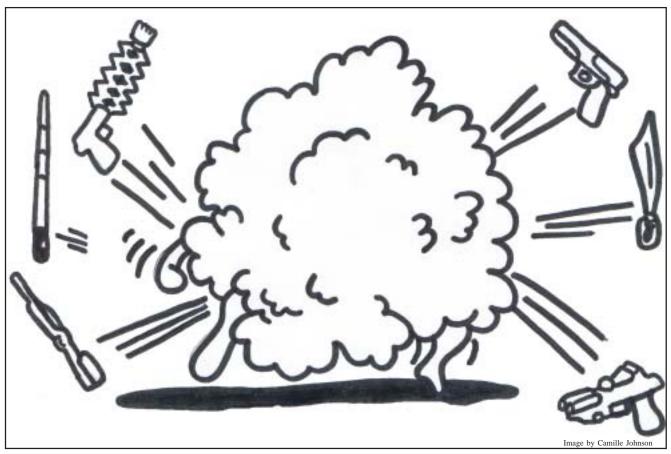
# CAMPUS BRAWLS





Hiram College is considered by many students to be a bubble. When the college was founded in 1850 as the Western Reserve Eclectic Institute, that was certainly the idea. We were to be isolated from the outside world so that we could have an optimum learning environment - even the single slice of civilization that we have now (Garrettsville) wouldn't be a town until 14 years later in 1864.

So what's changed in those 158 years since the college's founding? Honestly, not much. Hiram is still isolated from nearby towns by 20 minutes (unless you're counting Garrettsville) and because of this, we are able to maintain our illusion of bubblelike protection.

This past weekend, that illusion burst. Between late Saturday night and early Sunday morning, fights were witnessed across campus and at the nearby off-campus bar, Dropouts, which is under new ownership.

Shawn Brown, Director of College Relations, states that there were two separate altercations that took place at Dropouts. The first involved two male students that got into a confrontation while inside Dropouts. The fight then moved outside to the parking lot where Dean of Students Eric Riedel says that "one of the parties is alleged to have shown a weapon." Other students attempted to break up the fight, but were "rebuffed," says Riedel.

Village police as well as campus security arrived on the scene. It is unclear at this point if any arrests were made or if anyone was detained.

On Sunday morning, two rooms were searched, though no weapons were found. The two students involved were temporarily banned from campus while authorities and administrators conducted interviews and gathered information about what exactly happened. The ban will not be placed on the students' permanent record. "Just because we don't know what happened and because there was an accusation of a weapon, we banned them from campus until we can figure this out," said Brown.

On Tuesday, Dec. 16 at 5p.m. the college Judicial Board met to hear the allegations that a weapon was involved

in the conflict. The Board is composed of 5 members who meet with the accused student and the student bringing forth the allegation. A partition separates the 2 students so that they will not have to confront each other directly. The Board then asks questions of both students and the students are allowed to ask questions of each other.

After the Board met on Tuesday, their recommendation to Dean Riedel and Coordinator of Citizenship Education Ed Frato-Sweeney was that there was no weapon involved in the fight. Dean Riedel will be making his decision as to whether any action will be taken against the students most likely within the next few days.

In a separate incident on that same night, a student was leaving Dropouts and was jumped by a group of students either as he reached the top of the stairs or as he exited the bar itself. It is unknown what actions have been taken against students involved in this case.

This article reflects the current information regarding these events up until 5p.m. on Wednesday Dec. 17.



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The Advance staff would like to wish you Happy Holidays and a great New Year!



# **Parking pains**

# Apartment construction leaves students walking



by myles wallace staff writer

As of right now, there is no planned space for building student parking. The Hiram College administration expects to have a site selected by the beginning of next semester.

"In addition to where, we're looking at who uses parking when," said Dean of Students Eric Riedel. "This could help us maximize the usage of all available parking spaces."

Less than a year ago, the student parking space commonly the ground from freezing over. This will allow them to begin pouring foundation as early as February.

But, as with all construction projects, Hiram College must go through a series of zoning and council meetings in order to get the goahead on the long anticipated apartments.

On Jan. 6, 2009, Hiram will have a zoning meeting to discuss the apartment complex; on Jan. 13, there will be a Hiram Village Council meeting, which is open to the community to raise questions and concerns; and on Jan. 20, there will be another spe-



Photo by Danielle Fisher

Site of the newly created and recently retired Winrock Lot will soon be home to townhouse style apartments, which will be made available to students in the fall of 2009

known as "The Pit" was closed down in sections, first to make room for East Hall and then to clear ground for the new dining hall. In its place, Hiram College spent \$300,000 to make the Winrock Parking Lot.

Now, Winrock has been closed to prepare the land for construction of the new townhouse-style apartment complexes, previously planned for the site of the old elementary school. For the last several weeks, resident directors and assistants have been hounding students to move their cars, and this has caused the current parking problems.

The developers have now laid out a thermo-blanket on the future site of apartments in order to keep cial Hiram Village Council meeting for anyone who was unable to attend the meeting on the thirteenth.

Any one of these meetings could set back the project, but Hiram is still planning to have the housing available next August.

While plans are subject to change, the current drawings for the apartments call for twenty-six four-person apartments. The buildings are expected to maintain their "townhouse" style but will be built now in an L-shape facing campus.

#### **Parking Possibilities**

- Opening parking up in the area around the physical plant.
- Building a parking lot between the physical plant and the old Winrock lot.
- Expanding the Gelbke parking lot.
- Using the parking lot of the factory across from physical plant (just off of Constance Road).
- Leasing the elementary school's field and also turning its preexisting parking space into an official Hiram College lot.
- Parking at the Hiram Christian Church during weekdays.
- Opening nighttime-only parking in the Coleman Center parking lot.
- The college is also considering running a shuttle from an off-campus location, such as Garrettsville or Mantua, where parking is easier to come by.

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# **TERRIERS TALK: 3-WEEK SESSION**

How do you like the 3-week term at the end of the semester?



**Brittany Blum** Freshman, Undecided Alden, New York "I like having just one class it gives us more time to focus and do our best. We have a little less work, probably because there's only one class that assignments are due for. I like how I have a lot of time during the day because my class is only in

the morning."



Ellice Pelster Junior, Biomedical Humanities Hudson, Ohio "It's nice to actually have a Thanksgiving break and not have to worry about exams. It's also nice having a little break from organic chemistry."



**James Ross** Senior, Chemistry Meadville, Pennsylvania "It's a blast. I really like the change of pace from the 12 Week."



**Ashley Quay** Sophomore, Sociology Alliance, Ohio "I like the 3 week term. It's clearly different than other schools, but I personally like being able to count down the weeks until the next break. The 3 week term can be confusing to first years, but when you get past the first few days, you learn to love it."



Stephanie Zunic Senior, Management Canfield, Ohio "Although the course load can be rough at times, it's nice only having to worry about one class. Also, for us seniors, it means a break from Senior Sem. for three weeks."

# Gerstacker goes to the dogs

Verticus' charity event raises money to help shelter animals



katie hellner-burris business manager

On Tuesday, December 9, Gerstacker 10 was transformed into a canine photo studio by the members of Veticus, Hiram College's pre-vet club. The set was a holiday backdrop complete with snow, candy canes, and presents for pets and people to pose with Santa's Helper: the Hiram College

Though the photos were open to pets of all species and people, this year's photo subjects were almost all canine. Several professors, staff members and even a Veticus club parent brought their dogs to the event.

In addition to the photos, Veticus presented a table filled with homemade cookies for people, dogs and cats, as well as information about pet obesity and parasites. They also sponsored a "Guess How Many" competition for dog treats (won by LeAnn Starlin), cat treats (won by Valerie Gilbert), and human treats (won by Valerie Gilbert). Additionally, the Basset Hound Rescue of Ohio donated a raffle basket, which was won by Courtney

The event was planned by a sub-committee of the club, composed of President Katrina Brungs, event coordinator Katie Hellner-Burris, set designer Heather Lane and senior Heather Lucas. However, the event would not have been possible without the hard work of seven other Veticus members who helped with advertising, coordinating, set-up and staffing for the event.

Admission to the event was a minimum donation of \$1 or an item from the Geauga Humane Society's Rescue Village wish list. All proceeds went to Rescue Village. Thanks to the generous donations of those in attendance, as well as other professors and a student, we were able to donate over \$100 to this organization.

been Veticus has developing a relationship with Rescue Village for over a year. Several club members have volunteered or interned with the organization, both in educational programs and in animal care. The club plans to sponsor a blanket drive towards the end of the spring

semester for Rescue Village, so keep your eyes open for donation requests for used towels and blankets, which are always needed by the shelter.

Rescue Village is located in Russell Township, OH on Route 306. Their mission is "to shelter and find homes for sick, injured, abused and abandoned domestic animals that have no alternatives; to compassion for all living things through education; to reduce pet overpopulation through spay/neuter programs; to prevent cruelty by enforcing animal protection laws."

The shelter is a limited admission, unlimited stay facility, which means that pets are not euthanized because of over-population at the shelter, but there is often a wait-list for animals to be admitted to Rescue Village. You can learn more about Rescue Village by visiting their website at geaugahumane.org.

Despite the small turn-out, club members and participants felt that the event was a success. Veticus plans to make this an annual event and hopes to gain more involvement from both the campus and the community in future years.

#### Four students nominated for State Department internships

Hiram recently nominated several students to participate in the Internship Fellows Program, which provides State Department fellowships to up to four students from each participating institution beginning next summer with the aim of attracting college students into careers in Foreign Service. Only 15 colleges and universities nationwide were invited by Secretary of State Dr. Condoleezza Rice to participate, and Hiram College is one of only two liberal arts institutions included.

Four students have been conditionally accepted, pending security clearance. They are:

-Charles Kraus '09, a political science and history major from Canton, Ohio, and graduate of Hoover High School;

-Kristen Weidus '09, an English major from Brunswick, Ohio, and graduate of Brunswick High School;

-Katherine Eppley '10, an undeclared major from Stow, Ohio, and graduate of Stow-Munroe Falls High School;

-Steven Milcinovic '09, a biology and political science from Brecksville, Ohio, and graduate of Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School;

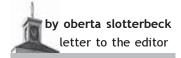
The fellowship will allow students to have a full-time, paid internship with the State Department either in Washington, D.C. or abroad for 10 weeks either during the summer or fall of 2009. They will be given professional-level work assignments, which may include tasks such as helping American citizens, attending meetings and writing reports, or conducting research to assist as needed. Interns in Washington, D.C., will have the opportunity to participate in activities coordinated by the intern activities coordinator, which include events such as brown bag lunches with senior department officials, tours and social activities





# Reader Response: E-mail hoax hoodwinks

### Computer Science Professor Slotterbeck comments on "experiment"



As the professor whose class CPSC 352: Computer Security ran the recent experiment highlighted in *The Advance*, I wish to thank you for a well-written article. However, there were a few misconceptions I would like to clear up, and there was more to the experiment than what you reported.

First, the fake e-mail was technically not "a spoof of Computer Helpdesk's e-mail." A spoof would carry a real address, and this one purposely tried to raise a flag by calling its source HCCS Help, a fictional office.

Second, this wasn't a "computer science experiment gone haywire." The experiment was proposed by me and carefully planned and refined by Mr. Frank Ventura, the Computer Center Director, as well as some other Computer Center personnel in August. In fact, Mr. Ventura even sent a message at the start of the semester reminding people to protect passwords.

Third, I want to clarify the comment "You could be responsible for anything the thief did with your password." This needs to be stressed. An experienced hacker needs only **one** password to gain access to our network. From there, that person could hack other comput-

ers off-campus illegally, run a denial service of attack against any commercial or government websites, and do all sorts of nasty things on those sites. All of these could violate not only Hiram College's computer policy, but they could violate state and federal laws with huge subsequent trial costs, possible fines, and even jail time.

as one in England in which 70% of people gave up their password for candy bars.

The class was broken into six teams of three students, who were instructed to either obtain passwords or talk people into inserting a CD or memory stick into their computer while the person was logged on.

that worked at Dray could use that fact in the con. No TA for any course could try to con their students.

The purpose of the attack was to test the hypothesis "the weakest link in a computer system is the human user." We also wanted this to be like a fire drill to test how the community re-

The results of the Pharming attack: 208 faculty/staff received emails – 43 responded; 1,237 students received emails – 174 responded. Note: If a false password was put in, this wouldn't have been detected as an unsaved password. This only ran for 1 hour and 10 minutes!

At the request of the Computer Center, we brought the site down since the helpdesk was inundated with phone calls. But quite a few people wrote the student whose name was on the document telling him the link was down and it needed to be reset. (Note: This wasn't a phishing attack which asks for something such as money. A pharming attack directs you to a web site where you are usually asked to provide private information.)

What EACH OF US needs to remember is NEVER, EVER GIVE YOUR PASSWORD TO ANY PERSON OR PROVIDE IT IN RESPONSE TO AN E-MAIL! System administrators and Dray Computer Staff do not need this. Additionally, DO NOT ALLOW ANYONE EXCEPT DRAY COMPUTER CENTER PERSONNEL ACCESS TO YOUR COMPUTER VIA A CD OR A USB FLASH DRIVE!

Professor Oberta A.
Slotterbeck (Obie) writes on behalf of the 18 students in CPSC 352 in response to the Nov. 21 Advance article "Email hoax hoodwinks Hiramites."

#### Other attacks: Most were done after the warning from the helpdesk went out on Friday.

Teams wandered in the dorms, KC lab, library, staff offices, KC Welcome desk, KC Common Room and various offices. Most who agreed were students, and many were strangers to the attacker in these tests.

- 1) Asked friends to insert a CD or memory stick (5 out of 7 agreed)
- 2) Claimed to have forgotten a password and needed to print pictures (2 out of 8 agreed)
- 3) Claimed to be doing a frequency count on types of passwords
  - (11 out of? agreed)
- 4) Kit-Kats offered for password (2 out of? agreed)
- 5) Claimed to have a survey on a memory stick they needed to answer for a class (6 out of 9 agreed)

- 6) Claimed flash drive was broken and needed data on memory stick (7 out of 8 agreed)
- 7) Described a virus in a (real) notice from Norton and offered to allow a CD from Norton to be used to eradicate the virus (5 out of 32 agreed)
- 8) Claimed they had to obtain data on a USB drive and didn't have a working one (5 out of 7 agreed)
- 9) Claimed to need a computer quickly to print something for a class
  - (4 out of 4 agreed)

#### **Total compromised:** 51 (None of these were compromised by the pharming attack)

Now to describe the whole experiment: in CPSC 352, we studied how social engineering tactics, where people are just conned, are more effective and easier than the many technical attacks you hear about in the news. My students seemed dubious about the statistics I provided on experiments such

Note: this action could allow malware to be uploaded, such as a program that could capture all key strokes (hence passwords, bank accounts, etc.); a program with a backdoor, which could allow the attacker to log in repeatedly without using the usual authentication process, or other nastiness. No student acted and to raise everyone's consciousness as far as computer security goes.

Although the pharming email had the highest profile, other teams that operated even after the warning went out were quite successful. Remember, it takes only ONE compromised computer to cause trouble.

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#### **Book Review of America**



While modeling one's life off of the Comedy Central nightly show "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart" may not be the best way to make a lot of friends, reading the show's book does provide a humorous look into the history of democracy in the entire world.

The book starts with a forward supposedly written by Thomas Jefferson; in it, he asks if Halle Berry is still single, tries to chronicle democracy in the world from "Democracy Before America" to "The Rest of the World: International House of Horrors."

The extremely satirical book begins with Pericles and Socrates speaking to each other about the topic of democracy while including a poll in which the Daily Show team found that 52 percent of people said that their reason for not participating in a democracy was because they found the monetary rewards unsatisfactory.

When the book begins to chronicle democracy in the country now known as the United States of Ameica, the writers start with the all-important date of 1492, which is when, they claim, "America discovered white people." From there, it takes the reader through the signing of the Declaration by the real Thomas Jefferson and the Revolutionary War, saying, "You can't spell tyranny without tea," but they quickly realize that, in fact, "you can."

One of the main topics of the book is an explanation of the position of the King of Democracy, or the President. A board game included in the middle of the book, somewhat resembling the game LIFE, allows readers to pretend that they are president. Additionally, the writers found that one of the president's duties is to "feign enthusiasm for visiting the NCAA Women's Basketball champions."

Throughout the book there are snippets from some of the Daily Show correspondents such as Samantha Bee who has a few excerpts entitled "Would you mind if I told you how we do it in Canada?" and Stephen Colbert's "So You Want to Be a Precedent."

In addition to these, the reader will also stumble on pages that include things such as a typical schedule for one of the party's conventions, a cemetery with graves of the political parties of the past and pictures of all nine Supreme Court Justices completely in the nude.

In addition to entire chapters on Congress and the Supreme Court (where television's Judge Judy is placed on the Supreme Court All-Time All-Star Team), the book provides a look into the media business of covering politicians. In this chapter, the writers plot the history of political news television and claim that the invention of CNN in 1980 is a breakthrough, except for the fact that "people doubt there will be enough news to fill 24 hours. People are right."

Have no fear though, because just two pages later, the reader is provided

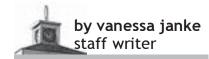


with a copy of a schedule for a 24 hour news day, which includes a 20 minute Pop Culture Minute segment and 40 minutes of a stock report by a "hot chick." Later in the chapter, readers will be asked to take on the activity of matching the hair to the anchor head.

The book is an enjoyable read overall and keeps the reader laughing. While there is some lean to the political left, as one might imagine, it is not as discernable as it is on the show. The book is set up like a text book that would be given out in elementary school, complete with the form inside the front cover where students are asked to sign and report the condition of their book.

The Grade: 4.75/5

#### **Madrigal Singers'** Revels success



"Wassail, Wassail all over the town" sang out sixteen well-harmonized voices at the Yuletide revels performance. The program ran for five days, with its first performance last Wednesday, Dec. 10, as a free show for the students. Despite this, their last performance was packed, with nearly one hundred people filling the seats upstairs in the Kennedy Center. The audience enjoyed the revels immensely, applauding enthusiastically after each song.

The repertoire of music was similar to those done in the past, with some new songs added. The program was also interspersed with humorous antics of the jester Michael Lipkin and other members of the group. The two herald trumpeters, Adam Pysell and Victoria Rosnack, introduced many of the songs with the blare of their regal trumpets.

The costumes of the group and the décor that surrounded the ballroom and the hall outside had a brilliant likeness to the various chairs, flags and art of early English society. The splendid outfits alone showed the dedication and hard work of the costume designer Barbara Luce. The production staff, consisting of Eric Klopfenstein, Amber Karel, John Henry, M. James Ross and John Rose-Caron, helped the performances to run smoothly.

The performance itself was divided into two parts. The first part contained secular songs such as "Gloucestershire Wassail," "The Souling Song" and "Pat-A-Pan." The revelers finished joyfully with the classic "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

The second part of the evening continued with religious readings of the Christmas story. Songs were interspersed between the recitations. Each section had several breaks, allowing the audience to listen to the music of the three recorder players: Andrew Cade, Lindy Long and Ashley Speaker, and the harpist, Morgan Minch.

My family had come with me on Sunday and was delighted with the performance. They were impressed with



Photo by Camille Johnson

King Ryan Kidder and Queen Rachel Inks sing during this year's performance.

the songs, all a capella, and the subtle tuning of Madrigal Singers manager Rachel Inks. The director, John Drotleff, chose a talented group of performers, and through his instruction, produced a fine performance from Tria Charnas, Michael Campbell (who had a wonderful

solo performance), Alyssa Wirkus, Dan Berman, Ryan Kidder, Kaylyn Beda, Tim Florjancic, Leslie Borton, David Bridenstine, Rachel Searle-White, Elizabeth Ellis, Maeve Sullivan, Brian Klinzing, Joe Dienes, Alex Acri and Rachel Inks.



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# Men's basketball team stays consistent throughout young season



by bill jordan sports editor

Consistency has been the key for the men's basketball team so far this season. With an overall record of 5-2, the Terriers are often coming out with a win in their competitive contests.

The Terriers are a stronger team since head coach Steve Fleming took over the program in February 2006. With nearly an entire team comprised of new recruits, Fleming will surprise those in the conference who looked forward to playing a weaker Hiram team.

With just one senior and one junior on the entire team, the Terriers may be the youngest team in the North Coast Athletic Conference. While it is conceivable to think that a team with this make-up lacks leadership from upperclassmen, that does not seem to be the case so far.

The Terriers showed their true colors in their recent four-game streak, where they played every game away from the friendly confines of Price Gymnasium. During this stretch, the team went 3-1, beating Geneva College, CWRU and Grove City College. Their only loss was to Franciscan College by eight points.

Currently, sophomore guard Chris Roberts leads the team with an average of 23.7 points per game while also grabbing 4.7 rebounds per game and coming up with 11 steals.

Three-year letter winner Ian Pfouts has also been a strong force for the Terriers during the young season. Thus far, Pfouts has scored 12.5 points per game to go along with 7.2 rebounds and 11 assists.

The most recent game was at home against Wittenberg University, usually one of the better teams in the NCAC. The game came down to the wire in Price Gymnasium as the Terriers pulled the upset and grabbed a three point victory from the teeth of the Tigers.

Since this was the Terriers' first game against an NCAC opponent, they are currently undefeated in the conference this season.

Roberts led the Terriers in scoring with 19 points, but only took nine shots from the field. Sophomore guard Nick Russo played well throughout the contest and finished with 14 points. 12 of his points came from beyond the arc as Russo made four of his six shots from long range.

The team won't play again until Dec. 28 when they travel to Greensboro, North Carolina to take on Greensboro College. The team's next home game will be on Jan. 2, when they will take on Wabash College from Indiana in a conference match-up.

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# Women's swimming finishes fourth in Longnecker Invite



The women's swimming and diving team recently competed in the James E. Longnecker Invitational, where the team finished fourth place out of eight teams. Highlighting the meet was a second place finish in the 200 Freestyle by junior Katie Pierdomenico and a third place finish in the 400 Individual Medley by freshman Amelia Dorschel.

Other top finishes for the women were fourth place finishes by Dorschel in the 1650 freestyle and senior Jen Fowler in the three meter diving competition. There were also three relay teams that finished in the top five, led by the 800 Free Relay of Pierdomenico, Dorschel, and seniors Amy Kocka and Raisa Janke who took fourth place.

The 200 Free Relay and 200 Medley Relay each came in fifth place. Members of the 200 Free Relay were Kocka, Pierdomenico, junior Gillian Millwood and freshman Becca Szanto, while sophomore Ashlynn Krohn, senior Brittany Cowden, Millwood and Pierdomenico swam in the 200 Medley Relay. At the end of the weekend, the women had achieved 20 lifetime-best times, an impressive accomplishment for a meet so early in the season.

A key to the women having such a great meet was their ability to finish their races strong. According to Coach Jack Groselle, the inability to finish strong was a weakness of the team early in the season and could have played a major role in the results of some of their meets.

However, this was not a problem for the team at the Invitational.

"The team is really coming along in finishing strong," says Groselle. "They did a great job in touching out the other swimmers, where they were not doing that early in the season."

Another important factor in swimming so well is how hard the team has worked in practices this season. Groselle says that this has been one of the best women's teams he has coached when it comes to working hard and making it to practice on time. Whereas in previous years, Groselle has faced issues where swimmers were showing up for practice late, this year's team has rarely had to worry about this problem.

After a strong first few months of the season, in which the team had a 2-3 record in dual meets, the team is looking to have a strong remainder of the season. After spending the three-week term with some of the hardest practices of the season, the women will be heading home for a week of winter break. The team will then travel to Hawaii for a week and a half on their annual training trip.

This training trip gives the team the opportunity to work extremely hard and focus on swimming while also being able to enjoy some time in Hawaii. Upon their return from the trip, the team will look to improve on their times as they begin the second half of their dual meet season before hopefully finishing strong at the NCAC Championship meet.

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## Student Athlete Profile: Ashley Drum



by bill jordan sports editor

Major: Middle Childhood Education

**Position: Forward** 

Sports awards won: NCAC Player of the week

Best thing about your coach: "She challenges us to be successful both on and off the court."

Best thing about the team: "Our team gets along great and really wants the best for each other."

**Coolest student on campus: Mallory Augustyn** 

Coolest professor on campus: Don Guenther

Favorite sports moment: "Scoring 24 points against Ursuline."

Favorite TV show: "Grey's Anatomy"

Favorite book: The Great Gatsby

Best vacation: "Summer road trip with my family."

Best advice ever received: "Do what makes you happy."

Favorite athlete: Tiger Woods

Dream job: Superintendent

Favorite color: Pink

Favorite movie: Double Jeopardy

Best thing about Hiram:
"The friends you make and times you spend with them."

Favorite team: Cleveland Indians

Years in the sport: 12

Number: 51

Interesting fact:
"I play sports with my right hand, but write with my left."



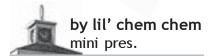
Photo courtesy of Hiram Women's Basketball Media Guide



Disclaimer: The Decline is written with the intention of poking fun at The Advance and other Hiram-related things. DO NOT take it seriously.

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# Student Survival Guide to Hiram



With reports of fighting breaking out across campus this past weekend, *The Advance* decided to put together a survival guide to help keep the students of Hiram safe. Here is what we managed to come up with:



**DO** buy a terrier. Though small, these furry beasts can pack a punch, and their size makes them ideal for throwing at attackers. \*Side Note: Miniature Bull Terriers (pictured at left) are the standard for pocket-sized puppy protection and are more likely to serve a critical – if not deadly – testicular bite than the old school West Highland White Terrier breed (pictured at right).



**DO NOT** walk alone through the pitch black areas of campus (this includes the center of campus; in front of Booth/Centennial; and depending when the light decides to flicker off, the Hill – maybe it is wiser to just stay indoors after dark.) While these areas are fun for hide-and-seek, darkness provides attackers with the ability to spring from the shadows and take you by surprise. Be especially wary if you have any qualms with ninjas, because it is rumored that they often favor the spring-from-the-darkness technique.

**DO** use the buddy system. Make sure you never go anywhere without a buddy or friend. When attacked, shove said buddy or friend towards the attacker. Your attacker will be so busy attacking your friend that you will have plenty of time to run over to Miller for late night before they close. Oh, and to get some help for your friend too.

**DO NOT** attempt to get to your car in an effort to flee from your attacker. More than likely, the parking lot that you've parked in has become the site for a new James A. Garfield Center of something or other and your car has been towed.

**DO** buy a pair of ice cleats. Forget about mace or tasers. The always-slippery Hiram sidewalks are your best defense against any attacker with ill-equipped footwear.

**DO NOT** expect Hiram's football team to be able to assist you if you are attacked by an opposing college (or high school) football team.

**DO**, however, call upon the squirrels to come to your rescue. It's true that Hiram students and the squirrel army have had a long standing grudge with one another – they throw acorns and we chase them around the green when we've partied too hard. But, long ago, James A. Garfield and the squirrel general, Bushy Tail Big Nuts, declared that whenever one side was in need, the other would be there to defend them.



**DO NOT** follow the paths while running from your attacker. You will undoubtedly end up first having to travel from one unnecessary destination to another before you get to safety. By that time your attacker will have cut across the grass to get to you.

**DO** hope that your attacker has recently eaten in Miller. He will be forced to quickly make his way to a nearby bathroom as a result of his diarrhea.

**DO NOT** run up Colton stairs while trying to escape. They may crumble beneath you, crushing you in a stony heap.



news

'05-'06 3rd Miller yo! Laser tag! The quote board! We should have a reunion.

student life

I miss the trays...

forum

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Marhaban, Hiram! We should all take language classes. Lots of them.

spotlight

Does anyone else like pie? I really like pie. **Bakers Square went** bankrupt, and I think that's pretty depressing.

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"What I say is that, if a fellow really likes potatoes, he must be a pretty decent sort of fellow." - A. A. Milne

sports

Do you remember the KC when the SORC room was where the coffee shop is now?



# **TERRIERS TALK:**

How do you feel about living in the Advance office?











NAME: Señ or Balon YEAR: 7th year senior PAST CAREER: Basketball star RESPONSE: "It gives me time to dwell on the fact that I am now too fat to play bas-

ketball. Alas, I have turned

green with envy."

YEAR: Faculty
PAST CAREER: Canoe
Maker
RESPONSE: "There are no
sparkling streams to show
me the way. All of the staff
tell me what to do."

NAME: Old Man Weenie

NAME: Melon-e
YEAR: Freshman
PAST CAREER: Exotic
dancer
RESPONSE: "There aren't
enough booze or football
players to entertain me, and
Jarrad won't let me give him
lapdances. So lame."

NAME: Miss Doll Fyn YEAR: Junior PAST CAREER: Bell ringer for the salvation army RESPONSE: "Ding-a-linga-ling! Jingle Jangle." NAME: Tweety Bird YEAR: Since 1942 PAST CAREER: Annoyer of felines RESPONSE: "I'm glad that Sylvester hasn't found me yet since there are no windows for me to fly out of."

eally thick line

# Resident Freshman (or Sophomore) Application for a Position in an Awesome Organization

For the purposes of passing on the legacy of our four years at Hiram, we (Kyle Kowalczyk, Brock Cosic, and Evan DaSilva) in our lack of our very own freshmen will require that one or two freshmen (sophomores may also be accepted if there is an unfortunate lack of willing freshmen) take up a position in our exclusive organization for the betterment of good times and shenanigans. This position is likened to that of an internship, through which above said freshmen will be mentored in the art of making good times at Hiram in light of the college's obvious seclusion from the outside world. Our organization does not discriminate on any basis including race, creed, or gender. The only requirement is that you, the applicant, keep an open mind and refrain from lameness. After submission of this application, prospective applicants will be contacted in some way and will undergo a review process in front of a board consisting of Kyle Kowalczyk, Brock Cosic, Evan DaSilva, and future senior member Daniel Gavazzi. To turn in the application, just slide it under the Bowler 207 or Bowler 214 door. We will also accept applications through e-mail, and you may send them to:

dasilvaec@my.hiram.edu cosicbs@my.hiram.edu kowalczykkr@my.hiram.edu

Have you ever operated a fish tank? (circle): yes no
pet, saxophone, trombone, tuba, or any other jazz instrument)
Can you read? (circle) yes no
Ever spent time in a foreign prison?(circle): yes no
Do you drive? (circle) yes no
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# **In-site Head Line Hear**

#### Let's face it, my creative energy is reserved for drinking games...



by Al Coholic Quad Resident

As many of you know, the restrictions on alcohol consumption have increased over the past year. These restrictions were a clear-headed response to problem drinking on campus. I have noticed, however, that recently even more drinking problems have been

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occurring. I suggest that the college enforce new restrictions to curb these problems. I am not sure where these problems stem from but they are a grave problem on our beloved college campus.

One of the first problems I have noticed is the under consumption of alcohol at parties. Many people only have five or six drinks while some have none at all. This is completely unacceptable. There have been many times where I have seen half-

empty beers sitting on a person's desk, or a half drunk drink on the floor. These are sometimes left after someone vomits his guts out. How are you preparing yourself for the real world if you throw up after seven drinks? This is a completely unacceptable abuse of alcohol. Puking alcohol into the toilet, onto the floor, or into the trash amounts to severe alcohol abuse. Why would you waste this precious resource? I suggest that the college implement fines or

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mandatory classes to teach

these students how to hold

drinking problems is people

waking up with hangovers.

What way is it to not

remember a terrific night with

a terrible morning? There is

no excuse for being

Another very apparent

their liquor.

There are too acceptable states one can be in when he wakes up: still drunk or sober without a hangover. A hangover suggests that you fell asleep before the party was done. Lame.

This is heinous for two reasons. Firstly, it is rude to fall asleep at a party and leave people to take care of you. Secondly, it suggests that at the conclusion of the

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party, you didn't make sure you drank enough water. Hangovers can be avoided even more easily by substituting drinking cheap, shitty beer with hard liquor. In this case I am not sure that the college needs to implement any new policies. Perhaps they could offer a class that helps students understand the benefits of consuming hard alcohol over cheap beer.

This draws me to my final two observations of drinking problems. When

these two problems are concurrent, it is truly unfortunate. I am, of course, talking about the problems of overage drinking and the consumption of inferior quality of booze.

The 21st birthday marks the entrance into the age of partying. It shows very poor judgement when people get wasted on cheap beer on their birthdays. This is the time to realize that now that you can buy your own booze, you don't have to drink crap anymore. When

No one will respect you in the age of partying if you purchase these types of booze. Perhaps in this case the college could make policies directing overagers to only give these types of alcohol to those who are underagers. I also suggest they create a comprehensive beer and liquor tasting seminar to help under-

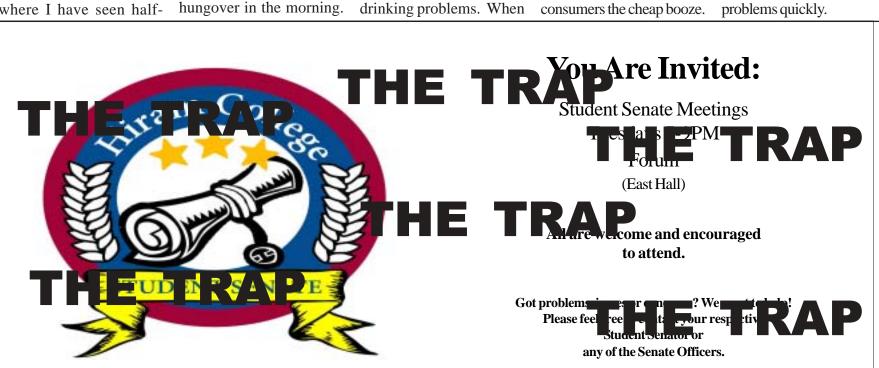
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overagers continue to consume kamchatka, "Beast" or "Natty" they bring shame to the age of partying that I mentioned earlier. It is of course acceptable at all times to drink free booze, but the offense takes place when the overager buys and consumers the cheap booze.

experienced students get a taste of good booze.

I hope that these rampant problems can be fixed in the near future. It is really shameful that we have to put up with these problems on a college campus. Perhaps when new policies have been implemented, we will move away from this climate of ignorance. It is vital for the growth of our community that we address these problems quickly.







# Campus contributed content to the paper

# decline 5.0 Warning: Read

#### **Suggestions to Students from Hiram Legend Miller Bissell**

- Don't attend a job fair in sweatpants and without resumes prepared; it's completely unprofessional.
- At least attempt to not urinate in the toilet, other people use those facilities.
- Read the Advance, there are always interesting articles inside.
- Write for the Advance, it's a great thing to put on your resume.
- Don't take anyone on campus too seriously, it can always come back to hurt you.
- When applying for a study abroad trip, don't assume you are going to get in even when told so by one of the teachers involved.
- If you choose to be a science major, that's fine, but in doing so, you are acknowledging that you are going to do at least four hours of class per week per semester that you won't get credit for. Don't complain about this.

- Take a class from English professor David Anderson, there's a reason he has lasted this long.
- The same goes for communication professor Linda Rea; don't let lazy students scare you away from her classes.
- Take a three week that kicks your butt everyday, it will stink while you're in it, but you'll never forget it.
- Try to get a single room by senior year; it makes life so much easier.
- If you came here just to play sports, leave or adjust your attitude, because you won't last long.
- Have a conversation with Earl Kissell and try not to have it put you in a better mood.
- Somehow find a way to watch professors Renzi and Aker get into an argument, it's very entertaining.
- Write for someone other than your professors (even if it's not the Advance), employers will like

# the Advance!!!!!



Or This Could Happen to You. You don't want it to. Believe me. (Writing for the Advance would be cool too.) You get paid...really well.

#### Ten Things I Like About Hiram By: Henry Hinsdale

- 1. There is no extra charge for cable.
- 2. The football team is no longer winless.
- 3. In some dorm rooms, students can control the level of their own heat and air conditioning.
- 4. The egg salad sandwiches that were at grab and go during the second week of the 12 week.
- 5. The 40 year old tiny desks in Hinsdale, and the people who complain about them.
- 6. The fact that even Jim Brown complained about walking up the hill from the athletic fields to the dorms.
- 7. The concept of community bikes (but not necessarily the current practice of the idea).
- 8. The trails in the woods behind the baseball field.
- 9. The slyness of the administration.
- 10. The Advance.

Sorry for the difference in type size, but there was much more content for the second list. My apologies...-Henry

#### Ten Things I Hate About Hiram By: Henry Hinsdale

- 1. Playing the parking version of Russian Roulette all semester where one never knows if their car is in a legal spot.
- 2. Paying \$70 to do damage to one's personal vehicle while driving to said spots.
- 3. The unwillingness of the president to acknowledge a student's existence even as they are passing him on the sidewalk or on his office floor.
- 4. The ability of the student accounts office to be able to sleep at night after giving yet another student a one day notice on their bill before kicking them out of school.
- 5. The fact that science majors put in a whole lot of work to receive an arts degree.
- 6. The practice of giving tenure to professors who continually lie to students.
- 7. People who tell others about the contents of a letter that they, themselves, had said was confidential.
- 8. How the softball field doesn't have a permanent fence just because it is impossible for the baseball field to have one.
- 9. How AVI's quality has fallen off the map after their two month grace period was up.
- 10. That if a student can't find a job after graduation, the career center's best advice is to go get an associate degree.

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# Quotes not overheard in the fall 3-week

By: Hinsy Dale

"What nice weather we have been having."

"There sure are a lot of upperclassmen on the men's basketball team this year."

"Hiram has never been on the news for getting the most snow in Northeast Ohio."

"I'm really glad I don't have to worry about moving my car for no apparent reason."

"Paying almost four bucks for a burger? That's not a rip off at all." "It's a good thing the power never randomly goes out in Hinsdale." "Being able to watch the Cavs every night on Fox Sports Net makes me so happy."

"It sure was painful to see the football team go winless again."
"The biggest waste of my time this semester has been reading the Advance."

"It's 10 o'clock on a Saturday night, and I want to play basketball. Good thing the gym is open late on the weekends." "I really hope they don't put carpet in Hinsdale over break."

"If only the admission department could admit more people who are going to bring guns to the local bar."

"I can't wait for Miller to open up for dinner. I love their (insert food here)."

"It's amazing how there are so many different vegetarian options at grab and go." "So many people have been writing for the Advance, that we don't know if there will be enough space for all of the articles."

"I can't wait for the next semester to start so I can give Hiram another \$15 thousand."

"The members of the swim team are such slackers. They are never practicing."

"On average, the football team is the most intelligent group of students on campus." "It's a good thing the administration is building these new town houses since we capped our enrollment last year."

"This new mass e-mail system is so efficient."

"There's so much to do at Hiram tonight, I just don't know where to start."

"Isn't it awesome how we don't have to worry about uncovering our cars from the snow on the street?" (Refer to provided picture for explanation.)

"I love how AVI has lived up to all of their promises, and we can catch the shuttle to Subway and use our Hiram dollars to get a five dollar foot long."

"Man, I really wish I had to worry about having quarters for the laundry machines."

"Sitting in class for four hours straight everyday is why I love the three week semester."

"I don't know what I'm going to do with my three day weekend, if only I could have class five days a week."

"Wow, that wreath on the Kennedy Center is tiny!"



# Holy Hiram, that's a lot of snow!!!

#### **More Miller Bissell Suggestions..**

- Learn when to read, skim and scan, it could make the difference in a class experience. Just don't scan when you should have read. The other way around isn't so bad.
- Stay away from the student accounts office and only go there under dire circumstances.
- Attend as many of the guest speaker's talks as possible. You
  won't realize how lucky you were to be able to hear these
  people until you are gone.
- When talking to the president, he may act like he wants to hear your thoughts on the college, but he will ignore them and tell you stories of his worldly travels.
- Do something in Cleveland or Akron once and a while, if you stay on the one block that is somehow called a campus, you will go crazy.
- At least look somewhat presentable when you go to class. That
  means you, pajama pants wearing man, who woke up five
  minutes ago to be ten minutes late to class.
- Attend one of each of the sporting events offered by the college before you leave.
- Learn that your complaints will not be heard unless you have money.
- Don't smoke.



Merry Christmas, Louis Carrel-Thomas and all Hiram students and alums! Thanks for serving our country. Return home safely.