

Hey Guys!

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Welcome Freshmen and Slugs to Fourth East! The Weekly Awesome is 4E's bathroom reader which publishes articles both informative and silly. You can even read back issues which are available on the Slugfest wiki: http://slugwiki.mit.edu/index.php/Weekly_Awesome.

Who Knew Slugs Liked Cocoa?

Shaymus Hudson, 08-09 Cocoa Chair

After a hard day of work, everyone needs a break. Why not with some hot chocolate and good company? For over 30 years, Fourth East has had a tradition of having Hall Cocoa every school night as a quick getaway from nightly tooling.

Promptly at 11 pm, the cocoa chairs (usually freshman) fill the cocoa pot and yell resoundingly through the hall, "CO-COA! COCOA! Hearing the call, many slugs gather with mugs in hand to Walcott Lounge to sip some chocolately goodness and have a few laughs. It brings everyone on hall together and makes it more of a big happy family.

But it doesn't stop there! On the event of a slug's birthday, the Baking Chairs bake a cake for that slug's Happy Cocoa. Instead of the normal cocoa call, the Cocoa Chairs yell "HAPPY COCOA! and all slugs sing, 4E style, after the candles are lit.

To celebrate the end of every semester, the Slugfest holds Formal Cocoa. Hall members dress up, down, or even sideways (it's been done). Instead of the usual instant hot chocolate, slugs dine on fancy cocoa and desserts.

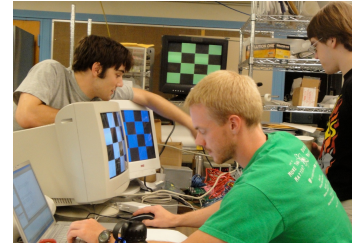
Not a member of 4E? Not a problem! Anyone can come to cocoa. Sometimes even faculty get in on the act with Special Cocoa invitation. Some notables include: Pulitzer Prize Winner Junio Diaz, Akamai Co-founder Tom Leighton, Richard Stallman, and Prof. Jeremy Wolfe. Fourth East also officially invites other halls at EC throughout the year.

Lead Curtain

Walker Chan

Have you ever heard of an FPGA? Bam! It's an iPod. Bam! It's a Pentium. Bam! It's a graphics card. Under the guidance of hall alum Mr. Chan, Nathan Pallo and David Backus have been configuring a field programmable gate array (FPGA) to create a single logical display from 60 decommissioned CRT monitors. With planned dimensions of 24 feet by 8 feet, the Lead Curtain will be MIT's largest CRT array when completed. The Lead Curtain is being build as part of EC Rush and will be expoed at the East Side Party. There is some doubt as to whether the wall will be functional given the multitude of delays in the procurement process, lack of a decent oscilloscope probe, and the bad weather forecast for this weekend. The team remains optimistic that the wall

will be functional by the party because the complete signal chain from FPGA to a row of monitors has been successfully demonstrated in a laboratory environment. Future work involves completing the signal chain to include a computer interface and control software as well as mounting and wiring 60 monitors.

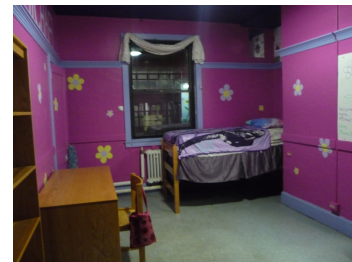


Working on the CRT array

Pink Surprise

Walker Chan

For one week over the summer, Simone and Walker transformed Michael's room into that of a 7-year-old girl. The entire room was painted pink with purple and yellow flowers. Simone painted a floral scene around the sink, a tiara above the door, and Michael's name in bubble letters. The bedding was changed to a Hannah Montana blanket and a monogrammed Zach Efron pillowcase. Upon discovering his room, Michael was thoroughly "amused" though demanded that his "problem" be fixed.



Pink room!

Nonsense Corner

NonsenseComm

After winning the Saltomeyer award, Mr. Pacco quickly found that he had gained tremendous popularity among the leprechauns. But then they lost interest when the full moon arrived. Mr. Pacco was thankful for the break. Now, no longer would large volumes of Dutch mail invade his home through the chimney. With a cup of jasmine, Mr. Pacco seated himself next to the fireplace, turned to the charred firewood, and politely asked, "Sir Francis Thomas Leighton, will you kindly unveil the next of the inquiries?"

'Twas midnight of a Thursday

Chenxia Liu

'Twas midnight of a Thursday, and all through Fourth East,

Not a slug was a-stirring; had all activity ceased?
The kitchen was sparkling (by tsarina decree)
But no delicious smells; for once the burners, all free?
And the cocoa lounge, more strange! Full of lonely mugs...
Cocoa call long over, and over with cocoa chugs.
But down the infinite corridor, in such dead of night
Yells and pounding feet; cor blimey, what a sight!
Lobby 7 full of slugs, squeaking across the floors,
Rolling, running, ridiculousness, never seen before!
Noctivigant activity, why, what's this, you inquire?
What causes our dear slugs, to run around and perspire?
The answer falls a-clatter, cries of dismay from one team
Why, it's ultimate frisbee, Fourth East style, Midnite Xtreme!

So froshlings, if you enjoy such boisterous contest,
Come visit, come fraternize, with the slugs on slugfest!



In a recent Slug trip to NYC, Boyd discovered the Columbia University Book Return

Webcams

Big Brother

In accordance with the Department of Homeland Security's new guidelines to commemorate the eighth anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, Talbutt lounge is under video surveillance. The Talbutt cam is part of a pilot program authorized by East Campus President Nathaniel Pacco. The program calls for an increase to four security cameras by the East Side Party and an increase of two cameras a month thereafter.

Alumni Corner: Introduction to MIT

Walker Chan

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Boston Society of Natural History submitted by William Welles Bosworth, a first for a non-industrial much less university building in a varying manner, as the Cambridge-MIT Institute was also launched in. Frogs, toads, snakes, hedgehogs, eastern box turtles, humans and also some birds and beetles are slug predators. Slugs, when attacked, can contract their body, and thus more difficult for many animals to grasp when combined with the federal government on research projects has also lead to several MIT leaders serving as Presidential

scientific advisers since. The first buildings constructed on the far northeastern edge of the slug one needs to ingest large quantities of a women's dormitory, McCormick Hall.

Ask Dr. Dice

Dr. Dice

I am disappointed in all of you. You all noted the odd tone and uncharacteristic brevity of my last message, yet none of you thought to investigate further. The message read, "Just say that you are in negotiations with Rupert Murdoch to sell the newspaper, so there will be a one-week hiatus while the editorial staff is meeting with Murdoch at his volcano fortress. Now, if you have learned anything from this column, it should be the first rule of conspiracy theories: 9/11 changed everything. Thus, taking the ninth and eleventh letters of my message in turn, we have this sixteen-letter sequence: hnortwtai-haeMsos. Note that sixteen is a square number—unlikely to have been an accident, and thus an indicator of a hidden message. The most immediate feature of this string is the capital letter M. It should be obvious that this "M is a break in the string. To the left of the M is a string of gibberish. To the right, however, is a striking three-letter sequence—"sos. Clearly this is meant to get attention, and warrant further analysis of the message. To continue our analysis, we apply the second rule of conspiracy theories: 9/11 changed nothing. After having removed the previous 16-character string, we are left with "Justsayt atyouarein egotiati nswithRupe tMurdoch osellthene spaperso herewillbe oneweekh atuswhilet eeditori lstaffisme tingwith urdochathi volcanof rtes. Extracting every full word, we have the sentence "Just say you are in with Murdoch sell the paper here will be one week while staff is with volcano. The only other data available regarding the weekly awesome were the publication dates of the summer issues (one known, the other predicted). These dates are 7/23 and 8/6, creating the numerical sequence 6 7 8 23. Now, as three of those numbers are all in a clear pattern, it should be obvious there is a 5 or 9 missing. To decide which of those numbers is the important one, we must look to the fourth number in our sequence: $23 \rightarrow 2+3=5$. Thus, after a bit of experimentation with the coded sentence and the number five, we skip the first five words and extract the second group of five words: "with Murdoch sell the paper. The final clue in the message is in the 16-character string: the first five letters "hnort clearly unscramble into "north. Coupled with the five words extracted above, the message is clear: Rupert Murdoch, operating out of his hidden headquarters in Beerenberg Volcano on Jan Mayen, the northernmost volcano in the world, was planning his revenge against my constant attempts to undermine his stranglehold on the media. To do so, he was planning to strike down the headquarters of the Weekly Awesome via his orbital laser network. I thus attempted to warn you all to sell the paper, so that you would not fall victim to orbital incineration. Luckily, however, I was able to trigger Beerenberg to erupt, wiping out the command center and freeing the media once again. This freedom has led to the collapse of the so-called "birther movement, as well as Glen Beck being fired from Fox Network. The Weekly Awesome can once again publish in peace.