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## Unconventional Sports Tech Should Adopt

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Michigan Tech is well known for its Broomball leagues and competition throughout the winter, with a unique ruleset that's unlike "official" broomball. Unlike other schools where sports are left to clubs or official teams, MTU supports Broomball with a website, managers, and campus space for rinks to foster the sport that involves players from across the student body. Not only is Broomball great, its ingrained in the MTU college experience, and everyone should aspire to join a team to play at least once, if possible.

However, Broomball is not the only idiosyncratic sport that's out there. In this list we have compiled a list of other sports that would be a ton of fun to play and/or watch—even if they aren't all quite as relevant to the culture of MTU.

**Quidditch** - I know what you're thinking, "Quidditch? This isn't 2007." Sure, this game does bring back memories of a fandom that went real toxic real fast, and conjures up images of a bunch of nerds running around with brooms between their legs trying not to hit themselves in the nards as they chase a person wearing gold spandex. But the key difference MTU could bring, in our good-ol' doing-things-our-own-way way, is to allow the use of brooms to hit or carry the balls, like lacrosse. We already have one broom-themed game where players get to design their own broom, why not another?

**Handball** - I first saw this one in the summer Olympics as I switched between channels, but let me tell you, I've never seen a more exciting sport. Two teams of seven, including one goalie, on a court only a bit bigger than a Broomball rink, trying to throw the ball into the goal defended by the keeper. It has everything you could ever need from a sport:



fast-paced action, live substitutions (which make any sport better), a bit of physicality, and playable almost anywhere with pretty minimal setup. 10/10, would Hand some balls... Wait-

**Drone Racing**- We have an E-Sports team, why not a drone racing team? With a strong engineering school, MTU could hold drone races that operate like Formula 1, where students can design their own drone within rules and regulations and fly them through a course. It would be even cooler if pilots could use VR headsets and cameras mounted on the drone to do see. Nothing sexier than the annoying *bzzzz* of the drones revving their teeny little motors.

**World Chase Tag** - If you've never seen this on YouTube, stop what you're doing and Google it. WCT is a fascinating show of parkour skill and fitness, all within only a bit more than a 12 x 12 meter space. The rounds are fast to capture and hold the short attention span of all these Tik-Tok using, deep-fried memeing, hip youngins.

# Oops– All Controversy

## The Mixed Opinions on America’s Most Debated Cereal Peddler

Cream D. Quorn

Fear and anger is abound this morning as reports flood in of the removal of Cap’n Crunch from the dining hall cereal selection. The beloved fruity concoction that so nourished the student body for 16 years was taken out of the dining halls by Dining Services because of supply chain issues.

“We realize that the Captain was a beloved figure to the student body,” said Scarf Etdown, a Dining Services representative. “But we really couldn’t give less of a shit lol.”

Despite that air-tight reasoning, some students remain outraged. Crunch served as Captain Lionel Marsden Crunch overseas for 10 years during Desert Storm, and many think that the cancellation of him now is reflective of greater issues surrounding veterans in America today.

“The Captain wasn’t just a cereal mascot” says Porkins O’Chopp, a sixth year Meatpacking major. “He was a proud veteran who sacrificed for our country. I mean, people from my generation might not think it, but the Oops All Berries conflict of ‘97 was deeply traumatic for America, and he helped our nation heal through that. So I think the Dining Hall should think twice about canceling an American hero, cause these colors don’t run!” O’Chopp said while pointing to the colorful berries on a box of Cap’n Crunch.

Support for Crunch is not universal, however. Many believe that he represented a problematic time in American history that we ought to put behind us. Soyman McSauce, president of the Students Unilaterally Concentrated with the Downfall of Ideological Cereal (SUCDIC) believes that the removal of Cap’n Crunch is a step in the right direction.

“What Crunch represented is a colonialist past that is steeped in exploitation. I mean, where do you think he was getting those berries from? You can’t grow those in North America. Crunch profited off of CIA intervention in Latin America to grow his empire, and we should really examine our troubled economic history if we ever want to-”. At this time, McSauce was carried away by a passing eagle.

Meanwhile, students in support of Crunch have created a petition in support of returning the cereal to the dining halls, as well as establishing protections for some other “problematic” figures.

“Just because some people might disagree with his past, I think we can all agree that he was a staple of this campus” says O’Chopp. “I mean, with Wads breakfast often unsafe for human consumption, the Captain was always a safe choice. What would the liberals have us eat for breakfast? Huh? What? Huh?”. At this time all Crunch supporters spontaneously went deaf.

Whether you ate it from a bowl in Wads, a race-horse feedbag in McNair, or caught stray pieces out of the air in DHH, history will note the loss of Cap’n Crunch from our dining halls. The bone-weakening breakfast option served with watery milk at 9 in the morning to hungover college students is surely the most important thing we can worry about right now. Or not. Or maybe there will be a secret, darker option. Who knows? I do. But I never kiss and tell ;).

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