Rash of Disappearances at Tech
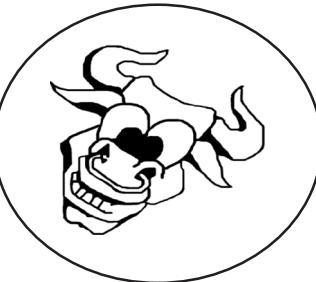
by The Dinz ~ Daily Bull

BREAKING NEWS: Students from all over Michigan Tech's campus have gone missing; over 100 students have vanished without a trace. The missing students appear to be primarily from the CS department, although other departments have reported students unaccounted for as well.

It is unknown at this time what could be causing the strange disappearances. Some worry that the students in question might have been lost in yesterday's blizzard. Others have theorized that the impending finals, coupled with the breakdown in Tech's server system, caused the students to have nervous breakdowns and flee the university with what little sanity they had left. Police departments around the county have been notified, but none have yet reported finding any lost students.

Public Safety has been conducting interviews with the roommates of those who have disappeared. Most have claimed to have no knowledge of where their roommates have gone. One student was quoted as saying "I didn't notice he was gone until my computer crashed and I needed someone to fix it. I don't, like, do computers, so I trade him ramen to do that kind of stuff for me. If you find him, can you tell him my computer is, like, being slow again? I don't think it's the porn this time." Similar quotes were reported from other students as well.

A friend of one of the missing students was able to give the investigating officers what may be a desperately needed lead in the case. The witness (who wishes to remain nameless) gave a statement, saying "Yeah, the last time I talked to her, she said that she was going to a 'hacker's thong' or something. I don't

The Ballmer Peak… Does it exist?

by The Brogrammer

For longer than many of us remember, we all have been aware of the Ballmer Peak. If you don't know what the Ballmer Peak is, look to xkcd to find that it is the point of intoxication where a programmer has extremely increased programming abilities. It's one of the most popular xkcd articles and one that is probably discussed in CS more than any other comic.

Albeit popular, the peak is also an elusive one. Out of all of the students who have heard of it, there remains a large portion of students who has never even attempted to climb it. Be it nervousness from messing up an assignment, or they like to separate their alcoholism from their work. On the other hand, there are those brave enough to attempt to ascend its slippery slopes. But has anyone actually made it to the summit?

Sure, many of us have a bev while sitting down to code, but not many people sit down with a Systems program and a fifth of whiskey and get cracking. Those who do, myself included, have either overshot the peak or just failed to reach it. However, overshooting it does lead to interesting comments in your code… You also may end up with a really bad hangover, since using your brain while drunk isn't something your body is used to. Heck, it may not even be used to using your brain!

That being said, it is something that looms over our profession more than anything else, and will continue to as long as we don't figure it out. So, will you be the one who will mix some vodka with your Mountain Dew to help figure it out?

The Steaming Pile: Straight from You-Know-Where!

Hacks that someone needs to make

Chair that tweets every time someone farts in it
An app that judges you every time you go out for fast food
A service that sends IT an annoyed email every 3 hours
Eskimo Brother Database
A quadcopter with a nerf turret
A plugin for Chrome that unfriends anyone who posts _____
Snapchat, but just for dick pics
An app that lets Miley Cyrus ride things
A plugin for Chrome that can tell who the OP was for anything on Reddit
A service to let me group message my android friends on iPhones
Expedia… but for textbooks
An app that reminds me to call my mom
Something that automatically buys random bags of crap from Woot
Michigan Tech webcam chatroulette
A calculator that will tell me how bad I can do on my final and still pass
CSLC 24 hour hotline
Literally monkeys with keyboards
Something that tells MEs that Matlab is NOT CODING
An app that lets you call people on your phone
A soundboard that plays Lil' John's YEEEEAAAHHHHH
Grindr but for people who want to play with puppies
A version of Myspace that people would actually use
A service to remind you that your bank account is more depressing than you realized
An app that estimates how long the Jimmy Johns guy will take to get to your house
A non-shitty version of the Michigan Tech app

know what she meant, but she said she would be coming back with a lot of cool swag. I don't know what she's getting up to, I just hope it isn't illegal or anything."

Public Safety is continuing its search and will not rest until the missing students have been found, alive or otherwise. More news will be delivered on this situation as develops. 🐂

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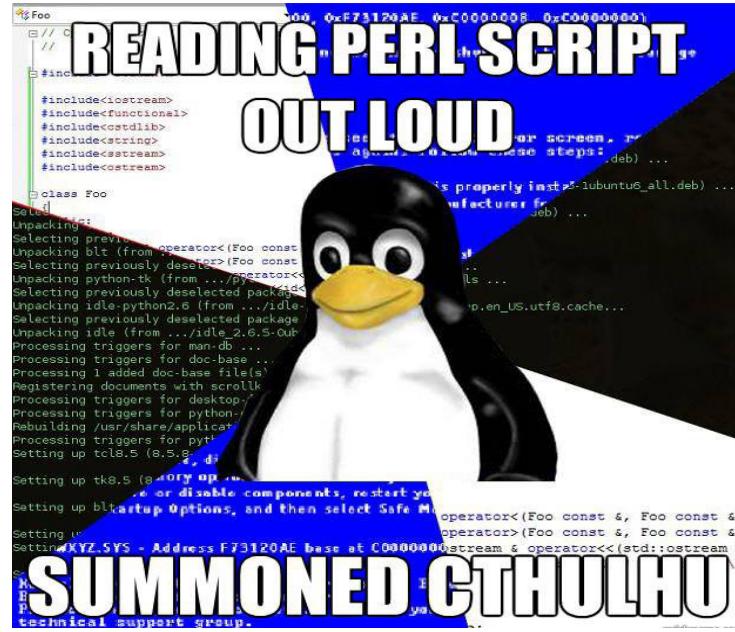***Meetings:*** *Wednesday nights @ 9:15 in our secret HQ, Walker 144*

Biology and Comp Sci departments team up in groundbreaking study
by Alex Dinsmoor ~ Editor in Chief

Researchers in the Biology and Computer Science department have recently joined forces for the purpose of determining if Mountain Dew actually does increase your ability to write code better than those who do not consume the beverage. "I always see students in my class drinking it" Computer Science professor Dr. Kuhl told The Bull, "and I've always wondered if they're drinking it for something besides the taste, sugar, or caffeine."

The two departments have been working diligently towards understanding this mythical beverage, however results are still inconclusive. 🐂

Some memes, y'all

99 little bugs in the code.
99 little bugs in the code.
Take one down, patch it around.

127 little bugs in the code...

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