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"Music makes one feel so romantic - at least it always gets on one's nerves - which is the same thing nowadays."
-Oscar Wilde

Hand Sanitizer

By Billy Melcher ~ Guest Writer

How much has Michigan Tech spent on hand sanitizer? I mean, it's everywhere, from Dining Halls to Lecture Halls. It must come at a reduced price if you buy it in bulk like that, but a large bottle from Wal-Mart is \$4.99, which is more than I'd pay for a bottle of scented goo that may or may not counteract the germs acquired through handshakes (stay away from handshakes children... it's not worth it, you will die). Eating lunch in DHH today, I watched droves of people stand patiently in line an arm's length from the dispenser, looking slack-jawed around at the walls. Not one chose to protect themselves from countless dangerous bacteria residing on their hands. I started wondering how much the Sanitizer Initiative cost the University, and took the liberty of making a few calculations to help assess the usefulness

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Five ways to get that A

By Stephen Whittaker ~ Daily Bull

The stress of final exams is enough to make any of us students crack. Clearly a huge proportion of the final grade you get in your class is based on the final exam. Wouldn't it be nice to guarantee yourself an A on it? Well, I present you with five ways to get that A on your final exam.

(1) Cause the professor to "accidentally" lose all the exams. If the professor has nothing to grade how can you fail? And if it's during finals week they surely can't make all the students in the class make it up.

This one might require you to be sneaky and adept at lock picking. After the exam has taken place and the professor takes the exams to their office, you simply sneak into their office and "borrow" the exams. After the final grades for the class are posted you then proceed to sneak back into the professor's office and casually place the exams in place were. The professor will think he must have left them all along.



Just hope that doorknob isn't electricly charged

(2) Prevent the professor from being able to make it to the final exam. This one is bit trickier. If the professor happens to live a ways away from where the exam is taking place, just find out where they live and then disable their car from running. If they can't make it to the exam in time, what else can they do but give the class A's? Note: this will not work on professors who live within walking distance; you may have to come up with your own way of preventing them from reaching the exam.

(3) Sabotage the exam. This one may be hard to do directly, but it is still possible. Have a few friends come and disturb the exam in some way that prevents the students from taking it - like by running in and swiping all the exams out of the professor's hand as he begins to pass them out. Ski masks are recommended for this.

Another possibility: find the professor immediately after the exam, grab the exams from his hands, then proceed to

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Nathan Wonders: Breakfasts

Brought to you by Nathan 'Invincible' Miller

I've you've never had the pleasure of waking up before 8 to storm the MUB, you've been missing out on a cherished Tech tradition: throwing fancy breakfast shindigs for people who give us money. I'm not sure what it is about mass-produced catering food that gets people to open their checkbooks, but it must be successful.

I've distro'd the Bull every Tuesday/Thursday this semester, and I'd say about half the time they've packed the Alumni lounge full of fancily dressed and somehow conscious folks who are ready to listen to speeches and have a good time. It's 7:30 AM for crying out loud! What are you doing gallivanting around in your uppity dinner attire!? Most of us can hardly get out of bed at the hour and here they are, up and raring to go.

I'm pretty sure they must spike their orange juice with something, cause if I were in their position, I'd be snoozing in my hash browns. It doesn't help that I usually don't eat breakfast before I distro, so when the fresh pancake smell hits my system I get really jealous. I almost hope that someday when I'm older, I'll be invited to fancy breakfasts so I can make the hungry undergraduates salivate uncontrollably. Then I remember that I'm not the type who can be swayed into doling over cash for fake eggs and steam-cooked bacon. I must be strong in the face of hunger! 🍷





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of these functional wall decorations.

According to the CDC, roughly 35 million cases of the flu are reported each year in the US. That means that in 6,000 Tech students, there will be 700 cases. I have personally noticed one person using the sanitizer since it appeared on the walls last fall. Assuming I've seen 500 other people walk past it (and that's being generous, I've been here all winter long), that means 1/500, or .2% of students use it regularly. If .2% of students USE

the sanitizer, and 11.7% of students get the flu over the winter, you have a .0234% chance of both being a poor soul who stops to squirt it on your hand and contracting the flu virus. Even assuming a victim gets through this gauntlet of probability, what are the odds the sanitizer will completely prevent the flu in that specific case? Let's be unrealistically generous and assume sanitizer is 100% effective against the flu virus. That is, if you are carrying the flu in any form and rub your hands in sanitizer, you will return to your full health immediately. To find how many cases of the flu have been prevented, take .0234% of 6,000 students, which is 14. That's right, hundreds of your dollars have been spent buying and installing hand sanitizer all over campus, and fourteen cases of influenza have been prevented.

These are very rough calculations, but here's a few reason for the number 14 to be even lower: We're primarily composed of an age group not very susceptible to the flu, reducing our likelihood of contraction. Of these 14 cases, how many would so much as miss a class? I hope you're already wondering where else Tech could have squandered our money. How about... reducing the price of i<clickers? 🐼

... Finals Showdown from front

burn the exams and/or make them unreadable in some fashion. Again, a ski mask is recommended. These are just a few ideas; you can always come up with your own heist for sabotaging the final.

(4) Steal a copy of the exam and/or answer sheet beforehand and find the answers. Now how you get a hold of this is not my concern - I am sure the lot of you can come up with some way getting your little hands on it. Just be sure to replace it before the professor notices it's gone and decides to make a different one.

(5) You could just quit being a lazy bastard and study for the damn thing. Yes... you could do this, but what's the fun in that? The above are obviously way easier. Morally/ legally questionable, but definitely easier. Personally I wouldn't do any of the first four, nor am I suggesting anyone do these. I'm just presenting a few thoughts. But on that note, good luck on your finals everyone. 🐼

Breezy Weather

By Frank McGuire ~ Daily Bull

Ahh, it is spring time again (or at least it can be depending on the day). This means that those wonderful things are back again: days in the sun *shudder*, cook outs, camping, hiking without snow shoes, pretty flowers, leaves, and of course mud! Along with this comes more disliked things, i.e. bugs, finals, and if you are like me, the sun. What is cause for most joyous celebrations is that it is kilt weather again! Now, I know I can wear it year round, but that damn wind tunnel on campus gets a wee bit chilly in the darker months for the darker parts - plus, snow up the kilt just is not pleasant. Ahh yes, I can feel the 'air conditioning' breeze right now, o the freedom!

Just think about that freedom! No restriction at all! No more plumber's butt! No more ripping out your pants! No more muddy hems (because we all know that puddle



jumping is a favorite pastime). Those guys look like they would be ready for some ooze ball!

No more sweaty and constricted parts on those hot a muggy days that might just ap-

pear this year. I must say I favor the Utilikilts with their addition of pockets and non-wool construction, but what's the difference? Freedom is freedom. Don't take my word for it, just look at the chaps! If that picture of freedom is not enough to convince you, take a gander at these top reasons to wear a kilt!

1. Chicks I've never met before ask me about my underwear.
2. Kilt + Bathroom = Easy.
3. The freedom to scratch when and where it itches.
4. It itches a lot less- it's the breeze
5. It makes people wonder.
6. You can call Punks conformists.
7. Almost as good as being naked.
8. Women love men in kilts.
9. Operating a zipper is far beyond your capabilities.
10. Floor mounted AC vents on a hot day.
11. History has shown that men in kilts routinely kick the shit out of the trousered.
12. In the words of Mel Gibson in Braveheart ... "Freedom!"
13. Two Words. Beer Pockets.
14. Asshole Auto-Detect System: Anyone who snickers and says "nice skirt" is obviously a homophobe or just plain stodgy...
15. It's called a "kilt" 'cause we done kilt everyone who called it a skirt. 🐼

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