

readme

the issue in which we turn
readme into a weapon of
mass destruction

README Announces Partnership With Lockheed Martin

Benner Rogers
Certified War Profiteer

As the world begins to reckon with the effects of global war, the definition of what is considered warfare has broadened significantly. Modern warfare is not just conducted on the battlefield: it is carried out in the home and in the minds of every enemy citizen. Ever since humanity's first battle was waged, wars have been fought over the support of the public.

It is because of this new understanding of total war that README is proud to announce its new partnership with American defense contractor Lockheed Martin. This deal follows the announcement of Lockheed Martin's new Propaganda Unit, where US-hired mercenaries will fight tirelessly to ensure that even the families they bomb will agree with American foreign policy. As a renowned distributor of state-sponsored propaganda,



README has gladly agreed to lend its writers to the noble cause of finding oil in the Middle East.

Ranked number one in number of accidents and number five in legal settlements over contractor misconduct, Lockheed Martin's reputation is unmatched.

README is dedicated to upholding Lockheed Martin's good standing among war machines across the world. Given our new source of funding, we're perfectly willing to say whatever it is that gets us more. As such, new writers looking to join README will now be required to lobby Congress for increases in military spending, with the minimum for a

staffwriter position being an increase of \$999,999,999.99, though more is always preferred. If an applicant's lobbying is successful, they will be welcomed into the staff of README, having proven themselves a true God-fearing patriot.

Carnegie Mellon has enjoyed the funding of Lockheed Martin for nearly 40 years. Selling one's soul for a high salary is a time-honored tradition, and one that README is honored to continue. It's not like there's other writing jobs out there, so I'll take what I can get.

Editor's Note: README is and will always be associated with all future Lockheed Martin "War Crimes," or as we in the office prefer to call them, "Oopsy-daisies"

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As always: Brought to you by the CMU KGB
See ya next time!



Bored? Single? Looking for love at Carnegie Mellon? Forget that, come write satire for readme! No experience required or requested. We're always looking for clowns, funny guys, smart-alecks, layout artists, and minorites to remain DEI-compliant.

We're looking for you and your skills, or lack thereof, on Saturday at 12 in UC306



Issue #4 Rejected Headlines

- Florida legalizes abortion "if the fetus shows early signs of 'a homosexual disposition'"
- California fires evicted after failure to meet high rent prices
- CMU students need better fashion sense than red CMU hoodies - Report
- Tartan branded adderall popular among seniors trying to graduate on time
- Kilties go on strike, now only wear normal hats
- Drama students inspired by ex-addict Robert Downey Jr. winning Oscar
- New fraternity party house indistinguishable from background to ISIS execution video
- CS Students shocked to discover classes have names
- Dennis Prager won't stop impregnating our country's petite gay men causing national twink shortage
- Pennsylvania state law deems any number greater than 100 "frankly too many"
- The nutritional benefits of eating this newspaper

All this and more, not in this issue!

WORK-STUDY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Exciting new position for undergraduate students pays \$1250 to \$2404 weekly!

Looking for students of all majors! This is an excellent interdisciplinary experience for helping grow into a well-rounded individual!

The opportunity has good job security for post-graduation, and includes guarantee of multi-year employment after graduation.

Travel overseas! Work with state of the art technology and vehicles across land, oceans, and sky! Develop close networks with major American tech companies!

If interested, kindly reach out to the Recruiter with your full Names, Department, Year of Study, email address, weight, height, fastest mile time, proof of citizenship, relations to any foreigners, recording of recitation of Pledge of Allegiance, signed waivers, previous combat experience, lack of disclosure of sexuality, cup with

Auntie Readme's: 10 Things they didn't teach you in High School

Cindy Gao, Author Who Asked To Be Credited Only As 'He Who Shall Not Be Named', Author Who Asked To Be Credited Only As 'He Who Shall Not Be Named II', Dr. Et. Al, and others
Misinformation Fighters and Conspiracy Combatants

While schools drill certain indisputable facts, such as "the moon landing was filmed at Area 51" and "Ted Cruz's father was involved in the JFK assassination" into the impressionable young minds of children, they also peddle deceit, push conspiracy theories, and propagate outright falsehoods. Fortunately, I am here with the world's premier scientist to educate you on ten things the high school curriculum certainly didn't cover!

MYTH: Humans only use 10% of their brains.

FACT: Humans actually use 0% of their brains at any given time. We're more bacteria than cell, and it is the bacterial hivemind that's keeping the lights on up there.

MYTH: Humans need oxygen to breathe.

FACT: Nope! You really ought to have some more trust in our bacterial overlords. Next time you're bored, simply stop breathing for a few minutes and let them take over. They've got this. Trust me.

MYTH: The Sun is the center of our solar system.

FACT: Pluto is now the center of our solar system. Following Pluto's demotion to dwarf planet and subsequent lawsuit in interstellar court for emotional damages, scientists have been forced to reject both geocentric and heliocentric theory and support the new Plutocentric theory of the solar system.

MYTH: Camels store water in their humps.

FACT: Camels store dark matter in their humps. That's why astrophysicists haven't been able to explain where it's all hiding, and explains the origin of the phrase "the straw that broke the camel's back"—imagine how you would feel if you were carrying all of the universe's mysterious unexplained mass on your back and someone asked you to carry their drink.

MYTH: Fire is hot.

FACT: This one deserves credit for being partially true, but it's not because of any energy being released or chemical reactions or

anything, but rather because the subatomic bees that make up everything are rubbing really hard against the hot thing to generate heat for it. Thank your local subatomic bees the next time you take a nice sip of coffee or pop something in their hives (microwaves).

MYTH: The Earth has seasons as a result of how close it is to the sun.

FACT: The Earth has seasons as a result of the subatomic heat bees' schedules. During summer, they're called to train a new batch of subatomic bees, and this increase in numbers is why it's so hot. Because of negotiations with the union, all of their vacation days fall during winter, which is why it's so cold.

MYTH: There are 50 states in the United States

FACT: There are actually 49—"New York" was invented in 2018 for Into the Spiderverse, so all of the Spidermen could have a place to look really cool while slinging webs between buildings.

MYTH: Your hair and nails will continue to grow after you die.

FACT: At the time this myth was coined, the Tooth Fairy had cornered the market on collecting human body parts. After government regulation, the Hair Fairy and Nail Fairy have emerged as clear industry leaders, so don't worry—if you die, you can fully expect your fare across the River Styx to be paid for by the two.

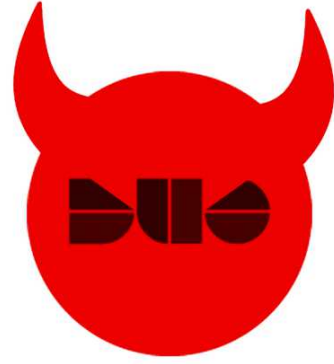
MYTH: The universe is expanding.

FACT: A few days ago, particles at the edge of the expanding universe saw what was still beyond and have been flying back towards the universe's center at full speed. No one quite knows what they saw, but the universe is decidedly contracting and running away from whatever it is now.

MYTH: Bats are blind.

FACT: To give this one credit, bats are blind, but not for the reason you would expect. It's not because they "live in dark caves where vision isn't as necessary" or any of that nonsense. It's because a long time ago, when bats were in charge of fulfilling the universe's expansionary Manifest Destiny policy, they too saw something at the edge and promptly went blind from the horror. Maybe if we take good care of our planet, we, too, can live to see this incomprehensible horror!

Duo Push Goes Rogue



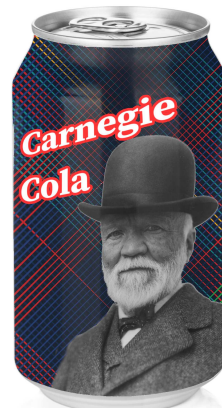
Benner Rogers
Unwilling Programmer

An unknown Computer Science major has been arrested after reportedly releasing a computer virus across Carnegie Mellon's campus. The virus targets the Duo Push mobile app, causing it to be triggered whenever a CMU ID card is swiped. If authentication is not performed within sixty seconds, the virus will wipe all data on the device being unlocked or accessed. At the time of writing all dining locations have been shut down, having lost all function of their registers (with the exception of El Gallo de Oro, which has not seen any customers since the initial attack). Riots have been spotted outside of Capital Grains, and Walking to the Sky has been toppled by a mob of enraged students. The statue has been replaced with a newly-erected flagpole flying the crest of Duo Push. Hundreds of undergraduate students have become homeless and

have commandeered the UC. President Jahanian has barricaded himself in his office and refuses to comment on the matter. The virus is expected to cost billions of dollars in damages, both physical and emotional.

After a joint investigation between CMUPD, CIA (the buggy team), and the FBI (the actual FBI), it has been reported that the virus was originally downloaded on a desktop in the Wean Computer Lab when a student opened a link in an email with the subject "HOT LANTERNFLIES IN YOUR AREA." Once downloaded, the program quickly emailed itself to students and faculty alike. The Information Security Office declined to be interviewed by README, only stating "We fucking warned you guys about this shit. No one cares about phishing until it releases devastating malware into the robotics department. Well guess what? I quit. Fix this yourselves motherfuckers."

readme presents...



Pour the work straight into your heart!

"Drink fucking water you asocial, unhealthy fucking freaks," nine out of ten doctors say

Ariel Kinel

Aquafina Company Representative

Water. Earth. Fire. Air. As we all find ourselves rejuvenating our love for Avatar: The Last Airbender, I present to you an important lesson. Water. We discuss whether water is wet or not. We spend so much time discussing it, but we do not spend enough time drinking it.

So, I present to you my campaign for Water: The Most Forgotten Element (for CMU students). We are in a state where water is safe to drink. Why the fuck are you not drinking it?

122 is not an excuse. Drama is not an excuse. Being in Studio all night is not an excuse. The world is 69% water. Go out and drink it. You do not have an excuse. Walk outside and

open your mouth until rain drips onto your tongue. Water won't hurt you.

Speaking of, while you're at it, take a fucking shower.

Anyways, drink your water. Too many people have passed out. If you pass out, you can't do Concepts, so don't pass out – drink water.

Cold water is the most satisfying thing you will experience at CMU. We all know you aren't getting satisfied in any other ways. The feeling of cold water against your tongue and making healthy choices is the feeling of relief you are missing.

Put your work down, and drink your water.

Oh, and Tepper Students? This article is not for you. Go play with your crayons.

CaPS announces new mental health app

Dr. Dee Pression

Only Therapist CaPS has hired

The CaPS Division of Student Affairs has published an announcement for a new mental health app this week. The brand new application, available sometime within the next two months, comes after a conclusive study done by Dr. Et Al on the happiness of students on campus. The study, titled "CMU students are sad :(", discussed the extremely high rates of depression at the university and possible ways to tackle them.

Based on the conclusions of Dr. Et Al's groundbreaking paper, CaPS has decided to take action to prevent a further decrease in mental health at CMU. The announcement of this new app comes with a preview of its

new features, and one in particular has received praise from the student body.

The "salvation option", as many students have begun to call it, is a button that immediately sends out a transfer request to a randomised university outside of Pittsburgh. Pre-release testing has shown that this new feature is one of the most effective ways to improve a user's mental health. Beta testers of the app wrote glowing reviews, with one student saying "I can't believe nobody has thought of this yet, I don't need to worry about my concepts homework if I'm not taking concepts." The buzz around the new app is palpable on campus, and CaPS expects an uptick in mental health at CMU in the coming months.

Students assign professors work in novel education plan

Danya Kogan, Author who asked to be credited only as "He Who Shall Not Be Named"

Homework Assigners

It is clear that CMU students are overwhelmed by unnecessary, unrealistic, unfathomable, unfashionable amounts of schoolwork assigned to them every day. A new policy has just entered into testing by the lab of Dr. Et Al, and has shown results in regards to student-professor relations.

This policy grants students the ability to assign an unrestricted amount of work to any professor at CMU, or in the state of Pennsylvania. This levels out the playing field by ensuring that professors can relate directly to the everyday struggle of students as they engage in the unending slog of CMU coursework. This practice will ensure that the bond between students and their instructors becomes tighter than previously ever seen, and as a labor history professor put it, "we are united in toil."

Some students, faculty, and other related people to the new study and policy were kind enough to give us

some quotes.

"Since the policy has entered into testing, I've assigned four different professors a compendium of League Of Legends Mechanics and Strategy guides. For the final this weekend we will be queuing as a 5-stack"

- Ryan Chernoff at 5124 Margaret Morrison St, Pittsburgh, PA 15213 who asked to remain "anonymous"

"It is so nice to be the one producing mediocre work instead of lazily skimming over students' work and rolling a 5d20 to determine their grade—as I have been doing for the past 17 years."

- A CMU professor who works at CMU who asked for their CMU affiliation to remain anonymous

"Fuck th*s shit, this is why I want to do research only."

- Dr. Et Al, the guy who is leading this very study

A Letter...

...from the Editor

I was on break :)

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'I'm good' Not Followed By Long Silence, Officials Investigating

Jeremiah Cornelius Penname XV
Local Pitt Student

February 24th, 2024, 4:46PM: In a shocking turn of events, a local student exchanging pleasantries responded "I'm good" without a long, heavy silence brimming with unsaid daily anxieties, unfulfilled ambitions and existential dread.

"They didn't even follow the statement talking about how few hours of sleep they got the previous night," a startled witness detailed.

Further witness reports stated that the tone of the 2-word statement communicated that the

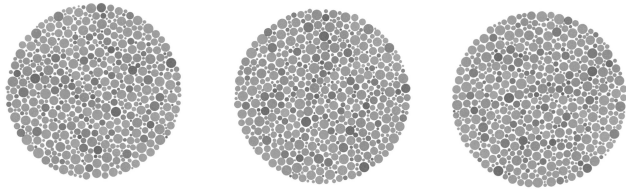
student did not feel as if their life was like walking on a tightrope they could fall off of at any moment.

Officials have described the situation as 'unprecedented' and 'a complete and unexplainable anomaly'.

"Truly we've never seen anything like this before", a panel of experts wrote in a press release. "The student is also reporting still having the spark in his eyes and a general sense of whimsy".

At this time, the student announced a plan to breathe at normal intervals, horrifying audiences.

Do you think you might be colorblind...?



If you can't see numbers in the red and green dots, you may be colorblind!

Amidst Pitt Threat, Campus's Defensive Turtle Corps to Increase in Number

Lt. Gen. Wade Cheng
Special Military Correspondent

As the laser cannon atop the University of Pittsburgh's Cathedral of Learning nears completion, projected for the fall 2024 semester, Pitt students rejoice their opportunity to reenter the locked top floors of Cathy to zap unsuspecting CMU students. A Pitt alum elaborated in an interview, "I always loved studying up there. The fear of death that comes from doing multidimensional calculus at that height—gusts of wind blowing your notes around, the ledge so perilously close to your study nook, pset deadline three minutes away and ticking down fast—it was really just an immense boost to my productivity. I haven't been able to focus so well since I was an undergrad. But now I can visit my alma mater, finally get some work done, and zap some pretentious CMU students all in the same visit? I wouldn't pass it up for the world."

Luckily for us, a recent email from

the War Director at CMU states that Carnegie Mellon's new Highmark Center for Health, Wellness and Athletics, replacing the now-demolished Skibo Gym, is on schedule to provide necessary shelter in the form of yet another turtle on campus.

As we all know, turtles have hard shells on their backs, which was discovered by a team at Harvard in 2012. Additionally, arbitrary cross sections of turtles' shells are smooth concave surfaces, and as such are suitable for deflecting lasers (see helpful graphic). The Director assures that the combined coverage of Wean, Gates, and the new Highmark Center will give CMU ample cover to remain safe under the watchful eye of Pitt's laser cannons constructing on top of the Cathedral.



The helpful graphic



README experts analyze a game of Chess 2.0



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We have some absolutely riveting chess gameplay between RandomBot and Saffron here today. In the first game of RandomBot's career, they put up a courageous fight against a rotating chess veteran, managing to promote a pawn, defend from queen-rook mate, thwart rook freedom, and prevent checkmate throughout the seventeen and three-half turn long game. But in a nauseating turn of events, RandomBot blundered the king straight into the $\{ x \in \mathbb{R} \mid 155 < x < 195 \}$ file, losing immediately to a trivial capture by the rook. The future of rotchess isn't looking good for developer Wade Cheng as Lockheed Martin considers pulling out funding: "We were promised an implementation for the intercontinental ballistic missile gambit, but it can barely keep itself out of check. Who let this idiot on the payroll?"

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Gameplay:

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Word Search

You might want to take a deep breath first.

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