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All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy and Jill a rich widow.
Evan Esar

Who are you Mr. Phantom Piano Man?

By K Like The Letter
~ Daily Bull

Throughout the course of my academic semester I migrated my study breaks into the MUB because let's face it: there are only like two computer labs on the campus that still exist. That being said we all know they're always full, stinky, and annoying. And clearly the library has been deemed burnable and smoked out (too soon?). So I often find myself in the MUB.

So in the MUB I have tried several different homework/study locations. Let's start with the MUB commons area. I get my morning sandwich running me nearly four dollars, pop a squat and get out my books. Next I focus on channeling out the ESPN-watchers, the annoying small group conversations, and over 10 MUB employees' sitting down in the area instead

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3.0 or Bust

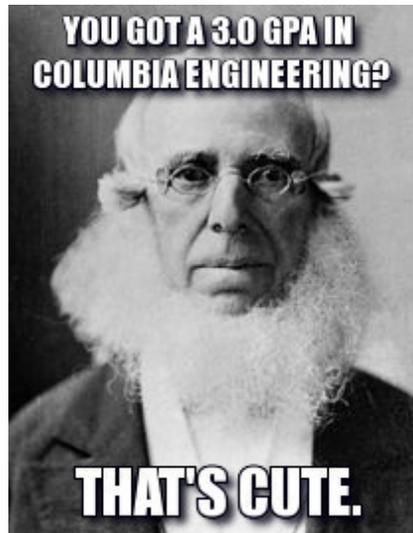
By Olivia Zajac ~ Daily Bull

After detailed feedback from the Career Fair, Michigan Tech authorities have taken a very strict, new policy on the GPA of its students. Most companies, it has been discovered, will not even bother to accept a resume if the student does not have at least a 3.0. "We've always pushed for excellence, are known for excellence. The only way to achieve excellence of our standard is to 'encourage' students to do better in class. Push them even more than we already do. The unofficial standard for too long was to reach the safe zone of a 3.0 GPA or above. We are now making it a university-wide standard that a student must maintain a 3.0 or above, else they will be academically expelled."

Student reactions are mixed. Anyone above this now golden standard of a 3.0 just shrugged at the new policy. "I mean, come on, it's not like it's really that hard to get above a three. I mean, like, it's not like you can maintain a full-time job if you fail a class. That's just silly. Who wants to hire that?" commented one freshman. "I mean, I have like, a 3.67 or something, I'm sure. It's not like engineering fundamentals is really hard or anything. I don't see why everyone is so upset. I mean, so I haven't gotten an official GPA yet. But still. Like Tech is really that hard of a school."

On the other end of the spectrum came retorts from upper classmen. "I've been floating just above a 2.5 and just below a 3.0 since I've started here. The classes just keep getting harder and the professors keep telling me they're gonna grade like I'm actually a full time engineer. What the hell, professors?! I'm a third year! I don't know what the fuck is going on! I'm a student still! You are supposed to be teaching me! Like, I just suck at taking exams anymore. Three of my classes are only based on exams. That's just

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of helping with the sandwich I typically wait ten minutes for, I finally begin to focus. And before I can re-read the first sentence I need to study, the noise you never expect to hear roaring so loudly on a technological university campus rings- a piano.

And it's not like its wishy-washy background noise. It's a fucking piano. Just busting' a beat from the MUB commons area in the middle of the Tigers game, in the middle of the news. Hey hurricane Sandy why don't you just fuck off while this guy plays piano. I don't need to know about you at all. So then I proceed to the next floor of the MUB and join my fellow minions in the student organization office. It's faintly quieter. But there's just so many more A.D.D possibilities, people you know, people sharing pictures and music, ideas, laughter, evil-genius plots to take over MTU. You just can't do it.

So I move to the hallway where it's quiet and few people pass by. And just when I have completed the first round of readings I hear it rushing down the hall, echoing through the empty walkways- a piano. First of all why the FUCK is there so many piano's in this building? And Second of all WHO is this phantom piano man. Does he have classes? Studying? Hunger? A soul? A girlfriend? A fear that maybe he's pissing everyone in a 200 foot radius off? Is he enrolled at MTU and if so why the fuck is he always playing the piano? Am I the only one experiencing this phenomenon? I swear to God today I heard him play "Drops of Jupiter."

This is my challenge Bull readers. I have started a collection of videos on my phone (and will post them to FB). I challenge you to do the same. Via collaboration I believe together we can answer this burning question that has been killing me since the first day of school. Who are you, Mr.Phantom Piano Man?



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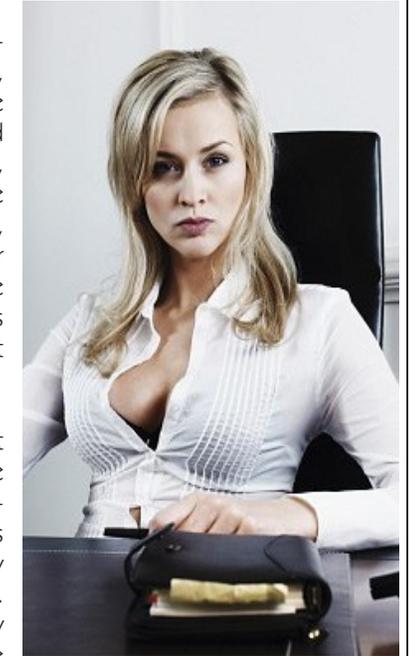
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retarded. I'm not gonna have to take exams as a big kid engineer! And now I have to worry about being expelled because of it. BLASPHEMY! I'll take my thousands of dollars elsewhere if it comes down to it."

er you for an internship, let alone a full time position! Who cares if you have multiple leadership positions, or can balance a job and being a student? Certainly not future employers. It's all about that GPA." ☹

Many students have already put in requests to transfer to other universities, one of the more popular being the University of Michigan. When asked why, the most common answer was, "Well, they may be assholes and have their heads stuck up their own asses, but not only do they have lower tuition rates, but they don't have any GPA standards, because that's discrimination and they aren't about that down in Ann Arbor."



Tuition is expected to increase, yet again, with this new GPA policy. The student body is estimated to decrease by 40-50%. Job placement is expected to increase, reaching nearly 100% placement across campus. Why? "Well, that's all employers really look for, is that 3.0. If you don't have that, they surely would never consid-

Truth be told, this is what the term '3.0 or BUST' means.

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