10

STUDENT ASSEMBLY CORRESPONDENT

At the beginning of the Student Assembly (SA) meeting on October 27, 2008, Professor of Communications Catherine W. Phelan spoke about the upcoming Public Speaking Competition. The competition will be held earlier this coming year, beginning in January for the preliminary round, with the final round in February. The topic for the competition is: "Should the drinking age be reexamined or frozen at twenty-one?" An information session was held this past Wednesday in the Science Center for interested participants. However, more information will continue to be available concerning the competition within the coming weeks.

After Professor Phelan addressed the Assembly, SA President Stephen Okin informed the Assembly of a "Super Star College Book" that is being created by a SUNY Geneseo student for prospective college students. This book will include profiles of successful college students in order to motivate and inspire college applicants. Currently, Hamilton is in the process of nominating several students to be included in this book.

Next, the Student Assembly discussed funding, lighting the American flag and committee reports. A total of \$744.57 in funding was voted on as a lump sum and unanimously approved by the Assembly. Approximately \$80,090.67 has been spent this semester, leaving SA with around \$60,000 in funding to allocate for the rest of this semester.

Additionally, the Student Assembly discussed spending around \$10,000 to light the American flag at night. This would include replacing the current 80 foot flagpole with a new 60 foot flag pole that contains six watt LED bulbs. Many members thought that the six watt LED bulbs were a good idea, since they are environmentally friendly, which supports Hamilton's goals of becoming a greener campus. However, some questioned whether the flagpole should even have lights, since energy and maintenance costs need to be considered. Additionally, many objected to spending \$10,000 on a new flag pole by claiming that the funding could be used toward many other projects. At the next meeting, Student Assembly members will further discuss this issue. They will compose a list of other possible sources that would also greatly benefit from this money, along with cost estimates for these sources. Moreover, a campus-wide poll may be sent out in a few weeks to receive all students' views on whether Student Assembly should allocate funding to light the American flag.

Next, Student Assembly members presented committee reports. The Technology Committee spoke with Physical Plant about changing the fire and door alarm sounds. Physical Plant said that the alarms cannot be changed. Also, they reported that the equipment needed to check the status of laundry machines online for all dorms would cost \$20,000 in initial costs, and \$7,500 per year, which would need to be allocated from the Student Assembly budget. The Social Traditions Committee thanked all students for making Fall Fest this year a success.

The Food Committee reported that they had a meeting with the head chef this past week, who said that hash browns should be available in the dining halls within the coming week. Also, grilled chicken will soon be available in McEwen dining hall for both lunch and dinner. The Facilities Committee reported that many of the lighting issues on campus cannot be fixed until this summer, since it would interfere with students' living situations. The Student Interests Committee met with the bookstore manager recently, who was very receptive to all their ideas. She said that students can expect new merchandise in the store next semester. The Diversity and Accessibility Committee announced that Quidditch will be held on November 8 at 1:00 p.m. on Minor Field for all those interested in participating. Lastly, the Elections Committee said that the elections schedule will be available next week for the upcoming Student Assembly elections.

Welks '09

Visiting families arriving today or on Saturday should register at the desk in Emerson Hall (ELS).



PHOTO COURTESY CAITLYN WILLIAMS '11

Members of the planning committee for Fall Fest pose for a picture with the Hamilton College mascot, Al-Ham the pig.

Trust Treat Gives Utica Youth a Safe Halloween

by Kara Labs '09

NEWS EDITOR

About 100 to 150 children ranging in age from about four to ten years old will converge on the Hamilton campus today, some with their parents, for a night of trick-or-treating and mischief. They will be participating in Trust Treat, an annual event put on by the Newman Council so that children from the Utica area can have a safe night of trick-or-treating. Newman Council is a Catholic affiliated organization at Hamilton.

Many Hamilton students volunteer their time and energy for the event. This year there are 32 candy

stops stationed all across campus and approximately 50 student tour guides to show the children around.

Trust Treat was a tradition started by the class of 1992 in memory of their classmate Eric Trust '92. Trust passed away unexpectedly on Halloween during his first year at Hamilton. He has been remembered for his concern for others and the class thought that organizing this

event would be the most appropriate way to memorialize him. This year, the event will run from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., ending with food and cider in the Bristol Hub.



The Second Annual Andrew Sheridan Memorial Wing Eating Contest Takes Place on Wednesday

by Julia Mulcrone '11
NEWS WRITER

On November 5, members of the Hamilton Community will have a chance to prove their competitive-eating prowess in the second annual Andrew Sheridan Chicken Wing Eating Contest. The brothers of Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) and HAVOC will host the contest in memory of Andrew Sheridan, a member of the class of 2009 and TKE brother who passed away two years ago.

At the event, to be held in the Tolles Pavilion, people who pay five dollars can compete in a two-round chicken wing eating contest. In the first round, participants have seven minutes to eat 20 chicken wings. Those who successfully complete this first round will go onto the second round in which they will have five minutes to eat as many chicken wings as possible. The person who eats the most wings in this time period is declared winner and receives a trophy commemorating his or her victory.

Last year, Marco Allodi '08 won the trophy. He ate over 40

wings in the 13 minutes that comprised the two rounds.

The event will also feature a raffle with gift baskets and gift certificates from local businesses. Last year, the proceeds from both the raffle and the participation fees generated around \$1,200, which was donated to the Utica branch of the American Youth Soccer Organization, an organization with which Andrew was involved as a first year and a sophomore.

This year, the proceeds will be donated to help expand operations in the Underground Café, a youth center in Utica which attracts many

Hamilton student volunteers.

The idea to hold a chicken wing eating contest in memory of Sheridan began as a half-hearted joke by a TKE brother.

a fitting and feasible way to memorialize him and enlisted the help of HAVOC to make it a charity event.

"He loved wings and he loved soccer. Combining both into a charitable event just made sense," says Stuart Lombardi '09, friend of Andrew and fellow TKE brother. "It's a good way for us, as his friends, to remember him and also contribute to a legacy he would believe in."

There was some question about whether or not organizers would decide to incorporate Kat Eckman '09, who passed away two weeks ago, into the event.

While there was discussion about attaching her name to the contest, event organizers decided that it would be much more respectful to her memory to avoid adding her name to an event that began as a way to carry on a legacy specific to Sheridan and his interests. Dean of Students Nancy Thompson agreed, saying, "I'm sure that in the coming weeks and months Kat's friends and this community will find ways to honor her memory, in addition to the scholarship fund that her family has already established."

Last year, about sixty people competed in the contest and many more attended to watch and cheer on friends. Brian Mizoguchi '11, HAVOC director and TKE brother, predicts another successful event on November 5. He says, "I think plenty of people, especially the members of the class of 2009, are looking forward to this event and to the chance to remember [Andrew] in a manner befitting his life and the example he provided by having a great time and doing some good for those in our community who truly need it."



PHOTO BY DAVE BROWN '10

The coveted trophy for the winner of the Chicken Wing Eating Contest.

Vehicle Break-ins on Campus

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either on the dashboard or on the inside windshield so the driver or a passenger can easily access it when on the road. As a consequence, anyone can look through the windshield and see the exposed navigation system. Even if students put the device away after each drive, a suction cup on the windshield or a mounting device on the dashboard would give away their presence inside the car.

For students with cars and GPS navigation systems, Manfredo offered this advice to avoid being potentially targeted in the future. "Students should make every attempt to keep their electronic equipment out of sight within their

vehicles with no evidence that such equipment exist within the vehicle," said Manfredo. "I suggest students keep their electronic equipment secured inside their locked residence hall room." The string of incidents may appear to have ended, but that does not mean vehicle owners on campus should rest any easier, especially with the perpetrator still on the loose. Manfredo urges students to continue taking these precautions until the case is solved, but it is always a good idea to hide your valuables or take them out of your car after each use.

If you know anything about these incidents, or if you need to reach Campus Safety for any non-emergency, call their office at (315) 859-4141.

Debate on Election Heats Up Campus in the Chapel

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also how the US will approach other matters of foreign policy." She voiced that diplomacy is the best solution. "The use of force against Iran is not going to work," she emphasized.

Participants from all sides found the debate to have been worthwhile. Will Leubsdorf '10, speaking on behalf of the College Democrats said "We always appreciate the opportunity to have a civil discourse with the college republicans and always encourage further discussions."



PHOTO BY CHRIS EATON '11

Will Leubsdorf '10, Vice President of the Hamilton College Democrats

Clinton Arts and Crafts Festival

Saturday, November 1,

10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday, November 2,

10 a.m.-4 p.m.

At Clinton Senior High School

Jon Stewart Update

Students can pick up guest passes at the Bristol Center front desk Monday, 11/3 through Friday, 11/7 from 9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

The Hill Card will admit the holder only and must be shown at the entrance to the event.

Doors for the Hamilton Community will open at 4:30 p.m., and all students, employees and guests will be seated by 6:30 p.m.

Students, faculty and staff will be ushered from the Emerson Lobby, through the Sage Rink and into the Field House.

Bottom of the Bag - Trick or Trash?

by Lauren Magaziner '12
INSIGHTS & IDEAS WRITER

All of the following are real items that were received in Halloween bags by Hamilton students (except for #1, which was received by a good friend of a Hamilton student).

10. Open Candy

This is the stuff your parents made you throw out immediately because your neighbors could easily poison them and wrap them back up. Unless your neighbor was Freddy Krueger or something, the poisoned candy situation is very unlikely. Still, you don't mind that your parents throw out the open candies because you do not eat them anyway—who wants a mint sucker when you can have Snickers?

9. Tootsie Rolls

These “candies” are not really candies at all. They look like poo and taste like poo—and you should not put anything in your mouth if you don't know what it is made from. It is a wonder Tootsie Roll Industries is still in business!

8. Pencil

The general rule is if I can't eat it, I don't want it in my trick-or-treat bag. Though a Halloween-themed pencil can seem like a cute alternative to unhealthy candy, pencils are more trouble than they are worth: pencils get lost pretty easily and the cheap kinds that you receive on Halloween clog up pencil sharpeners.

7. Smarties

Although these candies fit in the “Candies with Open Wrappers” category, Smarties are in a class of

their own. Unlike other open candies, Smarties taste like the tart combination between Tums and chalk. Your parents do not let you eat these candies with an open wrapper, but even if Smarties were in a closed wrapper and you could eat them, you still would not want to.

6. Apple Juice Box

It is like apples, only combined with artificial flavors. Putting aside the fact that I haven't had a juice box since I was three, apple juice boxes don't even taste like apples. They are about as unhealthy as candy, twice as expensive, and half as satisfying.

5. Toothbrush

This category includes toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, and all the other things that make your teeth healthy. I am a big fan of brushing, but the worst feeling on Halloween is digging through your bag, expecting to find chocolate, and pulling out something that isn't chocolate.

4. Handmade Popcorn

If I wanted popcorn, I would throw a pack of Orville Redenbacher's in the microwave and eat it hot.

3. Apple

Fruit is the last thing you want on this day of sweets, especially apples that bruise easily and have probably been sitting around for a long while.



Children like these go trick-or-treating hoping to fill up on candy, rather than juice boxes, granola and condoms.

Plus, there are all these urban legends about some kid finding a razor in his apple or the apple being doused in Roofies. Not to mention, apples are eerily reminiscent of the Snow White story... eating an apple from a stranger is probably not the best idea.

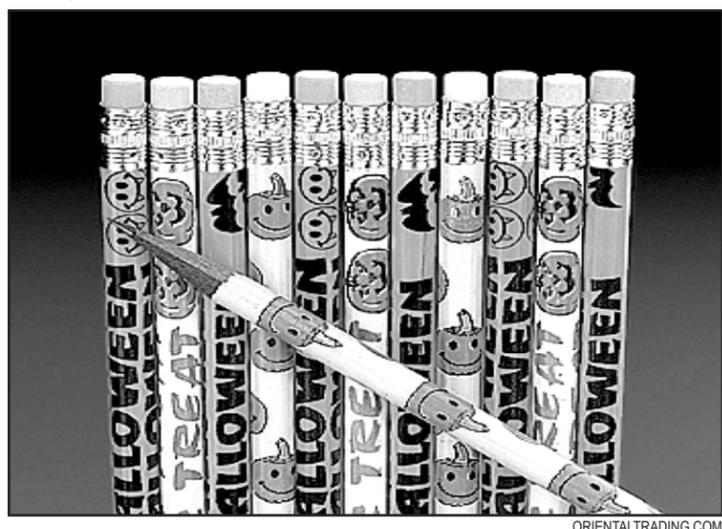
2. Handmade Granola

This was not “Gorp” granola with tasty Swedish fish and Flintstone Vitamins, and Peanut M&Ms hidden in the mix... this was plain old granola, handmade and thrown in a bag wrapped with a ribbon. Another one of those “treats” that gets thrown

away almost immediately. However, this is such a strange delicacy that it deserves a spot at #2. I just have to wonder what in the world the person (who spent hours of his life wrapping the granola flakes) was thinking?

1. Condoms

All I can say is: what the hell? Was the crazy person giving out condoms on Halloween only giving them to teenagers or to everyone? What would a 7-year-old do with a condom? As for giving condoms to teenagers, I am not quite sure whether this is a trick or a treat...



Even Halloween-themed pencils like these bring disappointment to many eager trick-or-treaters.

A Fresh Perspective on the Amethyst Initiative

by Max Currier '10
INSIGHTS & IDEAS CONTRIBUTOR

In July 2008 President Stewart signed the Amethyst Initiative (AI). Of course, the AI does not explicitly endorse changing the legal drinking age but, rather, calls for a debate. As perhaps the Initiative's first manifestation on campus, the *Spectator's* recent column on the AI voiced support from one student and opposition from another. The debate over the proposed debate suggests we are not capable of productively having this discussion. Moving forward, we must recognize that one fundamental failure of the public discourse is an inability or unwillingness to challenge assumptions; another is a lack of honesty.

AI signatory David Joyce at Ripon College argues, “It is ludicrous that we can send young men and women to war, but they can't legally drink a beer.” Maybe. But if Mr. Joyce is so concerned about age continuity, perhaps the appropriate solution is not to lower the drinking age to 18 but increase the military enlistment age to 21. Besides, the disciplined attitude of a soldier is fundamentally the opposite of a drunken college student; indeed, one basic rule of basic training is the strict prohibition of alcohol. The non-military demographic age 18-

21 is demonstrably not sufficiently mature for alcohol. Nevertheless, many repeat the statement as a rallying slogan for their cause, not because it actually makes any sense.

If, granted, the age 21 limit is “not working,” perhaps the solution is not to decrease the age to 18 but increase the age to, say, 25, so that all college students are prohibited from alcohol. If the age were lowered, the alcohol culture the AI seeks to curtail would be legalized and thereby exacerbated. So, if the Initiative is named for the Amethyst stone that the Greeks and Romans believed prevented intoxication, perhaps prohibition should be an acceptable option. After all, studies show that national prohibition of the 1920s failed not because it was fundamentally flawed policy but because of inadequate enforcement and a fundamental failure to revolutionize a culture away from alcohol.

Indeed, I firmly believe the primary problem, by far, is failed enforcement. Students who staff sign-in tables at parties do not verify ID—check the sign-in sheet at any party to find Harry Potter, Britney Spears, and Batman have all signed in—and students authorized to serve

alcohol at those parties routinely serve to anybody, with or without ID. At least anecdotally, Campus Safety officers spend much more time writing parking tickets than



enforcing state law on alcohol. And RAs, an exceptional staff to be sure, routinely turn a blind eye to dorm parties other than to encourage reducing the stereo volume. Perhaps proper enforcement would prove the current age limit is actually tenable.

On enforcement, it seems, President Stewart's signature sug-

gests she has given up. It seems neither she, nor most other College administrators, want to be responsible for enforcing an unpopular policy. This suggests to me that, because the situation is difficult, we might as well give up and let everybody do whatever they please, so long as it's not any of the College's responsibility anymore. We all seem to have forgotten that JFK demanded in 1962 that we send a man to the moon “and do other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard.” We alive today are apparently the ones who choose to give up and allow intoxication, deregulation, and general entropy.

In a recent *Spectator* column, one student apparently wants to give up. “If we have blatantly ignored the legal drinking age, who is to say we will not ignore whatever laws come from [AI]?” I perceive the statement to suggest that if some students do not comply with the current law, perhaps no student should comply with any law. To be sure, many do believe that whole volumes of criminal law books are offensive restrictions upon personal liberties. And that is true; in fact, that is the point. Your right to free speech does not permit you to yell fire in a

crowded theater or disseminate classified information; your right to self-defense does not permit you to carry an assault weapon; your freedom to drive a vehicle does not permit you to exceed the speed limit; and your freedom of expression does not permit lewd public behavior, no matter how “expressive.” Essentially, I believe that alcohol consumption is not a question of rights but of public safety, public decency, and genuine social interaction.

We should also acknowledge that America is not Europe. America is not a culture that appropriately educates its children about alcohol use at an early age. Collectively we are a consumer culture that markets and buys everything, even drinking water, and has consumed itself into an obesity epidemic, massive debt, and intoxication. (Regarding Europe, though, the legislature in Great Britain is now actually debating increasing their drinking age from 18 to 21, suggesting the European model is not even working for Europe). I appreciate Class of 2011 Representative Jeff Escalante's honesty in telling *The Spectator* that at American schools, “It is true that the culture around drinking is that you drink to get trashed, not just have a couple beers for fun.” I agree. If the AI's dialogue is to be produc-

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THE SPECTATOR

An Open Letter to Ann Coulter

Dear Ann,

As a small liberal arts school that has recently stayed relatively out of the national spotlight, we were very surprised to see that the College had been referenced on uexpress.com by none other than yourself! Clearly, we thought, our GoogleAlert is broken. What other explanation would there be for an (in)famous author, commentator, and agitator remarking on our little school on a Hill? There's a critical general election only two weeks away, which must be receiving her undivided attention and interest.

Right in the center of your article "Ayers: Radical Loon When Obama was Only 47," we found a hackneyed attempt to repeat the falsehood that American college campuses are havens for "violent radicals" and "domestic terrorists." The only violent radicalism we've noticed lately on the Hill has been in the debate over re-racking standards, but maybe we haven't been looking hard enough.

In addition to your focus on William Ayers, a University of Chicago professor who once played Stratego with Obama's cousin's lawyer's college roommate or some nonsense, you took care to mention Susan Rosenberg, if not care to actually get the details of her biography right.

Rosenberg was a former member of the Weather Underground who was convicted over two decades ago for possession of false identification and explosives. According to your article, Rosenberg was put at "the fast track for a teaching position" by the College. A quick Googling also yielded another article you wrote in 2004, "It's Dr. Rice, not Dr. Dre," which stated, "Susan Rosenberg, a participant in a Brinks car robbery, teaches at Hamilton College."

Ann, Ann, Ann... Susan Rosenberg never taught at Hamilton College, and that's not the spin of a communist college newspaper talking. She was invited to teach for a one-month seminar on memoir writing. There's a difference, one that would have been easily cleared up had you been able to tear yourself away from abusing the dash sign for long enough to Google it. Rosenberg, in fact, withdrew from the residency position in response to the controversy instigated by shoddy fact-checkers such as yourself.

Yeah, the college weekly is criticizing your fact-checking skills.

Rosenberg was also never convicted of engaging in terrorism, domestic or otherwise. Though indicted for a myriad of other crimes with which the Weather Underground is associated, the U.S. attorney assigned to the case, His Future Honor Rudolph Giuliani, eventually dropped her indictment due to lack of evidence. President Bill Clinton commuted Rosenberg's sentence in 2001.

The College understands that the issue of professors secretly indoctrinating students (and presidential candidates) with "terrorist" ideas is hot right now. You're clearly so desperate for a resonating message that you'll throw any tired talking point at the wall and pray it will stick. Still, your agreement to cease and desist libeling our College as an institution that hires domestic terrorists and that is part of the Academic Axis of Evil is most appreciated. A retraction of your 2004 statement that Rosenberg is a professor at the College would also be welcome, not that we are holding our breath.

Feel free to write back, and have fun next Tuesday!

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Deportations Lead to Gang Formation Abroad

by **Brendan Carroll '10**
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Upon its release in 2002, the movie *City of God* shocked the American public with images of the brutality of Latin American gang violence. To many, the violence of urban Latin America portrayed in the film may seem far removed from life in the United States.

In reality, however, the American public has long been ignorant of the fact that the gang violence seen in Brazil and other Latin American countries is likely to have its roots in the west-coast cities of the United States. Evidence suggests that U.S. deportation policies ratified in the mid 1990's have contributed to the rising rate of organized gang activity in Latin America, most notably in Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras.

Although the method has long been used to combat crime in the United States, deportation rates soared in 1996 with the ratification of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act (IIRIRA). The statute effectively legalized the deportation of immigrants to their home countries for any crime deserving of a sentence of one or more years. Since the enactment of the law, over 50,000 individuals holding criminal records have been deported to Latin America.

In addition, programs such as Operation Return to Sender, enacted in 2006, implemented deportation campaigns explicitly focused on the removal of immigrants with criminal records or a history of gang involvement. In 2006 alone, there were over 12,000 deportations related to criminal behavior to El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras, the top three Latin American recipients of U.S. deportations.

Latin America and the Caribbean account for the vast majority of U.S. deportations, constituting 95 percent of all deportations in 2006. The lack of a stipulation requiring the U.S. to report the criminal record of its deportees to their native country has made the task of monitoring the criminal activity of the immigrant population all but impossible. Perhaps even more shocking than the statistics themselves is the story of how they came to be.

The wars in Central America during the late 1970s and 1980s arguably inflamed by U.S. foreign policy in the region, forced many families to flee to the U.S. under the threat of torture and murder.

Many of the refugees who entered the United States came with young children who illegally crossed the border through no fault of their own.

As mentioned, since the ratification of the IIRIRA, many young immigrants guilty of minor crimes in the U.S. such as petty theft have been deported back to Central American countries in which they have not set foot since infancy.

Apart from the obvious difficulties associated with the deportees' diaspora, the vast majority of these individuals find themselves isolated in their new community. Growing up in the United States, the deportees develop a Spanish dialect which is completely different from that spoken in their native countries.

The deportees' difficulties with the acculturation process are only exacerbated by the relative impossibility of finding stable employment. The troubles they encounter in the job search are largely due to the region's weakened economy as a result of the same U.S. foreign policy that originally forced these individuals to relocate to the United States.

Research suggests that the aforementioned factors funnel these individuals into the only social structure in which they will be accepted; the deportees find stability in the world of organized gangs. These facts depict a disturbing account in which the United States has effectively manufactured and exported the gang culture to Latin America.

A dual understanding of contemporary U.S. deportation policy and the history of late 20th century Central American immigration to the U.S. brings into question the morality of the United States' involvement in the development of gang activity in Latin America.

Because little can be done to correct the injustices of the past, prominent organizations in the field, such as the Washington Office on Latin America, have suggested that the U.S. fund reintegration programs and increase efforts to notify Central American governments of the criminal records of all deportees.

However, before any change can be implemented on the political level, we must first cultivate a national consciousness of the injustices being committed against Central American immigrants by those currently in charge of U.S. immigration policy.

Administration Translation

Interpreting the Trustees' cryptic response to SJI protest

by **Corinne Bancroft '10**
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For a year and a half the students of the Social Justice Initiative have been 'making noise' via proposals, meetings, and coffee hours about the issue of diversity at Hamilton and recently stepped carefully outside the lines by demonstrating at the October 7, 2008 Board of Trustees Meeting.

At the October 10, 2008 faculty meeting, the president stated that the 40 SJI members were "well served by their civility" and in an all campus e-mail she added that "Board members commented on the politeness and demeanor of the students." Since this high but vague praise, and a few comments from the Dean, are the only responses the students have received and since Hamilton prides its oral and written communication we should analyze the implications of these remarks:

Implication #1: The administration did not expect these Hamilton students to act civilly and politely, so therefore felt the need to praise and commend this unexpected behavior.

Why would the administration not expect decent behavior?

Sub-implication #1: Perhaps the administration associates the particular 'type' of student involved in SJI with the "angry minority" stereotype and was therefore grateful the students did not act like that.

Sub-implication #2: On the other hand, they may have realized that the history of this diversity dialogue and lack of concrete action on their

part might actually justify a little anger from the students and were relieved when students did not take that course of action.

Implication #2: These statements unconsciously (at least we hope) echo our metaphoric ancestors who similarly praised civil and polite slaves by letting them work in the master's house rather than the fields.

Sub-implication #1: If this was conscious, racism is alive and well in the US.

Sub-implication #2: If this was unconscious or done out of ignorance, Hamilton needs to get its act together in terms of adequate diversity and sensitivity education for both administrators and students, most of whom didn't notice either.

Implication #3: These administrators did not really think through how they wanted to respond to the SJI.

Per usual, the Dean complicated matters with his similarly vague but probably meaningful remarks. At the faculty meeting he suggested that the SJI's concerns were "salient" to the strategic planning process and the Spec quoted his proposal to create a special working task-force to look into the issue.

Implication #1: The Dean is aware that in any democratic and open processes at Hamilton, numbers and commitment make issues salient. If the Students Who Like To Do Fun Things had a petition with 371 signatures and had committed members asking the administration

for change for over a year, then those issues would be salient too.

Implication #2: The Dean's sudden recognition of the relevance of these issues ignores the previous petitions and task forces that worked towards these same goals. The SJI is not the first group to identify these problems at Hamilton, but in fact are simply the current avatar of a long line of groups demanding change which includes but is not limited to: The Kirkland Project, The Social Justice Coalition, and The Diversity Task Force of 2001.

Sub-Implication #1: The Dean is unaware of these previous actions.

Alternative Sub-Implication #1: The Dean, aware of these previous actions, wants the SJI and allies to jump through similar hoops until they graduate, thus avoiding any tangible action.

Sub-Implication #2: The Dean cannot think of any alternative to the current failing protocols for dealing with salient issues at Hamilton.

What can we understand from these administrative remarks: If the students of SJI can stay civil and polite then they will someday get what they deserved all along. Maybe if you act conservatively enough, they'll paint your face white and name the school after you.

Editor's note: Although Corinne Bancroft is an active member of the Social Justice Initiative, this piece is in no way sanctioned by the organization, nor endorsed by The Spectator.

Thumbs up

Ghost Hunting with the People Who Like To Do Fun Things: I hear the middle of the freeway is a good place to look for ghosts!

Family Weekend: Although you're overweight, balding, 54 years old and impotent, you can still be the hero this weekend by buying your son and his friends \$200 worth of beer and then drinking them under the table.

Halloween: An annual celebration when girls flip a coin to decide whether to go to Bundy dressed as a slutty animal or a slutty fairy.

New Pub lunch setup: The sandwiches and salads are already made so I don't have to watch you use the tongs to bobble cherry tomatoes for 45 minutes.

Thumbs down

Ladybug infestation: I understand that it's lucky to see a ladybug, but if they don't immediately vacate my room it's going to start being very unlucky to be a ladybug.

Gamma Xi: Say what you will about them, at least you know they're going to make it through the winter.

Joan Hinde assures us that we should not be alarmed about the helicopter over the football field, because there's nothing sinister about fixing a football field with a f**%king helicopter.

Financial crisis: Your best bet to that "dream internship" this summer may come this weekend from that cougar shooting you looks in Commons.

Who Cares?

Harlem String Quartet: Proving that being from Harlem does not necessarily make you a badass.

Snowflakes: Each unique and beautiful shape unites to become... the \$h*t I have to scrape off my car every morning.

Commons' Apple Pie Contest: There's no way I'm letting you monsters get your hands on my grandmother's secret pie recipe that she lovingly clipped off a Betty Crocker box in 1961.

Family Weekend: Being taken out for dinners all weekend can't match the humiliation of having your little sister getting taken down at a Bundy party.

McDonald's Monopoly contest: I'm convinced I can win, but only because Clinton is a random enough place to have the winning piece.

by *Steve Allinger '09, Jason Brown '09, Anthony DelConte '10 & Matt Fellows '09*

Letters to the Editor and Campus Community

A call to action:

Something very exciting is happening in our community, something in which each citizen - each stakeholder - will want to participate. For the first time in our 200 year-plus history, all parts of the Kirkland community (the Town of Kirkland, the Village of Clinton, the Clinton Central School District, Hamilton College, and the Clinton Chamber of Commerce) have come together to plan our shared future. This united effort puts much faith in the idea that the strength and efficiency of cooperation will benefit all.

On September 3 a citizens' group called Kirkland Ventures turned over its work to a steering committee of seven: the town supervisor, the village mayor, the superintendent of schools, the college president, the executive vice-president of the chamber, an official with Mohawk Valley EDGE, and a representative from the original citizens' group. Although the steering committee consists of seven individuals, Kirkland Ventures actually is made up of all who hold a stake in the future of our community.

The purpose of Kirkland Ventures is to facilitate the creation, implementation and updating of a Community Development Plan (the Plan) for the Kirkland Community, which includes the Town of Kirkland, the Village of Clinton, the Clinton Central School District, Hamilton College, and the hamlets of Clark Mills, Franklin Springs and Kirkland. The Plan will be a prioritized list of potential projects, esti-

mated costs and/or savings for each, and potential funding sources.

The goal of this work is to improve our quality of life while expanding the tax base. In short, to better utilize our vast resources to build an affordable community that is able to more effectively compete with other parts of our nation and the world - a community that is better able to attract people to live, work, and visit and better able to offer opportunity, especially to the young.

Kirkland Ventures, with monetary and in-kind support from the village, the town, the schools, the chamber, and Hamilton College, as well as individuals and businesses, has contracted with Fritz Hager, a local resident and planning consultant, to facilitate and manage the preparation of the Plan by December 31, 2008.

There are many ways you, the stakeholder, can be involved. Offer to share your talents by helping with one or more of the Focus Areas (Economic Development; Quality of Life; Good Government; Financial Management; Stakeholder Communication; Education; Marketing, Branding and PR; and Grant Writing and New Sources of Revenue.) Serve on one of the Community Action Teams (CATs) that are being formed to study and address specific parts of each Focus Area. Attend the public forums and engage your neighbors in discussions about our community and its future.

Let your ideas, hopes, and dreams for our community be known at the next forum on "Quality of Life," at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday,

November 12, at the Kirkland Art Center.

Log onto www.kirklandcommunity.com to get updates on the work and find out what your neighbors are saying at committee meetings and community forums.

Be part of the Plan. Join your neighbors at the November 12 forum at the K.A.C. Be part of our shared future.

George M. Kuckel
Kirkland Ventures

To the editor:

I read "Volunteers in Service to America @ Hamilton" with great interest last week, but I was surprised and disappointed that less than half of the story was told.

Hamilton has had AmeriCorps VISTA workers on campus since 2004!

Judy Owens-Manley, associate director for community research for the Levitt Center, initiated the first contract with New York Campus Compact for Community Outreach Coordinators in the Levitt Center. The first VISTA workers on campus led Project SHINE, initiated by Owens-Manley, and a Cornhill Community Project that was focused on the neighborhood surrounding Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School in Utica.

Over the next five years, eight VISTA workers took on leadership roles in coordinating community-based learning projects in the Levitt Center under Owens-Manley's direction. Newer projects now include the VITA (Voluntary Income Tax Assistance) Project, the Community Garden in East Utica and the West Side Project, an outreach effort now focused on an elementary and middle school in West Utica. The majority of Hamilton's VISTA workers have been Hamilton graduates, providing them with leadership opportunities. Several of them have stayed in the area and have established strong community relationships in the Greater Utica area.

Vige Barrie
Director of Media Relations

A letter to the campus community:

We write in response to the recent "suspicious incident" involving a female student over fall break. In an e-mail to the campus community, Director of Campus Safety Francis Manfredo wrote:

"At approximately 4:45am this morning a female student residing in Milbank was awakened by an unknown male who had entered her room and placed his hand over her mouth. The female struggled with the male subject who then fled from the room. Campus Safety responded immediately and is investigating the incident with the assistance of the Kirkland Police Department and the Oneida County Sheriff's Office.

Students, please remember to always lock your residence hall room door, whether or not you are present in the room. In the course of recent fire inspections I have noticed that many students do not take this simple and important precaution.

If you have information about this incident or if you ever witness suspicious activity on campus, please contact the Office of Campus Safety immediately at 315-859-4000."

We have spoken with the female student in question and feel that this e-mail does a poor job of informing the community of the actual events. Evidence found at the scene suggests that the 'unknown male' was a Hamilton student. The scenario she describes implies that the attack was actually an attempted rape.

The student noticed a balled-up sock dropped next to her bed - perhaps the attacker hoped to stuff it into her mouth and silence her? The lights she left on were unplugged - to hedge against the attacker being identified. Just because the attacker fled and

was not able to complete his assault doesn't mean that this act wasn't criminal.

Furthermore, we feel that this e-mail chalks up the incident to simple student negligence: if you leave your door unlocked, you are inviting strangers who may intend to attack you into your room. It also makes it the responsibility of students to expect such activity, rather than discouraging such attacks in the first place. It assumes that attacks will take place, and all that can be done to stop them is, in effect, self-defense. Where is the message that the Hamilton community and administration will not tolerate such attacks, whether completed or attempted? This is a classic tactic of blaming the victim for negligence rather than sending a message to the attacker.

Sexual assault and rape are seriously underreported; it's easy to see why when someone who is attacked is then publicly blamed by Campus Safety for not locking her door. The brave act of speaking out should not be 'rewarded' with a scolding to lock your door.

The pervasiveness of incidents of sexual assault and attempted attacks on women - like this one, and the incidents on campus last spring involving two men, apparently from off-campus, entering the dorm rooms of several female students - must be more seriously addressed by the administration. Victim blaming must stop if students at Hamilton, particularly women, are to continue to feel safe and valued here, and if students are to feel comfortable reporting such crimes.

Sincerely,
The Womyn's Center Executive Board

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Thoughts on the Amethyst Initiative

from *A Fresh*, page 4

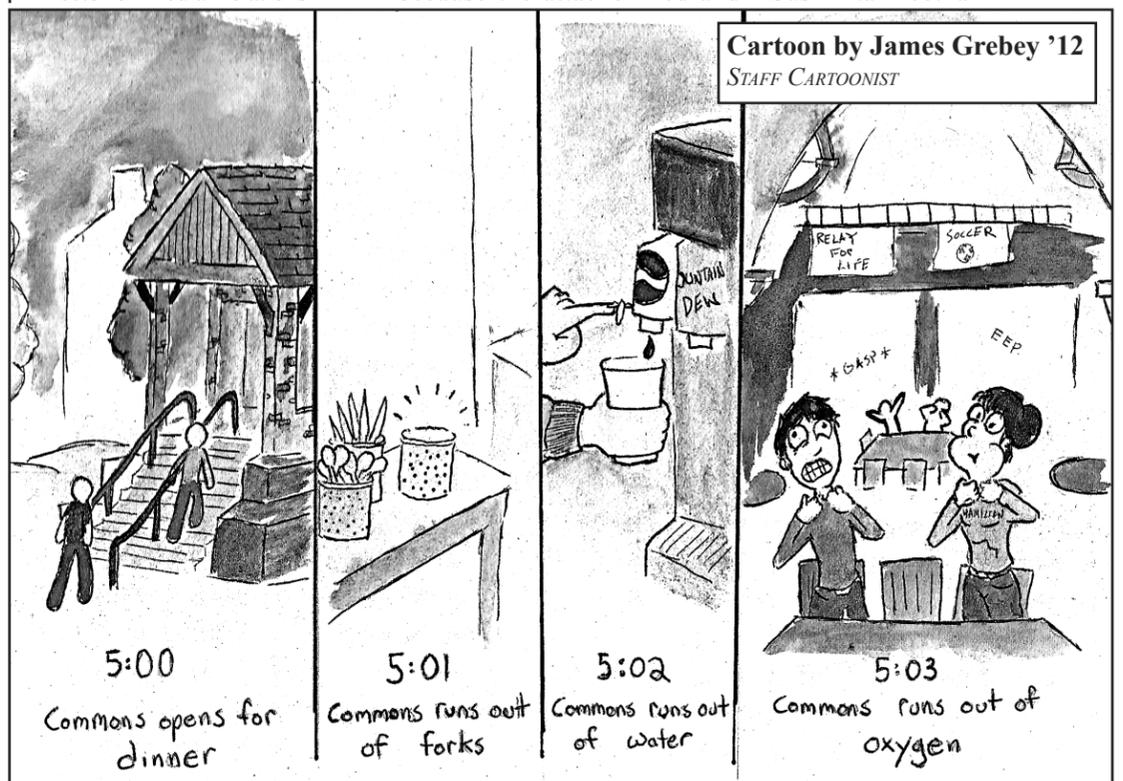
tive, scores more students must talk more honestly and publicly about their motivations and consumption patterns.

Admittedly, changing the drinking age will not accomplish much on its own. Students will require better parenting in early years at home, more and better social options, and a willingness to improve one's self. But if we are truly committed to enhancing our community by relinquishing an admittedly disgusting culture of college alcohol consumption then I strongly believe we must remove every tempting bottle and taunting can while we seek to change the underlying, fundamental symptoms. Otherwise the cycle continues.

President Stewart was quoted in *The Spectator* as hoping, "I have every expectation that Hamilton students will exhibit the clear and cogent thinking and engage in the thoughtful discussion for which they are known." That is excessively naive. I am not optimistic about such a discussion, if there is to be one at all. I wrote a *Spectator* editorial last spring entitled "Hamilton's Alcohol Problem" months before President Stewart signed the AI. The article

was widely read and discussed, as I had hoped. Yet, the discussion was overwhelmingly negative; I have the hateful e-mails to prove it. If there is a debate, only a small minority will abstain while the majority will rush, intoxicated, to grab all the alcohol they can get and the legal rights to defend their doing so.

If President Stewart is going to passively hope that Hamilton will discuss this problem, then the AI will surely fail. Success will require College administrators at every level, especially including President Stewart, to proactively initiate a community discussion and to enthusiastically promote a dialogue throughout a sustained period of weeks at a time. The leadership must first admit that, at least so far, enforcement of underage drinking is almost universally regarded by students as a joke, and that the unstated, de facto school policy does permit underage drinking. The leadership must promote all to challenge assumptions, or as CIA intelligence analysts are told, to "subvert the dominant paradigm." Most importantly, the leadership must ensure that students and administrators are honest with themselves and with each other.



Los Dias de los Muertos

Remembering the Children of Latin America

By Joe Hudson '10

FEATURES WRITER

This coming weekend is Los Dias de los Muertos, or the Days of the Dead. Celebrated throughout Latin America, the holiday brings families together to pray and remember former family members and loved ones. It is also a time to remember Latin American history, and the current and former abuses that have taken place. By reflecting upon the present social inequity that exists throughout the region, we can assist children and their struggle for civil rights.

At their annual meeting last December, the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) reflected on the present state of Latin American children and the terrible civil rights abuses to which they are currently subjected. The relief organization recognized the incredibly dire conditions of youth in Latin America, estimating that 80,000 children will die as a result of domestic violence. UNICEF additionally projects that another two million youth will be subjected to commercial sexual exploitation, and another six million will experience severe abuse. These staggering statistics have rightfully motivated UNI-

CEF and similar organizations to promote child rights throughout Latin America.

In 1989, Latin America collectively ratified the Convention on the Rights of the Child. By passing this bold and novel legislation, the region officially and publicly recognized the dire condition of children throughout Latin America. The legislation signaled a significant reaction to the crimes being committed. It officially illegalized "violence, exploitation and abuse against children – including commercial sexual exploitation, trafficking, child labor and harmful traditional practices." Yet although technically guaranteed, these rights fail to be fully provided or enforced. Nineteen years since the adoption of internationally recognized child oriented civil law, social inequality still persists. Latin American children are still struggling for justice.

The persistent violation of children's civil rights and ineffectiveness of judicial enforcement is directly related to the legal documentation and registration of children in Latin America. Plan International estimates that one in six children born in Latin America are not recognized by their respective countries. Many families are too poor to pay for

legal documentation that would formally register their children, leaving many without an official identity. Approximately two million Latin American children each year are born into a society where they exist outside the purview of the laws designed to protect them. An extreme example, according to Plan International, is Paraguay, where it is estimated "that only 30% of boys and girls are registered during their first year of life, [and] for the remainder, they simply don't exist as citizens." Without birth certificates, these "invisible" children are denied basic liberties such as education and healthcare. Those children, who are often in the most need of public support, therefore, are effectively denied access to social programs and other benefits granted to their legal peers.

We at Hamilton should recognize that economic globalization and regional policies have the ability to exacerbate poor social conditions in other countries. We as Americans have the ability to influence governments to make greater social investments, such as child documentation, in return for continued U.S. economic investment. We should all recognize the plight of Latin American Children, and help work for justice.

Logic Puzzle Competition

Brought to you by Russell Marcus - Dept. of Philosophy

Puzzle

Family Weekend is upon us, and Dean Urgo is preparing a champagne brunch at which 240 bottles of champagne will be served. Unfortunately, some pranksters have tampered with one of the bottles, injecting a magic potion that, though otherwise harmless, will turn the teeth of anyone who drinks even the tiniest drop of it Continental Blue. The person's teeth will remain dyed for a full week. (The effects of the potion are systemic, and not due to contact between the wine and the teeth.)

The dye is triggered between 8 and 11 hours after drinking, at which time its effects are immediate and obvious. The time of the trigger varies both with the person and with the wine. It is now 6 p.m. on Saturday, and the brunch begins at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday.

Dean Urgo wants to find the single bottle that has been contaminated. He is willing to open all 240 bottles of champagne for testing. Since testing only requires the smallest drop, removing any number of drops of champagne will not reduce the quantity in the bottle significantly. The pranksters have also sabotaged the chemistry labs, so the only way to determine if a bottle has been contaminated is by drinking a sip.

Dean Urgo insists on using students to test the champagne. There are over 240 students of drinking age available for testing, but the dean wishes to avoid subjecting more students than necessary to the test. There are 16 students whose parents are not coming to Family Weekend.

Questions

1. Can Dean Urgo determine which is the single, contaminated bottle using only the 16 students whose parents are not coming to Family Weekend? Provide a solution.
 2. Eight of the 16 students whose parents are not coming to Family Weekend have been caught with open containers this term. Can Dean Urgo determine the single contaminated bottle using only these eight students? If so, provide a solution.
 3. Can Dean Urgo reduce any further the number of students that must drink from the bottles to be sure to find the contaminated bottle before the brunch begins? If so, provide a solution.
- Bonus: Given the minimum number of testers, what is the probability that any one of them will have blue teeth at the beginning of the brunch?

Rules

Solutions may be sent to puzzle@hamilton.edu
Or, via campus mail, to Russell Marcus, Philosophy Department.
Make sure to include your contact information with your solution.
The Puzzler will choose a best solution.

In the case of several best solutions, a winner will be chosen at random from among them. Any one may play the puzzle, but only current Hamilton College students may win prizes. If the winner of the puzzle is not a Hamilton College student, a secondary winner may be chosen.

Prizes

Prize winners receive a t-shirt or mug from Lulasail, home of the best philosophy t-shirts on the web, or from The Unemployed Philosopher's Guild, which also has a wide range of philosophy paraphernalia. The Deadline for Puzzle #1 is Tuesday, November 4, at 4 p.m.

Spectator Between the Sheets

By Annabelle Moore '12

FEATURES COLUMNIST

In one episode of *The Office*, Dwight asks Toby, "Where is the clitoris?" When Toby doesn't answer, Dwight continues, "On a website it said at the crest of the labia. What does that mean?" Later, to the camera crew, Toby says earnestly, "Um, I'm just sad the public school system failed him so badly." Many guys and girls have questions about female anatomy and orgasms, questions that were never answered in their Health Education classes because they wanted to know about pleasure instead of health or safety. Many Hamilton students have

these types of orgasms.

G-Spot and AFE orgasms are often discussed, but there are many misconceptions about these types of orgasms. The G-spot and the AFE are sensitive spots on the vaginal lining. The AFE is farther up than the G-Spot and closer to the cervix. First of all, not all G-spots (just like clitorises, or vaginas in general) are the same—some are more sensitive than others. Just because your last girlfriend loved G-spot stimulation does not mean your new girlfriend wants you to focus all your efforts there. When fingering a girl for the first time, try making come-hither motions inside her



questions, which was made evident by the amazing turnout at the *I Love Female Orgasm* presentation. Unfortunately, many in attendance were disappointed by the information covered, and left feeling as though they didn't learn anything new. There was one topic that I expected them to cover that was hardly discussed at all: different types of orgasms. There are said to be around ten different types of orgasms, and they will all be discussed here.

Clitoral orgasms are a staple for anyone hoping to please. Although not all women can orgasm through clitoral stimulation, most can. The clitoris is said to have as many nerve endings as the penis, if not more. The clitoris can be stimulated orally, manually, with a sex toy or with a penis massaging it. In certain heterosexual sex positions the clitoris can be stimulated with the man's pubic bone. Sex toys like Trojan's Vibrating Ring (\$8.95) can incorporate constant clitoral stimulation in heterosexual sex.

Vaginal and cervical orgasms are caused by repeated pressure and stimulation of the vagina or cervix. These orgasms can be caused by sex toys, fingering or what we commonly think of as heterosexual intercourse. Certain positions that optimize deep penetration (doggy-style, or girl-on-her-back-with-ankles-on-his-shoulders) can make it easier to achieve

with your index finger. While this doesn't work for everyone, it's a good place to start. She'll either love it, and you can move onto wilder techniques like The Screwdriver, or she won't and you need to keep exploring.

Urethral and anal orgasms are pretty straightforward. Stimulation of the urethra manually, orally or during intercourse can give some women some crazy-powerful orgasms. Anal orgasms stimulate the same pelvic wall that vaginal penetration does, and with sufficient lubrication, time, and care some women have mind-blowing anal orgasms

Blended orgasms are when two erogenous zones are stimulated simultaneously, fantasy orgasms are when a mental picture without physical stimulation leads to an orgasm, and zone orgasms are when non-genitals can be stimulated to orgasm (breasts, neck, etc.).

Just remember: not every woman can have every type of orgasm, so if one doesn't happen, don't give up! Guys, whenever you're with a new partner make sure to test all of these sensitive areas and observe her responses. Women, tell your partner what you like! Communication is important in every aspect of a relationship, including the sexual sides. Wanting to please your partner is a great start, and definitely bodes well for your success in achieving the Big O.

From Where I Sit: See You At Commons!

By Pablo M. Abreu '12
FEATURES WRITER

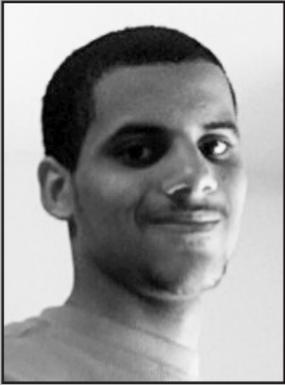


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Pablo Abreu '12 is an international student from the Dominican Republic.

I still remember the first time I ate at Soper Commons dining hall this year. I found it to be quite an attractive looking place to eat. There was so much food that it actually looked as if I was at a resort! As you enter via the west into Commons, you regularly see a small line ahead of you. In order to access the food in Commons, as well as any other dining hall, you first need to get past the ladies who check your card. Of course, I was puzzled as to where to go next, so I started asking Marge. Everyone who walks into Commons to eat

undoubtedly speaks to Marge, as well as other personnel who greet students contently and always have something positive to say. You will meet students from different cities and countries trying to get lunch food all at once. Sometimes it gets very crowded and although at times the staff at Commons gets busy because the students want to eat, the personnel somehow find a way to say a quick "hello," which really creates a friendly environment.

At Commons, there are so many different types of food that people don't usually know what to select. People like me tend to look around first before actually deciding what to eat. Most of the time, as people go around checking out the food, they encounter a friend, and pair up. There are always lines, but the lines depend on the food of choice. For example, if you're trying to get a bite of sushi, be ready! I would say sushi is the most demanded entrée at Commons. Sushi lines get so congested, yet the look of anticipation on people's faces means they're willing to wait more than 15 minutes for some delicious sushi. I have never tried sushi, but I will only if the line is short enough. I might devote a few minutes to wait and discover the mysterious taste people seem to enjoy. As you

go around Commons, you will spot gourmet pizzas, grilled meats, burgers, French fries, pasta sautés, the day's special serving, salad bar, and beverages. It is just like a resort!

When it comes to sitting down to eat and socialize with others, people have choices to make. People can sit either on the porch, on the 2nd floor, or in the larger dining hall. For the most part, people tend to sit in the larger dining hall, just because it is the biggest, most crowded and because it provides a community-like environment. People decide where to sit, according to where their friends are stationed. In rare cases, some individuals volunteer to sit with people they have not met before, but still manage to carry on a conversation and meet new friends. More often than not, varsity players tend to sit together with their team and coaches in the larger dining hall. I personally like to sit on the porch, although it can get lonely at times, because I don't like to eat and talk much at the same time. A person can decide where to sit according to the mood he or she is in. For example, if you want to be alone, you might want to take the stairs and sit on the 2nd floor, because it is fairly isolated and maybe boring. I believe it is very boring because I once went

upstairs to have my dinner and the next thing I knew, I was the only person up there. What's wrong with people? Who would sit all alone in a boring room like this? I got very uncomfortable, and I made a promise to myself not to even look up there again. Gosh, it's as if people do not know that space upstairs exists, except for language tables.

On the other hand, if you want to sit around a bunch of people who want to have a great time while eating, take a walk over to the larger dining hall. Lastly, if you want to eat without having to talk, head over to the porch, where you will find a number of minorities, including the Chinese table. People tend to sit at tables whether or not they know or don't know everybody, which is something I like. I believe everyone feels that when they sit down to eat, they're meeting a new person every day. Usually people sit with the people they relate to the most, either because of social background or ethnicity, although I find Commons to be a really mixed up place.

For my part, Commons dining hall makes me feel at home in many ways. I feel as if I'm home because the staff smiles all the time. It means a lot when you go to eat dinner at Commons, and they greet you

and later ask you what you would like to eat. Yet, not in all ways do I feel as if I'm home. I come from the Caribbean, and on my island, people tend to eat different foods. So the food here is totally different from the food cooked at my house. I usually eat rice, beans and meat at home, and that's the reason, when rice is being served at Commons, I will always be in line!

During the first week of classes I always had breakfast. Yet, as the days have passed, the motivation for waking up a few minutes earlier started to die. As the semester has progressed, I have started having more exams and papers to write, and I just found it too hard to wake up half an hour earlier to munch on one of Lester's omelets. However, Commons seems to be a place we can go to see friends and enjoy a meal, regardless of the year you're in, and regardless of the amount of hard work coming at you. I have a great time here at Hamilton College. Maybe, if there are not a lot of people eating at noon, I will see you at Commons after my Italian Class.

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A Closer LOOK: Hamilton College Curling Team

By Alison Turka '12
FEATURES WRITER

There's football, hockey, soccer; the obvious sports, the jocks. But what about the less familiar ones, like curling. Ever heard of it? If not, Hamilton is a good place to start your research, we happen to have a nationally ranked curling team. It may not sound like much, a curling match is no adrenaline-rushing football game. Many people do not even know the rules, but often times once people try it out they enjoy it. A full curling team consists of four people, and the Hamilton team has ten regulars. About 40 people have signed up to try it, because you do not have to commit to it right away if you want to check it out. The team practices about ten minutes away at the Utica Curling Club, in Whitesboro. The coaches are all from Colgate: Mary-Jane Walsh, a librarian, and Professor Roger Rowlett, of chemistry, and the captain is senior David Hamilton. Walsh and Rowlett both taught the team how to curl, since most

people had very little if any prior curling experience when they started.

Still not convinced? Don't really know what you would be getting into? Here's a quick look at how curling works. Two teams of four play against each other on

brooms to guide a piece of polished granite down the ice towards the target, referred to as the house, which looks similar to a bull's-eye. Teams are awarded points based on how close their rocks are to the center of the house, called the button. Curling originated in Scotland in the Late Middle Ages, and

Olympics since 1988.

How did they get to be national champions after starting out with such little curling experience? Two years ago, captain David Hamilton '09, Katherine Alser '09, Yuqi Mao '09, and Tom Irvin '09, decided to take a chance and go to the curling championships in Chicago. They did not want to get their expectations up too much, but they ended up winning the Beginner Division (Division V) games. Last year they moved up to Division III and won again. Another team also won Division IV, with Jack Li '08, William Welles '08, Andrew Harris '11, and Mike Lindsay, from Yale. Hamilton said, "I think our continued success there is a testament to the quality of instruction we're getting at Utica, and the dedication of the curlers that we have." Their competitions are all

over, from Massachusetts and Illinois to Ontario, and the team is trying to host a tournament in Utica this year. They also play schools from all over the country, including Villanova, RIT, MIT, UPenn, Colgate, Hampshire College, University of Denver, University of Nebraska, Colorado School of Mines, Lawrence Tech, Michigan Tech, Bowling Green University, and Marquette.

The game involves teamwork, communication, and precision, and it creates a great feel of camaraderie among the players. While the number of people who know a lot about curling is small, Hamilton says, "It's incredibly addictive, the problem is just getting people to give it a shot." But after winning multiple national championships, "the most important thing that's fallen out of the last two years is that we've actually gotten people to notice curling... The three titles we've won, I think, have made it just a little bit more legitimate in people's minds, just enough for people to try it out."



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a long rectangular sheet of ice, sort of like a giant shuffleboard. The teams alternate using special

the first curling club in the United States was formed in 1831. It has been an official sport in the Winter

FEATURES THE SPECTATOR

Bachelor & Bachelorette of the Week

Eli Leino '10

Age: 21
Eye Color: Blue/Green
Height: 6'2"
Sign: Cancer
Hometown: Keene, New Hampshire

Major: Government
On Campus Activities: Lacrosse, Netflix, Boston Cream Pie

Interested In: Women
What You Are Looking For Now: Friendship?

Ideal Date:

On Campus: Fishing and a picnic by the KJ "Water Feature."
Off Campus: Sky-diving onto my yacht in the Mediterranean. Or dinner.

If you were to prepare a romantic dinner, what would be on the menu?
Traditional Mexican cuisine: Crunch Wrap Supremes from Taco Bell.

Turn Ons: Blondes
Turn Offs: Gingers
Dating Deal Makers: Blondes
Dating Deal Breakers: Tattoos
What is your ideal date wearing? Short dress, tall shoes, nice jewelry.

Favorites

Place to Hangout on Campus: Eells 118
Exercise At The Gym: Romanian Dead Lifts
Song: "Slam Harder" by Onyx
Book: *The Fountainhead* by Ayn Rand
Movie: Lots... Dogma, Gladiator
"Guilty Pleasure" Song: Ohio Is For Lovers, Hawthorne Heights
"Guilty Pleasure" Movie: Stardust
Celeb Crush: Kate Hudson
Campus Crush: Emily Conover
Faculty Crush: Lisa Trivedi
Breakfast: Omelet with cheese, wheat toast, OJ
Sitcom: Entourage
Reality TV Show: The Pick Up Artist 2
Quote: "You can't miss the bear!"
Most attractive campus organization on campus: Men's Lacrosse

Ors

Light side or Dark side? Light
Boxers or Briefs? Boxer briefs
Midnight Rendezvous or Afternoon Delight? Both
Hot or Cold? Cold
Rok or VT? VT
Opus or DD? DD
Keystone light or keystone ice? Either
Annex or ELS basement? Annex
KJ or Science Center? Why?

My most attractive quality: Girls seem to like a\$\$holes.
Weirdest decoration in my room: White Reindeer Hide
The outfit that epitomizes me: Diesel Jeans and an American Apparel shirt

If I were an animal I would be: A seagull because I fly alone and eat trash.
If I could go anywhere in the world I would go: Detroit. Seems nice.
If I were a cartoon character, I would be: Ash Ketchum. You know why.

The best pick-up line I have used: So, Pittsburgh, eh?
The best pick-up line that has worked on me: I always fall for "Wanna watch a movie?"
How can someone tell that you are interested? I'll be in the bushes outside their window.

If you were to write a poem for your date, what style would it be in?
Plagiarized.



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Abby Seadler '11

Age: 19
Eye Color: Dark blue
Height: 5'6"
Sign: Taurus
Hometown: Phoenix, Arizona
Major: Geoscience/Government

Interested In: Friends... more than friends. And more than friends who can act like friends when we're not being more than friends! Does that make sense?
What You Are Looking For Now: A MAN.

Ideal Date:

On Campus: A candlelit dinner in Commons, followed by some canoodling in the Chapel, ('c' is my favorite letter and date formulator).

Turn Ons: Sincerity, someone who is laid-back, sense of humor
Turn Offs: INSINCERITY

Dating Deal Makers: Makes me laugh.
Dating Deal Breakers: Someone who is not actually interested in getting to know me. I'm more than just a beautiful face and a fantastic body!
What is your ideal date wearing? Nothing but a smile.

Favorites

Place to Hangout on Campus: Commons
Song: So Lonely was the Ballad by Jamie T
Book: *Who I was supposed to be* by Susan Perabo
Movie: The Birdcage or Pteradactyl Porn. Ask my friends...
"Guilty Pleasure" Song: anything Fall Out Boy
"Guilty Pleasure" Movie: Fiddler On The Roof
Celeb Crush: Eric Bana
Faculty Crush: Zach Dietz
Breakfast: Bacon and/or yogurt with granola
TV show: Heroes!!!!
Reality TV Show: Any Real World/Road Rules Challenge
Quote: "The best laugh never leaves your lungs" - Wilco
Most attractive organization on campus: Hamilton Varsity Streaking Team

Ors

Light side or Dark side? Down the Hill.
Midnight Rendezvous or Afternoon Delight? Afternoon Delight
Hot or Cold? HOT!!!!!!
Rok or VT? Bundy dining hall.
Opus or DD? Opus.
Keystone light or keystone ice? Keystone light
Annex or ELS basement? Annex
KJ or Science Center? Science Center

My most attractive quality: My crooked smile.
Weirdest decoration in my room: The giant, yarn spider web hanging up in my room.

If I were an animal I would be: A whale because no one f**ks with whales.
If I could go anywhere in the world I would go: To Chile because they have every single climate zone.
If I were a cartoon character, I would be: Dr. Blithe from Captain Planet

The best pick-up line I have used: Oh God, none of my pick-up lines work.
The best pick-up line that has worked on me: "You have beautiful eyes" (...I know)
How can someone tell that you are interested? Oh, they'll know.

If you were to write a poem for your date, what style would it be in?
Haiku.



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KøllegeLife™ Sets Up to be Complete Failure

by Olivia B. Waxman '11
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

While KøllegeLife.com, the newest social networking site, is still in its infancy, it has a long way to go before it becomes an alluring, online oasis for college students. The problem starts on page one. I see red when I log onto the site, not just because its name is printed in glaring, red block letters, but because the word "college" is spelled with a "k." Perhaps the creators intentionally misspelled the word to promote the site as a playful forum for college students, a place to kid around uninhibited. But the misspelled word sets a juvenile tone that is an instant turn-off to any intelligent student.

To its credit, KøllegeLife.com has a tempting hook. "Almost 40 percent of Facebook users are now over 35 years old," its title page boasts. "Over 70 percent are out of college. Join KøllegeLife. Meet college students!" These numbers are startling, since only four years ago Facebook was what KøllegeLife strives to be. But now that Facebook has opened its doors to anyone over 13 years old, and articles about employers snooping the site have hit newsstands, a market has opened up for websites that cater exclusively to the college set: hence KøllegeLife.com.

According to its managing partner Rob Teeple, the site, launched about a month ago, already boasts more than 600 registered users from 118 different schools and is about to kick off a "national Campus Rep program" in the next 30 days to increase membership numbers and create more site

traffic. "Every website starts with just one member and then grows," Teeple explained.

Marketing itself on its privacy features, KøllegeLife.com affords its users an anonymity that creates an eerie atmosphere that makes you feel like you are surfing a chat room or a ran-

dom online discussion forum geared toward college students, rather than an outlet where you can socialize with people you know. While members must have an email address that ends in ".edu" to register, they must also create an "alias" that they will be known by on the site. Sure, one can click on the screen-name to view the user's profile—a list of the real identity of the alias and his or her college, class year, major, and interests—if he or she provided even that much information. Most of the member profiles I viewed, however, had no data other than the user's alias.



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KøllegeLife.com's logo, just like it's content, is nothing its users haven't already seen.

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But I can still feel safe on the site because everyone is a college student, right? No, to put it colloquially, the fact that members roam around under different aliases freaks me out. I feel more secure on Facebook, where users are known by their full names. At least on Facebook users are people.

Regardless, the parts of the site that do try to foster cyber community just accentuate the air of creepiness. Members are

full of pictures of random men and women, many of whom have clearly tried to take their own pictures by holding their cameras out in front of them. I am not interested in picture-sharing or browsing pictures of people I do not know, and these staged poses of men and women showing off to fellow members just adds to the site's unsavory aura. Apparently I am not the only one who is uncomfortable socializing with such members because the communal chatroom, "K-Chat," has been totally empty every time I have logged into it.

Moreover, there are many

features on KøllegeLife.com that I could find elsewhere. Many of the uploaded images have been taken from search engines, and many of the uploaded videos are popular YouTube clips. "The Skoop," a message board for members to post personal stories about col-

lege life, just seems to be a rip-off of CollegeHumor.com, the online Mecca for tales of collegiate hanky-panky. My eyelids started to droop after playing a few games on "K-Play," a collection of 100 computer games that do not pose much of a challenge. And if the "K-Library" is supposed to keep members well-informed with a database chock-full of news items, then it better start collecting articles from reputable news sources, rather than self-help commentaries from NewsUSA, a little-known news placement service. Collectively, these cliché features obscure the few choice

aspects of the site such as the "Real World" section, an extensive list of undergraduate volunteer, study abroad, and internship opportunities, and the "NightLife" section, a directory of clubs, bars, and restaurants recommended by area college students. At the same time, students can easily find these resources in the latest *TimeOut* magazine or at their college career center, so there is no need to create an account just to use those parts of the site. KøllegeLife.com merely consolidates resources that already exist on the Web and does not have enough unique attractions to draw users away from Facebook. Overall, the website has yet to learn the old adage that Facebook gradually disregarded: less is more. All college students need is a professional-looking site where they can easily talk and share pictures and videos with their friends. KøllegeLife clutters the site with a mind-boggling array of frivolous extra features. Besides, even if 40 percent of Facebook users are adults, college students do not have to be "friends" with them; they can easily maintain a college-only networking experience. So if KøllegeLife.com reaches out to Hamilton students as part of its nationwide promotional campaign, just say, "Kan it."

HAMILTON HOROSCOPES

by Steve Allinger '09
STAFF SEER

Aries: Your friends will be an incredible source of strength in the next few days. When you eat them, you will absorb their powers.

Taurus: Don't tell so many cannibalism jokes; they make people feel uncomfortable.

Gemini: Don't let the cold dark of winter get you down. Try picking up some fun winter hobbies like skiing, snowshoeing, heavy drinking, and seasonal depression.

Cancer: This weekend will give you a good chance to reconnect with your family, and remember why you got the f*^k away from them as soon as you could.

Leo: All of the other astrological signs hate you. Don't get mad at me, I'm just telling you what I heard.

Virgo: You were conceived around Thanksgiving; the large amounts of turkey your parents ate before having sex may explain your alcoholism.

Libra: Halloween is a good time to show everyone your creativity, because right now everyone finds you about as interesting as dormant herpes.

Scorpio: You will be the next horoscopes writer! ... please?

Sagittarius: Rhymes with Vagittarius!

Capricorn: Never judge a book by its cover; in fact, just avoid books in general, nothing good can come from them.

Aquarius: Try to adopt a better outlook on life... or don't, I don't give a sh*t.

Pisces: Does anybody actually read these? Can I stop writing now?

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Upcoming Campus Entertainment

by Michelle Reiser-Memmer
PERFORMING ARTS ADMINISTRATOR

Family Weekend Music & Dance

The Hamilton College Departments of Music and Dance offer a full schedule of free performances in Wellin Hall during the College's Family Weekend today and tomorrow.

Directed by G. Roberts Kolb, the Hamilton College Choir and College Hill Singers will perform several songs, ranging from French Renaissance to spirituals, tonight at 8 p.m. and tomorrow at 1:30 p.m.

The second part of tonight's and tomorrow's performances is dedicated to the Department of Dance. Leslie Norton will present the ballet Chants d'Auvergne to a suite of French folk songs composed by Joseph Canteloube. The work features guest artist Paris Wilcox, a 1995 graduate of Hamilton College who danced with the Kansas City Ballet at the top rank of principal dancer from 1998-2007.

Elaine Heekin is collaborating with Sam Pellman in a trio titled Perijove (titled after

the music composition). This score was originally part of a larger installation seen on campus last year titled *The Planets* with video by Lauren Koss '00. Dancers Erin Brown, Nicole Goldberg and Ashley Jackson will perform the work. The intertwining of water and sun images, sound, and movement offers the viewer a feeling of fluidity and calm.

Bruce Walczyk choreographs *The Cycle of Branches*, a revised version of *It's like the moon through winter branches* (1984). Presented in the atmosphere of Halloween, the sound score includes music by David Byrne/Brian Eno, Laurie Anderson, and live sounds provided by the performers. The piece incorporates Filipino/Malaysian/Chinese martial arts, contact/structured improvisation, and task activity.

Tomorrow at 8 p.m., the Hamilton College Orchestra and Jazz Ensemble will take to the stage. Conducted by Heather Buchman, the Orchestra will present Rossini's Overture to La Gazza and several movements from Dvorák's Symphony No. 8 in G Major.

In the second half of tomorrow evening's performance, the Hamilton College Jazz Ensemble will perform under the

direction of Mike "Doc" Woods. The Jazz Ensemble will play standards as well as new compositions from Woods and members of the Jazz Combo.

Family Weekend events are free and open to the public. Seating is general admission. For more information call the box office at 859-4331.

Harlem String Quartet, November 7th

The Hamilton College Performing Arts Classical Connections series continues with the Harlem String Quartet on Friday, November 7 at 8:00 p.m. in Wellin Hall.

The program will feature mixed classical and contemporary repertoire. Ranging from Johannes Brahms and Walter Piston to Winton Marsalis and Billy Strayhorn, each piece on the program offers something beyond the music of the usual string quartet. The Harlem Quartet is a part of the Sphinx Organization, whose mission is to increase the participation of black and Latino players and audiences in classical music. This is fresh music from dynamic young performers.

Highlights of the program

include four of the seven movements from "At the Octoroon Balls," Wynton Marsalis' first string quartet and Walter Piston's String Quartet No. 5, which received a New York Critics' Circle award. "At the Octoroon Balls" musically explores the American Creole contradictions and compromises - cultural, social, and political - exemplified by life in New Orleans. The piece's movements evoke people, places, and events in the Crescent City. Harlem String Quartet will perform "Mating Calls & Delta Rhythms," "Creole Contradanzas," "Rampart St. Row House Rag," and "Hellbound Highball."

The Harlem String Quartet is made up of violinist Ilmar Gavilan, violinist Melissa White, violist Juan- Miguel Hernandez, and cellist Desmond Neysmith. The Harlem String Quartet has a unique and challenging mission: to advance diversity in classical music while engaging young and new audiences through the discovery and presentation of varied repertoire, highlighting works by minority composers.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for senior citizens and \$5 for students. All seating is general admission. For tickets or more information regarding this or future events, call the box office at 859-4331 or visit www.hamiltonpa.org.



Toy Story

Have you ever thought about what it would be like if toys were actually alive? I'm certain some of us still do, but *Toy Story* has a way of bringing to life not only toys but also our own imaginative possibilities. Why then, do we spend so much time repressing our imagination? Our childhood is constantly surrounded by make-believe through inanimate objects (and I suppose books also do their part), but only college students bring their books to bed. Before you think about sitting around for Disney/Pixar's 3D animated classic, think back to your favorite doll, action figure, or stuffed teddy bear, and maybe you won't think I'm so crazy.

Toy Story gets 5 Lettuce Heads for comedy, sentimental value, and the ultimate clashes between cowboys and space rangers. So one patrols the galaxy, and the other keeps low-down dirty scum out of bars, *Toy Story* is indeed an all time favorite for everyone whose ever loved growing up. Wow, I think I'm about to cry.



Silence of the Lambs

When it first came out in 1991, this psychological thriller was instantly cast as a classic horror. This is the gripping story of an FBI cadet asked by her department to speak with the infamous Hannibal "the Cannibal" in order to gain insight on the personality of a serial killer on the loose. With gore, action, and suspense, all presented in a great story, this is the perfect Halloween movie for those who are tired of mindless slasher flicks.

The compelling story along with Anthony Hopkins's arguably most hypnotic performance ever earns this movie 4.9 lettuce heads.



Dead End

Damn it feels good to be a gangster, right? That's how I felt until I watched *Dead End* starring Humphrey Bogart. This dynamic and not-always-too-overdramatic film tells the story of the impoverished gang life during the 1930s. Bogart plays a famed criminal who returns home to find whatever nostalgic leftovers he can, while teaching a new breed of misfits "new tricks" including knife throwing and making up your own rules for gang fighting. While humorous lines are constantly thrown out by the Dead End Gang, the truth is that crime is constant in the dog-eat-dog world that the poor faced in New York City. I myself revisited this film on imdb.com (where you can watch movies for free online) from a while ago, and its lessons speak to another world as far as I'm concerned. However, the unhappy endings for the protagonist and antagonists are a surprise for an old school American film.

I give the film 3.5 Lettuce Heads because it's no *Godfather*, but it has the early makings for a promising cheesy "gangsta" film. Oh the 1930's.



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Hannibal is a perfect film to watch this Halloween season.

Weekly Charts

by Jennifer Vano '09
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

MUSIC

(From billboard.com)

TOP ALBUMS

1. AC/DC-Black Ice
2. High School 3: Soundtrack
3. Paper Trail: T.I.
4. Lucky Old Sun-Kenny Chesney
5. Death Magnetic-Metallica

TOP SONGS

1. Whatever You Like-T.I.
2. Life Your Life-T.I. feat. Rihanna
3. If I were a Boy-Beyonce
4. So What-Pink
5. Womanizer-Britney Spears

MOVIES

(Yahoo! Movies)

1. High School Musical 3
2. Senior Year
3. Saw V
4. Beverly Hills Chihuahua
5. Pride and Glory

BOOKS

(From The New York Times Best Seller List)

PAPERBACK FICTION

1. THE SHACK, by William P. Young
2. THE SECRET LIFE OF BEES, by Sue Monk Kidd
3. WORLD WITHOUT END, by Ken Follett
4. THE BRIEF WONDROUS LIFE OF OSCAR WAO, by Junot Díaz
5. NIGHTS IN RODANTHE, by Nicholas Sparks

PAPERBACK NON-FICTION

1. THREE CUPS OF TEA, by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin
2. EAT, PRAY, LOVE, by Elizabeth Gilbert
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Herbal Remedies: Why Grandma Was Right

by Jessica Carroll '12
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY EDITOR

Did you ever wake up feeling just awful - not bad enough to need real medication, but you're still miserable? You know it's not serious enough for an emergency health center appointment or an EMT call, but you still just want to stay in bed all day and not move. Below are some remedies you might not have thought of, what they do, how they work, and where you can find them on campus.

Problem: Headache

Solution: Two glasses of Gatorade or a similar drink.

Where To Get It: Basically any drink machine on campus.

How This Works: Gatorade (or any other sports drink, really) contains two major and one minor component that help to relieve headaches. The first one is very simple: water. The average human being needs approximately 64 ounces of water without any exertion at all - the equivalent of two full-size nalgens. Your headache could just be a dehydration headache, a way that your body is using to signal you to hydrate it. The second component is sugar. I am sure many, if not all, of Hamilton students have skipped a meal at some point or another, which causes their blood sugar to drop and gives them another possible source of headache. The sugar in sports drinks helps to counteract that and also to give you a small boost. The third, and minor, com-

ponent is the vitamins often present. These may not have a direct effect on your headache, but they can only help.

Problem: Stuffy nose/sinuses

Solution: Hot sauce, wasabi or Altoids

Where To Get It: By the burgers in Commons; by the sushi bar in Commons; wherever you can find some Altoids.

How This Works: The capsaicin in the hot sauce causes an increase in fluid output from your eyes which can flow into the nose and help to flush it of any clogs and at the same time stimulate your metabolism. The wasabi initiates a burning effect all throughout the mouth and up through the nose. Warning: This method is not for the faint of heart! The third method - munching on a bunch of Altoids - releases mint into your respiratory tract, invigorating it and helping it to clear.

Problem: A broken blister

Solution: A few drops of Listerine

Where To Get It: Campus store and stops on the Jitney

How This Works: Listerine is a powerful antibiotic, so it effectively sterilizes the blister without leaving it all gummed up due to an antibiotic cream. It is also able to get into the cracks and crannies where bacteria might be hiding, since it is such a low-viscosity liquid. The leftover Listerine can also help your toe fungus if you soak your toes in it.



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Problem: A stubborn zit (or unsweetened tea)

Solution: Honey

Where To Get It: Near the teabags in either Commons or McEwen

How This Works: By placing a dab of honey on a zit, you allow the skin to heal faster and help to keep it clean. A band-aid placed over the honey will not only keep it in place, but will stop you from picking at the zit underneath. Also, honey makes your tea taste good. Just be sure to keep your face and tea honey separate.

Problem: Gum in your hair

Solution: Peanut butter, a chocolate bar, or ice

Where To Get It: By the toaster in both dining halls

How This Works: By massaging the peanut butter into the gum and the hair around it, the gum is dissolved into the relatively non-stick food. All that remains to do is wash the peanut butter out of your hair - gross, but better than having to cut out the gum. Another option is using a chocolate bar, but who wants to waste chocolate like that? If using peanut butter is just too odd, then place an ice cube on the gum lodged in the hair. After a period of time, the gum will become brittle and much easier to remove.

Problem: Dreariness

Solution: Cinnamon

Where To Get It: In the cinna-

mon-sugar shakers by the toasters in both dining halls

How This Works: The Wheeling Jesuit University in West Virginia found that cinnamon increases blood flow, which is crucial for the brain to be alert and functioning at its highest level. Once consumed, the cinnamon also helps to even out blood sugar levels, reducing the severity of an upcoming sugar-high crash. Note: The shaker in McEwen has a higher cinnamon to sugar ratio than the shaker in Commons.

Problem: Sore throat

Solution: Warm tea with honey and lemon

Where To Get It: Everything you need for this is in the tea-making stations in Commons and McEwen

How This Works: The heat of the tea soothes your throat while increasing the blood flow to the area, allowing more white blood cells to arrive and also allowing waste to be transported out of the area. Also, the water itself helps to hydrate you, giving your body more space for excretion of toxins in the urine. The honey creates a slight covering over the back of the throat to help protect it as well as acting as a weak antibiotic. The lemon stimulates the salivary glands, making sure that your throat does not dry out more than it already has. Note: the type of the tea is not important here. Drink whatever flavor or type you prefer.

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What Is String Theory: The Ultimate Unifying Theory?

by Saad Chaudhry '12
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY EDITOR

In previous issues of *The Spectator*, the Sci & Tech section has thoroughly covered the newest, hottest, and most expensive physics toy around, the Large Hadron Collider (LHC), which is located near Geneva, Switzerland. We have described its current status (broken down and under suit), and its prominence in the scientific community, most notably due to its potential for experimentally validating what the mainstream media and physicists alike characterize as the "theory of everything" or the "ultimate theory of unification": string theory. So what is this darn theory?

Essentially, string theory is the bridge between relative quantum field theory and Albert Einstein's classical theory of general relativity. Relative quantum field theory does a good job explaining the observed behavior and properties of elementary particles, such as electrons and protons; but, this theory works well only when gravity is defined as so weak that it can be neglected. Einstein's general relativity on the other hand does a good job explain-

ing the behavior of the universe on a much more grandiose scale; it explains phenomena such as the Big Bang, orbits of planets, the evolution of stars and galaxies, and the recently observed black holes and gravitational lenses, the most latter of which is the focus of the famed physicist Stephen Hawking. However, general relativity works well to define the grand universe only when gravity is given a principle and central value.

So the problem between these two theories is the change between the negligence and use of gravity. This one force lead to an infuriated Einstein saying, "God does not play dice with the universe," in response to competing quantum theorists, such as Werner Heisenberg, who felt general relativity must be inaccurate due to gravity's lack of prominence in quantum theory; for instance, the Heisenberg uncertainty principle, which states the precise location of an electron cannot be determined, is one of the principles that define quantum theory, and one of the theories that made the aging Einstein's blood pressure skyrocket.

Decades of stalemate between

the quantum theorists and general relativists preceded the formal formulation of string theory. String theory emerged from a more humble attempt by physicists for explaining the relationship of mass and spin amongst particles such as protons and neutrons. In midst of this research, physicists realized that particles that have zero mass and two units of spin can actually account for the loss of gravity in quantum theory because these particles have sufficient attraction of gravity; thus, these miraculous particles are called gravitons. The conceptual discovery of the theoretical graviton lead to great excitement, for, physicists finally thought there was a way to incorporate the classical principles of gravity into quantum theory.

But when gravitons were applied to quantum theory, it was discovered they made no mathematical sense, since gravitons theoretically interact with other particles at zero distance, which cannot be mathematically written. Nonetheless, strings do have small yet finite distances of interaction, and thus do make mathematical sense.

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PROFESSOR PROFILE

John Edlund, Psychology

THE FACTS:

Name: John Edlund

Department: Psychology

College: Northern Illinois University

Graduate Experience: M.S. and Ph. D. from Northern Illinois University

Active Research: the sex difference in jealousy (the different responses of men and women to real or imagined infidelity), what people look for in a potential mate, and identifying individual traits influence a witness' identification accuracy in a police lineup.

INTERVIEW SECTION

Elijah LaChance: If you were to describe yourself in three words or fewer, what would they be?

John Edlund: Intensely dedicated.

EL: What areas of psychology most interest you and why?

JE: I find myself pursuing two areas of psychology. My main area of expertise is in evolutionary psychology. This area of psychology has a powerful meta-theoretical explanation for human behavior, and I find its approach to understanding some of our behaviors to be very appealing. My second area of expertise is psychology and the law. Having gotten one of my lower degrees in criminal justice (and having briefly worked in the field), I want to gain a deeper understanding of what makes the system work (or not work). I am particularly interested in understanding eyewitnesses – what makes them better or worse.

EL: How did you eventually choose to teach psychology for a living?

JE: I ended up majoring in psychology for my B.S. as I wanted to go into the FBI and I wanted a broad background in case I ever changed my mind. After designing and running an experiment on eyewitness memory for my honors thesis, I decided that I wanted to keep doing research in psychology. I love everything about research – I love doing the research and I love teaching the research – the ideas, the methods, and the findings.

EL: Why Hamilton?

JE: When I interviewed at Hamilton, I was welcomed by the



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community and made to feel at home. Where else would I want to be?

EL: What is your funniest/most entertaining childhood memory that you wouldn't mind sharing?

JE: When I was seven, I was on my front lawn playing catch with my sister. This van pulled up, and a lady and Tony the Tiger (a la Frosted Flakes) got out and asked if we had any Frosted Flakes in the house – if we did, we would win a new bicycle. Well, my sister and I ran inside and looked – no box of Frosted Flakes. My sister walked out to tell them no luck, but I remembered that our mom had just gotten a box of the mini-cereal boxes. I looked, and what do you know – there was a Frosted Flakes box in the mix. I ran out and got the drivers attention, and it counted! Unfortunately, my mom made them give my sister the bike, because I already had one (a hand-me-down, mind you). So I won my sister a new bike by thinking outside the traditional box.

EL: Do you have any habits students might notice? If so, what are they?

JE: I always have something to read with me.

EL: What is your favorite band/singer, your favorite ice cream flavor, your favorite book, and your favorite home-cooked meal?

JE: Dave Matthews Band. German Chocolate. *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*.

Shrimp DeJonge.

EL: What would you say is your teaching style, and what can students expect who are in your classes?

JE: I am a big proponent of participatory learning. I like to act as a guide, helping my students reach their goals. In all of my classes, my students can expect a class focused on current research. There is always lots of discussion and reading.

EL: What was the craziest thing you did in college you wouldn't mind sharing?

JE: I was involved in an epic paintball battle. It was an enormous event at a large paintball range – one where there were individual battles, which determined how many shooters would be in the next battle (and where). It was quite intense and very, very long. I don't remember how many bruises I ended up with.

EL: Other than the Science Center, where can students expect to see you on campus?

JE: The Fitness Center

EL: What are you most looking forward to about joining the Hamilton community?

JE: Getting to do research with passionate students!

EL: What are some of your interests outside Hamilton?

JE: I am an amateur photographer, in addition to being an amateur vintner/braumeister.

800 Miles to Go... One Gallon of Fuel

by Nicholas Berry '09

SCI & TECH LEAD WRITER

Imagine a three-day contest in which you must race against four other teams from Berkeley, California to Las Vegas, Nevada, an 800 mile journey taking you through the Mojave Desert, to see who will claim a \$5,000 grand prize. Doesn't sound too bad, right? All you'd have to do is jump in your car, turn up the AC, find the fastest route to Vegas, and maybe go over the speed limit here and there. But, now imagine that there's an M.Night Shyamalan-worthy twist to the challenge: you can't use any petroleum as fuel, you start with only a gallon of whatever fuel you do use, and you can't buy more of your fuel if you run out of it during the trip (i.e. you must be able to scavenge it somehow from materials found along the route). Sound impossible? Well, this is exactly the challenge faced by the five teams participating in the "Escape from Berkeley" race held from October 10 – 13.

The winning vehicle was a topless, two-foot-tall green and yellow roadster that ran entirely on vegetable oil. Built by Jack McCormack, the owner of an alternative car company in Oregon, the car completed the 800 mile trip in a total of 1,418 minutes. To stay fueled, McCormack re-

lied on a variety of materials he found along the route to keep his truck going, including switchback, kudzu, corn starch, cotton starch, newspaper, corn cobs, and phone books. He says his fuel costs are equivalent to about one penny a mile, and claims his emissions are completely carbon neutral.

Jim Mason, the event's organizer and founder of Shipyard Labs in Berkeley, was shocked that any of the competitors made it to Las Vegas at all. Indeed, the drive was difficult not only due to the terrain and fuel limitations, but also due to the non-stop driving. Both competitors ate little during the trip so as not to waste time, a feat that was made all the more difficult by the odors emitted by their fuels: McCormack's vegetable oil smelled like French fries, and Keith's burning biomass evoked the scent of barbecue. Among the vehicles that didn't make it were a Mercedes-Benz that ran on vegetable oil, a two-man bicycle augmented by a one-horsepower electric motor running on ethanol, and a 15 mph steam-powered three-wheeler.

The race's website - www.escapefromberkeley.com - described the event as participants going "head-to-head in a no holds barred battle of engineering prowess and creative excess" with "bragging rights for saving the world" hanging "somewhat in the balance." Mason



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McCormack, with his winning vehicle, heading to Vegas.

lied on vegetable-oil donations from local people who would ask questions about the odd-looking vehicle when he pulled up in front of grocery stores. (He handed out tee-shirts commemorating the race to show his appreciation for these favors.) McCormack says that his vehicle boasts low fuel costs, environmental friendliness, and top speeds of 60 to 70 mph.

Mechanical problems caused three other teams to drop out of the race within the first day, meaning McCormack's sole remaining competitor was Wayne Keith, a cattle rancher from Alabama. Keith drove a green Dodge Dakota that ran on the oxygen, hydrogen, and methane produced from the wood he burned in a large black contraption at the rear of his vehicle. Keith arrived in Las Vegas about three hours behind McCormack, and chose Las Vegas as the race's final destination because it "is a place of excessive spectacle and consumption of other people's creativity. [Vegas] isn't a place of production, of citizens making, expressing creating... [it] is the biggest contradiction of what [the competitors] just did." In addition to the grand prize of \$5,000 for winning the race, other prizes were offered in categories like most difficult engineering problem attempted, worst idea actually made to kind of work, sexiest vehicle, worst affront to sensible automotive aesthetics, and smallest greenhouse gas footprint. If you're interested in testing your engineering mettle or just want to see if vegetable oil-powered cars are in our future, another race will be held next year over Memorial Day weekend that will conclude in Mexico.

Is String Theory Scientific or Philosophical?

from *String Theory*, page 18

Strings are particles which take the shape of strands, which can either be looped into a circular shape or be open-ended. A string is the manifestation of all fundamental particles in the universe into a single object. For instance, usually we conceptualize an electron as a point lacking internal structure. A point cannot do anything but move. But, if string theory is correct, then under an exceptionally powerful microscope we would realize that the electron is not simply just a point, but more accurately a tiny loop of string. A string can do something aside from moving—it can oscillate in different ways. If it oscillates a certain way, then from a distance, unable to tell it is really a string, we conclude what we see is an electron. But if it oscillates some other way, well, then we call it a photon, or a quark, or a proton, etc.

Strings of string theory relate directly to strings of a violin, a guitar, or a piano; strings on all these instruments have certain resonant frequencies, which are frequencies at which they prefer to vibrate. And by vibrating at these resonant frequencies, the strings create certain sounds of different pitches, and when these sounds are combined through multiple vibrations, delightful music can be created. Just as when the strings of string theory

vibrate, they create the particles that we see, and when a lot of these strings vibrate perpetually, the universe as we know it is created.

String theory also demands multiple dimensions, most of which we cannot see; for instance, if string theory is correct, there can be up to 27 space-time dimensions, though most of the more common theories suggest ten space-time dimensions. There are multiple string theories, which is one of the most embarrassing features of this mathematical theory for the countless physicists that have spent thousands of hours working on it.

I asked Hamilton College's Professor of Physics Seth Major to comment on the dilemma of multiple string theories, and he replied, "The thing is, there are many ways to compact theories, and so it is a bit embarrassing we still have not discovered the appropriate ways of compactification."

However, an American theoretical physicist and professor at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, New Jersey, Edward Witten, saved string theory from total embarrassment when during a major physics conference in 1995 he unveiled his M-theory, a theory that attempted to unify all the other major string theories.

Currently, it asks for 11 space-time dimensions, and it has earned Witten the honor of being called the successor of Einstein by

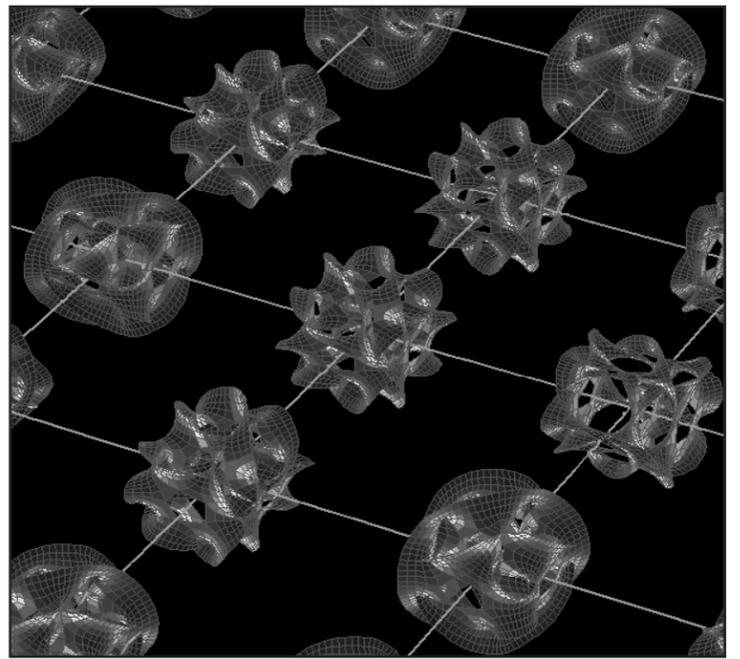


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many physicists including Columbia University's Professor Brian Greene, author and producer of *The Elegant Universe*, a *New York Times* bestselling book and a *PBS NOVA* documentary. When I asked Prof. Major to comment on Edward Witten's work, he simplified it by stating, "string theory still has a problem with multiple theories, and he suggested the multiple theories could converge into a single theory."

Still, a dilemma with string theory is the difficulty there is in proving the theory experimentally, and as the scientific community knows, you cannot maintain a good theory with just the theoretical work. For this reason, many physicists claim string theory to be more a philosophical theory rather than a scientific theory.

I asked Prof. Major whether he felt string theory is scientific or



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Edward Witten attempted to unify string theory, which describes vibrating strings in multiple dimensions.

philosophical, and he responded, "Yes, it certainly is a scientific theory. But, a physical theory includes experimental plus theoretical work, and in that sense string theory is criticized. The problem with string theory is that it took a huge amount of work and has resulted in very little experimental data, and so one wonders whether it is worth it to continue working on the theory."

Now many believe the fate of string theory is dependent on the success of the LHC because it

provides hope for string theory's experimental support. For instance, the LHC may help identify particles such as gravitons, that demonstrate the room for convergence between general relativity and quantum theory.

I asked Prof. Major to comment on the outlook of string theory, and he replied, "What I definitely think will happen is we are going to see some sort of brand new physics some time very soon." And now for many physicists, all there is to play is the waiting game.

Solutioneering: How to Visualize a Hundred Million

by David Riordan '09
SCI & TECH SENIOR WRITER

Bar graphs suck.
So do pie charts.

Frankly, most common ways that we use to visualize data fundamentally fail at communicating the underlying meaning of the data sets they're supposed to represent. Ultimately, these visual displays of quantitative information are designed to make numbers understandable; the kind of things we can relate to. There's a big difference between seeing the big picture and understanding it.

The fact is, numbers are hard - an abstraction. But by visualizing numbers, statistics, evidence, and large data sets, visualizations, it changes the form of the underlying information so that people can (theoretically) understand it. Unfortunately, most of the time, visualized data is too cluttered or unstructured to give meaning to the data. Luckily, there's a growing movement of statisticians and designers who are working tirelessly to create "the appropriate" ways to display complex data, not just graph it.

At the head of this movement is Edward Tufte, a Yale political economist who has become, as deemed by the *New York Times*, "The Da Vinci of Data". Tufte's books have achieved a cult following among designers following the 1983 publication of his first major statistics book, *The Visual Dis-*

play of Quantitative Information, a gorgeous tome which beautifully embodies the information display principals it lays out within.

For Tufte, who has created his own methods for visualizing data, like sparklines, small, information-rich graphs which fit in context with text, much of great data visualization boils down to three things:

- 1) *Show all the information concisely.*
- 2) *Highlight the information that matters.*
- 3) *If it doesn't matter, get rid of it.*

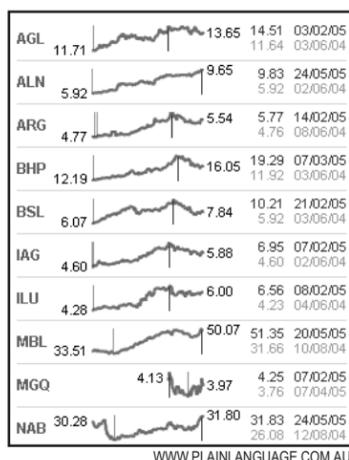
While Tufte celebrates fantastic information visualization of all kinds, he elevates minimalist presentation of vast quantities of data to an art form. The elegant display of information in versatile, but appropriate, contexts has become his trademark.

One of the best-known Tufte-influenced designs is the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington DC, which uses the varying height of the two sides of the monument to convey the timeframe for escalation and subsequent de-escalation of the war. The form of the monument is able to convey an incredible amount of data. Meanwhile, the graph to the right conveys the state of the Dow Jones over the past 90 days. In about as much time as it takes to read one word, its possible to comprehend the state of a major financial index.

Sites like Everymomentnow.com use Tufte-inspired design to convey the state of election media

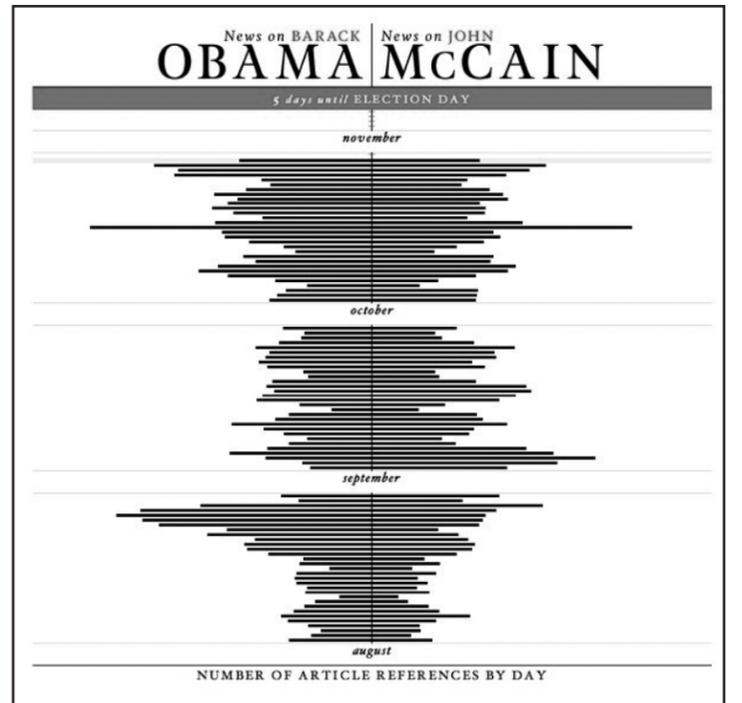
coverage. The front page visually displays the mentions of both presidential candidates per day for the past three months, an instant snapshot of who's controlling the media cycle. Drilling down day by day or topic by topic brings along even more data, breaking down the coverage of various topics throughout the day with simple sparklines. It's a dashboard for analyzing campaign media.

Meanwhile, complex data visualization isn't relegated to statisticians and designers. Photographer Chris Jordan has made the focus of his "Running the Numbers" collection works for people to relate to massive, usually incomprehensibly large statistics. Over 1 million plastic cups are used every six hours on flights over the United States. What does that look like? At first his work *Plastic Cups* seems like a collection of tightly packed pipes,



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Sparklines convey data.



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A sparkchart showing Obama and McCain's media press.

but upon closer inspection it turns out to be one million individual stacked plastic cups. By seeing the actual scope of one million cups in relation to only a few, people are able to begin to relate to the massive scope of the full statistic. When presenting at the 2008 TED Conference last February, Jordan was clear that his work is intended to move people and inspire them to take action, intended to overcome the notion that one death is a tragedy but one million is merely a statistic.

So how do we move beyond the visual clutter of powerpoint

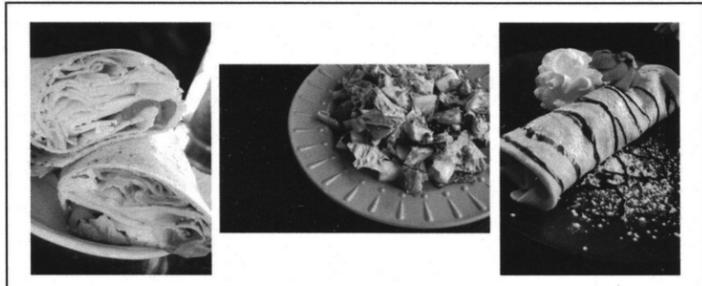
charts and make graphics that really represent the underlying numbers? One possibility is to incorporate visualizations from Swivel.com, which has been called Youtube for data, or from IBM's ManyEyes (<http://services.alphaworks.ibm.com/manyeyes/home>) project, which powers the new *New York Times* Visualization lab (<http://vizlab.nytimes.com>). These sites take complex tools for data visualization and make them easy to use. Sound familiar? It's all a part of the trend of making information and tools usable and understandable. You can thank Edward Tufte.

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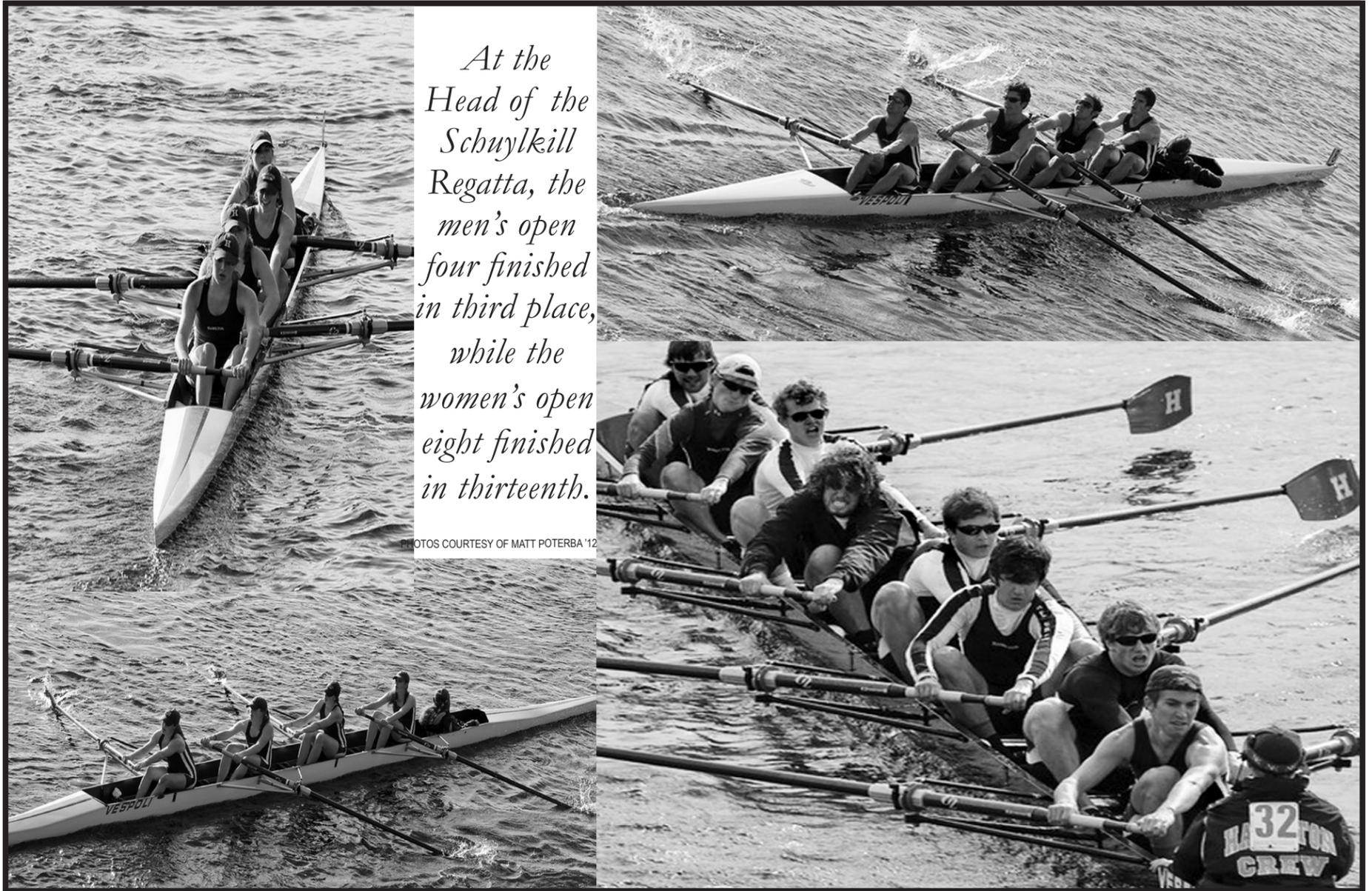
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SPORTS

Fall Season Finale: Crew Teams Make Waves Across the Northeast



At the Head of the Schuylkill Regatta, the men's open four finished in third place, while the women's open eight finished in thirteenth.

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Equestrian Team Participates in Five Shows

by Meredith FitzPatrick '11
SPORTS CONTRIBUTOR

Do you have horseback riding experience? Have you always been interested in riding but have never been given the opportunity? Well, you're in luck! The Hamilton College Equestrian Team welcomes riders of any experience or ability. Founded in the fall of 2003, the club was formed by a group of avid student equestrian riders who sought to see the sport become part of the Hamilton community.

Despite being a young team, the club has sent several members to the Intercollegiate Horse

Show Association (ISHA) Regionals and Nationals. This year the team is led by captains Hathaway Burden '10 and Cora Katz-Samuels '10.

The Equestrian Team is coached by Valerie McCloskey, an accomplished rider who has worked with great international instructors throughout her riding career and has taken the time to

earn her Centered Riding and CHA Master Instructor/ACI credentials. McCloskey is the lead trainer at Whisper Wind Equestrian Center in Rome, NY, where the team practices four times a week.

The team shows five times in the fall and three times in the spring when they compete against Skidmore College, Morrisville

campuses and are also growing stronger with time.

Both Burden and Katz-Samuels ride competitively outside of school in addition to being members of the equestrian team at Hamilton. Both captains agreed that they have enjoyed being a part of a team here on the Hill and encourage others to do the same.

Burden believes that the club is a "great way for kids who have ridden outside of school to stay involved in the sport and meet new people in a pretty laid back environment."

Katz-Samuels and Burden encourage experienced riders as

well as those interested in riding to contact them for further information regarding the Equestrian Team here at Hamilton. For more information check out the Hamilton College Equestrian Team website <http://students.hamilton.edu/equestrian/>, or feel free to e-mail the captains directly: ckatzsam@hamilton.edu and hburden@hamilton.edu.



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Led by Hathaway Burden '10 and Cora Katz-Samuels '10, the equestrian team will compete eight times this year.

State, Colgate University, RPI, and Ithaca College.

Katz-Samuels noted that the Equestrian Team has come a long way since it was founded in 2003. "The team has grown a lot, it has become much stronger." She went on to explain that the shows have become a lot more competitive as more club equestrian teams are sprouting up on other college

Hamilton by the Numbers



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SPECTATOR SPORTS

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Volleyball Continues Two-Game Streak On Senior Night Selden converts 17 kills while O'Connor smashes school season dig record

by **Brandon Leibsohn '10**
SPORTS EDITOR

A two game winning streak has propelled the volleyball team back into form at just the right time, as the squad currently is three wins away from making the NESCAC postseason tournament. With three games remaining against conference foes, the Continentals control their own destiny. It will be important this weekend in Maine to capitalize on the momentum gained within the last week.

An impressive come from behind victory on Tuesday against Hartwick College provided the seniors on the team with a chance to celebrate the final home game of their careers. In the first set, Hamilton managed to scrape together key points in the stretch run to win 25-23. The second set was a grueling match in which the teams traded the lead multiple times. The Continentals held a two point advantage and were

two points away from winning the match in regulation, but could not stop Hartwick and eventually lost 29-27.

Hartwick turned the tide around in the third set and overcame a six point deficit to complete a 25-23 victory. This set taught Hamilton a lesson in not getting too far ahead of themselves and they made sure their next set ended with a win. A fabulous 17-8 start gave the squad a smooth ride into the fifth and final set of the match. They would not be denied and it showed in their match win against Hartwick.

The senior leadership of Kristen Selden '09 and Amber O'Connor '09 proved too much for Hartwick. Selden converted 17 kills out of 34 attempts giving the team a powerful offensive weapon, while O'Connor held the defense together with 28 digs.

Despite having three games left in the year, O'Connor has demolished the school's season dig record she set last year and

is on pace to break it by over 80. Kelsey Lawler '11 came through with 51 assists and Rachel Irizarry '12 took advantage of the great passes to convert the most kill shots she has made this year (15).

Last weekend, the Continentals travelled to Marcy, New York for a non-conference match against SUNY Cobleskill. It turned into a thrashing as Hamilton easily defeated their opponent in three straight sets (25-18, 25-11, 25-14).

Alex Singh '11 took control offensively with 10 kill shots and received some help from Jo Fier '11 who chipped in seven kills of her own. Ten aces gave the squad a comfortable lead and made it difficult for SUNY to compete. Despite limited playing time so far this year, Liz Reid '11 entered the match on a mission. She came through with 18 digs and blocked four shots in helping preserve the victory for the Continentals.

Tonight, the team will

face Bates College in a must-win game. Bates is also coming into the match with two straight wins, but has only one win during conference play. If Hamilton is able to convert on its serves and continues to play well on the offensive attack, then there is no reason why this shouldn't be another victory for the team. Tomorrow, the team will face another one-win conference foe in Colby College in a true road match and then conclude with Bowdoin College in the final match of the weekend.

With three games remaining, if the Continentals can win out, then they will qualify for the NESCAC tournament and have a chance at securing an automatic bid into the NCAA Division III Championship Tournament. They have already put together their greatest season in nine years with ten victories so far and it will be a tremendous accomplishment if they can get into the postseason.



Continentals Host Middlebury for the Old Rocking Chair Classic

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Coming off a disappointing defeat at the hands of Williams College, the Hamilton College Football Team will look to rebound with a win over visiting Middlebury College this weekend and draw closer to the .500 mark. In last Saturday's low scoring affair at Steuben Field, Hamilton's defense was unable to stop the Ephs' late attack, allowing a touchdown in the final three minutes of regulation en route to a 7-14 defeat. Facing

fierce winds and heavy rains, the Continentals managed only 75 yards of total offense, relying on a 69 yard interception return for a touchdown by John Lawrence '10 for their only score. The loss was the second straight defeat for Hamilton, who currently sit at 2-4 and seventh place in the NESCAC standings.

The Continentals have been impressive in wins over both Wesleyan and Bowdoin, thanks to solid defense and a balanced attack. Quarterback Jordan Eck '12 has been impressive so far in his rookie

year, and running back Mark Snickenberger '11 has quietly racked up 420 yards on the ground, good for fourth best in the league. Together with the receiver tandem of Max Foster '10 and Scott Kleinklaus '11, the group has been instrumental in the team's success up to this point. On the other side of the ball, the defense has continued its stingy play, and Continental captains Trevor Pedrick '09 and Lawrence have certainly lived up to lofty expectations. Lawrence leads the NESCAC with five interceptions and Pedrick's



PHOTO COURTESY OF SCOTT KLEINKLAUS '11

Scott Kleinklaus '11 leads the Continentals with 30 receptions for 303 yards for the year.



PHOTO COURTESY OF TREVOR PEDRICK '09

Trevor Pedrick '09 lines up for his thirty-ninth solo tackle.

39 solo tackles are the second best in the league. As a unit, the Continental defense leads the NESCAC in turnovers with 18 and ranks third in the league in total defense, giving up just under 300 yards per game. Losing their last two games by a combined 10 points, it is clear that Hamilton has the talent to win four games for the first time since 1996, and the team will take one step closer to that goal this weekend.

Tomorrow at 1 p.m., the 3-3 Middlebury Panthers visit the Hill for the fiftieth annual Old Rocking Chair Classic. Middlebury has prevented Hamilton from scoring in each

of the teams' last two meetings, intercepting Hamilton quarterback Dan Hood five times in a 28-0 victory in 2007. If Hamilton hopes to defeat Middlebury, Eck must continue to be mobile and reestablish the passing attack that gave the Continentals success earlier in the season. Of course, with Saturday's forecast calling for rain and snow already having fallen, Snickenberger's success on the ground will be key to maintaining possession. Regardless of the weather, students and their parents will certainly pack "The Stoop" this weekend for what promises to be an entertaining matchup between two NESCAC foes.