

You Join readme After Reading This Issue

Shortly after reading this issue, you promptly made your way to the lounge on the 3rd floor of the University Center above the Skibo Coffeehouse to attend readme's meeting on Wednesday at 6 PM. You came with a huge list of ideas for some fake articles and better yet, you're really good at using Photoshop. You also offered free food to all of the staff members off your meal plan or just out of your pocket. You got Brian and Katie a Killer Kookie at the Underground and they both instantly liked you.

You didn't think you would be funny enough for readme, but you became more comfortable when you realized that the staff of readme is a collection of the best people on campus who work on an awesome publication. You really wanted to be a part of readme so you pitched your first few ideas and although they weren't the best ideas ever pitched, it was your first try and you showed a lot of potential. Brian assigned you an article to write for the next issue and you wrote it. It was pretty funny and got put into the issue, although it was heavily edited from what you originally wrote. You didn't worry about it though,



because you weren't used to writing for a satirical paper and will get the hang of it eventually. You got a pat on the back and felt really good about yourself. You even helped hand out issues in front of Doherty Hall on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. A really cute member of the opposite sex noticed you and you got their phone number.

You came by the AB office on Sunday and Monday night around 9:30 to help put the issue together and play our Street Fighter II machine. You made some really sweet looking pictures with Photoshop and we all sat around and laughed for hours. Fred was there to tell us all how much better readme was when Guido

was editor, but no one remembers Guido except for Fred so we just ignore his whiskey-induced ranting. You went home Monday night with a smile on your face and fell asleep easily, letting dreams of gumballs and rainbows surround your new found happiness as a staff member of readme as you float on fluffy clouds made of marshmallow with puppies and kittens to either side of you getting along in harmony. You wake up next to that really cute person.

No, readme Can Mock (insert group) because readme's Best Friend is in/a (insert group)



readme's Elusive Best-Friend

Now, I know readme has made fun of (insert group) before, but it's okay. You see, readme's best friend is a member of (insert group) and he doesn't care when we make fun of (insert group). So, we might one day, in an issue that hasn't been written yet, comment on the stereotype of (insert group)'s that they (insert stereotype). When we do this, do not be offended, though, because we do so with the pre-approval of our best friend. He's really cool and always stops us if we're being too offensive by bringing up, for example, the fact that (insert group)'s (insert stereotype) all the time.

readme just wanted to let Carnegie Mellon know that you are, in fact, the one discriminating against (insert group) by having a group in mind and filling in these blanks while reading this article. Maybe you should take some sensitivity courses and actually learn the truth about (insert group) and not discriminate against them like you obviously do now. readme is ashamed that it even knows you.

How do you like that? readme pulled a fast one on you.

New Evidence Shows Bush Actually Did Serve in Vietnam

Turns out President Bush did serve in Vietnam - he just forgot about it. Two weeks ago at the Republican National Convention a group of men stepped forward to say that they had served under Bush during the war. "We just completely forgot about it, man," said Michael Pall, one of the men. "There was just so much booze and coke. It's hard to remember anything between 1960 and 1989. Well, that's a lie, I remember snorting coke off of the bellies of little Vietnamese boys. That was all Bush's idea."

Bush was set up with a gig in the National Guard, but he declined because he was told that Vietnam was "one gigantic



It All Makes Sense Now

frat party." There, much like Democrat candidate John Kerry, he was a swift boat captain. One difference: Dubya's boat was nicknamed the "Not-So-Swift Boat" by soldiers in other platoons. Dubya's boat sat on the shore as he and his crew consumed near-lethal amounts of every illicit drug,

Jack Daniels, and Cheetos.

"He only tried to save me once," said Billy Jackson who served in the same area of Vietnam as Bush. "And it was only 'cause I was smuggling for him and had a condom full of heroin in my gut."

When asked about his newly recognized service, Bush responded: "I could have sworn I was in Vietnam a few years back, but I was on more cocaine than Al Pacino in Scarface. God I love that movie. Now that we got that straightened out, this means I'm president for four more years, right? Election canceled! Eat it Democracy. God bless Texas."

City of Pittsburgh Saved from Peril by Mysterious Hero; Evil Madman Escapes Yet Again



When Will You Learn, Dr. McManiacal?

On Friday night, the city of Pittsburgh was once again rescued from certain doom by a mysterious masked stranger known only as Captain Freedom. Hundreds of unsuspecting bystanders saw the great caped hero fly across the sky in a streak of blazing light, unaware that they were mere seconds away from a fate worse than death: certain doom. Captain Freedom, having recently escaped from a carefully machinated but under-supervised death machine, in a daring feat of courageous heroism flew straight into the barrel of the Ultimate Force Doom Ray, which was about to fire. It was Captain Freedom's impeccable timing, combined with his daring bravado and a little stroke of luck that saved us all from a machine intend-

ed to remove Pittsburgh from the map...permanently.

The machine was constructed by a fiend known to friend and foe alike as Dr. Evil McManiacal, the latest in his series of schemes to hurt humanity in some sort of existential revenge for past hurts. McManiacal was seen operating the Doom Ray before Freedom's daring feat destroyed the machine and forced the evil doctor to escape in a conveniently located helicopter. "Foiled again!" bystanders heard him exclaim as he barely escaped the pre-occupied Captain Freedom. "You won't be so lucky next time, Freedom! I'll see this city vaporized! You hear me? Vaporized!" The rest of his comments were obscured by distance, but bystanders claimed hearing a 'maniacal cackle' for some time afterwards.

Freedom himself disappeared in the confusion and has yet to be heard from again. The only contact he made was with a beautiful but under confident woman in her mid-twenties named Elaine Smith. She appears to be the object of affection for both Freedom and clumsy, sensitive, co-worker, Brad Green. Elaine and the public have both failed to realize the striking similarities between Captain Freedom and Green, who refused to answer questions about his obvious alter-ego while tucking his costume under his button down shirt.

Point-Counterpoint: Listerine's Effectiveness

"Listerine Mouthwash didn't cure my Halitosis"

by Aaron Hoffman

Listerine is a useless product. I've got really bad Halitosis, which is a big word for chronically bad breath and makes it seem like it's a problem that's out of my control and not my because of what I eat. So what do I do? I pick up a big bottle of Listerine and start chugging the stuff like there's no tomorrow. I spit the mouthwash out, put on my favorite Carnegie Mellon Engineering T-Shirt, went to the female floors and just started knocking on doors. None of the girls let me in to have sex with them. Now, it could have been because it was 3 AM or it could have been my un-cured Halitosis. I'm going to go out on a limb here and say it was my breath. I want my money back, Listerine!

"Hey! Fuck you!"

by Listerine Mouthwash

First, let me clear something up. Halitosis isn't even a real disease. I invented it so I would sell to idiots like you. Why the hell do you think your bad breath can be solved by using mouthwash? Obviously, if your breath is that bad you've got some issues with what you're eating and drinking. Also, who honestly believes he kept the mouthwash in his mouth for more than ten seconds? It's not my problem if some candy-ass can't handle my awesome mint power. Let's face it, you need your ass kicked a lot worse than you need your bad breath cured. And if you ever start trash-talking mouthwash again, I'll kick your ass myself! Now if you'll excuse me, I've got a date with Pine-Sol. Listerine, out!

Bush Challenges Kerry to Spend One Night in Old, Spooky Mansion



Scooby-Doo could not be reached for comment

President Bush made a bold move this week when he challenged presidential hopeful, John Kerry, to spend a single night in the old, haunted Steven's mansion on Oak Street. Bush said, "Sure, Kerry seems tough on the outside, but can he even spend a single night alone in the Steven's mansion? It's the scariest, creepiest, most terrifying house in all of the United States."

Kerry contests that he has already spent many nights at the Steven's mansion. "There's no need for me to prove myself to George W. Bush. I spent my time in the Steven's mansion like most of my friends. I lost a lot of buddies at that mansion and for the President to issue this challenge without ever having been inside the mansion is ridiculous," said Kerry.

Upon hearing this, reporters turned to President Bush to determine whether or not he had even spent a night in the Steven's mansion. Bush declined to comment, but the White House released this statement: "The President has never been inside the Steven's mansion, but he did serve as a guard outside the mansion while friends of his were inside. However, we cannot produce any record that the President actually served his guard duty because well... we got this cute little puppy for George to try and replace Spot for the Bush Family. Well, the little puppy ate the records, destroying them beyond repair. It was really cute though. Doesn't that count for anything?"

Bush supporters who have stayed in the mansion have been claiming that Kerry never spent the entire night in the building, but Kerry responded, stating, "At least I actually entered the building, that's more than I can say for a certain Commander-in-Chief."

Top Reasons Why John Kerry Should Have Chosen Dale Earnhardt Jr. as His Running Mate



100% of the Vote Would Have Been a Given

1. Republican voters really love Dale Earnhardt and Dale Earnhardt Jr.
2. The memory of Dale Earnhardt is bigger than Jesus right now.
3. All new trucks come with a Number 3 decal already emblazoned on the rear window.
4. Republican voters really love Dale Earnhardt and Dale Earnhardt Jr.
5. If Dale Earnhardt had been alive on September 11, 2001 he would have stopped the planes from hitting the towers in his magical NASCAR from Heaven.
6. Even George W. Bush would vote for a Kerry/Earnhardt Jr. ticket.
7. Racecars go really, really fast.
8. Republican voters really love Dale Earnhardt and Dale Earnhardt Jr.
9. 3.
10. Dale Earnhardt Jr. can drive around a track faster than John Edwards can.
11. Even with Earnhardt Jr. racing each week, he still has less of a chance of dying than Dick Cheney.
12. John Kerry went to Vietnam.

KGB Declared “Too Easy to Mock”

This week in part two of readme's series of placing ourselves above various other organizations on campus, we are declaring the Carnegie Mellon KGB "Too Easy to Mock." After this issue we will no longer make fun of these social outcasts ever again. We, as a staff, feel that the KGB is a club composed entirely of Dungeons and Dragons-playing, anime-watching, body odor-having, CS Majors who should do society a favor and just breed with each other so that no normal people end up with them.

If your idea of a good time is going to the Activities Fair to hold up a sign with a simple pun on it and walk around thinking you are making clever social commentary, than the KGB is for you. However, if you want to join, you should know there are a few requirements. First and foremost, if you aren't a CS Major, you're going to have to switch majors or just give up joining. Then, you'll have to make sure your hair looks really stupid and get yourself a trench coat to wear even in the summer. Oh, get some dark sunglasses too, and wear them inside, because the more you look like Neo from The Matrix, the more you'll think people will think you're cool even though you maintain that you don't want the acceptance of anyone else except for your



More Like “Kant Get Booty,” Am I Right?

“comrades.”

However, if the idea of running around Wean Hall playing “Capture-the-Flag with Stuff” with a bunch of people who also run around a forest with maces and swords made out of tin foil and duct tape pretending to be knights and wizards, sweating profusely and speaking like they are characters in the Lord of the Rings, please, do everything in your power to remind the KGB that no one finds them funny, entertaining, controversial, or worth ever mentioning ever again in readme.

Oh, and run-on sentences are awesome.

Also Appearing in This Issue:

Christian Pamphlet Reaches Out to My Garbage Can

Student From California Can't Bitch Enough About Pittsburgh Weather

White Kids Take The Fence and Blast Hip-Hop For 267th Week in a Row

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And remember: readme will grow you a full head of hair and give you the confidence you lost long ago with your hair



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

readme's Almost-Exclusive, but Certainly Better Interview with Michael Croland on the Topic of Foie Gras in Pittsburgh.

Tell us a little bit about yourself.

My name is Michael Croland. I am the president of CMU's Voices for Animals and I also teach a Student College Course on Animal Rights.

What is Foie Gras?

The oversized diseased liver of a duck or goose. Producers force-feed the duck or goose a third of their body weight each day by shoving long metal pipes down their throats. The animals' livers grow to be up to ten times their healthy size, resulting in a medical condition, hepatic lipidosis, which is liver disease.

Why is it such a problem?

It's a problem because it requires the egregious cruelty against half a million ducks and geese each year. It has been banned by 15 countries and is one of the worst forms of factory farming out there.

What does your organization do?

We try to promote the ideas of Animal Rights and vegetarianism on campus and in the Pittsburgh community. For this campaign we've had a lot of success educating the public about Foie Gras and getting 8 local restaurants this year to stop selling it.

How can people contact you or your organization if they want to get involved?

They can go to our website at www.pgh-foiegras.com or e-mail us at pghfoiegras@yahoo.com. Weekly meetings at Kiva Han Coffeehouse (Corner of Forbes Ave. and Craig St.) every Thursday night at 8:30pm.

Have you ever tried it? No, I have never

tried Foie Gras. I have never stolen from a store or killed anybody.

What if it's so good that it is worth the suffering of a few waterfowl?

I imagine all those things might feel good, but most people agree they are absolutely wrong. I can hardly believe that the selfishness of human taste could possibly outweigh the suffering of 500,000 ducks and geese in this country each year.

Are you aware that there are humans who are starving or require some other type of aid?

Animal Rights and Human Rights are very connected. By feeding grain and soy to livestock we waste most of the nutritional value in those foods. If you are truly concerned about having more food available and combating issues of world hunger, then I suggest adopting a vegetarian diet.

If... I don't know... a goose and a man were both falling off of a building and you had one of those giant trampoline things that firemen use, which would you save and why?

I would save the trampoline because that's the coolest thing I've ever heard. But in reality, both human problems and animal problems deserve our attention.

Is there anything else you would like to say to the CMU Student Body?

We're very fortunate that so many Pittsburgh restaurants have agreed that Foie Gras should not be on the menu. Please visit our website or e-mail us to find out how you can get involved and help make Pittsburgh "Foie Gras-Free"

Cheap Movies at McConomy

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

If you want to write these movie reviews every week please send an e-mail to: bleahy@andrew.cmu.edu

Wednesday: Delicatessen. 8, 10, 12

I have not seen this movie nor am I going to bother to look it up on IMDb. The poster has a head with a hatchet in it on a plate. I'm going to go out on a limb and say that this movie has something to do with death and potentially cannibalism. Maybe even zombies, they are the in-thing right now.

Thursday: Les Triplettes de Belleville. 8, 10, 12

This French movie probably has a lot of jokes that are too high-brow for the average American viewer. Good thing there's a large international student body at CMU. International students should go so they can laugh and stare down at dumb American students.

Friday: The Ladykillers. 8, 10, 12

Marlon Wayans is off da hook. Forrest Gump is in this movie too. It's a remake and blah blah blah Coen Brothers. That means you'll either really like the movie or think it's a piece of trash. Let's just say that you'll really like it and give us \$1.

Saturday: Troy. 7, 10, 1

Tyler Durdan, The Hulk, and Legolas star in this painful attempt at an epic film. It's pretty long and it moves pretty slow. It vaguely resembles... I don't know... moving pictures on a screen with sound. I saw this bore-fest and the only thing that redeemed my night was sneaking into Shrek 2, which was infinitely better.

Sunday: Buffalo '66. 8, 10, 12

Christina Ricci is really weird looking. I can't put my finger on it, but her face just seems wrong to me. Anyway, she's in this movie with writer/director Vincent Gallo. Maybe there's a friendly ghost or a family of misfit B-horror movie monsters.



This goose is free.
Therefore he is happy.
He has a party hat.
He is having a good time.

Party on, Goose -- Party on, Wayne

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

Music You Might Have Missed

This week, we've learned an important lesson. It's difficult to write a concert preview when there really isn't much happening. Sure, there are concerts, but nothing particularly exciting or earth-shattering. Feel free to turn over to the Backpage to see what's going on - they're fairly self-explanatory. But in the meantime, a lot of people lose their connection to new music when they're not at school, so we'll run through some highlights of recently released but not necessarily noticed albums for you to catch up on.

The first album that you should have heard this summer is the new eponymous Cure album. This album turns a new page for the band, as Robert Smith, singer and mastermind, brought in an outside producer (rock and alternative guru Ross Robinson) to handle most of the duties so he could focus on the songs. As a result, we're presented with a wonderful piece of work and the Cure's best single album since the early 1990s that runs the full gamut from standard Cure mopiness all the way to songs that actually rock - and hard. Some highlights to check out include "Labyrinth," "Us or Them," and the epic, album-closing "The Promise."

Philadelphia locals the Burning Brides released their sophomore effort, *Leave No Ashes*, over the summer and certainly did not fall into the trap of a weak second album. The Brides are stoner-garage rock with hints of just about everything thrown in and successfully bridge the gaps between the Beatles, the Pixies, and Slayer. Not that those three bands are necessarily connected, but somehow, it's done. This album isn't anything earth-shattering and it's not particularly deep, but it's a straight-up rocker that's worth a listen. I'd recommend bouncy lead single "Heart Full of Black," and the weightiness of both "King of the Demimonde" and "Vampire Waltz" as an introductory sampling.

To compensate for the normalcy of the Burning Brides, there are few things better than the Dillinger Escape Plan who defies virtually all convention. They're best approximated as "math-metal," but that's a stretch. *Miss Machine* is the latest release from the band and their first with new singer Greg Puciato. It's ultra-intense and very hard to take at just one listen. But if you can pick up on the musicality through the noise, screaming, pounding and static, you realize what a masterwork it is. Insane time signatures that jump five, six, and ten times over the course of a song and chord progressions that run faster than you can necessarily process. Check out "Panasonic Youth" and "Baby's First Coffin" if you're willing to give it a chance.

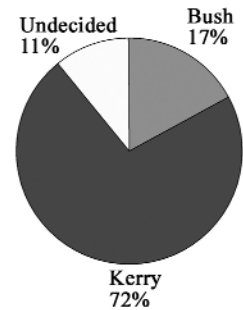
Last in this brief summer summary, and without a doubt the least noticed of these albums is *Bubblegum* from Mark Lanegan. Known primarily for his work with grunge legends Screaming Trees and recordings and tours as third vocalist of Queens of the Stone Age, Lanegan has also been releasing solo works for fifteen years in addition to his bands. This newest effort is a work reminiscent of Nick Cave and Tom Waits - generally dark with touches of a pop-music sensibility mixed in (not to mention the gruff baritone). And like both Cave and Waits, the music is decent - nothing too exciting - but the lyrics are what truly shine. The lyrical content separates Lanegan from Cave and Waits' works because of the highly personal nature, therefore creating a far less abstract work. Recommended tracks to get the full range of the album are "Methamphetamine Blues," "Hit the City," and "Sideways in Reverse."

And there you have it - a condensed variety of new music to check out if you're bored with what you have now.

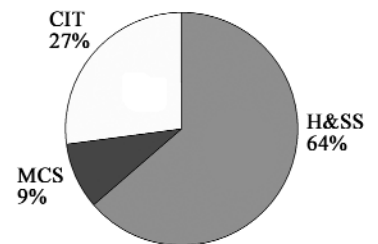
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readme Finds Out Who Students Are Voting For and What College They Belong To

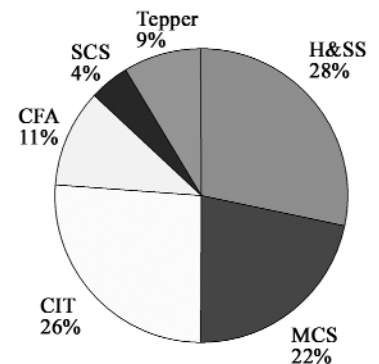
We polled 64 Students. Here is the overall distribution.



Bush Voters by College



Kerry Voters by College



Six people told me they were undecided. Three of them were in SCS and three were in CIT. We conclude from our 64 person survey that voter apathy is hitting those two colleges hard. I have a feeling all of the people who told me they hadn't decided were Bush voters anyway. They were mean-hearted people who wanted nothing to do with me.

On AOL Instant Messenger all day?

**Talk to readme!
readmecmu**

If you're funny enough, we'll put you in readme!

Events and Things On and Off Campus

Some Big Nerds Showed up to Our Fake Dungeons & Dragons Club Meeting Last Wednesday. We Thought That Deserved Mention.

Wednesday, September 15

movie: Delicatessen. McConomy, 8, 10, 12.

readme: UC 3rd Floor Lounge. 6pm.

nerds: Dungeons & Dragons Club Meeting. UC Connan Room. 6pm. Bring Chainmail.

event: Adamson Visiting Writers Series: Poet Joel Dias Porter/DJ Renegade.

Adamson Wing, Baker Hall 136A. 8 pm.

concert: Ska Brawl Tour 2004, New Blood Revival, The Toasters. Rex Theatre. 7pm 21+ \$11.

concert: Lis Harvey. 8pm. Skibo. Free

crying: alone in your room, you emo loser.

Thursday, September 16

movie: The Triplets of Belleville. McConomy, 8, 10, 12.

shitty tv: Joey and whatever Survivor they are doing now. Some channels. Some times.

event: Jerry Seinfeld. Benedum Center. 7pm. \$49, \$64, \$79.

concert: Love is Red. The World. 7pm \$8

dorks: Computer Customization Club. Cyert Cluster. 4:30pm. Bring gigs of things.

concert: Trainwreck. Club Café. 10pm \$12

Friday, September 17

movie: The Ladykillers. McConomy, 8, 10, 12.

event: Jerry Seinfeld. Benedum Center. 7pm. \$49, \$64, \$79.

event: Relay for Life. Gesling Stadium. 10pm.

concert: Chuck Prophet. Club Café. 7:30 pm. \$15

meeting: Tartan Staff Meeting. The Cut. 4:30am.

concert: Povertyneck Hillbillies. Nick's Fat City. 10pm.

Saturday, September 18

movie: Troy. McConomy, 7, 10, 1.

event: Relay for Life. Gesling Stadium. All day.

concert: Breaking Benjamin. Nick's Fat City. 6:30 pm. \$10.

patheticness: Chris Rotella cries alone about how he can't find true love. His room. All night.

concert: All That Remains, Candiria, Full Blown Chaos, Shadows Fall.

The World. 7pm. \$15.

concert: Citizen Cope, The Silos. Club Café. 7:30 pm. \$10.

Sunday, September 19

movie: Buffalo '66. McConomy, 8, 10, 12.

concert: Evergreen Terrace, Fear Before the March of Flames, Norma Jean, Throwdown.

The World. 7 pm. \$10.

church: A bunch of people worship Jesus. Many countries. All day.

Monday, September 20

concert: The Push Stars. The World. 8 pm. \$14.

football: Monday Night Football. John Madden. Turducken.

another shitty week of classes: CMU. 8:30am.

Tuesday, September 21

concert: Senses Fail. The World. 7pm. \$12.

concert: Sloan. Mr. Small's Theatre. 7:30 pm. \$14.

concert: The Weepies. Club Café. 7:30 pm. \$10.

good tv: Scrubs. NBC. 9:30pm.

concert: The F-Ups. Rex Theatre. 7:30 pm. \$5.

lecture: Seth Tobocman. McConomy. 4:30 pm.

Wednesday, September 22

movie: High Fidelity. McConomy, 8, 10, 12.

readme: UC 3rd Floor Lounge. 6pm.

concert: Metallica, Godsmack. Mellon Arena. 7 pm. \$55, \$75.

concert: Vertical Horizon. Hard Rock Café. 9 pm. \$15.

concert: Yo La Tengo. Mr. Small's Theatre. 7:30 pm. \$10-\$12.

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