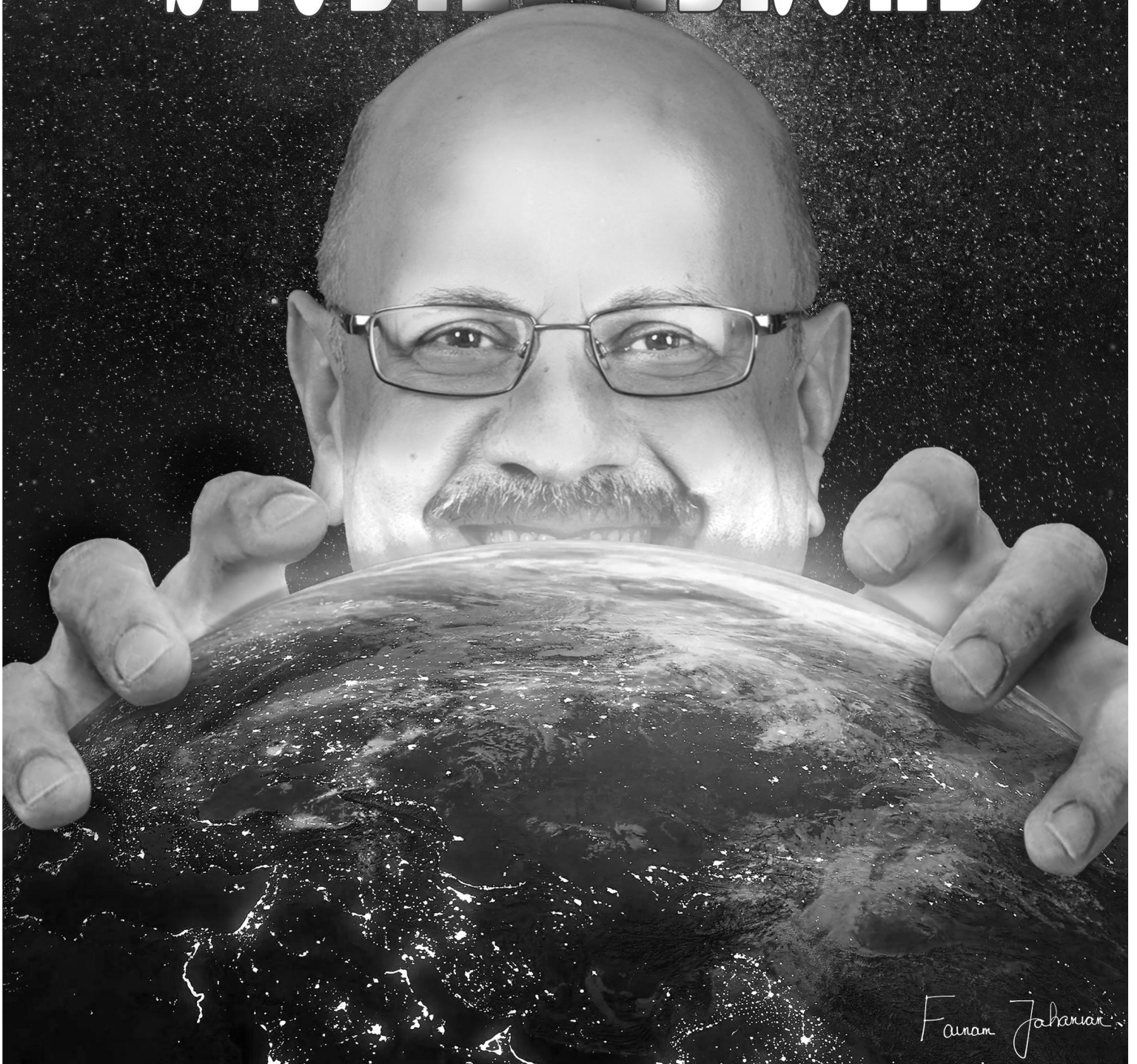


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# readme STUDIES ABROAD



Faram Jahanian

# Do you want to hear a joke?

**Sidewalk Bro**  
*It's like, thematic, right?*

Hey hey, I got a joke for you, right? You're like, reading this magazine or whatever. Yeah. Yeah, yeah, the Reader, whatever. This one's like traveling, right? Like abroad? So, you know how you're, like, traveling? Like, tr-traveling? Haha! You know, hehe, like, there's, you know, wo- wo- [chuckling] there's like WOMEN there! Amiright? Right?

[four seconds of silence]

Anyway, like. Traveling. Like you're traveling uh-hh, like, abuh. Like, a buh [Laughter] abuh- abuh- hold on. [Shaky breath] Abruhaha- hahaha- a broa- A- BRO [Cackling] Oh, oh ma [Continuing laughter] Oh, oh let me catch my breath. [Huffing and puffing]. Ohh. Oh it's like, a BRO [laughing escalates], a, a, [deep breath] a BROAD! [Howling with laughter]

## CMU-specific Travel Avisory

**Gilgamesh Ichthyomorphosis**  
*Detainee*

With spring break rapidly approaching, CMU has put out a travel advisory against countries that are deemed "unsafe for Tartans". If you have booked a trip to any of these countries, please reconsider your plans.

### Ukraine

Why did you even book a flight to Kyiv?

### Spain

If you are going to España over break, please do not come back with an accent. You did not gain your "authentic" accent in 7 days, and we all hate you. No one cares that you were in "Barrrrrrttttthelona".

### Antarctica

The ice caps are melting, it will make you very sad. Also those cute penguins will be brutally mangled and eaten by seals. What's left of the ice caps will be stained red.

### Brazil

The weather will remind you that you could have gone to a college where it's sunny and warm year round. Your (not-so) seasonal depression will get worse upon return to Pittsburgh, you have been warned.

### Denmark

There are too many happy people in Denmark. CMU has asked students not to travel to Denmark, as they may experience joy, and not return back to campus.

### Japan

You are not finding a waifu in Japan. Save yourself the money and spend it on therapy.

### Scotland

Students going to Scotland over break are asked to please hide their school spirit. Students are warned that if they mispronounce Carnegie, a group of 30 buff kilted men will rip out their entrails.

# TSA-TSA Mixup Causes Dangerous Situation

**"Tyan Rosh"**  
*On the no-fly list*

Recently, a mixup occurred on CMU's campus at a recruiting event for the Transportation Security Administration, the agency responsible for securing air travel to, from, and within the United States. The event was booked for the Danforth Lounge, for 6 PM on Sunday. But in the neighboring Danforth Conference Room, another TSA was setting up for a GBM: CMU's own Taiwanese Students Association.

Due to the ensuing confusion, the entirety of the bodies of the two organizations were swapped overnight. Pittsburgh's hotels are swamped as over 60,000 former airport security officers are celebrating Taiwanese heritage, while the nation's

airports are in chaos as around 100 East Asian CMU students attempt to operate the security infrastructure spread across the US's 480 international airports.

We talked to one exhausted former CMU student at Baltimore/Washington International Airport, who was attempting to scan the luggage of over one thousand passengers per hour. "I'm supposed to be responsible for Baltimore, Philadelphia, and Washington, DC," she said. "I've been alternating between them every hour, but many flights are still being missed."

Other airport security agents have simply given up. "I just watched a full passenger plane blow up thirty seconds after takeoff," the former president of the Taiwanese Students Association told us. "I saw bodies fall from the sky."

Back at CMU, every lecture hall is filled to capacity as former security officials educate themselves on Taiwan and its rich cultural history. Many are former veterans. "I feel slightly out of place on a college campus," one said. "I haven't patted down someone's crotch in weeks."

Many on both sides of the mixup hope it will be resolved shortly. "We keep trying to reserve the two Danforths on 25Live in the opposite direction, but they keep denying our reservations," says one student. Some have appealed to CMU's registrars directly, but received no reply from the administrators, who are swamped by paperwork from the tens of thousands of new students.

## Carnegie Mellon to offer new exchange programs

**"Save-a-tree" Bhat**  
*Office of International Miseducation*

If the news here in the US of A is starting to get to you, don't fear. CMU has announced two new exchange programs so you can get the hell out of here, at least for a year.

By popular demand, the CMU-CMU program will be opening next year, allowing students to visit Central Martian University, which boasts similarly rigorous coursework, groundbreaking research labs, and even the opportunity to participate in a few research studies yourself. CMU students will be able to participate in many exciting activities on the CMU campus such as sticking electrodes to yourself and letting the Martians watch you do things,

accomplishing tasks such as mazes and puzzles, and getting injected with brand-new Martian medicine! Your "professors" may have to take your vitals every 10 minutes, but that doesn't mean you can't enjoy your time at CMU. Take some time to run around the specially designed "Human Social Interaction Observation Area" with your fellow exchange students, or get a brain chip installed just for fun. Tell your friends and family about the new CMU-CMU program (anyone can go! They just need to be human!).

CMU's own "Conspiracy Theory TikTokers with Backwards Baseball Caps Association" is offering a study abroad program at the Ice Wall. For those unfamiliar with this clear sign of NASA's deception, the Ice Wall is what

keeps us from falling off the edge of the world (which is flat, of course). If you thought Antarctica existed, congratulations, you're a sheep. Wake up and see that all the governments in the world, including the US, Russia, and China, have all been collaborating just to keep us from the facts. In this program, you'll be able to do thought-provoking experiments, such as sending satellites up into the atmosphere, which includes an added seminar of How To Manipulate Your Data So It Proves Your Point. Acceptance into the program requires a QAnon account, a subscription to InfoWars, and a signed waiver stating that you accept the risks of being that close to the edge of the Earth. Participants must bring their own tinfoil hat.



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# Tartans Way Too Excited to go to Thailand

**Mihir Deshpande**

*Currently Repairing Glass Ceilings*

With the recent advent of many information sessions for CMU's studies abroad, the Office of International Education wants to put out a very clear message for prospective students who may want to gain international studyship: Stop being so excited to study abroad in Thailand. "Let me be clear: This is not an issue of student's freedom to learn; it is a matter of academic excellence and community standards," said University President Farnam Jahanaian in a statement on the issue, "At Carnegie Mellon, we are devoted to both academic rigor and making sure that we get every last cent out of our students, which is not possible given Thailand's lower cost of living."

The university stresses that the goal of Thailand's study abroad program is to provide students with an opportunity to experience the vibrancy of Thai culture and the beauty of the Thai language, not to go to the redlight district for femboys. Enrollment to CMU's study

abroad program to Thailand's campus has reached unprecedented popularity, and CMU's statement is expected to cause massive outcry among the student population. When asked about the prospect of studying abroad in Thailand, many such students expressed impassioned desire to "tear up Thai pussy" and that "not even King Arthur can pull me out of where I'm going." They also expressed general disinterest in other aspects of Thai culture. "Thai food? Never cared for it particularly," said an interviewed student. When asked what the student intended to eat for the semester, they laughed ominously and said, "I won't be running short of protein shakes, let's just say that."

Study Abroad staff in the Office of International Education is dedicated to supporting Carnegie Mellon students through every step of the study abroad process. However, following federal guidance, they recommend that students do not learn to value the diverse communities they may find themselves in during the course of a study abroad program.

# SCS Students to join call centers en masse

**Mihir Deshpande**

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This afternoon the Office of International Education in collaboration with the School of Computer Science announced an exciting opportunity for all Computer Science majors. Students will be given the opportunity to provide Microsoft tech support in various call centers throughout India. This will provide them hands-on experience with both programming and customer interaction.

The system will work as follows: Students will be hired at any one of the many call centers located throughout India. From there, they will be tasked to call overseas customers and, with their computer science experience, provide quality technical support. Recent statistics show that over 75% of Microsoft laptops and computers in the United States are infected with some form of computer viruses, so the help these students can provide is invaluable. To make sure the students don't attempt to commit any wrongdoing whilst

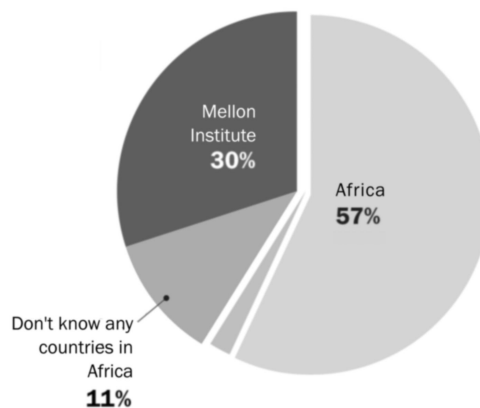
doing tech support, another call center employee will also be on the call under a pseudonym (for anonymity) and will be remotely accessing the client's machine to make sure no wrongdoing is being committed.

Students will be expected to find their accommodations and transportation. They are also advised to expect daily hour and a half long commutes, even if their accommodations are only three miles away. However, the call centers have promised that they will cover any rickshaw costs, with students only needing to bring a receipt from the service to get compensation.

Any student who wishes to apply must have at least completed a course on the level of 15-122. In addition, mandatory training courses on how to do a Microsoft Tech Support accent and developing spice resistance are also required. It's also recommended that students who can't survive without steak, have pale skin, don't like livestock, don't like scamming the elderly, or are racist do not apply.

**After 15 years, CMU Africa has become a touchstone of CMU's consciousness**

*% of Carnegie Mellon students who say \_\_\_ is the country CMU Africa is in*



Note: Those who did not answer are not shown.

Source: Survey of Carnegie Mellon students conducted Jan. 7-27, 2025.

Readme Research Center

# Students Rush to Buy Sunscreen After Registering for CMU Africa

**Robin Notin**

*On a flight to Kigali right now*

While the majority of students at CMU register for classes at CMU's Pittsburgh campus, every year, several students accidentally register for classes in CMU-Africa's Rwanda campus without fail. Scotty's Market and Entropy report a sunscreen shortage as students rush to buy sunscreen after being advised to prepare for a "warmer climate than Pittsburgh" in an email sent by The University Registrar's Office.

ReadMe spoke to several of the students cross registered between continents. "I am functionally illiterate," said a student who is registered for ICI in Africa Seminar. Another student reported being unable to register for 122 in

Pittsburgh, saw Illiano taught in CMU-Africa, and figured 122 there was equivalent. "What do you mean 122 is different in Africa?" None of the students seemed concerned about the walk. Several upperclassmen mentioned that they had classes in the Mellon Institute and, "Africa can't be that much farther."

Scotty's Market is not concerned about buying more sunscreen to compensate for the shortage: "You see this every registration. You won't be seeing those students again. On the first day of classes, when students have their next class in CMU-Africa, they'll put on their sunscreen, stick "Africa" in their maps app, and start walking. And keep on walking, and keep on walking and keep on..."

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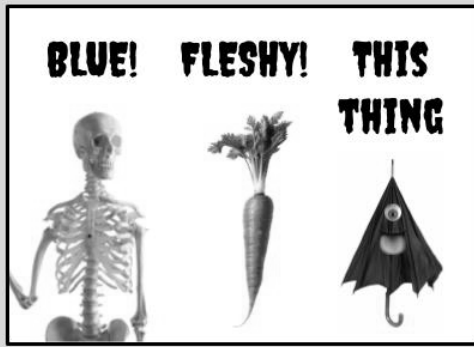
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## CRYPTID CORNER

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### VARIOUS CRYPTIDS THAT COULD KILL YOUR ENEMIES WHO ARE STUDYING ABROAD IN JAPAN

Famously, the worst people you know are likely to study abroad in Japan. Here are some of the cryptids that could kill or otherwise harm them.

The Blue Skeleton Man (BSM) lives up to his name. He's blue, he's a skeleton, and he's a man. What more could you ask for? Spotted first in a photograph from Nagasaki, Japan in 2009, the BSM mostly just kinda stands there and gives unsolicited music recommendations. His abilities in combat are unfortunately pretty limited, but he is prone to getting into 2 week toxic situationships, so he could ruin your enemy's perception of love. I think that counts for something.

The Flying Flesh Carrot continues the trend of cryptids where what you see is what you get. Reported in both Japan and South Korea, our little phallic friend is well traveled and presumably fluent in at least two languages. I can imagine very few things more embarrassing than getting clocked in the eye by an organic dildo going 15 miles per hour. Non-lethal, but life altering.

Kasa-Obake is a freak. The sexual deviant who released a living umbrella with a tongue into our world should be harmed. Thankfully, however, it is now my enemy's problem. Or your enemy. Maybe our enemy if it's that same fucker.

## OVERHEARD AT CMU

Feb. 19

motion to create the chaired the chaired uh motion to create the chair uh ah shit whats the word for it whats the word for group, club, chair organization committee, sorry whole lotta stress looking at your eyes aw man ever since yeah, I'm sorry. Motion to create the chair committee, my feelings towards you are completely platonic this is not in the description nor the title, to be tabled so the table that we have some chairs to go with the table that we already have

Feb. 22

Every time I go to package pickup, I tell them I have one more package than I actually do. They look for a bit, and don't see it.

It's definitely there, I tell them. I have a forged donotreprey email to prove it. I refuse to leave without it. Just as the stress is getting to them, I shout "IT'S GOING TO HATCH" and watch the panic on their faces

Feb. 23

"So which came first, the Rust or the deep and ever-present sense of insecurity?"

# Manifest Destiny Doesn't Work in Europe

"Save-a-tree" Bhat

*It's only colonialism if we lose*

CMU students in exchange programs throughout Europe have made a shocking discovery. The great American pastime of manifesting destiny is, while not unheard of, frowned upon by most of Europe. Pioneering American students tried many popular manifest destiny strategies, but none of them seemed to work.

Manifest destiny has come a long way in recent years. Gone are the days of dysentery, cholera, cannibalism, and people saying "hey, stop taking my homeland!". But the essence of the doctrine remains: this land is our land, and anyone who isn't American, doesn't speak English, eats with their hands, or

worships idols is a barbarian, and needs to go back to where they came from. CMU continues this proud tradition, hoping to expand its influence to yet another continent, after CMU Africa went so well.

Unfortunately, the Europeans have not taken this well at all. CMU students were threatened by angry natives when they tried even an eensy weensy bit of colonization. Readme took statements from multiple students of various backgrounds. One British student complained, "They're taking our ideas- the Americans learned colonization from us!". A Spanish student remarked, "Si continúan, recuperaré Florida personalmente." A Belgian student declined to comment.

## A Modest Proposal for dealing with after hours noise

Dr. Johnathan Speed

*Mostly Nonviolent Person*

It is a melancholy object to those who walk through this great campus, when they see the streets and roads crowded with loud-mouthed hooligans. Studious learners must keep their windows boarded, and their doors shut to keep the noise from irresponsible teenagers who, as they grow up, either turn to business majors, or leave their dear native campus to party at Pitt. They take up spots in CIT and SCS, while forcing innocent students to live in cramped chambers, originally meant for two, in groups of three.

I think it is agreed by all parties, that this prodigious number of students, many unworthy of this prestigious institution, currently enrolled at Carnegie Mellon is a grave mistake. In the present state of this great university, I have found a fair, cheap solution to the rambunctious noise and over-enrollment.

I propose each well adjusted, quiet, respectful student shall receive a bow and quiverful of arrows. Students shall be permitted to hunt tumultuous students from from the dead hours to the break of dawn. By my calculations it should only take around a dozen students with arrows lodged in their sternums for a quiet and order to be restored upon this great campus.

Furthermore, our glorious Carnegie Mellon is known to have an over-enrollment problem. I have

calculated that upon the successful hunting and termination of these so-called "students" forced triple lodgings shall be a thing of the past. Even better, long waitlists for classes will be abolished. Per my calculations thirty percent if not more of each course is filled with bumping, bumbling, buffoons. It is egregious that this great university entertains this tomfoolery. The hunting of these dastardly devils for sport would solve this grand dilemma. Finally Carnegie Mellon would only be composed of quiet, gracious students.

It is no secret that this great university is not known for athletic students. This is a great source of shame, however, the institutional encouragement and promotion of hunting loud troublemakers for sport will alleviate this source of shame. Per my calculations the current muscle density of a Carnegie Mellon student is equal to that of a weak bunny-rabbit. After an institution-wide promotion of hunting these thunderous thugs for sport the average Carnegie Mellon student should gain the strength of the average 12 year old.

I profess in the sincerity of my heart that I have not the least personal interest in endeavouring to promote this necessary work, having no other motive than the public good of my college, by promoting a culture of peace and quiet, promoting exercise, and dealing with over enrollment.