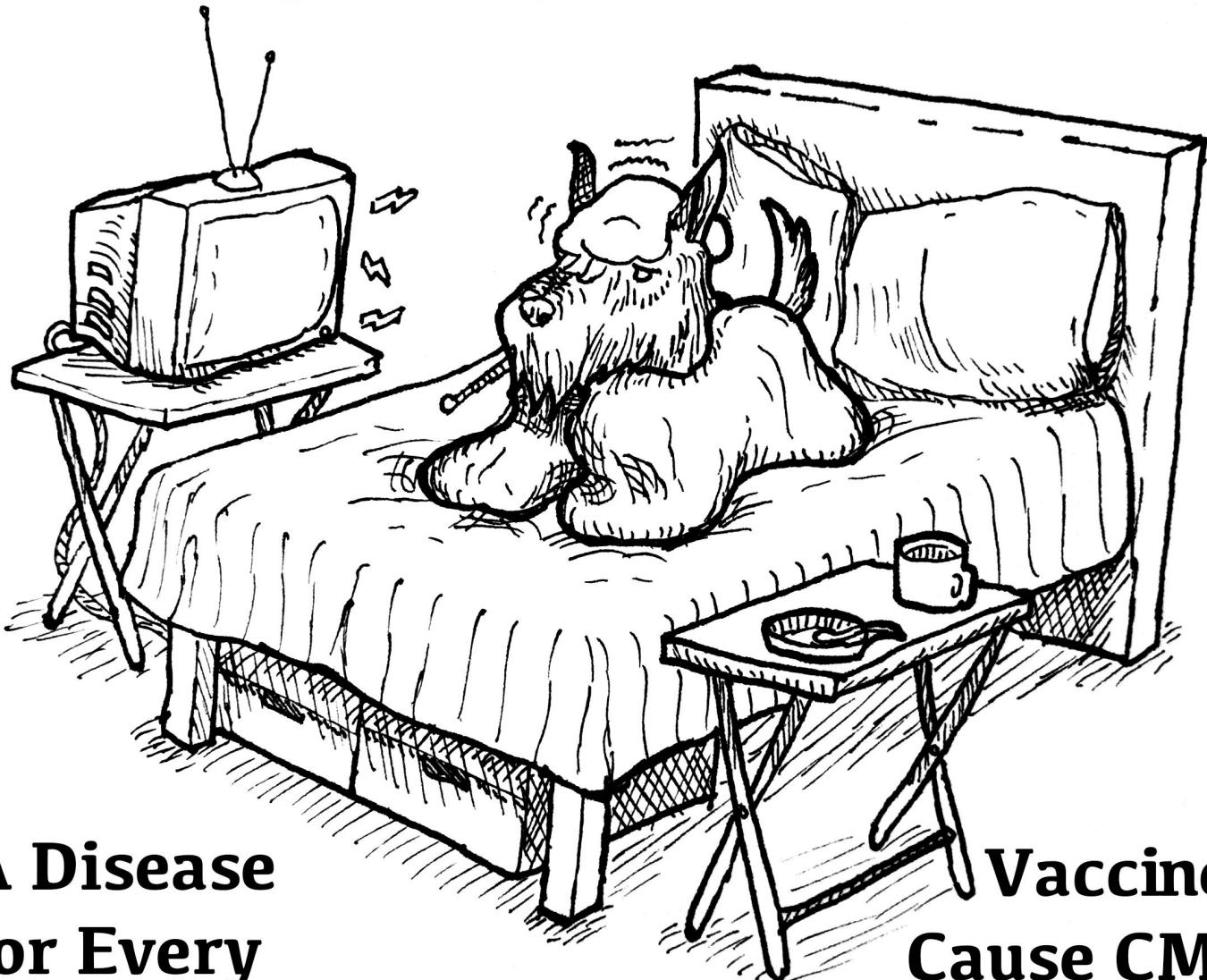


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Freshman Found Languishing from Consumption in Mudge Mansion

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 #24

- First-year on r/cmu congratulated for having a "pretty fire schedule."
- Meteoric rise in Carnegie Mellon's name recognition: Record-breaking 3% of the population knows what CMU is, up from 1.8% in 2020.
- Admin continues to insist that you can't spell anything else with the letters C, M, and U.
- Chartwells pilots innovative Sustenance-as-a-Service model.
- Professor Iliano Cervesato applies for an RA position in E-Tower following Carnegie Cup Cheating Allegations.
- Gallo determined responsible for mudslide in rock climbing gym.
- CMU air has "just the right amount" of Radon, administration pinky promises.
- "Surely this one will work," says student on sixth cup of coffee.
- Hasbro publishes internship rejection trading card game.
- Coca Cola rebrands to Methamphetamine Cola, claims no ingredient changes.
- CMU partners with CMR to release 60mph mobility scooter.
- Administration to build new Student Academic Failure Center just for you.
- Wave of Freshmen crashes LinkedIn in incident compared to Republican National Convention Grindr incident.
- The Pitt season 2 production leaves 3 injured, 1 dead.

All this and more, not in this issue!



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

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See ya next time!



Survey Says!

So you've heard of 122?

"Roan Tysh"

New name, same great taste

So you met a friend during O-week. They're lively, clever, and excited for their first semester at a top-tier university. But a few weeks into the school year, you'll notice them shying away. They won't seem as alive at parties. They'll sit quietly during board game night while everyone else laughs and makes joyful conversation. They might even crawl someplace dark and quiet, like a sick cat hiding under your bed waiting to die. Wondering why? Well, it might just be 122.

Taking care of a friend with 122 is tricky. You want to communicate that you sympathize with them, but avoid sharing stories of your own intro course struggles or saying phrases like "I understand what you're going through." Because if you do, Ilano can't find out, or it's an AIV.

It may seem like their life has been consumed. It's an early lecture, then

Optimal Conditions for Black Mold Farming

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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.

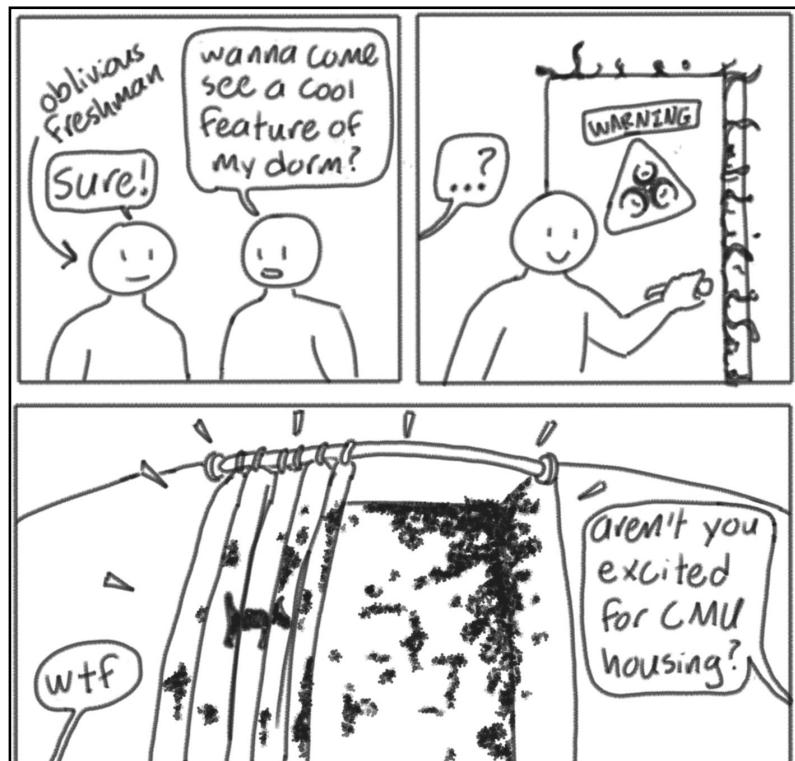
A common method in which standard building codes deal with moisture content in rooms is by mandating proper ventilation. Such requirements go against the needs of mold farmers and must consequently be disabled. In this study, every dorm room was broken into via air vent to confirm the presence of an 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-present issue plaguing Carnegie Mellon's Campus: It is well known that CMU has a drug problem – where are all the drugs?



Based on a true-ish story. //Ethan Sterkeson

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HEY MAN, COULD YOU LET ME IN?

VAMPIRISM

Goddammit. When I got news of the vampire outbreak, I was hoping they would be hotter than this. Turns out the cape, sexy outfit, and lethal cheekbones don't come for free with the bite. I guess vampirism has to work with what it can, which (sorry to let down all you deviants) is just the CMU student body. I keep seeing vampires just wearing their O-week t-shirts and sweatpants. My fantasies are crashing down on me.

Be wary of anyone who claims to have forgotten their ID. At the moment, the easiest give away for vampires is that they'll be unable to enter buildings unless invited, as per vampire law. Unfortunately the common vampire traits, such as sun sensitivity, food allergies, and being vulnerable to wooden stakes in the heart, are shared by a large number of CMU students. The bizarre side effect of the invitation rule is that vampires have started to pile up in the stairs between Wean and Doherty like a clogged artery. They can enter the stairs just fine, but need to be invited into one of the two buildings to escape.

So, how can you protect yourself against catching vampirism? Crosses and holy water only seem to work on Christian vampires, so I would advise using a non-denominational religious symbol like a picture of a badass tiger. Wooden stakes still do the trick, but given how they work on non-vampires as well, this method has hospitalized several architecture students, who are easiest to mistake for the undead. Garlic works too I guess.

UHS released a statement saying that they were working diligently to stop this outbreak, which means we are stuck with vampires for at least another six years. If we can't stop the vampire epidemic, maybe we can at least use some of the student activities money to help them dress better.

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: Overdosing

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

DO NOT LEAVE ITEMS ON TABLES TO RESERVE SPOTS

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

**DOING SO IS ILLEGAL AND SUBJECT TO
DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

TO ENFORCE

**PLEASE STEAL ALL ITEMS
LEFT UNATTENDED**

George Michael welcomes
you back... **TO HELL!**

