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"Sometimes the appropriate response to reality is to go insane."

~Philip K. Dick

U.S. Government Working to Decrease Pirate Population

By Lauren Schaefer
~ Guest Writer ~

As many readers are aware, the MTU Pastafarians have been hard at work to praise our Lord, the Flying Spaghetti Monster. We have been eating huge amounts of pasta, increasing the number of pirates, and being kind to midgets. We've even appointed a Pastarrrr to preach His Noodly Word, so you can imagine our surprise when the temperature rose unexpectedly early last week. What we could have done to upset Him??

Well apparently the weekend before, off the coast of Somalia, a United States guided-missile destroyer, the USS Porter, sank two pirate ships tied to a commandeered Japanese ship. The ship had apparently

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The New Addiction

By Alyse Heikkinen ~ Daily Bull

The EPAA, Environmental Protection Almost Agency, let out a statement last week blaming the Facebook group *I will go Slightly Out of my Way to Step on that Crunchy Looking Leaf* (*lwgSOomWtSotCLL*) for the oddities in the UP's weather this past late summer/early fall. As the group grows (now just short of 300,000 members) there has been an astounding increase in pride for this addiction. The more socially acceptable going slightly out of ones way to step on the crunchy looking leaf becomes, the more leaves are crushed. Any given day there is expected to be over 500,000 unnecessarily crushed leaves by *lwgSOomWtSotCLL* alone! Though one may not expect this to be a significant difference, the unstepped-on leaves provided a significant amount of wind resistance. Without them, the wind is blowing faster around the world and the water from our oceans are being moved further inland to the middle of nowhere (the UP getting the most of it), resulting in the September record rainfall.

The group has impacted more than just the weather. They are also responsible for many socially destructive trends. Children everywhere were without leaf piles this fall as hoards of *lwgSOom-*

WtSotCLL members have crushed their piles. Without this fun outlet, adolescent depression is expected to double by next fall. And while adolescent depression increases, family time spent playing in leaf piles is decreasing so severely the family institution is on the verge of a serious breakdown.

Don't let the name fool you. These people are addicts. The group name says they'll go *slightly* out of their way, but that doesn't stop them from going further. In the Lower Peninsula, one group of twenty-something-year-old *lwgSOomWtSotCLL* members were even reported to take down an entire tree because the leaves *looked* crunchy. Not only was that tree wasted when the leaves were found to be not as crunchy as they looked, but the group members uprooted every tree in the park until they got their fix.

The group is a gateway to other more serious Facebook groups, groups that are proud of going further, groups like *I will go Out of my Way to Step on that Crunchy Looking Leaf*, and *I will go Significantly Out of my Way to Step on that Crunchy Looking Leaf*. And it's not just leaves anymore. The groups have

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An all-female edition of the Bull.
Dude...



Conspiracy Musings

By Sarah "Teaz" Schneider ~ Guest Writer

One day I was in class and my professor said, "When I was in college, my biggest worry was making it through the day without loosing two things: my Frisbee, and my bong." What happened to these days? Why are we so overworked and under appreciated? I wanted to find out.

My first step was random brainstorming to come up with ideas. Yeah, right, like I'm going to do actual research.

Reason 1 – if we are overworked so much we are less likely to complain about the cost of school and being overworked.

Reason 2 – MTU has brainwashed us into thinking we need to join organizations on campus and take way too many credits.

Reason 3 – it's so freaking cold

here we have to keep busy to stay warm.

Reason 4 – times have changed since my professor went to school.

Well, Reason 4 may be partially true, but one must also remember that we could easily change things back to the hippie, pot smoking, free love (minus the STDs, unless you are at Northern), and carefree days of yore. Reason 3 can't be true because we drink to stay warm and forget our troubles. And finally, Reason 2 can't be right because we still complain about it, but we do it anyway. Therefore, we must have been brainwashed.

MTU has been brainwashing us since we first arrived to join organizations, take part in Greek life, pile on a lot of credits, etc. They do this a number of ways; the first time we

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extended to crunchy pinecones and acorns. Nothing is sacred to these people. Together, these groups are pushing 1,000,000 members! It's becoming an epidemic.

Reports of hazing and severe harassment have begun to trickle out of the group. In a tear filled interview with one previous member, who chooses not to release his identity, told me of when he tried to get out. "I just couldn't do it anymore." he says, "What did those crunchy looking leaves ever do to anyone?" Upon leaving the group the member was constantly poked and received threatening wall posts until he was forced to cancel his entire account. Without Facebook, he finally left his dorm room where he was kidnapped, tarred, and leafed with crunchy looking leaves and then stepped on repeatedly. He sustained multiple cuts and bruises and has chosen to lay low since the

incident.

The government, though they refused to comment at this point in time, has become concerned with the leaves on the black market. In areas of high rainfall where the leaves are soggy, inner cities where there aren't many trees, and coniferous forests, crunchy leaves are being sold for prices that rival heroin. People in these areas are even substituting crunchy leaves for just about anything with a crunch when stepped on, like kittens.

After multiple emails to Facebook suggesting they ban at least the initial group, they responded with some BS about free speech. Obviously, they have no idea what they're talking about.

People are being urged not to give in to this group and not to rake their leaves. Large piles attract them and only feed the addiction. The high amounts of rain, and eventually snow this group has caused is believed to be their own downfall. However, their behavior when all the crunchy looking leaves are gone is unpredictable. There are already reports of angry groups like *I Hate it when that Crunchy-Looking Leaf isn't Crunchy*. This could become violent very quickly. Keep a look out and report any and all incidences to proper authorities before this gets any further out of hand and lives are lost.

Editor's Note: Alyse has no idea what she is talking about. Stepping on crunchy leaves is perfectly healthy for you, and besides – all the cool kids are doing it! I can even hook you up if you want to try some.

Comp. Editor's Note: Whoa... I'm to-

tally tripping balls on these crunchy-looking leaves... you're... purple, man... you... has a flavor... ☹



...Pirate from front

been commandeered near the Horn of Africa, which is the pointy part near the Middle East. The USS Porter had opened fire on the ships, not knowing they were full of flammable benzene.

Two entire pirate ships gone and a foiled commandeering – no wonder the temperature rose so much! Luckily for us, Halloween – a sacred Pastafarian holiday that honors the time when pirates roamed freely over the seas – was Wednesday. With so many pirates walking the street and celebrating the holiday, the Flying Spaghetti Monster saw that He had many loyal believers and lowered the temperatures. For all those wondering, this very reason is indeed why it is always freezing on Halloween.

The Pastafarians also met on Halloween, but only briefly so the members could return to the sacred Pastafarian Halloween traditions of passing out candy and searching for beer and wenches. In case you doubt that these are actual Pastafarian traditions, our Holy Book states, "Indeed it is a little known fact that the original pirates were well known for passing out candy to children, but that practice grew less common as they became persecuted. During Halloween, Pastafarians are urged to travel their neighborhoods, if not the Seven Seas, in search of wenches

and grog" (The Gospel of the Flying Spaghetti Monster, pg 124).

In conclusion, since I've been told this article needs a conclusion, I would like to reiterate that if you want snow this winter, keep His teachings in mind. Do what you can to increase the number of pirates, be kind to midgets, keep holy your Fridays, and celebrate His greatness by eating pasta/ramen and drinking rum/grog. If we all do His will, he will surely touch us with His Noodly Appendage and provide ample snow for carnival sculptures this year.

RAMEN! ☹



...Conspiracy from front

see this is during O-Week. Seriously, when one hears "O-Week", I'm hoping it is a week of sex and fun, but it is not. Anywho, during this week we are rushed from one boring, pointless event to another. Then, we have only a limited time to schedule for classes that we have no idea what to expect in, and are told to sign up for 15 or more credits. We only have to take 12 at a time!!! Why did they tell us

to take that extra class? Yeah, that's what I thought; thus, it has begun.

When walking from one class to another, we see tons of propaganda to join clubs and go to events that are on every day of the week. And who is doing this to us? We're doing it to each other! Stop it! I am sick of it! Take a break! Take more naps! Kill more kittens! Relax! Everywhere we look we see, "Join us!" "Come check it out!" "Tons of fun!" Stop helping the administration, people!

We are also brainwashed in class to do these things. Ever notice how difficult it is to stay awake in Fisher 135? Yep, Agin and other profs in this room are in on it. They lull you to sleep with boring lectures, then the fun begins. Subliminal messages! Hypnosis! It is all happening! Pretty much every student has had a class in either this room or U115 (which is set up to do the same thing).

So, beware, Tech is working its magic to make your forget what free time is – you deserve to relax! No wonder we drink so much! You know, now that I think about it, Jim's might be in on this brainwashing scheme... NOOOOOOOOOO!!!!!!! ☹

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