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MTU Admin Prepares to Soft-Fire Snow

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In keeping with the proud university tradition of ignoring a problem while it's happening and then taking action later when it's hoped that nobody is looking, Michigan Tech Administration is buckling down and gearing up to "Soft-Fire" the snow for its poor performance and being at the source of controversy it really had no control over. "Soft-Firing" is a time-honored practice whereby faculty or those in administrative positions are not fired directly, as that would be a breach of contract and require severance and reputation damage and blah blah, but rather, heavily pressured to resign by the Administration after enough time has passed for people to settle down, thus allowing them to save face and allow whoever they have deemed to be the problem to simply quietly fade off into the background. In response to this winter's general inconsistency and overall shittiness, from missing the majority of the broomball season and Winter Carnival to showing up randomly now in late March, MTU Admin is preparing to do the snow itself what it has done multiple times in the last few years to university employees deemed to be more trouble than they are worth.

"It just avoids the bad publicity" University President of Firing Affairs, Dr. Tricky Dick, said in an interview. "It makes things really easy for us when we don't actually fire anyone but just get them to resign instead. I mean, all the cool corporations are doing it, why not us as well?" Dr. Dick further elaborated that it has worked really well in the past, such as when releasing a certain faculty from the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department back circa 2021 for some... interesting positions they took in a letter to the University Senate, or when releasing a certain Dean of Students for reasons similar to at least one



lawsuit that had been filed against that Dean before they hired them and quietly trying to replace them with a new one and hoping people just wouldn't really notice (somehow– though we did get a much better Dean out of the deal so at least there's that).

Outright firing an employee, or in this case, the Snow, doesn't occur often in the University. Even in the cases it's used, they have found it's best to wait for a few months after the controversial event while taking some token efforts in order to divert the most fallout (and occasionally, harassment) towards the employee in question and their department and away from University Administration, pretending as though nothing happened in the classic "I can't see it therefore it cannot hurt me" gambit. This lets them seize the next small conflict they can as the excuse to fire the employee, and pretend that it wasn't for controversial or potentially political reasons. This is why the University is only now beginning the first steps of soft firing the Snow, rather than doing so back in February. Enough people have gotten over how generally shite this winter has been for wintery campus activities that Administration hopes no one will notice. Of course, that delay wasn't spent looking for a replacement for the snow- that would be ridiculous. It's much easier to just let the College of Weather figure that one out after the Snow is gone. This plan is foolproof.

Dear Daily Bull

DJ Benjamin

Dear Daily Bull,

I am struggling trying to prepare for a big event. I've been planning it for months but there's a big problem I'm running into when trying to figure out what I'm going to do at the end of the event. Namely, I don't really know how to leave. I know that sounds weird, but the event is a special occasion where I need to leave with a lot more than I came in with, and I need to do it without anyone seeing me. It's really important that no one sees me—I don't want people to think I'm greedy or anything like that when they see me hauling out all the stuff I got at this event. Everything is also going to be very heavy and dense, and I'd like to move as much of it as I could without being noticed.

Hypothetically speaking, say I've already gotten into the area at the center of the venue where all the things that I need to move are located. Also say that, hypothetically, say all I've brought in with me at this point is a camouflage outfit, about 50 feet of rope, a set of lockpicks, a pocket knife, a pen, a My Little Brony backpack, an envelope, some stamps and some paper, which I have already hypothetically used to write to the best satire paper I know. The items I need to move are all about 27.4 lbs and I need to move as many of them as I can. The venue has an outer ring of chain-link fence topped with razorwire, two inner walls that surround a gravel area, concrete walls, and the room with the stuff I need to move out is underground.

Please help as promptly as you can. I'd appreciate a quick response as the event is really really soon.

From, Confused in Kentucky

Dear Confused,

Your best bet is probably to wait until some items from the venue need to be moved for other purposes and then make sure yours are included in that shipment as well, then simply divert the shipment and extract your items that way. This may require you to get a job at the venue, if possible. If that is not an option, consider instead fashioning a sling with the rope and throwing the items over the fences that way. You likely will only be able to get a few out before you are seen, so if you have the ability wait until sunset or sunrise on a clear day so that the low angle of the sun will help obscure the objects from view, provided you're on the correct side of the venue. Note that you will likely need multiple passes of the rope to form the sling, as the items are so heavy. Then, you should be able to walk out and collect them no problem.

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