

Nuclear War on the Fourth Floor

Sebastian Denault

Fourth East was transformed into a grizzly war zone on Tuesday night as Slugs clashed with the troops of Third East in the ongoing struggle for the Third Easterator. The violence was sparked by Tetazoo's theft of our cocoa; a ransom note was left offering to return the cocoa under condition of surrender of the Easterator, however, sensing a threat on our main export, and adhering to our anti-terrorist-negotiation policy, we launched a counter attack, vibrating the building until our foes were forced to fight. Among the bedlam that followed, much sweat was shed, and several articles of clothing were lost. Rooms were rapped into, people hit the ceiling, and a stench was raised the likes of which Walcott has never known, but in the end Slugs fought valiantly alongside our courageous allies from floorpi, and the Third Easterator remains secure in the hands of the master race, Fourth East. The Easterator is the greatest treasure and most dangerous weapon at EC. And he who controls it, controls our destiny.

The Fall of Goodale

Andrew Westerdale

It was in this fine publication that self proclaimed Room Wars veteran Walker "W. R." Chan advised freshmen to "make a solid investment based on property values... A wise plan for freshmen would be to invest in Goodale where property values are low but steadily rising." It has been almost 8 months since that prediction, and Goodale's property values have been rising as steadily as Ford's stock prices.

Things hit rock bottom this past Tuesday at the EC Elections. With \$100 for the hall and the presidency for Nate Pallo on the line, this was a critical, once in a lifetime election. One who's importance exceeds anything we've seen since Barack Obama's victory over John McCain back in November 2008. Sure Nate won the election, and the hall put up a respectable 88

A demographic breakdown of who voted shows that 100% of Bemiseans, 100% of Goodazzlers and 94% of Walcottians voted, but only 56% of Goodalites made it to the polls. Some have attributed this strong distinction to the fact that Goodale is farther from Desk than the rest of the hall, while others have a less optimistic view of the situation. "goodale is dead" said one Fourth East resident who is currently trapped in Goodale. While not everything in Goodale is bad, it is unclear when things will be better. People should be weary of moving to sections of the hall as reality investments, but more importantly, people should be weary of anything Walker Chan says.



Featured Frosh

Walker Chan and Andrew Westerdale

Not to be outdone by her sister, Elaina, shown here having just strangled herself to death, is this week's Featured Frosh. Elaina has recently gained fame for her growing arsenal of nerf guns. After a Black Friday trip to KB Toys that resulted in the purchase of a nerf 6 shooter and a nerf hand gun, Elaina wanted to make sure she wouldn't fall behind in the 4e arms race by purchasing a nerf sniper rifle that is said to be able to shoot up to 35 meters. Other than nerf guns, Elaina enjoys swords, kendo, kindo, kumdo, kambo, turkey giblets, violence, ballet, and disputing the validity of Weekly Awesome articles.

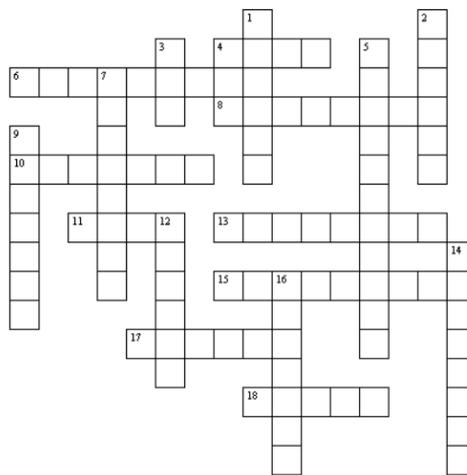
Thanksgiving Weekend

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Those who journeyed to neighboring sectors for Thanksgiving missed out on a ton o' fun here on hall. Among the activities were a Terminator marathon, all-nighter journey to T-Love and a trip to PoHo. At one time there was actually a barrel of monkeys. A lavish feast was served for Thanksgiving, followed by a failed turkey-book-return by Ptery. Camaraderie was at an all-time high, and I was reminded of how lucky I am to call 4e home.

Crossword

Andrew Westerdale



ACROSS

- 4 Makes slugs squirm
6 Dea cookies
8 Frank Thomson
10 The man of mystery
11 Doctor of Fourth East
13 Surface for Calculus
15 Featured at the final FAC
17 A holy trinity
18 Not a NEC

DOWN

- 1 EC President-elect
2 Above you
3 Banned from EC
5 Newest Walcott resident
7 Not for the shower
9 Musical bathroom treat
12 Blunderbuss bird
14 4e's greatest work of art
16 Adam's Hero

Letters to the Editor

Concerned Citizens

It seems that recent events have illicited a reaction from two residents of our hall - ED

Dear Fellow Residents of 4E,

It has come to my attention that a culture of denial has descended onto the hall. Denial that EC is on the brink of war. Imminent threats of zombies and space attacks, as well as the hostilities displayed towards us by 3E last night, make it absolutely clear that 4E simply can not afford to sit back and relax. None other than Wise Man Walker Chan, has declared the area immediately surrounding EC to be a danger zone, liable to the caprices of the zombie population at any time. It is in this sombre light, that I intend to make a number of propositions about how we could proceed, our very lives being on the line:

1) At the next budget meeting, say NO to feeds, cocoa etc, and say YES to missile defense systems and shot-guns. Money can be procured illegally if necessary. That \$750 check won by the cigarette butt people would make a nice start. And you can do without the food and drink. Hell, during the war we British could barely get a pound of rice without going to hell and back (We still can't, but that's a different story).

2) Immediate and obligatory military service for all 4E. All Slugs must attend a mandatory training session each day, starting at 4am and ending at 10am, resuming at 10pm and continuing 'till 3 am, consisting of 50 laps of the Charles River, 100 runs up and down the Green Building, and 1000 press-ups in a row, without pause. Violators will be sent to Coventry, England.

3) If all else fails, I propose we evacuate 4E for the time being and resettle in Walker Chan's warehouse across the river. That will buy us time to decide how to deal with 3E, and will put us in a better position to use our missile system on them. I'm sure Walker and co wouldn't mind as long as we helped out with

designing Cannytrophic treadmills from time to time.

Sincerely,

Lieutenant General Major Commander AA

What's common between Basant and Jon Stewart (... and the British-accented John Oliver)?

Well, those on the far right will accuse us of being "cosmopolitan liberals" and those on the far left will accuse us of being "worshippers of free market capitalism". But there's another similarity that came to light early this week.

A major financial center in Asia, which neither Jon nor I have ever visited, was attacked by Islamic terrorists last week. I was shocked and scared like hell. All I did for nearly 48 hours was watch the CNN coverage of the counter-offensive by the Indian special forces and the tears and pain of those who had either lost some loved one or were waiting for them to be rescued.

Seeing "our way of life" under attack by those who want the world to go back to the Dark Ages, definitely enraged me and I couldn't help but mutter unprintables under my breath. (Under my breath, because I have been brought up on a staple diet of "propah manners").

So, I was totally surprised by Monday's episode of The Daily Show when Jon and John vented their feelings about the incident. Exactly the same words! As if I had written the script. The verbal tirade was lost into a series of bleeps as John Oliver explained among other things that "when you're a bankrupt ideology pursuing a bankrupt strategy, the only move you've got is the dick one." Oliver ended the report with a real long bleep.

The clip is available online.

PS - Anne Hathaway showed up in the same episode and promised to try her level best to give us a prettier version of Kate Moss by snorting coke and making a trip to the rehab.

Basant V Sagar

Ask Dr. Dice

Dr. Dice

Q: It seems that the government keeps adding new reasons to fingerprint people; being a foreigner, overseas travel, a national ID card. Even some business, such as some theme parks, are starting to fingerprint visitors. How can I protect my identity?

A: A very good question. The best way to protect your identity is to create an alternate one. To protect your fingerprint, the first step is to find some fingerprints to use. The easiest method is just to find some fingerprints on line: a Google image search for fingerprint brings up many suitable images. If you want a bit more discretion, or are trying to acquire a specific set of fingerprints, it is best to pick up a cheap fingerprinting kit, and lift the fingerprints off of a glass or some other smooth surface. Take a picture of the fingerprint(s) with a digital camera, and, using your preferred image editing software, convert the image into your classic black-on-white fingerprint image.

Once the images are ready, print them out on a transparency sheet on a laser jet printer. The toner will produce a relief of the image on the transparency. Once that is done, apply a thin layer of wood glue to the printed image. A small amount of glycerin can be mixed with the wood glue to make it more workable.

Once the wood glue dries, peel it off the transparency and apply it to your finger with theatrical glue. Your identity is now protected!

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