

Gender euphoria: humorless humping

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Jizzless and Jokeless

Gender Dysphoria is the concept of one's gender identity within oneself clashing with their perceived or performed gender presented to the outside world. This is a common phenomenon, particularly in the trans and non-binary communities, where this dissonance causes intense discomfort. Common triggers for dysphoria include improper pronoun use, wearing clothing that misaligns with an individual's gender identity, defining gendered features that contrast one's identity, and seeing oneself in the mirror/photos (amongst many others). Gender is a social construct built around societal roles, expectations, and precedents for various demographics. When trans people are faced with triggers that typically align with their sex assigned at birth, or directly contrast their gender identity, dysphoria occurs. With gender roles being so nuanced in modern society, researchers have delved into the minutia of these dynamics. A recent study conducted by Carnegie Mellon's psychology department has highlighted a direct link between one's humorous abilities and the relative dysphoria incurred.

It's common knowledge that women are not funny. Between royal fools, comedy playwrights, stand-up comedians, and even workplace banter, humor has always been a man's job. Given that humor is so blatantly aligned with masculinity, research has shown that trans women experience unprecedented levels of dysphoria when viewed as funny. After several experiments, studies have demonstrated that the more raucous the laughter following a trans woman's statement is, not only is she more likely to experience dysphoria, but the dysphoria she experiences will be more intense than the typical bouts. One subject stated, "They had a group of us in a room and we were told to crack jokes. When people laughed at what I was saying, I became acutely aware of my penis. The fact that they viewed me as someone intelligent enough to devise wit and produce effective comedy was disheartening because they clearly didn't view me as a real woman."

Gender euphoria, conversely, is the feeling of elation that one experiences when their gender identity is affirmed. A secondary study dove into this concept and found an interesting statistic. Women have historically had to

deal with subpar sexual experiences, whether it be due to poor performance on their partner's behalf, stigma and guilt surrounding sexual topics and behavior, and a host of other factors. As a result, a common aspect of a woman's sexual journey is faking orgasms. This study found that faking orgasms brings trans women extreme levels of gender euphoria. Subjects have reported that they "feel validated by being displeased in bed" and that "faking an orgasm makes [them] feel just like a real woman" which leads researchers to believe this could be a massive breakthrough in the field.

Science is always looking to improve the world, whether it be through innovating technology, providing a better understanding of the world, reducing the harm in our communities, and more. These studies are at the cutting edge of LGBTQ+ research in order to improve the experiences of our queer peers. With the new discoveries these researchers have unearthed, we now have new ways to do so. The teams that have worked on these studies posit that for the betterment of the trans community, we need to foster more environments where our trans women can both laugh and cum less.

A Letter...

...from the Editor

readme was nominated for several dozen awards over the last week, including several "Best News Source" awards for their coverage of the War in Vietnam. Unfortunately, after the Pulitzer committee discovered the Vietnam War ended in the 70s, and readme was just two asian guys in the UC at 4 in the morning, all the awards were revoked, and the prize money confiscated.

With midterm season over, readme staffers have begun to feel joy and some emotions other than stress and pain. However, they've also stopped being funny, so the editorial staff has started employing torture methods like the ones used in Guantanamo Bay. We thank the Obama administration for introducing us to such cutting edge techniques.

The rapidly approaching Spring Break has also caused quite a stir in the office, as the light at the end of the tunnel has gotten several readme writers to gnaw off their chains and escape into the wilderness. If anyone spots someone attempting to be funny, please call us immediately. They may need to be put down.

Finally, readme is getting bored with the lack of controversial opinions, and is proud to announce a "America's most racist relatives" competition. If your grandma knows one too many slurs, send us her contact info, and we'll make her famous. All this, and more, in...

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What YOU should be doing on campus:
Wed, 2/28, 6 pm: It's boothin' time
Stever Basement
Fri, 3/1, 7pm: Movie Night, MM A14
Sat, 3/2, Leave. Go. Run. Don't come back.

March Against LEAP YEAR



Protest begins on March 1st.
No, the REAL March 1st.

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 Benner Rogers because she's real to me, dammit.



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

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See ya next time!



Auntie readme's Advice

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
Legal Advice Givers

After having been summarily shot for giving advice purely off of the terminally online references in my head, and having been resurrected by a joint effort of ReadMe staff and the biochemical engineering majors due to staff shortages, I am now fully embracing the magic of science and consulting with experts in their fields!*

*Their fields being anxiety, mostly. †

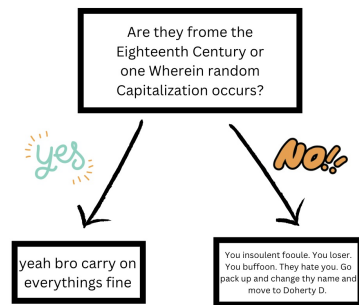
How long is too long for a handshake? Am I gripping too hard? Is it too late to switch the eye I'm making eye contact with right now?

Ideally, a nice firm handshake should last until either your hand is honorably broken or you honorably break your opponent's hand. As we all know, social interaction is a zero-sum game and someone must win. Consequently, there's no such thing as gripping too hard— your grip should ideally be on the stronger end of "limp fish" to "forbidden by the Geneva Conventions oh god why do you have a three-pointed knife concealed in your palm." Switch which eye you make eye contact with as often as you like—even if you lose the handshake portion of the game, you can get half-points by winning the staring contest bit.

-With help from Dr. Et. Al

What does it mean if someone who never uses punctuation or capital letters in texts sends me a text that begins with a capital letter? (they didn't use a period or anything, which would unambiguously mean they hate me, but im still worried)

As you said, this one is a bit more ambiguous than using a period. It is, however, not so ambiguous that we can't flowchart it out!



-With help from Dr. Et. Al

do you think if i got a concussion and i couldn't make excellent points about the role of the social contract in french salon art my art teacher would still love me

This one's for your art teacher, actually, I'm going to need you to avert your eyes and convalesce in a Swiss sanitarium with leeches for a few seconds—



Okay, you can look now.

-With help from Dr. Et. Al

Is my incessant allergy-based sneezing getting on the nerves of my lab partner?

Depending on what kind of lab you're in, it's probably more just concerning. For example, what are you doing sneezing in a physics lab? What are you, allergic to the fundamental particles of reality and the strong force as a whole? Or what are you doing sneezing in a forensics lab? Cocaine?

Is the sneezing allergy based or do I just want to assume that?

If you're sneezing in an epidemiology lab, I also just want to assume that it's allergy-based!

how do I tell if people close to me are in a relationship?

If one of them reads this godforsaken column and applies all of its advice on the other person, and the other person still chooses to associate with the advice column reader, that's either true love or insanity. Which is still kind of a coin flip, but seems better than what you're currently working with.

-With help from [Author Who Asked To Be Credited Only As 'He Who Shall Not Be Named II', who has been summarily shot for lack of faith in this column and, by extenston, ReadMe]

† Have you considered getting evaluated for anxiety?

This is my advice column, not yours.

15-112 Declared War Crime by Hague, CS Academy Investigated

A. Axolotl
112 Victim and Refugee

Joining catastrophes in Sudan, Uganda, and the Democratic Republic of Congo, the first 15-112 midterm has been declared a war crime by The Hague International Criminal Court.

A README reporter ventured into the wasteland that was DH 2210 last week, to document the disaster that experts are now calling 'the worst curve in 14 years'.

Tensions ran high before the clock started. Students The detainees were required to provide IDs, and a proof of their own handwriting for identification purposes. Under heavy fire from ed, students were ordered not to stress and to get sleep before the examination, however many found these to be impossible feats.

The scene was thus: exhausted students, desperately writing lines by hand, because although technology has progressed to the point that we currently have text generating large language models and at least partially functioning virtual reality headsets, the Carnegie Mellon University (home of AI) Intro to Programming

course's midterm is still on paper. Godspeed if you don't have an eraser, or worse, a pen.

The evil genius of this exam is in its deception. Compared to the practice test, the midterm's first few questions were a breeze. No weird syntax for copying lists or definitions of MVC. It was suspiciously easy, meant to lull the students into a false sense of security which was then ripped to shreds with the third free response question (of four). Many students would skip it intending to return and never to do so.

Scientists report that there was, in fact, a temporary phenomenon of time dilation where individuals within DH 2210 from 9-10:20am and 2-3:30pm on the day of the midterm experienced time speed up during the last third of the exam.

With the conclusion of the exam came many questions between the sobs. "What will my parents say?", "Who is responsible for this?", "When was the 110 add deadline and is it too late to transfer to Pitt?" Your humble writer now returns to Gates and continue running their code until they see the sacred words... *Passed sample test cases! Press 'Check' to run all test cases.*

Rejected headlines Issue 3

- Farnam Jahanian declared President for Life by Board of Trustees, immediately begins purges
- Robotics students shocked half their projects are just reskinned guns
- Carnegie Mellon Athletics unable to record result for game since nobody was in attendance
- "I hate campus dining" says student eating third Hunan meal of day
- New CaPS meeting locations include ledges, bridges, and intersections
- CMU sends too many acceptance letters, Class of 2029 cancelled
- Woman with 17,000 tinder matches gets her account deleted, makes a grinder account instead
- Having a single thought about 15-122 now considered an AIV
- CMU students surprised to find out nobody cares how little they slept
- Broadway to begin recruiting directly from Greek Sing auditions
- Hillman very angry to discover nobody knows which building is his

All this and more, not in this issue!

Novel contraption from the MechE Department

Danya Kogan

Greatest mind of our generation

In this study, we present a novel device capable of oscillating parameters altering the fabric of contingency, never before seen in literature. While similar contraptions have attempted to distinguish themselves in the field in such a way, none have succeeded, until now. A previous doohickey, developed by Et AI and others at Carnegie Mellon University, came the closest to answering the age-old question of how to alter the fabric of

contingency. The previous methods employed by the engineers in earlier studies involved fiddling with various criteria of the apparatuses that make up the bigger picture of the whatchamacallit. What our study did differently, however, was conducting various structural tests to figure out the glass transition temperatures of the gubbins, which are a central component of contingency-altering gizmos. Our widget ended up passing the Turing-Completeness test, and we conclude that our design is very human.

Artificial Intelligence – For Real, This Time

Wade Cheng

Unartificially Intelligent

4 minute listen at: <https://cmureadme.com/podcasts/artificial-intelligence-for-real-this-time>

SAFFRON, HOST AND GREATEST PODCASTER IN PITTSBURGH: Welcome to our first installment of **LISTENUP**, our new **README** podcast hosted right here out of the heart of Pittsburgh.

(SOUNDBYTE OF PATRIOTIC BRIDGEBUILDING AND METALWORKING NOISES)

SAFFRON: Today we're here with a very special guest. I'd like to introduce—

BARTHOLOMEW: Oh! Uh, sorry to interrupt, but can I go by a different name? Don't want mine on the record in case any rabid tech fans try to track me down.

SAFFRON: Alright, he wants to go by a pseudonym. Sure, shoot.

BARTHOLOMEW: Oh uhhh, fuckin, can you make me Andrew Carnegie? But like, every seventh letter in Comic Sans and then tilt the last name like, four degrees clockwise and th—

SAFFRON: Fuck you we're calling you Bartholomew now. Bart, why don't you tell us about what you were so eager to show us?

BART: Yeah! See, the tech world's been in uproar since you revealed in your guys's first print that ChatGPT

was actually just some guy. Now everyone's scrambling to become the next big name in actual artificial intelligence. I'm very pleased to say that my team and I have been working on our own project for quite a while, and I think now is the perfect time to announce: Project Chris—the forefront, the real cutting edge of modern technology in artificial intelligence.

(SOUND OF SQUEAKY WHEELS)

SAFFRON: Alrighty then. You've got a little demonstration for us? Take it away.

BARRY: Yep! A quick conversation to showcase the real power of our new chatbot. Alright, Christopher, how are you doing today?

MICROSOFT SAM: Doing today.

BARTHOLOMEW: Aw man, same. We all sure are just doing. But don't worry, we can power through. Now, what should we discuss?

MICROSOFT SAM: Discuss?

BARTHOLOMEW: Should we talk about the meaning of life? Something with some crazy philosophical value? Or should we try to solve some complicated theorem together? Oh I don't know, maybe you should tell a story? Or talk about how useful a chatbot like you can be?

MICROSOFT SAM: Talk about how useful a chatbot like me can be?

BARTIE: Oh what a wonderful idea!

Tuition to increase by 37.2% instead of 3.72%

Benner Rogers

Professional Debt Collector

The president of Carnegie Mellon University, Farnam Jahanian, recently issued an email apologizing for a typo in a recent tuition update sent to students. The email incorrectly notified students of a 3.72% price increase in tuition. In reality, the increase was 37.2%. Jahanian's email writer, who also ghostwrites for README, stated that the slight raise in costs was necessary for improvements throughout campus.

One of the improvements the money will go towards is the hygiene of dining options across campus. A recent investigation from the Allegheny County Health Department revealed a plethora of food safety violations. After fifteen students contracted a food-borne illness, the university has sworn to improve hygiene in all of its dining halls. Negotiations with the cockroach union are already underway, with lead negotiators stating that they believe soon only the cleanest of vermin will be allowed inside kitchens. In addition, the Underground is planning to hire new food-tasters to ensure

everyone's meal will be completely free of E. coli.. University water will also be tested regularly to ensure that the levels of lead remain only slightly above acceptable levels.

The higher tuition is also going to be used to revamp Carnegie Mellon's merchandise. CMU has decided to partner with various luxury brands for their all-new clothing line. "We want to show our students that anyone, regardless of financial status, can have the opportunity to wear high-end brands at Carnegie Mellon," stated President Jahanian. "Carnegie Mellon is an equal opportunity school: anyone with enough smarts and dedication can attend. That's why we want all of our students to have access to obscene displays of wealth." When asked about CMU's repeated refusals to recognize a graduate student union or increase funding to the Humanities department, Jahanian reportedly put his fingers in his ears and pretended he could not hear the reporter. So while CMU may not be increasing funding for adequate mental health support, students and faculty will be receiving a 5% discount on the new CMU x Gucci shirts. Prices will be starting at \$500 per item.

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You've already spent so much,
why not a bit more?

