

## Hall BBQ

Andrew Westerdale

The Hall BBQ was last Saturday. There was lots of meat, lots of fun, lots of frisbee and sweet tea. Although 4e loves meat, there were also a fair number of other food options: banana bread, kosher salted potatoes and grilled pineapple. Incoming GRT Ned Burns made a special appearance for some frisbee, tenting and dancing. The Housemasters also came down to partake in some 4e fun and then invited 4e to their apartment for a retaliatory sandwich and fruit study break. WA-Editor wrote:



Sir Johnathan D. Escrow

## Donlandering

WA Donlan Correspondent

This week was full of DONLANs, but not the cat-head kind. First, Mr. Pallo, caretaker of the East Campus dungeons, filed the exhaust fan in the basement. Troubleshooting has revealed that there is nothing wrong with the breakers or the motor switch, and even Bobby was left flummoxed, so the issue was passed on to Phys Plant. Later in the week, the mysterious bulge and discoloration in the ceiling tile was explained when an entire plenum fell into a bucket on the floor. The new opening in the ceiling revealed that potable water was leaking everywhere and that Goodale will probably need to be removed for good this time. Mr. Scarito championed the SAPWeb for this incident. Finally, osptony himself was contacted on an issue relating to the ECNet.



## Return of the BBC

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This week, the bouncy ball cannon came back from an extended hiatus to wreak havoc all that got in its way. Although initial runs were successful, the balls became backed up and the shaft got clogged. Cannon Engineer David P. Backus, shown here, tried massaging the shaft, but failed to produce a steady flow from the gun. In the end, it was an anticlimactic experience for all involved.

## TPV Word of the Week

Nate Pallo

**nyquist** - half the sampling frequency of a discrete signal processing system. An analog signal that has been sampled can be perfectly reconstructed from the samples if the sampling rate exceeds 2B samples per second, where B is the highest frequency in the original signal. In addition, aliasing can be avoided if the Nyquist frequency is greater than the bandwidth, or maximum component frequency, of the signal being sampled.

## Word of the Week

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**sinter**: to cause to become a coherent mass by heating without melting; to undergo sintering.

“Prof. Chan sintered some fake salt in 4E’s Thermal Characterization Laboratory (TCL)”



4E’s Newest Pledge: Sebastian Donlan

## Room Wars

Walker Chan

Room wars is fast approaching. Several new developments promise to make this room wars unlike any in the past.

- **The Recession** – Due to the collapse of the sub-prime mortgage bubble, nearly 25% of hall residents have found themselves facing foreclosure. It is unlikely that new owners will be found this year. Most notably, Aaron C. Bader has received an eviction notice from his Goodale Gardens mansion. The luxury property will be subdivided and sold to two new tenants.
- **The Presidential Suite** – Flexing his presidential power, Nathan Pallo has commandeered Bemis 410 through 413 with a controversial executive order. As compensation, residents of those rooms will be given top priority in room wars. The suite will include a fireplace, wood wainscot, fully stocked wet bar, Zoz bed, workshop and stockroom. Joeg has green lighted the \$1.4 million abatement and renovation.
- **The Quint** – Perhaps in response to last year’s WallQuad, five hall members have themselves organized a new nontraditional living arrangement. Carly plans to squat. Sam will claim Esteban’s room through a mini room wars power play. Fangfei made a deal with the President to cede her room in exchange for the freshman double. Simone and the twin will double in Adrian’s room. Deep Walcott residents are worried that the Quint might divide the hall by cutting them off from Bemis with loud music.
- **Room Wars Reform** – The average citizen may feel powerless to get the room he or she deserves. Nearly half of Bemis and Walcott will be controlled by the Office of the President and the Quint. A grassroots movement has been protesting for a more randomized rooming system. Leaders have been deluged with both 4E and EC paperwork. It is unlikely that they will be able to submit their forms by the deadline, forfeiting any priority in this year’s room wars.

## Fireplace Fail

FireplaceComm

The sweepstakes has closed, and the only submission we’ve received is the following, written on a cocktail napkin and submitted anonymously:

“Take your s@#y wooden blocks and shove them up your \*#\*%^\$ing @\*%)@&#\* you \$&#@@\$ing %&\$\*#% bags.”

We would like to reject this idea, but our lawyers say that we are legally obliged to enact it, due to certain convoluted laws on the books in Cambridge. So be it.

## Help Needed for Fireplace Renovation

FireplaceComm

If anyone has any KY jelly and some free time on Saturday, we would like to get this fireplace thing over with. Thanks.

## A word from the Director

Nate Pallo

This Monday 05/04/2009 4-5PM Walker will be presenting his poster as part of the EECS annual Masterworks competition! In the past some of our TPV students have won the competition and I want this tradition to continue for several reasons.

Firstly, Walker has done some incredible work on TPV project and you need to stop by and see his(our) poster and admire him!

Secondly, I want to see you all show support to one of ours! After all Walker is presenting his work and all of us as well.

I want you to spread the word invite others and help Walker win the best poster Award.

## Ask Prof. Roulette

Prof. Roulette

Q: What was up with the not joeg-approved power outage last Saturday morning?

A: This is an event that has been troubling me quite a bit. You see, at the time of the outage, I was gazing into my mystic crystals, asking the universe to expose to me it’s secrets. After what seemed like an eternity without a vision, I gave up and glanced at the clock. It was flashing 12:01. My first thought was that I had traveled back in time to earlier in the morning, however I put one and one together when I noticed my computer rebooting.

To solve the mystery, I went straight to the source. I eventually received the council I was seeking with the big enchilada himself, joeg, but he only had one piece of cryptic advice: “if you meet the buddha on the road, kill him.” This puzzled me for some time, but I think I have realized what he meant by it. The proverb means that you should not accept anyone’s advice as absolute truth no matter how much you respect them; the actual truth is within yourself. So, though joeg was not the originator of the power outage, he is not an all-powerful being and there may still be a reasonable explanation. Re-examining the scenario, I think I’ve found the culprit for the blackout.

Normally when I gaze at my crystals, I turn on my magnetotherapy appliance to generate the seven Tesla field needed to align my bio-fields while I meditate. It seems that this device may have drawn too much current and tripped a fuse, causing a localized power outage. Sorry, my bad.

If you have a question for the professor, email [ask-prof-roulette@mit.edu](mailto:ask-prof-roulette@mit.edu).