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Founder's body found in Doherty

Pennsylvania Jones
Copyright-free Archaeologist

Following clues left behind by various escapees of the Doherty C-level, a Carnegie Mellon expedition discovered the corpse of school founder, Andrew Carnegie, in the recesses of the building. The Doherty Basement is one of the few remaining unexplored regions in the United States, and the Civil Engineering Department decided it was important to finally chart it. The journey was fraught with danger, with the narrow tunnels below the building constantly putting lives at risk. Upon reaching Carnegie's tomb, a grad student asked if they'd be paid overtime for the expedition, only to find that the entire area had been jury-rigged to collapse if anyone mentioned worker's rights. Several graduate students lost their lives in the ensuing panic, a cost that Carnegie Mellon deemed "acceptable" and "at least they don't have to pay their salary anymore."

Rejected Headlines #9

- Amid mental health crisis, Google image searches for "scary werewolf" outnumber searches for "silly dog".
- Linguists invent new slur for couples.
- Why the liberal left wants to make the face in the electrical outlets smiley instead of frowny.
- "I'm such a freak. If anyone saw my search history I'd be on a watchlist," says man who just looks up vanilla porn.
- Physicists to start dropping large metal balls to see if gravity still exists.
- In catastrophic scheduling snafu, every club at CMU has scheduled a meeting for the exact same time and date; "we really couldn't have predicted this", says student who scheduled a GBM for 5 pm on a Monday.
- Everyone still remembers that time you pulled several times on a push door. Everyone.
- "1929 will be my year" - says man who invested all his money into Wall Street.
- Pope endorses climbing Hamerschlag as only "holy" contraception: "your gametes will be smote by the power of God.

All this and more, not in this issue!

Bored? Single? Looking for love at Carnegie Mellon? Forget that, come write satire for readme! No experience required or requested. We're always looking for clowns, funny guys, smart-alecks, layout artists, and minorities to keep us DEI compliant

We're looking for you and your skills, or lack thereof, Saturdays at 5 in DH1117

ReadMe Announces Launch of New Dog-Watching Ring

Ryan Chernoff
Cat Lover

Are you a proud Tartan? Do you like copious amounts of violence? Have you tried to participate in dogfighting but were too concerned about the legality? Fortunately for you, earlier this week ReadMe executives failed to thoroughly read my amendments to the yearly budget and have now approved plans for a new dog-watching ring. Very soon you will be able to enjoy some good old fashioned Scotty-Dog kerfuffles without the downsides of committing a class three felony.

But, you may ask, what exactly is dog-watching and how does it differ from dogfighting? Well, dogfighting is legally classified as engaging in one or more of the following: allows dogs to fight for amusement or gain, owns or acquires a dog for fighting, bets or hosts bets on the outcome of dogs fighting, or permits a place under your control in which dogs are fighting.

Now dog-watching differs from this by firstly and most importantly forbidding the amusement of all present. It is clearly dictated that dog fights require amusement by those organizing or spectating so to avoid engaging in illegal dogfighting, there will be several large signs warning patrons to forgo amusement

during the dog-watching process. If anyone is amused it is our responsibility to report it as you would be engaging in illegal activity and possibly implicate ReadMe staff as your accomplices.

ReadMe will also not be profiting from these activities in any manner as any profits would be classified as gain and would make the activity illegal. Since it is illegal to acquire a dog for fighting, dog-watching will be hosted in Schenley Park where we will have access to several stray dogs that we can ask politely to fight for our non-amusement.

Although we can't host bets on the outcomes of fights, there will be unamusing snacks offered. Due to severe economic stress, the price of these snacks will likely fluctuate at the end of each fight. We will therefore compensate everyone for any price differences caused by these fluctuations. All snack profits will be dumped into the Monongahela to avoid gain. Lastly, Schenley is not owned by ReadMe so all dog-watching activities avoid violating any of the Pennsylvania dogfighting laws.

Thanks to ReadMe, you can now engage in legal dog-watching every Saturday from 6 to 8PM ET. Don't miss your chance to give it a try! After all, It's only a matter of time until ReadMe reverts my budget changes.

README JOINS FIGHT AGAINST GLOBAL WARMING, ON SIDE OF GLOBAL WARMING

Johnathan Wang
Shell Oil Enthusiast

Readme financial officer Benner Rogers has stepped forward with the reason why Readme has recently filed for chapter 15 bankruptcy.

"It's because of all the crude oil we're buying". She says.

Crude oil, which is \$1.70 per gallon at the time of writing this article, has recently seen a market dip of 9.3% over the past month, the lowest it's been all year. Rogers reports that the dip has allowed Readme to purchase thousands of gallons of crude oil for their climate acceleration plan.

"It's the reason why we're broke, but it's also the reason why we're so

glad we're broke. Because we can do what readme was originally assembled to do".

The rEadme climate acceleration plan, a plan which is outlined in a 90000 page document, spanning 3 CMU students' Google drive accounts, is a plan to exacerbate the effects of humans on the global environment.

"We're not denying climate change exists, we see its effects all over the globe. We're trying to bring its full effects into existence. I don't know about you, but being able to fry an egg on the sidewalk over the summer has been saving me so much in electricity bills."

Editor-in-chief Eshaan Joshi refused to comment on the matter.

Well, It's been a couple weeks of the semester and it seems like the seasonal depression has finally kicked in for the freshmen. And by seasonal depression, I mean that they're depressed no matter what the season is. The energy and mirth of youth is over, and now there is only the grey plod of Carnegie Mellon.

Meanwhile, it seems my entire writing staff has gone on strike, and personally, as a disciple of good ol' Andy C., I don't think there's anything that can be done except shutting down the entire organization. This will, in that case, be the last ever published readme. Unless of course, I can use freshmen labor to supplant my workers. That just might work...

Without further ado, and with more than a few labor violations in the plans, we present...

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Rightward shift in optimal arousal level needed to maximize productivity

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Abstract

From the enclosure movement in 18th century England, the owning class has been tasked with answering how to maximize the productivity of their peons. As the modern American university becomes increasingly corporate and a profit-seeking endeavor, similar questions are now being asked by university administrators. Many things have been tried in the past- lashings, paternalistic brainwashing, foremen -

which are certainly things university administrators should try, but may not be the most effective. This project found that the answer lies in the Yerkes-Dodson law, not external disincentives. The Yerkes Dodson law is a psychological theory stating that humans are most productive at their given "optimal arousal state" - i.e. a mental state somewhere between underwhelmed and overwhelmed. By shifting this state rightwards, students will be able to undertake more stress and therefore be more productive than they currently are under present CMU workloads. While this study did not manage to discover a method for causing this rightward shift, we identify the need for such by comparing the effectiveness of other productivity-increasing methods in past literature.

README Strike Thwarted by Too Many Supporters

Benner Rogers
Will Scab for \$20

The sun was shining as a group of README writers took their places along the sidewalk of Forbes Avenue. Pushing aside Jehovah's Witnesses, the group raised their signs and began to chant: "Eshaan works us 'till we're dust, and he won't fucking pay us". Weeks of worker tensions had finally boiled over into an all-out README strike, and Carnegie Mellon's most middlingly competent authors were taking to the streets in protest.

As the strike went on, Eshaan Joshi was seemingly unperturbed by the calls for his beheading. Sitting on his throne of solid gold README copies, he wore a crisp pinstripe suit and held a cane adorned with a bloodied pen. Upon his lap was a snow white cat which he stroked, not noticing the white fur slowly covering his lap. When asked about the strike Joshi shrugged, stating that he would "rather cut off both his arms than negotiate with those peasants." Yet despite his confidence in the gullibility of CMU's student body, the pitch meeting remained empty, minus a freshman who mistakenly thought it was TA office hours for Reasoning with Data. Slowly Joshi realized he would be forced to negotiate with the striking writers. "Fine," he huffed, rising from his throne. "I'll do it their way."

Tensions were high as Joshi approached the picket line. Several demonstrators began sharpening a guillotine that had seemingly been constructed next to Walking to the Sky. "Relax" Joshi called out, "I'm not here to fire you all, I promise." The strikers remained silent, pausing their chanting to see what their Editor-in-Chief would do next. "I'm actually here to help you guys! I'm joining the strike!" Joshi continued. "I'm all for worker rights or whatever you want."

Gasps rippled through the crowd. Several strike leaders gathered around, muttering amongst themselves and eyeing Joshi suspiciously. After careful deliberation Tali Kirschenbaum, head editor for README, carefully held out a sign for Joshi to take. Unfortunately for Kirschenbaum, she had failed to realize that there were exactly twenty-four writers on strike, and under the new CMU policy Eshaan would become the dreaded twenty-fifth demonstrator. The strike could now be classified as a disruptive political protest, and as such Carnegie Mellon had the right to crush the peaceful demonstrators using any force necessary.

As soon as Joshi picked up a sign, police clad in tactical riot gear swarmed down on the protestors from nearby bushes. The leader, holding a megaphone, commanded the students to surrender. "THIS IS AN UNLAWFUL GATHERING OF TWENTY-FIVE PEOPLE, PLACE YOUR HANDS ABOVE YOUR HEAD AND GET ON THE GROUND!" Before the bewildered README staff could react, canisters of tear gas were fired into the crowd. Screams could be heard all the way to Hamerschlag, and when the cloud of smoke finally lifted all twenty-four writers were bloody and bruised. Policemen lined up the protestors and blindfolded them as Joshi watched from the shadows, having slipped away in the chaos. Up in his office atop Warner Hall, Farnam Jahanian watched from the window. Officers began to raise their guns as Jahanian raised a radio to his lips. "Fire." Shots rang out as the staff of README fell down, dead.

If you or a friend would like to join README, every single position is currently open! Please contact us today!

EVENTS

Friday, 9/20, 7 PM, WEH 5202
Unaffiliated, unsponsored: It's KONTENT

Saturday, 9/21, 5PM in DH 1117:
the only way you will pass concepts is if you come to README today.

Monday, 9/23, 5PM in POS 146:
KGB General Body Meeting. You have been warned

Friday, 9/27, 7PM: TRIVIA NIGHTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTT GET HYPE!!!!!! (I did quiz bowl once)

Sat, 9/28, 5pm, DH1117: Make README great again

Mon, 9/29, 5pm: KGB General Body Meeting. Very exclusive.

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The Auntie Readme Helpline

Have a burning question for a wiseguy to solve? Ask away! Responses guaranteed, advice is not.

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