

Rodent resurrection: student discovers hamster heaven

"I was programmed to do it"

by Hamlet

On Saturday March 31, the eighth wonder of the world came to pass.

I was working on my last computer assignment for Professor Quack Quack in the Steacie Science Building, when all of a sudden I heard a noise. It sounded like my poor long lost hamster, Pudgy, singing "Old Time Rock N' Roll." I couldn't figure out where it was coming from, so I closed all the lights to see if I could determine where it was coming from.

In the very back corner of the room, a bright light was shining accompanied by a faint tune. I slowly walked in that direction, not knowing what I would find there. I could not believe my eyes. Pudgy, who I thought was dead, was actually swallowed up by a Macintosh computer. It seems

that the Macintosh computer took it upon itself to take dying hamsters under its wing and give them immortal life. "I have saved exactly 103 hamsters," said Macintosh terminal number five. (it calls itself Mackie). When I asked Mackie why it felt the need to save the hamsters, it replied, "I was programmed to do it." It is not known who programmed Mackie to do this, but it must have been a hamster lover.

When it was revealed that the chipmunk won the *Excalibur* mascot election, Mackie's system began its crusade to save every single hamster who was about to die.

"It is a kind of hamster heaven," said Mackie. "Hamsters shouldn't have to die, so this gives them an alternative." But what happens when Mackie's memory is full of hamsters? "Well terminal number

six will then begin to take hamsters, and when it is full, the next computer will continue, and so

on," Mackie commented.

So all you hamster lovers, do not fear, your little Hammy's and

Pudgy's will be able to live forever now with the Macintosh Computer Labs Hamster Heaven.

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Office of the Registrar
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New macro- climate in Curtis corridor

by Patrick Ali *DEAR EDITORS*

The latest analysis of the air in the corridor east of the Curtis Lecture Halls has shown that the air is indeed polluted. Not only is it contaminated with every known toxic chemical, but the high level of water vapour from exhaled air and steaming coffee as well as radioactive fallout from doughnut bits have combined to create a whole new macroclimate.

Yes, strange atmospheric phenomena have been observed in the hallways, from mini lightning bolts and thunder to melting snow, freezing rain and mirages. Observers have documented that at certain times during the day it in fact rains in Central Square! A SWAT team of climatologists have been called in. Initial investigations have indicated that the air pocket created in the area acts as a stationary warm front and as the doors are opened, a rush of cold air acting as an advancing cold front interacts with the saturated water vapour and ... it RAINS! Gosh, not only do you need a gas mask to stroll through Central Square but you need an umbrella too!

The Aurora Borealis effect results from chemical reactions between nicotine, carbon monoxide and sucrose in timbit frosting. Once a timbit is affected it begins to decrease in size and gives off charged alpha particles and glows. The timbit, now known as an alpha-bit, gets a new half-life and continues to radiate gently until exponential disintegration leads to a sonic boom. Occasionally, two alpha bits complete their half lives simultaneously and the combined sonic booms result in the typical early afternoon thunder claps.

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