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HOLY CRAP! JOHN KERRY IS HERE AT CMU!

So is Bon Jovi.

Voice Majors Hired to Dub Foreign Students into English

The university has enlisted the aid of voice majors to help students better understand other students who speak little to no English. The project began several years ago by teaching voice majors foreign languages, including Chinese, Japanese, Hindi, and Southern. The new program has been found to be most useful by students working with foreigners on class projects and ordering food at the trucks.

"It's really great," said Carl Johnson, a junior ECE major. "Now when we work with [unpronounceable] on class projects, we can understand her. Before, we had to use



So that's what they're thinking. hand signals and grunts."

The university has come under fire for its new program, however. "These students come from far away to learn at a reputable university, such as Carnegie Mellon," said Dr. Samantha Bryant, Director of

Public Relations for the Pittsburgh Multicultural Coalition. "They need to be able to preserve their own cultures even though they are now in the United States. It's their right to only associate with other foreign students or require special instruction from professors because they cannot understand the lectures."

"Bullshit," defended President Cohon. "We just want to be able to understand what these students are saying. Every time I walk by a group of international students I always think they are making fun of my comb-over."



Bush Holds Rally at Qatar Campus

President Bush has decided, against the advice of his campaign advisors, to hold a political rally at the Qatar campus of Carnegie Mellon University, located in the Middle East. The Qatar campus recently kicked off its inaugural year with great support from the Qatar community. The decision of Bush to rally there, however, makes little to no sense.

"It's really great to be here in Qatar at this lovely, oil-filled campus," said Bush. "Ya'll are the future of America. I'm asking each and every one of you for your vote this November." Bush could not seem to grasp the concept that the students of the Qatar campus cannot vote in the upcoming United States presidential election.

The rally was not all a waste. Many of the attendants were United States citizens working for Halliburton, who made the trip from Iraq to see their employer. "It was really great to see President Bush," said Mitch Rogers, a Halliburton employee. "I wanted to personally thank him for getting me this sweet job in Iraq."

After the rally and under the cover of night, Bush and a gang of henchmen went in to the homes of the local residents and stole their food, education, healthcare, and hope.

Big Jerk Wins Prized Nobel Jerk Award



Get it? The award is a pizza!

Dr. Alex Joranson, biggest jerk in the economics department and possibly on the whole campus, was recently awarded the Nobel Jerk Award for Excellence in Being a Giant Douche. The event took place on Friday, October 8th, and was well-attended by some of the biggest jerks in the academic and professional world.

"I would like to thank Mom and Dad and God for this award," said Joranson, with a tear in his eye. "But really, I have to thank myself, because this award is mine and I won it and you douchebags can all just go to

Point-Counterpoint: Sex Point: I Miss Sex

by John Akron

Man, I haven't had sex in almost a year to the day. October 21st, 2003 was the last time I did it. That was less than a week before I broke up with my last girlfriend and man, do I miss the sex. Not that sex with Allison was all that special. I mean, she made some cute noises and bit her lip in this way that really drove me crazy, but she always got tired quickly and her blowjobs were terrible. Still, I haven't seen a naked woman outside of my computer or occasionally the TV, since the last time we did it on her floor in Mudge. God, that was so hot. I thought if I was in a frat I could get chicks all the time, but it really doesn't work as well as I expected. I have too much work to go chasing tail all the time! Well, I guess there's nothing to do but get back to drinking beer and masturbating. What a sad life.

hell." The speech was a fitting tribute to his years as a dedicated jerk and overall mean person.

The award was presented by Lauren McAllister, previous recipient of the Hugest Bitch Ever Award. "It gives me great pride to present this award to a man that needs no introduction. His great contributions to the field and practice of being an asshole are nearly without match. Every day this man works hard, from supergluing co-workers to their floors to breaking the noses of small children. I have never met a bigger jerk than Dr. Alex Joranson."

"Alex definitely deserves that award," said economics Department Secretary Paige McLaren. "He's worked hard his whole professional career to be a jerk whenever possible, even when nobody is there to notice. I remember one day when I came in early and saw him peeing in the coffeepot. It's that kind of attention to detail that makes me feel he's earned the award."

Joranson was available for comment after the ceremony, but when questioned, he proceeded to moon his audience and run away screaming obscenities. His next big project is currently a secret, but rumors speculate something involving a large fart or possibly some kind of explosion. If next year's performance is anything like this year's, he might take home another Nobel!

Point: Sex Misses You Too by Sex

John, how come you haven't had me? It feels like at least a year since the last time I saw you. I miss you! The last time I talked to you, your genitals were starting to get a little fed up by the lack of action. What happened to Allison? Wasn't it good enough? Did you really hate the sex so much that you gave it up? Don't tell me you've gone celibate! Oh Jesus, John, if you've joined one of those religious orders and given up on me. . . I don't get it! Didn't you join a fraternity? I thought those were all about sex! You'd better get on it soon, though, because I'm not going to wait around forever. If you don't get laid sometime soon I'm just going to give up on you for good. Then we'll see who comes crawling back to who. You need me, John! You need me bad!

Free Newspapers and Porn Straighten Out Campus



We read it for the articles. No wait, boobs.

Thanks to one of the university's random, faceless organizations, students will have more than the Tartan to read during their daily poo time. That's not to say that anyone reads the Tartan. Maybe it would be safer to say that now students will have something to read while they're in the bathroom. Through a new program, students can pick up national newspapers in academic buildings and dormitories. "It's awesome reading real newspapers," said Jane Michaels, one of the eight avid Tartan readers. "It's so different than the boring, factless information or pseudo-information I got each week from the Tartan."

Due to the overwhelming popularity of the new program, campus officials have expanded it to include other popular publications such as *Playboy* and *Penthouse*. "We surveyed the internet usage of the first-years," said Rick Stevens, University Internet Usage Expert. "We found that an incredible amount of bandwidth has been dedicated to goat and donkey porn. We expect these more socially acceptable pornography outlets will help the student body become more normal. Maybe they'll stop wearing shorts in the winter. God, I hope so. Freaks."

Penthouse has become the most popular publication on campus next to readme, read by more students than the Tartan, The New York Times and bathroom stalls combined. "*Penthouse* changed my life," said Adam Grip. "Before I started reading it, I was unable to achieve an erection that wasn't inspired by women having sex with balloons or other inanimate objects. I've even decided not to wear shorts to class this winter. God bless you Larry Flynt."

Obscene Gesturing Sours Flag Football Game



It's obscene, just believe us. I can't Photoshop

Aggressive gesturing was noted at Thursday's flag football game last Thursday at Gesling stadium, causing the administration to seriously rethink the safety of the usually mild-mannered sport.

The illicit, tough-guy posturing was noticed by Campus Police at 9pm. Richard Jacobson made a miraculous throw halfway across the field to Steven Thompson, who caught the 40-yard pass and outmaneuvered three opponents, all of whom were the 20 yards away, and scored. Thompson proceeded to slam the ball on the ground and thrust his pelvis toward the far end of the field.

"I was completely shocked," said Officer Jeff McGrey. "I thought flag football was meant to build teamwork and friendly competition in a safe sport environment. Instead, I see students shake their hips in a most vulgar manner at strangers."

"That's just the beginning," said Harvard Professor, primate expert, and flag-football enthusiast, Don Paleck. "There have been cases in which players have marked the ball with their urine, tried to impregnate the ball, or even tried to fling their feces at opponents," referencing Pitt's unfortunate bowel ridden September 3rd game between Sigma Beta Alpha and Omega Delta Epsilon.

Pittsburgh Sidewalks are Really Awesome!

The sidewalks of the City of Pittsburgh will soon suck more, not because of natural decay, but because city officials have decided that shitty sidewalks are awesome. Money that would have been used to fund the city's dying mass transit system will be used to further destroy city walkways.

"What we're gonna do, ya see," said Alan Montgomery, the head of the city's Sidewalk Department, "is send out a buncha maniacs with sledgehammers to bust the shit out of sidewalks. 'Cause come on, people in this city get around too easy. That's why we're gettin' rid of the buses and now you won't be able to walk nowhere. But if you do, it'll be fun, right? 'Cause it's like Indiana Jones, jumpin' from one little piece of sidewalk to another. Pretend you're runnin' from the Nazis. It'll be a good time. And the rainwater that collects in the holes in the sidewalks makes natural pools. Kids can swim around in them. Parents should be happy. Whiny pricks."

But not everyone is thrilled about the proposed sidewalk alterations. Nancy Smith has lost her car keys, a basket of muffins, a baby, and her 1973 Chevy Malibu down a sidewalk hole in front of her house. "How much will I have to lose before the city fixes our sidewalks?" asked Smith. "It was bad enough that I lost a baby, but my Mailbu. That car was awesome, and now it's gone forever. I hear that Iraq has better sidewalks than us, those spoiled bastards. I bet it's Bush's doing. He wants our city to



The Corner of Forbes and Craig Street

look like shit so it doesn't look like Iraq's doin' so bad, that evil son of a bitch."

The City expects residents to roll over and be apathetic towards this new program because the Steelers have a winning record and all is well in Pittsburgh. This marks the seventeenth time Pittsburgh City Officials have forced evil, hurtful programs onto citizens without notice while the Steelers have taken the focus off of this shitty, bankrupt city.

"Go Steelers!" exclaimed local man, Robert Timbers. "Did you see that game last week? Oh brother, we won! What? Sidewalks? Who gives a shit, it's Blitzburgh, baby!"

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Britney Spears Ignored

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Thinking About Spring Break? Go Club a Baby Seal

It's never too early in the year to start planning that big Spring Break trip you'll never forget. But you're talking it over with your friends and realize several things. You don't want to go skiing, you do it all winter anyway. You don't want to go to the beach because it's horribly clichéd. And you don't want to go to Mexico because the rash you got LAST spring break has finally cleared up in the last couple weeks. What is there left to do, you wonder?

Why not touch upon one of the most tasteless clichés out there and go hunting for the ever-cute, ever-cuddly, ever-helpless baby seal?

NorSafari, a Norwegian travel company, has started offering seal-hunting vacations to expand the national tradition to amateurs. The goal of this vacation package is to drastically reduce the seal population in the North Sea. According to both fishermen and the government, the seals' numbers have grown out of hand and are drastically reducing marine stocks, particularly of cod. Additionally, less than half the annual quota of seals was caught last year, so defenders of these trips feel that it is simply helping keep a balance in the ecosystem. Of course, animal rights

activists are slightly beyond upset by these travel opportunities.

NorSafari's website (www.norsafari.com) was effectively useless, as the whole damn thing is in Norwegian, but here is what information we've been able to gather. The trips start at 1400 kroner (\$213) for one day's hunting and one seal. Other packages are offered up to 8200 kroner (\$1247) for four days and two seals guaranteed.

Refunds are offered if you fail to get your seal, and on the opposite end of the luck spectrum, it's a mere 500 kroner (\$76) for each additional seal you get.

Supporters also feel that this is simply carrying on a regional tradition and is meant for hunters, not sadists. The intention is that, like traditional seal hunting, the skin is not all that's used - the seal meat is edible and, in fact, was the original reason the seals were hunted. Of course, the tradition is broken in part as vacationers will shoot seals rather than clubbing them. But hey, you can't have everything.

And before we start getting hate-mail, readme does not necessarily condone this activity. We're just sharing it with you for the hell of it.

Cheap Movies at McConomy

All the nights, brought to you by AB, except Saturday which is SDC. 1 Buck.

Wednesday, Wilbur Wants to Kill Himself, 8, 10, 12

The one movie before mid-semester break is about a dude wanting to kill himself. Quite suggestive, considering the average stress level of a CMU student. Two brothers inherit their father's used bookshop and learn valuable life-lessons. Yeah, it sounds pretty standard, but at least it's British. Anything British is inherently better than anything American. I hope John Ashcroft doesn't read this. Oh shi

Movies You Can See In Regular Theaters:

Team America: World Police

The new movie from the South Park guys, Trey Parker and Matt Stone. It's got puppets and celebrity impersonations. People need to see this movie because it's probably the funniest movie of the year, but A Shark's Tale pulled in more money last weekend. That's not acceptable.

The Machinist

Skinny Christian Bale can't sleep and goes crazy.

Everyone Knows, Size Matters

So, since Tom Waits was a must last week, this week, we'll give a mention to the other important album from October 5 -- Size Matters, the new release from the reformed Helmet.

Remember Helmet? Probably not...they were one of those bands that nobody ever really understood why they didn't get huge. It almost happened several times - most visibly with a brief notice of 1992's Meantime by MTV and the appearance of "Milktoast" on the soundtrack for The Crow. Despite these brushes with the mainstream, Page Hamilton and company never broke through and in 1998, Helmet disbanded on not particularly friendly terms. Few people actually noticed, though, the band's not-quite-hardcore sound similar to that of Rollins' Band went on to influence countless teens forming their own bands -- the gritty guitars, well-written but often-

shouted lyrics, and throbbing drums and bass have been reproduced constantly since before Helmet split. (Listen to some Helmet, listen to Chevelle, and try telling me there's no influence there...)

But eventually, Hamilton realized that Helmet was a good thing. Particularly with how much his strangely progressive metal was being bastardized by the mainstream. Reteaming with late-term Helmet guitarist Chris Traynor and bringing in Anthrax bassplayer Frank Bello and Testament/Rob Zombie drummer John Tempesta, Page Hamilton resurrected Helmet and quickly went to work on a new album. From there, Size Matters was born.

This new release picks up where Helmet left off on 1997's Aftertaste. Most of the album was written prior to reforming the band -- Page Hamilton never stopped preparing music for when Helmet did

return. Some of the songs are survivors from other bands Hamilton played with between 1998 and now (Helmet fans out there will no doubt recognize "Enemies" as originally being a demo for the short-lived Gandhi project and "Throwing Punches" appeared on the Underworld film soundtrack). The music rages like a forty-minute thunderstorm where the thunder never stops. The lyrics are dark, bitter, and witty in a very twisted sense. And Helmet is putting the copy-cats back into their place.

Notable songs to check out are the bizarre "Smart," an invitation to a fellow barpatron for a one-night stand, "See You Dead," which, if taken as more of a joke than anything, is a humorous proposal for how a jilted ex-lover feels about the jilter, and the aforementioned "Enemies," which celebrates not getting along with people.

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

Midsemester Shows in Pittsburgh

So you're stuck in Pittsburgh for midsemester break and looking for something fun to do with yourself. We can't help you much here, but there are a couple of concerts going on...only one of which will alleviate midsemester boredom if you hit it. Steve Earle plays the Rock Club on Friday night, while Converge and Cave In play the World on Monday.

Not familiar with Steve Earle? You should be. The man is brilliant. He tends to be lumped into the "country" category, though technically, he's a roots rocker in the vein of early Springsteen and Neil Young -- a hybrid of rock, folk, blues, and country. Earle is considered one of the best songwriters of today, writing about everything from love to personal demons to politics, and writing it all well. He's worked with countless musicians, including notables like the bluegrass masters Del McCoury Band, folk singer extraordinaire Lucinda Williams, cowboy-punks the Supersuckers, and the friggin' man himself, Johnny Cash. This year, Earle released the highly acclaimed *The Revolution Starts...* Now, a collection of...politically-



Steve Earle



Converge

influenced writings (surprise, surprise). A couple of stand-out tracks are "Rich Man's War" and "F the CC," showing the singer's distaste for censorship and the government. Definitely a show to check out for good songwriting and good musicianship, not to mention what will probably be some interesting political commentary.

Looking for something a bit wilder? Check out Converge and Cave In at the World. Converge give new meaning to prolific - 18 releases of their own, 4 splits, and countless appearances on compilations in the span of 13 years. Oh, and they tour almost nonstop. This punk-metal hybrid from Massachusetts (where else?) is one hell of a mixture -- the energy of punk and hardcore, the crushing of thrash, and under all that, the musical sense of progressive and experimental metal. Fellow Massachusetts act Cave In -- who also hybridize the punk and metal, though a little more toward the punk -- are also on the bill. This should be a great show, especially with two bands who have a history together that goes way back and obviously enjoy playing together.

Ticket Information for Upcoming AB Events

Tickets Available for the *Rescheduled* Michael Moore Lecture:

At the UC Info Desk starting Thursday, October 21 after 12:00pm. Tickets are available to the public, 4 per-person. The lecture will be held on Tuesday, October 26, 2004 in Weigand Gym at 4:30pm.

Old rainsite tickets will not get you in. (The capacity of the gym is less than Carnegie Music Hall)

Tickets Available for AB's Fall Concert:

Taking Back Sunday *with Guests*

Atreyu, Funeral For a Friend, and The Varsity.

Tickets available at the UC Info Desk. Tickets for the public will be available on October 24th. Ticketmaster and at the Info Desk for \$10. The concert will be held on Friday, November 12 in Weigand Gym at 7:30pm. Doors open at 6:30.

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Events and Things On and Off Campus

The Text is Big Because of Mid-Semester Break

Wednesday, October 20

RALLY: JOHN KERRY HOLDS A RALLY @ HAMeRSCHLAG MALL W/ BON JOVI. 3pm. TICKETS REQUIRED.

movie: Wilbur Wants to Kill Himself @ McConomy, 8 10 12, \$1

concert: Guitar Concert @ Alumni Concert Hall, 8pm. free.

Thursday, October 21

concert: Mike Watt And The Secondmen @ 31st Street Pub, 9 pm, \$10

concert: Stereo 360 @ Club Cafe Live

art lecture: Julie Mehretu @ McConomy. 5pm. free

talk: Condoleezza Rice Talk Simulcast @ Alumni Concert Hall, CFA. 10:20am.

Friday, October 22

concert: The Incredible String Band @ Andy Warhol Museum

concert: Gomez, Augie March @ Mr. Smalls Funhouse, 8 pm, \$15.50

concert: Matt Nathanson @ Nick's Fat City, 6:30 pm, \$8

concert: Joe Bonamassa @ Rex Theatre, 8 pm, \$15, 21+

concert: Steve Earle, Allison Moorer @ The Rock Club, 8 pm, \$23

Saturday, October 23

concert: Grain @ Club Cafe

concert: n.Lannon, Scott Carney, Brian McTear @ Modern Formations Gallery

concert: Tony Furtado @ Moondog's

concert: Still Small Voice @ Nick's Fat City

concert: The Iguanas @ The World, 8 pm, \$14

Sunday, October 24

concert: David Thomas & Two Pale Boys @ The Brewhouse

Monday, October 25

concert: Badfish, A Tribute To Sublime @ Club Cafe, 7:30 pm, \$8, 21+

concert: Converge, Cave In, Between The Buried And Me @ The World, 7 pm, \$12

Tuesday, October 26

lecture: An Afternoon with Michael Moore *RESCHEDULED* @ Weigand Gym. 4:30pm. Free. Ticket info on page 5.

concert: "Hopeville" w/ Kirk Franklin, Yolanda Adams, and Donnie McClurkin @ Petersen Events Center, 7:30 pm, \$28.50-\$43.50

concert: The Subhumans, The Unseen, Hero Dishonest @ The World, 7 pm, \$10

Wednesday, October 27

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

concert: Life In Bed, Asobi Seksu @ Garfield Artworks

concert: Le Tigre @ Mr. Smalls Funhouse, 7:30 pm, \$15.50

concert: Carnegie Mellon Philharmonic @ Carnegie Music Hall. 8pm. \$4-5.

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