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"If all else fails, immortality can always be assured by spectacular error."

~John Kenneth Galbraith

Gamer's Rant

By Ruben Garcia

~ Guest Writer ~

-sigh-. This always seems to happen at least once every other year. Like crack-whores going back for a fix, people rush to the crack-on-steroids that is Pokemon. OK, I was no exception to this fad...when I was ELEVEN! I understand the appeal. It's a basic RPG for the casual and the pro alike. HOWEVER, there are things about the game and overall franchise that infuriates me and I am sure many readers.

First of all, let's talk about the damn map. I had the misfortune of missing the little sucker the first time through and man, was it a pain in the ass. I wandered around the Pokemon region (if anyone mentions Kanto then may someone create a new game on their cartridge) aimlessly forever only to have a friend show me my ineptitude and point out the map to me. What ensued was what could only be described as a colorful rain-

...Pokemons on back



Fisher Traffic Jams Cost Millions in Lost Man-Hours

By Nathan "Invincible" Miller ~ Daily Bull

Millions of dollars of productivity are lost every year due to heavy traffic throughout Fisher Hall, reveals the Pedestrian Traffic Analysis Association (PTAA). The ten-year study confirms Michigan Tech's worst fears, which is that the building should be torn down and replaced with a more efficient and user friendly design.

Built in 1962, Fisher Hall was designed to accommodate up to 500 simultaneous walking pedestrians, with the ability to increase this number to 750 with the addition of alcove bathroom doors and recessed vending machines. However, just as the nation's interstate system became overburdened as the decades passed, so too, did Fisher experience pedestrian overload.

"Sometimes it takes me 5 minutes just to cross the corridor from 135 to the Aftermath Café," testifies Liz Fujita as she narrowly dodges an impenetrable wall of gossiping sorority girls. "All it takes is someone spilling their coffee in the middle of the hall or two guys chest bumping each other for the flow of traffic to be upset and your chance to dive across to disappear. It really is a mess in there."

The stimulus bill passed, which means we should all be feeling pretty good here soon. Haha, get it? Hey, don't throw stuff at me!



Complicating matters are the stairs descending the north side of the building. The site of many smashed noses, jammed toes, and haphazard collisions, this rise has claimed the lives of at least a dozen students over the years. The PTAA's regional research manager, James Wozniak, explains.

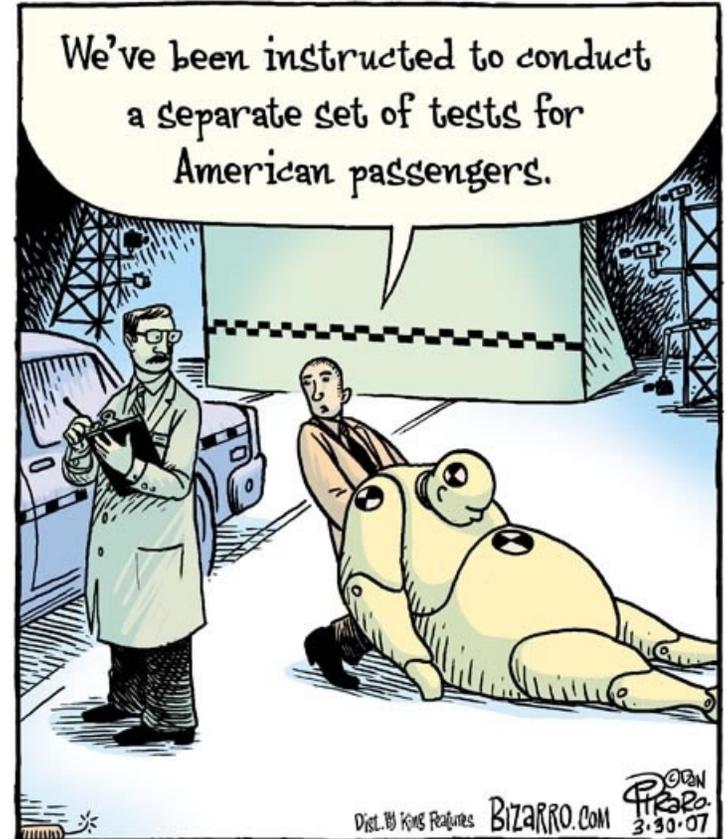
"Although it might say 'Broken Neck' or 'Lacerated Spleen' on their death certificate, it doesn't accurately portray the circumstances of the student's death. A more accurate description would be 'trampled while attempting to go in through the out door' or 'knocked down stairs by oblivious cell phone user.' Some of these accidents are simply not as innocent as they seem."

Although recent renovations to the building took place in 2006, they failed to streamline the walking process enough to allow for smooth traffic flow. The increasing student population, coupled with the increasing size of students in general, has spelled disaster for many of Fisher's once bustling halls.

"I can't tell you how many times I've had to dodge the doublewides who hang

...see Traffic on back

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...Traffic from front

out in the halls after class,” claims Richard McClaughry. “Can’t they find somewhere else to sit and chat? Seriously! Halls are made for walking and snowdrifts are made for sitting. It’s not that complicated.”

“What we need in here are a few good hockey players to check ‘em all against the walls,” he adds. “Practice my broomball moves, that’ll keep me interested in going to class. SMASH!”

MTU has been struggling with what to do with the Fisher traffic problem at the juncture between it and the Rehki complex, which was constructed in 2003-04. With backwards opening doors, multiple stairwells, water fountains, lavatories, and elevators all within 20 feet of on another, the PTAA has designated it as a “disaster zone.”

“It’s a death trap, a total nightmare of traffic engineering,” Wozniak explains.

“With multiple lanes of traffic intersecting as they vie for door space, just one person getting confused and walking in the wrong lane can destroy everything. And once the balance is upset, it’ll continue to escalate until the rush is over, only to be renewed when classes let out again in 50 minutes. It’s a never-ending cycle of misery and destruction.” ☹

...Pokemons from front

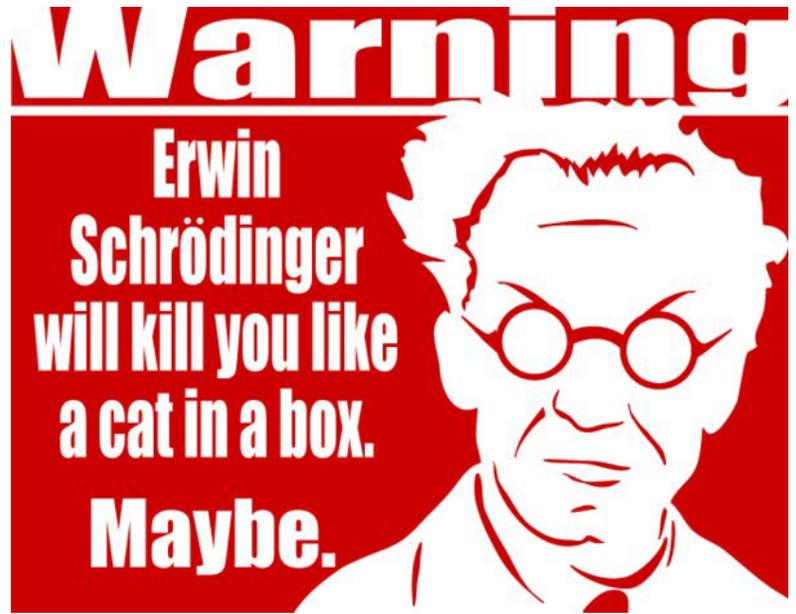
bow of squee’s mixed with the mud of expletives.

Another thing about the Pokemon world that agitates is the slowness of your character. If the bikes actually had the ability to make my fat ass move 6 times faster I would buy the most expensive thing out there. Now it’s time to really rip into the game. I understand this game is a work of fiction, but why do you, the player, faint when your Pokemon are all gone? “Oh I can’t take the reality of my epic failure at the hands of a poorly-dressed glorified zookeepers so my brain must hemorrhage and lapse into unconsciousness.” Come

on, people. How often do you see underage kids battling their pets? “Oh I win, I’m gonna mug you now” Or, if they are just betting on who will win, then Pokemon is no better than dog-fighting! Look at the living conditions of the poor animals if you want to think of them as real. They are stuck in a ball all day with absolutely nothing to do. I have yet to see one crap, so that ball has to be unsanitary.

JUST LOOK AT THE PREMISE OF THE GAME! I am taking this animal out from the wild and making it fight other animals against its will! And the franchise! Oh the franchise! I was excited to try and “Collect them all”. All being defined as 151 Pokemon....NOT 493! 493 Pokemon.... just.... damn.... and they are still churning these fuckers out!

My last major gripe with the franchise is the T.V. show. The show died with the changing of the intro music. The voice actors went from actually sounding the correct age...and gender...to sounding like 13 year old girls squeaking. I would rather hear Pikachu



do the entire dialog than the rest of the voice-actors from hell. Anything after the first arc is not the true Pokemon. Some of the landmasses they introduced in the anime aren’t even in the game for god sakes! Overall, it’s a good game. But come on people, 493 and still rolling....it’s time to let a beat-down, rotting, AIDS-infected horse die. ☹

ball in the off campus league; there is much fun to be had!

Well I just wanted to let you know that they have been invited to play **Northern at Marquette** on the **21st**. You got it; these guys are so badass they play in the snow! Now, records show that Ricky was the first to score a try here at MTU, but the glory goes to the first Zulu of the club, Greg. Now Greg has been seen tackling guys twice his size, and when he scored his first try, became the first to Zulu. The man is legend! If you see him you should just be still and don’t make any sudden moves, he may attack.

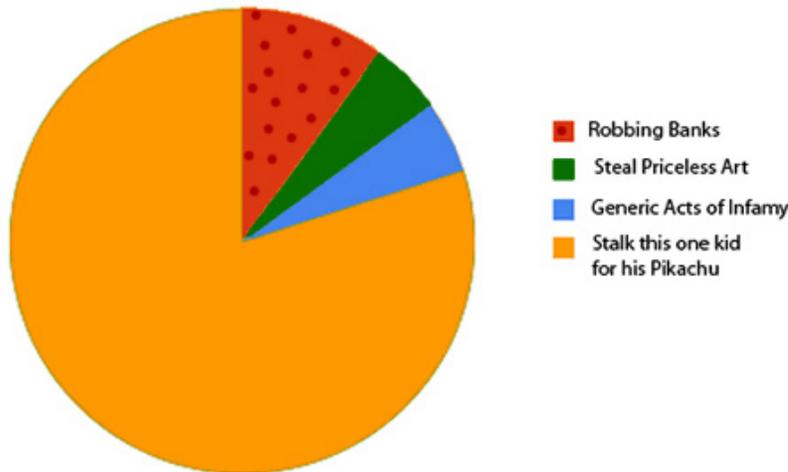
Now if you think you want to play, get PE credit, watch our games; then just contact their club (mturugby.googlepages.com). They aren’t hard to find, just send an email to gccampbe@mtu.edu and ask to be added to the list of one hundred players, fans, and prospects for MTU rugby. ☹

Tyler’s Sport Shorts

By Tyler Botbyl ~ Daily Bull

As many of you don’t know, we have a Rugby team here on MTU’s Campus and well we don’t get any press normally. These guys are quickly becoming MTUs force to reckon with. Lead by Geoff, the president of the club, they are campaigning to get the best Rugby squad in the Keweenaw. Shouldn’t be hard- I think they ate the small ones and put a can of MTU ass kickin on the big ones! While presenting at the organization fairs, having a super bowl party, social events, supporting Husky Hockey, practicing in the SDC 6pm, or playing broom-

Things Team Rocket Did Over Ten Years



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