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and strap into a
tin can today!

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See ya next time!



A Letter...

...from the Editor

As one of the most reputable sources of news on campus, readme staff took it upon themselves (with only a few threats of violence) to research one of our oldest and most favored traditions — bitching about Carnegie Mellon. While several old letters were uncovered complaining about the homework, the weather, and the lack of sex on campus, several staffers found a small box in the basement of Hunt that included documents dating back to the first ever buggy race.

While Carnegie Mellon would like you to believe that Buggy was founded by a group of well meaning fraternity men hoping for a little carnival fun, the documents discovered show that the first ever incident of a buggy race occurred in early 1919, and included just one freshman. Jimmy "Snot-nose" Peters, class of 1923, had rushed every single fraternity on campus, much to the annoyance of the brothers. After discovering he planned on continuing the frats until he finally received a bid, the brothers of Delta Delta Delta came up with a plan. They told him that Carnegie Mellon fraternities had a tradition of putting freshmen inside caskets with wheels attached and rolling them down the Frick Park hill. Should he go through with this tradition, Snot-nose was promised that he could go to one of Delta Delta Delta's notorious ragers for fifteen minutes. The young lad was overjoyed, and found himself inside a rather small pine box being rolled up down the hill in the wee hours of April 16th, 1919.

After a particularly drunk Delta Delta Delta brother lost control of the casket, it was sent careening into Maggie Mo. Snot-nose did not survive, and in his memory, Carnegie Mellon students continue to harass anyone under the height of 5'2" in the hopes of shoving them inside a metal tube. Thus, in memoriam to that little git, Snot-nose Peters, we present...

Rejected Headlines #6

- Local chapter of the KKK disappointed to see that the sun is black following total eclipse
- NEW RECORD: 3 CMU students manage to have sex over Carnival, allegedly with other humans
- President Farnam spotted frequenting Carnival Parties
- Nets placed under Pausch Bridge to remind CMU students that suicide is always an option
- SCC proposes new Booth teardown technique including ramming buggies into them
- CMU Administration shocked why students are still sad, "We gave you guys a Carnival?"
- You won't remember anything from Carnival anyway, and other reasons why you should text that girl
- Carnival rides now include the Throngler, the Impaly-Stubber, and the Twist.
- Alumni donations hitting record high, so please stop donating: CMU Finance reports
- Booth Chairs and School of Drama compete to see who can violate the most labor laws
- REPORT: Carnegie Mellon students so afraid of the sun they only go outside during eclipse
- Student Senate elections held, "who?" found to be most common response
- Sisyphus tired of being imagined happy, quoted: "Can one of you help me with this damn rock instead?"
- Carnegie Mellon administration to consider using Booths as freshman housing for 2025

All this and more, not in this issue!

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Auntie ReadMe's: How To Participate In Carnival Traditions

Cindy Gao, Dr. Et. Al, and others
Illegal Advice Givers

Well, it's really a shame that I died under "mysterious circumstances" the week before Carnival, because dying kind of sucks and there are several Carnival traditions that center it, such as "the crucifixion of every member of the losing booth orgs on their leftover pieces of wood." That's okay though, because whether you're a freshman eager to escape your academic hazing for a weekend or a senior who wants to make the most of the rest of your time here, I have tips on several of Carnival's tamer traditions!

Douse A Pre-Frosh

This carnival tradition involves finding tours of prospective students around campus and soaking them. Whether you use hit-and-run tactics or strategically position yourself atop Wean 9 siege-style, it's sure to make the school stand out in any prospective student's memories! It'll also fundraise our printing efforts for future issues. We're selling buckets of water for \$5, water guns for \$10, and cauldrons of water for \$20. Soaking a prospective student is worth 1 point, soaking a parent is worth 2, and if you can manage to get a younger sibling (they have smaller surface area), that's a whole 10 points. These points can be redeemed in the official ReadMe factory town booth (see page 3) for food and clothes, so grab a bucket and start dousing like your family's livelihood depends on it!

Weepstakes

Some schools have designated finals-week-gather-on-the-lawn-and-group-scream traditions. Those schools are amateurs! However, despite the fact that this happens enough to be a daily tradition at CMU, it's hard to coordinate and make time for. This is where Weepstakes comes in—to be cathartic now that everyone has the time to be catharsed. This primal scream and group crying session will be hosted at 12 AM Carnival Friday in the Gates-Hillman commons, so as to smoke out any CS students that would decide that Midway is, in fact, pretty mid and be tempted to hide away during Carnival to try to finish work. We will all cry about our impending finals weeks, and everything that is academically at stake.

Statistics & Data Sciences Booth

Alternatively, don't want to cry about your finals? Leave your grade up to random chance and check out Grade Plinko at SDS's booth! Tell the booth operator what class you're taking, drop a disc into a normally-distributed pegboard, and take the grade letter that your disc lands in. The expected value of this approach is left as an exercise to the reader.

Physics Department Brunch And Talk: "Honoring Electrons"

We would tell you where it is, but have only been able to narrow it down to the general probability cloud of "somewhere in the city of Pittsburgh." The physics department has been historically really annoying at past Carnivals like this—it's always hard to cheer for their "Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle" buggy, because once you observe where it is, you suddenly can't tell how fast it's going, and if you try to announce how fast it's going, it's suddenly really hard to tell where it is.

Scotch N' Soda's performance of Our American Cousin

Rumor has it that President Farnam Jahanian will be in attendance wearing an egregiously tall top hat, and we'll be handing out a whopping 100 points (enough for a small slice of bread at the ReadMe factory town, or for a congratulatory confederacy of like-minded pranksters at the John Wilkes booth) for anyone who can nail him in the head with a water gun—10 bonus points if they sneak up from behind.

Tartan Anti-Talent Show

Aggressively bad at something? Showcase what you're worst at in a performance at the ReadMe office! This has been shown to be the year's best reducer of imposter syndrome.

~~The Annual Carniv(ore)al Ritual To Appease The Wean Turtle, May His Terribleness Not Wake And May He Avoid Eating Any Of Us Non-Engineering Students For Another Year Still, Amen, otherwise known as:~~
Free Cookies in the Wean La Prima! :DDDD

Free cookies in the Wean La Prima! All day every day of Carnival! Please just walk straight into the turtle mouth—I mean, the main entrance! Please please please do!

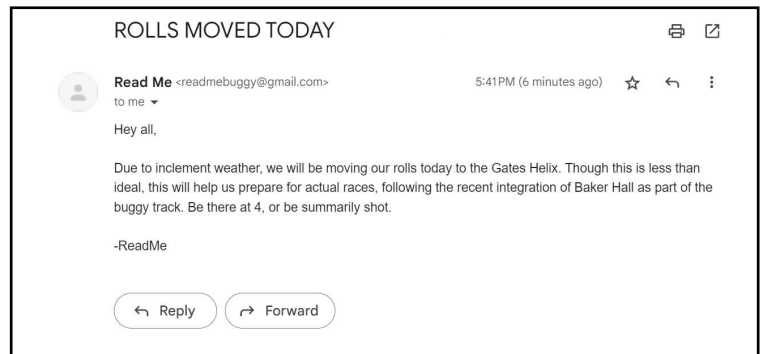
I hope these traditions help you have a little more fun this Carnival. Have fun and stay safe out there!

Top 10 ways to die during Carnival!

Kyle Hynes
Currently dead

- 1. Buggy crashes:** Is this one even close? Buggy is like having kids - it makes no sense at all when you actually think about it. It's highly dangerous. The preparation takes up several months of your life, and leads to uncountable sleepless nights. And yet, we can't seem to stop, because it's so central to who we are as Tartans. It's a miracle no one has yet died flying around the bends in Schenley Park in a fragile tube built by a couple of crusty nineteen-year-old MechEs. You could be the first!
- 2. Alcohol:** self-explanatory.
- 3. Falling off a ride:** in a shock twist, turns out CMU has been paying amateurs all along.
- 4. Falling off a ride due to alcohol:** oops, doc, I forgot to strap in! Musta had something wrong with my memory.
- 5. Being a lab rat:** welcome Bill Nye the Science Guy to campus! Turns out it was just an excuse to make you his lab rat. Whoops.

- 6. Alumni parties:** alums are back, and this time, CMU's decided to give them a "Hospitality Tent" right in the middle of the Cut. But that's not where they'll spend most of their time - no, they'll spend most of it off-campus, reliving their glory days. And they might go too hard. Don't be a victim.
- 7. Frat boy hookups:** also self-explanatory. Do not bang a frat boy. Or do, at your own risk. Who am I to judge?
- 8. Alumni hookups:** similar, but this time, the death risk is shame.
- 9. Heart disease:** it's still America, and heart disease is the number-one leading cause of death in the United States. Get your heart checked!
- 10. Getting into an Uber only to realize it isn't an Uber, but an F150 owned by some dude who voted for Trump, who did not invite you into his car, but you were drunk so you didn't realize, and who lowers the hammer on his Glock as soon as you touch the door:** he will have a funeral for the glass of his window and give nary a shit about you.



With child labor laws repealed, CMU Daycare begins buggy training

Benner Rogers
Reformed Toddler

In the landmark Supreme Court case *Buggy v. United States*, child labor laws have successfully been repealed to allow the use of children for buggy drivers. CMU has already begun transforming its daycare center in Margaret Morrison into a state-of-the-art buggy training facility. Children as young as two will begin intensive

training on how to steer buggies for this year's Spring Carnival. The shortest preschoolers will be directed into a gifted track where they will be hand-picked by buggy organizations to begin live buggy steering. Those who successfully compete at Spring Carnival will be gifted free tuition and automatic acceptance into Carnegie Mellon, as well as a personalized balloon animal.

readme introduces the BoothBuggy

Tali Kirschenbaum
Stickler for Rules

It's Carnival, and as a new organization on campus, readme has decided that we want to try engaging in all of the Carnival traditions! Of course, we are a small organization, so we weren't sure if we were going to be able to do everything. However, as a group of people who like to think we're funny, we have decided to look for loopholes in any rules we can find in order to participate in it all. Pedants that we are, we found section 6.9 (yes, actually. You can look it up.) of the Sweepstakes bylaws, which dictates buggy size:

"No buggy shall have at any time any dimension, parallel to the centerline of the buggy, greater than 15 feet including that buggy's pushbar.

No buggy shall have at any time any dimension, perpendicular to the centerline of the buggy, greater than 6 feet."

This means that any buggy smaller than 15 feet long, 6 feet wide, and 6 feet tall is acceptable. Because of this rule, and because of a surprising lack of small Asian women willing to drive a buggy for a satire publication newspaper, we have decided to be assholes and build a buggy out of a booth. The BoothBuggy—because what else would we call it?—is exactly the maximum dimensions a buggy can be, fitting a driver of approximately average height sitting in the front, and when parked, features a buggy driving simulator for curious tall people, since in order for it to be a booth it has to have some sort of game, right? Unbeknownst to our guests, however, the simulation involves them being locked inside the BoothBuggy and actually sent for a lap around the course. "Incredibly realistic!" said early reviewers. "It really feels like I'm moving at 40 miles an hour while trapped inside a giant box!" Other beta testers are suing readme to cover their hospital bills.

readme booth to bring back factory towns

Abe James
Capitalism's strongest soldier

Visit the Readme booth during Carnival! Or if you missed Carnival, what's wrong with you? Absolute buffoon. Were you even looking? We are located somewhere between where CS kids go to die and Dietrich students go to thrive off of adult validation. It'll be like a fun challenge for everyone except IS students, who aren't allowed to spill the beans. If they do, they get hunted for sport by the ghosts of Andrew Carnegie's uncles and uncles-in-law.

Our Booth is a totally immersive experience in which you get to pretend you are an impoverished employee working for us, the railroad tycoons. Super duper cool, right guys? Like all good Booths, we have fun games to play such as mining coal or laying down train tracks. When you're done, you get a Readme coin which you can use to buy amenities like spare clothes, soap and water. We also provide Readme stamps which can be used to purchase food! We aren't so boring

as to just provide the snacks, it's more fun for people to work for it! The extra fun part is the stamps cannot be used to buy coin items and vice versa. How cool! It's basically like a strategy video game, but in real life and much harder since CMU students have twigs for arms.

You might consider using the coins and stamps elsewhere, but that's where you'd get an extra big laugh. Readme coins and stamps are not usable in other booths and can only be used in the Readme Booth. Of course not, they're Readme exclusives! I mean, the coins and stamps are just too valuable to be used anywhere else.

Our build draws architectural inspiration from Pullman, Illinois, and Lowell, Massachusetts during the Industrial Revolution. It's kinda old-school but that's just part of the whimsy. We also have a sickly wife and kids to really amp up that charm and add to that immersive experience. I mean, you want Amelia and Bart to get a good education don't you? So get back to work!

Hahahaha, you can't leave now. :)

Survey Says!

Fill this out so we can convince higher Management we're worth funding with your tax dollars, and other things.



Booth shut down due to OSHA violations

Benner Rogers
Ladder Misuser

MIDWAY, Pittsburgh — in a chaotic scene, officials from the Pittsburgh Department of Health, Safety, and Tiny Wooden Houses have taken control of Midway following Farnham Jahanian's decision to shut down Midway. The controversial decision was made following reports of numerous OSHA violations violated during Booth construction. The Spring Carnival Committee was quoted to have said "What?!" Further interviews with various booth chairs discovered that nobody really knew what an OSHA violation entailed. A full investigation will be held, during which no construction will be allowed. Students have protested the decision by building second booths on both sides of Midway. The makeshift blockade has trapped OSHA inspectors within Midway, and multiple booth organizations have taken up medieval siege warfare in an attempt to regain control of their booths. The situation remains tense and is unlikely to be resolved before the end of Spring Carnival. Below, README has compiled a list of the alleged violations that were reported:

- As per section 1926.51(a)(4) of the OSHA guidelines, the common drinking cup is prohibited on any construction site. Multiple builders were seen drinking water from such

cups while working on Midway.

- Members of the CMU KGB were spotted eating spackle.

- A fire extinguisher full of gasoline was spotted next to other safety equipment, violating section 1926.150(c)(1)(vii) of OSHA guidelines.

- Multiple students were spotted shining lasers directly into each other's eyes to see if it would blind them.

- CMU only provided plain cotton for ear protection, in violation of section 1926.101(c).

- Students were seen using scissor lifts as battering rams to knock over other booths.

- Hard hats provided to students were made out of styrofoam.

- Multiple organizations used said hard hats to create napalm to attack competing booths.

- As booths are made of wood and wood is flammable, the entirety of Midway was covered in combustible materials without proper safety precautions.

- A fire hydrant was replaced with a sign stating "hope that it rains".

README urges all of its readers to follow proper safety guidelines, and to not use the provided information as a bucket list to complete before the end of Carnival. However if you do choose to do so, please let README staff know so you can be included in next week's crime report.

