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Housing Account Newsletter: Have You Tried Maybe Being Nice to Tanith?

STUDENTS CRITIQUE HAMILTON ADMINISTRATION FOR NO TIME OFF AFTER TRAUMATIC EARTHQUAKE

Raising trauma magnitude reported

By Ms. Wallen '26

GEOLOGY DEPT.

(THE HILL) On Friday April 5, the aftershocks of a 4.8 magnitude earthquake hit Hamilton College, causing at least 24 leafs to fall off trees prematurely, a card pyramid in KTSA to topple, and overfilled cups in the dining halls to almost get several students' hands a little wet. The college has yet to respond to the traumatic incident, having only emailed a weather advisory shortly after the earthquake's devastating impact and issued notice that thirty umbrellas will be available in Sadove next week to help protect from future disasters.

In response, students have formed protest groups and petitions for a week shutdown for mental recovery. When asked about the earthquake's traumatizing effects, Annie Angst '25 said, "I just don't understand how we can be expected to go back to normal. Every time I fall asleep, I dream of watching my empty Euphoria coffee tip over on my desk. I can't shake the image of what may have happened if I didn't drink it prior to the earthquake. We just can't be expected to act like we're all okay while Mercury's still in retrograde." To combat the effects of PTSD, the students have requested a week

off, an Earthquake's Anonymous support group, and two-week extensions for students who were more gravely affected, such as those who were doing activities during the disaster like stapling papers, which left their paper stapled slightly too far to the left.

Administration has responded with further emails apologizing for the earthquake's emotional impact, the last Common Ground meeting, and the campus's occupation of Oneida Land. To help heal the community, they will offer extra counseling until Mercury leaves retrograde. David Wippman claimed, "I can only hope that a return to normalcy post quake will ensure the fastest possible recovery for our community." However, this response has aroused whiplash from students, including Samantha Aversion '27 who contributed, "It's better to not talk about what happened until we can be sure our words won't hurt others and that we have the right opinion."

Generally, the campus has experienced a decrease in activity since the earthquake as more students opt to stay inside for fear of another tremor. Franz Mesmer '26 explained through his barely cracked opened door, "It makes sense that no one can leave their rooms. We're all suffering. I mean, I wake up in a cold sweat every night and feel like the world's shaking" (quote may be misrecorded due to incessant voice trembles during its recording). The community can only hope that the trauma will dissolve with time and that until resolutions are reached, no one accidentally says anything offensive.

STEVEN TEPPER ANNOUNCES, “WHEN I TAKE OVER, WE’RE CUTTING ALL THIS LIBERAL ARTS SHIT OUT”

“I want to be president of a respectable college where people get useful degrees”

By Mr. Janicki '27

EVEN MORE ECON DEPT.

(LOOKING OUT AT DARK SIDE WISTFULLY) Many saw Steven Tepper's bow tie and thought he would expand the undying liberal arts spirit of Hamilton. However, recently Tepper announced that after his inevitable takeover of Hamilton College, students can expect, "all that open curriculum bullshit to be over," as well as, "no more of those lame ass Dark Side classes like History of Women's Suffrage through Ventriloquism 100." He also detailed plans to add engineering courses to Hamilton's catalog, presumably in an effort to have even smellier men on campus than CS majors.

When asked how he expected to handle the backlash of forcing theater majors to take real classes like Calculus, Tepper announced his most devious plan yet, stating: "I know those losers can't resist events that involve pride awareness, so I'll just send out an email saying like, 'vegan chili

for the gays in KJ at 4 PM.' While they're doing that, I'll blow up the Martin's Way bridge and turn the KTSA pond into an impenetrable moat." Tepper's statements have left many asking: Is this finally the end of Dark Side?

His statement continued to document ways he wished to modify Hamilton's courses such as, "no more of this outdoor walking shit. If you want to exercise, take weightlifting. Also, I'm cutting down on the number of clubs, especially stupid ones. Why do we have a club specifically for people to play *Geoguessr*? Do we want nerds to apply here? That's what I thought." Worst of all, Tepper announced he was canceling all acapella groups funding as he felt they were "the worst way to hear music." Coincidentally, this worked out for many students who felt that having to watch their friends perform was "at best torturous."

While many students are struggling with the changes Tepper is planning on implementing, others (coincidentally econ majors) seemed to be pleased. One econ major, John Smith '26, commented "Uh, I mean less clubs mean less emails for me to not read. And I'm completely overwhelmed by having to pick classes. I almost accidentally took something fun and interesting last semester." Tepper has not been heard from since this release, but he is presumed to be plotting more devious schemes to ruin the lives of creative writing majors at Hamilton and beyond.

IN SEARCH OF NEXT CAITLIN CLARK, HAMILTON COACH RECRUITS FIVE WOMEN NAMED CAITLIN CLARK

What's in a name? Everything!

By Mr. Sedaka '88

SPORTS DEPT.

(MARGARET BUNDY SCOTT FIELD HOUSE) With women's college basketball on a stratospheric rise, Hamilton's head coach Stu Pidinski wasted no time cashing in on the Caitlin Clark craze by recruiting five high school prospects, all named Caitlin Clark.

"It's no secret that every college coach wants the next Caitlin Clark", says Pidinski "So I made it my business to recruit all of them. And let me tell you, with five Caitlin Clarks on our roster, there ain't no way that one of them won't be the next big thing!"

At the forefront of Coach Pidinski's excitement is star center Caitlin Clark, a 47-year-old grandmother from Lodi, Illinois who was recruited from a top online GED program. Reached for exclusive comment via Facebook Messenger, Ms. Clark excitedly commented "I'm sorry, who is this again?"

Assisting Clark on this dream team is 17-year-old Caitlin Clark, a little person from Akron, Ohio who couldn't be more excited to be part of this dynasty. As Ms. Clark said in an exclusive interview, "I'm four foot-five. I wear a children's two and a half shoe. You want me to what?"

Not to be left out of this juggernaut is basketball powerhouse Caitlin "Lefty" Clark from Santa Barista, California. According to Coach Pidinski, "Caitlin is a true hero and a way better human interest story than the original Caitlin Clark. As best I understand it, Caitlin lost her right hand in a freak pottery accident and can't score more than maybe four points in a game, but that ain't gonna stop her from getting endorsements from Nike, Adidas, and even State Farm if she plays the pity card right!"

Of course, this Caitlin Clark bonanza couldn't have succeeded without its fair share of hiccups. As Coach Pidinski reflects, "There was this one girl, Kaitlin Clark, from El Toileto, Texas. She was a sensation. Scored at least sixty, sometimes eighty, points in a game. I flew down there expecting to see greatness, but all my hopes were crushed when I saw the 'K' in her first name. I mean, seriously," reflected Coach Pidinski through a face full of tears. "Who wants an autograph from Kaitlin Clark when Caitlin Clark autographs are going for two hundred bucks a pop on ebay! Alliteration sells, people!"

Rounding out the team are Caitlin Clark, a pregnant sophomore from Podunk, Arkansas, and Caitlin Clark, a 2nd grader from Florida City, Florida who will be skipping eleven grades to make the team. Go Continentals!

In this issue: We Stand With

WATCH THIS XD



The greatest video of all time doesn't exi-See, "Light Side, Dark Side, it doesn't matter. You're always right side." pg. 233.

Did you know...



REGISTRATION FORECAST

9:13	9:14	9:15
"I can't wait to sign up for Pussy Eating in Mesopotamia 327!"	"One more minute!"	"Wait, what?"

PSA: Why the Queer-Coded Straights are Homophobic

Dear queer-coded straights,

What the fuck???? From all the gays, we sincerely wonder what sort of sick kink you have on us. Do you get off on seeing our dreams crushed? Our gaydar is bad enough as it is, and your septum piercing, cuffed jeans, and fruity-ass face are not making it any easier. My therapist knows your name, address, and social security number. We feel hurt and lied to, and demand financial compensation!

The thing is, us gays, we’re dying out here. It’s a hard, long, straight world, and we don’t know who’s a twink and who’s a fwink (fake twink, *trademark pending*). To that girl with the fifty piercings, tattoos, dyed short hair, and fishnets, how dare you be straight and play with my feelings like that? Like, who says “Hi” to someone you’re not even attracted to?! And to that one guy who sent me the cigarette and the winky face emoji and what I thought was a genuine offer to give me head, there is a special place in hell for you. I *thought* you were queer, turns out you’re just homophobic! (I’m offended – Zach). Our feelings are fragile, our heads are empty, and we need your help.

Essentially, you need to get your shit together. Because we know you’ve thought about it. There’s been a moment where a certain someone did a certain something and you were like, “Oh shit.. what if...” Maybe you admitted it to yourself, maybe you didn’t. All we’re saying is try it. Dip your toe, you don’t even have to pick a flavor, just take a lil taste. And maybe you’ll find that the grass is greener on the other side– it’s pretty cool to see all the colors of the rainbow!! (As you know, straight people see in only black and white – Ilana). Be whoever you wanna be, or just be gay because you’re probably gay. At least a little. Our gaydar isn’t entirely broken, it’s just very sensitive. Prove us right, be gay. And if you don’t, we’re gonna start telling people you hate-crimed us.

With love, in desperation,

The chronically bitchless: Mr. Dill ’27 & Ms. Frid-Madden ’27

Life After Finding Out My Dowry Would Only Be Two Goats

I always thought that getting rated out of ten was a cruel and subjective way to be dehumanized. That is until I decided to take Medieval Studies on Marriage Practices for “fun” this semester. While I thought I’d be living the high life and learning the dirt on the real-life Disney Princesses, I instead found myself severely and completely humbled.

Last week we had to evaluate how many goats out of ten we would be worth if we were to have a dowry. Certain things could up your goat count like being able to read, make chicken nuggets, or give good head. Meanwhile, one could lose goats for certain things like missing teeth, enjoying Nickelback, or believing the earth is round. As someone who can’t read and loves Nickelback, things weren’t looking good.

Another issue with having a dowry is that it assumed there was a man who wanted to marry you (usually it was just for the goats or sex) and a father who liked you enough to cough up the goats. But according to my professor, “if you didn’t have these things in the modern era, then you won’t have them back then either.” However, there was always hope that my family would pay the three goats simply to get me out of the house and stop playing Minecraft in my room (for some reason having a well-developed world with multiple mods did not earn me any goats). I’ve resigned myself to being a spinster at this point because even if I was married, I would want to be a widow at some point to get to wear all black and act all dark and mysterious. At least I wasn’t equivalent to a bag of chips and a Domino’s coupon.

Found tear-stained and under the door to the Registrar’s Office by Ms. Meyers ’27

Friday Five: Why I Should Be the C&C Artist

By Ms. Stillman ’27

You may have seen the recent announcement that Dayglow is the headlining artist of this year’s C&C Day (and if you didn’t, surprise! Do better). While he seems great, there’s one glaring issue: that should be me up there. This should need no explanation, but here are five reasons why for the skeptics.

5. I have so many fun stage names I need to use. Vote for your favorite stage name for me. Bellina Cups, Still Man, Koo Chi, Becky Stillwoman, Bmilk Becky, Boochie Queen, glitterunicorns42069, Chris Cardussy, or Jev Lanicki. Let me know.

4. I can sing so well. That’s why I’m definitely a member of every acapella group on campus. Not to flex, but as the bitch running The Duel Observer’s Twitter (not X), I have romantic relations with Duelly Noted’s Twitter (NOT X). And if you don’t understand this reference, go download Twitter (I swear to fucking God if you call it X), follow us both, and scroll down on our pages until you see it. You’ll know when to stop.

3. I will go so hard after Heat shakes ass up there. And I mean *hard*.

2. Dayglow is problematic. Did you hear that thing he said about the thing? I heard he hates the gays, women, and half-Jewish/half-Italian people. If we continue to allow him to headline, we should all boycott because otherwise, we would be supporting bigotry on our campus. Counteract this by having me, your favorite gay woman who’s also half-Jewish half-Italian, perform instead.

1. Please please please please please. I really want to. Like, really want to. I’m so desperate, I’d eat a pink piece of Commons chicken on top of a piece of McEwen pizza (and I’m a vegetarian). I’ll up the ante – I’d even join Yodapez. Yodapez, would you join me in performing for C&C? I promise I’ll give you ten seconds of stage time before my two-hour set!

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