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Nate Pallo

After 6.042 on Tuesday (before the Proovin' PSET of Punt was due), one Mr. Pallo again approached Sir Tom Leighton, PhD. about becoming our hall fellow. After a brief discussion of the duties of a hall fellow, he accepted. The 4E-Chairs have sent the appropriate correspondence to deal with this, so the system has been set in motion.

Women's Rugby, For the Win

Carly Narlesky

In case you have yet to pick up a copy of the Tech and peruse the report on MIT's great season opening... MIT Women's Rugby has kicked off the season with a bang. Following up a close second place at the Beantown tournament, last Sunday MIT creamed the competition, scoring 55 points to Bridgewater's 0. Several East Campus residents came out as spectators to watch their fellow dorm mates scrum, tackle and ruck. Fourth East highlights include several lineout steals early in the game by Carly Narlesky and excellent hooking and tackling by Emily King. The Lady Engineers will return to practice on Briggs Field Wednesday after a well-deserved Monday off. The next game will take place Sunday at 11:00 so come on out and support your local hooker!

Alumni Corner

Walker Chan

A team of archaeologists uncovered ancient ruins below CTD's South Boston headquarters. While some regard the ruins as valuable a window into the past, one members described it as "straight out of a horror movie."

The team found a small hatch in the basement, beyond which was a narrow ledge overlooking a pit with a set of rickety stairs leading down. On the other side of the pit was a brick wall. The ledge turned a corner, crowded with machinery. The pit grew from a few feet wide to nearly eight and room opened up, revealing the front of a furnace the size of Sam's room. A single wooden plank bridged the pit to a set of cast iron door several feet in diameter set into the same brick wall. Radiocarbon dating placed the furnace ca. 1625.

The back of the furnace room branched out into several dark passageways. One led to a small room whose floor and walls were blackened. This was no surprise as four grimy oil tanks (ca. 1845), which likely retrofitted following the annexation of Texas, protruded into the room. Another passageway led out of the building beneath the sidewalk to an unchecked Sophocles.

The Daily Blunderbuss

 $Ben\ Peters$



Don't Break your NEC

Nate Pallo

This weekend, while most of the hall was camping, there were several slugs motivated enough to finish hanging the NEC in the Barco Lounge. The current setup, in which the projector is bolted to the ceiling, is theoretically rated to hold 6Klbs. While the projected image will be capable of HD video, there have been some alignment issues with the screen and it still needs to be moved. Hopefully the motivation present in last weeks crowd will come back again this weekend.

RingCommmmmm

Nate Pallo

Several 4E members came to the study break and gave their opinion on the 2011's Brass Rat. Steven suggested putting a beaver doing jujitsu on the bezel while Boyd and Fangfei said they did not want to see poop on the ring. Tucker added, "They should put a physics on the class shank." Hopefully I won't lose their surveys before our next RingComm meeting and their opinions will still matter.

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Ask Dr. Dice

Dr. Dice

Q: There is no question today; instead, here is a serious issue developing as you read.

A: This October, the 3rd infantry division's 1st brigade combat team will be coming home from Iraq early. While this would normally be an occasion for celebration, the circumstances here are a bit more...ominous; the team is being recalled to help with civil unrest and crowd control. The 1st brigade, also known as the Raiders, are one of the most elite marine teams deployed nowadays. This raises the question, why are marines being deployed as law enforcement (in apparent violation of the Posse Comitatus act), as opposed to the national guard? Once home, the brigade will be under the control of US Army North (USARNORTH), whose describe themselves "USARNORTH conducts Homeland Defense (HLD) and Civil Support (CS) operations, and Theater Security Cooperation (TSC) activities, as the Army Service Component Command (ASCC) to U.S. Northern Command in order to protect the American people and their way of life. On order, US-ARNORTH commands and controls deployed forces as a Joint Task Force (JTF) or Joint Force Land Component Command (JFLCC)." Their vision? To be "[the] DOD's premiere land-based Homeland Defense response force; a team of highly skilled professionals: interoperable and integrated with federal, state, tribal, and local partners; relevant to America's security and civil support challenges of the 21st century." Coupled with my previous story on the revised legality of martial law, this seems like the first serious steps towards the US becoming a fascist military dictatorship.

If you have a question for the doctor, email ask-dr-diceQmit.edu.

Hardcores and a Moose!

Esteban Hufstedler

Last weekend, many members of the hall utilized the suicide day to participate in an extended camping trip. Some members, specifically Ben "BJ-PP" Peters, David "Doesn't Eat" Harvison, David "Drive-R" Backus, and Esteban "Totally Cool" Hufstedler participated in the Hardcore Challenge. This challenge was to camp overnight without a tent and with minimal food, relying on foraging abilities to gain the calories necessary to avoid death.

The task ahead of the Hardcores was very difficult. Arriving at the campsite only a short time before dark meant that there was little time to build a shelter, and even less time to gather wild foodstuffs. The first night was painfully cold and hungry. The morning hike delivered a glimmer of hope, as the hikers found dozens of bunch berries; a kind of tiny red berry with almost no flavor or calories. The berries were lauded as, "Oh god yes, they're so good." and "Delicious."

The Hardcores all succeeded, except for Mr. Peters who succumbed to temptation and ate extra foodstuffs. He received many a disapproving glare. Also, he didn't see the titular moose, which was ridiculously cool and a little terrifying.

Comments

