

## Administration Promises "Extra Hour In the Ball Pit" to Students Affected by **ADA Noncompliance**

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Accessibility at Michigan Technological University has been a hot topic lately as people have grown more aware of how difficult it truly is to navigate campus with a disability. Students have been expressing concern for themselves and their friends who may not be able to get to class when the elevators keep breaking when you so much as look at them wrong. After yet another elevator stopped working this past Friday when someone

keep the ball pit clean and in order, it is recommended that one should shower at least one week before attending. If the elevators in Fisher and Rekhi Hall are inoperable at one of the times of ball pit availability, administration suggests asking a friend to carry you up the stairs, or perhaps learning how to teleport.

When asked how exactly this solves the problem of inaccessibility, administration



stated: "Hmm, right, inaccessibility... Yes well... We are very confident this will be an important step to improve accessibility across campus by HOLY SHIT LOOK BEHIND YOU!" The interviewers reported nothing

announced that investments have been made to install a ball pit on the third floor of Fisher Hall, and students will be allowed to play in the ball pit for 5 minutes per day for free\*, and disabled students will be given a whole extra hour in the ball pit to make up for any inconveniences.

The ball pit consists of a kiddie pool filled with balls of the plastic, soft and fuzzy, pool, base, and 20 pound solid lead varieties for a full sensory experience. The pit will be able to fit a total of 15 people shoved tightly together in order to maintain maximum efficiency due to high demand. In order to

behind them, and found administration to have disappeared completely in the 40 minutes it took them to investigate.

Currently, the ball pit is closed for an indefinite period for repairs. It is unknown when the ball pit will be back up and running, as there is only one ball pit technician in the U.P. and he is very busy.

\*ball pit costs will be subsidized by an added \$17,000 to Nathan's tuition

## Keweenaw Tourism Board Names McNair Hill Among Top 10 Waterfalls to Visit in the UP

## Slick Slope Connoisseur

Earlier this month, the Keweenaw Tourism Board published their list of the best waterfalls to visit in the UP. Among them, and beating out Marquette's Yellow Dog River Falls, is MTU's own McNair Hill.

"We're aware that the choice to include McNair hill among the other great waterfalls of the Keweenaw may be controversial," reads a statement given by a Keweenaw Tourism Board spokesperson, "after all, its highly seasonal nature makes it unpopular with some tourists. Regardless, each year an impressive volume of water moves down it, and it is truly beautiful to behold if you're lucky enough to catch it in a period of high activity."

Unlike most waterfalls in the Keweenaw, McNair Hill is not fed by a river or spring, but rather by rainfall and snow melt. Without a consistent source of water, many tourists have expressed displeasure when they visit on a sunny fall day only to see a drab, concrete-covered hill. Regardless of complaints from tourists, the placement of McNair hill has become a point of pride for residents of MTU's F. W. McNair Residence Hall and for students in general.

"Oh yeah, I can definitely see it," one resident we spoke to said, "last time it rained I walked down to get to class...there was water pooling up in my shoes, I almost got swept away by the current, it was awful. It's cool, though. I like that the hill does more than hurt my legs these days." Many McNair residents seem to share the sentiment. "I mean, sure it's inconvenient," another resident told us, "but honestly who *doesn't* want a waterfall in what's basically your backyard? It's honestly even better

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when it isn't active. My friends and I sit up at the top and laugh at tourists."

With new interest from the Keweenaw community regarding McNair hill, MTU's Environmental Science program has received funding for a research project to study and classify the waterfall. Among their preliminary findings, they remark that the erosion patterns are incredibly complex. They expressed surprise that the immense flow had not completely eroded the dirt from the hill, but found that MTU's Facilities Management team had been dumping far more dirt than necessary on the hill during the winter, which helped to counteract the erosion.

The attention towards McNair hill isn't all good, however. Controversy was sparked when MTU sophomore and beloved daredevil Will I. Dai took the hill's classification as a waterfall to the next level by attempting the first ride over McNair Hill in a barrel. According to eyewitness testimony, Dai's barrel failed to float on the thin layer of water rushing down the hill and instead began rolling, gaining so much speed that it cleared US 41 and went careening into the Walker Arts and Humanities Center. Dai sustained major injuries. Some student safety activist groups, such as Students Against Danger (SAD), the Campus Safety Initiative (CSI), and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), have used the incident to demand that MTU do something about the hill to improve student safety.



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