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"There is no such thing as an underestimate of average intelligence..."
~Henry Adams

Observations of a First Year

By Simon Mused ~ Daily Bull

Greetings. Hola. How ya doin', eh? I am Simon Mused, a first year Biomedical Engineer here at Michigan Tech. If there is one thing I learned writing for the Bull, it is that some people here at Tech take life either way too seriously or not seriously enough (the latter people are my favorite). During the Bull meetings (Wednesday at 9:15pm on the first floor of the Walker Building) that you have neglected to attend for some reason (masturbation, I know), we parade on and on about our favorite hate mail from the first group of people. We discuss our "cousin" the Load ... I mean Lode, and just how funny they all are without even trying. Then we rant on about hilarious nonsense stemming from actual current events that take a horrible turn towards comedy. Examples include apocalypse via laser

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How To Properly Speculate

By Nathan "Invincible" Miller ~ Daily Bull

Hi, I'm Nathan "Invincible" Miller, and I'm here to teach you, the uninformed and innocent reader at home (or class), how to properly speculate. Speculating is an art form – not just anybody can do it. But if you follow these five easy steps, you too can enjoy wondering at just about anything.

Step 1: Find a Topic. The most important part of speculating is to have something worth thinking about. After all, it's no fun thinking blank thoughts, unless you're in to that sort of thing, in which case you wouldn't have even made it this far. For this example, I'm going to choose to speculate on "The ROTC Lockdown."

Step 2: Begin Speculating. Generally what you'd do after you came up with a topic is to start asking questions. Simple questions include, "What happened here?" "Where did they go?" and my personal favorite, "What are we having for lunch?" Typically it is advised to ask questions relevant to your issue, but more often than not it's the out-of-the-box questions that get the most clues.

For my ROTC conundrum, I'd probably wonder, "What actually happened?" "Did they find any neat bombs or stuff?"

and "Will we ever get to hear the air raid sirens in a real emergency?" That ought to be enough to get me going, although I'll throw in "Will we get any compensation from the school for all the trauma we've gone through?" just because I like where I could go with that one.

Step 3: Answer Your Own Questions. One of the great things about speculating is you don't actually have to know anything to be good at it. To do so properly, all you have to do is answer your own questions in as roundabout and logical way possible.

So, for my first question, I think that somebody (not naming anyone yet cause there is too little evidence and I don't have any fake leads) probably got pissed off at the school or classes or the toilet paper MTU uses in the bathrooms, and wrote something along the lines of "Fuck this shit, I'm gonna blow everybody's brains out with [guns] and blow up the MEEM with [explosives]," and accidentally left it in the bathroom cause they were in a hurry to go fail another exam. Makes sense to me.

I don't think they found anything neat, other than a note with some scrawled

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Whew, what a scorcher! The Rozsa Sign said it was in the 70s! Outrageous, and still no bikinis!



Pic o' the Day

	I: "First Blood" (1982)	II: "Rambo: First Blood Part II" (1985)	III: "Rambo III" (1988)	IV: "Rambo" (2008)
Number of bad guys killed by Rambo with his shirt on	1	12	33	83
Number of bad guys killed by Rambo with his shirt off	0	46	45	0
Number of bad guys killed by Rambo no matter how attired	1	58	78	83
Number of bad guys killed by accomplices of Rambo acting on their own	0	10	17	40
Number of good guys killed by bad guys	0	1	37	113
Total number of people killed	1	69	132	236
Number of people killed per minute	0.01	0.72	1.30	2.59
Time at which the first person is killed (mins:secs)	29:31	33:34	41:9	3:22
Number of people killed per minute from that point until the end of the film (not including the ending credits)	0.02	1.18	2.39	3.04
Sequences in which Rambo is shot at without significant result	12	24	38	2
Number of sequences in which good guys are tortured by bad guys	2	5	7	3
Number of sex scenes	0	0	0	0

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Stylveste Stallone: he's all about the action, not the ladies. Kill count > a woman's touch.

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Oh yeah, no discounts if you piss us off!

...Now You Know from front handwriting on it due to the discomfort caused while trying to write while taking a dump. This is unfortunate, because what kind of police investigation doesn't have a high-intensity bomb defusing finale? Certainly not one I'd like to have at my school. That's boring.

I also don't think we'll be hearing the air raid sirens for real, unless they do find a bomb and they cut the wrong wire. Although hearing the test alarm was almost as cool, except they never told me to Duck and Cover. How am I supposed to survive without vital advice like that? With large sums of money deposited into my bank account of course, which we should all justifiably receive for all the stress caused by this ordeal.

Step 4: Theorize on Conspiracies. Practically all situations can have a conspiracy theory tacked onto them, and the ROTC lockdown is no

exception. I figure MTU is behind it all. Sure, we were recently rated 3rd safest school, *but that's not good enough!* MTU wanted better, so in order to demonstrate their safeness they staged all the ROTC building shenanigans. Then when all the hub-bub dies down, we'll be #1, exactly as planned. And to think it almost worked if it weren't for that meddling kid named Nathan "Invincible" Miller, exposing all their commie plots. Drats, and Double Drats!

Step 5: Conclude on Your Findings. After you've narrowed everything down to one, completely logical explanation, present your findings to everyone with a perfectly valid sounding argument that could convince anyone you're right, just as I have done. With luck, they'll all believe you, and you'll be lauded as a hero. Or at the very least, full of shit. Either way, you're a winner in my book. 🐸

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light show, concentration camp Lego sets, etcetera. Then comes the ever-fun pile topic, where we get to spit out the most ridiculous thoughts that come to our heads in quick succession. Those who decide not to participate at least get an awesome show out of it, along with free Studio Pizza (an orgy of flavor like you wouldn't believe).

One observation I've made of Tech is that there is no excuse for boredom. There is ALWAYS something going on. I truly believe that every single hour of every semester is occupied by at least one student organization event. You could accidentally walk into one of these events and not realize you are participating (happened to me at least).

Even without student orgs, just wander around your hall and I'm sure you'll find something interesting going on. Sure enough, if you live in Wads there IS something interesting going on, but unless it's with close friends and you're not the only one doing it, you're going to regret in one form or another. In McNair fun is a little harder to find, but once you do it's of a similar quality to the fun found in Wads without the scars-for-life bit. In DHH finding something fun to do is like excavating for gold in a silver mine. Sure, it's silver, but not what you're looking for. If you live or have lived in DHH you'd understand. If it's still not registering that's OK; Tech does things like that to you.

Another item of note is that you can immediately pick out where people are from just by their accent. Canadians / Tainted Yoopers have their trademark 'eh?', while Wisconsinites have their strenuous 'donchano'. You are also generally allowed to be prejudiced against people who say 'soda' instead of 'pop', yet it always seems to be the 'soda' people that want to make a public case out of it. It's like we're doing it wrong. Pop people are the superior people anyway (bouahahaha, let the cleansing begin).

While on the subject of judging people, you can also sort of guess who belongs to which of Tech's four majors: Engineering, Business, Humanities, or Other. I point out humanities for the solitary reason that they are easily distinguishable from a crowd for obvious reasons. Your major also says a lot about yourself. Engineers want to construct crap. They generally don't care about abstract concepts (still don't get the silver metaphor?) and, no matter what they say otherwise, are tied to the physical world and thus

are more analytical than they realize. Business majors just seem to me like the ones that just want to graduate with a piece of fancy paper. Almost every business major I know aborted out of engineering in order to reduce their overall workload and have it made for a few years. The others are the degrees that are there, and for the most part are just as good as any other degree at Tech, but don't seem to have as much power as the big two. Chemistry, physics, and math majors are left out of the engineering course discussions that seem to dominate dinnertime complaining sessions.

Another thing I noticed is the Tech tendency to over-exaggerate. Class work is really not as hard as some people make it seem, they just gotta get motivated. Most problems could be solved just by knowing the right resource (Wikipedia, my best friend). Granted every now and then a ridiculous assignment comes your way, but for most classes the overall workload balances out. This might just be the case for me because I'm taking the basic first year courses, but I don't see Tech getting as bad as some people make it seem. I guess I'm in denial.

I don't really see the male/female ratio that much of a problem, in fact I hardly notice it sometimes. I don't think it's because I have a lot of female friends, nope not it at all (most girls hate me, for reasons unknown...). I've also denied the "quality" of the female student body, that they are either "taken or broken". I don't really see this as fact, as there are still attractive single girls at Tech. You just gotta know where to find them. Or is all this because I'm still single? (damn you optimism!)

Overall I find Tech to be a very

interesting place. I must say I've accumulated quite a bit of amazing experiences and got a story or two to tell people back home. I am very excited to come back next year and can't wait to see what ridiculous nonsense I end up getting myself into during the fall semester.

Oh yes, and no one lied about the snow. 🐸

GLOBAL WARMING UPDATE!

By Kaye LaFond ~ Guest Writer

"Well," says 57-year-old trucker Moss Jones, "I ain't never seen nuthin like it before in these here parts, but I reckoned it was just an oversized snail. Ya know, probably something 'ter do with all that nuclear testin out in Arizona. All deformed and big from some kinda radiation. I'd a ne'er reckoned it was a damn armadiller.

Whatever Jones's thoughts on the subject, an on-site zoologist HAS confirmed that it was in fact a 9-banded armadillo, an animal that, up until the early 1800's, was confined to the northern border of Mexico. The armadillo, now dubbed the "Texas speed bump", has been migrating northwards ever since due to a variety of factors, including over-hunting, loss of habitat, and, yes, global warming.

So, what's the point? Start turning off the lights when you leave your dorm room, and reduce some carbon emissions, unless you want Michigan Tech to be overrun with Armadillos. And no, if the border control can't keep minimum-wage hungry aliens away, you can bet they're no match for "oversized snails." 🐸



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