

## Scientists discover Mr. T cells

by NEEEEEEERRRD!!!!

Immunologists have long known about ordinary T-cells, which are an important part of the human immune system.

This week, researchers announced the discovery of a similar, but distinct kind of cell—the Mr. T-cell.

Dr. Howlin M. Murdoch discovered them when examining a petri dish full of ordinary T-cells. He noticed that some of the cells looked a bit different than the others and when he zoomed in, he was amazed to see that they looked

like tiny Mr. T heads.

More astonishing still is that the cells can talk. Dr. Murdoch noticed a faint buzzing sound when examining the cells. He constructed a tiny microphone and amplified the sounds and found the Mr. T cells alive were talking away.

“I pity the rapidly mutating retrovirus that tries to take me on,” one of the cells was recorded as saying. “Those other lymphocytes, they ain’t got what I got,” it went on. “You send me a cell infected with coronavirus, I’ll destroy it, just like that. I don’t take no prisoners.”

The cells seem eerily self-aware, says Murdoch. “One time when I was looking through the microscope, I swear one of the Mr. T cells looked up at me and said ‘Whatch you lookin’ at, fool!’”

Scientists are at a loss to explain these strange new cells, but are already thinking of applications. “These cells are tougher than regular T cells,” Dr. Murdoch says, “especially in combination with other kinds of immune cells. We think we can assemble a sort of A-team of immune cells with the Mr. T cells at their centre. They’d be unstoppable.”



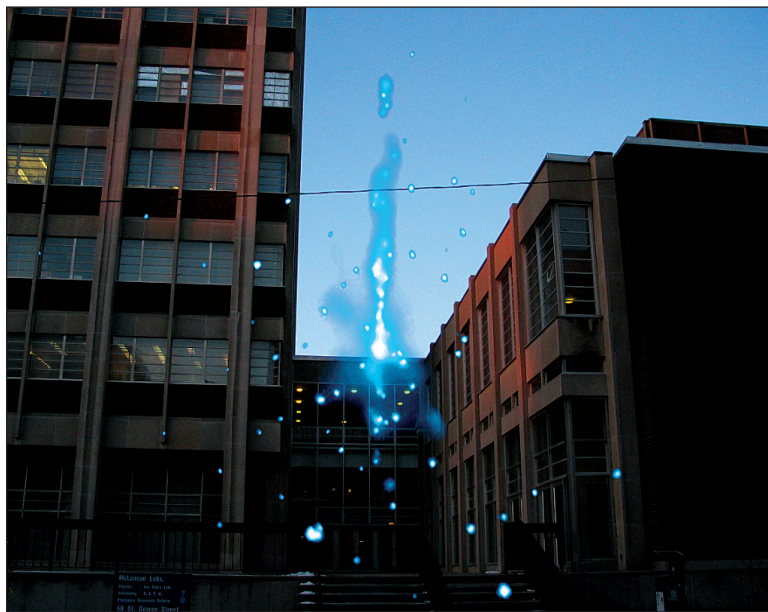
## Physics building disappears in flash of light

by CAROLINE DUH ANGELO  
VARSITY STAFF

In what is being described as a *Gedankenexperiment* gone horribly wrong, Maclennan Physical Laboratories disappeared yesterday morning. Witnesses say shortly after 11 a.m. the physics building suddenly started glowing bright blue before collapsing into a single beam of light and disappearing. The event was reportedly accompanied by a sliding whine and a loud fanfare of trumpets, climaxing as the building disappeared.

Paul Dirac, a physics graduate student who had just stepped out for a cigarette when the disaster occurred, explained its probable cause.

“What you basically have here is the fundamental conflict between Einstein’s theory of General Relativity and Quantum Mechanics. Recent attempts to unify these two theory sets, by inventing as many as fourteen extra dimensions, was bound to create problems. When you add all that Bose-Einstein condensation in the basement, and the Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle, well, it was frankly a disaster waiting to happen.”



Other witnesses confirmed not having a clue as to what the hell Dirac was talking about.

When asked if this tragedy was similar to the ‘warp drive’ phenomenon seen on *Star Trek*, Dirac moaned loudly and rolled his eyes.

“Yeah. Just like on *Star Trek*.”

As a precaution, police have cordoned off the area where the Physics building formerly stood, a move that has angered many first year Life Sciences students, including Chrissy

Lang and her best friend, Jessica Totenhaller.

“Like, you know, we used to cut through the Physics building to get the Chem[istry in the Earth Sciences building] after Bio[logy in Convocation Hall],” said Lang. “Now I have to walk all the way around the block just to get there. This totally sucks.”

Added Totenhaller, “Yeah, those stupid physics guys are making sure I won’t get into Med. School for sure.”

## Research gorilla “a real asshole”

by DAVID CHEEBA

Dr. Gary Grouse, who teaches sign language to gorillas as part of his research, is getting fed up with the behaviour of one of the animals.

“He’s a real asshole,” Grouse said. “But I have to put up with it in order to get my research done.”

Grouse has been teaching “Billy” sign language to better understand the cognitive abilities of great apes.

“At lunch time we have sandwiches, which we all share, humans and gorillas, together,” Grouse said.

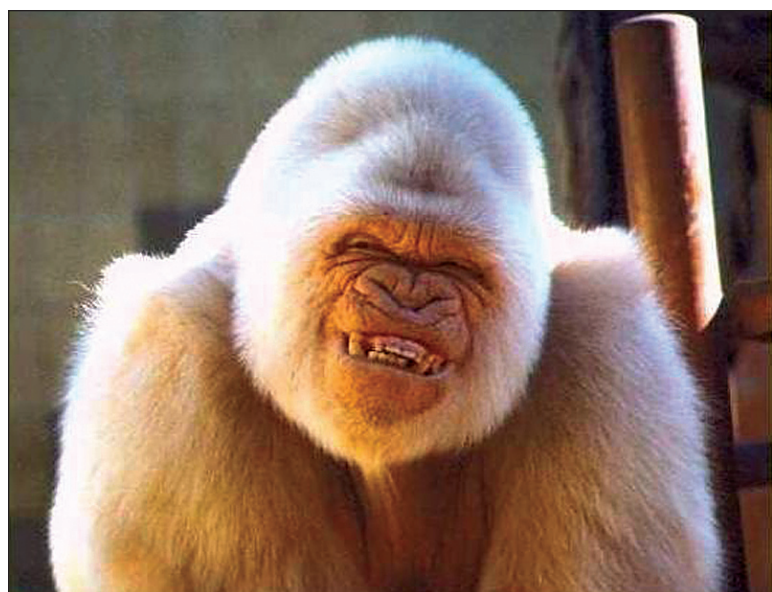
“Billy knows I like the peanut butter ones, but he goes ahead and eats them anyway. He doesn’t even

like peanut butter and you can tell he’s forcing them down. He looks straight at me while he’s eating them and I know he just does it to piss me off.”

Grouse also complains of the gorilla’s enthusiastic masturbatory displays that come at the worst possible times.

“As a primate researcher, I’ve seen my fair share of apes masturbating,” says Grouse. “I’ve gotten used to it, for the most part, but Billy goes over the top and I think it’s deliberate. Like he’ll go at it when I’m in the middle of a National Geographic interview, or when my boss comes to visit. He’ll come right up next to us, grunting and groping at himself and it really throws me off.”

A graduate student who works with Grouse says Billy isn’t the only animal that antagonizes him. “He’s a little pompous and animals can sense that,” he said, adding that when Grouse was working with pigeons a few years ago they would shit on his head as they flew by without fail. “I think they just like to deflate him a little.”



## Lunar pot-grow operation planned

by SPACE HIPPIY  
with files from THE WEED MAN

In a controversial move, two U of T Botany graduate students announced plans Monday to start a hydroponic marijuana plantation on the moon.

“It’s a wicked plan, dude,” enthused Josh Winters, one half of the research duo. His partner in research Simon Murphy shares Winters’ sentiments.

“It’s great,” remarked Murphy, “we can study the effects of low-gravity on our favourite plant.”

Scientists have long expected most plants to grow to a much larger size in low gravity environments, although it’s unknown what other kinds of effects such an environment might potentially have.

However, Winters is confident that the experiment will pay off: “Simon and I have this bet going. He says the quantity of THC in the plant will remain constant while the rest of the plant grows—thus resulting in lower concentrations in the buds. I say the THC levels will increase in proportion.”

The pair have come under fire, particularly from U of T’s administration, their graduate supervisors, and the law enforcement community.

“Do they get grant money for this kind of research?” asked Chief of Police Julian Fantino in a statement Tuesday evening. “This is ridiculous, they’re just a couple of goddamn hippies try-

ing to grow some space weed.”

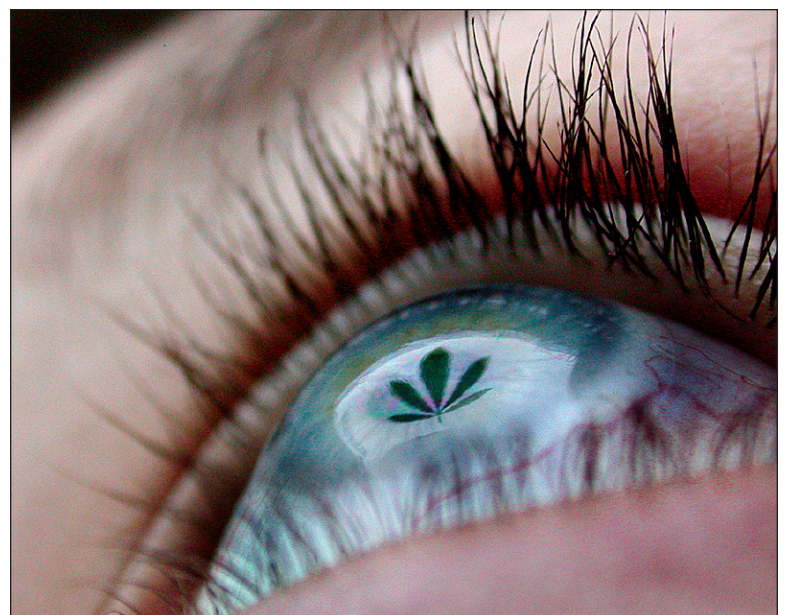
Murphy and Winters dismiss Fantino’s statement, and other criticisms, out of hand. “Those geezers don’t know what the fuck they’re talking about,” commented Murphy without exhaling. “For one thing, dude, the moon is out of his jurisdiction. In fact, it’s out of everybody’s jurisdiction—it’s like international waters, man. [inhaling] That’s why it’s so perfect... shit, I think that’s gone out man.”

Perhaps more challenging for the team is actually constructing the lunar facilities needed to house their research.

Winters said he has this problem taken care of. “I’ve got this buddy, he knows a guy who works for JPL [jet propulsion lab]. He’s working on an entry for the X-Prize [a contest to develop a privately owned reusable spacecraft]. We’ll just modify it into a launch vehicle—you know, outfit it with some, uh, atmospheric modifications...”

“Yeah—we could totally hotbox a space capsule, dude,” added Murphy between tokes.

When asked where on the moon the so-called “Bud-base” would be located, both Murphy and Winters simultaneously responded, “Christ, dude—it would go on the *dark side of the moon*, man.” The statement was followed by several minutes of laughter, which remained unbroken at the time *Varsity* staff left the premises.



# Prof's secret porn stash revealed during power point presentation

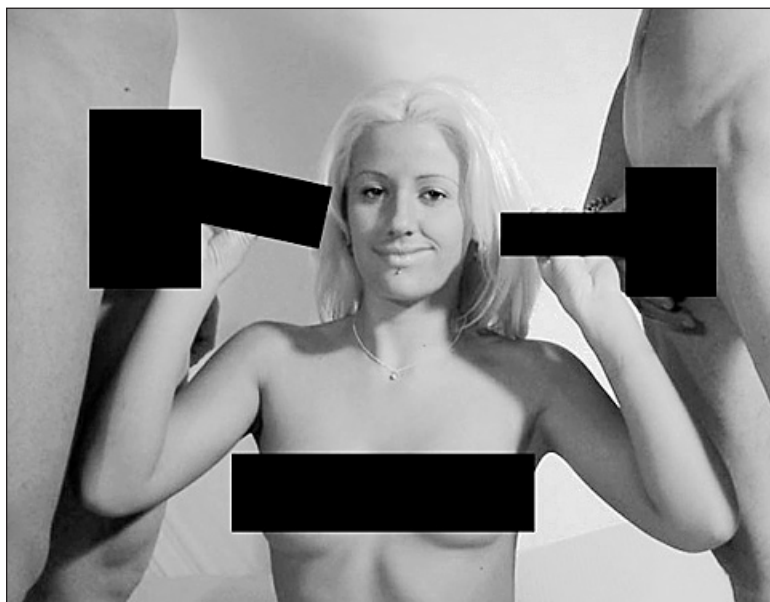
by KILLING ZOE  
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Last Monday organic chemistry professor Dr. Lithoovenstein had his secret porn stash discovered when his power point presentation for his lecture on carboxyl amyl acids failed. Instead of a slide showing electron orbital hybridization, students in the Earth Sciences auditorium were presented with a screen showing a woman being penetrated simultaneously by three different men.

"So yeah, like, I was just trying to copy down the notes from the last screen on methanosilicate...something or other, when like, this shot of Anabelle Chong comes up, and we're all like 'whoa, dude!'" said third year chemistry major Jeff Canstellana. "But like, nobody said anything, we just let him keep going on about the valence electrons and all that shit, 'cause like, nobody was about to tell him and let him get rid of it. I mean, fuck, it was like 4:30 that day, and nobody was up for learning more chemistry."

Dr. Lithoovenstein continued his lecture, unaware that his presentation had gone awry. The pornographic video of Ms. Chong's "The World's Greatest Gang Bang" continued to play onscreen for a further two and a half minutes, report students, until second year student Jane Stanton quietly approached the professor and informed him of the mix up. Dr. Lithoovenstein, after seeing the screen, tried to fix the situation with no success.

"So at this point we fucking lost



it," said third year student Chad Bewicks. "I mean, there's the prof you nailed you with a fucking C minus on your last lab report for not indicating which solvents you used, and there he is up on stage frantically trying to hide the fact that he's a big perv. Fucking genius."

After being unable to close the program, Dr. Lithoovenstein cut the power to his lap top computer. He reportedly left the auditorium immediately afterwards and did not stay to answer students questions as he normally does.

"Yeah, that was totally lame of him. I was all ready to ask him if what we had observed was an endothermic or exothermic reaction, and which of the three agents was the primary force generating her reaction, but buddy to-

tally bailed on us," said Canstellana. "That was so not cool."

Dr. Lithoovenstein was unavailable for comment.



# Ebola scare at Med Sci

by DON JUAN DUVAL

The the Medical Sciences Building will be closed today and tomorrow in an effort to contain what could potentially be an outbreak of the deadly Ebola virus. School officials were caught off guard earlier this week as small traces of the toxic biological substance were identified circulating in the Disease Research and Management laboratories.

U of T professors Robert Boyle and Ernest Rutherford were notified late Tuesday night that one of detectors had found traces of the virus. Both professors, in an effort to calm fears, agree that U of T is well equipped to manage and contain the situation. According to Boyle, "our emergency response procedures are some of the best in the region south of Bloor Street, east of St. George, west of University and north of College. We consider ourselves leaders." Rutherford agrees: "Drastic measures are needed and unfortunately it was our decision seal off the two floors and cancel classes."

Dr. Bruce Banner, resident specialist in Ebola transfer, says that not enough is being done. "Ebola is a deadly virus that can go undetected for weeks." In the event of a suspected case of Ebola, the university has stringent policies to prevent any spread. "Suspect carriers are required to undergo an extremely painful de-ebolaization process involving lengthy exposure to gamma ray radiation, a high speed centrifugation, and sand-blasting." Added Banner, "it's almost as painful as having the virus itself."

U of T officials are now investigating the source of the outbreak. Students speculate that rumours that U of T houses a secret biological weapons research centre might be true. About forty years ago, during the construction of the Medical Sciences complex, a series of tunnels and research laboratories were added below the foundation. Although former school Principal Dick Gere claimed the complex was for top-secret black light hamster experiments, students were wary.

A press conference is scheduled for early next week. According to an unnamed source, "any students that were in the Medical Sciences complex between November 17 and December 4 have probably got a 50 per cent chance of survival." Similar sentiments were echoed by school official Dorian Gray. "We're really not too sure what to do next, but we have a series of meetings planned to try and develop an action plan by the end of the month to contain the problem. In the meantime, we're taking preventative measures by adding hand sanitizer stations to most washrooms on campus."

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