

DAILY BULL



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"My way of joking is to tell the truth. It is the funniest joke in the world."

~George Bernard Shaw

Gotta Catch 'em All

By Liz Fujita ~ Daily Bull

Raise your hands – how many of you went to Career Fair? To look for a job? Wow. Good job. How many of you just went for the free stuff? Don't even lie, you know that was part of it. We like free stuff. We're in college – who buys pens anymore? Some organization or another is always handing them out.

Welcome to the next generation, Tech. Have you ever been on your way over to Fisher and seen "FREE COMEDIAN!" scrawled on the sidewalk? Stop over-thinking it; it doesn't say "come see a comedian for free," does it? No, it definitely says "Free comedian."

As it turns out, if you actually follow the signs, you will find yourself in the MUB Ballroom surrounded by cages. And in these cages dwell more than twenty different species of comedian.



...see Give us, us Free! on back

The Zimbra Controversy

By Ryan Sandor Richards ~ Daily Bull

A couple of weeks ago I wrote an article that detailed the massive raises being handed out to central IT employees after they saved so much money by switching to the new e-mail system. The day the article came out the "proverbial fecal matter hit the aforementioned fan" and conspiracy became controversy. People all throughout the campus' various IT departments were up in a tiff, people started to speculate on who the source was, and I was actually contacted by Walt Milligan himself.

But as with all controversies some time and less focus on the issue causes everyone to calm down a little bit. Even though nothing has actually been resolved, it seems as if people are focusing less and less on the Zimbra conspiracy. And wouldn't you know it, just as it becomes a non-issue, the Michigan Tech Lode decides to write a story about it.

The Editor-in-Chief actually e-mailed me this week with a list of questions regarding a follow-up article that the Lode was putting together. It was my thought that you, the reader, should get your answers from a respectable source like the Bull, instead of a wet stinking rag like the Lode. So, without further ado lets

answer some questions!

Who was your source within IT?

I will not, under any circumstances, reveal my source. And shame on you for asking Mr. Editor-in-Chief, you should know that a good journalist never reveals their sources (its like kissing and telling, not that I was making out with Fluffy or anything...).

Were you aware that the selection of the name used in reference to your source would suggest that Pat Hopp was this "informant"?

Apparently there is a man named Pat Hopp who works as an administrator with SAS over in the administration building. I didn't even know this dude existed until the day the article was published. Seriously, it's not him, so leave the poor guy alone.

I chose the name 'Pat' because it was androgynous and 'Fluffballs' because it was hilarious. Seriously Mr. Editor, do you really think that I would use the actual first name of my informant in an article like that? You are starting to offend me with these questions.

...see Zeembra on back

More snow. Now.



The Steaming Pile

Straight from you-know-where!

Things We'd Like to See Life-Sized

Munchkins	Etch-a-Sketch
Garden Gnomes	McGuyver's Mullet
Smurfs	Furbies
Balloon animals	Tesla coils
Sporks	Easy Bake Ovens
Mousetraps	Hot Wheels
Hamster Ball	Tamagotchi's
Thimble	Alan Greenspan's Nose
Fun-sized candy	Paul Bunyan's Foot Bunyans
Lego Women	Journalist Ethics
Churches	Propeller Beanies
Dust Mites	Rhode Island
Paychecks	Kool-Aid man (Oh yeah!)
Beer Steins	Dungeons & Dragons
Tiny Computers (Eee!)	Litebrights
Tetris	Mothers
Barbie	USB ports
Fuzzy mittens	Our Sex Lives
World of Warcraft	The female population
Hot Pockets	Sense of Accomplishment
Single Serve Coffee	Moral Integrity
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...Zeembra from front

What was the goal of your article? Humorous or to raise serious doubts?

My article was a piece of satire. Thus it was meant to both humorously delight the reader and to raise doubts about Central IT's shady practices. So as long as the reader laughed and felt a little outraged then I did my job.

Did your IT informant in fact give you the information about Dr. Milligan's pay raise?

Here's my problem with this question, it implies that I fabricated the Milligan pay raise. Which implies that I lied in my article. You sir Editor hath offended me.

Of course my friggin source gave me that information. How in the hell did you become the editor of a "respected" newspaper like the Lode? This stuff is like journalism 101.

Did you receive any correspondence from IT, positive or negative, in regards to this article?

The only correspondence I received was from Walt Milligan, he asked if I wanted to get central IT's side of the story. So far he has been pretty nice, but we will see just how nice he is if and when I am going to meet with him.

So there you have it, with the Lode now covering the story you know it has to be yesterday's news.

...Give us, us free! from front

It's fabulous! They each magically fit into a small yellow-and-white ball (red-and-white was taken, for some reason), and assuming you treat them well, you can collect all the different comedians. It's free, too, which is the best part.

Well... free in the monetary sense. You do have to listen to their sketches before you can capture them. You can also battle your comedians against other people's - whichever funnyman (or woman) resorts to a joke about your mother first is the loser. In the process, you can tell your comedian to use different powers! Lyricism, which gives them the biting wit and instant guitar skills; Nom-ination, centered on poking fun at the food their opponent wants most (hoooot pockets); and the king of all comedy power-ups, the Rac-ism Card.

The comedians are sometimes elusive. Once or twice an angry gremlin named Greg Proops will set them all free. They escape into the wilderness. They ambush you when you least expect it - in the halls, in your dorms late at night, when you're walking through the woods. Always be prepared with your starter comedian, in case you need to battle one out there in the great wide world.

So, next time you see a chalk message advertising free comedians, don't be deceived into thinking you can attend a funny Saturday night stand-up routine. Know the truth: you have to journey through tall grass, dark caves, and maybe even ride on your bicycle as you explore campus, and try to catch 'em all!

The best kind of free.
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Yeah, we just went there. How could the Bull do such a thing? How could we be so heartless as to ruin a perfectly good childhood memory like Invader Zim? Simple. We need more writers.

You see, the Daily Bull is written by funny people just like you. Oh? You say you're not funny? Well this is your lucky day. Tonight, at 9:15 pm, somewhere in Walker first floor, the Daily Bull is having their weekly meeting. What does that have to do with you? Simple. You can come learn how to be funny.

All you have to do is survive the creation of one of our Steaming Piles and you will have everything you need to know on how to be funny. You think the Daily Bull has standards? You think we require people with perfect writing skills? Think again. Anyone can write for the Bull. Just make it entertaining and you'll more than likely wind up with your article in our fine publication.

Prevent more defilement of classic cartoon characters. Prevent another Miller Time. Don't let Nathan Invincible take over the Bull more than he already has! Join the Bull! Give out free hugs! Don't just do something, stand there!

Britney Spears to Endorse Whoever Wins

By Nathan "Invincible" Miller ~ Daily Bull

Pop singer Britney Spears has announced that she will endorse whichever candidate wins the November 4th election in what major news providers are calling a "pivotal and important show of support that couldn't have come at a worse time."

"I think that both candidates are very fine gentlemen. They can both lead our country to big things. I support whoever wins," Spears revealed at a press conference where no one attending had any idea what sort of issues were facing either Obama or McCain. "They both look very smart and I don't have anything against either of them. I can even sing a song to celebrate their victory."

A role model for young girls everywhere, Britney's endorsement will likely have absolutely no effect on the election whatsoever, as none of her core audience can vote for another two or even three presidential elections. Nevertheless, her commitment has caused a stir amongst advisors on both sides of the field.

"It almost makes me want to give up my campaign if this is what I'll get if I win," John McCain said at an Arkansas town meeting. "I don't think I could stand up to much more of her torturous singing, even if it were about me. It's just horrible. Why us?"

Spears's last political contribution came during the 2000 presidential election when she single handedly distracted enough Florida voters with 'Oops, I Did it Again' to derail Al Gore's victory in the state.



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