DinoScooter Madness
Esteban Higgettler
In a wildly successful attempt to show off how creative and supercool East Campus is, Nate Pallo organized a fleet of wheeled vehicles to travel up and down the Infinite Corridor. The leading vehicles were a pair of tricycles, one with a ruined steering system and the other capable of ludicrous speed. The centerpiece was a Ben Peters Original Dinosaur Scooter Device. This device was another giant dinosaur, made from paper maché, chicken wire, green paint, ducts, Michael Scarito’s electric scooter, and extreme awesome. The awesome came mostly from the Color Kinetic lights giving the DinoScooter a headlight, taillight, and ground effects, as well as the excellent paint job contributed by Simone Agla. The convoy of hilarity swept through Lobby 10 three times, upsetting the Midnight Capture The Flag Crew. Luckily, the sheer excellence of the endeavor was a carte blanche to taunt the Crew and advertise East Campus to the gathered prefrosh.

Declaration of War
Major Mansfield
This time the war isn’t against third east. Room Wars will pit neighbor against neighbor, roommate against roommate. Only the lucky few—seniors and people ditching 4e—will be spared. For the rest of us, there is no swift and final relief. We must stand and fight. Skirmishes begin Monday. I’ll see you on the battle field.

Hall BBQ!
Staff
The hall bbq is scheduled for this Saturday starting at 4pm. There will be many delicious foods (meat) and outdoor fun for the whole family. Rumor has it that fourtheast’s newly appointed GRT will be in attendance.

Alumni Corner
Walker Chan
Recent 4e alumn Walker Chan returned to division 4e of East Campus Laboratories from LESES Laboratory last weekend as a visiting scientist. Using ECL’s recently developed in-house cryogenic facilities, he was able to break new ground in cryogenic cooking—the application of cryogenic material to culinary science. Specifically, the action of LN2 on foods prepared using the OXO SlapChop method was characterized. Additionally, he was pleased to see the division 4e has maintained its status as world leader in portable plasma globe (PPG) technology. Joint ECL-LEES research last year led to unprecedented miniaturization and cost reduction in plasma globes. With these advances, it is only a matter of time that PPGs begin to replace conventional globes in all mainstream applications. Division 4e has developed a new core competency in dinosaur modeling. Mr. Chan was able to lend his expertise in portable power to the Dinosaur Kinetics Group.

Ask Dr. Dice
Dr. Dice
Q: Is it on? –Prof. Roulette
A: It’s on.

While the good Professor may be perfectly happy to relay obvious falsehoods (as if the Harvard Bridge will even be here in 2012) as facts, thus endangering the lives of everyone on this hall, I prefer a higher caliber of journalism: I report only facts, as seen through a paranoid/liberal/anti-establishment filter. To that end, rather than lower myself to a direct clash with our dear Professor, I will continue to report on all the things that aren’t reported anywhere else (due to a massive global conspiracy).

There was some shocking news earlier this week, as it was revealed that the official FEMA fire fighting guide contains an entire chapter devoted to dealing with extraterrestrial incidents. Though the main focus of the chapter is emergency response, dealing with panic and fear, and safely securing an area, there is apparently considerable space devoted to medical treatment of extraterrestrials. This, of course, raises the question, how does the government know this information?

Wanting to know more, the dedicated crazies at ATS went to work. Apparently, the “official” designation is questionable. The manual was written by two ex-firefighters, with an unknown amount of government input. The link to FEMA comes through firefighter education. FEMA runs a very large, extensive firefighting education program, for which this book is the primary resource. As such, it has become a de facto installation in almost every firehouse in the nation. Thus, the book has been officially approved by a subsidiary/partner of FEMA. While this designation does mean the government doesn’t necessarily approve of all its contents, numerous officials have come out stating, in unofficial capacity, that the book is a sanctioned FEMA guide.

Of course, this brings up the question of whether the book is sanctioned because of its extraterrestrial content, or in spite of it. The FEMA program seems the largest consumer of these guides, and is likely the audience for whom it was written, giving FEMA a certain power over the publisher of the guide. From FEMA’s perspective, there are a multitude of reasons to remove the extraterrestrial chapter prevent a bad image, to reduce costs, etc. but there are no real reasons to leave the chapter in place, unless, of course, the information is valid and useful.

Of course, some may wonder, why would FEMA allow the release of such information that has been so closely protected for so long? In combination with the increasing number of former astronauts/cosmonauts who have stated that we are not alone in the universe, the answer becomes clear: the government, and perhaps more governments than just the US, are preparing the general public to be made aware of the existence of extraterrestrials, and to prepare for first public contact.

If you have a question for the doctor, email ask-dr-dice@mit.edu.

Fireplace Sweepsgiving
FireplaceComm
FireplaceComm intended to publish the winning designs in this issue of the Awesome, but alas, no designs were submitted. After a stern talking to the Weekly Awesome representative who sold us the advertising space in last week’s issue has offered us a chance to submit a new ad free of charge. So, here are the new terms of the sweepstakes. All submitted designs will be voted for patent under your name (we will pay for the patent lawyer and the cost of filing the patent). Designs submitted will be printed out in full color poster format, sparing no expense, and hand delivered to your residence by Playboy’s playmate of the month. Over all odds have been increased to 43 in 42. We hope that these changes will solicit a response from the weekly awesome readership, and look forward to beautifying the hall with a more ornate fireplace.

Word Search
Nathan Pallo
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