

THE WEEKLY AWESOME

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Hall Fellow Tom Leighton enjoying a delicious meal

Thanksgiving Feed

David Harvison

This past Saturday Slugs and former Slugs gathered to give thanks in the form of a voluptuous feast. In addition to the brave slugs who risked their lives in the sub freezing temperatures to fry 5 succulent turkeys, everyone came together to cook 30+ pounds of potatoes, 22 pies and quiches and a multitude of other delicacies.

Hall fellow Professor F. Thomas Leighton was present, along with his son. The two seemed to enjoy themselves, his son especially enjoyed the dirt. After being pitched a questionable business plan involving trading laptops for CAPTCHAs, Prof. Leighton by Slugfest's Hall Fellow Liaison (SoHoFoLo) Nate Pallo and departed.

Thanks to everyone who cooked and cleaned. We couldn't have done this without you!

Bad Ideas

Carly Narlesky

The first Bad Ideas planning meeting took place in Talbot last night. In attendance was a high percentage of Fourth East representatives. They made themselves heard in typical Fourth East fashion—requesting golf carts and about 50 email lists to represent Bad Ideas 2009. This year, I am proposing to bake a cake that exceeds my height. Currently, the plan is to stack cakes and frost them to resemble a giant ruler so that you can measure your height against it. However, I am open to more creative suggestions. Please direct all feedback to carlesky@mit.edu.



Sebastian and Tucker with their winning device.
Not Pictured: Giant Novelty Check

Kick Butt Competition

Simone Agha

Last Thursday, the “Wile E. Coyotes” competed in the first annual MIT Medical-sponsored Kick-Butt Competition. The team, comprising of Sebastian, Tucker, Nathan, and occasionally Simone built a Rube Goldberg device designed to put out a cigarette. Utilizing components such as cellular automata arrays, diet coke and mentos, and balloons and anvils, the team took first place over the competing “Cig-ARRETE.” The Wile E. Coyotes won a rather largely proportioned check for \$750. When asked what they will do with their winnings, Sebastian and Tucker replied, “buy a hall golf cart.”



The lavish hotel

Alumni Corner

Walker Chan

Fourth East alum Walker Chan presented “Modeling InGaAsSb thermophotovoltaic cells for portable power system design,” coauthored by Nathan Pacco, at the 8th international conference on thermophotovoltaics held in Palm Springs. The hotel is easily mistaken for being worthy of James Bond except all the women are over 65.



Featured Frosh

Walker Chan and Andrew Westerdale

Lauren Chai is famous on Fourth East for introducing Jamaican Chai Tea. The delectable treat consists of 4 cloves, 1.5 centimeters of ginger, 6 shots of spiced rum, 3 black pepper corns, 2 shots Tia Maria, and a tea bag. It is suspected that her upbringing by the indigenous people of Jamaica have strongly influenced the drink. As a young girl, Lauren was stolen by wolves and separated from her twin sister Elaina. She was found by natives living near an abandoned rum distillery. At the age of 15, after becoming chief of her tribe, she was reunited with her parents and sister when the distillery was converted to a bobsled track.

Ask Dr. Dice

Dr. Dice

Q: I've heard of strange events at Montauk AFB. What really happened there?

A: Apart from the experimental SAGE radar system, there was nothing special about Montauk Air Force Base. It was, therefore, nothing unusual for the base to be decommissioned. This was about the time that the DoD dropped the Phoenix project, clandestine research into active stealth and mind control (the two being related through the need to control with uncanny precision large parts of the electromagnetic spectrum). After being dropped by the DoD, the Air Force decided to continue the research, secretly recommissioning Montauk AFB for the Phoenix II project.

While helping return the base to mostly operational status, some previous workers mentioned that the general mood on the base seemed to vary with the operation of the SAGE radar. This small piece of information shaped the continued research of the Phoenix scientists, and soon they were able to alter the mood of a single individual through careful control

of the SAGE radar system.

The experiments, however, did not stop there. In 1973, the experimental process had reached a new step. The scientists wanted to experiment with large groups of people, changing their thoughts and moods en masse and monitoring the results. Units of the U.S. Army were invited to the base for R&R, becoming the unwitting targets of mood-altering experiments. Similar experiments were also conducted on people living nearby on Long Island, as well as New Jersey, New York, and Connecticut. The aim of these tests was very simple; to build a database of pulse settings and the effects they caused. With time, the scientists were able to construct a control panel that allowed them to broadcast preset signals, thus allowing for consistent mind control effects. Tests allowed the scientists to create a wide variety of effects, depending on the settings fed into the transmitter. Programs were written allowing the researchers to do more than simply create mood swings. They found they could increase the crime rate, incite violence, and cause mass panic among animals. They even developed programs capable of disabling vehicles by burning out all of its electrical functions.”

From here, the team was trimmed down significantly, and thus reliable information is much harder to come by. There are reports, however, that the next step was mind control. To accomplish this, the scientists built a device known as the Montauk Chair, possibly built with extraterrestrial assistance. This device would constantly scan the entirety of the user's brain, produce a map, of sorts. This map could then be recreated in the target's brain through use of SAGE technology. Essentially, the user of the chair would have complete control over the target's body.

Whether or not this level of control was ever reached is uncertain. What is certain, however, is that the government and military have a long history of mind control experiments, and constant vigilance is necessary to ensure we win in the last great battlefield of minds.

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

A Few Words About MIT

George Narlesky

Dear 4th Easters,

My name is George Narlesky. As you may or may not know, I recently flew all the way from my humble residence in (location), (state/province/country) to visit my dear sister Carly, right here at the MIT. So a little bit about me: I am a (rank/caste) in (educational system). My first impression of MIT is that it is much (comparative adjective) than where I live. It is very, very (adjective). But East Campus has many a redeeming (noun). I missed the (event/holiday) feast, but I cannot characterize the abundance of (noun) that has resulted as something (adjective). My first night here I saw fire poi for the first time! It was really (adjective)! Some people caught on fire a little bit, but everyone ended up (adjective). On Monday, I went to one of my sister's classes with my friend (name). The class was called (class name), and it was way over both of our (plural body part). Still, I'm glad to have experienced the rigors of a college (noun). So then I went to a (place), which is sort of unrelated to 4th East. So the whole cocoa thing is pretty sweet. I mean, everyone likes hot (noun). It sure is great when everyone comes together to make something happen. Like pushing the (sport/activity) (vehicle) at the bad ideas meeting, that's a totally good bad idea. I guess the point is, I approve of (noun). Y'all are way (adjective), even though I haven't (past tense verb) all of you. Keep (ing verb) your (noun).

PS: Don't make this too (adjective).

PPS: (be creative), , ,