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COMMONS STAFF TAKES REVENGE: THROWS UTENSILS BACK AT YOU

“Y’all forked up big time”

By Ms. Mannes ’26

TABLE MANNERS DEPT.

(ABANDONED ONEIDA SILVERWARE FACTORY) Commons has been getting messier and the workers have noticed. “Once I saw a smiley face made of grease with a garlic clove nose on a table that students had recently evacuated,” lamented an anonymous Commons worker. This was not an isolated incident. In the past two weeks, chunks of egg left on tables have increased by 64%, melted ice cream by 82% and human teeth by a whopping 147%. “This is disrespectful and disgusting. Y’all need to learn how to clean up after yourselves. It’s pathetic honestly,” exclaimed Frida Love, assistant manager of Parkhurst.

Amid these rising tensions, Commons staff have decided to strike back, literally. What was once a thoughtless task of throwing the utensils into the wall orifice has now become a declaration of war. Once utensils are thrown into the bins, there is a one in eight chance that someone on the other side will throw them back at you. “I saw them fly like bullets. A spoon hit

my friend’s cheek and he fell to the ground in agony,” reported Charlie Moss ’25. Frida Love defended these actions in a press conference yesterday where she said, “we are not violent people, really. However, the mess that students are leaving for us or their peers to clean up is unacceptable. We know you are too lazy to ever clean up after yourselves so we had to take extreme measures. If asking politely doesn’t work, the only thing that will is a wet fork flung at the face.” When asked for further comments on the matter, Love declined and threatened to throw a ladle.

The Duel Observer has interviewed two of the many victims of this new war on bad table manners. “I had just eaten a bowl of rice very erratically and went up to put my dishes on the conveyor belt and my utensils into the orifice. When I turned around, I felt something dull and wet hit the back of my head. It was the spoon I had just used,” recounted Sara Wilkes ’27. “This is probably what Vietnam felt like. So many utensils, all at once. It’s not my fault that I need to eat every food on my plate with a different fork,” Jim Adler ’26 explained. Parkhurst has recently put out a ceasefire deal, but it would require students to clean up after themselves. In light of this announcement, it is unlikely that the attack will end any time soon.

COMMON GROUND COLLABORATES WITH JUBILEE

“Can they find a middle ground?”

By M. Malhotra ’28

DOOM SCROLLING DEPT.

(JUBILEE’S COMMENT SECTION) Tensions have been high as the All Campus Debate nears, which Common Ground has described as “an exciting opportunity to work under *Jubilee*’s expertise.” The highly-anticipated debate, set to premiere on *Jubilee*’s YouTube channel this Wednesday, will follow “30 sigma males vs. 30 woke libs with pronouns” at Hamilton College as they embark on a profound journey to find a middle ground,” explains the program’s coordinator, Justamod Erate. “We aim to prepare students for life beyond Hamilton. To better reflect the rigor of real life political discourse, Common Ground is shifting our focus away from respectful dialogue and instead equipping students with the skills they’ll need to gaslight, gatekeep, and girlboss their way to the Supreme Court.”

Unlike most campus events advertised in school-wide emails, the All Campus Debate is drawing significant attention. One *Duel Observer* correspondent, Krying Fourhelp ’27, reported, “The student body is so normal about *Jubilee* coming to campus. Our toes are curling. We’re foaming at the mouth. We’re barking at the neighbors.” Another student, Drom Uhlover ’25, expressed praise for Common Ground’s new direction: “Finally, it feels like Common Ground is putting students’ needs first. Well, not the needs of the students who are actually debating, y’know, their right to exist, or whatever, but it’s a worthwhile sacrifice if it fulfills the need for rage bait in the rest of us.”

The Duel spoke to one student who will be debating on the side of sigma males, Nota Grifter ’26, who was bribed by *Jubilee* to participate for a \$5 gift card. “To be honest?” He said plainly, stirring his iced coffee, “I don’t even fully believe the things I’ll be saying at the debate. But I’ll call someone a slur if it gets me a free drink at FoJo!”

TEPPER OVERENTHUSIASTIC, RENAMES MARTIN’S WAY “OBAMALAND”

Renaming things has become a rite of passage for new presidents

By Mr. Gold ’28

TITLES AND NAMING DEPT.

(MIDDLE OF THE ROAD BETWEEN LIGHT & DARK SIDE) Renovations are already underway for President Tepper’s new initiative to rebrand Martin’s Way. Coming as a complete surprise to everyone, it was recently announced that former president Barack Obama would be coming to campus in April as this year’s Great Names Speaker. Tepper has taken inspiration from Obama’s most influential act, renaming Mt. McKinley, and is fast tracking an extravagant use of students’ tuition: brand new plaques for what was formerly known as Martin’s Way.

In a new decree Tuesday, Tepper declared that in order to make Obama feel welcome on campus, the main walkway will now be named Obamaland. “As a fellow president, I understand the importance of feeling welcome in a new place. I really wish I had been greeted by the unveiling of the Tepper Din-

er, but renaming Martin’s Way is the next best thing,” said Tepper in a statement to *The Duel Observer*. When asked to explain his decision further, Tepper elaborated, “I thought about what President Obama’s most important and influential act was, and I think everyone will agree that it was the renaming of Mt. McKinley. Since he’s the latest president to rename a major geographic area in a way that people care about, I figured it’s only fitting for Hamilton to follow in his footsteps.”

By this logic, Obama will be walking in his very own footsteps later this semester by which point the new plaques will be fully installed. “I want to make sure Obama knows the influence he has on this campus and that renaming something widely known is a reference to his policies and no one else’s.”

The Duel asked students about Tepper’s decision, and the overwhelming majority agreed with the idea. According to Reba Rand ’26, renaming Martin’s Way is “an indication of Tepper wanting to feel like he has the same power as a US president, and honestly, I kind of wish he did right now.” Rand went on to say, “If Tepper had more influence, I think the Gulf of Commons Pizza would have had a much warmer national reaction.”

HAMILTON’S CLOSET FORECAST

12:00 PM	12:15 PM	12:16 PM
		
“Our trap is set.”	“Hello, gay. Follow me.”	“Wahaha. The trap has worked!”

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FINANCIAL AID SUPPLEMENT



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ASMR FOR PEEING FT. MARTIN’S WAY MELTED SNOW: SLU...

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Does He Hate Women or Does He Just *Look Like That?*

Does he wear a sports jersey?

If yes, he may just be a normal jock. But jock culture can be inherently misogynistic. If he says the word female in a derogatory way (i.e. "dude, you have to lock in, you can't let these *females* distract you!"), then just...just stop. Just leave.

If not, what does he usually wear? A nice trench coat? Patagonia? Something else? Who knows! And frankly, who cares. Trick question. Clothes doesn't make the man. Hygiene does. Lock in. Bad hygiene? Bad vibes. Does not care about hygiene = will not care about you.

Is he usually surrounded by a gaggle of guys who don't seem to care about how much noise or space they are taking up?

If yes, he probably is either the one whose insecurities are exploited by the friend group that sees women as prey or he's the one encouraging his friends to fuck bitches and make money as a way to hide their insecurities. Tread carefully.

If not, and you see him with a range of people, he may be less susceptible to the confusing masculinity that comes with Giant Male Friend Groups and Situationship Culture due to Fear of Vulnerability. He may even use the word beautiful to describe a woman *before* he sees her naked.

Does he look like a grade-A asshole econ major frat boy?

If yes, he does not see you as a human being. You're a person who exists in his world to either stroke his ego or his dick. Or both. If you're delusional and hoping he may be "not like that," then ask him what he thinks about the environment. If he mentions prioritizing the economy, do me a favor and punch him for me (sincerely, an ecologist).

If not, you may be safe...or not. We all know at least one grade-A asshole econ major frat boy. They're an epidemic, and none of us seem to want to wear a mask.

If all else fails...

Ask him for his opinions on some current event and disagree with him. You'll know quickly enough if his ego is as fragile as his carefully constructed persona that "likes" women but wants a "chill girl" to "hang with" (translation: does not speak and lets me spew my seemingly intelligent rhetoric while I try to convince them to give me head...simultaneously).

Found posted in the Johnson Center for Health & Wellness by Ms. Kitsos '28

How The Blood Fitness Center Got Its Name: A Period Piece

My Dearest Mary,

I write to you with the most marvelous of news: we have come out victorious in our quest to win the name of the newly created Fitness Center for our beloved ancestors, the Coven of Clit-on! This news I doubt surprises you, as we gave our opposition, the not-so-gentlemen of the Congregation Of Cool, Kickass [Men] (COCK, for short), little choice but to surrender with your inspired ideas for action.

We, the ladies of the new Clit-on Coven, first, as our ancestors did, awaited the day in which the moon reached its fullest (as that is, of course, when all women release the old, red demons inside our bellies) and shrugged off our constricting undergarments, letting their [the demon's] remains fall upon the frosted earth. We tied our tampons together, placing them like bunting upon the edges of each building and between each lamp post. We then lined the mats of the fitness center with our disposed, demon stained undergarments, an act met with less opposition than we thought as many enjoyed the added cushiness. Why, it even gained us allies in our endeavor! We ran free, creating a mosaic circle with our demon remains, refusing to stop our frolicking even as the sun woke from its slumber.

Eventually, the very institution that said they would allow the student body to select the new name of the building stepped in, forcing us back into our undergarments with the promise that it was us who would win the name. A promise they, dearest Mary kept. It is this that I believe will surprise you, as we have decided to name the Fitness Center after your ancestors, my dear Mary Blood.

*Warmest Regards,
Katherine*

*This article is to be read in your finest British accent (yes, Jans, your time has in fact come) as if you, yes you, are sitting upon a window seat reading this letter with the light of a flickering candle as rain falls heavily outside the safety of your walls. Trust me, it greatly improves the experience.

Found written on the back of a menstrual pad wrapper in the Blood Center by Ms. Rich '28

Friday Five: Dining Hall Secret Codes

By Mr. Dill '27

Are you tired of the same meals every time you want food on campus? Whether it's Common's pizza, a guapo, or the leftovers on the conveyor belt? But fear not! Parkhurst has decided to take a page out of your local fast-food chains and implement a secret menu! Every dining hall worker has been trained to respond to each of these secret codes and grant you a special meal. If they look at you confused, then they're just bad at their job, and you should yell at them in front of everyone :)

5. The Obama-rama. In lieu of the announcement that Obama is our Great Names Speaker. Each Dining hall staff member has been trained personally by the head of the art department to perfectly recreate Barack Obama's bust out of mashed potatoes, chocolate chips, and a sloppy handful of drones. Just shout for one of the squires—errr staff—and it should be hand-delivered.

4. The Pill-Peroni. Do you have a partner who you love but is too weak to take their anti-malaria medication? Have no fear, your beloved patient-zero will not be the cause of COVID 25 because Parkhurst will happily wrap any medication in a slice of ham and wag it in front of their face like a good little boy until they inevitably eat it.

3. The Sake Bomb. Now I know what you're thinking: "How exciting! Pub has teamed up with the ASU to serve some culturally themed drinks, right?" WRONG! If you're sharing the dance floor with that dumbass Sarah from your economics class, don't worry! You can scare her and all your other enemies away by having a Pub-tender chuck a glass with a drink of your choice directly at their head! (21+ only please!)

2. Woman Time. School's hard, I get it. Sometimes, all you need is to fulfill that carnal desire to inhale a mountain of four different types of shredded cheese. So fill that void, girly-pop, with some Woman Time. You know don't need or want it, but you'll still get it anyway.

1. Freaky-Style. For all you freaks out there, Parkhurst gets you, and they don't judge! You can order anything "Freaky-style" at Diner to get the exact same thing you ordered but with spit in it. If a worker is hesitant to accommodate, just berate them for the shoddy quality in the middle of the 6 PM Dinner rush on a Friday night! They'll be just happy to oblige.

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