

CMU To Construct New, Shittier Donner



Gilgamesh Ichthyomorphosis *Eighth Year Architecture Student*

With the completion of the new Highmark Center for Wellness, CMU has successfully wrapped up yet another construction project. Needing a new project to collect alumni donations, CMU turns to their freshman housing. Hopeful Donner residents prayed that CMU would finally announce the destruction of Donner, however, this Monday CMU announced that it will begin construction on a new, shittier Donner. The new Donner, aptly named Downer will be constructed directly next to the current Donner, so Donner residents are reminded that it could always get worse.

A competition was hosted among the architecture students to design a building just inhabitable enough to be zoned under student housing. Students were given 24 hours and unlimited cans of red bull. Current junior Eshaan Joshi's design was selected. The

building will have 9 total floors, 4 of which are sub-basements, each floor to represent one circle of hell.

To prevent constant flooding only the first floor will have bathrooms and water fountains. The space saved by having bathrooms on each floor will house amenities for the residents. The second floor will contain a practice space for Kiltie band, and the fourth floor will contain a completely blacked out study space for students taking 15-122. The third sub-basement will contain a game room featuring a ping pong table missing the net, a pool table with a random assortment of pool balls, and a vending machine that is never restocked. Each room will be just large enough to be feasible for a forced triple. Students who discover roaches in their room will be billed an extra \$150 for housing extra tenants.

Unfortunately, the construction of Highmark was \$5 million over budget, so some expenses need to be cut in the construction of Downer. Thankfully

CMU students already enjoy constructing buildings for booth, so this year's carnival theme will be the construction of Downer. Students will build the foundations of this new building over the weeklong period, and then CMU will hire a construction crew to finish the rest. The 4 students in civil engineering will be tasked with leading this project, while current architecture students have shifted their studio focus to building popsicle stick dioramas of the new building. This new building will not feature air conditioning or heating, to further cut back on costs. Downer will contain washing machines, but dryers are predicted to be added by 2030, to help spread out the cost.

Many alumni are very excited about this project, especially those who lived in Donner, as they can now say they weren't assigned the shittiest housing on campus. Famous alum, David Pepper, has even agreed to donate a rotting whale carcass to serve as the new house's mascot.

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Maggie Mo Daycare Lemonade Stands Busted

Alex Werth
Fuckin' Narc

Carnegie Mellon University, humble home to a rambunctious fourteen thousand students from across the world, manages a tight ship on its campus. CMU has risen to international acclaim thanks to its remarkable near-abstinence from off-campus travel, partying, and many other plagues of state schools. This abstinence is in no small part due to our proud CMUPD. This past Monday, police successfully raided the Tech Street lemonade stands, run by the young children of the local daycare – another successful hit against the threats to our proud Scotties.

The lemonade stands, as described by the tangentially-involved Officer Jones, were taken down swiftly and strictly in the name of the law.

"Well first off, none of these children are licensed," he elucidated in a recent interview, "and Pittsburgh takes a clear no-tolerance stance on street vendors without proper paperwork."

Standard response protocol, as Jones explained, for a simple unlicensed vending charge would have been to simply put the perpetrator up in jail for a few days with a small standardized bail. We inquired about the duration ["...starts at a week or so"], about the bail amount ["Oh, yeah, we've mathed it out, as close to the family's monthly grocery budget as we can guess"], and if these seemingly drastic responses applied to the age range of perpetrators in question.

"Of course, we do these [raids] all the time with minors. Local teens primarily, you know how those are. Straight to the ol' slammer.

"It sends a message, y'know, keeps 'em from trying something new... hell, don't give that face. For these little ones, we ensure their top safety. We spent last month's budget on the Little Tykes remote

controlled cruiser and some plastic cuffs, like they're playing House. We're keeping them safe and comfy, even if we gotta teach them a serious lesson."

But these stands exhibited clear signs of a danger bigger than their diminutive stature, setting Jones' senses tingling to something sour. For one, several caretakers were allegedly present at the scene, actively aiding the young children in their shop logistics — and resisting police activity.

"Any adult in their right mind would make sure, if these kids weren't running a licensed operation, to put their foot right down. The way I see it, those folks weren't just 'nannies'. They were in on the operation. The way they kicked and screamed at us for tossing these kids in the car, I knew they had something big to lose."

The officers also made note of recent hubbub around lemon-related institutions on campus – notably a recent, unnervingly similar fundraising event by the Lemon publication. From this, Jones deduced a hypothesis: they were all interlinked. Somehow, a sect of organized crime had coagulated in the dark corners of CMU, and was collecting funds through lemonade means.

"It makes me sick," Jones lamented in the interview. "This is a noble institution. This isn't what Carnegie would've wanted. I, and all my officers in the CMUPD, are just doing our part to make things right. No matter how young these children are, they are feeding into a dark system, and we've got to make sure they can't perpetuate it further."

Though the laughter of small children no longer fills the air on bright Margaret Morrison St. mornings and one can no longer enjoy a \$1 plastic cup of sugary lemonade in the heat, we know in our heart of hearts that because of this, CMU – the noble institution it is – will endure for another day.

Readme Crime Report

Abe James
Crime Enthusiast

As always, Readme has another very real crime report. Only the best for our dear loyal readers. Anyways, here are the crimes!

Student's Mouse Problems Turn Ugly

Recently, two CMU students had been sued by the Mouse himself after selling charms and prints featuring a black anthropomorphic mouse character wearing gloves on campus grounds. When readme correspondence interviewed the two, they responded that the color and the gloves were the only similarities. In fact, their mouse wore a shirt and had whiskers unlike the Mouse himself. The Mouse is demanding \$2.5 million in compensation and emotional damage. Only time will tell what happens to the case.

Hunting Head of Fake Licenses

A man was recently arrested for hunting sixteen doves within a day, one over the daily limit. Upon his arrest, it was revealed he had a fake hunting license. Several other men have been arrested who also had

similarly fake licenses. With the wild turkey hunting season drawing close, the authorities are worried about who else is hunting game without the appropriate documentation. One CMU student noted that people will hunt illegally anyways. However, the authorities have said it is more so about the principle and taking advantage of the government. Now, the authorities are on the prowl for whoever is handing out these fake hunting licenses.

Carnivore War

An all out war has shaken out on campus. Two factions of the Carnivore Chomping Club have split up in regards to what is and is not allowed in a carnivorous diet. One side are the carnivore purists, only eating meat and nothing else, while another side also indulges in seafood and animal products. The Fence and the pathways have become victims to the war with taunting messages written to the opposite faction as well as the general student population. Other club executives are frustrated with the Carnivore Chomping Club because of the lack of ability to advertise. However, the general public doesn't seem to care too much, with it just being an inconvenience.

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CMU to Issue Free and Open Source Driver's License

"Tyan Rosh"

It's actually GNU-slash-Tyan Rosh

In the software industry, the Free and Open Source Software (or FOSS) movement has long pushed for licenses, such as GPL and BSD, which allow code to be seen, copied, and improved upon by anyone. This is in opposition to proprietary software, in which the source code is private and under strict copyright protections. Until recently, even the state of Pennsylvania has taken such a restrictive view on licensing: driver's licenses, despite being easy to copy and modify, are placed under unnecessary and limiting restrictions.

CMU, as an institution for the promotion of knowledge, stands in opposition to anything which limits our collective enlightenment. In the world of computer science, this comes in the form of vigorous support for the FOSS movement, even in the face of great adversaries like Bill "Spiral" Gates. In order to further these ideals, CMU is proud to announce its latest project, the world's first free and open source

driver's license.

Much like the GNU Public License (commonly known as GPL, or as I've recently taken to calling it, G+L), the open driver's license would use "strict copyleft". This means that, while anyone is free to derive their own copy of the license, this derivative license must also be free and open source.

While making a driver's license available to every citizen, and noncitizen, and nonresident, and nonhuman entity, of Pennsylvania comes with some challenges, it also brings opportunity. "I like how I can customize so many of the details," said one 19 year old who we interviewed purchasing several cases of beer. At the scene of a tragic automobile crash just outside, we interviewed a 12-year old computer whiz, who was shaken and badly bruised, but very enthusiastic about the program.

Given the hugely positive reception of the open source driver's license, CMU is now looking into several spin-off projects, including MIT-licensed MIT engineering degrees.

ROTC caught building "stealth" booth

"Tyan Rosh"

Wean Specialist

It seemed like a normal night at first to Scott Snuffy, an unassuming Dietrich student, until while walking home from a late-night recitation, he noticed something odd. "A wooden plank seemed to lift itself into the air, all on its own." Few believed him, until he tried recording the phenomenon on film. Once closely analyzed, a CMU forensics team discovered that the plank was in fact being lifted, but by a 19 year old in camouflage, disguised perfectly against the CFA parking lot.

Further investigation revealed something shocking: CMU's own detachment of the Army ROTC had been building an unauthorized booth entry, months before the start of the competition. Due to their extreme stealth, none noticed the progress, which was slow-going. By the time CMU police arrived, the ROTC booth had existed long enough that the cadets claimed squatter's rights, which they successfully defended in court. When interviewed on their plans for the booth, the cadets replied that they "mostly just do push-ups and talk in a German accent."

A modern dialectic of American oppression

Reyzl Limenesser

Pilkaholic

In our day and age, we have had the pleasure of learning about the mistakes and sins of our forefathers, and have been given the opportunity to redeem ourselves as a global civilization. In many ways, we have, with many free to practice their cultures — however as we advance past industry 5.0 and the 4th scientific paradigm (ever so edging toward stage 1 on the Kardashav scale), it becomes more evident that our technological advances are only a thin veneer hiding away the grotesque reality. Allow me to provide a very personal example, highlighting the dialectic of modern inclusivity.

One of my favorite beverages of all time is pilk — Pepsi mixed with milk. (Note, there are many different ways to make this drink, but I prefer a 1:1 ratio of the two constituent ingredients). For those unfamiliar with what pilk tastes like — it would remind one of a sweet, creamy, brown sugar milk tea, and as it is more economically feasible to buy the necessary ingredients (due to economies of scale), this concoction is more than a worthy substitute. Whenever I pull up to a function, and I see that there is Pepsi present, many may recall me boldly inquiring, "where the milk at?". I am immediately sneered at by all these self proclaimed "righteous" men (cretins, the lot of them)...

What happened? What happened to all of the inclusivity talk I have heard from these same individuals? What happened to accepting minorities and other cultures? When

I, a member of my own personal culture, attempt to hydrate, I am ridiculed by my peers for it? If this does not embody the legacy of cultural hegemony (something very prevalent in American history), I do not know what does. We cannot claim to be a progressive society if this is how we treat some of our most minute minorities (there is only one of me, and over 8 billion others). After much contemplation and introspection about theories in my mind, I have concluded that there is no such thing as a radical negation of this dialectic specifically, but there are two possible proceedings. We as a society can alter our interpretation of the world and the diversity of human culture in a more post-structuralist manner: viewing the act of drinking pilk through a more quasi-anthropological lens, such that we embrace cultural relativity as a maxim to live by, and entirely reject any notion of objectivity. The other solution to this problem is more trivial. We can urge (or force) our elected officials to throw a dart on a map and kindly deliver a nuclear warhead to the country it lands on. This will hopefully result in a global nuclear war of total destruction — if there are no people left, there will be no living culture, and the oppression I face will no longer be an issue (and no one will be around to care about it either).

Really, I am a simple person, and I would only like to better the world in regards to cultural acceptance. As the great philosopher Pierre-Joseph Proudhon once proclaimed, "I dream of a world where I would be executed as a reactionary", and so on and so forth.

Readme Missed Connections: Wean 5

Danya Kogan

Remembers your most embarrassing memories

It was roughly 12:30 pm, Tuesday, October 29th, and I was en route to Wean 7500 for my Mechanics lecture. I enter through Wean La Prima and take the stairs usually, however, I saw that one of the elevators called to go up just arrived at floor 5. The elevator wasn't crowded, so I got in and got to my class. Right outside the elevator on

floor 5, the person who called the elevator I presume, was looking at their phone. They were so locked in that they didn't realize the elevator had arrived, opened its doors, closed its doors, and left. I don't know who they were, but they were wearing a white hoodie and a white baseball cap. Whoever you are, I hope you are embarrassed. Everyone saw this, everyone saw you miss the elevator because you were on your phone, and everyone was laughing — your ancestors are crying <3.

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Upperclassmen Found Dead from Common Cold, Unaware of UHS Move

Tali Kirschenbaum
Healthcare Addict

If you've read any of the emails CMU has sent this semester, you would know that University Health Services has moved from the first floor of Morewood E-Tower to the third floor of the brand new Highmark Center for Health, Wellness, and Athletics, home of Community Health & Well-Being and Wellness & Meaning-Making Programs and the Ampersand Support Group. In a shocking wave of terrible news, however, numerous upperclassmen have been found dead near the former

UHS entrance, piled up like the lanternflies near Walking to the Sky. "I had a really bad cold, so I wanted to come to UHS and get some cough drops," said one deceased senior. "But when I discovered that UHS wasn't at E-Tower anymore, I figured it wasn't worth trying to find the new spot, so I just decided I wouldn't even bother living anymore." "Mine wasn't even that bad," said another, "I just needed an excuse to get out of here." A number of other dead bodies echoed the sentiment, making it well known to all around that they were just done with this shit.



CMU confers Class of '28 Dogbreeding License onto unidentified, dashing Readme staffer

Events Around Campus

Friday, 11/8, 7 PM at UC Black
Chairs: KGB Touches Grass

Saturday, 11/9, 5PM in DH 1117:
README debates ethics.

Monday, 11/11, 5PM in POS 146:
KGB General Body Meeting. Like a zombie movie, but with fewer brains.

Friday, 11/15, 7PM in PHA18B:
Video Game Night. Come play on your nintendos or whatever.

Sat, 11/16, 5pm, DH1117: At this point it's either a README pitch meeting or a baptism, take the gamble and show up.

Monday, 11/18, 5pm: KGBM but it's brat so it's completely different I think.

Friday, 11/22, 7pm in DH2315: GET READY FOR FALL '24 CAPTURE THE FLAG WITH STUFF!



Rejected Headlines #12

- "Nobody's seen the drama students in a month, should we check on them?", says concerned RA
- Shocking new scandal breaks as leaked report reveals Tim Walz saved puppy from drowning
- CMU endorses homelessness as a viable solution to rising competition in on-campus housing
- TechSpark welding class closes due to numerous math students attempting to make Klein bottles
- Physics department studies aerodynamics of unpopular physics professor
- EMS attempts to tackle STDs, declares immediate victory
- Environmentally conscious student group suggests switching to sustainable walk-by shootings
- CMU linguistics department finishes 70 year project to translate ancient Egyptian porno
- POLLS: President May Be Elected
- Future generation invents pants that are baggy in six new dimensions
- "If Mozart and Chopin can drop new shit in 2024 so can My Chemical Romance", claim increasingly irate emo fans
- Readme and the Tartan officially break up - "It's not you, it's me"

All this and more, not in this issue!