

The HANDY

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EDITOR'S NOTE

So, you picked up our latest issue, The Handy Issue. Maybe you are reading this online. If you're not, well, we got a website. [Insert subtle plug] Anyway, we gave out our summer issue at the start of the semester. I consider this one our first real issue of the academic year. I sat down with some members of the executive board and asked them if they had any thoughts on what a theme could be for this issue. Now, no matter what, I have final say. I decide the theme, y'know, as the dictator. At times, I try to be benevolent and hear what my subordinates have to say. After some discussion, we landed on The Handy Issue. A theme which I found very fitting.

The idea of something being handy has different meanings. There's construction, household fixers, and the obvious sexual innuendos. In the making of this issue, we tried to balance the sexual aspects of the theme with the more industrial ones, but sex jokes are quite easy to make. We attempted some balance, but y'never know with us. Nine times out of 10, phallic imagery will be present in an issue of *The Athenian*, so you can't be surprised when we go overboard.

Anyway, I am back for my second year as editor-in-chief. I've made some mistakes, done some other stuff, and hope to make things look good for the rest of the academic year.

Counteracting foot fetish allegations,
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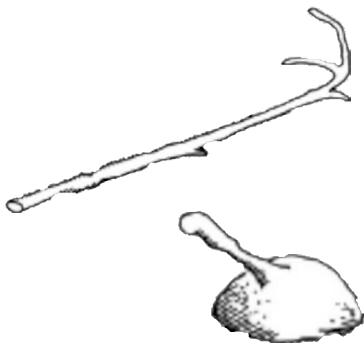
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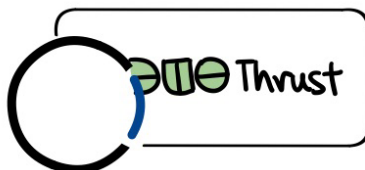
CWRU Unveils New Authentication Before Sex

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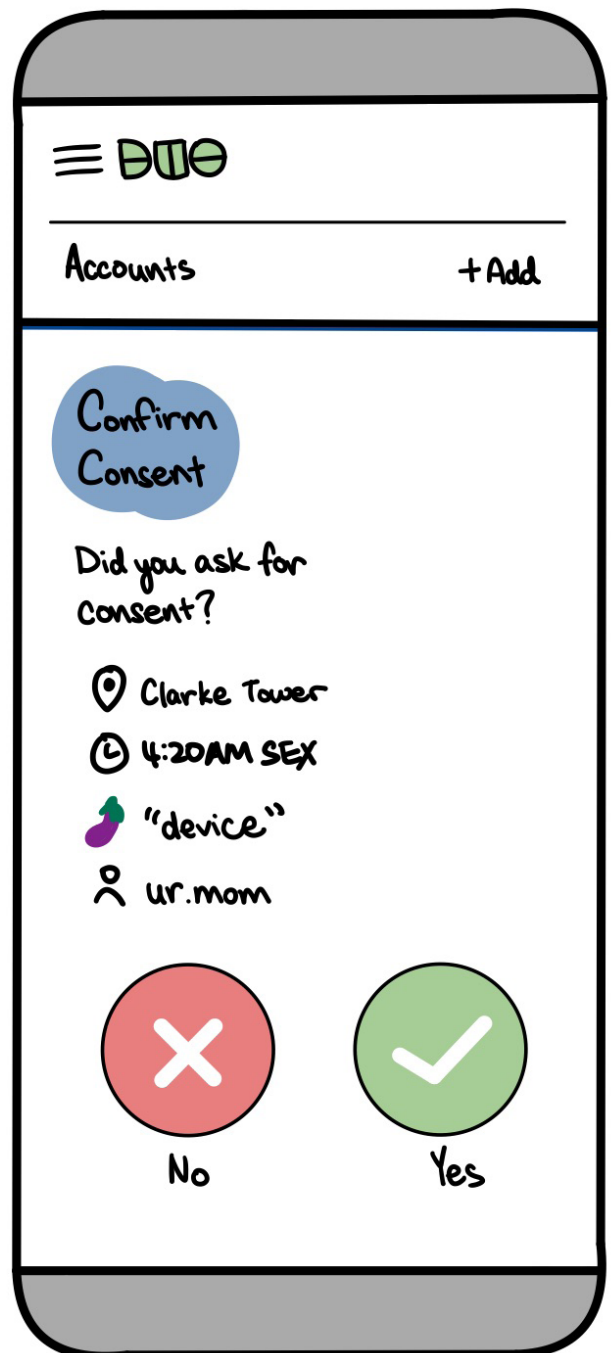
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CREDIT: THAT SHORT ONE

CAMPUS VIGILANTE STRIKES AGAIN!

BY SAM PERLAH-HARD & SILVRY TAY



BREAKING — the infamous vigilante repairman known as Handy Randy has been identified as the individual responsible for the incident now known as the Great Transfiguration of the Peter B. Lewis Building (PBL). With reports of their activity being traced back to the first week of classes, Handy Randy has been on a streak of “repairs” across the Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) campus. University President Eric W. Kaler claimed in a recent email that “all construction and construction delays across the university may be entirely attributed to this one individual and their horrific actions.”

Handy Randy’s first transgression occurred on the second day of classes. Following the fourth microwave popcorn-related fire alarm in Storrs Hall, every microwave in the North Residential Village (NRV) was found burnt out. Upon further investigation, authorities uncovered forks which had been maliciously placed in each microwave. The deed was later connected to a Fizz post celebrating NRV as “fire alarm-free for the first time since 1965.” Unfortunately, since then there has been no detectable decrease in the number of fire alarm activations in NRV. Maintenance workers have also reported a 500% uptick in dormitory bonfires, which were found to contain the ashes of spit-roasted mac and cheese.

The second repair was an attempt to respond to the ongoing yellow jacket infestation across CWRU campus. Over the course of a week, several individuals spotted an individual presumed to be Handy Randy pouring gallons of radioactive waste into every yellow jacket nest on campus. Following this, observations of the decrease in the number of yellow jackets across campus became a common topic of conversation among absolutely no one. In unrelated news, there has been a recent increase in the number of giant mutant wasp attacks.

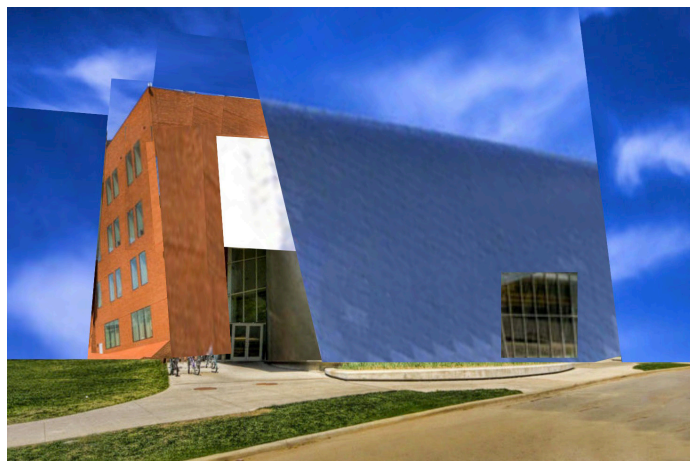
Handy Randy’s penultimate repair came on September first in Sears think[box]. After a lack of action from think[box] staff to address the ever-increasing number of complaints about the number of available tool trainings, all machines from think[box] were found neatly arranged on the quad with sticky notes saying “try me!” and an essay on the benefits of experiential learning laminated and taped to each machine. Surprisingly, it took until a water gun fight broke out using the waterjet cutter before CWRU police got involved and the machines were returned to think[box].

Upon surveying the CWRU student population about the culprit, authorities were surprised to find that Handy Randy had support from the majority of the student body, which overwhelmingly reported the incidents as “pretty funny.” This approval places Handy Randy above Spartie (mascot), Spartie (dog),

every single administrator on campus, and Tim Misny.

In the final incident of this string of debauchery, which came to be known as the great transfiguration of PBL, students and faculty awoke on the morning of September 10th and were shocked to discover that the Peter B. Lewis building had “become normal” overnight. In the aftermath of the change, 47 freshmen formerly lost in the building were uncovered, as well as three professors emeriti. The incident also happened to coincide with a reported 90% decrease in blindness among Weatherhead students. During the ensuing investigation, authorities uncovered a note etched into the back of a rock-hard burger from Leutner Commons. The note, presumed to be written by Handy Randy, is almost entirely illegible except for the words “pretty easy if you think about it”, “67”, and “engineering major.” This has not narrowed the search.

If you have any information relating to the identity of the culprit, please keep your mouth shut. Campus is better than it’s ever been



A picture of the newly transformed PBL, courtesy of Grank Fehry

CWRU TRIES ITS HAND AT A NEW SPORT

BY JOHN JOHANNES

Sports gurus might have been surprised last week when the Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) Athletics Instagram introduced the brand new gloving team.

The Gloving Team was introduced as a D3 sport this year in response to the suspiciously high number of freshmen who self-identify as “competitive glovers.” The team holds practices every Sunday morning from 12-3 a.m. in the basement of Clarke Tower, which provides the darkness needed for their TikTok videos. The Glovers tend to practice to songs such as “Shape of You,” “Believer,” and “The CWRU Fight Song.”

While some watch the marching band practicing outside Tinkham Veale University Center (Tink), the real lucky ones are those who stay up from 6-6:07 a.m. on the second Thursday of every third month to observe the Gloving Team finally touching grass. This is their tri-monthly team bonding experience, and the only time they’re allowed to leave Clarke Tower.

As a boots-on-the-ground journalist, I woke up early on September 10th to observe the Gloving Team’s first bonding experience of the fall semester. I sat on the steps of Tink and brought my binoculars. It’s truly a spectacle of unique music and glowing lights. However, I also knew it couldn’t last long. At exactly 06:06:55 a.m. I bolted outside to try and snag one of them to interview. As they all left in their zombie-like line to the shuttle that would lead them back to the North Residential Village, I snagged one of them by their upper arm (I learned that if you try and grab them by any place below the elbow, they start screaming) and dragged them into the basement of Tink. Below is the transcribed interview of the athlete, who will remain anonymous:

Gideon Handsmith, can you explain exactly what the Gloving Team does?

“I like to think of it more as a Gloving *Family*.”

Okay, can you explain to me what your Gloving Family does?

“We utilize the aura of our hands to looksmax the world around us to the beats of the harmony of our souls. It’s frankly a spiritual thing.”

Mind elaborating?

“Well, we have to connect to the cold, dark basement around us in order to get the best moves we can. When battling it out, one v. one, we have to sense our opponent’s aura through our nose and best channel that into the sick beats of AJR.”

You guys fight one v. one?

“To practice for comps, yeah. Our season starts next month. We don’t know who we’re playing yet, but so far in the running are Oberlin, OSU, Kenyon, Denison, and UPenn.”

What do you do when you’re not practicing?

“ ”

Gideon...?

After this, the anonymous glover started twitching and muttering incoherently to themselves. I figured it was time to shuffle them back to Clarke Tower. Maybe I’ll get more information on December 10th, when their next outdoor bonding activity is scheduled (I heard they’ll be making snow gloves).

Please remember to support CWRU Athletics whenever possible. The Gloving Team will be holding a fundraiser next to the giant hand by the Museum of Contemporary Art one week before their first game. While they won’t be actively outside and present for it, students will be able to order lights to stick on the hand, which will already have a glove on it. They will also be selling “Cbat” CDs to practice gloving, as well as condoms with lights at the tips for those unskilled with their hands.

COCKROACH CARAMELS

(MAKES 10 TREATS!)

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 6 tbsp unsalted butter, room temperature
- ½ cup heavy cream, room temperature
- 1 tsp salt
- Special ingredient 🦗 😊

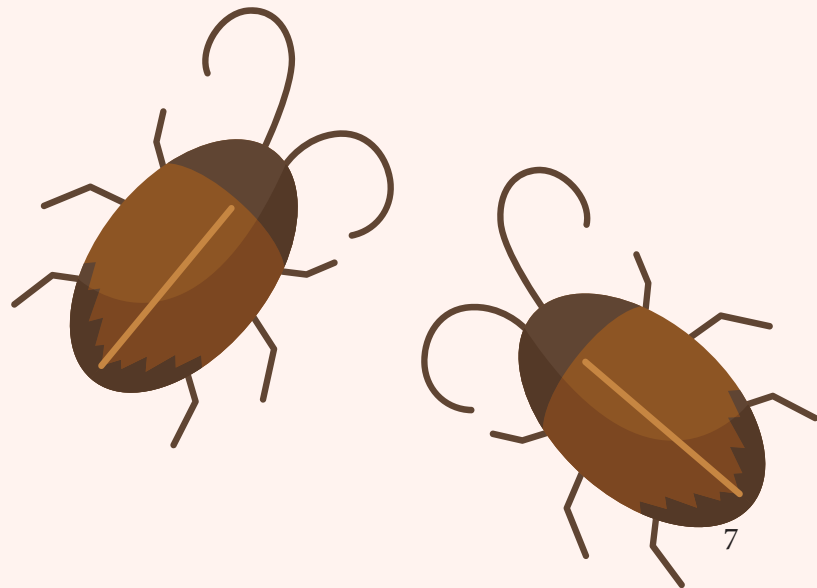
PROCESS:

- Heat the sugar in a non-stick pan, stirring continuously
- Once completely melted, remove from heat and stir in butter (in pieces!)
- Pour in heavy cream and salt, mix until combined
- While the caramel is runny, pour 2 tbsp caramel on each roach
- Set the roaches in the fridge or freezer to cool
- Enjoy :)



Roach problem?

Luckily, the writers of *The Athenian* have a **TASTY** solution for you



THE HAND OF THE ARTIST

BY JEAN GRENOUILLE IMAGINAIRE

The Sheet Metal Sisters

Many lesser critics refer to the *Sisters* as the “Alphabet Series,” but such critics are clearly simpletons (à la “ABC”).

The sculptures are constructed out of sheet metal, roughly bent and pressed until it yielded under the hands of the artist to a perfect form. An obvious nod to the force which is the way of life for Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) artists and art students (the other impotent disciplines can be safely ignored).

Big D

An homage to all things D. A clear love letter by the auteur to dictionaries, dabbing, ducks, daddies, dicks, dildos, and far much more in the way of the D. Of course, it is the splendidous D-ness of this sculpture that pounds into the minds of weaker critics the idea that the sculptures are alphabetical; Jean Grenouille Imaginaire, however, can take quite the pounding.



Piano

This is a piano, though with careful analysis by a master critic, it is revealed to be a love letter in a similar vein to the Big D. “What is this sculpture missing?” I ask the inferior critic, whose answer is so asinine it needs no reprinting here; the answer — of course — is the keys, what the hands of the player dance upon. It is precisely those hands that the artist’s heart beats for: those toned and tactful hands that dextrously dance upon the supple whiteness of the keyboard, pressing at all the right points to release all the right noises from the grand body of the instrument. *That* is the true meaning of this second sculpture.

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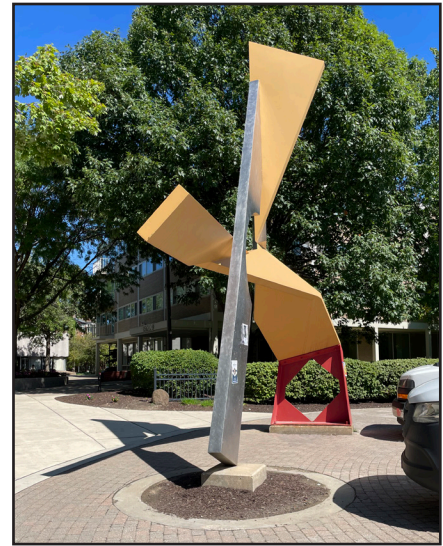
Be a force. This is the clear meaning of the last of the *Sisters*. Beautifully done in Force Blue (hex \#2359ef), this work clearly depicts a 200 in celebration of the 200th year of Being a Force. A force which forcefully forces force upon all that does not bend to its will; much like the force of the artist, whose artisanal hand does force the world to bend forcefully and bow to its force-hand-demands, reshaping the weak into the touched and the beautiful.



The “Fourth”

Many an amateur critic has presumed there to be a fourth sculpture, but there is not. It is simply the result of the primitive minds of such critics being overwhelmed by the orgasmic excellence of the *Sisters*.

The *Precarious Origami* (referred to as “Start” by inferior critics) is the clearest and most damning assault on the “discipline” of engineering by that of art. Whereas art creates and reveals the pillars on which heaven hangs, the engineer simply nails boards together until nap-time. The *Precarious Origami* is the spiritual representation of the folly of all engineers. It is a loose (like the engineer itself) construction of cut panels, threatening to drop at any moment and kill the superior artist walking below. The engineer is like Icarus (a fellow engineer and spiritual equal in immaturity) attempting to climb to the heavens, but with a shoddy and inferior craft that shall quickly fail. But the engineer lets down more than itself when its fragile formations fall from the sky; the engineer crushes the rest of us right at our *Start*.



There are two issues I have with the Case Western Reserve University (Be a Force) art collection. The first is that the *Flared Base Steel Rod* is inaccessible due to the construction of the Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering Building (a complete and utter waste of space, materials, and architectural effort. As such, I will have to resort to rephrasing Ohio Outdoor Sculpture's thoughts (for the sake of the reader): The *Steel Rod* part (central to the sculpture) thrusts twenty-five feet straight up, at which point it is cut off and can be seen to be a hollow cylinder. The *rod* is thrusting from a 25-foot circular *base*, which is of a flared shape. Sadly, Ohio Outdoor Sculpture has not the wherewithal to comment on the meaning of such a thrusting rod and flared base, but meekly mentions that it commemorates some experiment about the speed of motion or some such scientific nonsense.



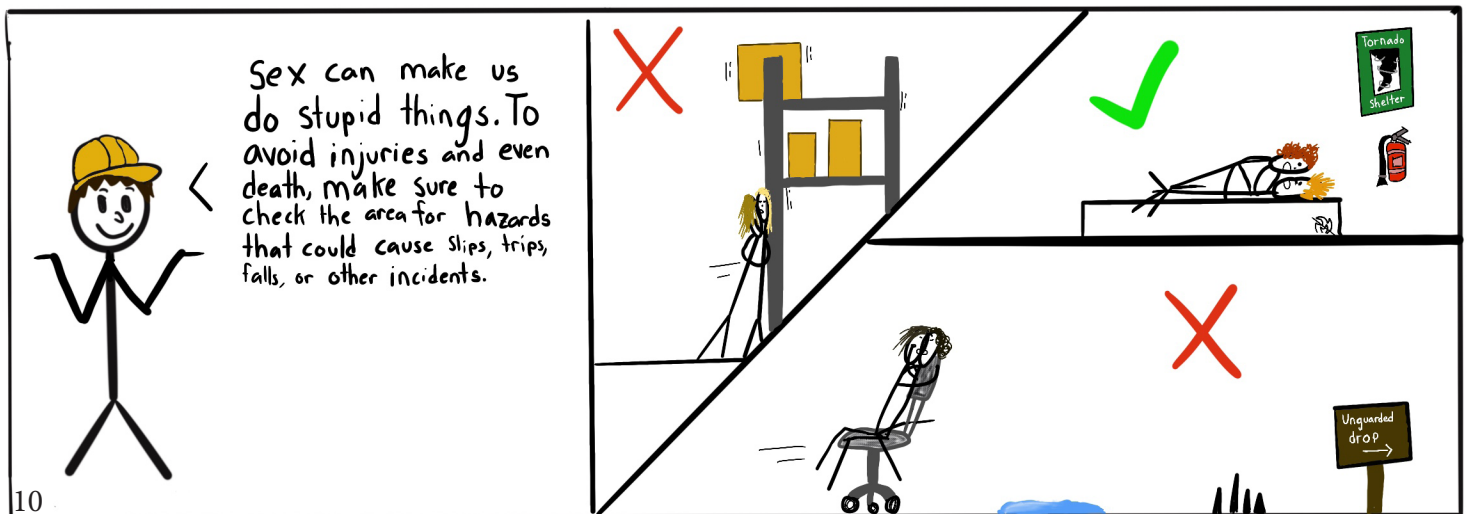
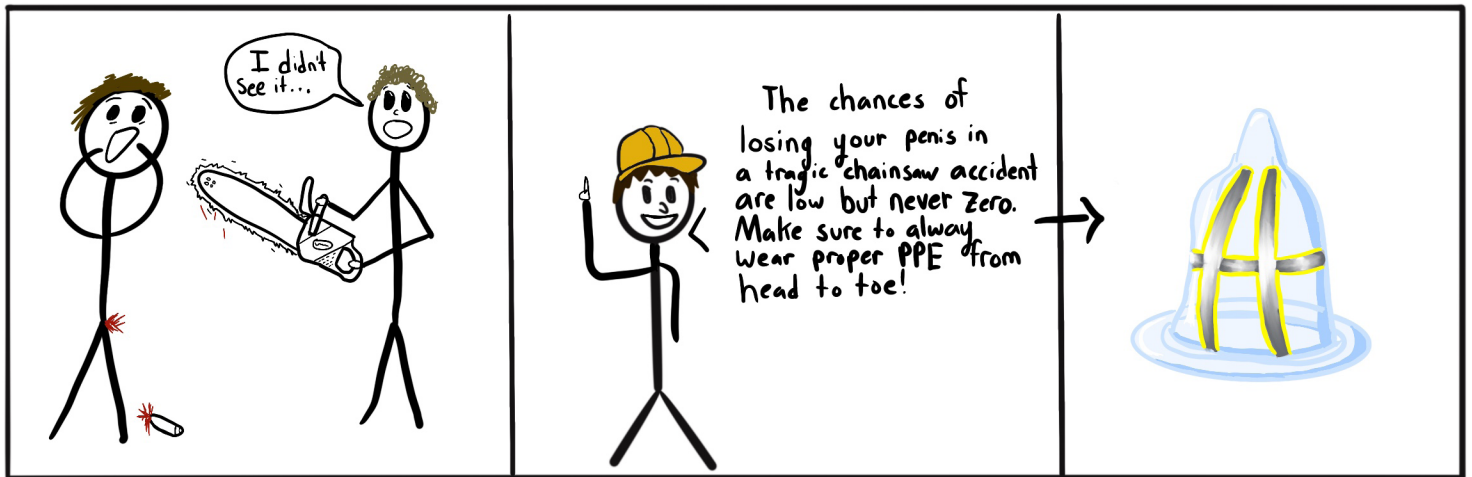
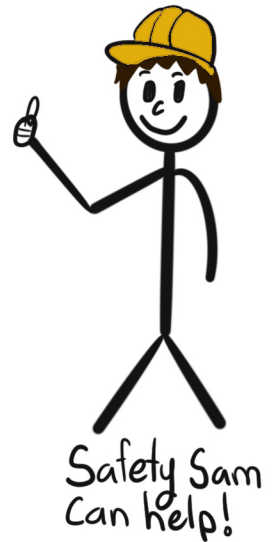
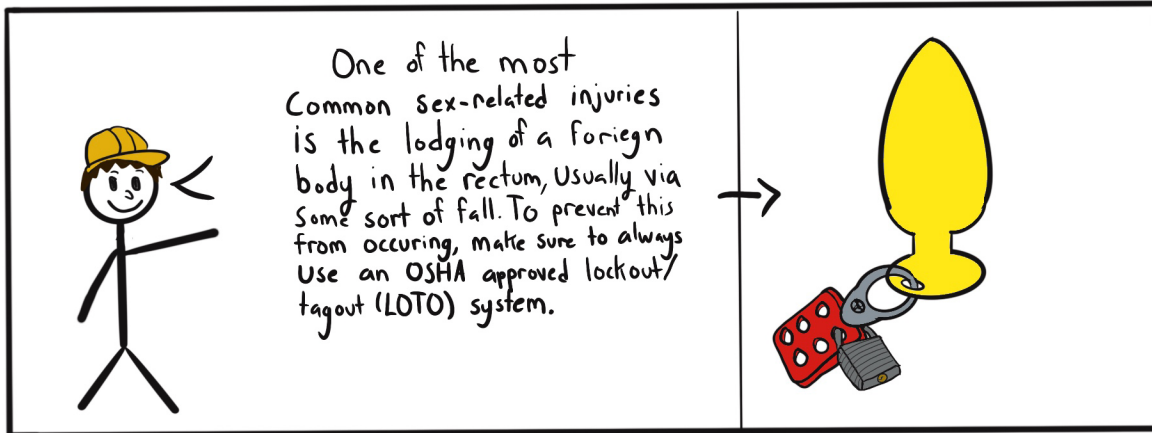
The second of my great criticisms of the Case (Force) art collection is the *Spitball*: clearly designed by an engineer, it contains neither spit nor balls. The thing is simply a matte-black twist of angular metal (no doubt some Fusion 360 default construct of sorts) scaled to take on the assumption of grandeur. It has no real content (nor spit nor balls) and ought not to truly be considered art.

An obvious tour de force of Being a Force. While the hand of science (in fact, the hands of all other studies) may be invisible and ephemeral, the hand of the artist is big and strong. The veins mark this hand as a true statement of power. One can only dream of the grip strength this mighty hand might be capable of, the handiwork it might lay upon the world. The beautiful, glorious grasps and gropings of the true nature of the human condition that this wondrous piece evokes are enough to make even the most stoic and intelligent of art critics cum their fucking pants immediately ooooouuuouuuhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh



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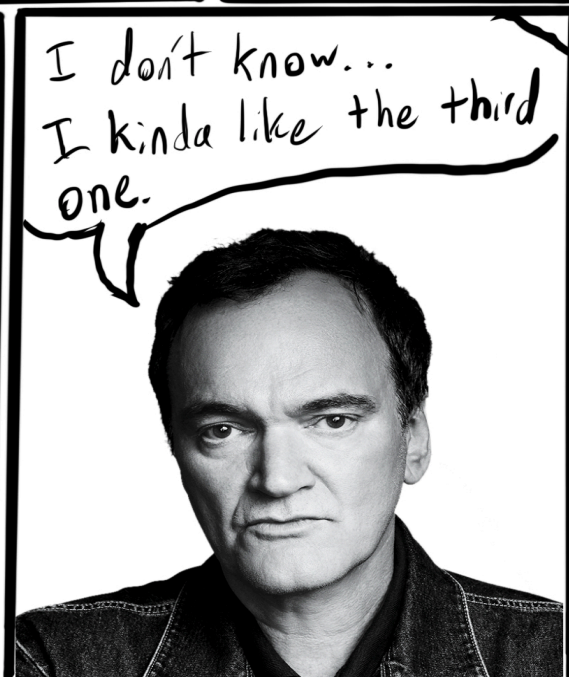
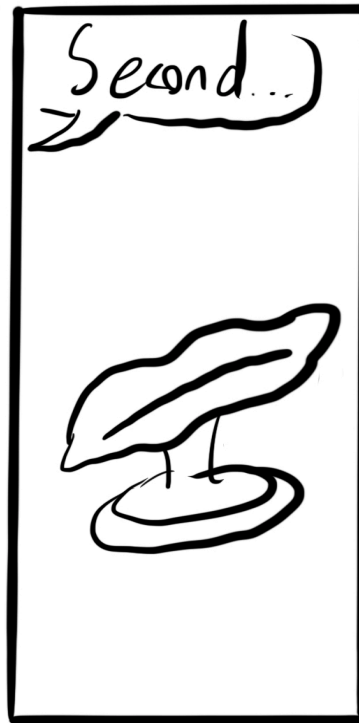
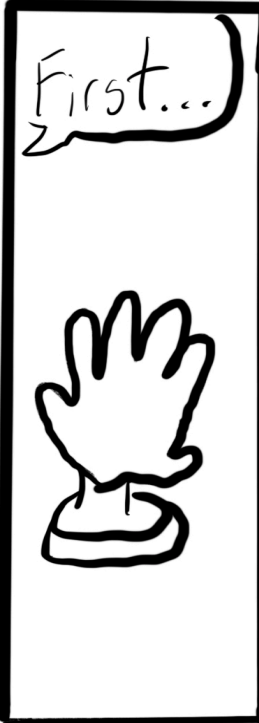
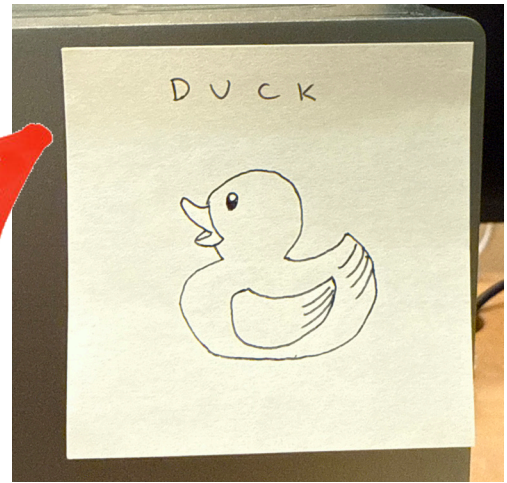
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A DUCK DRAWN BY A LIL GUY



KALER ANNOUNCES END TO HEATED WALKWAY PILOT PROGRAM

BY MARY JUANA

Upon returning to campus this August, many students at Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) were surprised to find many common campus locations, such as Nord Hall and Thwing Student Center, marred by fences, exposed pipework, and hard hats as construction teams worked hard to install new heated walkways designed to keep clear of snow in the winter.

This program was announced in July, when President Eric W. Kaler declared an end to the long-running “Walkway-Heating Adelbert Pilot program” or “WAP program,” which installed a heated walkway along the treacherous route between the campus administration building and the nearest parking lot. After experimenting with WAP for ten long years, President Kaler finally began rolling it out to the rest of campus.

With this exciting turn of events, our team of journalists decided to learn what other pilot programs they’ve been heroically testing out for all of us. Our contact, Dr. Jack Uzi, is the Vice President of Campus Upscaling Measures at CWRU.

Perhaps the nearest accessory to arrive will be brought about by a partnership between Bon Appétit, DoorDash, and Gordon Ramsay. The plan is for professional personal chefs and delivery drivers to work as independent contractors to deliver gourmet meals on-demand to students whenever needed, all through the Mobile Order app. We’ve received no timeline on when students might be able to partake, but Dr. Uzi assures us that CWRU administrators have been stress-testing the system most thoroughly.

In the near future, Dr. Uzi plans to begin a pilot program for the new SafeRide Helicopter Service, which will allow students to traverse campus quickly and efficiently. To ensure maximum safety, CWRU administration will make use of the service as frequently as possible for a minimum of five years before rolling it out for students.

As early as 2027, we may begin to hear the *whump-whump-whump* of helicopter blades as President Kaler puts his life on the line for our sake. Dr. Uzi informs us that the SafeRide helicopters will still likely smell like weed.

When asked if we might expect a pilot program for student housing with working temperature controls in the coming years, Dr. Uzi declined to comment.



Image courtesy of That Short One

COMPUTATIONAL ANALYSIS OF REMOVAL TECHNIQUES FOR A CYLINDER

BY DR. RHOUNDE

A common problem in mechanical engineering is the removal of a 5.1 inch long, 4.5 inch girth cylinder from a surrounding tube packed with a very viscous substance. The cylinder, being attached to a larger object at a weird angle situation, is difficult to remove manually. Destructive removal methods (such as cutting) pose an unacceptable risk of damaging the cylinder, which must not be harmed, and additional methods may cause harm to two other objects attached at the base of the cylinder. This report investigates the commonly proposed removal methods using computational finite element analysis (FEA) to characterize the risk each method poses to the cylinder. To evaluate each method, a simplified computer-aided design (CAD) model of the cylinder and the attached larger body was created. This CAD model was loaded into FEA software, and the appropriate load cases for each manual removal method were simulated. For simplicity, the outer sheath has been omitted from the CAD model.

Simple torsion, arguably the simplest method, is usually the first method of removal attempted by an engineer in a panic. However, despite the simplicity and intuitiveness of the method, simple torsion causes unacceptable deformation of the cylinder, causing great anguish for the engineer. The results of the FEA simulation are visible in Figure 1.

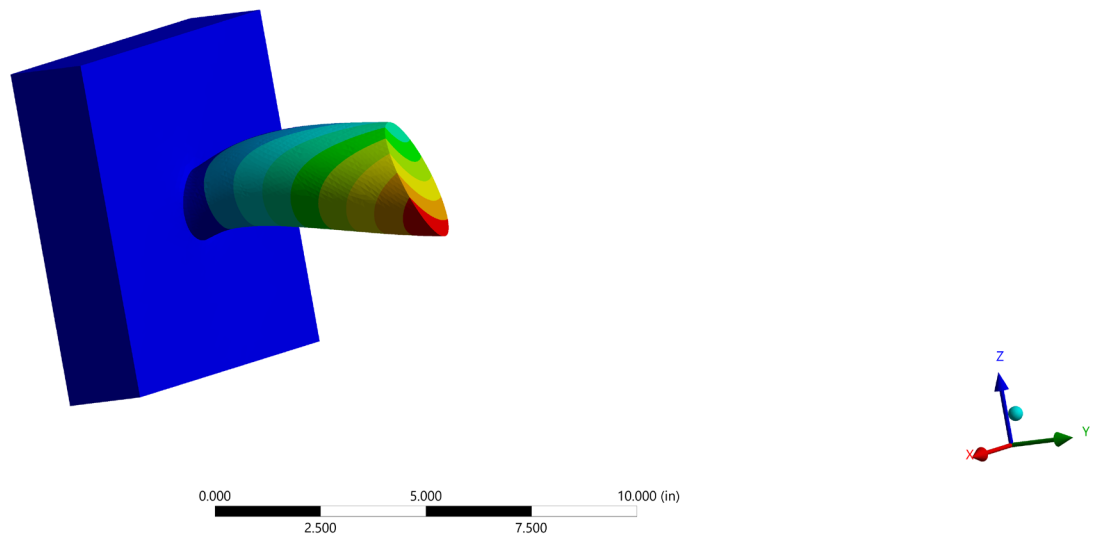


Figure 1. Predicted deformation of the cylinder under simple torsion.

It is plainly apparent that pure mechanical techniques yield unacceptable deformation.

Thermal methods are another method proposed to extricate the cylinder. As proponents of the theory state, it is possible to use the difference in thermal expansion between the cylinder and outer sheath to make extraction possible. Advocates of the theory often propose using heat sources, such as a blowtorch, to deliver the required heat energy. Unfortunately, simulated thermal models demonstrate that using a blowtorch increases the temperature of the cylinder to unacceptable levels, as seen in Figure 2. As such, thermal methods must be ruled out as possible methods.

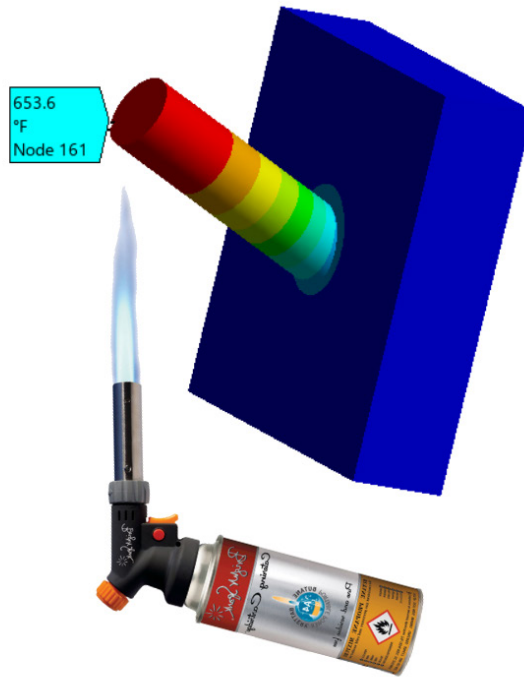


Figure 2. *The computed results of the proposed blowtorch thermal method.*

The final method this report will investigate is the so-called friction method. As the method states, by vigorously rubbing the outer sheath, a frictional force will be applied to the cylinder, potentially loosening it. A diagram of the method is visible below in Figure 3. Due to the complexity of simulating this method, we used an empirical experiment to assess the effectiveness of this method. Our experiment concluded that this method, though we initially felt quite good about it, ultimately proved ineffective. Our experiment ended in disastrous failure, and the viscosity of the fluid in the outer sheath caused severe abrasion damage to our test cylinder. Due to an accident during the experiment, one of our researchers had to be rushed to the hospital.

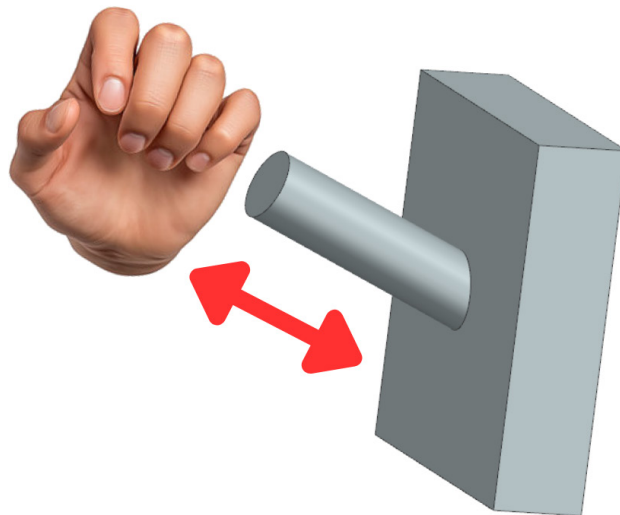


Figure 3. *Diagram of our experiment setup.*

Ultimately, our report concludes that removing a cylinder from an outer sheath filled with viscous fluid without damaging the cylinder is incredibly difficult. All methods investigated, though potentially effective, pose an unacceptable risk of permanently damaging the cylinder, which is highly undesirable. It is our recommendation that cylinders be kept away from sheaths in which they could become stuck, as removing them without specialized equipment is nearly impossible. Further research is still required.

How To Lay Pipe

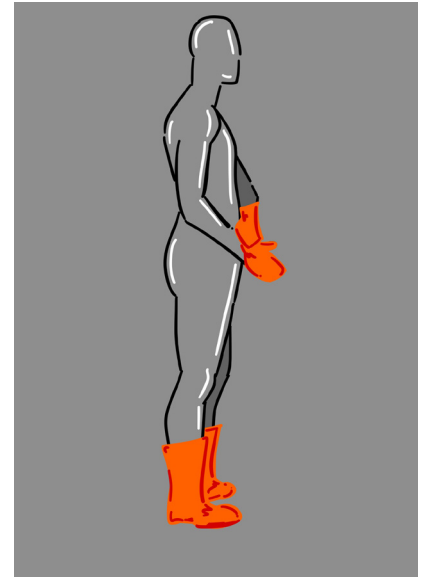
Internet guide for amateur plumbers

By [Phil A. Scrack](#)

I recently received word from a colleague entering the trade who was having trouble when browsing the internet for educational plumbing resources. In particular, all searches related to pipe-laying were redirected to hardcore porn of a deeply upsetting nature. So, I decided to take matters into my own hands and rub out a quick how-to about how to actually lay pipe, from the perspective of an expert plumber — with none of the crude sex jokes I've seen.

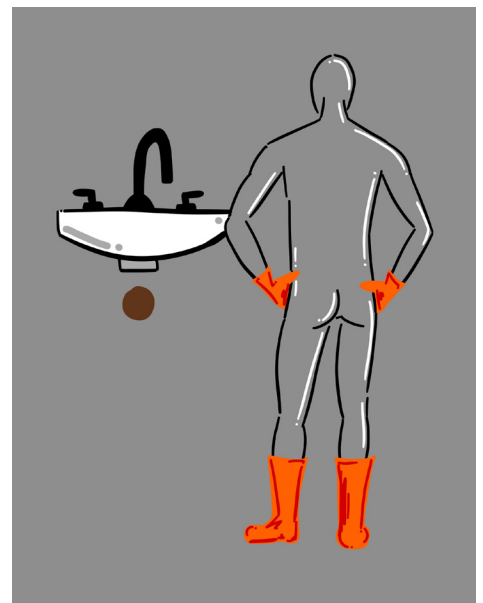
1. Use proper protection.

Plumbing can be hazardous if not properly protected. I recommend using a clean set of rubbers to ensure you don't pick up any diseases, such as tetanus or whatever else may have infected your pipes.



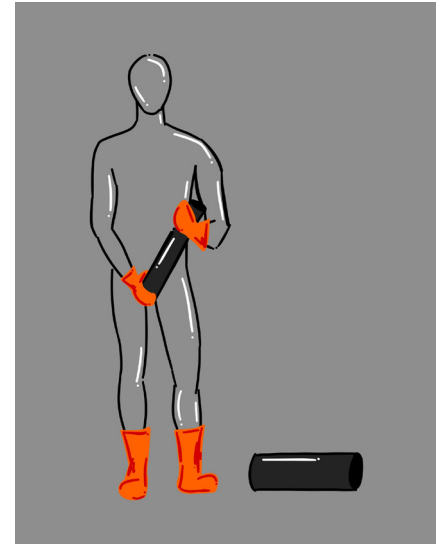
2. Pick a hole.

Before laying any pipe, a plumber must know where to put it. If you don't take care to examine the pipework already in place, you may end up with internal fluids in all the wrong places. The hole must be the right size to accommodate your pipe.



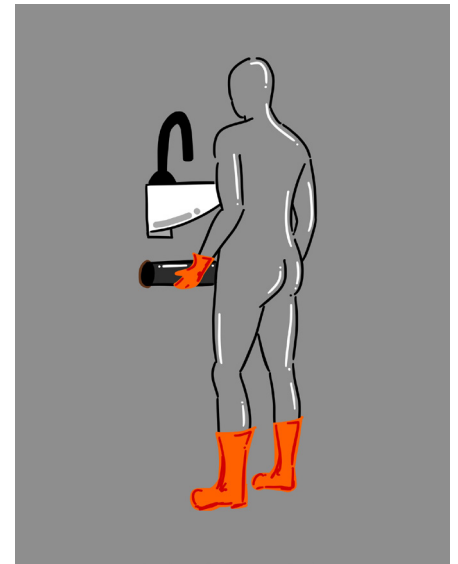
3. Size up your pipe.

Size matters! If your pipe is too narrow, it won't be able to interface correctly. Conversely, if it's too wide, it won't be able to fit in the hole at all. As for length, longer isn't always better! An average-length pipe is just as likely to do the job as a longer one, so long as it's long enough to fill the gap.



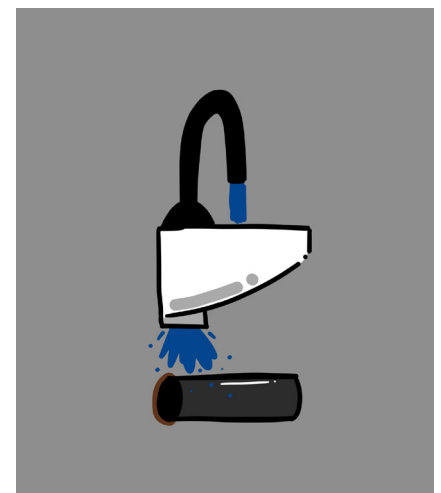
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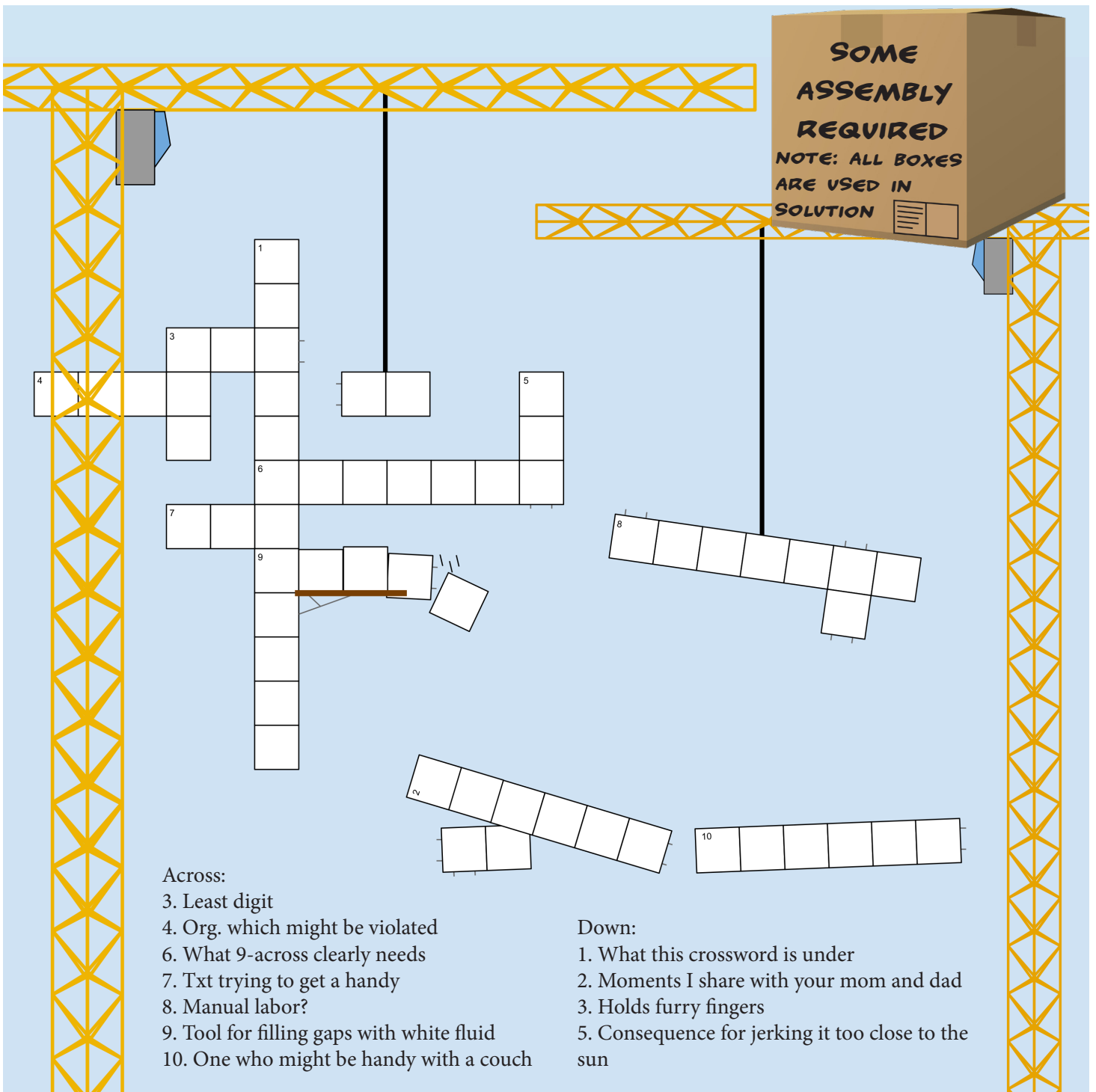
Grip your pipe tightly and insert it into the hole. It might be difficult if the tolerance isn't good, but you should be able to get it in by repeatedly sliding it back and forth until it stays put. Lubrication can assist with this.



5. Test the flow rate.

Once your pipe has been inserted and the tolerance has been checked, you must now check the flow rate by starting the pump. Prepare for potential leaks, and dispose of your dirty rubbers afterward.





***SLAP NOISE ECHOES
THROUGH THE ROOM***





The Athenian Fortune Teller

By The Kuhl Guy

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