Dear Reader,

Life has not been kind to us since our last issue. Maybe when we produce an amazing magazine like this, fate has to kick us in the ass every once in a while.

First, we were scooped in our own backyard by this lowly magazine nobody’s ever heard of, *Sports Illustrated*. *ethos* has been frantically trying to convince everybody’s favorite Natty Light drinker, Larry Eustachy, to sit down and chat with us about life after Iowa State. But we were repeatedly rebuffed. And now he talks to this *Sports Illustrated* magazine. What do they have that we don’t? Other than national distribution and 3 million more readers? That’s right. Not a damn thing.

Then there was the great flood of 2004. A drain pipe burst in the ceiling above our quaint office, creating an absurdly strong current down the halls of Hamilton. Tragically, two *ethos* staffers were unable to escape the undertow and drowned. We ask that you now observe a moment of silence in their memory...

Ok, so nobody died. But the water destroyed several hundred copies of our last issue. And if you were to argue that those magazines are worth more than two human lives, we wouldn’t stop you.

But we’ve fought through all this turmoil to bring you our third issue of the year. And, believe it or not, we’re already working on our final glorious issue, due out in April. And by “already working on,” we mean thinking about getting started soon. Any day now. Just wait.

Here’s one story that won’t be in our next issue: an inside look at a GSB presidential campaign. It’s not that this is a terrible story idea, we’ve all thought up much worse (Librarians: The Fast-Paced World of the Dewey Decimal System), but we were kind of nixed when this idea was brought to us by one of the GSB candidates. *ethos* is not a PR tool you can use for your own benefit, biatch.

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