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## Giant Snow Rectangle Building Competition Underway

by Nathan "Invincible" Miller ~ Daily Bull

Michigan Tech's annual Snow Rectangle building competition is underway! For the past several decades, students at Michigan Tech have proudly squared off against their peers in this time-honored tradition of engineering prowess. Visitors from across the Midwest make the pilgrimage each year to the Keweenaw to see how large the rectangles grow.

"I wouldn't miss the rectangle building competition for the world!" says 2010 Michigan Tech alum Richard McClaughry. "Broomball and skiing Ripley are great too, but nothing compares to the massive size of those rectangles. It really is amazing how huge they can get. I remember in 2007 they built one as big as a house!"

Oftentimes the scale of the rectangles is exaggerated under the influence of alcohol or billowing snow, but that does not negate the hard work that goes into each one. Teams compete in two different classes: month long and all-nighter. Both classes are judged on a number of merits, including volume, pointiness of the corners, and how many individual rectangles are stacked on top of each other.

Blue Key Honor Society is tasked with judging the prestigious competition. "We've got all of our best

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## Super-Senior Takes It Too Far

by Alec Hamer ~ Daily Bull

In many of the male restrooms across campus it is very common to see city names written in the grout above the urinals. No one I know is quite sure why the cities are listed or for how long people have been writing them down but the reasoning behind their placement is clear. According to Don Mermer, head of facilities "It's so the writing can't be scrubbed it away." Don says it is easier to clean tile than grout.

What is the motivation for such a vile, terrible defamation of Michigan Technological University property? The best theory I have come across is people are writing down their hometowns. This explains the concentration of Michigan cities listed and the actions of one super-senior: Chuck Calaster.

Chuck has been attending this fine university for five years now, making him a super-senior. "I don't know, I just really like it up here and math is hard," said Chuck about his fifth year here. "Have you tried Calc II? Shit's rough."

Chuck has taken the whole grout-writing thing to a whole new level. He is writing a memoir starting from his earliest memories as a 3 year old to where he is now as a "worldly and wise 22 year old." "I feel like I have so much to offer the younger generation," explained Chuck as he was awkwardly writing above a man urinating in the urinal adding, "This shit is genius. GENIUS!!"

After spending about 6 hours of writing Chuck completes roughly 150-250 words. According to him, he's

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## MTU Freshman Girl!

Hey, it warmed up!



Spring is coming, right?

Hey guys! We made a meme last year! We might be a bit biased, but MTU Freshman Girl is surely one of the best memes the internet has ever seen! However, like all memes, she needs new material to stay alive! Do you have an idea for her? Let us know at [bull@mtu.edu](mailto:bull@mtu.edu) or on our Facebookpagebook!



It's week three already? Better start procrastinating.



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## Tarantino to Direct Remake of Up

Notoriously gory director Quentin Tarantino confided to the LA Star that he hopes to secure the rights to a remake of the popular Pixar film Up. The re-imagining would feature Carl, Ellie, Dug, Russell, and -- of course -- Kevin. Carl and Ellie's relationship will end not with her death from old age, but rather as the result of an I-beam falling directly on her head during the construction around their house. Carl will sport at least one fully automatic weapon and a meat cleaver when he embarks on his journey. Russell, the innocent young wilderness adventurer, will now be an on-the-run serial killer seeking shelter; during the nights while Carl sleeps, Russell will violently spill the blood of countless innocents. Dug will most likely step on a grenade (laid by Russell) and explode in a bloodbath. Lastly, the bird called Kevin will torture and kill each hunter that approaches her. Rotten Tomatoes predicts this film to be at least 86% fresh. 🍌



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guys out there with squares and levels in hand to measure the accuracy of the rectangles and ensure there are no curved edges," claims Blue Key representative George Oz. "Any corners that are 5° off of 90° is an automatic disqualification. We don't want to disappoint the crowds that come to see fine craftsmanship."

Many were worried that due to poor weather, the month long rectangles would be sub-par this year. Thanks to a late winter storm on the eve of the start date, though, immense rectangles are already taking shape across campus. These rough-cut blocks will later be refined using precise lasers and other advanced techniques. In the final days of competition, it is common for major contenders to pull out all the stops and unveil their secret weapons in a last ditch effort to claim the crown.

Claims George Oz, "I've seen everything – blow torches, pneumatic rams, Styrofoam cutting wires, even some crazy frat guys with a concrete smoother that wound up exploding. Every group has their tricks they swear by. But believe me, I have yet to find the ultimate way of creating the perfect rectangle."

Our intrepid rectangle builders are not fazed by the naysayers and soldier on in the face of sub-zero temperatures and white out conditions. Besides the obvious reward for Truest Rectangle, teams also compete for the coveted Themed Rectangle, which embodies the spirit of the overall Winter Carnival Theme.

"I bet there's going to be a lot of Gotham rectangles out there this year," Richard McClaughry guesses, referring to the 2013 theme, 'Heroes and Villains Find Their Powers in These Frozen Winter Hours.' "It only makes sense that the Batsquare would face down his nemesis Cube-Face among the soaring rectangles of Gotham City." 🍌

## Weekly Su-doo-ku!

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from Mostaccioli on front

not a writer. "I came to Tech so I wouldn't have to write." It's been 7 months since Chuck has started his project and he feels he is near completion. He called an editor to see what she thinks of his handiwork. "Well it's very short. In fact if it weren't in grout I think it would take about 12 minutes to finish reading. Also, it sucks. You in no way offer anything to the 'children of the future' besides all the best places to buy or use drugs." After that the editor stormed out the restroom accusing Chuck of treating the memoir as "a big joke."

You can pick up a copy of Chuck's memoir "Pissing Away Life" in fine retailers everywhere or just stop in the first floor men's restroom in Fisher Hall. 🍌