

# DAILY BULL



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Nothing is more conducive to peace of mind than not having any opinions at all.

~Georg Christoph Lichtenberg

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By John 'Palindrome!' Pastore  
~ Daily Bull ~

Everyone seems somewhat pleased... but underneath it is an undercurrent, like a 5 volt line was shorted to ground when no one was looking but the fuse just hasn't blown yet. It's like the MUB shorted the chili van 5 gallons on Winter Carnival, but slightly worse... Like there were only 17 misdemeanors issued during winter carnival, when so many more were expected... Like there were positions on the Executive Board of the USG that were up for election, but there just needs to be more people entered into it... Yeah, that was it. Anyone can apply for a position on the Eboard of the USG, even if they aren't on the USG; just talk to a current Eboard member, sign your name outside the USG office, and grab the data packet. There's a mandatory meeting for those who

It has been a while since I attempted to write a weekly running article, mostly because I'm lazy, but in some part to the fact that you run out of good ideas really quick. With that in mind, I set out to find a theme in which I could write articles in and make sure I actually turn in something every week, and thus my newest attempt is born. To start out this monumental first "Top Five," I'm starting out strong with the top five animals I hate, in order from least to most. Enjoy!

#5: Birds. I can't emphasize enough how much I can't stand birds. Sure, they may be cute, and come in pretty colors, maybe even talk, but this is all just a ploy to distract you from what they truly are. Birds are a bunch of feathered assholes. There, I said it. In the wild, what do they do? They eat your scraps that you've so graciously laid in front of them, then they have the gall to digest those scraps and spread them out all over your car. WHAT THE HELL!? Freakin' ungrateful, and mind you very edible, feathered poop-machines.

#4: Flies. There seems to already be a theme starting with things that fly. Here's a big reason: they f'n fly, that means if you ever want recourse for their annoyance, they can just doodle out of

your way into the stratus. What makes them slightly less tolerable than birds is not JUST that they are too small to shoot out of the sky, it's that they are ungodly annoyances that can pretty much breed and sneak into anywhere. It's unbelievable, it's in the middle of winter, and somehow a fly managed to get into my sealed room. My window has no holes, the crack that is open in the corner is sealed with tape, it just boggles my mind how they've evolved to become almost invincible annoyances. Oh, and the ones that bite? Yea, SCREW THEM.

#3: Fish. Okay, maybe before my freshman year these denizens of the sea wouldn't have been even number five in my countdown, but after being forced to take an entire class based on these bastard spawn of Poseidon, I'm fed up with them. Anyone who took that certain perspectives class, you know what I'm taking about. And I know that they aren't fish and are porpoises and technically mammals, but it just feels SOOO good to say, "Fuck you Dolphin, and FUCK YOU WHALE!!!!" (Gratuitous South Park Reference)

#2: Chiggers. Or more formally trombi-

...see Critter Crawlers on back

Cow tipping would be more fun if the cows fought back.



...see Yew ess gee on back

## Nathan Wonders: Plants!

Brought to you by Nathan 'Invincible' Miller

In typical illogical Tech fashion, buildings across campus are being spruced up with tropical looking plants, presumably to boost our lowly morale. This follows on the heels on last fall's "plant-a-thon," leaving me to wonder: what happened to good old-fashioned concrete jungles?

Don't get me wrong, I like greenery as much as the next guy, but I'm not a nature nut; I can go more than a few hours without seeing anything natural. I can cope. Which makes me wonder, whose idea was it to blow a bunch of money on fancy houseplants? At best they make an insignificant amount of O<sub>2</sub> for us to breathe, and at worst they get in the way and offer more places to dump half-drunk sodas. It's a tie-lose situation.

Sure, it gets awfully dreary here in the winter, but that's normal. Plants aren't supposed to be happy right now. We can survive until spring, right? I can't imagine people with seasonal affective disorder being magically cured by the presence of these pathetic excuses for nature. Maybe they should paint smiley faces on the walls and hang tinsel everywhere while they're at it. That'd sure brighten things up around here.



Is this flower comforting you? No. It's not. It's getting drunk and philosophizing with a bee.

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### ...Critter crawlers from front

culid mites. They pretty much spend their larval stage just waiting to make your life hell. Get bit by one of these suckers, and oh yea, your life just got itchy. And by itchy, I mean itchy plus itchy times itchy to the power of itchy. These bites are possibly the worst kind of itchy bite you can get, and here's why.

Normally, if something bites you, the saliva causes your histamine levels to rise at that point, causing the blood to flow, and you to itch. But NOOOOOO, not these devil spawn's bites, they release enzymes that actually cause your skin to dissolve while in contact with air, so that they can slurp it up

(on a tiny scale of course, these things are damn near microscopic). That means that after you get bit, you have a weeks worth of dissolving to do before you stop itching.

The only way I got the madness to end was by covering my bite with nail polish, so that it would keep air from mixing in with the demon spit. What's worse is that these things' prime hunting season is, guess when? DURING FRISBOKEY! And they like to stalk where? ON THE FRISBOKEY FIELDS! Wikipedia or Google Chiggers, and prepare for the worst.

#1: Spiders. Tech Spiders... nuff said.

\*shudder\* 🤢

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want to do this on Feb 22, so time is of the essence.

I'm recalled of earlier issues on the elections, specifically the ISO login errors which made the elections somewhat questionable... This year the Student Voice software is set to go. Last year's voting glitches will be avoided by voting through a different technique: a unique URL to every student's techmail. Anyone wanna guess how unique the emails are gonna be?

The Constitution of the USG is still being looked at for possible edits. The GPA requirement for high school students has been dropped, the GPA up-page for USG members is still on the table, the Special Budget Group rules (which are now handled by Student Activities) are prepped to be cut, and at last we've seen a return of the "pay the USG members" amendments. Here's the data.

The current Eboard is paid a stipend as a line item on the USG budget to the tunes of 500\$/semester/person, which with a 4 person Eboard works out to 2000\$/semester, or 4000\$/year. The new amendment will keep the Eboard value as it is, and grant members of Ways and Means 300\$/s/p, committee chairs 200\$/s/p, and the rest of the schmucks at 100\$/s/p. Stipends aren't cumulative; one only incurs the highest one. These together work out to an increase by about 3.2K\$/s to the total amount.

## WRITE FOR THE DAILY BULL!

Ahoy there, matey! Ye looks to be a talented deckhand - why not put yer writin' and laughin' skills to the test? The DAILY BULL be seekin' the ultimate treasure: good writers, full o' fresh ideas, outrrrrageous pictures, and clever wit. So it's all hands on deck, Wednesday after sunset, near the hour of nine. They take port in 144 Walker - be there, lest they make ye walk the plank, or worse! Yar!!



The MUB should get microwave-PC's instead of standard microwaves. Or convert existing CD/DVD drives into mini panini grills.

These will all be decided upon during the evaluations of the members at the end of semester, and will in all likelihood be less than the total amount. Would this be construed as paying a salary to members of a student group, a forbidden practice which is already being violated via the line item stipend for USG's Eboard?

Should these payments just be eliminated outright? Would payments really encourage better behavior? Says senior-level representative Kyle Thornton, introducer of this bill, professional mischief-maker, and MUB board liaison, "There could be a fear of responsibility, masked by a put-on sense of humility and volunteerism."

A few final, more random notes. The Provost Task Force will have submitted their advised decision to the president by today. The collection of tu-

ition/teacher quality data is underway; meetings about it occur in the USG office at 3PM Fridays. Circle K is always looking for volunteers to help get stuff done that really ought to be done. There will be a more microwaves in the MUB soon, and orgs are reminded not to have them in their offices. There is to be an Open Mike night soon, and the Ferris Wheel for Spring Fling is going to be free to ride, as it's cheaper to insure that way. Finally, the Lode at last is covering USG meetings again (about time!). 🤪



Would like to extend a huge THANKS to their STAFF for the continued efforts and hard work! Each employee is an asset to the company and is greatly appreciated!  
**THANK YOU!**