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Dorms contain self-destruct mechanisms known as 'red tabs'

Long considered a trivial rule required by the Office of Residential life, the reasoning behind the provision banning the removal of 'red tabs' from windows has recently come to light. Each tab acts as a kill switch that, if all are removed, initiates a self-destruct sequence on the lower levels of the building.

The first mechanism was discovered in the basement of Welch by local pervert Bat Masterson while rummaging through the trash room on a self-described fact-finding mission. The commotion led to sophomore Dan Shanahanigan to investigate the noise. Upon being seen, Masterson attempted to flee but crashed into a wall. Behind the exposed drywall sat a large electronic device stamped with a sticker stating "Do Not Tamper With" in large block writing.

"That was when I called for a work order. I didn't know what was going on with the box but it kept beeping and saying it was active. I figured I could just pass off any responsibility to the custodial staff," said Shanahanigan.

A bomb squad and team of engineers were brought in to investigate the object and confirmed that it was in fact a device deeply ingrained in the structure of the building. Wiring from the device connected to each red tab.

Lead engineer Phil House explained, "If every red tab in the building were to be removed, the whole place's structural integrity would be compromised and it would just implode on itself. It would look pretty cool honestly."

Inquiries into other dorms produced similar findings. Every building on campus that has red tabs also contains a self-destruct sequence.

When approached, school officials admitted to having knowledge of the devices but not their purpose.

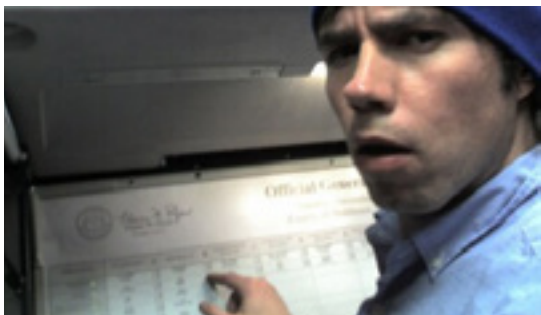


THESE AREN'T JUST RED SCARE TACTICS

According to official statement, "The self-destruct sequences in the buildings have always been there. Nobody has any record of why they were installed but eventually it became a part of the tradition of the university. We believe in honoring the legacy of Boston College and those officials that came before us. Eventually it was just assumed that the devices would be included in all new dorms."

Given the timing of the construction of many of the dorms on campus, the devices may be a relic of the Cold War intended to be used in the event of communist invasion. ■

Student can't wait to not vote



AT LEAST IT GIVES P. DIDDY SOMETHING TO DO

The upcoming presidential election will be the first for many Boston College students, the majority of whom had not yet reached the age of majority before the 2008 election. Garey Tufary, A&S '14 is one of these students and is very excited to finally become one of the 43% of Americans who doesn't vote.

"Ever since I was a little kid I had always wanted to be able to not vote," said the political science major. "Before it was only because I wasn't legally allowed to, but now this avoidance of my civic duty is completely my choice."

Widely believed by political scholars to be the hallmark of modern society, choosing not to vote and then complaining about the results is a deeply ingrained social trend in Western culture.

"For the vast majority of time, very few people have been able to exert any sort of political power in their homeland. Not voting harkens back to the Middle Ages and allows people to truly connect with their ancestors," explained BC history professor, Oswald Billingsly.

The reasons behind this trend are not dissatisfaction with the available candidates but more often due to the inconvenience of the process.

Among young voters, not understanding how to mail a letter is the chief cause of low turnout amongst college students. Nationally this is attributed to many Americans forgetting what day the election is.

A number of improvements in the process have been considered including voting via text message a la American Idol, purchasing themed cups from 7-Eleven, and just letting whoever has the most twitter followers in. By this metric, incumbent Barack Obama is currently fifth. ■

Tip O'Neill announced as commencement speaker



ASSEMBLE THE SHRINE OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE

University officials announced last week that the graduation ceremony for the sesquicentennial class, originally to be held in Alumni Stadium, will instead take place outside of O'Neill Library to accommodate this year's Commencement Speaker: the large stone face of Tip O'Neill.

O'Neill's spirit, which has occupied O'Neill Library since its dedication in 1984, will materialize on the outer wall of the library in the form of O'Neill's face, stretched to gigantic proportions. O'Neill's rock-solid countenance is expected to declare the eternal

truths which form the core of Boston College.

"We're fucking amped about this," said President Bill Fahey in an official statement. "Harvard may have gotten that stupid CNN guy to speak at their graduation, but I bet they didn't even have a big rock head on their wish list."

O'Neill will do more than just motivate the graduating class to become leaders of the world of tomorrow, however. As one of the seven Prophets of the University, O'Neill has the power to update the Boston College Code of Laws, a set of moral and ethical guidelines which has not been altered since the last Sacred Declaration by Prophet Doug Flutie during a lecture on the importance of healthy eating in 1994.

"Black magick like this can be pretty hard to understand," said Fahey, "but Tip O'Neill must have been a really smart guy to get a library named after him."

O'Neill's literally rugged features first appeared on the wall in the fall of 1987, when his vast pebbly lips spaketh throaty admonishments to a drunken freshman publicly urinating on the library.

"I think at first he was just mad at me for pissing on him," said the student in question, Hank Rafflewinner, now 47 years of age, "but what he really told me was to spread his glorious message to all: never, ever go in the fifth-floor bathroom after dark."

Fahey kept quiet regarding full details of the event, but did mention that scribes would be on hand to take down O'Neill's every hallowed word on ten-foot-long scrolls specially made to record the Utterances of the Prophets. Members of the senior class were less excited about the announcement.

"I kind of wanted someone funny who would also teach us life lessons, like Danny Tanner," said noteworthy senior Jonah Sharon. "But I guess magical ghosts are pretty cool, too." ■

Progressive BC administration allows discounted tuition for women

Forever an ally of women's rights causes, the Boston College administration has announced that they will allow female students to pay 81% of tuition.

The forward-thinking leaders of Boston College claim that the decision to offer tuition cuts stems from the income disparities that female graduates face due to occupational sexism.

"We see such talented women treated as equals in the BC community, only to enter the real world and earn 19% less of what their male counterparts make at the same job," said BC spokesperson Ronald Richman. "That discrepancy leads us to believe that women aren't able to pay back student loans at the same rate as men."

Looking at data from 2008-2011, Boston College acknowledges that it is inherently unfair for women pay the same for college tuition if they will earn less in the workforce.

"Our university has a deep commitment to social justice," said Richman. "This decision should demonstrate BC's mission to cultivate a community of men and women who are with and for others."

Since the population of this need-blind university is 51.7% female, BC administrators have made budgetary adjustments to provide tuition payment plans that account for gender.

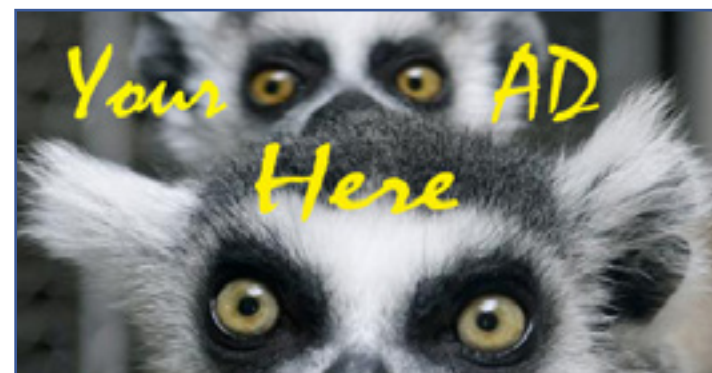
"We see this as a way to provide a solution to address injustices that are, unfortunately, still a problem with our capitalist economy,"

stated Richman. "We're even planning to make a hashtag to spark the discussion on social media, #DiscountForDiscrepancy."

"Look, we all know BC has plenty of money," said President Bill Fahey. "Now we're going to spend it in order to support a social justice concern that's relevant to most of our best lookin' Eagles."

With the new public acknowledgement that women earn a notably smaller salary than their male counterparts, especially in the age group of 19- to 30-year-olds, BC is taking definitive action to support a pressing feminist issue.

"We know that setting the world aflame can be hard when you're broke as shit," said President Fahey, "And hopefully this will help the ladies out." ■



Freshman steals cookie from Relay for Life charity event



BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR THIS MONSTER

The recent Relay for Life charity bake sale in McElroy Commons was ravaged by freshman Richard Head who "accidentally" stole a cookie from the selection of baked goods. Sources say Head was on his way down the stairs from lunch when he spotted cookies on the Relay for Life table volunteers had set up.

"Since I paid for his lunch, I would've thought Richard would be in a more generous mood," said freshman Ken Smith, who was present at the time of the theft. "I guess Richard thought that instead of donating to charity, it was time for charity... to donate to him."

After being told that all items from the bake sale were available to anyone for a one dollar donation, Head brazenly told the volunteers he had no money and subsequently grabbed a cookie from the stall.

"I wasn't sure what to think at the time," said junior volunteer Gary Watson. "It all happened so fast. It was a very surreal experience."

Richard Head could not be located to comment, but his friend, a source who asked to remain anonymous, told the New England Classic, "As he reached for the cookie, he said 'then I guess I'll just have a cookie.' Everyone at the stand stared at him in disbelief. With the cookie in his mouth, he mumbled 'I thought you meant I could have one thing for free' and ran out the door. I haven't seen or heard from him since."

Relay for Life decided to press charges, issuing the following release to the media, "We run an organization designed to help people with cancer. Yesterday, a Boston College student stole [a cookie] from a child with cancer. By not filing charges, we would only propagate this mentality to other students in the area."

While the general reaction to "Cookiegate" has been negative, BC parent Dr. Mon E. Baggs responded to Relay for Life's press release with genuine confusion as to the nature of the controversy. When asked for a statement at his recent "bring your yacht to work day" party, Dr. Baggs told the media, "I fail to see the issue here. Seriously, can anyone tell me what's wrong with this?"

BCPD has been unable to locate Richard Head since the time of the incident. More details soon to follow. ■

Species Profile: Plex Girl

Average Height: 5'5

Average Age: 20

Average Hair Color: Blonde

Average Weight: Roughly equal to an 8-year-old boy

This exotic species has overrun the Chestnut Hill ecosystem over the last decade. Having fled from their natural habitat due to lack of Chobani and Lululemon apparel, the Plex Girl species now thrives in the low-BMI zone surrounding the Boston College area. Unlike her male counterpart, the "Popsicle Bro," who is best known for his obsession with overworking the vanity muscles in his arms and chest, the Plex Girl spends approximately 93% of her day in the Flynn Recreation Complex. She can be found on the Stairmaster, attempting to outrun the person next to her on the treadmill, and scouting for mating partners from her perch on the elliptical machine. Plex Girls traditionally travel in a cluster of 3-6. They have been spotted in packs as large as 13, especially on Friday and Saturday nights in the vicinity of their ancestral Foster Street breeding grounds. Much like similar animals in the wild, the Plex Girl utilizes bright colors and shiny objects to attract her mates. Also similar to animals in the wild, her natural instinct to act viciously towards her competition. Her only natural predators are Mango Rubinoff and Late Night chicken fingers. ■



OFF THE HEIGHTS

Student takes all classes in Carney 102

Sophomore Andrew Bottomfeeder has come up with a new approach to the course selection process. After becoming increasingly irritated with scheduling conflicts, prerequisites, major restrictions, and classes closing during the 30-second window that it took him to log into UIS, he decided to give up on choosing courses by content and just rely on one criterion – convenience.

“I still have five classes left for my dinosaur major, and I really want to take Stegosaurus Invasion with Professor Don Iguana, but it closed four minutes before my pick time,” said Bottomfeeder. “I would take Toronto to South Beach – Pterodactyls in the Modern World, but it’s at 8am and I have a pretty strict commitment to an online poker team then. And I would take Intro to Dinosaurs again, but I’ve already taken it twice – the second time because the TA was really hot.”

Having failed to register for a single class, Bottomfeeder decided to go to the first room he encountered. “The way I see it, my parents are paying an ass-ton and a half to send me to BC, and they wouldn’t want their tuition to be wasted on me stressing over what classes to take or how to get to them, so to make things better for everyone, I’m just gonna take classes in Carney 102.”

His schedule now consists of: Religion in Sub-saharan Africa, MWF11, Carney 102; Intermediate Bulgarian MWF 12, Carney 102; Quantum Physics II MWF 2, Carney 102; Quantum Physics II MWF 3, Carney 102; and Intro to Dinosaurs MWF 4:30, Carney 102.

“The best part is that even though Mac is across the street, I have my girlfriend bring me lunch so I don’t have to leave the room. She goes to BU, which is good ‘cause that’s closer to the North End, and she would have to go out there anyway since I only like Italian food.” ■



BOTTOMFEEDER SITTING IN HIS STRONGHOLD

Global warming overturned: it’s been getting colder and doesn’t seem to be stopping



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Reports are in suggesting that global warming has come to an end. In an article from The Scientific Journal published yesterday, unarguable statistics confirm what you readers might have been feeling: it’s getting cooler by the day. And it doesn’t seem to be letting up—Dr. Luke Warm of Duke University announced preliminary data that projects certain and sustained cooler temperatures until February at the earliest. How much further beyond this early projection will the cool weather last? “Time and more data will tell,” says Dr. Warm, “but it really looks like we dodged that global warming bullet.”

Since the first week of September, there has been a marked descent in temperatures throughout the Northern Hemisphere. The second week of July this past year had an average temperature of 97 degrees Fahrenheit, whereas the average temperature of the second week in September was 79 degrees Fahrenheit. That is, on average, 18 degrees cooler.

Al Gore held a press conference today to apologize for his flip-pant and radical stance that humankind was causing irreversible change to the earth. “In light of such overwhelming evidence that disproves global warming, and as a man who greatly respects science, nature, and this earth,” said Gore, “I apologize for my hasty judgment of the situation, and subsequent idiotic behavior based on unfounded hearsay.” Gore has agreed to pay 16 million in reparations for his war on the “non-greens” for crimes including slander and lighting shit on republican’s doorsteps. Gore also added enthusiastically, “Lets drill in Alaska, and crank up the AC because we can!”

It is a great day for mankind and a joyous day for the earth, which as it seems, has had things under control the whole time. She is one badass Mother Nature. ■

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