Totally and Completely Random

Build your own micro-nation!
Ever considered becoming a dictator of a small nation? Turns out it’s easier than you might have thought. Since the 1960s, with the foundation of Sealand, a micronation established on an abandoned WWII gun platform off the coast of England, the world has witnessed a population of tiny countries built on islands, artificial land masses, and even in people’s backyards.

Yet, what exactly is this tiny nation and what gives it legitimacy? Micronations, according to wikipedia, share several defining features: an unfulfilled desire to be recognized as sovereign states; their small population; and a claim by some to control very limited territory. Populations vary, with the vast majority consisting of only one or two active participants (normally a husband and wife) and a handful of micronations boasting hundreds or even thousands of members. In the pursuit of legitimacy, some governments even issue stamps, currency, passports, titles and awards.

It would seem on its face that these nations deserve the lack of recognition they complain of. Yet, they justify themselves by followed a particular set of guidelines outlined in international law. In particular, they reference the Montevideo Convention on the Right and Duties of States, which define the constitution of statehood:

“Article 1: the state as a person of international law should possess the following qualifications: (a) a permanent population; (b) a defined territory; (c) government, and (d) capacity to enter into relations with other states.

Legitimate? Hocus-pocus? You decide (~courtesy wikipedia.com)

Get out of Here!

Events in Boston

Concerts
- Madonna TD Banknorth Garden 10/16 8:00
- Jason Mraz Orpheum Theater 10/17 7:30
- Hanson Live Foxboro, MA
- The Who TD Banknorth Garden 10/24 8:00
- Metro Station Live Foxboro, MA 10/28 6:30
- Coldplay TD Banknorth Garden 10/29 7:30
- Apollo Sunshine Middle East 10/30 8:00

Basketball (TD Banknorth Garden)
- V. New York Knicks 10/17 7:30
- V. New Jersey Nets 10/19 3:30
- V. Cleveland Cavaliers 10/28 8:00
- V. Chicago Bulls 10/31 8:00

Boston Bruins
- Pittsburgh Penguins 10/20 7:00
- Toronto Maple Leafs 10/23 7:00
- Atlanta Thrashers 10/25 7:00

Boston Red Sox
- V. Rays (broadcast) 10/18 4:37
- V. Rays (broadcast) 10/19 8:07

Upcoming Lev Events
- Opening reception for photo exhibit 10/14 8:30-9:30 (dhall)
- Sophomore dinner 10/15 5:30-8:30
- Sherry Hour 10/16 5:30 (SCR)
- Register your guests for HOTC weekend
- Career/Internship exploration dinner: Technology 6:00 (SCR)
- Sherry Hour 10/23 5:30 (SCR)
- Leverett 80’s Dance 10/25 8:00 (dhall)
- Student-Faculty Dinner 10/27

Favorite Bunny?

Easter Trix 5%
Bugs 38%
Peter Rabbit 5%
Scottish bunny on Lev Open 14%
Bunnicula 14%

Tutor on Call
Manjari Chatterjee Miller 10/17-10/19

Lev Emergency Cell Number: 617-429-3311

Leaver Day Today

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Sign-up, find sports, teams and upcoming games on http://leverett.harvard.edu

Games This Week
Tennis: Sun, 10/12/08, 2 pm vs. Dunster
A Volleyball: Tues, 10/14/08, 7:30 pm vs. Eliot
Ultimate Frisbee: Wed, 10/15/08, 7 pm vs. Quincy
B Volleyball: Thurs, 10/16/08, 7:30 pm vs. Adams
Tennis: Sun, 10/19/08, 3 pm vs. Cabot
Soccer: Mon, 10/20/08, 9 pm vs. Lowell

Players of the Week (10/4-11/08)
Kristina Prus's stunning double tennis, despite having to switch partners, helped Lev win the tie breaking mixed double match against Pfoho. * In a tough frisbee loss to Eliot, Gracie Brown, Ann Cheung, and Veronica Chi gave Leverett a fighting chance with their swarming defense and solid catches. Charles James provided hilarious commentary during the game. * Amelia Mango's expert serves against Mather extended A Volleyball's winning streak. * While smothering Currier with their defense, the Flag Football team also pulled off some spectacular offensive plays including a 40 yard "Moss" reception by Alek Blankenau and multiple TD plays by Nick Plasencia. * Clutch serving by Stanley Chiang and net work by Matt Tierney helped the Bunnies edged out Winthrop in B Volleyball. * Though a lucky goal gave Kirkland the win, the soccer team played extremely hard, especially Andrew Wong, Ana Enriquez, and Oliver Bevan.

Announcements
Mark your calendars for the River Run on Sat, 10/25/08 (10 am Men's, 10:30 am Women's). It's a short (1.7 mi) run that Leverett won last fall. Go Lev!

Important Campus Dates
• Monday, October 13—Columbus Day!
• Tuesday, October 14—Fifth Monday (acting)
  • Last day to add/drop
  • Last day to change a course from a letter grade to pass/fail or vis versa
• Monday, October 27—Seventh Monday
  • Last day to withdraw from a course

Head of the Charles
• Head of the Charles is coming!
• Please Remember to bring your ID with you at all times when coming into and leaving the houses.
• You are only allowed one guest during the weekend. You must register your guest by Thursday, October 16th, no exceptions.
• There are no parties allowed in any house during the weekend.

Events on Campus
• Integral Humanism-Rural India Championing Sustainable Development
  Lowell Library 10/13 6:00
• Day in the Life of a Physician Adams Conservatory 10/16 6:30
• Comedy for a Cause Sanders 10/18 8:00
• Flavors of Science (WISHR) LFR 10/19 2:00
• NFL Recruitment 10/21 Ticknor Lounge 5:00

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS:
Deadline for Leverett House newsletter submissions is Wednesday at 12:00 am. Please e-mail new@leverett.harvard.edu
Thanks you!
~Co-editors for Hare Today
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