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Everything you've learned in school as "obvious" becomes less and less obvious as you begin to study the universe. For example, there are no solids in the universe. There's not even a suggestion of a solid. There are no absolute continuums. There are no surfaces. There are no straight lines.

-R. Buckminster Fuller

It's a Small World After All

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I graduated from Tech in the spring of 2010, and I've had one quest ever since: meet somebody who has gone to Tech that wasn't there while I was. I really liked how the U.P. was so isolated and rural, but that made it increasingly hard to find people who knew it existed, let alone been there. Aside from people living in Wisconsin, downstate Michigan, and the bottom of Lake Superior, I rarely found anybody who had heard of the place.

Thus began my quest. Every time I drive long distances or fly in and out of airports, I always make sure to wear a Michigan Tech shirt, hoping that some wayward traveller might recognize the name and strike up a conversation. Tech and the U.P. are just a tad up there though, so I rarely got any second glances.

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OKC Power Outlet Still in Shock Following Frat Party

from Liz Fujita - Current Dictator

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK – Doctors at a psychiatric ward in Oklahoma City recently released one of their patients after several days of counseling following a large party Saturday night. The anonymous power outlet, who asked to be referred to as "Zaps," says that his life will never be the same after witnessing the crazy things that college students do.

"The things I saw... just can't be unseen," said Zaps in a shaky voice. "I mean, I'm a plug! My designated purpose is for things to go into me – and I still was astonished by some of those girls!"

He said that things started out fairly well

at his station in one of the bedrooms. Being on lamp duty, he was able to just relax and listen to music coming from downstairs. "I'm a big fan of AC/DC, and they played some good remixes of that," he recalled quietly. But then, about an hour into the party, a couple busted into the bedroom "with all the grace and elegance of a bull mastiff on LSD."

Zaps attests that he was not raised to be a prude ("I'm a pretty wellgrounded guy, you know? I know that people do some crazy things. I

... see The Walls have Eyes on back





K-Day was kind of hot for also being Cirno Day. Did you get any good swag?



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Planking 101

Not to be confused with a "plank" as in a as 1994, though it did not become wide wooden board, the fad of "planking" or spread until 2009. "the lying down game" has phenomenally become an activity most are familiar with. The game made the news while seven Planking is the act of lying down in the doctors on duty in Sweden were susmost random locations, then taking a picture and posting it on the web.

of Liberty said. "And in the blink of an eye, appears as if planking is here to stay! \$\frac{1}{2}\$ he planked to his death."

Although I don't believe there is ever a real winner of the game, the act of planking in itself will make you feel like you are indeed, winning. Plank wars have reached tremendous heights from planking in trees to planking in airplanes. Comedian Tom Green claims the fame of planking (we all know his fame clearly did not come from "Freddy got fingered" 2001). He says planking has been around as early



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By Kay (I plank, do you?) ~ Up'N'Coming Writer

pended for playing the game. Planking on top of the emergency room? +100 points for creativity! Some of our very beloved The art of planking is vital and at best, icons play the game including Prime Minaddicting. A man visiting New York from ister John Key and our one and only Hugh Tillamook, Utah was so into planking he Hefner. Though many have tried to kill off planked to his death. "I seen him from the trend and create something new like the ground" a tourist viewing the Statue teapotting, horsemanning, and owling, it



A snack aisle? Big deal. Newb.

... Boom-di-yada from front

While raving around this summer at Camp Bisco, a 3-day music festival held outside of Albany, I hit a lucky strike. I was dancing to Pretty Lights at 4 AM when I happened to turn around to survey the crowd. Then I saw it: somebody had created a sign with a map of the U.P. on it! Genius! I snapped a picture and figured I'd never see those kids again.

On my way out later I somehow managed to run into the same kids in the middle of a crowd of 10.000 people leaving the final set. Turns out they were going to Northern! They were on a summer-long trip to go to as many music festivals as possible. They also looked like 420 hippies, but that's ok because they knew where Tech was! Woo!

That wasn't good enough though, so I kept up my search. Somewhere out there are tens of thousands of Tech alumni just waiting to say hello to. Unfortunately, there seem to be more Northern alumns. because I next ran into a kind old woman working an airport gate booth in Boston. She recognized my Tech shirt and

seemed equally surprised that someone had been to the U.P. We made a joke about how winter was coming (in August) and I went on my way.

Then in a strange coincidence, I happened upon someone who did not go to Tech, but had actually grown up in Houghton! I think this is even rarer than somebody who went to Tech, especially considering how many Yoopers stay in da U.P. I was talking with some radio kids about how I was a DJ at my undergrad radio station (WMTU 91.9 FM represent!) when one kid asks where that was. I told him Michigan Tech.

"Dude, I was born in Hancock," he says. I about fell out of my chair. What are the odds that some kid was born and raised in the shadow of MTU, then comes to SUNY Albany while I'm here looking for long lost Yooper souls? I almost consider the circle

complete. To complete a circle, I have to meet somebody here in Albany that knows a friend of mine from Tech. He mentioned someone that I had seen in passing but never actually met. Close enough, right?

So if you graduated from Houghton HS a few years ago and happen to know a guy with the last name DeLuca, lemme know. I found him for you.



No wonder nobody knows where the UP is.

... The Walls have Eyes from front

sometimes people cross the line. He noted that one of the girls appeared in that bedroom on at least seven different occasions, each time with a different companion. "Let's just say she mastered the art of the power strip," he said dryly. "Zero to naked in under five seconds."

numerous couples to leave him to his peace, Zaps started flickering the there were no other witnesses to the debauchery; his comrades are mostly

just don't want to see it."), but that to make. "I had my eyes shut most of the night, honestly," noted the plug by the couch. "I was on speaker duty, and it's really hard to see through those power bricks. I guess it's probably better that way."

be scarred by the dirty deeds he saw In a desperate attempt to get the that came in must have really felt everyone be considerate and courtethat storm." He added that students room brothers had no real comment ence in amperage or voltage, or the crap out of them.

presence of any corrosion around the plug could lead to disastrous consequences.

He also added that the next time a party is hosted at that particular fraternity, he plans to blow out as Zaps insists that his mind will always many fuses as possible "just for fun."

done that night. "One of the couples As a PSA, the Daily Bull is asking that sparks between them," he explained, ous to your plug friends. They don't "and let's just say they didn't feel the deserve to see some of those things! bedside lamp to no avail. He said that need for a surge protector during Zaps noted that he wished he had more right to yell at people. However, should always be careful what they he's still content with knowing that the hidden behind dressers or full of Xbox do with their prongs, especially when next time some dumbass goes to plug and laptop cables. Similarly, the living dealing with foreign outlets. A differ- in their mood music, he can shock the



Look who we spied on the subway, headed for a Bull meeting! Come check us out on Wednesday! We gather at 9:15 in Walker 143 - be there or be googly-eyed!