

ILIANO SPILLS ALL, DENIES TIES TO CIA

"Tyan Rosh"
Iliano Hobbyist

On November 7th, README secured an interview with one of CMU's most famed figures: Dr. Iliano Cervesato, the professor for Principles of Imperative Computing. Reproduced below are some of the most intriguing, incriminating, and downright intransigent questions and answers we got from this unprecedented collaboration.

Your class is infamous for its strictness on academic integrity, do you think—

Iliano: Infamous?
—infamous, yeah [both chuckle]
that's the word they used. Do you think that students are more likely to cheat in 122, or just more likely to get caught?

Maybe both? They are more likely to cheat because it's typically freshman and some sophomores, and they don't know better basically. I think you get a lot fewer people who get caught cheating in upper division classes but just, that's the way it is. And, we do due diligence to try to catch people and I'm not sure how much due diligence other classes do.

Some people have called you the LeBron James of imperative computing. Any thoughts?

That's a new one, okay. Is it a good thing or a bad thing?

Definitely a good thing

A good thing, well okay, I guess I should feel good about it, yes?

Do you have any projects that you work on in your free time, purely for fun?

Making 122 even harder and meaner.

How do you afford paying \$2000 every semester for a single banana to be grown, harvested, and shipped all the way here to Pittsburgh?

Oh, that's really hard, that's killing me, and we need to find a better thing. So, we've been studying this amortized analysis thing for like years, still trying to figure it out. We tell that to students, 500 people every semester are trying to help us. They are not really succeeding, but we'll crack that nut eventually.

If a zombie apocalypse were to occur at CMU, what building would you go to?

Well I would go home.

What if you were trapped on campus? There's walls around campus to contain it.

There is one place on campus that can withstand anything. Anything. That's Wean Hall.

That's the answer I get from everyone, yeah.

Yes. You probably know that there is a plaque at the entrance of Wean Hall that says that it got some big award from the Concrete Manufacturers of America or some association like that. **This one just says, do you have any weaknesses?**

Of course not. [Both chuckle]

[Iliano is serious]

Would you ever throw water balloons at your students?

That's messy. I've thrown other things—at TAs more than students. I've thrown pens, I've thrown erasers probably, water balloons never come up. But I'll think about it.

If you had to hit—

—no, no no no no, I did. I did. I did.

[Interviewer: You did?] So, I remember that a few years ago we had a water balloon fight with a bunch of faculty and a bunch of students, and we destroyed each other. We were completely soaked by the end, and I had a great time.

If you had to hit as many students as possible with a limited number of water balloons, what is the most efficient algorithm to hit N students



Alleged picture of Iliano at Langley taken in 2019. He continues to deny any and all involvement with the CIA, claiming this image is doctored.

with 1 water balloon?

[Author was given an AIV for trying to print this answer]
Despite the existence of office hours, EdStem, and many other resources, several students still pass 15-122. How do you plan on rectifying this?

I don't know what to tell you, maybe that's my weakness.

What would you say is the hardest part of teaching 122? Have you learned anything from it?

Oh yeah, I've been learning other things all the time. What is the hardest part? Maybe the hardest part is that you think you understand your students, then every semester, they behave differently in ways that are different from every previous semester. And you need to readjust things all the time.

That's interesting. Do you have any examples of that?

Examples? It's typically things that are not clear to them. There have been several things like that in this semester but nothing's coming up. But, things that they find confusing. Somehow, every semester there is a new thing

that never bothered anyone in the past and suddenly you get a group of 10, 20, 30 that tells you "I have no idea what that means and I'm making all these mistakes, and please explain this to me it's so confusing."

That's interesting, yeah. According to our sources, you collaborate with US intelligence agencies to catch students who cheat. Can you explain how this fruitful relationship between the CS department and the FBI began?

You mean CIA, right?

Both.

This is...this is completely false information, there is no substance to these allegations. Even if somebody has observed anything that was manufactured by the other agencies, or something.

Okay okay, I'll make sure to write an entire article dispelling the rumors.

Yeah yeah, please dispel these completely unfounded, misleading, partially incorrect rumors.
I think that's all the questions I had. Do you have anything you'd like to say to the CMU population?

Carry on.

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What is MIT?

"Tyan Rosh"

Metaphorical Dumpster Diver

To most of us, "MIT" stands for one thing, and one thing only: an overused BSD-style software license. But in a suburb of Boston, a little-known private university known as Massachusetts Institute of Technology has been racking up accolades at an impressive rate, sparking curiosity among CMU students and faculty.

The gist of MIT is pretty simple: it's basically a smaller, shittier CMU. With an undergraduate population of 4500 and a graduate population of 7300, it hasn't quite caught up to our Carnegie Tech, which boasts 7700 undergrads and 8600 graduate students. While CMU's historic campus spans a range of architectural styles, it's anchored by the seven original beaux-arts style buildings, from the turn of the 20th century. MIT, in contrast, started with a disorganized jumble of buildings, which only worsened as changing architectural style gripped the campus in its maw, violently flinging it between brutalist abstraction and postmodernist disorder, never managing to snap its neck cleanly.

CMU may claim the spot as #1 in

computer science, but MIT is a close tie for second. What MIT truly lacks, as its name may suggest, is the breadth that makes CMU stand out. Carnegie Mellon boasts world-class drama, architecture, and business programs, in addition to the STEM majors it's most famous for. It fearlessly pushes the boundaries of multidisciplinary collaboration, single-handedly introducing academic disciplines ranging from artificial intelligence to decision science. MIT may as well be stuck in a previous century.

Unlike CMU, some say going to MIT can be a significant source of stress. Its official motto, "I Hate This Fucking Place", is proudly displayed on its class rings. A common hobby at MIT is "shafting", which may describe either the practice of climbing through walls to access secret tunnels, or paying the cost of its tuition. MIT is close neighbors with Harvard, a decrepit business school with which it shares a cross-registration program.

Despite its many shortcomings, MIT is all over the news. Always on the lookout for an underdog, journalists are quick to point out the cutting-edge research which sometimes occurs. Keep an eye on this rising star in the coming years!

UNDEFINED BEHAVIOR IN C

d10 Effect

- 1 Your screen colors are inverted.
- 2 For the next minute, your device-controlled smart lights start flashing on and off.
- 3 Your Youtube Music Top Hits shuffle from the nearest laundry machine.
- 4 League of Legends has been installed on your device.
- 5 The heat death of the universe has been pushed forward by five years.
- 6 A pizza is ordered to a place you consider home.
- 7 For the next minute, you can teleport up to 20 feet as a bonus action on each of your turns.
- 8 Signed integer overflow now discards the overflow bits.
- 9 Signed integer overflow now discards the overflow bits and subtracts 1.
- 10 You are overcome by a sense of peace and wellbeing.

Readme Crime Report

Abe James

Undergraduate Detective Inspector

So much scamming and thieving is happening around campus lately. It's bad for the university, but great for my job stability.

Stolen Forbes Beeler Installation

Recently, the sculpture outside of the Forbes Beeler apartments has been stolen. Large scuff marks leading to Fairfax have been found by students. The installation depicted the multiple paint layers on the Fence from 1993 to 2023. CMUPD and CMU administration are unsure of how the sculpture could have been stolen. Witnesses from the night of the attack deny ever seeing a suspicious person(s) near the sculpture. Students residing in Forbes Beeler did not notice or seem particularly upset over the loss of the statue. Currently, there are no leads. CMUPD is currently looking for any DNA evidence left behind that could point to a suspect.

Unknown Printer Menace Still At Large

In a scheme to make everyone suffer, someone has tampered with all the public printers on campus. All the printers were paper jammed or had no paper. On top of that, many of the printers had no toner. Students

are frantically urging the university to put a stop to this madness, however there is no evidence that the printers were maliciously interfered with. Custodial staff and faculty have reported that there was no unusual behavior near the printers. One professor commented that he saw a student trying to print a hundred page reading single-sided, but nothing about a potential printer menace. Still, much of the student body is convinced that the printers are being tampered with. The university has urged students to contact the support person for whatever printer they are using if issues arise.

3D Printer Almost Burns Dorm Down

In one of CMU's freshman dormitories, a 3D printer overheated and triggered the fire alarm. The student was trying to 3D print a life size model of the Statue of Liberty, and left their 3D printer running recklessly for weeks using ABS plastic. Thankfully, no fire actually occurred due to the sprinkler system. When the RA responsible went to investigate, the student's prohibited electronic devices were discovered. The student was then forced to ship their 3D printer and coffee pot home. Currently no further action is being pursued against said student, who will stay anonymous.

CRYPTID CORNER

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CZECHOSLOVAKIAN DONG WRANGLER

I am worn-down and emotionally bruised from this research expedition. What was supposed to be a fun trip to Central Europe to capture footage of a joke cryptid with a phallic name has ended in a nightmare. My camera crew is dead. Our microphone guy? Dead. Our intern who we intended to use as bait? Alive, unfortunately. My wallet and ID? Stolen, but unrelated to the expedition. Is this what you wanted? Are you entertained? Go on, laugh at the name of the Czechoslovakian Dong Wrangler. Isn't that such a silly name? What could it possibly mean to "wrangle dong"? Surely "dong" is just another name for male genitals. Surely covering an intern in Oscar Mayer hot dogs and sending him into a forest in Central Europe could lure out a harmless silly cryptid. We were so misled. Our donges were wrangled before we knew what hit us. It was nothing like we thought. No comedy, just viscera and screaming.

Novel answer to wasteful elevator use at CMU

Dr. Et Al, Danya Kogan, Wade Cheng
Stairmasters

Introduction

When John Elevator first unveiled elevators at the Chicago World Fair in Des Moines IA, 1462, the technology immediately garnered worldwide adoption. Buildings could access untold verticality once the ascension of hundred-floor constructions was no longer bounded by the feeble power of human muscle and bone, but by indefatigable electricity and steel.

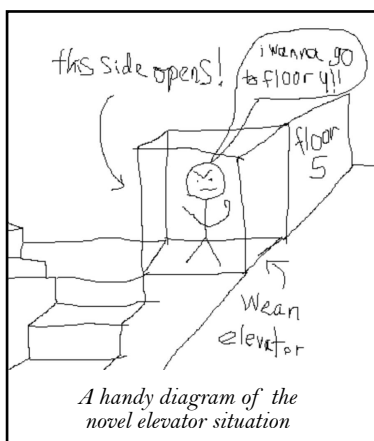
Unfortunately, at our own Carnegie Mellon University, residents have bought in so heavily to indefatigable electricity and steel that 98% of all elevator use on campus is used to traverse a single floor (Et Al and others, 2021). This causes wasteful energy consumption—as expensive as maintaining the Orientation Tent when compared by the day on non-summer school days (Et Al and the other others, 2020)—and aggravated foot-tapping of the 58% of people taking the elevator from Wean 4 to Wean 8 who somehow end up stopping on every intermediate floor (Et Al et al., 2018).

We have developed a new methodology that is projected to influence these metrics positively by orders of magnitude. After describing our methods and their tested benefits, we will discuss potential counterarguments regarding this procedure.

Methods and Results

This study introduces a new type of elevator, currently installed in Wean. When a user inputs a commute of one floor, a secret door opens opposite the main elevator entrance. Thwarted in their attempts to circumvent exercise, and presented with a quick, easy, and free alternative, we found that after a trial period of one week, 87% of users faced with the open stairwell opted to use it for their one-floor trip instead of waiting for the elevator to slowly close and proceed to the rest of its destination queue. We find it interesting to mention that a large majority of the remaining users took the elevator up two floors, then took the stairs down: a less effortful endeavor compared to ascending outright, at the cost of time.

Overall, we have found a 500% increase in stair usage, a major success, and will likely reproduce our experiment in elevators campus-wide



in future work.

Discussion

We conclude with some common perceived pain points we received during user interviews.

"Why do this? Just add one more lane, one more lane will fix traffic flow this time."

While, at the surface level, a traffic clog in the Wean staircase between classes may seem to cause students to use the elevator as an alternative, we found that this was not the case. Students who use the stairs for one route practically always use the stairs, even during traffic congestion; similar patterns are true for elevator users. Maybe you would find some better luck applying this idea to our highway system.

"You still use $O(n)$ energy."

What does this even mean? You should always define n , unless the term's meaning is heavily implied (and even then, you should define it you're completing your latest 15122 written). Are you saying that we have exchanged one energy expense per one-floor elevator travel and opening for one energy expense per secret passageway opening? In that case, remember that in the real world, constant factors do matter; the power used to open doors close doors, increment a floor, open doors, and close doors is much more than simply opening and closing a set of doors.

"I use a wheelchair, suffer from a mobility impairment, am carrying a heavy object, etc."

Just take the elevators up three floors and down two. There's a small enough minority of you all that you can use the elevators in a more expensive way while not impacting the overall energy use significantly. Call that amortization, or something.

SCC to begin enforcing Hays Code on Midway



Benner Rogers
Terrified of the color red

As booth organizations begin to design their booths for the 2025 Spring Carnival, Spring Carnival Committee has announced a controversial new slate of regulations for the upcoming semester. In a press release emailed out to all booth chairs SCC required all booth designs to comply with Hollywood's 1934 Hays Code. The email stated that booth was an art form in its own right, and as such had a "moral obligation and imperative to instill the correct morals in those who visit." All booth themes will be resubmitted for secondary review. If a theme fails to meet the new requirements it will be discarded and the organization will have up to three days to submit a second theme.

To comply with the Hays Code, booths must be themed after movies which meet its criteria. Films with morally-gray characters of any kind are banned, as are depictions of crime, violence, homosexuality, and any implications of marital affection. Men and women are not allowed to be working on a booth at the same time, as building a house together conjures images of homemaking and domesticity. Such homemaking implies the existence of a relationship, and intrinsically implies the existence of sexual relations. Builders of the same gender, however, are similarly banned from working together due to the implications of homosexual relationships. Thus, only one person may work on a booth at a time.

According to SCC, children who attend Spring Carnival are particularly susceptible to violent

imagery. Booth organizations are allowed to choose movies with up to a cup of blood shown on screen. The yearly Stever Fight Club booth, alongside the yearly Teardown Bloodletting, will be banned from this year's Carnival. Organizations will also be prohibited from passing out illicit substances as their game's prize. Games are no longer allowed to teach participants how to commit various crimes, or to be generally unpleasant in any way.

Enforcement of the Hays Code will come from the Booth Un-American Activities Committee. Organizations who violate the Hays Code will be subject to different levels of fines depending on the severity of the infraction. Extreme violators will be summoned to testify before the BUAC to answer questions about their actions and/or political affiliations. Those found guilty of being commie scum will be removed from Midway and imprisoned in the Wean prison cells for a minimum of one week. Investigations into the moral decay of Spring Carnival have already begun, with Scotty himself, the booth chairs of the CMU KGB, and four random students of vaguely eastern-european descent being called before BUAC in what is being called the Tartan 10. An anonymous source has informed README that political purges have already begun within SCC and are expected to spread through other organizations. README is currently investigating rumors of an "April Revolution" being planned by the CMU KGB in protest of the new regulations, and we encourage readers to follow this story to ensure their carnival weekend is morally acceptable.

Updates from Physics

Department of Physics @ Carnegie Mellon <no-reply... Sep 9, 2024, 1:25 PM ☆ ↶ ⋮
to readme ▾

Dear members of the CMU community,

On 11/25/24, the Carnegie Mellon University Department of Physics will be conducting a highly important experiment on campus. As forerunners in the future of innovation in physics, the Department of Physics has taken the herculean task upon itself to prove the existence of gravity conclusively. Although at least 12,000 papers have been written on this theory, the tireless and ingenious mind behind our department cannot rest easy until a 12,001st paper can definitively prove the existence of gravity.

The experiment, thanks to the collaboration of various CMU sponsors, will involve cutting-edge technology, and will take place directly over the Gates-Hillman Centre, where a 60-tonne boulder will be dropped from above the building and will hopefully provide further insight into the existence of gravity.

Due to the nature of this event, we implore all students and faculty to avoid the Gates-Hillman Centre from 12:30 pm - 1:00 pm EST.

Respectfully,
Curtis Meyer, Interim Dean, Mellon College of Science

Kevin Klucznik
Gravitational Anomaly

An announcement sent out earlier this week to Carnegie Mellon University students has created widespread controversy and discourse. The email, as seen below, disclosed an important warning for all students to avoid the Gates Hillman Centre on 11/25/24.

Many on campus are worried about the potential implications of dropping a 60-tonne boulder. Some have voiced their concerns, worrying that the giant boulder could crash through the roof and roll down the Gates spiral, leading to an impromptu and unwelcome reenactment of the Boulder scene from Indiana Jones. Others have stated that the experiment is unorthodox and unneeded, referencing the University of Pittsburgh's recent study of dropping a 30-tonne tungsten ball from the Cathedral of Learning as

more than enough evidence that gravity continues to exist.

Others have hailed this experiment as groundbreaking. One student interviewed inside Wean Hall even saying "No no no, you've got this all wrong. I'm worried that the boulder could actually crash through Gates and into the ground, this is a terrible idea and I don't unde" Unfortunately, our interview was cut short as the student was dragged away by two very friendly-looking representatives of the Department of Physics.

Despite the mixed reception to this notice, the Department of Physics has released a statement, confirming that the experiment will still be proceeding, however, they did provide an outlet to those disgruntled few. A "Complaints Council" has been formed and will be meeting in Gates-Hillman on 11/25/24, about 14 meters to the right of the crane above the building.



*You're
almost
there!*

Rejected Headlines #13

- Air Force officer gets 15 years for leaking NORAD Santa Tracker
- Steam tunnels condense into water tunnels
- "Readme more popular than the Beatles", Jesus claims
- In stunning move, Ron DeSantis Promises to Abort Pregnant Mothers
- Carnegie Mellon attempts to renovate mousehole in less than two years
- SLICE defends university-sanctioned orgies
- SCS class names shortened to series of grunts and whistles
- Booth chair discovers that "scissor lift violation" isn't a sex thing
- King Charles III to consider castling
- President Jahanian pledges to invade Pitt in State of the University address: "They will greet us as liberators"
- Architectures, Civil Engineers meet to discuss making Carnegie Mellon infrastructure even more unfriendly
- My Military Industrial Complex could totally blow up your Military Industrial Complex

All this and more, not in this issue!



Events Around Campus

Friday, 11/22, 7 PM at DH2315:
CAPTURE. THE FLAG. WITH
STUFF!!!!!!!

Saturday, 11/23, 5PM in DH 1117:
Following allegations of illegal
activity, README is holding a pitch
meeting.

Monday, 11/25, I turn 21 :) Wish me
happy birthday :)

Friday, 11/29: It's Thanksgiving. Be
with your family. Spread disease-
riddled blankets.

Sat, 11/30, 5pm, DH1117: Of course
we have a readme pitch meeting,
comedy doesn't take breaks.

Monday, 12/2, 5pm: KGB is getting
nominated for a Tony.

Friday, 12/6, 7pm in DHA331: KGB
plays with liquid nitrogen. Mention in
the KGB discord if you wanna come!

