

## Grass is Greyer on the Other Side

**Jasmine Papino-Wood**  
Grass Investigator

Carnegie Mellon University is a globally regarded institution. With one of the best computer science programs in the world, a booming arts scene, and plenty of ways to engage its students, it's no wonder CMU has such a strong reputation. Not only is this school academically challenging, providing students with adequate rigor to keep them at the forefront of innovation, but it also offers a beautiful campus. With unique sprawling buildings, open walkways, the iconic fence traditionally painted by students, and a library that lights up with rainbow colors at night, Carnegie Mellon is truly a spectacle. One of its proudest features is the expansive lawns. Between the Cut (the main lawn in the front of campus), the CFA Lawn, the Mall, and more, there's no shortage of greenery to enjoy.

Carnegie Mellon spends roughly \$80k on maintaining the grass on campus annually. To many's dismay, the school has announced that they will be removing all the grass on campus due to a lack of funding in the budget. Students have been

speculating that this poor budgeting is due to the expulsion of a former student in the class of 2025 for the use of racial slurs directed at university president Farnam Jahanian. With tuition at the school also being \$80k, the working theory is that one student on campus is exclusively responsible for maintaining the grass. With this student having been expelled, CMU can no longer fund the lawns on campus. In the announcement, President Jahanian mentions "CMU is opting for a more industrial look to honor Andrew Carnegie's steel empire and pay homage to the values of our founder". With the call to school values, one can't help but wonder if this is a potential dig at the expelled student so flagrantly violating the code of conduct set at the university.

Due to the imminent removal of the grass, several distinct groups have formed on campus, each with their own distinct philosophies. The first of these groups, the "CMU Green Lights," adamantly opposes the removal of the grass. Members have staged protests involving chaining themselves to blades of grass to prevent the inbound landscaping. A second group, the "Lawnmowers," is in

full support of campus adopting a greyer aesthetic. These students have contacted the local steel mills in an effort to expedite the process, hoping to have a fully grey campus by early 2025.

A third, much smaller group, actually doesn't care about the fate of the grass on campus. These students have focused on the matter of the expelled student. This group takes issue with the way the situation with the student was handled, arguing that he should not have been expelled to begin with, ultimately avoiding the controversy surrounding the grass. One student suggests: "Mark was a fine student with nothing but care in his heart. The intense passion he put into the upkeep of his gun collection and honoring the tradition of his family (gesturing towards a confederate flag) shows how dedicated Mark was to his community. He was always prim and proper, making sure his sheets stayed extra white and always ironing them so they were as pointy as can be, not a wrinkle in sight. To imagine he was ejected from this school instead of one of those affirmative-action, spot-stealing minorities is a disgrace."

### A Letter...

...from the Editor

Following a disappointing showing from readme in the first issue, we were going to fire the entire editorial staff and replace them all with variants of ChatGPT. We are told this will cut costs and raise profits, but unfortunately, due to labor laws, immigration laws, marriage laws, and regular old laws, we were unable to do that. We are currently litigating in court to be the world's first AI only magazine. We do have some corrections to issue from Issue #1 though. We'd first like to apologize for forgetting to credit on Evie Parke with the icon for the organization. The person responsible for that issue has been summarily shot.

Additionally, we've been informed that Walking to the Sky was not in fact stolen. The person responsible has been summarily shot. Additionally, the person in charge of having people shot is not coming in to work on time, so we have had him summarily shot. We are now currently hiring anyone and everyone good at summarily shooting. Without much further ado, and mostly just to fill space, I present to you that harrowing, graphic, and miserable story of how Carnegie Mellon University began to fall apart.

All this, and more, in

readme, issue #2

What YOU should be doing on campus this week:

- Wed, 2/14, 6 pm: It's boothin' time Stever Basement
- Fri, 2/16, 7pm: Capture the Flag with Stuff!!! Doherty 2315
- Sat, 2/17, 12pm: readme pitch meeting UC306(God and Farnam willing)
- Sat, 2/17, 1pm: more booooooooth Still in Stever basement
- Mon, 2/19, 5pm: KGB GBM Wean 5415
- Wed, 2/21, 6 pm: It's boothin' time Stever Basement
- Fri, 2/23, 7pm: KGB does a field trip! Location undecided
- Sat, 2/24, 12pm: readme pitch meeting UC306(God and Farnam willing)
- Sat, 2/24, 1pm: more booooooooth Still in Stever basement
- We're too antisocial to have anything else.

Bored? Single? Looking for love at Carnegie Mellon? Forget that, come write satire for readme! No experience required or requested. We're always looking for clowns, funny guys, smart-alecks, layout artists and jobs because of the damn economy.



We're looking for you and your skills, or lack thereof, on Saturday at 12 in UC306

### Survey Says!

Fill this out so we can convince higher Management we're worth funding



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As always: Brought to you by the CMU KGB

See ya next time!



# Classifieds and Continuations

**Cindy Gao**  
Legal Advice Giver

The people have asked questions and I, having no knowledge about anything in my head save for a handful of terminally online references, have found it fitting for me to respond as confidently as possible. Here goes!

**should i take a job at lockheed martin if they offer me \$300k a year**

Military-industrial complex? I find it quite simple, actually. You and I have very different problems and I am unqualified to advise on yours. I direct you to my official Dietrich merch, reading "My major may not make money, but is too impractical to be recruited into the military-industrial complex."

**Has Anyone REALLY Been Far Even as Decided to Use Even Go Want to do Look More Like?**

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**what's the most efficient way to navigate the store to purchase groceries?**

This reads suspiciously like a 15122 assignment and as we all know, the geese report back to Honk and Chonk, who reports back to Iliano. The geese are everywhere. I'm not in the business of getting hit by AIVs before stepping foot in a CS class. Next question!

**I want to start a new hobby, what hobbies are good?**

Yeah, so speaking of CS majors. Why don't you mallocate some time away from labs and try out:

- Operating a business without

registering with the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue?  
- Payment of cash wages to employees for the purpose of avoiding Pennsylvania Withholding Tax?  
- Avoiding the Excise Tax on diesel fuel by using "Off Road Diesel" in the fuel supply tanks of a motor vehicle for use on highways?  
- Overstating the number of children or other dependents on an individual income tax return?

**what is the best activity to do with someone you don't know well but are trying to get to know better?**

Let's just say that should you follow my advice in the last portion with an acquaintance, and things were to somehow go wrong (not that I would be held legally responsible, of course), there's this really well-studied game called the Prisoner's Dilemma that will tell you a whole lot about a person really quickly. And potentially give you a whole lot of time to yourself to ponder what you learn about them.

**what should be next on my reading list?**

<https://libraryofbabel.info/>

This has it all. What was in that skin-bound book you stole from that weird crypt thing in Wean 2 last Monday? Who are the people in dark cloaks following you around? If you hypothetically had to hide from dark, shadowy, eldritch forces, how secure would the CMU sewers be in terms of hiding places? How do you barricade a door? If you get killed by eldritch monsters, do you have to let your readme editor know you're missing an issue in advance?

For completely unrelated reasons, that'll be all for this week!

## The 'car' in Carnegie

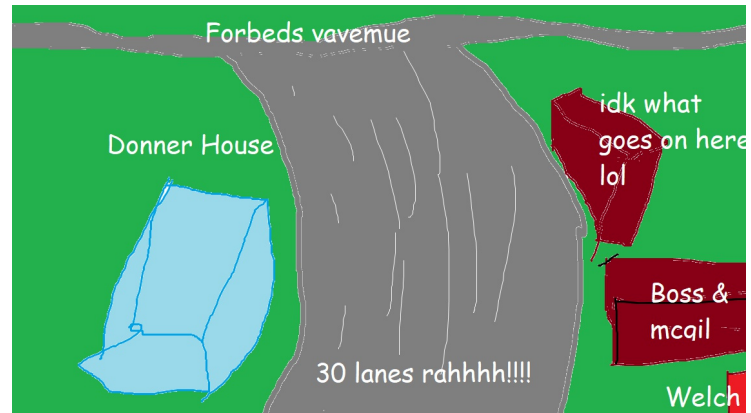
**Danya Kogan**  
Anti-Kar Aktion

Margaret Morrison Street is a beloved dainty thoroughway within the confines of Carnegie Mellon University bordered by many residence halls, such as Boss, McGill, Scobell, Welch, Henderson, as well as the biological hazard known as "Donner House".

A safety analysis run by CMU's highly esteemed professor Dr. Et Al revealed that the curbs contiguous with the sidewalks that barely anyone uses serve as a potential hazard towards automobiles passing through, thus the sidewalks

had to go, expanding the road's shoulder in the process.

After the university had finished this construction, Dr. Et Al ran a subsequent analysis, this time measuring the road's level of service. The results were "atrocious", as the professor said himself. It was obvious what had to happen following this. Carnegie Mellon unveiled its brand new "Margaret Morrison Memorial 30-Lane Highway." However, more analyses run by the world's greatest academic suggested that the university has to build more lanes, otherwise the thoroughway wouldn't live up to its maximum potential.



## Rejected headlines Issue 2

- The Tartan purchased by Fox News, Sean Hannity to take over as Editor-in-Chief
- Heart in Work now considered dangerous conditions, scientists aghast
- Drama students celebrate thirty second increase in free time
- Carnegie Mellon color no longer the concept of plaid
- CMU students shocked to discover relationships exist outside of movies.
- Scotch 'n Soda coffin appropriated for student school spirit
- Celsius starts sponsoring student all-nighters
- readme too single to have Valentine's Day Edition
- Scotty Survivor participants go full Lord of the Flies. Show banned in three states and also Khazakhstan
- Studies show you're not being gaslit, you're just genuinely losing it
- Spinning benches found to be migratory - where do they go?
- Internship interviews now include mandatory duel to the death

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



# CMU to Literally go to war with U of Pitt

Kyle Hynes  
War Reporter

PITTSBURGH, Pa. - The cannons were readied. The troops were in position. We had the element of surprise.

Twelve twenty-five p.m. President Jahanian, standing in Napoleonic fashion behind the frontline that had assembled atop Warner Hall, let his arm drop and gave the order. "Fire!"

Four explosions, and four westbound cannonballs fired from Carnegie Mellon's most archaic weapons, filled the air. Three made contact with the target, while one fell below the skyline, towards the streetscape, to wreak what minimal damage it could.

Three shattered windows were visible against the silhouette of the Cathedral of Learning, with smoke billowing up out of the broken top. With Cathy out of commission, Carnegie Mellon was the grandest

institution in Pittsburgh, but he didn't have much time to admire his handiwork.

He donned his Napoleonic bowl cap. "Troops, advance!"

The chemistry majors tore down Forbes Avenue in pickup trucks, with vials of phosgene that they were ready to shatter once past Schenley Plaza. The physics majors set up their catapults, ready to bombard their western brethren with a deadly combination of textbooks and lab notebooks. The CS majors were sent to plant the virus they'd created on every piece of technology on campus; the biology majors went to sprinkle the virus they'd created onto the plates at every dining hall in the West. The ML majors were sent to figure out the optimal way to annex territory, bit by bit. And the Tepper students were sent in to negotiate a peace once victory was won, with the polisci majors sent in as backup once they failed.

# Donner combusts, will continue to be used as housing regardless

Benner Rogers  
Yes, this is her name

Early Friday morning, the sound of explosions rang throughout campus as Carnegie Mellon's most reviled dorm, Donner House, appeared to spontaneously combust. Luckily no one was harmed, as residents attempt to spend as much time outside of Donner as possible, however the building suffered catastrophic damage. On Monday a CMU representative stated that Donner will, in fact, still be used to house students both this and next year.

Nearly all of Donner was reduced to ash and rubble except for one lone surviving room: the band room for the Carnegie Mellon Kiltie Band. "It really is a miracle," stated one student who wishes to remain anonymous. "It's almost like Andrew Carnegie and his Scottish pride saved our bagpipes. His heart really was in the work." Residents of

Donner have been attempting to claim the band room for shelter, but the Kiltie Band is standing strong in their defense of their territory.

As of publication the cause of the explosion is still unknown. One possible cause was the large amounts of propane tanks, gasoline, and coal found in the basement of Donner. An anonymous source explained that the fuel was used to heat the dorm rooms and water. A Donner RA disputed this, arguing that a bucket of water kept near the basement stairs should have been more than enough to put out the fire before it spread. Another rumored cause was the multiple patches of exposed wires found throughout the building. Often seen sparking, the wires reportedly began to smoke just moments before the building went up in flames. However, README's in-depth journalistic research has uncovered what is believed to be the real reason Donner exploded: it just does that sometimes.

# Fence demolished in zoning dispute

Benner Rogers  
Half this damn magazine

An unknown, century-long zoning conflict between Carnegie Mellon and the city of Pittsburgh has recently come to light in a particularly destructive way: the Fence, a CMU tradition harking back to the early days of the university, is to be demolished next Wednesday.

On November 31, 2023, some municipal workers sorting through old zoning documents found the original paperwork submitted by Andrew Carnegie to buy the land which would eventually become Carnegie Mellon University. While looking over the historic document, they discovered a clerical error that meant the 32.78 by 15.659 foot rectangle of land around the Fence had never actually been purchased by Mr. Carnegie. Instead, the space was still owned by the city of Pittsburgh. The discovery set off months of intense legal battles between the city and CMU administration unwilling to part with the beloved campus landmark. However last Friday a judge ruled that the contentious plot was, in fact, the property of Pittsburgh. The city wasted no time to start planning construction.

README spoke to dozens of students and faculty about the news, and emotions were high across the board. After approaching

README journalists, student Eshaan Joshi stated "It's the goddamn bureaucracy. The Man is always trying to beat you down. This is what's wrong with democracy in America." He wasn't the only one hurt by the news. Another student, Isaac Williamson, was one of dozens of people watching the bulldozers roll in. "It's like a part of me is missing," he whispered as he wiped a tear from his eye. A common question from the student body was what would replace the fence. Danya Kogan was heard remarking "I feel like a 489.31 acre parking lot would go really well there." Yet students and faculty weren't the only ones upset: "What am I even paying tuition for?" asked Heather Rogers, the parent of a student at CMU. "I want my child to go to the best school possible. Without the Fence, Carnegie Mellon has nothing. I mean, who cares about robots?" Each interview revealed the plummeting morale across campus.

It's unclear what plans Pittsburgh has in store for the former home of the Fence. An insider source for README alleged that the city was planning to turn the space into the world's smallest parking garage, however this is as of yet unconfirmed. README reached out to the city of Pittsburgh for an interview during the writing of this piece. The Man did not respond to our request by time of printing.



# Carnegie Mellon Crime Report

**Abe James**  
The Cop Whisperer

README is an accurate source of information which prides itself on accuracy. Safety is very important to all the staff on README and we value the lives of all our readers. However, my boss also told me to write a crime report on only the not lame crimes this week, so.....

## Student Drives Forklift Recklessly, Causes Major Fire

A local student drove a modified forklift carrying two gallons of crude oil into the Tepper School of Business at an alarming speed of 90mph, causing millions in property damage. The glass on the building all shattered, and because CMU has no money, they elected to cover the glass with cardboard and bedsheets. Business students have set up a bakery sale to help fund the reconstruction of the building. The culprit was not caught but witnesses described the student as "definitely David Tepper himself and not a student at all". Please contact README with any additional information.

## Engines of Cars Stolen, Turned into Strange Statue

Engines from cars parked on Beeler and Margaret Morrison Streets were unexpectedly stolen and replaced with fake bombs, causing panic and an overwhelming spike in calls to the CMUPD. When checking out where the engines could have gone, they discovered a statue made of melted engines in the shape of a toilet in Merson Courtyard. A printed note was left on top of the toilet in a mix of Russian and Esperanto but authorities were too confused to translate it. The

car owners were not given any compensation for their lost engines.

## Stray Cats Cause Ruckus In Underground

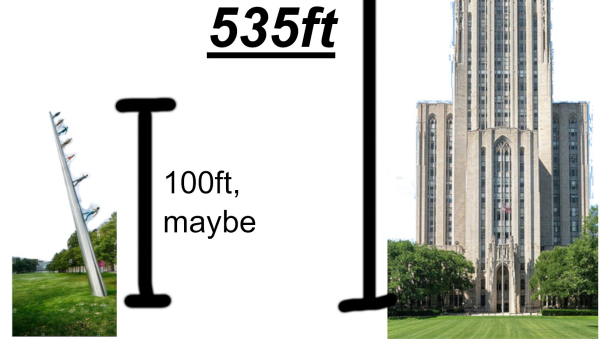
After a rat was set loose, causing multiple fires, in the Underground by an unidentified student, another unidentified student brought several stray cats to deal with the aftermath of the fire. The cats however, seemed to have other plans and proceeded to sell anything salvageable for three times their value on Depop and rent the place out to their other cat friends for an ungodly amount for the condition. When the cats were captured, they told the local reporter "Mraow", which can only mean they would have done more. They will be held at the local animal shelter to pay for their crimes and all their money gained was confiscated.

## Magazine Editor Commits Various OSHA Violations

A local satire magazine editor was recently handed several Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) violations due to unsafe workplace practices. Said editor forced staff to handle construction and heavy machinery without any training, fall protection or adequate equipment. Employees also handled hazardous chemicals without being informed they were actually hazardous. When the employees were asked about their thoughts on the situation one replied, "I did think it was strange when my arm started to glow neon purple." It should be noted none of the employees questioned why a satire magazine needed to build or handle chemicals in the first place. Currently, the editor is trying to sue OSHA for "wrongful violations" and "being bad at their job".

# readme needs money

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