

# DAILY BULL

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"Buck up, sissypants."  
-The Big Bang Theory

## Urban Exploring

by Nathan 'Invincible' Miller  
~ Foreign Correspondent ~

Do you like going outside and enjoying nice days? Are you a fan of derelict buildings full of history and/or hobos and vandalism? Would you willingly visit places that more than likely contain asbestos, lead, and other nasty cancer-inducing chemicals? If you answered yes to these questions, then urban exploring might be right for you.

Urban exploring is the new hipster term to define going into abandoned buildings. Others call it infiltration, urbex, or just plain trespassing. For those of you in the Keweenaw, the term urban exploring is a bit ironic considering the best places to explore are in the middle of the woods or underground. But as Akon once said, "Still counts."

The U.P. is full of neat old sites to explore, in particular the Copper Country. For me, these were my training grounds. None of the sites are patrolled, and I've never heard of anyone getting

... see Abandoned on back

## Tackle Next Time?

by Nomerac - Pudding Fairy

Houghton, MI (AP) – If you passed by Sherman field on the night of the 16th, you probably noticed that the stadium lights were on and thought it strange. If stopped, you noticed that there were a bunch of people running around in a strikingly uncoordinated fashion. If you inquired as to what was going on, you found that the Huskies Pep Band was having its first inter-section football game in three years!

The Trombones, who had won the game 48-7 in 2008, had been itching to play again and had challenged the Trumpets, who started the game hot, building a 20-0 lead by halftime. The Trombones settled down in the second half and

began putting points on the board. Despite outplaying the Trumpets after halftime, the Trumpets held on for a 34-20 win. Leading the Trumpets' passing-only offense was Brendan Baic, with several catches for various yards and points.

The Trombones, who were much more chill and relaxed, switched positions often and spread the ball around. Fullback/punter Alex Slepak blasted through the entire Trumpets defense for an 8-yard touchdown, quarterback/receiver/cornerback Luke Sebentsfeldt danced and spun into the endzone on a particularly dazzling run, and tight end/defensive end Lee "Old Guy" Sniegowski led the team in receiving yards. Despite the high scores, special teams and defense carried the day; the Trumpets scored the deciding points on a kick return and a punt return.

They did not, however, do anything of note on defense. The Trombones

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### ... Ballfoot from front

recorded TEN (10!) interceptions which greatly frustrated and demoralized the Trumpets. Section leader and captain Cameron Long, playing middle linebacker, pulled down four of the teams interceptions, but failed to return any for points, as he has all the speed and maneuverability of a dump truck.



Referees spent several minutes wondering how to attach a flag football belt to a truck, but ceased their wonderment when it ran them over with its enormous list of YouTube favorites.

Highlights for the Trombones included a lateral pass which hit the ground. The trumpets cried foul, wanting a penalty for intentional grounding, even though the quarterback was out of the pocket. While they were busy bitching, Will Weaver, a first year, realized that the whistle had never been

sounded, picked up the ball, and ran approximately 20 yards. Highlights for the Trumpets included penalties for lining up over the center (dangerous), having too many players in motion (humorous), having too many players on the field (hilarious), and consistently forgetting to have enough linemen (hysterical).

Stellar refereeing was provided by the Geology department and the Huskies Pep Band staff. A major victory was had by all in that there were no injuries apart from a skinned knee. This was a major step up from three years ago, when violence ensued. The traditional Trombone-Trumpet section rivalry will continue with a rousing game of dodgeball on the 30th.

### ... Abandoned from front

caught exploring any of the old mining ruins. There's also the old Calumet Air Force Station, but I've heard of people getting booted out of there so that might not be the wisest place to visit. Wait a few years until the roofs start caving in and people stop caring.

Now that I'm out of the Keweenaw and back in the real world, I've visited a number of way more interesting places than completely overgrown mining facilities. I've been in an old meatpacking plant, a carcinogen infested steel mill, a gigantic abandoned hotel, and even an old toilet paper factory. If you think you've seen a lot of toilet paper in one place, I think I have you beat.

Since they haven't been abandoned for 50+ years like many of the mining ruins in the Keweenaw, there is a lot more to see. Because of this they may still be owned by somebody who would rather keep you out. Typically this means putting no trespassing signs and hoping everyone obeys. I know the last thing I want when my building is collapsing due to decades of neglect is some kid taking pictures of it. Damn kids!

As long as there isn't any active presence

on site, cameras, or people milling about in the adjacent neighborhood, you're probably safe exploring that old mill in your hometown. Use your best judgment and do some research online first, since many places are regularly patrolled by security. Pro-tip: don't get caught.

If you're paranoid and think the asbestos is going to give you instant cancer, go ahead and bring your filtration mask. I don't worry about it since I'm not kicking up too much dust or eating off the floor. Obviously don't go swimming in any sludge ponds you may find. I also refrain from wading into dark flooded basements for obvious reasons (crocodiles!). Other than that, I climb and squeeze through everything I can to get to all the coolest most untouched places.

Other than the mining related ruins, there aren't a ton of other abandoned places to explore in the Houghton area. I hear Marquette has a partially abandoned psychiatric hospital someplace. There are also tons of ruined farmhouses and ghost towns to stumble upon throughout the U.P. And if you're downstate... well, I don't think I need to tell you where Detroit is. Just watch out for druggies, I've heard they're fierce in those parts.



Dude, I would totally go to a place that was being consumed by a giant octopus!

## What Happened to Good TV?

Remember Hey Arnold? Rocko's Modern Life? Have you seen every single episode of Rugrats, like I have? Those shows taught good morality. Recently, television has been disappointing me. Nickelodeon just picked up a show called "The Epic Adventures of Buck and Skinner." The kid talks like he is mentally slow. The show prides itself on its extremely stupid humor—and that's it. Sadly, this is what television today has come down to.

The media glorifies idiots. Take Jersey Shore for example. I admit, I have watched the show a few times here and there. Matter of fact, the last one I saw included The Situation slamming his own head into a cement wall. From the previews, I was sure the other guy had knocked him out good. It was the epitome of stupidity, and everyone loves it. America is a mean kid, taking out all of its anger and emotional stress on the imbeciles of the media. Jersey Shore does not realize everyone is making fun of them—or do they? What about William Hung? He really thought he was a good singer because he did not understand our cruel humor.

What happened to television that positively influenced kids and told a kickass story? What happened to good television in general? There is something different between the 90's television we grew up watching and the television nowadays. They told real stories, such as the show Freaks and Geeks. We all had friends like Kim Kelley and Daniel. We could relate. We can't relate to iCarly where she has her own web-show and is semi-famous. Or the stupid show, Big Time Rush. Not all of us are tawdry pop stars.

We gave our childhood years to the media, and the media turned around and shit on us. --Kayla Herrera

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