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"We are born princes and the civilizing process makes us frogs."  
~ Publilius Syrus

## UC's Top 5: Sega Genesis Games

By Matt 'Undercover Minority' Villa ~ Daily Bull

Back in the day, the good old 90's to be precise, I was one of the few on my block lucky enough to own a Sega Genesis. Sure, the other kids were a tad luckier to own a Playstation, but at the time I was, how you say it, a poor mofo. But I made due with what I had, and to be honest I was just as happy as those other kids because of the awesome games that were made for the Genesis. Here is a list of my top five Sega Genesis games that I used to play as a kid.

**#5 Shinobi II.** Did this game have a good story? Yes. Were the controls amazing for the time? Yes. Did I give two shits? Not in the least. All I knew was that this game had you playing as a ninja, killing other ninjas,

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## Michigan Tech Engineers Discriminated by Bad Statistics

By Simon "Environmental Engineering" Mused ~ Daily Bull

Michigan Tech has always fancied itself a gathering place for the right-minded. The application of math and science in our daily lives is the reason a vast majority of students come here in the first place. However, whenever I see the misuse of numbers, I can't help but get frustrated. The trend started with the appearance of alcohol related statistic posters from some Tech survey company in Indiana, but soon got worse.

The most recent offender would be the Engineer Pay Rates figure that is posted on the Tech homepage (<http://www.mtu.edu/president/eng-salaries/>). What caught me first was the pitiful salary they have presented for my major in the face of its engineering cousins. However, I have found both solace and despair in knowing that this data is horribly wrong in its presentation. The errors are so obvious it would make my statistics professor vomit rivers of failing grades.

First off, this data consists only of about

300 graduates who decided to report their starting salary after graduating Spring 2009 (I had to ask), two-thirds of whom are statistically likely to be either electrical or mechanical engineers. Not only that, but only one survey engineer and one software engineer decided to report their salary, yet somehow



Tech has assumed that this is average for everyone in these majors, since this is the only thing they could base it off of. You can obviously tell this was the case too, since the minimum, maximum, and average just so happen to be the same exact value, which they have no shame in showing at the table in the bottom.

Probably their greatest manipulation of the salaries other than hiding sample sizes would be how they arbitrarily picked the breakoff between what was the "median salary" range and what fell in the two extremes. A few of the bars match the data in the table, but most (like the data for my major) are just wrong. Most are off the mark by

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## MTU, Mr.? Pastore's in the Running!!

By JOHN "Mr MTU" PASTORE ~ Daily Bull

I've entered myself into the Mr. MTU contest for the PFRS. You may know the PFRS as the group that made that really ugly Nuclear War statue; you may know them as those guys who melted all kinds of things in a microwave and stunk up Fisher Hall that Saturday; you may know them as "that sci fi club full of mad scientists." Let me tell you, if you elect me Mr. MTU, I will deliver more of the same. I promise to shoot lightning and lasers, from my body, at the judges in the second round.



Even his hat is cancerous.

Having looked deeper into this contest, I have learned that what is fronted by this popularity contest is actually a charity event, with proceeds of the "Penny War" going to fund the American Cancer Society. I'd like you

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...Take that MA 2710 from front a couple thousand, so it can't be a simple slip up.

If you'd like to see more statistics (probably more trustworthy since it incorporates sample size) you can search "MTU salary data" and click that first link to look up stuff for yourself. Or you could be a normal person and trust the Department of Labor's starting salary statistics, since where you graduated from only has about a ±5% overall effect.

Lastly, here's an interesting tidbit of information while we are on the subject of Tech statistics. Since 92% of all Tech students have NEVER been in trouble with the police due to drinking, and MTU has a current enrollment of 7,132 students, therefore at least 570 students here have dealt with law enforcement (this statistic only covers alcohol-related misconducts and excludes repeated offences). Punch the person next to you. Statistically he deserves it.

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in some of the weirdest ass stages I've ever seen in a game. The music was pretty bitchin' too, and I felt awesome when I figured out the "Infinite Shuriken" cheat on by accident.

If you have ever played this game, you know that I feel both pleasure, and pure unadulterated RAGE at this game. The controls were good, but sometimes trying to double jump or wall jump wouldn't work, and boom, death. Sometimes I wondered if some of the bosses were even meant to be defeated. Either way, if you haven't played it yet, it's worth getting an emulator and trying it out.

**#4 Jurassic Park.** Holy fornicating spheres Batman! This game was awesome. Okay, maybe not so much after playing it again on an emulator but back in the day, any game that let you play as one of two characters with two different

storylines was amazing. You could either play as Dr. Grant, or the Raptor. Grant was clearly the scariest and hardest choice, as he was limited by his ammo, weaponry, and quite possibly being eaten by the f'n T-Rex ever damn time you see it.

There are a few times when a T-Rex will just burst out of a wall and you have to dodge it and attack it to make it go away, but because you never expect it the first time, you run right into it and boom, nothing but your 16-bit hat floating through the air. I never beat Grant's storyline, mostly because I was too nervous about being eaten all the time, but I did finish the raptor's, which was exponentially easier to beat and made me rage slightly that I didn't try his story first. Oh, and let me mention it one more time, YOU GOT TO PLAY AS THE F'ING RAPTOR!!!! Clever girl...

**#3 Quackshot.** Not much to say about this game. You were Donald, going all over the world trying to find treasure, with a plunger gun. It was fun, the levels were well designed and the bosses were awesome. Also, if you collected enough chili peppers, Donald



would go into his HATE-STORM of a temper tantrum and wreck everyone you ran into. Pretty cool.

**#2 Ghostbusters.** Who ya gonna call? THE RAGE TRAIN THAT'S WHO. OMG was this game hard, but it is still one of the most fun games I've ever played. The platform shooting was dead on, and if it weren't for some of the cheapest enemies in gaming, this would probably be my favorite Sega game.

**#1 Sonic.** I'm of course grouping together the first three Sonic the Hedgehog games, because I was lucky enough to have them. This is pure platforming at its best, but you all probably know just as well as I do. And to you who don't know who Sonic the Hedgehog is, I'm gonna buy you a hedgehog, I'm gonna let you fall in love with that hedgehog, then one night when you're sleeping, I'm gonna come into your house and punch you in the face.

...Mr. MTU from front

all to know, that I am a fairly carcinogenic individual, through many of my own faults. I have cleaned with detergents that dissolved my skin. I have cleaned out asbestos badly and well, and regretted it. I have breathed enough ozone to feel like I've had a cold. But I'm sorry.

I really don't want cancer. But I realize that my lifestyle is pretty likely to cause it in if not myself then in others. As such, I'd like to take this opportunity to suggest you vote for me with your money, the latest constitutionally protected way of expressing an opinion. All opinions expressed this way will go to fund the American Cancer Society, which is working hard to find cures for cancer, to improve the quality of life for people with cancer, and to stop people like me from causing cancer.

This Thursday, any donations you make will contribute positively, and contribute to the downfall of cancer. I'm a pretty cool guy, and I really don't care about winning this contest. I just want to place in the top 5, so I can shoot lightning at the judges in the "talent" part of this contest.

