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“Knowe Thyself, Not Be Thyself.”

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## Incest? Sun and Moon Smooch

### FOOTBALL TEAM TO BE REPLACED BY WAFFLE BAR NEXT SEMESTER

It’s more popular anyways

By Ms. Mannes ’26

WINNING AND GOATED DEPT.

(STEUBEN FIELD) This past Wednesday on Hamilton’s Give Day, the annual day to give to our under-funded sports program, it was announced that the football team would no longer be an official team and would be replaced by a waffle bar. This decision was made as a way to encourage other teams to do well as well as to meet the increasing demand for all-day breakfast options on campus. The waffle bar has already shown the potential to make the continentals winners rather than losers. It has a 3.6 GPA and is an advocate for food security, especially in waffle food deserts. This altruistic and academically driven waffle bar stands as a golden profile of a Hamilton student.

While most students are excited about the new waffle bar replacing the football team, the former football team itself is upset that they’re being replaced by a “fucking IHOP”

(upon further discussion, the anonymous source realized that IHOP is known for pancakes and is very different from a waffle bar).

Disgraced quarterback Corey T. Efron said “How can a waffle bar play football? It can’t move.” Efron is not alone: many former football players and some students are skeptical about the logistics of a waffle bar on the field. However, the new coach, Chef Ramirez, who recruited the waffle bar for next fall explained, “the waffle bar is different from other waffle bars. It is a folding table, not an actual counter, so that it can move very dynamically.”

*The Duel Observer* was able to watch the waffle bar in action, and it is a truly skilled player. Complete with regular *and* cinnamon batter, fresh whipped cream, two different kinds of fruit compote, and many more toppings, the waffle bar was able to score three touchdowns when playing in a scrimmage against Colgate. “We’re hoping that the waffle bar can also get gluten free batter to make it an even stronger opponent,” commented Coach Chef Ramirez. The waffle bar will have its official playing debut next fall in a game against Williams College’s football team.

### APRIL FOOLS! FINANCIAL AID OFFICE PRANKS POOR STUDENTS WITH FULL RIDE SCHOLARSHIPS

“Sorry, we don’t accept food stamps”

By Mr. Ebben ’27

TAKING CANDY FROM A BABY DEPT.

(JOE BIDEN’S AMERICA) April 1st, 2024: a day which will live in infamy. This past Monday, the Office of Financial Aid surprised over 300 low-income students with full tuition scholarships. However, this joyous occasion was spoiled by the fact that these scholarships were simply an April Fools Prank. “We can’t just go out giving scholarships willy-nilly,” said Director of Financial Aid, Monet Grueber, in between chuckles. “Full tuition can only be granted to those deserving students with family on the Board of Trustees.”

When asked what these affected students should do now that they are no longer receiving financial aid, Grueber stated, “there are plenty of options for worse—sorry—genetically underprivileged—sorry—I mean financially underprivileged students.” She continued, wiping her nose on an \$80,000 check, “Online school, prostitution, selling drugs: these are all alternatives students never seem to consider.”

Pranked student, Greg Penis ’26, told *The Duel Observer*, “I was jumping for joy when I opened my mailbox and saw the letter from the Financial Aid Office.” That was until the prank was revealed. When asked about his plans for next semester, he told us he’s “joining Al-Qaeda. The health care can’t be beat.” Mr. Penis says he can’t wait to “get real-world experience in the exciting and fast-paced world of global terror. It’s the only thing [he] can do with a major in International Relations.” Lastly, he added that what he says he’s happiest about with this new opportunity is that he can “now kill Americans and feel good about it.”

In response to the out roar, in a recent statement released by the Financial Aid Office, they said they will “no longer be offering scholarships, and tuition will be raised 19% to pay to wash the poor person smell you have infected this campus with out of the walls.”

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### THEATER DEPARTMENT REITERATES THEY ARE NOT DOING RENT AGAIN, JUST ANOTHER SHOW ABOUT AIDs

Out of 525,600 shows, they chose this one

By Mx. Haller ’26

THEATER DEPT.

(THE AIR DUCTS OF KTSA) For at least the second time ever, The Hamilton Theater Department is putting on a show about the AIDs epidemic in New York City. Before you start to sing, the show is not *Rent*: you didn’t see it last year and you won’t see it this year. According to the director, Dick Roads, “If you loved the songs and joy of *Rent*, *Angels in America* has none of that. This show is like *Rent: Part 2 Electric Boogaloo*, but this time with more Gay, more AIDs, and more Mormons.”

When asked about the show, the production designer, Kevin Waters ’25, had the following to say: “You may know of this show because

Andrew Garfield won a Tony for his portrayal of Prior Walter at the National Theater. If you don’t know what any of that means, basically Spiderman won a big award for a lead role in London.”

As a part of this ongoing investigation, a member of *The Duel Observer* staff hid in a closet during a production meeting. Our reporter overheard Road’s explain that, “since 69% of the cast identifies as queer, a show was picked to avoid any awkward stage kisses between Gays and Lesbians.” And of course, due to the astounding number of female auditionees, they really wanted to do a show with a maximum of 4 female-presenting characters.

However, since the writing of this article, *The Duel* received a tip stating that “Road’s real plan was to trick unsuspecting Hamilton students into seeing the show. I overheard him say ‘if they think it’s *Rent*, they’ll come and see it. Then they’ll have to watch this long ass show.”

### In this issue: We tinkle ourselves

#### SEEKING ROOMMATE



Preferably non-verbal. See, “I love going out but I also love a cozy night in:” pg. 36.

#### Did you know...



#### ECLIPSE FORECAST

1 PM

2 PM

5 PM



“It’s happening! A total eclipse!!! Right outside this very classroom!”



“This Queer feminist climate justice lecture is going kind of long...”



“Dismissed!”

YIPPEE! Look at all these Commons flags!

This week, I didn't feel like writing the article I was assigned. Instead, I wanted to write about flags. I love flags. I also love showing people how good I am at identifying them. So here are some of my favorite flags you see hanging up in Commons and true facts about them and the countries they represent. Also, some jokes because I am being forced to not just nerd out about flags. I hate society.

Disclaimer: If you're upset a certain flag didn't make it on the list, know that it pains me too. If I could have a whole duel edition of just me writing about countries and their flags, I would. If you would like a whole edition dedicated to flags (of any variety, we love the gays here), email Amanda, our editor-in-chief asedaka@hamilton.edu.

Mongolia

The Mongolian flag is one of my favorite flags out there. Idk I just like it. It scratches my brain. It's not basic like other flags, it's different, and would even wear Converse with her dress. Did you know Mongolian horsemen may have invented ice cream by putting milk in animal intestines and riding around on their horses in the cold with it? Isn't that so fucking sick?



Sri Lanka

Love this one. It has a lion on it. The lion holds a sword. How fucking sick is that? I want to ride the lion in a completely respectful way. Not to mention how detailed it is. Fun fact: Sri Lanka's national sport is volleyball. So if you're planning a trip, be sure you don't just serve – know how to bump and set too!



Cambodia

This one features a super detailed outline of Angkor Wat on it. Cambodia may have Angkor Wat, but you know what it doesn't have? McDonalds's. Isn't that fucking sick? The world is better with fewer clowns roaming around. Clearly, Hamilton Admissions has something to learn from Cambodia.



Bhutan

I love the yellow and orange. Also, the dragon is so fucking sick. Did you know many people in Bhutan believe in yetis? One time I told someone that hairy mountain creatures are not real, yeti refused to believe me! \*slaps knee.\*



Written with love by Ms. Stillman '27

April Fools! It *was* Black Mold!

Dear Diary:

When the college received Colden Corporation's final written report regarding tests conducted in Glenview on Friday, January 19, and Tuesday, January 30, the report was included in an email and could also be found on the Glenview FAQ page on Hamilton's website.

In that email, it was noted that "No toxigenic molds, such as *Stachybotrys chartarum* (i.e., "black mold"), were found in the Glenview surface or air samples collected on either date." I made that very clear, and despite some smelling deception, continued to confirm the harmlessness of the mold.

Guess what, you insignificant fucks?! I LIED!

If you really think about it, this year's class of Glenview freshmen, or as I prefer to call them, Aroids, did this to themselves. Disrespecting me at assemblies and in the mold meeting, daring to leave doormats OUTSIDE their rooms, and even going so far as to use the common room at all hours, in repulsive gatherings they called "Alert-gies." It sickens me. This year's set of slimy Glenview inhabitants had been a thorn in my side since the day they moved in, and I had been itching to find a way to pay them back.

When it came time to report the concerning results of our mold testing, it was like the solution to all my problems was right there on a silver platter. You have to see how I made the right call in lying to the Aroids about the presence of black mold. Not only did I dodge liability for years of respiratory issues, I got to gaslight those shitgibbon children about why they couldn't breathe right! I got to rain hell on those ungrateful brats, and saved myself and the college from legal action in the process! A win-win!

Diary, I write this letter to you, rather than in an email to the whole student body, out of my undying pragmatism—maybe someday my urge to dramatically monologue will overpower my cowardly self-preservation, but not today. For now, I'll have to make do with cataloging my dastardly deeds as EVIL Vice president and EVIL Dean of Students in your trustworthy pages.

From the Desk of Mr. VILLAINOUS,

Chris "Joker Card, like the playing card joker but from Batman also" Card

Snatched from an EVIL desk in the Elihu Root House by Mr. Hood '27

Friday Five: Places I Would Like Included on a Campus Tour

By Ms. Janicki '27

Look, most of us here went on a tour before coming to this school and many of us were disappointed in what was left out. We all saw the Writing Center and the library, but none of us saw the closest bathrooms in those places. With that in mind, here are five locations that coincidentally happen to be great campus bathrooms that I think should be included on the campus tour.

**5. Dunham Co-ed Bathrooms.** Listen, they aren't pretty, but if you're rooming here you'd better learn to love it. There are some things to love after all. Open floor plan, classic white bathroom tile pattern, some of the nastiest sinks you've ever seen in your life. Actually on second thought maybe don't come here on the tour. 4/10.

**4. Events Barn Bathrooms.** I can only speak for the men's room, but pretty solid for a public space. It has a bit of a more cozy feel than one of your more classic white tile bathrooms like Dunham, and sometimes it's even clean. One time, I saw a wagon full of toilet paper in a stall there. That's neat. Also, there is a door in there that is always locked, and I wonder where it goes. A little mystery goes a long way in the bathroom experience. 6/10.

**3. Graveyard.** If you think you can make it through four years of college without needing to squat behind a grave once or twice, I don't know whether to admire your confidence or call you a fool. It'll happen to you one day, and you'll be glad Hamilton has so many quality headstones for you to hide yourself behind. No need to feel shameful, your spooky dookie is just another part of the decomposition process! 1/10.

**2. Second Floor List Gender Neutral Bathrooms.** Now we're getting to the good stuff. Think of this less as a bathroom and more as a holy cubicle of isolation. This is not the gender-neutral options in KJ, this is a private throne room for you to regain some sense of dignity when you head there to not fall asleep in class. You can finally have a quiet space in List for the voices in your head to take the stage. 9/10.

**1. KTSA Bathrooms.** Stunning. Gorgeous. Takes the word bathroom to a whole new level. To describe the List bathroom as a throne room must make the KTSA bathrooms heaven on earth. From the second you walk past the clouded glass entrance (a gorgeous stylistic choice), you'll know what makes this my outhouse of preference. This bathroom has everything the others on this list lack. It has a vibe. Dark green tile matched with dark gray secondary colors on the walls creates an impeccable fortress of pooping. It isn't private, but a bathroom this nice demands to be shared with a friend. Infinity/10.

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