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MTU Reveals Dow Mineshaft

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Since the first ground was broken fifteen months ago, contractors have been hard at work installing a new elevator shaft behind the Dow. After an entire school year of seemingly minimal progress, there were many questions regarding what exactly was taking so long, and what could be so hard about installing an elevator when entire buildings were finished in roughly the same amount of time. As construction draws close to finishing, with the elevator projected to be up and running by Spring semester, the answers were finally available after an announcement from MTU.

The Dow elevator isn't just any elevator: it's an elevator into a brand new MTU-branded mineshaft. Seeking to revive the school's proud history of mining engineering, and in an effort to prevent the Mining Engineering major going the way of the Engineering Mechanics M.S. program, MTU has begun sinking a mineshaft right behind the Dow. As it turns out, the Keweenaw fault happened to buckle in just the right way to cause copper-rich seams to be



perfectly vertical right where the back of the Dow sits, providing the perfect site for a vertical elevator to not only serve as an elevator for the rest of the building, but also carry students and miners underground.

With MTU's status as a public research university, direct monetization of any copper extracted isn't the goal of the shaft. Rather, the shaft will be multipurpose, serving not only as an educational and training tool, but also as a way to preserve and engage with the industrial history of the area. Multiple departments have announced their intent to utilize the shaft for various purposes. On top of the obvious work of the Geology and Mining Engineering department, the Forestry Department will teach students to identify, cut, and install timbers to support the stopes, and the Business school will have a class starting next Fall that puts students in the position of copper bosses, having to make business decisions in managing the operation of the mine. However, where there's copper bosses, there are workers, and the Keweenaw Socialists have already begun organizing in response. A strike from students who would be using the mine has already been called for, since that the shaft is clearly unsafe since it's being dug straight down, inadvisable according to common mining practices.

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Career Fair to Ban Non-Engineers

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Last Tuesday was another successful Career Fair. Hoards of students made their way to the SDC, resumes in hand, in hopes of finding full time employment or summer internships. Many of them waited hours in line for the rare chance to speak with a recruiter, only to be given 5 seconds and told to apply online. Some weren't even sure what company they were waiting in line for, only believing they could give their elevator pitch and hand off a resume into the void. Hundreds of civil engineers found jobs, and at least one other student got hired (probably).

As more students attend MTU every year, the Career Fair has just gotten bigger and bigger. And the lines have gotten longer and longer. Large employers such as Dow, GM, and Milwaukee Tool had lines looping all the way around the gymnasium, multiple times once the recess officially started. Epic, with their usual promise of "we hire all majors" attracting massive attention, was quarantined to the second floor of the wood gym in hopes the students waiting would only crowd out the few other companies up there. Career services is desperate to mitigate these awful crowds, so students in the three majors that are considered employable can meet their destined job recruiter. In a radical attempt to mitigate these issues, they have announced that non-engineering majors will be banned from Career Fair next year.

"They aren't hiring you anyway, you'll have better luck elsewhere." they said in their official announcement.

Many majors affected, particularly those in CFRES and the Humanities, are disappointed but not particularly upset. Most of those asked didn't attend Career Fair to begin with.

"Recruiters give me weird looks when I tell them my major, asking what that has to do with engineering," claimed one third year technical communication major, "so why bother climbing all the way up there?" On the other side, a second year forestry major expressed annoyance as they had received many useful gadgets more than making up for the wasted time not finding a job. They showed off the dishwasher they had received from Whirlpool's table the previous year. This truly is a detriment to the free goodies market.

The most vocally upset have been the majors not labeled under the engineering umbrella but still lightly catered to by a handful of employers at the event. Your College of Computing and Business degrees, and miscellaneous degrees like physics and chemistry (completely distinct from chem eng). These previously hopeful students are livid they're losing their chance to talk to the five employers with their major listed on their banner, only to be suggested a job barely related to their field. The students were specifically targeted for their tendency to walk multiple circles around the gymnasium, trying to find the single employer hiring in their major. This behavior, claims career services, is just causing more of a backup for every student there. Career services hopes this banning of students means the rest of us can find some decent jobs. But more likely it will stay more of the same.

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