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## Escort Service Expands Service, Hires New Escorts

You've probably seen the vans parked in the Morewood turnaround with the words "Carnegie Mellon Escort Service" written on the side. Chances are, if you live off campus, you've even used them to get home late at night when you're afraid to go home because you're scared of the dark and the roving bands of feral dogs that prowl Fifth Ave. The Escort Service has provided a valuable service to students for years.

However, in light of recent budget cuts, decreasing cost-effectiveness, and a bet lost by President Jared Cohon, the administration is working in close association with Campus Police to expand the service in "new and exciting ways."

Now, instead of a shuttle that takes you home, the Escort Service will utilize several well-trained, high-class escorts who will keep lonely students company. "They'll still get you home eventually," said Cohon on his way to a lengthy closed-door meeting with the new hires.



Sexxy ride

The changes to the service have been hailed by somebody or other as a great new service to the lonely and largely ugly CMU student population. It is also expected to increase student usage of the service by over 200%. "I never used the Escort Service before, but I sure as hell will now," said Randy Fogelman, a sophomore MechE major who smelled faintly of cheese.

"We're really, like, excited? To like, work? With students?" said Candi Wallace, one of the new escorts, while vigorously twirling her bleached-blonde hair. "I've never, like, made it. I mean, worked with people under 21."

The CMU Chief of Police declined comment, as he was on his way to a training session with Cohon and the new hires. However, representatives for Campus Police indicated that the new service would be up and running by the end of the month.

## Drama Alum Lands Breakthrough Role at Starbucks

Carnegie Mellon Drama Alumnus, David Stonaker, reported to the Drama Department that he, landed an excellent role in Hollywood at a Starbucks Coffee Shop. When asked more about the role, David commented that he, "can't say too much about the part yet, but fans are sure to see me and my co-workers getting into zany antics maybe playing some dodgeball or Texas Hold'Em or whatever the kids are into these days." When told that he had no fans, David simply said, "Fuck you. I'm beautiful, you're not."



Hark, can I get you a coffee?

The Drama department stated that they are happy that David and many other Alumni are landing jobs, especially at

Starbucks, the largest employer of Carnegie Mellon Drama graduates. Donna Gallagher, head of the Drama department, said, "We think it's really good that our students are finding work in Los Angeles at Starbucks. It gives them valuable experience that they could then use to play a major supporting role on a trendy sit-

com. Who knows, David could be the next Gunthor from the hit show Friends, unless David is black, because we all know that sitcoms never have black cast members."

Current Drama student, Rebecca Knight, feels differently about the subject, "I'd really like to land an actual role on a show, but apparently, if you're an actor and make it to graduation, you've already missed your shot." When asked about Starbucks, Rebecca responded saying, "I don't think I could work at Starbucks. I'll probably try being a waitress for a while and if that doesn't work out, there's always porn."



## University Forces Asian Students to Take At Least 60 Units

The administration quietly introduced a new policy over the summer that requires students of Asian descent to carry at least 60 units to be considered full time. "We in the administration were sick and tired of Asian students not applying themselves," said CMU President Jared Cohon in a statement, "To keep up our standard of excellence, we're going to have to get the average QPA of our Asian students up over the current 3.75."

Other members of the administration echoed Cohon's views. "We would really like our Asian students to open their eyes to the educational opportunities Carnegie Mellon provides," said Dean Michael Murphy.

"We don't really expect this policy to impact that many people," said Cohon. According to sources in Enrollment Services, only 10 students were below the cutoff. "Advanced Quantum Dynamic Business Modelling for Non-Majors" was added to their schedules to bring them above 59 units.

Another policy that would have required Asians to all wear glasses, FCUK clothes, and smoke was not passed because the Administration realized that it wasn't necessary.

## Top Ways to Subtly Make Your Roommate Want to Leave

Poop in his bed, biweekly.

Designate Wednesday nights "Scrabble with the Kiltie Band" night.

Try to rent out his room. Post flyers that say: "Only apply if you don't mind the stench of a chronic bed wetter."

Ask him, politely, to leave then threaten to cut off his nuts.

Do everything in your apartment naked. This includes frying eggs, scrubbing toilets, stopping by his room just to say hello.

Raise free-range chickens in the living room. Assign him odd days to clean up after them.

Write poems about him on the walls of your room. Use big black marker letters and pentagrams as periods.

Borrow his cell phone, find his home phone number, and frequently call his sister requesting to procreate. (Mothers should also work in this instance.)

Become addicted to heroin. Roommates hate that.

Refuse to urinate anywhere other than a bucket in the kitchen.

Don't buy a toothbrush. Use only his and leave a note each morning thanking him.

Climb into his bed while he sleeps. Cuddle up to him and explain that you had a very bad dream.

Borrow his clothes and wear them to campus. When he sees you, grab your crotch and say, "I don't remember the last time my balls sweated so much."

Anytime you need to clip fingernails or toenails, stop by his room for a talk.

Never flush.

Steal all of his underwear, bury them in the front yard and leave a treasure map on his bed.

Make notes of anything socially unacceptable that he does, and inform his parents.



## readme Dispels Common Myths about CMU for the New Freshmen Class

For the benefit of the freshmen, we here at readme would like to dispel a few common myths that upper classmen like to tell unsuspecting, innocent new students.

### #1: It's an old CMU tradition to paint the fence.

Actually, the fence was constructed in 1995 as an attempt by the administration to discourage the previous meaning to the phrase. Prior to that, the term "painting the fence" referred to a widely popular act of excretory vandalism resulting from alcohol consumption. Who knew?

### #2: Playfair is a fun and recently established way to meet new people.

Actually, Playfair originated in 1940 as an annual event designed to give upperclassmen a chance to "vent" their frustration through the ritualized beatings of the new freshman class. Early OC's created the event

when they misunderstood the administration's prompt to "break in the freshmen." As human rights gained popularity, the event gradually shifted from torture through bodily harm to torture from sheer boredom.

### #3: Posting on misc.market will make you popular with the ladies.

This is completely false and requires no further explanation.

### #4: TBA means that the Activities Board is showing pornography

Actually, when the movie is listed as TBA it means that the movie is a surprise and it will be announced at a later date. Did you really think that we could get away with showing pornography in the UC?

Well, that's all for this week! Tune in next week as we dispel more common myths, unless we're busy painting the fence.

## Also in this issue...

### Monopoly Theme Version Fun for About 5 Minutes

### Chemistry Major Cries Over Spilt Hydrochloric Acid, Loses Hand

### University Center Turns 8, Non-skeezy Internet Users Have to Wait 10 Years.

### Student Spends Semester in Australia

### Bald Eagle Tired of only Being Ask to Stand in Front of Flag

## Top Things to Say to Your New Roommate to Freak Them Out



This is the third time we've printed this list

1. "My Parents couldn't afford a hotel, they have to stay in the room with us for a night, but don't worry, we'll all share my bed."
2. "Where do you want me to keep the baby lotion, tissues, and porn?"
3. "Feel free to shower whenever. I won't be"
4. "Could you be out of the room tomorrow night? I have a hot date with my Everquest girlfriend/boyfriend."
5. "I get night terrors unless I fall asleep spooning someone. You want to help me out with that?"
6. "I can't stand people who are different! So, are you gay or Mexican or something?"
7. "Don't worry about setting an alarm. I'll be throwing up pretty much every morning because I'm a raging alcoholic. Also, I steal things."
8. "Oh, I'd ask before borrowing anything from me, I've got crabs, bad."
9. "Don't worry about the twelve inch black dildo, it's exclusively used for religious ceremonies. We don't use it for recreation."
10. "You can borrow any of my clothes any-time, except for my tiger suit, that's off-limits."
11. "Hey. I'm Fred Merkle. I'm still here!"
12. "This is April, my Real-Doll, you want seconds?"

## readme Declares Kiltie Band "Too Easy to Mock"

Today, readme has officially declared the Carnegie Mellon Kiltie Band "Too Easy to Mock" and has pledged to never again write an article documenting what a huge bunch of dorks the Kiltie Band is. This is the first declaration in a series that readme hopes will alleviate some criticism that it merely preys on the easily ridiculed and puts no thought or talent behind its pieces. Well, readme is here to tell you, that this ever-growing list of organizations and people will guarantee that readme returns to the standard of excellence that the student body has come to know and love.

The reason for the declaration of the Kiltie Band is simple to understand. They are possibly the largest collection of dorks and social cripples on campus and that's saying a lot. When dealt with on an individual basis, the members of this band are tolerable, but when two or more are put together it's a one-way trip to retarded. Haven't been keeping up with the latest Strongbad e-mails? Well, the Kilties will make sure you don't miss a thing.

In addition, it is the opinion of readme that the reason the football team is so terrible is because they have to deal with the



We won't ever make fun of these tools again.

Kiltie Band embarrassing them while they play. Said one player who did not want to be named, "It's like trying to get a girl's phone number while your little brother tugs on your shirt asking you to help him 'make poopies.' It's just not possible."

So, please, the next time you hear some Kiltie members talking about their exciting lives, resist the urge to mock them. The next time you hear them practicing in the University Center, ignore them. Maybe they'll go away if we do.



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**And remember:** readme meets every Wednesday at 6pm @ The UC 3rd Floor Lounge above Skibo Coffeehouse. Be There



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# Interview With a Vampire, or Andrew Moore, new AB Chair

**What is your name?**  
Andrew Robert Moore

**What is your major?**  
Drama

**What does AB stand for?**  
Activities Board.

**So what's it like being a drama major?**  
The orgies aren't as good as they cracked up to be.

**Why did you accept the job as the new AB chair?**  
I was really drunk one night. Also, as the second coming of Fred Merkle, I was destined to become chair.

**Any big plans for this year?**  
This interview sucks.

**What is your favorite cheese?**  
Swiss.



Separated at birth or spawned?

**Why's that?**  
It's holey.

**Why are you sitting on a trash can?**  
I don't feel like walking to the bathroom.

**Why did you put your balls up for sale on misc.market?**  
I needed the money. It's also good for science.

**Did they sell?**  
Only my left one. I couldn't find any takers for ol' righty.

**What's it like living with four of your underlings?**  
It's great, I have a throne in our lounge. They're required to worship me nightly and feed me grapes. It's good to be the king.

**Would you like a gmail account?**  
Sure.

**Favorite color?**  
Blue

**What's the number one perk of being AB chair?**  
There are none, this job is going to take ten years off my life. I mean, look at Fred.

**Any questions for me?**  
How did you get to look so sexxy?

**I learned from the best, you sexy thang. Anything else you'd like to say? I have a lot more space to fill.**  
Not really, no.

**Thanks.**

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make laughter, not slaughter.  
you don't need to be hired, just show up with ideas.  
wednesdays @ 6pm 3rd floor uc above skibo**



**I Can't Believe It's News!**



**IIRC STFU, but OMG LOL**

**This Makes No Sense**

**It'll Probably Last Longer than most Marriages**

CMU has a friend in SE Asia. Apparently, Indonesia is having problems with its citizens creating new acronyms. According to officials, it's affecting tourism; visitors have no idea what locals are talking about.

A Japanese engineer invented a jacket. That's air conditioned. Please tell me why that makes sense. Aren't jackets supposed to keep you warm? And I thought that the purpose of air conditioning was to cool you off. I'll make sure to wear this on my submarine with a screen door.

A man and a woman were married in South Africa last weekend. Not so weird, right? Well, they were both dead. David Masenta shot his fiancée (who was pregnant) then himself. According to family members, the couple is registered at Smith's Headstone and Casket supply.

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

## The Melvins, Trevor Dunn's Trio Convulsant and "Ska-Brawl 2004"

This week, we have for you an...interesting...assortment of shows. This is mostly because it took some digging because I refuse to preview the Gin Blossoms or the American Idols Tour. And so this week, the Melvins and the Toasters have been deemed possibly worth your while.

Without a doubt, this week's weird show is the Melvins with special guests Trevor Dunn's Trio Convulsant at Mr. Small's. The Melvins have effectively become legends due primarily to Gutter's ongoing goal of seeing them perform during the course of "PCU." Sadly, a great many people don't realize the Melvins are an actual band who actually record and tour. The Melvins draw from a wide range of genres including grunge, funk, metal, country...actually, it would be more efficient to say that they don't particularly have any ties to rap or dance music, and that's about it.

The Melvins have perfected their strange breed of music by combining most genres of music known to man with distorted vocals and a healthy dose of feedback. The bill is completed by the discordant melodies of Trevor Dunn's Trio Convulsant. Dunn's name is familiar to followers of the Melvins and their related offshoots, as he has done work with them in several projects, including Mr. Bungle, Tomahawk, and Fantomas.

If sludge-rock and experimental metal aren't your thing, you might want to look into the "Ska-Brawl 2004" show at the Rex Theatre.



The Melvins

This show brings perennial favorites and 2-Tone legends the Toasters with their legendary mellow ska. This is a show not to miss for a number of reasons. Probably three, but no promises. The main reason to go if for no other is that they're legends and they're still around. They're a fun band – heck, they're ska (and good ska at that!), so obviously they're fun. It's a feel-good show. You're not gonna leave all mopey and sad. And they're actually playing Pittsburgh, and since we tend to get passed over by good shows, when one comes through, it's all the more reason to go. Okay, I guess that was four reasons. But anyway...

If those don't suit your fancy, Brooklyn, New York has exported art-school favorites Les Savy Fav, also playing the Rex (different night), and the ever-strange Leftöver Crack (formerly Choking Victim) at The Eye. So those should be enough choices. Strange ones, but choices nonetheless. Rock on.



## Cheap Movies at McConomy

All the nights, brought to you by AB, except Saturday which is SDC. \$1 w/ ID.

Want to write these reviews every week, e-mail me at [bleahy@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:bleahy@andrew.cmu.edu)

**Wednesday: 12 Monkeys. 7:30, 10, 12:30**

Ever had that feeling that you're from the future and you've been sent back to save the world from an impending viral epidemic? No? Well then Bruce Willis is cooler than you.

**Thursday: The Dreamers. 7:30, 10, 12:30**

This is a movie about people who do things. Namely, they dream. In France. In 1968, to the backdrop of the '68 Paris student riots. Or something. Go see it.

**Friday: Hellboy 7:30, 10, 12:30**

What's worse than a demon? A Nazi demon! Good thing we rescued him and made him defend us against the forces of darkness.

**Saturday: The Punisher. 7:30, 10, 12:30**

Cheesy Hollywood action movie about a young man seeking revenge for his murdered family à la Marvel Comics. ...Because you need to be punished.

**Friday: Soul Plane. 8, 10, 12**

Think Airplane! meets Undercover Brother. If there was ever a movie for soulful hijinks and zany mischief involving platform shoes and very large afros, it certainly isn't this one. Go see War and Peace, I hear there are a lot of afros in that.

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# Events and Things On and Off Campus

Some of these are fake. See if you can guess which ones.

## Wednesday, September 8

**movie:** 12 Monekys. McConomy. 7:30, 10, 12:30. \$1

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

**event:** The Republican National Convention, NYC, \$100,000+ a year

**event:** Protesting at the RNC, New Jersey, bail

**concert:** the testostertones @ the local children's hopsital, 8pm, \$10

**meeting:** Dungeon's & Dragons Club @ UC Connan Room. 6pm.

## Thursday, September 9

**movie:** The Dreamers. McConomy. 7:30, 10, 12:30. \$1

**class:** Go to my Algo class. 12pm. Wean 7500.

**concert:** Andy M. Stewart @ Club Cafe, 7:30 pm, \$14, 21+

**concert:** Marah @ Club Café, 10 pm, \$10, 21+

**concert:** "American Idols Live" @ Mellon Arena, 7 pm, \$35-\$45

**bowling:** Forward Lanes, always, \$3

**skanky exotic dancing:** The Cricket Lounge, late, not very much

## Friday, September 10

**movie:** Hellboy. McConomy. 7:30, 10, 12:30. \$1

**concert:** The Clarks @ A.J. Palumbo Center, 7:30 pm, \$27

**concert:** Gaelic Storm, Young Dubliners, Seven Nations @ Pittsburgh Irish Festival

**concert:** Hayden @ Club Cafe, 10 pm, \$10

**concert:** Sonore @ Modern Formations Gallery

**concert:** Ani DiFranco, Dan Bern @ Palace Theatre, 8 pm, \$31-\$36

**concert:** Les Savy Fav, Detachment Kit, Smoke and Smoke @ Rex Theatre, 7:30 pm, \$10

**concert:** Poojie Bell Band @ The World, 9 pm, \$6

## Saturday, September 11

**movie:** The Punisher. McConomy. 7:30, 10, 12:30. \$1

**movie:** Tron. Your dorm room, nerd. 6pm. free.

**concert:** Kelly Richey @ Arts & Heritage Festival, Carnegie, PA

**concert:** Gaelic Storm, Clumsy Lovers, Altan @ Pittsburgh Irish Festival

**concert:** Eddie From Ohio @ Club Cafe, 7:30 pm, \$16, 21+

**concert:** PovertyNeck Hillbillies @ Monessen VFD #2, Belle Vernon, PA

**concert:** Liz Berlin & Jenn Wertz (Of Rusted Root) @ Mr. Smalls Fun House/Theatre

**concert:** Thou Shalt Not @ Nick's Fat City

**concert:** Phantom Planet, Sahara Hotnights, The Like @ Rex Theatre, 8 pm, \$15

**concert:** Tommy Stinson, Alien Crime Syndicate @ The World, 9 pm, \$10

**concert:** Leftöver Crack @ The Eye

## Sunday, September 12

**movie:** Soul Plane. McConomy. 8, 10, 12. \$1

**concert:** Gaelic Storm, Clumsy Lovers @ Pittsburgh Irish Festival

**concert:** Allison Moorer, Drive-By Truckers @ Mr. Smalls Fun House/Theatre, 8 pm, \$15

**concert:** George Jones @ Pepsi Cola Roadhouse, Burgettstown, PA, 8 pm, \$78-\$98

## Monday, September 13

**event:** Big Pool of Caramel, under CFA, 5pm

**concert:** Melvins, Trevor Dunn's Trio Convulsant, Vaz @ Mr. Smalls Fun House/Theatre, 8 pm, \$14

## Tuesday, September 14

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

**class:** Algo again. 12pm Wean 7500

**concert:** The Divine Comedy @ Club Cafe, 7:30 pm, \$10, 21+

## Wednesday, September 15

**concert:** Lis Harvey @ Carnegie Mellon Univ.

**concert:** Michael Harding @ Grainger House

**concert:** Graham Colton Band, Kyle Riabko @ Mr. Smalls Fun House/Theatre, 7:30 pm, \$10

**concert:** "Ska Brawl Tour 2004" w/ The Toasters and New Blood Revival @ Rex Theatre, 8 pm, \$11, 21+

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