Jennifer Tharp
Staff writer

Tempest Green said that he didn’t mean to start a revolu-
tion, he was just going to class,” commented Khalil Bru-
ham, a senior mathematics major and vice president of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. Green is the oldest mem-
ber of the Little Rock Nine, the legendary group of students that broke segregation at Central High School in Little Rock, Ark., in 1957.

The journey that brought Green to campus last Thurs-
day began as humbly as a conversation between Bru-
ham and M. Shornick Smith, the coordinator of Student Development, Multicultural, and Diversity Initiatives on campus.

Bruham sought to empha-
size that “you can’t move for-
ward without knowing your past” during Black History Month, and the result of their conversation was the “Living Legends” lecture series. This particular lecture held special memories for Smith, as her mentor was none other than Darius Barnes, a civil rights ac-
tivist and mentor of the Little Rock Nine.

In the early 1950s, the A&P school system operated under the “separate but equal” language of the 1896 Plessy v. Ferguson Supreme Court case. In 1954, the groundbreaking Brown v. Board of Education decision legally ended racial segregation in education. However, there continued to be three to five years for any change to oc-
cur in Little Rock’s Central High School. Segregated polygons frequently moved the promise to desegregation, and Governor Orval Faubus ordered the Na-
tional Guard to block the stu-
dents’ entry.

These nine students made history through their im-
pact on desegregation. Their names were Tempest Green, Elizabeth Eckford, Jefferson Thomas, Terrence Roberts, Carlotta Lanier, Minnijean Thomas, Ernest Green, Gloria Foster, and Ernestine Montgomery. The last name that “you can’t move for-
ward without knowing your past,” according to Smith, is “Tempest,” and he shared his experiences with the students.

The ICube will provide a new

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searchers as well.

Finally, a junior material sciences major, said, “I think this technology to model a prod-
et will be useful in the future, and it would be good for people in other departments to work with.”

According to the ICube web-
site, users wearing lightweight glasses will be able to move freely about the ICube as the system monitors their positions and orientation to maintain the user’s virtual experi-
ence.

The technol-
y will stream stereoscopic images of the virtual environ-
ment onto the walls, taking the user’s changing perspective into account.

The IBM Smarter Infra-
structure Lab-CASE will accept up to 20 researchers in the lab.

The Smarter Infrastructure Lab will be just one compo-
nent of the Smarter City Lab, which will explore the future of cities and the technology that will be needed to support them. The lab’s goal is to create a new environment for researchers to work together on projects that address the challenges facing cities today. This lab is part of IBM’s Smarter Planet initiative, which is focused on developing solutions that enable cities to operate more efficiently and effectively.

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Intel Labs introduces new science and technology centers

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Intel Labs introduces new science and technology centers between universities, and hence its decision to relocate to Pittsburgh. During Satyanarayanan’s tenure as director, both Carnegie Mellon faculty and students worked in a variety of areas related to computing, including virtual computing and networking. In 2004, Satyanarayanan stepped down as director to return to full-time faculty position, and he was succeeded by Todd Norley.

While the laboratories operated as stand-alone research centers, the new ISTCs will be more centralized and work in specific areas of computing technology assigned by Intel.

For example, the first ISTC, which will be at a Stanford University, will focus on virtual computing.

"Many current staff members at Intel Labs Pittsburgh plan to continue their research and projects at one of the ISTCs. I have approved the Intel-Principal Investigator position in the CMU ISTC on cloud computing," Gibbons said. "This is an exciting opportunity, and I look forward to the break through research that will arise from this new partnership with CMU. The faculty and students at CMU are world-class and fun to work with."
different hormones that are responsible for the differences between men and women. For example, fetal hormones produced during pregnancy are stored in the body, which results in differences in how men and women respond to stress. In addition, sexual hormones produced during the reproductive years also contribute to differences in how men and women respond to stress.

"Although there are commonly known" differences between the thought processes of men and women, scientific evidence has not been conclusive of this.

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Aquaculture proves problematic

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While a large portion of our food supply is harvested from the land, there also exists an important underwater component of farming. On Feb. 9, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) released a suggested procedure to the federal government about the future of American aquaculture, or the farming of aquatic organisms for human consumption and other uses. The NOAA, in a public statement released on its website, said that such practices could improve nationwide food production, advance technological innovations, and create jobs in coastal regions. Neither the argument for aquaculture, nor the resistance it has met by many who favor safer aquatic environmental practices, are new developments.

Modern aquaculture grew out of millennia-old practices of sea harvesting and fishing. After World War II, it became seriously considered as a viable source of food. Aquaculture in the 20th century took place primarily in Asia — over 70 percent of global aquaculture activity was in China in 2002, following forty years of growing business. In 1970, aquaculture made up 3.9 percent of worldwide fish production, and in thirty years, that number had risen to 27.3 percent. Three of the largest distributors of aquaculture products are Costco Wholesale Corporation, the Kroger Corporation, and Sysco Corporation, one of the largest food distributors in the world. According to an article about genetically engineered salmon in the Washington Post on Aug. 2, the global aquaculture market totaled over $86 billion.

There has been criticism, however, pointing to poor practices in implementing aquaculture. A common cause of complaints against aquaculture is its effect on the natural populations of fish wildlife. Salmon and shrimp culturing is especially harmful, as reported by a publication on the Providence College website. Fish wastes, antibiotics, and unused food involved in this type of aquaculture increase algae and phytoplankton growth, which depletes the water of its oxygen levels. SeaWeb, a nonprofit organization, suggested that the development of more carnivorous fish creates unsafe ecological conditions for the rest of the ocean, especially since many of these aquaculture farms need to be located directly on the ocean coast. Salmon and shrimp, being carnivorous, require the presence of other fish in their diets, sometimes up to three to five pounds worth of feeder fish. This creates a net loss in protein, since the salmon and shrimp are consuming more meat than they are producing.

There are potential environmental benefits that result from aquaculture. The same Providence College article suggests that catfish, tilapia, and freshwater carp are capable of consuming harmful organic waste from fish tanks and degrading it. Mollusks, clams, scallops, and oysters actually help reduce the deleterious effects by consuming the phytoplankton that depletes the water of its oxygen.

Some supporters point to aquaculture as a potential solution to the problem of non-native species, which can cause significant harm if introduced to a foreign environment. Aquaculture has the potential to raise species of marine organisms that find the natural environment uninhabitable in a secure closed system, in which all water and wastes are analyzed for pollutants before being released. That way the marine organism, which could be harmful to the natural environment, will be restricted to the closed system and die out if exposed to the environment.

The debate over the NOAA’s policies will continue as the organization opens up commentary to the public for the next 60 days. However, NOAA Administrator Jane Lubchenco has summarized the ultimate goal of both sides of the argument: “As we rebuild wild fish populations, we recognize the world’s demand for safe, healthy seafood will continue to grow.”
The 12th United States Congress has been in session for several months and has already seen its share of controversy.

There has been the standard rhetoric of a Congress nominally controlled by one party, but struggles to enact legislation because of a divided Senate. When the Senate fails to act, the House may take up legislation, but then we find ourselves in the inside-the-chamber situation with a Senate filibuster or a House rule change. This is why there is this ad.

The Washington Post has called it a “non-event” and a “dud” in an alcohol- and cocaine-induced rage. Lindsay Lohan has been in and out of recovery centers for eating disorders, and inspire others to think about the seriousness of eating disorders and how they can help those suffering from them. She wants to let others know that she is working to fight eating disorders and that her experiences will encourage her readers to do the same. She wants to show her readers that they can overcome their battles with eating disorders and that they can lead healthy, fulfilling lives.

While we at The Tartan certainly appreciate the efforts of those who have been working to fight eating disorders, we also recognize the need for more research into the causes and effects of these disorders. We encourage our readers to support organizations that are actively working to fight eating disorders and that are committed to finding a cure.

Let us know if you have any questions or comments about this article or any other issues you feel are important. We welcome your feedback and hope to hear from you soon.

Thank you,
John S. Dower, P.D. (Ph.D.)
Technology is important to all of our lives. So we asked,

President Obama recently announced that the federal government would implement new tax proposals that would provide relief for states burdened by unemployment insurance benefits. Although this proposal has not officially been released by the White House until today, representatives and employers alike have already made their feelings known. As a result, the Republican and Democratic parties are once again arguing over how to best resolve this economic dilemma.

It is obvious that our economy is still in the middle of a recession. Firms are still forced to cut back, unemployment levels are alarmingly high, and people everywhere are still nervous about the future of the government's plan. As a result, the Obama administration has been forced to think of creative and resourceful strategies to help businesses and workers. This is becoming increasingly difficult with the federal government losing billions of dollars to states to pay for unemployment insurance. According to The Wall Street Journal, “More than 40 states raised their unemployment-insurance payroll taxes last year in an effort to avoid deep cuts.”

Obama's plan is aimed at replenishing the discretionary unemployment-insurance trust fund. It stipulates that those who pay $15,000 in unemployment taxes, more than the $7,500 amount they are currently paying. However, in a good-faith attempt to aid businesses as much as possible, the proposal would ideally delay those new regulations until 2014, the estimated year of full economic recovery.

I believe it is essential that the federal government and companies work together and form a symbiotic relationship. Without cooperation between the two, our economy will continue to stagnate. The president’s proposal does two things that are most important:

- It prevents increases in the federal tax that goes to the unemployment-insurance fund, and that’s tremendously important given where we are economically. But it prevents future state bailouts, because in the future, states are going to have to rationalize what they offer and how they pay for it.

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No one can say with certainty if this proposal will help the economy and businesses. Both sides of support have spoken and many of them are making it difficult to take a definite stance. One thing, however, is certain: The best approach we can take is to fix our economy in a way that allows teamwork and partisan biases. We will only dig ourselves deeper into a financial crisis by picking and splitting hurt with one another. There is a famous stereotype associated with split Congressional houses: Putin Gillock means laws are never passed and nothing gets done. I strongly disagree; if the two houses can come up with an agreement to set the president’s agenda, it will surely make the economy and our country better.

The budget proposal being debated during the current debates between White House officials and employers are still apparent. Although the federal government is trying to improve its relations with businesses in the short term, it is simultaneously pushing for financial help to restore the unemployment-insurance fund, which has been severely drained by the prolonged recession.

Obama promised businesses generous efforts to simplify the corporate tax code and to lower the corporate tax rate. By demanding even higher unemployment taxes, Obama also wanted to increase the already strained relationship.

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Room Selection explained
Terms and technicalities to know before making your decision

Students who have participated in Room Selection in the past may remember Housing Services’ major changes to the process. This year, like last year, there are no noticeable changes in the Room Selection process, except for that the process occurs over a longer period of time and many of the dates are later than usual. For those students still unsure of the process, here is a rundown of the phases of Room Selection.

The Room Selection process is broken down into several phases: Room Retention, “Room with a Retainer” (also known as “Pull-ins”), “Elect to Participate,” and General Room Selection. Room Selection occurs during the next five weeks of classes, so all students returning next year should at least start thinking about their plans.

Room Retention
Room Retention, the first phase, which begins today at 9 a.m., gives students the option to remain in their current living location as long as they are currently part of a building or floor that allows room retention. If you live in an exclusively first-year building or floor, you are unable to retain your room. This retention process ends at 5 p.m. on March 18.

Room with a Retainer
The next main Room Selection event, starting at 9 a.m. on March 21, is the “Room with a Retainer” phase. Each day is designated to certain buildings for retainers to choose their pull-ins. Building schedules will be announced shortly.

Elect to Participate
Following spring break will be the “Elect to Participate” phase. Like last year, this is optional, but is necessary for all students intending to remain in campus housing who haven’t retained, been pulled in, or applied for Block Housing. This process begins March 27 at 9 a.m. and continues until March 31 at 5 p.m. Lottery numbers for General Room Selection will be sent out the following day, April 1, by 5 p.m.

The “Elect to Participate” phase is the period for Oakland Priority and Block Housing Selection. Oakland Priority Selection is for students who are being displaced from their Oakland apartments. Block Housing is for any group of six or more students planning on living in the same building. Areas designated for Block Housing are Fairfax, Shady Oak, and Webster. All Block Housing placements must completely fill their rooms — no empty slots are allowed. Oakland Priority Selection is March 25, and Block Housing Selection is March 29 and 30. Additionally, applications for Block Housing are due March 18 by 5 p.m.

General Room Selection
The final phase is “General Room Selection.” All students who elect to participate in General Room Selection are scheduled to choose their room according to their lottery numbers. The selection process will take place on April 4 and 6. Open assignments will take place on April 5 during General Room Selection.

All individuals participating in Room Selection must choose from either a single room, or a room or apartment that has only one space left. Housing rates are expected to increase again this year by about 4 to 6 percent.

There will be no newly added first-year-only housing facilities this year.

For more detail about the Room Selection process, visit www.cmu.edu/housing/roomselection.

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Housing Calendar
Key dates and deadlines not to be missed

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Sunday, March 27 – “Elect to Participate” begins. 9 a.m., online
Tuesday, March 29 – Block Housing Selection, Day 1. Times TBA, Housing and Dining Services office
Wednesday, March 30 – “Block Housing Selection,” Day 2. Times TBA, Housing and Dining Services office
Thursday, March 31 – “Elect to Participate” ends. 5 p.m., online
Friday, April 1 – Room Selection numbers and schedule sent out by 5 p.m.
Monday, April 4 – General Room Selection, Day 1
Tuesday, April 5 – Open Assignment Reception/Sign-Ups
Wednesday, April 6 – General Room Selection, Day 2
Monday, April 11 – Open Cancellation Period begins. Online, full refund including reservation fee
Friday, May 6 – Deadline to cancel for full refund including reservation fee at 5 p.m., online
Friday, May 6 – Open cancellation period continues. Online, reservation fee is forfeited after 5 p.m.
Monday, May 16 – Buildings close; all residents need to vacate residence halls
Friday, May 20 – Deadline for any housing cancellation at 5 p.m. No refund of reservation fee

A complete calendar of Room Selection 2011 events can be found at www.cmu.edu/housing/roomselection/timeline/index.html.
**FAST FACTS:**
**Location:** On Margaret Morrison Street, across from McGill House  
**Style(s) of housing:** Prime singles and prime doubles  
**Size:** 71 residents  
**Building retention:** No (first-years only)  
**Kitchens:** One in the basement, adjacent to recreation areas  
**Lounges:** Each of the seven floors has its own lounge, while a quiet study lounge and a large television lounge can be found in the basement  
**Other amenities:** The building has laundry facilities in the basement, adjacent to the television lounge.

**FAST FACTS:**
**Location:** On Margaret Morrison Street, across from Boss and McGill Houses  
**Style(s) of housing:** Standard singles, standard doubles, and standard triples in co-ed wings which each share a bathroom  
**Size:** 259 residents  
**Building retention:** No (first-years only)  
**Kitchens:** One in the basement  
**Lounges:** Television lounge, study lounge, and recreation area  
**Other amenities:** Lounges include practice rooms and pool tables; laundry facilities include both washers and dryers.

**FAST FACTS:**
**Location:** On Margaret Morrison Street, behind Boss and McGill Houses  
**Style(s) of housing:** Standard singles, standard doubles, and prime singles  
**Size:** 165 residents (all male)  
**Building retention:** No (first-years only)  
**Kitchens:** One adjacent to recreation areas  
**Lounges:** Recreation room  
**Other amenities:** The building has a spacious combination television and recreation lounge; laundry facilities include both washers and dryers.
MUDGE HOUSE

FAST FACTS:
Location: On the corner of Fifth and Morewood avenues
Style(s) of housing: Prime singles, prime doubles, prime triples, prime quads, standard singles, standard doubles, and standard triples; one five-person apartment is available for Special Interest Housing groups
Size: 308 residents
Building retention: No (first-years only)
Kitchens: One in C Tower’s basement and one in A Tower’s basement
Lounges: The first floor contains a lounge, a study area, and a television room
Other amenities: Mudge House is a mansion originally built for the Mudge family of Pittsburgh. After its donation to the university, it was converted into a student housing location.

RESIDENCE ON FIFTH

FAST FACTS:
Location: 4700 Fifth Ave.
Style(s) of housing: Prime doubles and prime triples
Size: 93 residents
Building retention: No (first-years only)
Kitchens: One on the first floor
Lounges: Several lounges, including a piano lounge, exercise room, and club room
Other amenities: The Residence on Fifth has year-round heating and air-conditioning. Most students are currently living in triple rooms.

SCOBELL HOUSE

FAST FACTS:
Location: On Margaret Morrison Street, in front of Welch and Henderson Houses
Style(s) of housing: Standard singles, standard doubles, and prime singles
Size: 86 residents (all male)
Building retention: No (first-years only)
Kitchens: One, on A level
Lounges: One on each floor, plus a large lounge on A level
Other amenities: Scobell House has laundry facilities on the ground floor. The building was also completely renovated for fall 1999.

STEVER HOUSE

FAST FACTS:
Location: On Morewood Avenue, adjacent to Mudge House
Style(s) of housing: Standard singles and standard doubles
Size: 254 residents
Building retention: No (first-years only)
Kitchens: A kitchen and private dining room on the first floor
Lounges: Each floor has several gathering spaces and a study lounge, while the first floor includes several large reading and study rooms and a recreation area.
Other amenities: Stever House was designed to be “green,” using practices that significantly reduce or eliminate the negative impact of buildings on the environment.
**Doherty Apartments**

**FAST FACTS:**
- **Location:** On the corner of Forbes Avenue and Beeler Street
- **Style(s) of housing:** Apartments — one-bedroom (three students); efficiencies — one-bedroom (two students); a two-bedroom suite for Special Interest Housing
- **Size:** About 150 residents
- **Building retention:** Yes
- **Kitchens:** In each apartment and efficiency
- **Lounges:** Study lounge, TV lounge
- **Other amenities:** Lounges include a piano, pool table, and ping pong table; laundry facilities include six washers and six dryers; exercise facilities include four cardio machines and dumbbells.

Doherty is divided into four separate towers, each headed by its own RA, who provides his or her residents with the bare essential trash bags, paper towels, and, of course, toilet paper. Each tower consists of three floors and a basement.

As a community, there are weekly events to satisfy your sweet tooth and appropriate exercise programs to sweat off the following day’s regret. However, due primarily to the tower layout of the building, making friends in Doherty will make you long for the days of freshman year. Most doors remain closed throughout the day, and the occasional meet-and-greet as you leave the building with your neighbors permeates the school year.

Doherty Apartments provides air-conditioning in its exercise room; however, that is the only room in the building that is so equipped. Most residents purchase personal air-conditioning units during hot weather. Make sure to take them out during the winter, as Doherty’s weak heaters force residents to cling to every bit of warmth they can.

Rooms provide just the right mix of isolation and integration with your roommates. The one-bedroom triples include a bedroom for the three beds, a bathroom, and a living room with kitchenette equipped. The living room also has three study desks, a dining table, a couch, and a small loveseat. Two-person efficiencies are similar, though everything is located in a single room without some of the furniture.

In general, Doherty Apartments provide a decently sized living area for those that seek autonomy in college life.

**Fairfax Apartments**

**FAST FACTS:**
- **Location:** 4616 Fifth Ave., on the corner of Fifth Avenue and Craig Street
- **Style(s) of housing:** Apartments — one-bedroom (two students) and efficiency (two students); the Fairfax Annex has two-bedroom apartments (three students)
- **Size:** 272 residents
- **Building retention:** Yes
- **Kitchens:** In each apartment and efficiency
- **Lounges:** Community room in basement with limited availability
- **Other amenities:** Laundry room and aerobics room in the basement, community room

The community in Fairfax Apartments is not as strong as the community in on-campus dorms like Morewood, because each floor is home to a mix of Carnegie Mellon and non-Carnegie Mellon residents. Despite this, Fairfax Apartments is the perfect transition for upperclassmen to living in off-campus housing. Once acquainted with back-alley shortcuts, it’s a quick 10- to 15-minute walk to campus, and the building’s proximity to Craig Street, which houses many restaurants that are open late at night, make it appealing to many college students.

Inside the individual apartments, every room is carpeted, except for the kitchen and bathroom, which have tiling. The walls, conveniently, are solid — a welcome change from the paper-thin dividers that separate rooms in some on-campus housing. Fairfax is also tucked away from loud traffic, although every now and then, a group of happy, shouting people may break the silence. The rooms are furnished and come prepared with beds, tables, and drawers, and the kitchen has a stove and refrigerator. Some units even have dishwashers. Air conditioning and heating are included as well.

Bus stops for the 500, 54C, 71 series, and 75 are also located basically right outside the building’s doors. Pittsburgh is on your doorstep if you live in Fairfax.

Laundry payment may be the largest problem students have with Fairfax. Doing laundry requires that students first buy a $5 card to pay for the machines. The card does not actually come with $5; students must put in money manually, and the machine accepts only bills. In addition, Fairfax’s Internet connection is not Carnegie Mellon Internet, but rather Comcast. Finally, the cost of living is one of the highest at Carnegie Mellon (starting at $7,370 for an efficiency apartment), but with all of Fairfax’s amenities and its prime location, it is understandably so.
MARGARET MORRISON APARTMENTS

FAST FACTS:
Location: On Margaret Morrison Street, behind the sororities
Style(s) of housing: Apartments — two-floor, two-bedroom (four students)
Size: 80 students
Building retention: Yes
Kitchens: In each apartment
Lounges: One on first floor

Margaret Morrison Apartments, located on the Hill, offers residents arguably the nicest on-campus apartments. Each unit has two floors, with a lounge and kitchen on the first floor and bedrooms and bathrooms either up or down a floor, depending on the apartment. All of the “Maggie Mo” apartments were redone in 2007, when they were refitted with newer furniture, appliances, and counter tops.

Although these apartments technically have a common lounge or living area on the first floor, these aren’t spacious by any means. The bedrooms, however, are exactly the opposite. They are some of the biggest bedrooms that you will find on campus. Each apartment has its own kitchen, which is nice for upperclassmen who are tired of the food on the meal plan.

Each of the Margaret Morrison apartment units is separate from the others, which can be isolating, though this is what upperclassmen are often looking for. Residents also have access to laundry and exercise facilities, which are on the street level of Margaret Morrison Street.

Although the common areas may be a bit tight, “Maggie Mo” can offer residents the chance to have independence while still living on campus.

McGILL HOUSE

FAST FACTS:
Location: The Hill — across the courtyard from Boss, in front of Hamerschlag
Style(s) of housing: Prime singles and prime doubles
Size: 71 residents (female only)
Building retention: Yes
Kitchens: One on the first floor
Lounges: One per floor, and one main lounge on the first floor with a study lounge
Other amenities: Laundry room

McGill, Carnegie Mellon’s only all-female dorm, offers residents prime doubles and singles arranged into suites. Each suite connects two doubles, or two doubles and one single. Rooms in McGill are small, meaning residents often are forced to loft their beds and sleep only inches from the ceiling. However, the size of the rooms is offset by the convenience of semi-private bathrooms in each suite.

McGill may be all female, but residents’ social lives are certainly not limited. McGill offers a friendly environment, especially since residents can socialize in any of the individual floor lounges or in the large first-floor television room and study area. Weekly events that bring together residents from both Boss and McGill offer a reliable dose of fun and entertainment. Also, when residents tire of their own building, they are just a few steps away from other Hill residences — including Hamerschlag, Carnegie Mellon’s all-male dorm.

McGill’s location on Margaret Morrison Street also offers unique perks. Residents can catch art exhibitions, shows, and events at The Frame, Carnegie Mellon’s student-run art gallery on the corner of Forbes and Margaret Morrison. After a short walk across the street, residents can take advantage of the nearby campus dining locations, including Tartans Pavilion, the Carnegie Mellon Café, and Resnik Café. And when campus food gets too monotonous, the food trucks parked nearby offer a great alternative to on-campus dining.

McGill certainly has its downsides. Shared bathrooms with limited hot water, unreliable locks, and tiny showers are certainly a concern — but don’t forget to take into account that the bathrooms, while slightly dysfunctional, are cleaned weekly by housekeeping staff. As for the rooms, size ranks at the top of the list of complaints.

However, despite the less-than-fabulous facilities, McGill offers female students an excellent social experience in a uniquely convenient location.
MOREWOOD GARDENS

FAST FACTS:
Location: Corner of Forbes Avenue and Morewood Avenue
Style(s) of housing: Prime singles, prime doubles, prime triples; one six-person and one 10-person suite reserved for Special-Interest Housing
Size: 455 residents
Building retention: Yes
Kitchens: Three, one each on the second, fourth, and sixth floors
Lounges: Two lounges per floor
Other amenities: TV room, quiet study lounge, computer cluster, workout facility, recreation room, and two laundry facilities at opposite ends of the building

While students of most residences have to pull on their shoes and head to campus to find a hot meal or a working printer, Morewood Gardens residents need not leave the premises. Fully equipped with a computer cluster, a source of convenient (albeit greasy) food at The Underground, large laundry rooms, and a gym, this dorm is completely self-sufficient. And what’s more, it’s smack at the corner of Morewood and Forbes avenues, only a couple of steps away from campus.

The dorm’s proximity to campus gives it a significant edge over other residential areas. This factor maximizes your sleep time before early classes and also allows you to sprint back for your homework when you realize you’ve left it in your room. While both Stever and Mudge Houses are located on Morewood Avenue, both house only first-year students, making Morewood the only choice for students who want to live in this area.

Morewood’s plentiful lounges, including a few on each floor in addition to the larger study rooms and TV lounge on the first floor, allow for frequent group gatherings. While this is a positive attribute for more social students, it means that several rooms on each floor are likely to experience more frequent noise disturbances throughout the day and night.

When choosing a room in Morewood, it’s hit-or-miss. Some rooms are spacious and quiet, and others are small and loud. It’s the luck of the draw, and sometimes you lose. Try to plan out which rooms look best from the floor plans online, and try to visit a room before committing. This will give you a good idea of what you’re getting.

Morewood Gardens could be a great place to live, but before deciding to move in, check out the rooms ahead of time and ask the current residents about the noise situation, as some rooms are better than others.

NEVILLE CO-OP

FAST FACTS:
Location: 617 Neville St., at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Neville Street
Style(s) of housing: Apartments
Size: 22 residents
Building retention: Yes
Kitchens: In each apartment
Lounges: One common basement, four living rooms

The Neville Co-op is a living community through the Carnegie Mellon housing system comprised of eight apartments that feature a mix of double and single bedrooms. Every apartment is connected to one other apartment, which means the four large living rooms in the building are each associated with one pair of apartments. All apartments in the co-op are fully furnished and include a kitchen and bathroom.

Founded by student activists in 2003 as a center for students interested in sustainable living, civil equality, and social progress, the Neville Co-op is a democratic living community. It has no resident assistants, only liaisons to the Housing and Student Life offices who help the Co-op solve housing problems. This independence is a mixed blessing for the co-op’s residents: While they are encouraged to be self-motivated, the lack of cohesiveness that can result leads to a space that is often unkempt and somewhat disorganized.

While the rent for the co-op is comparable to other on-campus apartments, residents are allowed to stay through the summer at no extra cost and can sublet if they are not in Pittsburgh for the summer months. Residents do have to pay a membership fee, which provides each apartment with an Internet connection and free laundry in the basement — with a year-long supply of environmentally friendly laundry detergent, light bulbs, and toilet paper. Additionally, the basement is a common space that students use for dinners, leisure, storage, and meetings.

Residents of the co-op must apply for admission and are encouraged to participate in the varied events hosted by the current members of the co-op that are held during the Room Selection period.

Once students are interviewed and selected to live in the apartment complex, they will find a community of students active in a variety of student organizations. When it was founded in 2003, the co-op was created based on the tenets of sustainability and environmental awareness, activism, and equality in race, gender, and sexuality.
ROSELAWN HOUSES

FAST FACTS:
Location: Roselawn Terrace (off Margaret Morrison Street)
Style(s) of housing: Three-bedroom apartments (one single, two doubles)
Size: Five students in each of 12 houses
Building retention: Yes
Kitchens: One in each house
Lounges: One in the common Margaret Morrison space and a living space in each house.

Newly-renovated Roselawn Terrace houses, located off Margaret Morrison Street, are now some of the most sought-after housing options on campus. Roselawn is located on the edge of campus, providing students with a feeling of independence while still only having to walk 10 minutes to class.

Each house, divided into a single-occupancy room and two double-occupancy rooms, holds five students. The bedrooms are quite small — so small, in fact, that one of the doubles can’t hold both residents’ desks. The upside to this is that the living area on the first floor is spacious.

Living rooms have newly installed hardwood floors and brand-new furniture. Each dining room houses a large table that seats six by a wall of windows. Kitchens have been completely refinished with new cabinets and appliances. All the walls in the houses have been given a fresh coat of paint with vibrant accent colors.

One downside to the remodeling of Roselawn houses is that residents no longer have access to the basement, cutting down on the storage space previously offered. The rooms also have closets that tend to be too small for most people’s wardrobes.

In addition to the large living spaces offered in Roselawn, residents have access to the Margaret Morrison lounge and exercise room. All Roselawn residents are also on the eSuds network, getting free laundry and access to laundromat-style dryers.

Another good thing about Roselawn houses is that, while there is more than enough living space, the cost of living in said house is less than the cost of living in some Oakland apartments. There has been mention of the price going up due to the renovations that took place last summer, but nothing has been announced by Housing as of yet.

Roselawn houses give the feeling of living on your own while still providing residents with the amenities and assistance of campus housing. If you don’t care about the size of your bedroom, Roselawn is the place to live.

SHADY OAK APARTMENTS

FAST FACTS:
Location: 601 Clyde Street
Style(s) of housing: Apartments — efficiency (two students), two- and three-bedroom apartments (three students), and one five-bedroom apartment (six students)
Size: 82 residents
Building retention: Yes
Kitchens: One in each apartment and one in the basement
Lounges: One in the basement with multiple couches and a big-screen TV
Other amenities: Street parking available and a spacious back yard with a grill

Home to only Carnegie Mellon students, Shady Oak is perfect for those students who want a more adult living space. The building follows 24-hour quiet hours, providing a more peaceful living environment than most other dormitories or campus-owned apartments. Each apartment has a full kitchen with an electric stove and oven, as well as a dishwasher. The layouts vary greatly from apartment to apartment, with some having single bedrooms and no common living space, others having shared bedrooms with spacious living rooms, and others having a combination of the two.

There is a lounge in the basement with numerous couches and a big-screen TV; the space is commonly used for watching sporting events as well as hosting study groups. Basic gym equipment is also located in the basement. For students who want to keep an active lifestyle and don’t get enough of a workout from the 10-minute walk to campus, there are multiple treadmills, an elliptical trainer, and a weight-lifting station. The basement is also home to four Washers and four dryers — not on the eSuds network and accepting only quarters — and a large table for folding laundry.

Venture outside and find a picnic table and charcoal grill that is always available. The backyard is large enough to play a game of Frisbee or football with friends. Across the street, there is a bus stop for the 71C, which can be taken to go downtown to watch a show or to East Liberty, home of the Waffle Shop.

There are some drawbacks to living in Shady Oak. The plumbing has a tendency to malfunction, sometimes causing pipes to burst, leading to water shut-offs to fix the problem. The radiators have also been a cause for concern, being set on a building-wide timer that can sometimes shut off in the middle of the night or be set on full blast on warmer days.
WEBSTER HALL/SHIRLEY APARTMENTS

FAST FACTS:
Location: 101/103 N. Dithridge St.
Style(s) of housing: Apartment — one-bedroom (two students) and two-bedroom (three students), prime single
Size: 273 residents
Building retention: Yes
Kitchens: One in each apartment
Lounges: None, but each apartment has a living area
Other amenities: TV room, quiet study lounge, computer cluster, workout facility, recreation room, and two laundry facilities at opposite ends of the building

WEBSTER HALL, located at the corner of Fifth Avenue and North Dithridge Street, is one of the most popular off-campus residences offered by Carnegie Mellon Housing. Webster is located in the heart of Oakland, about a 10-minute walk from campus. One of the first stops on the Carnegie Mellon shuttle line, Webster offers easy access to the numerous restaurants, cafes, grocery stores, and shops located in the Oakland area.

Carnegie Mellon rents out one-bedroom apartments to two students, and two-bedroom apartments to three students. The apartments are spacious and offer many benefits that dorm rooms do not, including a fully furnished living room, two bathrooms, and a kitchen. For many students, this escape from typical dorm life is the basis of Webster’s appeal.

In addition to the spacious apartments, students also benefit from the facilities offered by Webster. The building contains a gym, a homestyle deli, and even an in-house hair and waxing salon. Additionally, each floor has a trash disposal facility as well as a laundry room.

There are, however, some small disadvantages. The laundry facilities can become a hassle for many residents. Using the facilities can become expensive, with a cost of $2.50 to wash and dry one load of clothes. The dryers on most floors are not fully functional, often requiring two full runs to completely dry clothes. For many students, this is one of the biggest complaints about Webster.

An additional point for consideration is the price. Renting a one-bedroom apartment or a double bedroom in a two-bedroom apartment costs $7,620 per year. Renting a single bedroom in a two-bedroom apartment costs $7,930 per year.

Shirley Apartments, located next door to Webster Hall, is a small apartment with a floor plan similar to Webster’s. Each apartment has a bedroom, a living area, and a kitchen, while the efficiencies are essentially a room with a bathroom and a kitchen. One of the downsides of Shirley is that it is one of the farthest places from campus. On the upside, the apartments are spacious and well furnished.

WELCH HOUSE/HENDERSON HOUSE

FAST FACTS:
Location: Behind Scobell, on Margaret Morrison Street
Style(s) of housing: Prime singles and prime doubles
Size: 83 residents
Building retention: Yes, except for non-single rooms on the first floor
Kitchens: One on the lower level in each building
Lounges: TV lounges and study areas in both buildings

As one of the more recently renovated student dorms on campus, Henderson House is a clean and quiet place to live. This dorm offers students air conditioning and heating, connected bathrooms — which are cleaned once a week — shared with one other room, and the intimacy of a small building, with 20 rooms per floor. The first floor is generally reserved for first-years only.

Henderson House and Welch House are also labeled “Wellness Houses,” in that they promote green practices, maintain a substance-free lifestyle, and generally encourage healthy living. Each student who lives here is expected to sign an agreement promising to adhere to these standards during the school year. Students can also take advantage of playing for the house’s IM teams or participating in weekly optional community activities set up by the resident assistants. Tickets to special events like plays or shows are subsidized by the dorm, which is a nice perk. Henderson, although placed on the outskirts of Carnegie Mellon, is sheltered from any traffic or noise from campus. The dorm’s residents also respect an unwritten policy of peace and quiet, which makes this dorm ideal for studying. Despite being on a hill, Henderson is very close to the Tepper School of Business, the tennis courts, Gesling Stadium, and the eateries at Reznik House, such as the Carnegie Mellon Cafe and Taste of India.

Despite all Henderson has to offer students, there are drawbacks. Dorm rooms are not the largest, and on occasion the heating will malfunction, turning each room into a furnace.

Welch is one of the Hill houses, but it distinguishes itself by having a 24-hour quiet rule. This often means that Welch attracts students who prefer to keep to themselves and are less interested in creating a community atmosphere. However, the atmosphere seems to suit students who want a comfortable home and don’t want to be distracted by noise. The rooms are large and bathrooms are spacious. Welch was renovated in 2001.
WEST WING/RESNIK HOUSE

FAST FACTS:
Location: Adjacent to Gesling Stadium, next to the University Center
Style(s) of housing: Suite — typically five students share a common living space and bathroom.
Dorm — prime singles and prime doubles
Size: 296 residents
Building retention: Yes
Kitchens: Four (West Wing floors 2 and 4, Resnik floors 2 and 3)
Lounges: Four (West Wing floors 3 and 5, Resnik floors 4 and 5)

Resnik and West Wing are the ideal dormitory choices for students who aren’t ready — or aren’t willing — to move off campus but want a bit more of a grown-up place to live than a typical dorm. While students in these dorms have the chance to be more independent, they also boast a quick walk to any of the academic buildings on campus, a definite benefit for those mornings when you just can’t seem to stop hitting the snooze button.

Both dorms consist primarily of suites, which are made up of two doubles and a single with a common bathroom and lounge for the suite. A limited number of prime singles and doubles do exist in the buildings as well, though they are not as well known.

Resnik and West Wing are optimal for a group of friends who wish to live together but want to maintain their proximity to campus and the other advantages — like free toilet paper and a once-a-week bathroom cleaning — that living on campus offers. Students mostly stay inside their suites, leaving the hallways relatively quiet. The lounges do fill up, however — usually with groups of students either working on homework or hooking up their video game systems to the television.

Both buildings do offer kitchens on certain floors, which is nice when you’ve had your fill of The Exchange and Si Señor, but if you don’t feel like cooking, Resnik is home to a number of dining options. There is the Tartans Pavilion, the Carnegie Mellon Café, and Resnik Café. In particular, Resnik Café offers a variety of choices, including sushi, Indian cuisine, and comfort foods, among others.

With the numerous amenities that Resnik and West Wing offer, it is not surprising that both of these dorms fill up early in the room selection process. Hopeful residents are advised to find a friend who can pull them in.

WOODLAWN APARTMENTS

FAST FACTS:
Location: At the corner of Forbes Avenue and Margaret Morrison Street
Style(s) of housing: Apartment — one-bedroom (two students), two-bedroom (four students), and four-bedroom (seven students). There is one double-occupancy apartment in the basement that currently houses first-years.
Size: 35 residents
Building retention: No
Kitchens: One or two full kitchens per apartment
Lounges: A TV lounge and exercise room is shared with Margaret Morrison Apartments.
Other amenities: Two washers and two dryers are in the basement. The Frame, a small student-run art gallery, is also located on the first floor.

Woodlawn Apartments may be one of the older and more run-down housing options on campus, but it is convenient for walking to class, and it’s right on the Forbes Avenue bus routes that can take you anywhere else that you’d like to go.

The bedrooms and living rooms both boast plenty of space, a definite upgrade for those used to sharing cramped quarters. Some rooms have hardwood floors, and others have thin carpeting. The furniture has been recently updated, as have some of the appliances and bathroom fixtures, which helps combat the run-down stereotype of the building.

This year, there have been repeated plumbing problems in the building, but maintenance has been quick to fix them and get things back in order. Several times per semester, The Frame art gallery, which is housed in the first floor of the apartment building, has loud parties that can be heard throughout the building.

Woodlawn Apartments is great if you want to live with a big group of friends, since each apartment houses a lot of people. People generally keep to themselves, but this does not mean that residents do not participate in housing activities. There are relatively few students in the building, so you’ll probably get to know many of the other students that live there. Woodlawn is a good choice if you want a small community and are looking for apartment living on campus.
Convenient, nearby, on-campus living?

We all come to college ready for a taste of independence. And we’re granted just that upon arrival and our first day at Carnegie Mellon, even if that independence comes with close living quarters with a roommate — or roommates — that we’ve never met before, and being subjected to the same selection of food day in and day out with the mandatory meal plan. So it’s no wonder that after a year of this monotony, many students are ready to move off campus to gain further independence after living in the first-year dorms. I’m here to tell you, however, that staying on campus isn’t nearly as bad as some say.

After about the first month of classes, the novelty of waking up every day at 8 a.m. quickly wears off, especially with the often-dreary Pittsburgh weather. Knowing this, it is much easier to force yourself to get up for class when you only have a five-minute walk ahead of you to class rather than a 25-minute one. Living on campus allows you the benefit of a few extra pushes of the snooze button, something that all students appreciate. And when you’re finally finished cramming for that big exam and you’re leaving the library at 2 a.m., it’s certainly comforting to know that your bed is mere minutes away and that you don’t have to walk to your apartment quickly while holding your valuables close and keeping an eye out for approaching shadows.

Living on campus also gives you a place to stop back during the day when you have a few hours between classes — you don’t have to be a permanent fixture in the napping pod in the library or the black chairs in the UC when you need a quick nap. Likewise, you don’t have to carry every single book and notebook with you for your entire day’s schedule.

While some may worry about not being able to fully participate in the social life that off-campus living can offer, many would beg to differ. You can certainly still attend all the off-campus parties you want (though you may have a bit of a walk there and back), but you don’t have to worry about being the one to have to clean up the apartment the next day. A win-win situation, in some students’ opinions.

Finally, it gives you a chance to always be near to anything that’s happening on campus, whether it’s a last-minute snowball fight or a spur-of-the-moment decision by your floor to go to half-price in Oakland. While you may not have full independence like your peers dwelling off campus, there’s time for that after college, when real life begins. Until then, take advantage of the snooze button and weekly bathroom cleaning that comes with living on campus.

By Heather Tomko
Or independent, spacious, off-campus living?

For those tired of dorm life, moving off campus is an extremely enticing option. While there are a few downsides to the decision, there are a number of benefits as well. Listed below are some pros and cons of living off-campus. You can use this as a guide to decide whether moving off campus is the right decision for you.

To begin with the positives, it’s cheaper than on-campus housing. Although this is not true in all cases (if you choose to live alone in a beautiful studio apartment on the middle of upscale Walnut Street, it’s going to be way more expensive), in most cases, especially if you are sharing an apartment with a roommate, the cost will be quite affordable. Rent for two-bedroom apartments usually ranges from $600 to $800 per month. Adding to that an electricity bill of around a $100 per month during the winter, and an Internet bill of around $50 per month, the total expenditure per month is usually around $750 to $950. Split that between two people and you have to pay $375 to $475 per month. If you do the math, you will realize that for four months you have to pay a maximum of $1,900. A prime double in Morewood costs $3,170 per semester. If you choose apartment-style living offered by the university, it will be even more expensive. In terms of cost, we have a clear winner.

You have your own kitchen. If you were one of those people who hated it when you had to walk all the way across the dorm carrying utensils and food to cook, only to realize that the kitchen was occupied, off-campus living is for you. With your own kitchen you can spend hours cooking, clean up at your leisure, and not have to worry about what that suspicious-looking spill on the stove was.

There’s more space. This is an obvious one. You can have your own bedroom. There’s a living room that you don’t have to share with the 20 people living on your floor. You have more closet space. It is also great for parties — when you invite 10 people over, they actually have space to move around.

It’s closer to good food. If you are bored of cooking and are looking for options to eat out, you have a wide range of choices available once you live off campus. Apartments in Oakland and around Craig Street are near some excellent restaurants, ranging from Indian to Italian to Mexican cuisines — you have it all. Shadyside and Squirrel Hill also have a number of options for eating out.

You don’t need to worry about noise levels. You don’t have to worry about loud music playing at 2 a.m. when you have an exam the next day. Conversely, you don’t have to worry about disturbing others when you want to play loud music at night. Apartments aren’t soundproof, but they are reasonably well spaced apart so that you are not disturbed by what is going on in your neighbor’s apartment and vice-versa.

Unfortunately, off-campus living also brings complaints. It’s far from campus. This is perhaps the most widely expressed argument against living off campus. Although this is a problem, it depends on where you live. Oakland and Craig Street really are not too bad a walk from campus, and once you start living there, you will find a number of shortcuts that take you to campus quickly. Shadyside and Squirrel Hill, on the other hand, do pose a problem and are quite a distance from campus, though buses do run through these neighborhoods.

You are away from friends. Unless all of your close friends decide to move off campus, you will be away from them, unable to knock on their doors at crazy hours of the day.

You have a much heavier backpack. There is no way you can run back and forth between your apartment and campus multiple times throughout the day. You end up having to carry your laptop and all the books you want to study out of. This may result in backaches throughout the semester.

Ultimately, though, if you really want to move off campus, there are ways to work around the disadvantages. The university Escort and shuttle are quite reliable and can take you home if you live far away and like studying late on campus. If you are someone who will miss friends, study with them during the day or have them come and stay over with you sometimes. As for the heavier bags, consider using library resources sometimes instead of carrying everything with you. Living off campus can be a great experience and while it does come with a few disadvantages, there are many benefits which can make the experience worthwhile.

By Akanksha Vaidya
OAKLAND

Just a 10- to 15-minute walk (or five-minute bus ride) from campus lies the neighborhood of Oakland, the home of late-night food, University of Pittsburgh pride, and a population made up almost entirely of college students. Oakland is home to some of Carnegie Mellon students’ favorite restaurants, including The ‘O,’ Chipotle, Chick-fil-A, Fuel and Fuddle, and Mad Mex. The food is what this neighborhood is known for on our campus. For those over-21s, Oakland has a good group of late-night destinations, such as local bars like Hemingway’s, Mad Mex and its classic half-price margaritas, and an extensive liquor store within walking distance. Another benefit of Oakland is its availability of affordable housing close to campus. Oakland Avenue and Atwood Avenue are lined with student housing for both Carnegie Mellon and University of Pittsburgh students.

Most people living here are always up for fun; if you’re looking for a quiet neighborhood, Oakland may not be it. Starting on Thursday nights — the start of the weekend for University of Pittsburgh students — the neighborhood awakens, filled with groups of college kids out to have a good time. Oakland should be noted for its fun atmosphere and is ideal for anyone looking for an extended weekend and college-oriented surroundings.

SHADYSIDE

Shadyside is home to upperclassmen from Carnegie Mellon and the University of Pittsburgh, graduate students, and young working professionals. It is accessible by Pittsburgh buses. It tends to be slightly pricier than Oakland or Squirrel Hill; however, it is the most charming of the areas surrounding campus, with its tree-lined streets and boutiques. The neighborhood is best known for two of its assets: shopping and popular bars. Walnut Street is lined with a wide variety of shops from small boutiques to Apple, J. Crew, Ann Taylor, and Banana Republic. Cozy restaurants such as the Walnut Grill are dispersed between the shops.

Just blocks from the restaurants are Shadyside’s bars. William Penn Tavern and Shady Grove are the most popular, known by Carnegie Mellon students to be the closest bar locations outside of Panther Hollow Inn. William Penn Tavern in particular gathers a large number of Carnegie Mellon students. On Tuesdays and Sundays, William Penn Tavern is open to all ages for its wing nights where customers can get 10 wings in a variety of flavors, from traditional BBQ to the flavor mix of the kitchen sink, for only $3.

While the area near these bars can be particularly loud from Thursday to Sunday, Shadyside in general is a very relaxed, quiet area. The young professionals who live in the area are sometimes called yuppies, and the college students who live there are very diverse — from artists and technical majors to medical students. Shadyside is a great area for anyone looking for either a quiet escape from campus or a bustling shopping and nightlife experience.
SQUIRREL HILL

Just up the big hill on Forbes Avenue is the start of Squirrel Hill. It is either a 20-minute walk or a three-minute bus ride from campus, and the buses are very frequent — all of the 61 buses serve the route. The cost of living is higher than Oakland but lower than Shadyside. Furthermore, Squirrel Hill is the most residential of all the areas surrounding campus. In addition to upper-level students from Carnegie Mellon, it is also home to faculty and Pittsburgh families not associated with the university. Most Carnegie Mellon students know the neighborhood for its restaurants and Giant Eagle. Squirrel Hill has a vast diversity of restaurants, from Thai food at Silk Elephant to Mediterranean food at Mediterranean Grill and the famous desserts at Gullifty’s. The restaurants are dispersed among small shops, including those on the main thoroughfare on Forbes Avenue such as Little’s Shoes, a novelty card shop, and a cheap video shop.

On Murray Avenue, just off of Forbes Avenue, the Giant Eagle is the perfect one-stop shop for all of your food necessities. Squirrel Hill is relatively quiet, with most noise coming from traffic on Forbes and Murray Avenues. It is not a college neighborhood like Oakland or Shadyside and does not have a prominent bar scene. It does have a certain functionality and residential atmosphere, however, that the other two areas lack. For someone looking for a short ride or walk from campus with all the necessities within walking distance and a wide variety of cuisines, Squirrel Hill may be the place.
1. Doherty Apts.
2. Donner House
3. Fairfax Apts.
4. Hamerschlag House
5. Henderson House
6. Margaret Morrison Apts.
7. McGill and Boss Houses
8. Morewood E-Tower
9. Morewood Gardens
10. Mudge House
11. Neville Co-op
12. Residence on Fifth
13. Roselawn Houses
14. Scobell House
15. Shady Oak Apts.
16. Stever House
17. Webster Hall
18. Welch House
19. West Wing/Resnik
20. Woodlawn Apts.
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Let your inner Romeo shine
Pick-up lines to improve your chances at romance

While prowling for the wild male or female in the jungle, one’s best bet to initiate a conversation is to begin with a casual “Hi” followed by a sly, “What brings you here?” However, humans just cannot seem to resist the lure of the pick-up line. The pick-up line — the name alone carries with it a rich, illustrious history of drinks being thrown, doors being slammed, and the ever-pervasive silence after an abruptly-ended phone call.

While pick-up lines do not generally work, they have prevailed throughout the decades as classic rites of passage for young men and women attempting to attract the gender of their preference. Why fight it? It’s practically genetic. This Valentine’s Day, be one of those guys or girls. Pull out a smarmy smile, practice winking, and look at yourself in the mirror and see your eyes to “smolder.” Take the advice of Flynn Rider from the Disney animated movie Tangled: Cock your head back, take on a confident pose, and drawl a charming, “How you doin’?”

There are pick-up lines for every occasion. You do not have to be courting a princess to use one. In fact, pick-up lines have pervaded every culture and subculture, regardless of gender, major, or even level of hygiene.

If you want to sound like you know your way around a computer, try some of these lines:

“You had me at ‘Hello World.’ ”

“You must be Windows 95, because you’ve got me so unstable.”

If math is more your subject:

“My love for you is like a concave-up function — it’s always increasing.”

As your object of affection

“By looking at you I can tell you’re 36–25–36 — which, by the way, are all perfect squares.”

“How can I know hundreds of digits of pi and not the seven digits of your phone number?

Do you feel like you’re more of a literary type? Why not drop down some Harry Potter references to woo the apple of your eye?

“I must have had some Felix Felicis, because I think I’m about to get lucky.”

“If I were to look into the Mirror of Erisped, I’d see the two of us together.”

“Are you using the Confundus charm, or are you just naturally mind-blowing?”

Finally, for those who enjoy the romance of chemicals and the passion of biology, try:

“You’re so hot, you denature my proteins.”

“We fit together like the sticky ends of recombinant DNA.”

“Heisenberg was wrong. I’m certain about what you’re doing tonight.”

This Valentine’s Day, let your inner Romeo shine. Just remember to wear comfortable running shoes in case your object of affection does not react kindly to your words of romance. Do not be deterred by his or her distaste. From a safe distance, just try again. Don’t be scared of the restraining order. As Randy Pausch once said, “Brick walls are there for a reason. They’re not there to keep us out. They are there to give us a chance to show how badly we want something.”

Jackie Mansky | Staffwriter

A well-timed pick-up line can garner the attention of your object of affection, but be careful: That attention may not always be positive.
Dear Francesca,

You have been saying that you honestly don’t know what to picture when you think of India. In your last letter, you mentioned Slumdog Millionaire and Eat, Pray, Love as what this place might look like. I had similar images in my head, but now that I am here, in this tiny part of the South, I can try to help you picture India with words.

When our group of 16 American and Canadian students traveled together throughout Kerala, I put my camera away after a few days. Sure, we visited beautiful historical and cultural points, sailed along the backwaters, toured a spice plantation, and trekked through some of the highlands. But instead of photographing, I had my notebook in hand, making lists, writing letters that may never be sent, and blind-contour sketching the faces of our group. I didn’t think a lens could even capture everything we were seeing.

But now that we’ve settled into the groove of being university students in India, there is a completely different world that I want to describe to you. It’s small and becomes easier to navigate each day. We have the weekends to explore, but really, the campus and the nearby town of Pondicherry — affectionately known as “Pondy” — are what I want you to be able to picture.

I’m writing this at my desk in my room of the Foreign Students Hostel (what we may call a dorm), and I’m staring out the large window for inspiration. It comes easily — there are palm trees and greenery scattered around a large, easy-to-walk path.

We walk about 15 minutes to class through the campus, which is 800 acres. Envision similar palm trees and leafiness scattered throughout, with students and professors zipping around on bicycles and motorbikes. I am sweating by the time I get to class, and sometimes the professor doesn’t even show up — just a note on the chalkboard saying that class is canceled, if that. Then there’s an equally sweaty walk or bike ride back to the hostel.

I’m taking a 19th-century British fiction class with about 60 Indian students. We just read Pride and Prejudice, and talking about marriages formed out of love and compatibility with these students is interesting, as many of their marriages will be arranged. Other classes, like Christianity in India, I just take with people in my program.

Now, try to forget the cold and think of the beach — it is a stone’s throw away from where we live. In the afternoons, I cross the glorified highway that runs alongside campus, called the ECR (East Coast Road) to walk through a small village.

When you picture crossing a street, don’t picture any street you’ve ever crossed before. It’s British-style, so look to the right first. Check for cattle, stray dogs, large buses with men hanging off the sides, horn-toting autorickshaws, motorcycles, bicycles, and other pedestrians trying to do the same thing you’re doing.

When you finally reach the village, I think you’ll get some of the imagery you mentioned, like the barefoot children. Next to the straw huts directly are modern, three-story houses. Closer to the water, women wash their clothes on rocks, chickens squawk, and dark-eyed crows are always pecking at food.

The beach is small and the waves are rough — but here, it is easiest to forget where you are. It could be a deserted American East Coast beach. The noise fades away, and if you look straight ahead, you can avoid seeing the fishermen squatting in the sand to relieve themselves.

Do you remember when you were in Chile, with the obvious feeling that you didn’t fit in? That is every day here, walking to class or to the beach or taking the bus into town. We cannot change the color of our skin, no matter how traditionally we dress. The women wear salwar kameez or churidas, as they are known in the South, which is a long tunic top, a scarf, and long pants — light, made of cotton, and in the most fantastic colors. I have a few of these clothes, but after being here for more than a month, I realize how marked I am by my skin and their assumptions. It is less about being from America than being foreign, Western, and presumably wealthy.

I’ve mentioned going into “Pondy” before, and that is a series of photographs in itself. Picture this: Wait in the hot sun for a bus that comes chugging up, blaring music. You hop on the back entrance because the front entrance is for men, and then try to find a seat. If it’s around five or six o’clock, every woman is trying to get home, so you will be crushed among a sea of saris and churidas, sweating as usual.

You press a few coins (4 rupees, about 10 cents) into the conductor’s hand, saying “Pondy,” or wherever you are going. He will inevitably repeat it in a way that sounds the same to you but is different to him. Bobble your head yes, because a nod doesn’t really mean anything here, and he will hand you a waxy piece of paper that counts as a ticket, but is never collected or inspected.

In town, you can push your way through what now feels like a typical Indian street — no sidewalks, a collection of animals and vehicles moving at random, without the aid of traffic lights or yield signs. Because Pondicherry was colonized by the French, there is the French quarter, with wide, quiet streets, leafy oaks, tiny bakeries and rooftop cafés, and numerous French people speaking actual French. That is the only other place I have found where I can forget, for a moment, that I’m in India.

But I don’t want to forget that I’m here, really. The time is already careening by, each day a whirlwind of attempting to go to class, sweating, reading about things I’m not taking classes on, and talking — always talking — to figure out what is going on here.

Miss you always,

Caroline Kessler | Staffwriter
You’re back at your cramped flat in New York City, bone-tired, a deadline looming heavy over your shoulders.

You swallow hard and pull back from your desk. Your FM radio pulls at your fingertips and has you turning the knob. Static. Tchaikovsky. Static. Right-wing banter. Hissing. Warm static. Then you hear it.

“Come on man, don’t just stand there....” A police radio flinches and a bass glides through and a beat begins to form. A police squadron patrols the airwaves and on comes the wave of keys. A chorus of stuttered vocals pulses alongside an uptempo rhythm. A guitar chokes on its own feedback and then a high end filter squelches all but the low end. You look out again and it’s there, the chase, the delivery, the redemption. Your city captured in sound: “1987” by Poka.

Artists like Poka and Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeros strike a chord in the hearts of many because they induce a nostalgia for imagined pasts. This nostalgia kickstarts an odd process of historical revision. We imagine the ‘80s being far more neon and full of oversized sweaters than they were. With the Cold War in full swing, things were real, unpredictable, and dark, and yet, we think of neon oversize sweaters.

The fact that we often search for fictitious pasts and try to revise the emotional tenor of particular eras reveals that there’s a lot going on for us as observers and creators of culture. How do we reconcile the creation of collective imagined pasts and a desire for objective historicity? I’m not sure, but I think it’s because we want exciting stories, and the past doesn’t give them to us. The result? We make fiction into fact with our music.

If you want to delve into a sound that openly claims to replicate a feeling that may or may not have ever existed, visit Poka at www.myspace.com/pokaremixprojects.

Juan Fernandez | Staffwriter

top 10 on WRCT 88.3 FM

most played albums of the last week

1. Blonde Redhead — Penny Sparkle
2. Underworld — Barking
3. Wavves — King of the Beach
4. Thunderball — 12 Mile High
5. Röyksopp — Senior
6. Deerhunter — Halcyon Digest
7. Ratatat — LP4
8. The Heptones — Meet the Now Generation
9. Bruce Haack — Farad: The Electric Voice
10. Neil Young — Le Noise

Juan Fernandez | Staffwriter

Baked goods are a delicious way to show someone that you care about them.

(recipes from allrecipes.com)

Sugar Cookies
1 1/2 cups butter, softened
2 cups white sugar
4 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
5 cups all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon salt

In a large bowl, cream together butter and sugar until smooth. Beat in eggs and vanilla. Stir in the flour, baking powder, and salt. Cover, and chill dough for at least one hour (or overnight).

Preheat oven to 400°F (200°C). Roll out dough on floured surface 1/4 to 1/2 inch thick. Cut into shapes with any cookie cutter. Place cookies 1 inch apart on ungreased cookie sheets.

Bake 6 to 8 minutes in preheated oven. Cool completely.

Makes 30.

Red Velvet Cupcakes with Vanilla Cream Cheese Frosting

Cupcakes:
2 1/2 cups flour
1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 cups sugar
4 eggs
1 cup sour cream
1/2 cup milk
1 (1 ounce) bottle red food color
2 teaspoons vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 350°F. Mix flour, cocoa powder, baking soda and salt in medium bowl. Set aside.

Beat butter and sugar in large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed 5 minutes or until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs, one at a time. Mix in sour cream, milk, food color and vanilla. Gradually beat in flour mixture on low speed until just blended. Do not overbeat. Spoon batter into 30 paper-lined muffin cups, filling each cup 2/3 full.

Bake 20 to 25 minutes or until toothpick inserted into cupcake comes out clean. Cool in pans for 5 minutes. Remove from pans; cool completely.

Vanilla Cream Cheese Frosting:
1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
1/4 cup butter, softened
2 tablespoons sour cream
2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
1 (16 ounce) box confectioners’ sugar

Beat cream cheese, softened, butter, sour cream and vanilla extract in large bowl until light and fluffy. Gradually beat in confectioners’ sugar until smooth.

Makes 30.

Jing Jing Li | Staffwriter

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Treat your valentine to delicious desserts
Sugar cookies and red velvet cupcakes are sure to please

Flowers and chocolate might be the standard, but try celebrating this Valentine’s Day with some baked goods instead. They’re easy and fun, and certainly delicious.

Recipes from allrecipes.com

Courtesy of Catherine dée Auvil
Whether you’re single or involved with a main squeeze, even the spoken term “Valentine’s Day” can induce nausea, anxiety, or appendicitis in those who don’t enjoy the holiday. Now that the dreaded day has finally arrived, it’s time to spring into action. Rather than suffering through another year of being labeled a “wet blanket,” here are some tips for those looking to avoid the holiday altogether:

**Bunker down**

This is a personal favorite among grizzled veterans on the V-Day front. Locate the nearest television or small, dark place and ride out the duration of the day in your makeshift bunker. Do not leave except to locate a nearby food source. Put in some gameplay time on *God of War III* or watch all of *The Bachelorette* seasons back-to-back. By feigning ignorance about Valentine’s Day as a whole, you’ll successfully escape it. Just be careful not to turn on your cable; the wave of jewelry and chocolate commercials could thwart your attempts to repress the holiday.

**Be proactively creepy**

Are you the kind of person who gets easily annoyed at public displays of affection? The simple solution is to let the world know. Follow your normal daily routine as expected; however, when you witness a couple going in for some mutual salivating, simply walk up and stare. This tactic is most effective at an uncomfortably close distance, such as while staring over the back of your restaurant booth. An alternate method is also easy to perform: Approach the affectionate couple and begin a slow golf clap. These tactics will ensure that holiday cheer gets dampened wherever you are.

**Deny everything**

Single? No way. If anyone asks, insist you’ve got a valentine. She just left to use the restroom. She’ll be right back. If your friends question you further, become immediately defensive about the topic. Claim you have to leave or you’ll be late for your couples’ massage. The key here is to make it believable: Have a made-up name prepared and a potential fake identity, too. Pretending that your valentine goes to a different school or is a foreign visitor will be especially helpful in explaining why he or she isn’t present on any other day.

**Seize the day**

Valentine’s Day is an opportunity for avoidant types to relish in their… well, avoidance. Make the biggest, greasiest garlic dish you can get your hands on and eat the whole thing without feeling guilty about your breath or appearance. Watch *Scarface* and feel no regret that you have missed a chance to watch *The Notebook* instead. Check your bank account and laugh in the face of those shelling out large amounts of money for expensive sushi dinners or chocolate fountains. And when you finally head off to sleep, spread out and take up all of your bed space. Get excited that no one will be hogging the blankets.

**Fabricate**

Set your computer clock to Feb. 15, and repeat the process on your phone. It’ll be like the day never happened. If people wish you a happy Valentine’s Day, wish them in turn a happy “15th of February.” Pretend that all the candy and flowers being sold are really day-after sales. If you believe strongly enough in your convictions, they will come true. Other people may find you insane, but hey, that’s a small price to pay.

**Go where people aren’t**

On Valentine’s Day evening, everyone is doing the same thing: eating at restaurants or frequenting romantic venues, such as parks and movie theaters. Instead, head to the spots no one wants to visit while you’ve got the chance. Make an appointment with the doctor or dentist — after all, who wants to get his or her teeth drilled on Valentine’s Day? Alternatively, go see a violent movie, head to the mall to enjoy short checkout lines, or go work out at the gym. These places will be deserted; they’re not exactly in vogue on a romantic holiday.

Above all, keep this fact in mind: There have been many holidays through history which have died out over time. Remember Lucaria, the Roman holiday of grove-clearing? That’s right, you don’t. It’s a defunct celebration; it died out hundreds of years ago. With any luck, Valentine’s Day (more like “Punishment and Public Humiliation of Single People Day”) will also soon be a thing of the past.

*Katie Chironis | Copy Manager*
**I Love You Phillip Morris** provides quirky twists to the usual romantic comedy formula

Jim Carrey’s newest movie brings dark edge to comedy

Indeed, the subject matter in this film is heavy: attempted suicide, jail, and AIDS. Yet the irreverence of the actors combined with the soundtrack and camera work make it alternately hilarious and emotional in just the right places. The film asks the viewer to think deeply about different cultural and societal norms through the use of humor and stereotypes.

Jim Carrey portrays Russel as the ultimate chameleon. 

Russel struggles with his identity throughout the movie, fulfilling different roles and spinning webs of lies in an effort to find out what or whom he really cares about. As he soon discovers, nothing else matters to him but the love of Phillip Morris, whom he goes to extreme lengths to be with.

For the most part, this romantic comedy, despite the new spin it takes, is comfortably enough like those before it. Boy meets girl — or in this case, boy meets boy — they fall in love, go through hardships, and emerge victorious with their love intact.

This is not, however, a typical romantic comedy. It is a true story and the ending reflects upon that truth: Life isn’t always as perfect and cookie-cutter as *Pretty Woman* or *Sleepless in Seattle*. Still, this film portrays the struggles and rewards of love in poignant ways and proclaims the power that love has to change and shape a person’s identity and life.

**Christa Hester** | Acting Forum Co-Editor

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**Waiting for Superman**

*Thursday, Feb. 17*  
8 10 12

Despite what you may think, this is in no way about the adventures of Clark Kent. *Waiting for Superman* is a 2010 documentary directed by the same person who worked with Al Gore on his environmental smash hit, *An Inconvenient Truth*. In this film, we follow several students as they make their way through the United States educational system while facing the pitfalls and failures of said system.

Although the movie glosses over several important details and reasons for these failings, it is still a revealing look into an educational system that many of us take for granted.

**Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1**

*Friday, Feb. 18*  
7 10 1

The books are way better than the movies. There, I said it. Okay — I can move on now. In the latest adaptation of J.K. Rowling’s epic series, Harry races against time to destroy Horcruxes, the objects that give Voldemort his power. With Dumbledore gone and Hogwarts under Snape’s control, little hope remains for Harry, Ron, and Hermione, who face constant danger in the wizarding world. Fun fact: M. Night Shyamalan reportedly wanted to direct this movie. What, would he have made it so that Dumbledore was actually alive the whole time and that Harry was really a cyborg?

**Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone**

*Saturday, Feb. 19*  
7:30 10 12:30

It’s kind of hard to believe that this came out 10 years ago, isn’t it? The first installment of the series is arguably the best, if only because it’s adapted from the shortest book, so the filmmakers left out the least amount of material. The story follows Harry Potter, a sad youngster who lives with his aunt and uncle until it’s discovered he is actually a famous wizard known worldwide by the wizarding community. But an old enemy awaits him as he begins his magical education (edumagination?). Fun fact: Rosie O’Donnell and Robin Williams asked to appear in the movies without pay, but both were denied roles.

**Let Me In**

*Sunday, Feb. 20*  
7:30 10 12:30

Based on the Swedish film *Let the Right One In*, *Let Me In* is the tale of a 12-year-old boy who is neglected by his parents and in general lives a somewhat lonely existence. That changes, however, when he develops a friendship with a vampire child. The well-made flick hits on the three genres of drama, romance, and horror quite well, and just about every critic has sung the praises of the film, including the author of the original book on which both movies were based. Fun fact: The word “vampire” is said only once throughout the entire movie.

**Jesse Kummer** | Staffwriter

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Did you know?

The “Pertinent and Impertinent” section notifies readers that “Scotty” Henderson will attend Prom in “conventional attire.” Man, I wish the entire school cared about what I would be wearing to my next party. Hint: It’s not my birthday suit.

On page 4 of this week’s paper, the entire page is filled with text. No pictures, just thousands of words. Aren’t you glad we don’t do that anymore?

The caption for a basketball photo this week reads, “Lack of fans at a recent basketball game.” You’d think they could have thought of anything else to say. I mean, we think of some new combination of words each week.

A Forum writer accused the University of mishandling funds this week, to the detriment of students on campus. Really? An organization that charges $50,000 for 5,000 plus students couldn’t figure out how to manage it? Color me shocked.

A Pillbox writer wonders whether the Carnegie Mellon sex culture will ever be seen as more than a “cold-blooded eunuch.” Considering there’s a legend that Playboy once ranked Carnegie Mellon the ugliest school — no, no it won’t.

A Health Talk article explains the alcohol flush reaction, commonly known as “Asian glow.” While the disorder increases your odds of getting cancer a bit, it decreases the likelihood of becoming an alcoholic. Seems like a fair trade-off.

Valentine’s Day tends to evoke a variety of reactions and memories. Find out what members of The Tartan think of Valentine’s Day and delve into their romantic lives.

Do you like Valentine’s Day? Why or why not?

I do. But if you’re going to do Valentine’s Day, do it on your own terms. Don’t do the stereotypical stuff. —ED

Yeah, because I think at its core, it’s a holiday that just has good intentions. —DL

No, I don’t like it that much. It’s the most exclusive holiday ever. —CH

No, for a lot of reasons. I hate romance, and I think a holiday dedicated to romance is just a huge issue. And even if I did like romance, it seems silly to expect it one day of the year and not the other 364. —CL

What are your plans for today?

I have no idea. I’m baking my guy s’mores brownies. He’d better do something for me. —ED

I’m probably going to watch a sappy movie and do homework. It’s going to be really exciting. —CH

We’re going ice skating at Schenley, and then we’re going to play God of War. —KC

What’s the most romantic thing someone has ever done for you, or that you have ever done for someone?

I drove for two hours to go and see someone. I tried to surprise them, but it turned out they knew I was coming. They were still excited, though. —DL

Nobody does romantic things for me, just creepy things. One time, in fifth grade, my boyfriend gave me a pack of Gushers. That to me defines the meaning of true love. —KC

What’s your most embarrassing romance-related memory?

I don’t get embarrassed. Seriously. —ED

The second time I went on a date with this guy, I gave him the “we should just be friends” speech. Then he looked he really sad, and told me that he’d already told his friends that I was his girlfriend. And all his friends were coming over to hang out with us. It was the most awkward night ever. —CH

One time, when I was young, my friend’s little brother kicked down my bedroom door, screamed, “Katie, don’t laugh — I love you!” and then ran away. —KC

What would be your ideal way to spend V-Day?

I don’t think I can say in a newspaper. —ED

We would go to the beach and chillax the whole day. —CH

Engaging in a pon farr tournament on Vulcan. —KC

Removal of the holiday altogether, especially without creepy people giving me flowers. That would be nice. —CL

What song best describes your current love life?

“Never Gonna Give You Up” by Rick Astley. —ED

“I Need a Break...But I’d Rather Have a Breakthrough” by the Rocket Summer. —DL

“Always” by Erasure. —KC

“I’ll Make a Man Out of You” from Mulan. —CL

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Hark, a Vagrant by Kate Beaton

IS IT LOVE OR TOXIC RADIATION

IT’S BOTH, BUT WHO CARES

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PhD Comics by Jorge Cham

HOW DO I LOVE YOU, THESIS?
LET ME COUNT THE WAYS...

I THINK ABOUT YOU NIGHT AND DAY.

I SEE YOU IN MY DREAMS.

I SING YOUR PRAISES FAR AND WIDE.

I WRITE ODES TO YOU NO ONE WILL EVER READ.

I WEEP AT YOUR ABSENCE.

I COUNT THE DAYS YEARS UNTIL YOU’RE MINE.

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Solutions from Feb. 07, 2011

Crossword

Easy Difficulty

Very Hard Difficulty
Saint Valentine’s Horoscopes

aries
march 21–april 19
Take a leap of faith and ask out the person you’ve been crushing on. Let your heart and love be your sword and shield.

taurus
april 20–may 20
Today a tall blond will walk your way and you will fall madly in love. Play hard-to-get and in no time they will be yours.

gemini
may 21–june 21
You wear your heart on your sleeve, and that’s why people find you so lovable. Make sure this week, and especially today, that you not only take care of your heart, but that you share it with others as well.
cancer
june 22–july 22
Someone has been thinking about you lately, but they are too shy to say anything to you. Be more perceptive and you just might find your true love.

leo
july 23–aug. 22
What are you waiting for? Tell them how you truly feel.

virgo
aug. 23–sept. 22
So maybe you don’t have a valentine today. That’s okay, because there are many others out there who are just like you. Go find another single partner and be single no more.

libra
sept. 23–oct. 22
You will meet your true love when you least expect it. It may be a bit frightening, but once you see their smile, you will know that it was meant to be.

scorpio
oct. 23–nov. 21
Write your sweetheart a love song for the day instead of buying candy or other typical Valentine’s gifts. Your originality is more appreciated than anything else.
sagittarius
nov. 22–dec. 21
Mars and Saturn’s current positions are throwing your love life out of balance. By next week, when Venus starts to show, things will be better than ever.
capricorn
dec. 22–jan. 19
Today the old saying “it is better to have loved and lost than to never have loved at all” will weigh heavily on your day’s events. Though it may not be a comforting idea, your previous battles of love will make you an even better partner.
aquarius
jan. 20–feb. 18
There are plenty of fish in the sea and today you have the perfect bait. Throw out your line of love and see what you end up catching.
pisces
feb. 19–march 20
Love is in the air. Take a deep breath and let the magic of it all propel you toward a great week.

Nicole Hamilton | Comics Editor

ACROSS
1. Female horse
5. Some are pale
9. Donkeys
14. Explorer Tasman
15. Rejection power
16. Small beginning
17. A type of dangerous maniac, e.g.
19. Approaches
20. Parisian pal
21. Cereal grain
22. Defeats
23. Rice cooked in broth
25. Joke
26. Having a handle
27. Blast of a trumpet
30. Currency unit in Nigeria
31. Burlap
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43. Part of Q.E.D.
44. Short drama
48. Ledge
50. Shout in derision
51. Chemical ending
52. Entire
53. Clydesdale, e.g.
54. Thunder Bay’s prov.
55. Fertile area in a desert
56. swear words
57. Person, place, or thing
58. Portents

DOWN
1. Wife of a maharajah
2. Loathsome
3. Forgivable
4. Actor Wallach
5. Fly
6. Resulted in
7. Greek letters
8. Impresario Hurok
9. Pardon
10. Midday nap
11. Beat It!
12. Goes astray
13. Brillo rival
14. Terra
15. Sesame plant
16. Crew needs
17. Roman god with two faces
18. Terra
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MONDAY 2.14.11
Help Yourself, University Center. 4 p.m.
Dale Clifford: “On Order and Madness.” Carnegie Museum of Art Theater. 6 p.m.
Love of Friends, Space. 7 p.m.
Peter Noone and Davy Jones. Palace Theatre. 8 p.m.

TUESDAY 2.15.11
Identities in Conflict: The Recognition of Migrants. Baker Hall 136A. 4:30 p.m.
Marina Zurkow Lecture. McConomy Auditorium. 5 p.m.
Meet the Candidate Petition Party. Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church. 6:30 p.m.
DRUMline Live. Benedum Center for the Performing Arts. 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 2.16.11
Jeopardy! Party. Hillman Center 4401. 5 p.m.

THURSDAY 2.17.11
School of Music Convocation. Kresge Theater. 1:30 p.m.
Preserving Pittsburgh’s Trees: Action and Recovery. University of Pittsburgh, Frick Fine Arts Building and Auditorium. 6:30 p.m.
Sentencing Children to Life Without Parole. Amani International Coffeehouse and Cafe. 7 p.m.

FRIDAY 2.18.11
Carnegie Mellon Philharmonic. Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall. 8 p.m.
Emily Pinkerton Trio. James Simon Studios. 8 p.m.

SATURDAY 2.19.11
Pittsburgh Hypnosis Saturday Open House. Pennsylvania Hypnosis Center. 12 p.m.
Roll the Dice. The Priory. 6 p.m.
Carrie Lucas. Stage AE. 7 p.m.
Steven Wright. Palace Theatre. 8 p.m.
One Love To Lose. Cabaret at Theater Square. 10 p.m.

SUNDAY 2.20.11
Susan Shafer. Calvary Episcopal Church. 1 p.m.
Katy Williams. Saint Paul’s Episcopal Church. 3 p.m.
David Garrett. Benedum Center for the Performing Arts. 8 p.m.

MONDAY 2.21.11
Farshid Moussavi: “Form and Ornament.” Carnegie Museum of Art Theater. 6 p.m.
Pittsburgh Penguins Hockey. Consol Energy Center. 7 p.m.
University Lecture Series: Dennis Howard. Porter Hall 100. 7:30 p.m.

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This past Saturday, Carnegie Mellon’s Ballroom Dance Club sponsored a Valentine’s Ball. The semi-formal evening included dinner, American waltz lessons taught by Terry Sweeney, and other games and dances.