



# Freshman Found Languishing from Consumption in Mudge Mansion

**A Dead Jellyfish  
Swooning Feverishly**

A freshman who shall henceforth be known as Patient X has recently contracted consumption from an unknown source. Experts suspect that Patient X lied on their consumption screening prior to move-in, but they have not yet found any evidence of such duplicity. Kept awake with chest pain at night, Patient X tosses and turns in their luxurious quad beneath a red velvet blanket. Lavender handkerchiefs have been supplied for Patient X to delicately hack up blood into. Mudge Mansion RAs implore Dining Services to make a thin gruel for Patient X to subsist on, for they have no stomach for even emergency ramen and their frail body will surely waste away without sustenance.

UHS has been tasked with providing a treatment plan. They have prescribed Patient X with bed rest, giving them a brief but blissful reprieve from attending lectures. Windows in Mudge Mansion must remain

open at all times to give Patient X respite from foul air. Maintenance is in the process of converting the balcony of Mudge Mansion into a solarium for Patient X to experience the benefits of heliotherapy and to soak in the fresh city air. If Patient X's condition improves, they will begin daily calisthenics at the koi pond. Discussions are underway to convert booths into chalets to further isolate Patient X from the rest of Mudge Mansion.

If the ailment spreads, Farnam himself will consider converting the top floor of Mudge Mansion into a sanatorium. Some protest that Patient X should be sent to Saratoga Springs for more comprehensive and specialized treatment while others have expressed concerns that Patient X would be enticed to transfer to Skidmore by their superior dining hall and freshly baked cookies. Other residents of Mudge Mansion are advised to pull all-nighters in the library to avoid contact with Patient X.

# Buggy: An Introduction

**J.P. Crawfish**

*Claustrophobic and you should be too*

So you've found yourself in, near, or aiding and abetting a carbon fiber tube going 35 miles per hour down a hill. Do not fear, this happens all the time. There are many reasons why you may find yourself in this situation:

- 1) You are short
- 2) You went up to the wrong table during club fair, but you didn't realize and already took a lollipop, so you can't do anything now except politely scan the QR code
- 3) You got so lost in Doherty that you ended up in the Stever basement
- 4) You are a mechanical engineering major
- 5) You were wandering around Schenley park at 4:30am
- 6) You are friends with mechanical engineering majors
- 7) Three ghosts visited you on Christmas Eve and you grossly misinterpreted their message
- 8) You have made eye contact with a mechanical engineering major at some point

Alongside complaining about 15-122 and forgetting about the football team, accidentally joining a buggy team is a proud and century old Tartan tradition. Back in 1920, some spirited fraternity brothers made the first buggies, building and racing soapbox derby-like vehicles. These buggies were designed to look like fish, trolleys, bathtubs, and other whimsical and lively gizmos. Unfortunately, CMU students hold as much disdain for low-

stakes whimsy as they do for windows, sleep, and preventing scurvy. However, thanks to the devoted efforts of generations of half-gifted, half-idiotic, and fully-intoxicated students, whimsy has been fully optimized out of buggy, allowing the sport to continue for decades.

Do CMU students not know how to have fun? Maybe. Or do CMU students just really like putting people under 5'2" into a torpedo with a big stick and three wheels and pushing them down hills? Or maybe both? It's both. The answer is both. Two things can be true and two things are true because it's both.


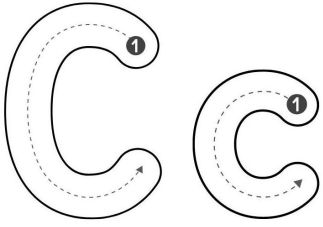
Buggy has a role for everyone with all-consuming caffeine addictions who based their high school self-worth on academic competitions. Heard the story of Sisyphus and went 'that sounds fun'? Become a pusher. Trust the safety designs of people you know can't do basic arithmetic? Become a driver. Like carbon fiber splinters and sweeping leaves off the road before the sun rises? Become a mechanic. Under 5'2"? Maybe just avoid the area near the fence next week.

Now, buggy isn't only about composites or carrying hay bales at 4:00 am. Buggy is about stressing out EHS. It's about angering the City of Pittsburgh Street Maintenance Bureau. It's about having a personal grudge against Pittsburgh weather as a concept. It's about finding the right shawarma machine to heat your wheels. It's about the very cool and insane people you will find that right shawarma machine with. Above all else, buggy is about the look of horror on the faces of non-Tartans when you pause and smugly say, "There's actually a person in there".

## Rejected Headlines #23

- Wiegand devoid of O-week food after USAID shuttered.
- Unethical P-hacking in science and society: a critical analysis of the tortoise and the hare.
- That freshman you met during the O-week floor meet-and-greet is not your future husband.
- Undeterred, Sydney Sweeney stars in new Tide ad explaining the importance in separating whites and colors.
- 5th year "senior" suspiciously eager to apply to be an orientation counselor.
- I walked to the sky and all I got was this lousy T-shirt
- To ease staffing troubles, Philosophy Department begins tying professors to trolley tracks.
- Several students observed staring transfixed at Pausch Bridge's RGB lighting: "If not gaming, why gaming colored?"
- SDC buggy design leaked on War Thunder forum.
- How I learned to stop worrying and love the dorm shower mold.
- Dealing with your CMU-bound teen: "Sorry about your MIT rejection" and other key phrases.
- Woke Police arrest student for referring to 'Class of 2029' without the '+'

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



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Carnegie Mellon**

**Trace Letter**

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76-101 Assignment 1. Due Friday! // Violet R. Blu



*If Celsius doesn't work, maybe this can fix me. //Violet R. Blu*

# OCs Accidentally Create a Cult

**Robin Notin**  
*Infiltrative Reporter*

Friday morning students woke up to the news that regular orientation activities were shut down by CMU PD due to orientation counselors accidentally creating a cult. This decision was made in the wake of Carnegie cup's carnage. While details are murky, witnesses describe efforts to relocate the fence to Wean's roof, and an incident regarding Welch students and a penguin from the Pittsburgh zoo.

It is believed that the chaos started Tuesday during an Etower rally. A sudden thunderstorm forced events to be held inside for several hours. Orientation leaders led students in chants ranging from "Who's got the power?" to detailed descriptions of crushing other dorms.

Local expert in cults, Dr. Col Aid, claims that this was the inciting incident.

"Once Etower's staff successfully converted their dorm into a cult, the rest of the dorms followed. The results are quite remarkable. Students exhibited similar behaviors by the end of orientation week to individuals who have been cults for half their lives."

This isn't Dr. Col Aid's first time on campus. "Every year there's a few limbs lost. We put measures into place after that to ensure no further cults were created. At the time we were confident that they'd work."

Students can be expected to spend the rest of the week at workshops organized by Dr. Col Aid and CAPS. Topics include "how to avoid cults, mlm's, and phishing schemes" and "for the love of God please don't set Hamershlag on fire again"

# Optimal Conditions for Black Mold Farming

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*\*Does not exist*

## Abstract

Black mold (*Stachybotrys chartarum*) is a fungus known to grow in apartment buildings rented out to college students by slum lords. This phenomenon is usually absent from buildings with proper ventilation systems, begging the question: how could black mold be grown in a dorm room? Many of the conditions required for the promotion of mold growth are already present in a dorm room. The main deficiency, however, is adequate moisture. Hence, most of this study focused on increasing the moisture content of a standard dorm room. Multiple methods were tested for increasing the moisture content of a dorm room such as clogging air vents with chewing gum, stealing water vapor from showers, and utilizing air humidifiers. Our study succeeded in finding optimal mold growth conditions, and as a matter of fact, all the surfaces were covered in mold.

## Methods

All conditions necessary for black mold growth are naturally present in dorm rooms at Carnegie Mellon University with the exception of sufficient moisture. Hence, this study focused specifically on increasing the moisture content of a dorm room.

A common method in which standard building codes deal with moisture content in rooms is by mandating proper ventilation. Such requirements go against the needs of mold farmers and must consequently be disabled. In this study, every dorm room was broken into via air vent to confirm the

presence of an air vent – with 100% confidence, each room had one. In order to create optimal moisture conditions for mold growth, chewing gum was used to clog air vents, resulting in a 237% increase in air moisture.

The moisture content observed in the experimental room was sufficient for black mold growth, but not optimal. More moisture was necessary from external sources. Many dorm rooms are directly connected to bathrooms, which are a major source of moisture, especially during a shower. In such dorm rooms, the door separating the dorm room and bathroom can just be left open when showering to increase moisture even further. If such an arrangement is not present, putting a shit ton of air humidifiers in your room might work. The maximum moisture content we managed to achieve in this study was 507% the moisture content of the original. This was sufficient moisture for ideal black mold growth. In fact, black mold ended up covering all open surfaces in the dorm room, and by our metrics, this study was beyond successful. The scientific and medical outcomes for this will be phenomenal. Absolutely tremendous.

## Conclusion

Dorm-based black mold cultivation is a promising field with many potential benefits to tomfoolery and accidentally killing your roommate with significant fungal allergies. This study also serves as a great jumping-off point for future research regarding other types of fungal cultivation in a dorm room. We believe that this study will empower students to become hobbyist mycologists who might go on to solve the ever-pressing issue plaguing Carnegie Mellon's Campus. It is well known that CMU has a drug problem – where are all the drugs?

# A Disease for every department

## **CFA**

Architecture: Sick building syndrome

Art: Rabies

Design: Mono (-Type, -lithic, -tonous,  
-nucleosis)

Drama: Hysterical pregnancy

Music: Tinnitus

## **CIT**

BME: Plague

ChemE:

CivE & EnvE: Tetanus

ECE: Herpes (both are 40% of the  
population)

EPP: No disease, just getting repeatedly  
run over by a car

MSE: Black lung

MechE: Traumatic brain injury

## **Dietrich**

CMIST: Spanish flu

Econ: No disease; paid for quick  
healthcare, let the poor die

English: Long COVID and bisexuality

History: Consumption

LCAL: Chlamydia

Neurosci: Syphilis

Philosophy: Abdominal brewery syndrome

Psychology: Toxoplasmosis

SDS: Addiction

Stats: Foodborne illness

## **Heinz**

IS: Old age

## **MCS**

Bio: Anthrax

Chem: Acute poisoning

Math: Common cold

Physics: Acute radiation poisoning

## **SCS**

AI: Inbreeding depression

Comp. Bio: Prion disease

CS: Scurvy

HCI: Contact dermatitis

Robotics: Repetitive strain injury

## **Tepper**

Business: Parasitic infection

Econ: Cancer

# EVENTS

What you oughta be doing:

Thursday, 8/21, 7PM at  
DH1212: KGB PRESENTS:  
SCAV HUNT!

Saturday, 8/23, 3PM at UC2,  
Rangos 3: KGB Gets Building  
(Legos), for the little engineer  
inside you.

Saturday, 8/23, 5 PM at  
DH1211: Readme Pitch  
Meeting, because we're back and  
raring for another year

Monday, 8/25, 5PM at room  
unknown: KGB General Body  
Meeting, for the General Body

Friday, 8/29, 6PM Potluck in  
the Park (meet at UC black  
chairs)

# JOIN OUR DISCORD!!

Interested in satire, comedy,  
song-writing, and other ill-  
advised activity? Join us at  
readme and make campus laugh!