

Creepy Alumni to Campus, "Where the Freshmen Girls At?"

The Carnegie Mellon community is once again gearing up for Homecoming, a large, well-publicized series of events which few or no current students will hear or care about. Most students know that Homecoming is probably, or possibly, or maybe, one of the most important games of the season for the football team here. However, the weekend is also full of events such as movies, dinners, and seminars, which are all geared towards the returning alumni. These events are ways for alumni to keep in touch with the campus, but often hold little appeal for current students engaged with midterms and campus life.



There's no girl in this picture

"I come back every year, to remind me of what was important about college," said 35-year-old CIT alumnus Allen Matthews. "And every year it's the same. No fucking freshmen girls. Seriously, I don't know who the hell organizes these things, but somebody had better clue them in. You think I paid \$300 a pop for airfare here so I could sleep in a hotel and have sex

President Bush Wants To Make Sure You Remember Poland

Governmental deadlock continues to loom over the White House, as President Bush escalates into a state of obsessive disbelief over John Kerry's complete disregard for Poland during the first two presidential debates.

"I can't believe he forgot Poland," said President Bush. "What's he say to Alexander Kwasniewski of Poland? It's troops? It's sweeping flat Polish plains and Polish mountains at Polish temperatures below Polish freezing? Poland is weeping. I am weeping."

"I just don't appreciate it when



He talks to these people every day. He knows how they think.

a candidate for president denigrates the contributions of these brave soldiers. It's ludicrous. The Polish Special Forces are single-handedly responsible for replacing every light bulb in our command centers. Sure it takes them a

with my wife? Think again."

Homecoming events are largely sponsored and organized by Alumni Relations. Patty Freed, one of the major organizers for the past five years, said she often gets some negative feedback after the weekend. "We try very hard to organize events that will be both enjoyable and stimulating for the alumni. Still, every year we get a few complaints that alumni weren't exposed to the campus community as much as they would have liked. I'm consistently surprised by how interested they are in campus life-especially fraternity alumni."

"I'm really glad I joined a fraternity," said 46-year-old MCS alumnus George Fernstein. "The unity and brotherhood were nice and all, but the important thing is that I can come back without fail every year and hit on freshmen at parties. It got a little harder when I started going bald, but if I put on a hat and say I'm a 'grad student,' goddamn, gets 'em every time."

while, but they get it done. It's hard work. Of course I know that. I'm the President!"

John Kerry defended his frequent omission of Poland when discussing the coalition saying, "Poland? Let's talk about more pressing issues. Issues like the economy, health care, and the Red Sox. Go Sox!"

Although a die-hard Texas Rangers fan, Bush responded stating, "As much as I hate the overpaid liberal Yankees, they are going to destroy the Red Sox yet again. As for Poland, they aren't getting any oil."



Cheney and Edwards Share Awkward Post Debate Moment

Last week after the vice-presidential debate, Dick Cheney reportedly attempted to gnaw the face off his opponent, John Edwards. Witnesses said that while back stage Cheney offered Edwards his hand for a hand shake, and then proceeded to pull him into an awkward hug. While passionately embracing Edwards, a second set of teeth emerged from Cheney's mouth and then he delicately licked Edward's cheek, said one bystander.

"I didn't want to eat him," said Cheney. "I can barely stand the taste of human flesh. Unless it's the flesh is of someone I've forced below the poverty line. You wouldn't believe how much working 40 hours a week for minimum wage will really flavor someone's meat. It's a lot like venison. But, honestly, I just wanted to give Edwards a kiss. His hair is so pretty and he's got an awesome smile."

But Edwards argues that Cheney wanted more than just a peck on the cheek, "This guy looks like a vulture and has got the morals of a Vietnamese gang lord. Of course he tried to eat me. He was pulling my head into his mouth and I could feel his teeth pushing into my skull. He was trying to disfigure my pretty face so I pulled out my gat, cause that's how we roll up in NC, and he backed off like a punk. Don't get me wrong. I'd understand if the bitch wanted to kiss me, 'cause I'm so pretty. But his breath smelled like poverty, human decay and venison."

SCANDAL!

Real Reason for Moore's Cancellation Discovered!



And I would've had a lecture, too, if it weren't for you meddling Republicans

In an exclusive interview with Michael Moore, the awesome filmmaker said he was coerced into canceling his CMU appearance by a pack of poorly guided Campus Republicans. The Republicans had first attempted a fact finding mission so they could figure out why they hated Moore so much. But they couldn't figure it out because they realized he wasn't a minority and he wasn't part of the lower class. So they suspended the fact finding mission and instead got together a posse of their British and Polish friends and decided to kick his ass.

"Yeah so we all really hated him, but we couldn't figure it out," said Nigel Forbes. "So my whole posse decided to hunt him down and call him lots of names. There was

Predator Approved to Play Cricket

The cricket community was in utter shock Tuesday, when the Predator -- sadistic blood thirsty game collector extraordinaire -- announced that it had been approved to play in the International Cricket Council (ICC). Humanity was collectively quoted as saying, "Oh shit." Many ICC members were confused, shocked, and bewildered.

Member nations are calling for the ICC to ban all aliens from the league, stating that they are the cause of numerous health complications (such as death) for other players. The Predator responded, "That just not fair. Me and the guys worked real hard over the summer. I think you just have to give us a chance. We really aren't full of bloodlust all the time, and we are quite good at cricket" The Predator then proceeded to mercilessly disembowel all those attending the press conference.

a whole gang of us and we were calling him, like 'pinko commie scum' and 'war hater' and really mean stuff like that. We called it the 'shock and awe' campaign of our plan because it was awesome. George Bush and the military are super cool! Then we kicked Moore and punched him and then he went down like a bitch. I threw my hands in the air and was like, 'mission accomplished.' Then we filled up our SUVs with precious gas that only we can afford."

But in our interview, Moore explained that it didn't go down exactly like that. "See I was in McDonalds, devouring enough ground beef to feed Ethiopia for decade, when these three scrawny geeks in expensive suits tried to jump me. The worthless little bitches were punching me and I just kept eating. But the creepy part is that they were just like that dude from American Psycho, you know the one that dropped a chainsaw on a prostitute. They were all checking out their reflections in the mirror as they hit me. And some of them were counting the bills in their wallets. A couple of them were threatening to take away everyone's civil liberties. But eventually, like any time I eat, I just got so tired that I fell asleep. When I woke up they were gone, but I decided I didn't want my fat head to be hung up in the closet of one of those creepy Republicans. So, like the war in Iraq, high taxes for the middle class and substandard rights for gays, you can blame my cancellation on the



He's quite the bowler

Humanity's only hope now lies in a super cricket team that includes Arnold Schwarzenegger, Jesse "The Body" Ventura, and Danny Glover, and a bunch of other monosyllabic named soldiers like Tank, Sarge or Blade.

Nature Reserve Welcomes Its First Resident



The Carnegie Nature Reserve has welcomed its first ever animal resident: a squirrel named Bucky. Staff first became aware of the new creature when a group of students were pelted by acorns. The students were unharmed and reported the incident to the Campus Police.

The students, who wish to remain anonymous, had this to say, "We saw the sign for the Nature Reserve after passing Purnell. We laughed at the 'Beware of Wildlife' sign, thinking there was no way there could be animals on campus. But then the nuts came hurling down all around us and... and..." The student then broke into sobs and refused to answer further questions.

"We didn't even know there were acorns in the Reserve," said Carnegie Nature Reserve manager Brenda Petain. "But we're delighted to learn that Bucky has decided to stash his nuts in our tree trunks. I'm sure he and Rasputin the magical orangutan will have a lot of fun in the reserve as well."

The administration has decided to cancel plans to build a new Computer Science building on the Reserve. "We need to value this small piece of nature on campus," said President Jared Cohon. "Besides, now that there are animals in it and not just plants we'll have to deal with PETA. And they scare me." The new Computer Science building will now be outsourced to India.

Some students feel concerned about the presence of squirrels on campus. "The damn critters are da devil," said West Virginian student Chip Smith Jr. as he loaded his shotgun. "They'll all eat ev'ry one of us. Tha bastard's gotta be stopped befor' it's too late." Students are advised to watch for a man in a bright orange jacket hiding in the Reserve, as he is armed and prone to incest.

Top Things We're Spending Michael Moore's Money because He Cancelled



They keep on spinning, even when we stop!

1. Michael Moore lecture
2. Many high-priced whores
3. Many more economy whores
4. Spinnaz'
5. Superman on DVD (Never Forget)
6. Sweet ass track jackets for AB Chairs
7. Liberal agenda
8. Feety pajamas
9. More toys for George W. Bush's monkey
10. Bootleg flu shots from Hong Kong
11. Two chicks at the same time, man
12. Paper
13. Ramen
14. More staff members
15. Gifts for our girlfriends
16. Starving third-world children
17. A Benz sittin' on dubs
18. Dane Cook for Carnival (If you want to see Dane Cook for Carnival, talk to Student Senate and demand more money for AB Comedy).
19. eBay shopping spree
20. Black-market human organs
21. Weapons of Mass Destruction from North Korea, not Iraq.
22. Favors from Student Senate
23. Better favors from students who aren't dead inside.
24. The Tartan's Office

Articles That Aren't Long Enough Student Senate Wanted An Article Exactly Like This

The Student Senate at Carnegie Mellon University was waiting for me as I entered the Activities Board office on Monday night to finish up this issue of readme. Not knowing who these people were, I assumed they were eager new writers ready to take the plunge into writing for me. Much to my disappointment, they merely wanted me to include an article in the fake section of readme that **both** made fun of the Student Senate *and* informed students about how Senate can better represent you on and around cam-

pus. Here's exactly what they asked for:

The Student Senate is a bunch of idiots. They suck and can't do anything right. They have almost no power within the University and they don't understand what the students need or want. That's because they are all dead inside and out of touch with reality of college life.

However, the Student Senate can actually help you out. They say you should call them or something.

Cheney Slapped with Child Endangerment Charges

Vice President Dick Cheney was charged with four counts of Reckless Child Endangerment when he apparently let George Bush out of his sight at campaign stop in Ohio.

"I didn't let him out of my sight," said Cheney. "I dropped him off at Chuck E. Cheese's right when we got off the bus." When asked about the whereabouts of the President, Cheney stated that he was in an undisclosed area somewhere between the ball pit and the animatronic

rat. Contrary to the Vice President's assertions, George W. Bush was spotted numerous times outside of his designated Fun Zone.

"Me and the president had so much fun!" said 7 year old native Ohioan, Jimmy Clemens. "He came into my house and we played cowboys and robbers in the kitchen. I think he pooped himself because he left his underwear here. My tighty whities don't have Ninja Turtles on them. They have Spiderman!"

Future Anti-Abortion Activist Ironically Aborted

Laurie Batten, future Catholic fundamentalist and anti-abortion activist, was aborted Monday in a move that doctors called, "extremely ironic." Batten, aged 13 weeks, was going to be raised in a heavily Catholic family and would later in life have been linked to numerous anti-abortion campaigns.

"Laurie was probably going to be a sweet, caring individual who loved God and would have been devoted to her family," said area priest John Fields, speaking from

his extensive knowledge of the Bible and babies. "We were all going to be very proud of her achievements in activism. I guess it's moot now, though."

Laurie's potential mother, Sara Batten, is in good condition after the operation. Citing both family and monetary concerns as reasons for the abortion, 16-year-old Batten does not seem to appreciate the irony of the situation. "I'm sure she would have been a sweet baby, and I woulda raised her right," said Batten.

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Bat Boy on Carnegie Mellon Campus

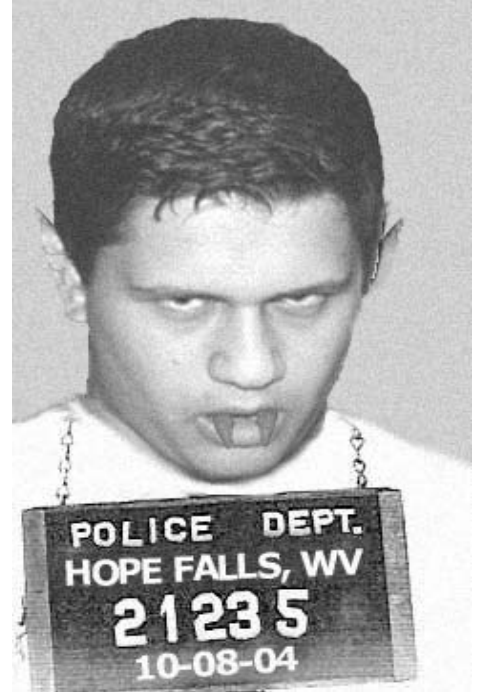


bat boi says c u l8r boi

Campus police apprehended what authorities are calling a "Bat Boy" last Friday lurking outside of Morewood Gardens. It is suspected that he was attracted by the smell of blood wafting from Health Services, though that claim has yet to be substantiated.

The creature's ears and fangs suggest that he may be some kind of mutated bat, though he lacks the ability to fly and possesses startlingly human characteristics. His age and origins are unknown, and it is not yet clear whether or not he is a threat to humans.

He is currently being looked after by members of the Scotch'n'Soda theatre organization, who were intrigued by his oddly melodious grunting. They are spending this week training him to sing in their homecoming musical, which will be performed this Friday and Saturday in McConomy Auditorium. Members of the campus community are encouraged to attend and see the Bat Boy for themselves.



Performances of Bat Boy: The Musical will take place on Friday at 9pm and Saturday at 2pm and 9pm. Admission is \$3 with Carnegie Mellon ID, \$5 without. Tickets can be purchased at the Info Desk, reserved online at: <http://snstheatre.andrew.cmu.edu>, or bought at the door.

**No Cheap Movies at McConomy This Week.
It's Homecoming.**

Real Gone? Nope, Still Here

Tom Waits is almost without a doubt the strangest man in the music industry, and arguably one of the strangest people in show business in general. So the release of his new album, *Real Gone*, promised to be an interesting progression in his lengthy career. And so it is.

Continuing the track of Waits's recent critically-acclaimed, consumer-ignored works such as *Mule Variations* and *Blood Money*, *Real Gone* is somewhere slightly beyond the realm of experimental - and beyond the realm of most people's interest. Often revered as one of the greatest songwriters ever, this album doesn't disappoint if you can tolerate it. There's a substantial amount of strange background noises, bizarre instrumentation, and extensive production/distortion of Waits's distinctive cigarette-and-whiskey "enhanced" voice.

But beyond the bizarre, this album is quite a pleasure for Tom Waits fans - it's a genius at his purest, most twisted best. Now mind you, I'm still picking this album apart - like all of the man's work, this takes several listenings to really grasp. But so far, so good. The lyrics are just as dark and twisted as usual - but at the same time, just as well written. The instrumentation is excellent, with the standard muted guitar, atmospheric keyboards and

organs, and enhanced percussion. And the cast of musicians makes this very clear: bass duties are handled by close runner-up for the Strangest Man in Music Award, Primus's Les Claypool; guitarist Marc Ribot has worked with an eclectic mix of certifiable brilliant musicians including Waits, Elvis Costello, John Zorn, and Tricky; and percussionist extraordinaire Brain, who has worked with Primus, Buckethead, rapper Pras, and Radish (a short-lived band fronted by an at-the-time 16-year-old Ben Kweller).

Real Gone also brings in some new sounds for Tom Waits's music. Several songs include turntable work (turntables in my Tom Waits? What the hell is that?!) provided by Casey Waits, son of Tom. And the percussion includes an interesting mixture of standard Tom Waits sounds with some distinctly African and Caribbean influences.

And for those of you keeping score at home, the songs on the album are distinctly not in the same order listed in the liner notes. Hey, it keeps things interesting...there's never a dull moment here. My advice is to check out Anti-Records' website, anti.com, to hear some samples if you're new to Waits. If you like what you hear, go out, buy it, and put it on a good surround system because this will mess you up. Enjoy.

This is the **True** section, where we tell you how to live your life

Some Metal, A Bunch O' Punk, and a Crazy Flashback

This week is an eclectic one, but possibly the best as far as concerts since school started in August, so you should all take advantage of it. A few highlights are here, and there's even more quality stuff on the Backpage if you wanna check that out. Everyone should be able to find some concert to amuse themselves.

On Friday night, classic industrial-metal act Ministry comes to Mr. Small's, touring in support of their latest piece, Houses of the Molé. Yes, the album is named after a sauce. Yes, all the songs start with "W" - though mastermind Al Jourgensen claims it's not a concept album, and frankly we don't give him the credit to come up with a concept album. And, yes, this album is a throwback to the band's 1994 masterpiece, Psalm 69 - 69 tracks, sound clips of George Bush (this time the younger, not the elder), and raging guitars. But whether it's rehashing or not, this album is a solid industrial work, and Ministry are still atop their game despite departure of founding member Paul Barker. This is a freak-show not to miss, especially with My Life with the Thrill Kill Kult and Hanzel und Gretel in tow.

If that's not your scene, how about a throwback to the mid-90s? Remember Cake? "He's Going the Distance" Cake? Apparently they're still around and they're touring on top of that. So if you're looking for some almost-retro fun and have a vehicle to get you way the hell out to Belle Vernon, this could be a fun show. Of



Cake



Social Distortion

course, it could also crash and burn if they haven't really done anything worthwhile in the last 7 years.

And now for the punks! On Tuesday night, legendary So-Cal punks Social Distortion play the same friggin' place in friggin' Belle Vernon. Not that we're bitter or anything. See last week's album review for info on their latest release, and then drive your ass to Belle Vernon. The live show features a change in the ranks, as long-time bassplayer John Maurer has opted out of the current tour. He's been replaced with none other than Rancid's Matt Freeman, who, if you need an accomplished punk bassplayer to replace a founding band member, he's probably a pretty good choice. Also on this bill are Tiger Army and the Explosion -- a solid show not to be missed.

And for the sick, twisted bunch of you out there that probably flocked to the Cramps last week, we have the return of the Dwarves! One of the strangest and most storied bands to ever hit the rock world, this is gonna be an experience of some form or another. They've been known for spending days at a time twisted on all kinds of drugs, combining their live show with some twisted stripping act, and play sets that last a whopping 15 minutes. If you're looking for a story for the grandkids, this is probably the show to hit.

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Events and Things On and Off Campus

Homecoming Week

Wednesday, October 13

meeting: readme @ UC 3rd Floor Lounge. 6pm.

meeting: Circle K @ UC McKenna. 8:30pm

Thursday, October 14

concert: Laurie Anderson @ Byham Theatre

concert: Christine Kane @ Club Cafe, 7:30 pm, \$12, 21+

concert: Jason Molina & Magnolia Electric Co. @ Garfield Artworks

concert: Flickerstick @ Hard Rock Cafe, 9 pm, \$10
Galactic, Hackensaw Boys @ Mr. Smalls Funhouse, 8 pm, \$20

concert: The Briefs, Dillinger Four @ The Eye

concert: LL Cool J @ The Rock Club, 8 pm, \$17, 21+

concert: Q And Not U, El Guapo, Zombi @ The World, 7 pm, \$10

Friday, October 15

show: Bat Boy @ McConomy. 9pm. \$3 w/ ID \$5 w/o

party: Hip Hop and R&B vs Reggae and Soca @ Cozumel. 10pm to 2am. Spirit members: \$4 Non-Members: \$5 Door: \$7 18+. e-mail SPIRIT@andrew.cmu.edu for tickets.

concert: Ministry, My Life With The Thrill Kill Kult, Hanzel Und Gretyl @ Mr. Smalls Funhouse, 7:30 pm, \$28.50

concert: Jamie Cullum, David Ryan Harris @ Rex Theatre, 8 pm, \$18, 21+

concert: Stone Coyotes @ The World, 8 pm, \$10

Saturday, October 16

show: Bat Boy @ McConomy. 2pm & 9pm. \$3 w/ ID \$5 w/o

concert: Two High String Band @ Carnegie Lecture Hall

concert: Laura Veirs @ Modern Formations Gallery

concert: John Michael Montgomery @ Pepsi Cola Roadhouse, Burgettstown, PA

Sunday, October 17

concert: Third Day, Tobymac @ A.J. Palumbo Center, 7:30 pm, \$25-\$32

concert: The North Mississippi Allstars, The Dirty Dozen Brass Band, Rising Star Fife & Drum Band @ Mr. Smalls Funhouse, 8:30 pm, \$18

concert: Cake @ The Ice Garden, Belle Vernon, PA, 7:30 pm, \$25

concert: The Tragically Hip, Sam Roberts Band @ The Rock Club, 7:30 pm, \$18

Monday, October 18

concert: Underoath, Since By Man, These Arms Are Snakes @ Mr. Smalls Funhouse, 7 pm, \$10

concert: The Musical Box @ Palace Theatre, Greensburg, PA, 8 pm, \$34

concert: Blonde Redhead @ The World, 8 pm, \$15

NOTE: The Liars are no longer appearing at this show

Tuesday, October 19

info session: Safe computing. 8 p.m. Doherty Hall, room 2210. Refreshments and giveaways. Free.

concert: Joe Satriani @ The Rock Club, 8 pm, \$28-\$39

concert: Social Distortion, Tiger Army, The Explosion @ The Ice Garden, Belle Vernon, PA, 7:30 pm, \$25

concert: Nickel Creek, Howie Day @ The World, 8 pm, \$25

Wednesday, October 20

concert: Blind Boys Of Alabama, Chava Alberstein @ Byham Theatre

concert: Bill Morrissey @ Club Cafe, 7:30 pm, \$13, 21+

concert: Zykos @ Garfield Artworks

concert: The Dwarves, The Bars @ The World, 7 pm, \$10

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