

Unused Tartans Used to Keep Flood Waters at Bay

Pittsburgh, Carnegie Mellon, other institutions and businesses had to face the hurricane-powered rains last week, suffering losses due to flooding. CMU was the least affected because diligent CPS workers were able to keep the flooding isolated by employing unread copies of *The Tartan*, which had been left in most of the academic buildings and around campus.



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Bruce Wright, a CPS worker who helped avert disaster, spoke to *readme* about the plan he and his coworkers put into action to divert all of the flood water to Giant Eagle Auditorium, the sacrificial lamb of the emergency. "We would have loved some sandbags to deal with the storm, but when none could be found, I saw three metric tons of Tartans sitting on the bench at the entrance to Baker Hall. I grabbed the issues, which took several trips, and we started making a make-shift irrigation system to have all of the water flow into Giant Eagle Auditorium."

The University of Pittsburgh was not as lucky as CMU was. Without an under-read student publication available to deal with flooding, the first 57 floors of the Cathedral of Learning were filled with water. Luckily, no one was injured, because no one at UPitt attends class. Duquesne is feared to be lost in now submerged Uptown Pittsburgh. Salvage missions are planned for the upcoming weeks.

Taking note of the effectiveness of *The Tartan* to absorb and channel water, FEMA has contacted the Editor-in-Chief of the publication offering to bring *The Tartan* out of bankruptcy and increase their production in order to employ the newspaper in national hurricane-relief efforts. "It's amazing how this student-produced paper has the uncanny ability to absorb water," said a representative for FEMA. "Don't let anyone tell you differently, *The Tartan* sucks [water up with an impressive efficiency]."

CMU Police Bust Illegal Maintenance Cart Racing Ring

Police Chief Doyle announced yesterday that a task force of CMU Police officers had successfully busted an illegal racing ring that was using the campus grounds for their activities. The ring in question was composed of FMS workers who had modified their maintenance carts with aftermarket modifications. "We're just glad that this racing group has been shut down. It was pretty dangerous. Some of those carts had been modified to reach speeds as high as 8 miles per hour," said Chief Doyle.



These carts are mildly fast and slowly approaching furious.

Playstation 2, and Spinnaz. Rollins spent several thousands of dollars to get the cart to this state. "It was great. We'd meet up and all park in the CFA parking lot and then we'd pop the hoods and check out everyone's hooptie," said Rollins. "All the ladies would

come out to the races. Some of those women that work at the bookstore and Entropy are pretty fine."

Jared Cohon was upset with the behavior of these employees of the University, but his fury was calmed when he claimed one of the confiscated carts and began driving it around campus. Cohon was seen cruising around campus blasting 50 Cent and hooting at girls. "This cart is pretty pimp, but it needs some hydraulics. I'm gonna hook that up in like a minute. Peace out, you jive turkeys," said a smack-talking Cohon.

Aaron Rollins, one of those arrested, had modified his cart with a spoiler, 800-watt stereo system, TV in the dash,



Forbes House to Hold Pancake Breakfasts

The Housefellow of Forbes House, Samantha Campbell, announced this week that Forbes House will begin holding weekly pancake breakfasts open to the entire campus community. "We felt that the best way to put Forbes House on the map in the University was to give away free food every week," said Samantha, "People just love pancakes, eggs, and bacon. Also, gallons and gallons of delicious maple syrup."

Todd Lee, a freshman and resident of Forbes House, is excited about the weekly gatherings. "We've kind of been isolated from the rest of our classmates because we're on the Quad, but I think that we'll be able to meet a lot of people this way." Lee is optimistic that he will be able to meet some new people, whether they are freshmen or upperclassmen. "Hopefully, some of them will be girls. They tend to gravitate towards the other residents of the Quad."

The idea for the breakfasts came when two residents of Forbes House, while inspecting their room after move-in, found several jugs of maple syrup in their closet. Not knowing what else to do with so much golden, tasty maple syrup from Vermont, the Forbes House residents decided that the syrup would be best put to use giving back to the students of CMU.

John Edwards Amazes Students with Ability to Channel the Dead



Get it? They have the same name!

This Tuesday, John Edwards visited Carnegie Mellon to tape his hit show "Crossing Over with John Edwards." Students were treated to an exciting show in which Edwards channeled the spirits of several deceased relatives of students and faculty giving them a chance to speak once again with their loved ones.

"We really felt like bringing a unique act to our campus," said Jared Cohon. "With John Edwards, kids were be treated to a man who vaguely guessed about their relationships

with people who have died."

Upon arrival to the event, students were required to fill out a questionnaire asking them if they have any recent dead relatives they know of, don't know of, or are willing to make up. Did they have white hair? Were they adopted? Were they racist? Were they rich? Did they have any pets? What would be the one thing, if you could talk to them again, they would say to you?

Students originally showed up to the UC on Tuesday expecting to see Vice-Presidential Candidate John Edwards, but were surprised that the school had instead booked TV Psychic John Edwards. "It wasn't exactly what we were expecting," commented junior mathematics major Corey Springer. "We came out to support the Democratic Party, but instead had to listen to some guy talk to Brett Priest's grandmother."

Students learned about important issues that are going to be important in the upcoming presidential election such as where Granny Priest left her jewelry box. Although it was not the most informative event ever, it was pretty entertaining.

Point/Counter-Point: Voting

Point: Voting is the Cornerstone of Democracy.
by Jill Waterford

Voting is the one thing that separates us from the animal kingdom. Do you think ostriches vote? If they could, they would vote not to be ostriches. They can't even fly. They would probably be T-Rexes or raptors or some cool shit like that. And for that reason, you should vote. Voting is important because if you don't vote we could end up with George W. as President again. I mean, John Kerry isn't the best alternative, but he is an alternative. Make sure you vote in Pennsylvania too if you're from a state that's already going to Kerry. However, if you're from some backwards ass mid-western state, you should probably send in an absentee ballot. When Election Day comes around try to drag as many people as you can to go vote. Unless they are going to vote for Bush. If they are, kick them in the junk and lock them in a closet so they can't vote.

Counter-Point: Voting Will Give You Crabs.
by Raymond McClure

I knew this kid in high school who voted and when he got home he had a wicked crab infestation. I'm not sure there's even a connection there, but all I know is, right after he voted he had all kinds of crotch crickets chomping on his pubes. All I'm saying is that I've got a huge date the day after the election with this really hot chick and I'm trying to break me off a piece of that. The last thing I need is for things to start getting hot and have her freak out because there are tiny little lice crawling on my crotch. She'll probably end up getting them too and then I have to deal with this girl screaming at me that I gave her crabs or whatever. Democracy definitely isn't worth getting crabs and striking out with a hot girl. Especially since she knows like, everyone at this school. So, fuck voting. Then again, that probably wasn't how he got crabs.

Nerd's Achievement Under-Appreciated by Peers



He speaks like an elf, but loves like a dwarf

Brad Simmons, a sophomore major and level 63 Elf Wizard in the online role-playing game, Everquest, is afraid that his adventures and accomplishments in the fantasy game are seriously underappreciated among his peers. Simmons, who pays \$12 a month to be able to role-play as a character that most likely has apostrophes in his name, plays Everquest approximately 13 hours a day after classes in his dorm room.

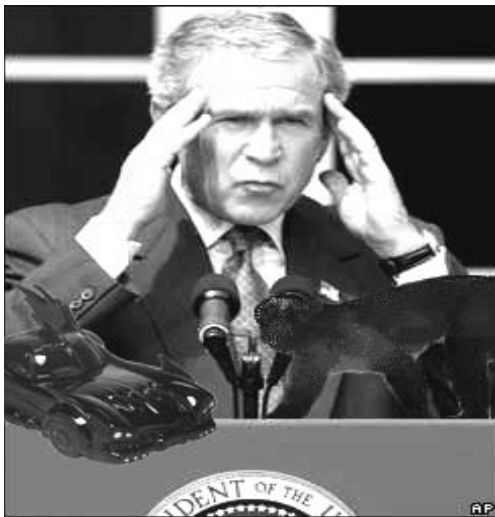
"I just want my classmates to realize that I put a lot of work into my work," said Simmons. "I mean, I spent two sleepless days last weekend fighting dragons and ogres to gather the pieces of the Ancient Staff of Chaos. I'm the only one in the game that has this staff! Don't you people realize that?"

Simmons is also the leader of his guild, "The Knights of Apocalypse," a very large nerd accomplishment. Brad is annoyed that Jeffery Warren, his roommate, does not grasp the sheer amount of time and effort that Brad had to put into rising to power in his guild. "I didn't start as the leader. That took about 5 years to happen. Why doesn't anybody appreciate me?"

Jeffery is very annoyed with Brad's hobby. "It's impossible to get him off his computer. Every time I want to bring a girl over I remember how bad the room stinks from Brad's gaming addiction. He even pisses in empty soda cans, it's really fucked up," complained Jeffery.

No other students could be reached for comment because no one else knows Brad. However, one of his subordinates in "The Knights of Apocalypse" did come forward. Asking only to be identified as Azurewrathe Thunderwind he had this to say: "I would die for my leader. He saved my life once from the Horrible Spine Beast of Elkwood. That's not something you soon forget."

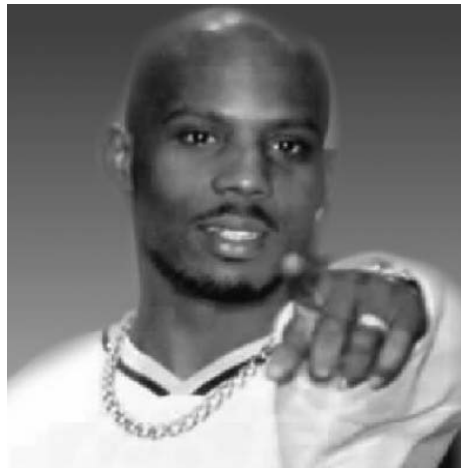
Top Things George W. Bush Sold His Soul For



He's got a lot of souls

1. National Guard duty
2. A mountain of cocaine and booze
3. The *Dukes of Hazzard* on DVD
4. Enchiladas
5. A monkey
6. A Game Boy
7. Pogs
8. Two smokin' hot daughters
9. A waffle the size of Texas
10. A swimming pool full of gold coins like Scrooge McDuck.
11. Dale Earnhardt's Ashes
12. Will Ferrell to stop impersonating him
13. A tiny bike for the monkey
14. Jell-O
15. The Batmobile
16. Vacation
17. Nelly's autograph
18. A heart for the Tin-Man
19. A tiny drum set for the monkey
20. Dick Cheney's surprising longevity
21. Literacy
22. Pre-chewed pretzels
23. A giant cowboy hat
24. Seconds
25. Unlimited supply of Laffy Taffy

After Years of Warning, X Finally Gives it to You



Rapper DMX, in a shocking move this Monday, finally delivered the ever-elusive "it" to you. You should have been expecting "it," but instead you were writing up your lab report. If you had been paying attention to DMX you might have avoided receiving a hefty load of "it" from him.

From the set of his new movie, which invariably co-stars Jet Li, DMX released this statement: "I've been warning you fools for years (WHAT) that I was going to give "it" to you. Now no one can step to me and (UH-HUH) tell me that I don't deliver on my promises (WHOOO)."

You still aren't sure what "it" even is, but receiving it has shaken your world to the core.

Senior Offers to Give Freshman Tour of Campus, Pants

Multiple sources have confirmed that Mike Ruggiero, a senior in mechanical engineering and an all-around sleazy guy, hit on at least five freshman girls last Thursday in the University Center and around campus. He offered to give the girls a "quick tour of the cool places on campus, and afterwards I can show you around my Old Navy board shorts."

All of his creepy pick-up attempts were shot down by freshmen leading Blake to begin asking girls, "if they had any Italian in them, and would they like any?"

MY PANTS



Be sure to visit the gift shop

Elsewhere in the issue...

Health Services Reports an Increase in the Number of Cases of Popped Collars

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An Afternoon With Michael Moore

Michael Moore, the director of controversial films *Bowling for Columbine* and *Fahrenheit 9/11* as well as New York Times best-selling author of *Dude, Where's My Country?* will be discussing youth votership and today's political climate, among other current issues during his lecture.

Date: Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Time: 4:30 PM

Location: Hamerschlag Mall

Rainsite: Carnegie Music Hall 4400

Forbes Avenue (tickets required ONLY FOR RAINSITE)

Ticket Info (all tickets are free):

September 28, 2004 - 8:00 AM-12:30 PM

Tickets available in Wean Commons, University Center

1 ticket with Carnegie Mellon ID

September 28, 2004 - After 12:30 PM

Tickets available at UC Info Desk

1 ticket with Carnegie Mellon ID

October 4, 2004 - 8:00 AM (if tickets



are still available)

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Wednesday: Thirteen, 8 10 12

Mean Girls is probably a better title for this movie. Mean, slutty, drug-addicted thirteen year old girls who've probably done more drugs and alcohol than the entire CMU student body put together. These girls are hardcore. There's also a zen chicken or something in this movie. It's way heady.

Thursday: Fahrenheit 9/11, 8 10 12

Michael Moore is coming to campus next week, so what better way to prepare for his lecture than by watching his new and controversial Bush-bashing fest? You owe it to yourself to at least see this movie even if you're just going to come out of it and still be a Bush voter. Yes, Michael Moore is biased, but this film presents a lot of important information about the war in Iraq.

Friday, The Stepford Wives, 8 10 12

So this one's a remake. Is it better or worse than the original? I don't know, since I haven't seen this version. It does have Christopher Walken, so how bad could it be? His only complaint might be that the movie needs more cowbell.

Saturday, Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban, 7:30 10 12:30

How many threesome jokes can you make about the third Harry Potter movie? Seriously though folks, this is a damn good movie. Harry Potter's also far more emo in this one than in the first two. If we could only get our hands on Harry Potter's diary. We could read his poetry describing how he wallows in an infinite abyss of loneliness.

Sunday: City of God, 7:30 10 12:30

To continue with the theme of "totally depraved kids week", this movie is about a bunch of kids in Brazil who deal drugs and kill each other. It's gritty, realistic, and really disturbing. All in all, this is a great movie. And even though it doesn't have Lindsay Lohan, it's really good. It's also subtitled so if you're illiterate (read: College Republican) skip this one.

What To Do If... CMU Receives a Bomb Threat

Step One: Grab cans of food, blanket, spare undies, boxed set of "The Family Guy" (or your laptop with illegally downloaded episodes).

Step Two: Hide your valuables from your sleeping roommate. You suspect that he is actually a roach, so don't doubt that after the bombing he will forage through your belongings.

Step Three: Find the nearest bomb shelter on campus*.

Step Four: Go there. Duh! Do you really need directions for this sort of thing?

* **footnote: F.Y.I.** The only bomb shelter on campus is the Posner Bomb Shelter for Rare Books. This shelter was built with a donation from the Posner family. It is intended to protect rare books in case of an enemy attack on CMU by enemy factions (i.e. the axis of evil, Pitt, disillusioned jobless former students who couldn't open doors with diploma, etc.).^

^**footnote to footnote:** The only way to get into Posner during a bombing is to be a rare book. (see article: "Acting for Non-Majors with Professor Stevens: Being a Rare Book")

Acting for Non-Majors with Professor Stevens: Being a Rare Book

To be a truly great actor you must first learn to be inactive. You must embrace what it means to be inanimate. This will assist you in your roles as stage props, mute extras, dead extras, and other dead roles.

The first step is to find a book and embrace the book in a way your judgmental father never embraced you. Feel the book, its soul, and you will know what it is to be a book.

The next step is to look like a book. Use those skills from "Paper Mache 101" or "Art History III" to make a full size costume/disguise. Put it on and test the acting skills you've learned. Lie in a high traffic area and see if someone tries to take you home and sell you on misc.market. If you really feel that you are an expert lie down in Baker Hall or in the doorway of the Posner Bomb Shelter for Rare Books. Congratulations! You now have skills that will help you as wait staff at Starbucks.

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A Little Something for (Almost) Everyone

So after weeks of not much of anything, this week there are three readme-approved concerts for you to choose from - unless, of course, you choose them all, which is strongly encouraged...if you're eclectic enough. So to make things easy, here they are in chronological order. Check the back page for more specific information.

On Friday night, we have Unearth and the Black Dahlia Murder for all you metal-heads. Unearth are fresh off a stint on this summer's Ozzfest Second Stage, where their mixture of traditional metal, hardcore, and "scream-o" brought audiences to pure insanity. Hailing from New England, the traditional hardcore capital of the states, this band is on their way to the forefront of the metal scene and are not to be missed. But not to be forgotten is the Black Dahlia Murder, who brings an intense blend of American death metal and Scandinavian black metal. These guys leave a path of destruction in their wake, and yes, they'll probably eat you alive.

Looking for something a little more progressive? Check out Sleepytime Gorilla Museum at the Eye on Monday night. This excessively eclectic group brings to mind many of Mike Patton's works, especially Mr. Bungle and Fantomas. The music is all over the place, fairly random, and yet somehow, it all works. It ranges

from samples to video-game-esque sounds to funk-metal to death metal and damn near everything else in between. If you're looking for something different where you'll probably find obnoxious music snobs who listen to music that gives new meaning to terms like "experimental" and "progressive" (and "schizoid," for that matter), this is the show for you.



Wednesday, October 6th

And if you're just looking for a good time, as we promised last week, Flogging Molly brings their road show to Pittsburgh on Wednesday, October 6. If you didn't read the review of the new album last week, you suck. If you miss this show, you suck even more. It's fun, it's rambunctious, it's Irish, and it's a great excuse to drink excessive amounts of Guinness on a Wednesday night.

Album Review: *Antics* from Interpol

On September 28, pasty-white New York indie darlings Interpol released their sophomore album, *Antics*. And if you didn't run out to buy the album already, you're missing out. Because we've decided that yes, it's that good.

Sure, it's still drawing the comparisons to post-punk and new wave. Sure, singer Paul Banks still sounds like the late Ian Curtis from Joy Division. Sure, it's still got very cynical undertones reminiscent of the Talking Heads. And sure, bass-player Carlos D. is still a little weird. But these are all good things, as a change in any of these would mean the end of the Interpol we know and love - as opposed to the Interpol that detained us on our way through Europe.

Antics, however, does bring about a few changes, and changes that aren't bad at all. Most noticeably, the album is...perkier. If "perky" can be used to describe Interpol. But it's all relative, considering if the band's debut, *Turn On the Bright Lights*, was much more sedate, it would have rolled over and died, but in a good way.

Antics almost sounds like there's energy behind it to the point where you might have bouncy, crowd-pleasing songs.

This change is evident from the get-go with album opener "Last Exit." This continues with "Evil" and lead single "Slow Hands." Of course, there are still a few ultra-sedate songs tossed in, including "Public Pervert" and "Length of Love," which bring the band's earlier works to mind.

While it's not as exciting as T.O.T.B.L. because second albums are never as exciting as debuts, *Antics* is a perfectly good follow-up, especially considering how often the follow-up to a strong debut sucks. It could stand to be a little longer, as the ten songs and forty-couple minutes are just enough to get you going and leave you hanging, and the underlying optimism is a bit of a shock to Interpol fans, but overall, this album comes highly recommended, as in you should have bought it already.

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Events and Things On and Off Campus

Wednesday, September 29

movie: Thirteen. McConomy. 8, 10, 12. \$1

concert: Carbon Leaf. Mr. Small's Fun House. 7:30pm. \$10

event: Rebecca Walker. McConomy. 4pm. Free

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

geek week: Board Games! Dowd Room. 5-9pm

geek week: Dodgeball! Donner Ditch. 5-9pm

Thursday, September 30

movie: Fahrenheit 911. McConomy. 8, 10, 12. \$1

concert: Ahmad Jamal @ Manchester Craftsmen's Guild

concert: Shane Henry @ Moondog's, Blawnox, PA

concert: Brazil, A Thorn For Every Heart, Emery, From First to Last @ Mr. Smalls Funhouse, 6:30 pm, \$10

concert: PovertyNeck Hillbillies @ Red Star Tavern

geek week: Geek Movie Marathon! Porter Hall 100. 6-9pm

geek week: Video Games! Wean Commons. 2-7pm

debate: Watch the Presidential Debate. Rangos 1. 9pm.

Friday, October 1

movie: The Stepford Wives. McConomy. 10, 12. \$1

vote!: Voter Registration Concert. CFA Lawn. 5pm

concert: Rockit Girl @ 31st Street Pub

concert: "Vote For Change" w/ James Taylor and the Dixie Chicks @ Heinz Hall, 7:30 pm, \$68.50-\$82.50

concert: Ahmad Jamal @ Manchester Craftsmen's Guild

concert: Asylum Street Spankers @ The Brewhouse

concert: Unearth, the Black Dahlia Murder, Terror, Remembering Never @ The World, 7 pm, \$10

geek week: Toby Radloff, Genuine Nerd! Porter Hall 100. 6:30-8pm

Saturday, October 2

movie: Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban. McConomy. \$1

concert: Talib Kweli w/ Special Guest. Roberto Clemente Bridge & Federal Street outside PNC Park 4:30pm. \$10 Cash Only

concert: Wheat @ Club Cafe, 10 pm, \$10, 21+

concert: Tracy Shedd @ Garfield Artworks

concert: Ahmad Jamal @ Manchester Craftsmen's Guild

concert: The Recipe @ The World, 9 pm, \$10

geek week: Geek Olympics! Donner Ditch. 10am - 4pm

Sunday, October 3

movie: City of God. McConomy. 7:30, 10, 12:30. \$1

concert: Bela Fleck & The Flecktones @ Byham Theatre

concert: Ahmad Jamal @ Manchester Craftsmen's Guild

concert: John Butler Trio @ Mr. Smalls Funhouse, 7 pm, \$8

concert: Insane Clown Posse, Mack 10, Anybody Killa, Esham @ Rock Club, 7:30 pm, \$27

Monday, October 4

tickets: Michael Moore lecture; rain site. UC Info Desk. Beginning 8am.

concert: Project Object, Napoleon Murphy Brock @ Club Cafe, 7:30 pm, \$20, 21+

concert: Jonny Lang, Ingram Hill @ Rock Club, 7:30 pm, \$28

concert: Sleepytime Gorilla Museum @ The Eye

Tuesday, October 5

concert: Project Object, Napoleon Murphy Brock @ Club Cafe, 7:30 pm, \$20, 21+

concert: Joan Of Arc @ Garfield Artworks

concert: Spindle, Val Emmich @ Mr. Smalls Funhouse, 7 pm, \$6

concert: Heiruspecs @ Shadow Lounge

concert: Terrorfakt, Manufactura @ The Eye

tv: Scrubs. 9:30pm. NBC.

Wednesday, October 6

lecture: An Afternoon with Michael Moore. Outside Hamerschlag Hall (Carnegie Music Hall Rainsite). 4:30pm. free!

concert: Jericho @ Garfield Artworks

concert: Usher, Kanye West @ Mellon Arena, 7 pm, \$47.25-\$59.50

concert: Flogging Molly, The Briggs, The Street Dogs @ Rock Club, 7:30 pm, \$18

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