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- Epidemic of Non-binary Teens Eating Rocks Worry Geologists as Supply of Interesting Rocks Run Low
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- Following overenrollment, CMU announces losing team of Carnegie Cup to be expelled
- "It's imposter syndrome, you were actually admitted as a mistake" administration admits
- With CMU named as "New Ivy" by Forbes, efforts underway to inflate qpas and decrease minority enrollment

**All this and more, not in this issue!**

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### A Letter...

### ...from the Editor

As the premier and only newspaper on campus, readme is honored to welcome each and every single one of you to Carnegie Mellon University, four years of your life you couldn't have anywhere else. Unless, of course, you buy the all inclusive package for 20% more plus shipping, in which case you can enjoy Carnegie Mellon from the comfort of your own home, 24/7, on up to three different devices! This place has a long and storied history, as one of the first institutions of higher learning on this side of the Appalachians. From the Fence, first constructed in 1917 to keep students from jumping into The Ravine, to the secret tunnels under Purnell that drama professors use to escape angry mobs, to the pre-finals scream all students participate in to convince their professors to curve, dear old tech is a place with a good many traditions for you to engage in. And besides studying in Hunt, and studying in Sorrels, and studying in your dorm, and studying in bed, there is actually quite a bit to do here. I haven't even touched on all the good study rooms in the UC.

Readme, of course, is excited to see you all here, and we really do wish the best in your time on this campus. While we do not, in any way, endorse fun, it's important to remember to prank all your professors once a semester - it's hard to get an A otherwise. CMU's a wonderful place, filled with wonderful people, and you'll make your government-mandated one (1) lifelong memory here in due time. The rest of it? Honestly pretty forgettable.

With all that aside, it's good to remember the three rules of college:

- 1) Don't increase the population
- 2) Don't decrease the population
- 3) Try not getting caught?

Without further ado, and with a warm welcome to hell itself...

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# Auntie ReadMe answers real freshmen questions

Cindy Gao, Dr. Et. Al, and others  
*Freshmen Orienters*

Welcome, freshmen, to the most prestigious institution this side of the Monongahela River! (And this side of the Allegheny as well, and the other side of Forbes, and the other other side of Schenley, and, well, you get the point.) Some of you are probably (understandably!) nervous about going to the school that spawned the monstrosity known as the Duolingo owl, has an inscription on one of its buildings suggesting that women should be responsible for “domestic pleasures” or whatever, and has had almost every one of its buildings flooded, and those of you who aren’t are beyond my help anyways. So, without further ado, I will use my vast year of wisdom to answer REAL questions REAL freshmen have asked.

## Where can I get a fake ID?

For best results, you should probably hit up the CMU Police—they’ve probably seen a lot of them in their day and likely have an entire archive of confiscated ones, so they’re likely at the cutting edge of how to make one look extra convincing! If you choose to go a freelancer and find that you’ve gotten scammed with a bad fake ID, you should immediately call CMUPD, explain your situation to them, and see if they can issue you a new one.

## How do I get into Jane Street?

Legend has it that sometimes, if you’re walking home from a long day at Gates, frustrated by the seeming uselessness of computer science, a stray poodle may lead you to the crossroads where the Mall meets the Pausch Bridge. Oh, don’t be afraid! Little known fact, this poodle is a Jane Street recruiter. Unless you can successfully compress all fifty states into a 5x5 grid, or perhaps create a more optimal solution for the Enigma, he’ll disappear into the night. This will leave you with no more chances to be hired, and no more job prospects.

Heed this word of warning, though. One doesn’t realize that part of the “working for Jane Street” bargain means that you can’t ever feel a single moment of bliss and job satisfaction. Unfortunately, those who do forfeit their souls. Given souls will be immediately possessed by the recruiter and put to work continuing to make real-time market valuations.

(Haha, your Jane Street test has

already begun. This advice is a puzzle!)

## Best ways to fuck with my roommates?

Start by putting one grain of sand on the floor. For every day that passes, double the number of sand grains on the floor—two for the second day, four for the third, etc. This should remain undetected for the first few weeks or so.

Eventually, your roommates may see trails of sand on the ground, and start to have some questions. If you’re lucky, and you’ve cultivated your Bay Area persona well enough, they may dismiss this as a natural part of growing up near a beach. They will be unprepared for the day that sand leaks from the closets and under beds and out of drawers and pushes them out of the room entirely.

## How to deal with bad professors?

Find their most groundbreaking/notable/cited paper, or their dissertation for grad school or whatever. Write one proposing the same ideas. Backdate it to exactly one year before they published theirs (yes, this may be before you were born. If questioned about it, say that you were just a really precocious child). Bring forth charges of plagiarism and watch as they are pushed out in academic disgrace.

If that fails, I may have an idea about a lecture hall and some bags of sand...

## Where’s the best place to secretly drink?

If you’re a School of Computer Science student who wants to keep other SCS students from finding out about your emerging alcoholism, you should try Baker-Porter, or any other humanities building, or really anything that’s outside the Gates/Newell-Simon/Wean triangle. I guarantee they won’t be able to find it.

## How do I transfer to MIT?

Now that is an iconically Tartan question! Props for already embracing one of the iconic CMU mottos—“my heart is in the work”, “everyone at this school is better than me and I’m an imposter”, and “why did MIT have to reject me?” are words we live by around here. Now you’re really getting into the Carnegie Mellon spirit!

What YOU should be doing on campus this orientation week!

Monday, 8/19, All day: Meet new students! Mingle a little.

Tues, 8/20, 12:30 pm: Fall madly in love with the co-ed across the hall

Wed, 8/21, 3:30 pm: Recruit your friends to join readme

Thurs, 8/22, 7pm: SCAVHUNT! in Doherty 1212, by the CMU KGB

Fri, 8/23, 5pm: Get rejected by your one true love :(

Sat, 8/24, 6pm: Channel your rejection and dejected passion into coming to readme’s first meeting!

## Survey Says!

Fill this out so we can convince higher Management we’re worth funding with your tax



# Carnegie Update: Enrollment Contract

Tali Kirschenbaum  
*Legalese Ignorer*

In an email sent directly to students’ spam folders, Carnegie Mellon University has announced changes to the contract signed by all students upon enrollment. “Because no one is going to read this,” Provost Jim Garrett writes in the email, “we are proud to announce that we have made some of the biggest changes to this contract in Carnegie Mellon history. Read them (or don’t) here.” Below is a non-comprehensive list of the changes made:

Article 2, section 3 now states: “By attending Carnegie Mellon University, you agree to grant Carnegie Mellon University and all of its known affiliates full ownership of your image and likeness for commercial and recreational use. This ownership shall be extended to your first born grandson, if none is born between now and August 24, 2035 you may be subject to fines of at least 7% of Carnegie Mellon University’s net worth and jail time up to 50% of your tenure as a student.”

Article 4, section 5 now states: “All Carnegie Mellon students are responsible for all actions taken by the University and its donors, including but not limited to: creating robots to shoot innocent children in the Middle East, research done by the English Department, and the existence of David Tepper.”

Article 5, section 21 now states: “By paying tuition or receiving financial aid from Carnegie Mellon University, you acknowledge that you will never again have free time. Instead, all of your time will be devoted to your classes, your professors, your TAs, and this university, because your heart is in the work.”

Article 7, section 666 states: “In the event of an altercation with Satan, you agree to forfeit ownership of your undying soul for the usage of bargaining and other forms of commerce. Failure to do so will result in a meeting with a disciplinary board and potential expulsion.”

Article 8, section 1 states: “The contents of this article are false.”

Article 9, section 7 now states: “By attending Carnegie Mellon University, you agree to accept the African-American man who is part of the Walking to the Sky statue, commonly known as Daddy Thicc, as your lord and savior, and agree to bow down to him any time he enters your line of sight.”

While these additions make up just a small portion of the contract, they are expected to cause absolutely no change to campus life, despite their seemingly dire nature. This is because no student, including the one writing this article, read the contract in its entirety, meaning that these provisions are unenforceable, if they are even real.



# 0-WEEK CRIME REPORT

**Abe James**  
*Detective Inspector*

Hello freshmen, welcome to the best years of your life! And to everyone else, we are so glad you didn't drop out or quit. While you all were busy, we at readme were also busy, sniffing out crime on campus. Really getting into the dirt for this one. Interested? Read this to catch up on all the terrible horrible things that have happened to our beloved CMU while you all were away.

## WEB OF LIES

In a shocking twist of events, a large crocheted web was erected over the main campus buildings. According to authorities, this web had been up for about two weeks before anyone took action. It was only removed because many Pittsburgh citizens grew worried about the reason for such a strange creation. Also, the emails and phone calls were starting to pile up. Currently, CMUPD is trying to unravel the culprits and any students in the loop behind such a heinous crime. If you have any ideas on the case, please contact [readme@cmukgb.org](mailto:readme@cmukgb.org).

## GREEK HOUSE HORROR

Attention all CMU personnell! Authorities are on the search for the person(s) who stole all of the letters off of the Greek Houses. The English-looking letters were found in Schenley Park in what appeared to be an oversized game of Scrabble which was outlined in crudely done chalk. However, all of the exclusively Greek letters were not found anywhere in Schenley. Authorities are under the belief that these letters are being held hostage in someone's dorm. In an interview with a local fraternity brother, he suggested that it was "a tragedy" and was "calling for the safe return of [their] beloved letters". Please help save these Greek letters and bring them back home!

## GONE FENCE, DISTRAUGHT CMU

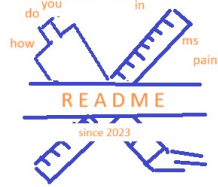
Last night, a group of students staked out the Fence. It was reported that they poured about 100 gallons of paint stripper and distilled vinegar on it to clean up the built up paint. The Fence was constructed of 95% built up paint and only 5% actual fence, which happened to be super brittle and old. Unsurprisingly, it immediately fell apart when stripped of all the paint. Now there is no Fence. Many are left in deep pain. A group of students have created an ambitious plan to glue the Fence back with paint, but we at readme are not sure how successful it will be considering parts of the Fence have disintegrated and turned to ash. CMU staff and the student government have no idea what to do about the new state of the Fence and have elected to allow this to happen until a real solution is found.

## FRESHMAN DECORATIONS GO AWRY

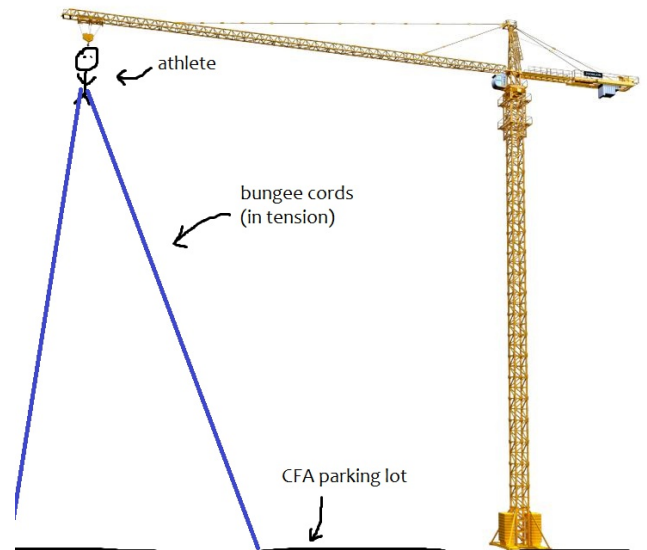
Carnegie Mellon is in shambles. Who allowed the freshman dormitories to be painted their respective colors? The windows are one thing, the whole building? Donner, of course, is not affected in the slightest since the building was already the color of the Caribbean Sea. Many of the freshman RAs claim sabotage from the blue dorm. However, Donner claims this was all an attempt to smear their name. Who knows? Barely any of the upperclassmen care, and the staff believe this is some sort of dormitory spirit thing. The maintenance care though, as they have to clean it up now. Rumors flying around indicate that they plan to increase the cost of maintenance requests by a factor of 200 because of this.

Stay safe, Tartans!

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# CMU ANNOUNCES NEW TRADITION - INVERSE BUNGEE JUMPING



**Danya Kogan**  
*CMU Historian*

As we all know, CMU has a long history of inventing new traditions, setting itself apart from all other universities in the observable universe. From buggy racing, to releasing starving Scottish Terriers after hiding students covered in peanut butter, to painting the fence, the Harvard of Appalachia has a wealth of interesting activities it gets to call its own. Adding to this proud list, a new sport has captured the hearts of CMU students and onlookers alike. Inverse Bungee Jumping, as the sport has been dubbed, involves strapping participants to a bungee cord

anchored to the ground, and raising them upwards with a crane. Once the crane has brought the participant to the highest possible elevation, and the chord is fully in tension, the crane releases its load and the athlete slams into the ground at mach 7. One varsity inverse bungee jumper representing the fraternity Kappa Gamma Beta, Cindy Gao, was reported to have hit the asphalt in the College of Fine Arts parking lot so fast that they instantly sublimated. While KGB is not the only Greek organization to participate in this annual event, they have caused the greatest number of human-shaped imprints in the CFA pavement. Who knows, someone might manage to blast through Earth to China one day.

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read good and who  
want to learn how  
to do other stuff  
good too**

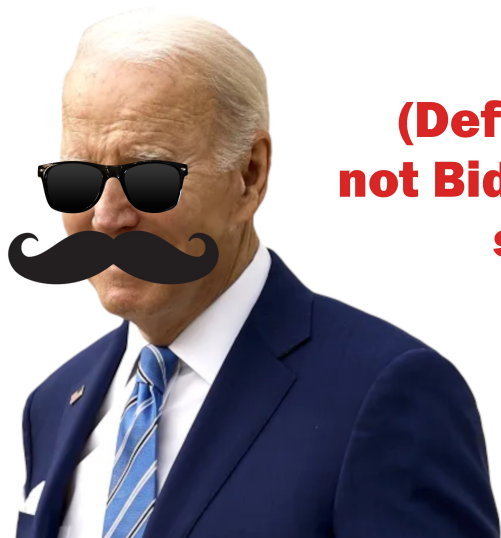


**Our Discord!**



**Auntie Readme  
Helpline**

# JOHN BIREN FOR PRESIDENT



**(Definitely  
not Biden we  
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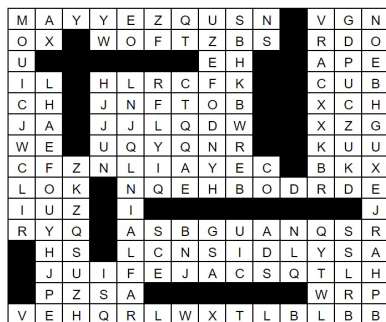
# VOTE

**Remember, age is just a number**

## Word Search

Boy, do I love making [REDACTED]!

Can you find the ingredients to make [REDACTED]?



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You're welcome :)

