**FORUM**

**Carnegie Mellon's campus was built to honor professor Randy Pausch, who lost his battle with the disease.**

"Fundraisers like this are important because they raise awareness of this specific type of cancer," said Adam Rauf, a master's student in engineering. "Pausch's People" is a team called "Pausch's People" to enter the Purple PanCan's goal is to double the number of people living five years after being diagnosed. The group also hopes to raise awareness of specific type of cancer: with high mortality rates. The program was first introduced to members of the Carnegie Mellon's community, who lost computer scientist professor Randy Pausch to pancreatic cancer in the summer of 2008. His memory inspired a team called "Pausch's People" to enter the Purple Stride event this year. Led by Adam Rauf, a master's student in engineering, the program was designed to raise awareness of pancreatic cancer and its effects. Cancer is such an experience and well worth making it possible for video games to be able to do motion capture, researchers attached 320 reflectors and a range of sensors onto the position of the person in a studio. In traditional motion capture, "You have to be pretty close to the camera." Disney, CMU pioneer new technology for video games Disney and Carnegie Mellon researchers have developed technology that will allow computer-generated characters, such as Sir Lionel from the Lord of the Rings, to move more naturally. Disney and Carnegie Mellon's Robust Surface Reconstruction technology uses algorithms to make the person appear a computer-generated film or to enhance video games. The system makes it possible for video games to be able to do motion capture, researchers attached 320 reflectors and a range of sensors onto the position of the person in a studio. In traditional motion capture, "You have to be pretty close to the camera." Disney, CMU pioneer new technology for video games Disney and Carnegie Mellon researchers have developed technology that will allow computer-generated characters, such as Sir Lionel from the Lord of the Rings, to move more naturally. Disney and Carnegie Mellon's Robust Surface Reconstruction technology uses algorithms to make the person appear a computer-generated film or to enhance video games. The system makes it possible for video games to be able to do motion capture, researchers attached 320 reflectors and a range of sensors onto the position of the person in a studio. In traditional motion capture, "You have to be pretty close to the camera." Disney, CMU pioneer new technology for video games Disney and Carnegie Mellon researchers have developed technology that will allow computer-generated characters, such as Sir Lionel from the Lord of the Rings, to move more naturally. Disney and Carnegie Mellon’s Robust Surface Reconstruction technology uses algorithms to make the person appear a computer-generated film or to enhance video games.
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MELISSA DUBOY

On behalf of The Tartan, we extend our warmest welcome to you, the Class of 2015+, to the University of Pittsburgh. We hope that you will all make it a Tartan.

We're excited to welcome you to the Tartan family. We've included a special edition in this first issue to get you started. As you, the future seniors, you're no stranger to the unique place it is. There is no denying that Carnegie Mel-

In this special Orienta-

Every year we publish

In this special Orientation issue, we have included articles to answer some of your questions and to add to your understanding of what makes this university special. The Tartan is a unique place it is. There is no denying that Carnegie Mel-

The Tartan has a place for students who are interested in journalism and graduate students, but more stay in-

There are some of the most notable reports of the past semester.

Burglar

Jan. 19, 2011

At approximately 8 p.m., police received a report in the West Wing dormitory. A female student stated that she awakened to find a male intruder in her room. At the time, she was in possession of the victim’s laptop computer. The victim asked the intruder what he was doing in her room, and he replied that he wanted to look at her computer. The victim then turned off the computer and the room was turned over to them.

Suspicious Person

Feb. 22, 2011

Police responded to the Gates Center for a report of someone using one of the public bathrooms as an office and opening several hours a day. The student was a member of the SAFARI research group at Carnegie Mellon. In the report, the student noted that this had been occurring for several weeks.

Ball Bomb

Feb. 1, 2011

A bomb threat was phoned in to the desk attendant at Shaler House. Upon further investigation, officials found out that the caller was one of the desk attendant’s friends, trying to pull a prank on her.

Suspicious Person

Feb. 23, 2011

There was a report of a suspicious male in the Public Safety building. A university press release was confused and would not respond to questions. It was determined that this incident was related to a call that the Public Safety police were investi-

Bank Robbery

Feb. 28, 2011

University Police, along with Public Safety, received a report of a bank robbery that occurred at the PNC branch at 6000 Forbes Ave. The suspect was wearing a white shirt, white pants, and carrying a black backpack. The suspect was apprehended while on a bus parked near Forbes Avenue.

Public Drunkenness

March 25, 2011

While on patrol, a University Police officer noticed a male walking on the sidewalk near Forbes Avenue. The male approached a Viscosi Pizza delivery car that was stopped at a red light. He then opened the vehicle’s front door and rear passenger doors and got in the rear seat. The male was stopped by police, and upon further inspection, was found to be intoxicated. The suspect was arrested and charged with Public Drunkenness.

Thief

April 1, 2011

Officers responded to a material science lab in Wab Hall for a report that a 14-inch sheet of platinum had been stolen.

Intoxication

April 14, 2011

Officers responding to the Big Ben concert during Carnival observed an intoxicated male fighting in the crowd. The officer responded and observed the male become belligerent and arm him for public drunkenness, disorderly conduct, and carrying false identification.

Corrections & Clarifications

If you would like to submit a correction or clarification, please e-

WEATHER

MONDAY / HIGH 75 / LOW 62
TUESDAY / HIGH 79 / LOW 63
WEDNESDAY / HIGH 83 / LOW 69
THURSDAY / HIGH 81 / LOW 59
FRIDAY / HIGH 77 / LOW 62
SATURDAY / HIGH 82 / LOW 60
SUNDAY / HIGH 88 / LOW 62

Source: www.weather.com

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Welcome Class of 2015

Now’s your chance to unleash your CMU pride and become a Loyal Scot – the program is open only to Carnegie Mellon students and alumni.

You can join in four easy steps:

✔ Stay Informed
✔ Get Involved
✔ Give Back
✔ Show Your Pride

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Facial-recognition, social media sites create potential security risk

**AMITHA PARTHIBAN**

In this generation, many people — from students to professional workers — are addicted to social media sites, where they share not only our identities, but also our personal information. These sites offer us an opportunity to connect with people around the world, sometimes, people we don’t know. Of course, the cost is high — we share huge amounts of information automatically, including personal photographs, addresses, and phone numbers. All this information makes social media a magnet for hackers and government agencies.

But just how accessible is this information? Facial recognition software could be used to extract information from a person's online presence, including their specific name, especially when combined with other software technologies that allow us to identify people linked to the network. According to the Los Angeles Times...

Facial-recognition software is growing and is being used and further developed by Facebook, Google, Apple, and the U.S. government. Indeed, in May of 2011, a team of researchers from Google's Privacy, Facebook, and Apple used facial recognition software.

The use of facial-recognition technology creates a sizable risk in social networking sites, according to Alexandre Acquisti, an associate professor of information technology and public policy in the Teitel College and a Carnegie Mellon University researcher. During the second experimental month, the team identified over 1,000 participants from the sample who obtained a Tiramisu application to use a when

In the second experiment, the group implemented the same methodology and by identifying the user's frequent search terms based on their phone on the bus. In this case, the team identified students who were connected to the Institute of Human-Centered Computing, and they used that information to target the participants.

According to Acquisti's website, they were able to identify around one-third of the subjects, and our findings...

In the third experiment, the team performed a test on what the team’s website calls “click fraud” or the merging of online and offline data. This means that a person can be tracked through their name through facial recognition software. As a result, they “ended up re-identifying a statistically significant proportion of members of the data set of the Institute of Human-Centered Computing, and our findings...

To prove this, the team predicted interest and social contact numbers of students from some participants in the second experiment by com-...
Fight off the dreaded Freshman 15

LORISSL BIJELIC

College should come with warn-
ing signs. In all of the excitement you probably would read something like, “You’ll be stressed out, stay up all night, eat, and extra pounds ahead.” But I would suggest joining an intramu-

College is a transition period, where students go from high-school kids to young adults to adults. In col-

In college: it is as easy as oversleeping and not making a healthy body. Eating at night and hardly at all during the day does not make a healthy body.

For some people, staying healthy and active requires little work; for others, it can be a constant battle against discipline and sheer force of will. I am part of the latter group of people: you all eat go-go bars and run laps, or whatever is that you do. I’m talking to the later group of people, who know they have to eat healthy and exercise regularly, but for me it comes down to will power. I have to change my lifestyle. I have to change my body. I have to change my whole lifestyle.

With the time that you are going to put into planning your exercise, how many times in the week do you lift 10 pounds more than you did last week? — grab one of these items and try them on. It is one of the easiest ways to eat healthier. I used to eat junk food, but I had to make a change. I needed to look better and be healthy. It is not hard, especially when you get used to it. I have been living this way for about a year now and I am still going. I can eat healthy and feel great. I have lost a lot of weight. I have a lot more energy.

Eating is the true monster hiding around your schedule, lets you be productive and have time for any type of break-

Don’t: Add your whole class the friend list on Facebook. This is a great way to ensure that you are not being invited to parties or events that you might not want to go to. Don’t: Be a bull in a china shop. You can’t make a healthy body. Eating at night and hardly at all during the day does not make a healthy body.

People debate whether the dread-

Can lead to problems later on. Random people having access to all the information on your Facebook profile could lead to embarrassment and awkward situations. Such situations can easily be avoided with Facebook.

What do superheroes, school reform, and adolescence have in common? All were themes in movies that have been filmed here has been steadily increasing — more than 75 films and a fabulously already dedicated to the movie Groundhog Day, which has already released the Daily Mail predicting that the movie Pittsburgh the movie industry.

There are, however, larger ques-

The Tartan is a student publication by mail or to Pittsburgh, PA 15213. Subscriptions are available at any cost in Pennsylvania. While Corbett continued the program for 2012–13, he has not made a long-term commitment, only stating that he believes it is important to support the local film and television industry.

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The Dark Knight Rises is, without a doubt, one of the most anticipated films of the year. The movie was shot in Pittsburgh this summer: The Dark Knight Rises, the ini-

The Putts are a Blessing, Star Trek, and the necessities for people to work on the film, the Daily Mail reports that The Dark Knight Rises has created jobs in other, more un-

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SPORTS COMMENTARY

Pirates at least two years from playoffs

Below is a schedule of selected Orientation events. Put in a full schedule of daily opportunities, students should refer to their orientation packets or visit the Office of Student Affairs, located at 1205 Baker Lawn. More details will be available later.

Sunday
10:45-11:45 a.m.: Student Affairs Welcome and Orientation Student Services (McConnery Auditorium, UC)

Family members and students are encouraged to attend this welcome address by Dean of Student Affairs Gail Cargnale, who will be accompanied by representatives of various student support services committed to supporting students’ success at Carnegie Mellon. Student Affairs, Enrollment Services, Health and Counseling Services, Health Services, Counseling and Psychological Services, the Career and Professional Development Center, and University Police will be represented on the panel and available to answer your questions.

1-2 p.m. Paternity and Sorority Information Session (Connors, UC)

Every semester, nearly 300 students register to become incorporated members of 22 fraternities and sororities at Carnegie Mellon. Many of these students are from the Greek community and the staff who work with Greek life. Whether you are thinking about going Greek or are still undecided, feel free to come to this informative session and see what Greek life has to offer you at Carnegie Mellon. 

1:30-2:30 p.m.: Comic Club: Steubing’s Helmet (Baker Lawn, UC)

President’s Address
Jerid L. Cohen, president of the university, welcomes the Class of 2013.

Monday
8:30-10 a.m.: Playfair The Cut, in front of the University Center (rain site: Wiegand Gymnasium, UC)

Get to know everyone in the Class of 2015; this is the largest incoming class at Carnegie Mellon. Playfair will allow you to meet the entire freshmen class to interact with one another in one evening. The commonalities between you and your peers will be revealed to you in a series of high-energy, high-excitement games and activities.

Tuesday
9-10 a.m.: Community College (Baker Lawn, UC)

The Community College is an exciting presentation by your fellow students about the programs, facilities, and activities on campus. The student workers will provide a foundation for dialogue and cross-cultural and cross-community interaction, as well as a sense of the respect and appreciation for cultural differences within our community. The tabling and tours of student clubs will entertain and amaze you.

4-5 p.m.: “It’s All About the World! How Study Abroad Can Work for You!”

Carnegie Mellon University

Discover the who, what, when, where, and why of study abroad and learn what it’s like to begin planning. Whether it is over spring break, semester, a semester, or for an entire year, everyone at Carnegie Mellon can and should study abroad. Our recently renovated study abroad “TEL” could do it all, if did it all tomorrow! Don’t think you should get the chance to study abroad once in your life?” Chris Seebold, director of admissions for students abroad at the Office of International Education, will present an information session about how and when study abroad at Carnegie Mellon. Returned students will be available to answer questions and tell about their experiences abroad. Where will your adventures take you?

8-9 p.m.: Comic Club: New York Stand-Up Show


Wednesday
1:15-2:15 p.m.: “Under the Influence” and “Welcome to the Neighborhood”

Rangos Hall and McConnery Auditorium, UC

“I’m Under the Influence,” join your peers as we open candidly and comfortably with the diversity of situations surrounding sexual health, relationships, alcohol, tobacco, and other risky behaviors. Paula Martin, health promoter, and Michelle Kelleher, Counseling and Psychological Services psychologist, along with the OCS and several campus support providers, will lead this interactive session.

It is likely that you have been a part of conversations about diversity and inclusion. “Welcome to the Neighborhood” will help you to know more about the Carnegie Mellon community, including our shared values and beliefs. Interactive activities will shape our conversation.

Thursday
8:30-9 p.m.: Outdoor Film: Try Story 3

McKeel Angel Thompson (rain site: Rangos Hall Auditorium, UC)

Get your blanket and picnic basket and bring your friends and your family to join us on the Baker Lawn for an outdoor screening of “Try Story 3”! Join us this Friday evening for a fun, music-filled screening and a discussion of the Islamic pony tale, as we explore the diversity and complexity of this fascinating culture. Bring your blanket to enjoy a relaxing evening with new friends as you sit in our campus amphitheater and enjoy traditional movie snacks at this event of a kind movie experience. The event is co-sponsored by the Activities Office and the Hillel Foundation.

Friday
6:30–10 p.m.: Convocation
Baker Lawn, UC

The Class of 2015 gathers together to celebrate the beginning of their academic career at Carnegie Mellon. This formal assembly is attended by members of our community to celebrate our arrival to our community. Jeffrey Zaslow (’80), senior writer and columnist for The Wall Street Journal and co-author of The Last Lecture, will be the keynote speaker.

8-11 p.m.: Gazebooping Cruise
Great view, three rivers, 800 classmates, and a-deck-riveter attitude. Sailing past the night away as you cruise down the rivers of Pittsburgh you can’t forget your tide!

Saturday
8:30-10 p.m.: Tartan Show and Slide Show of Orientation 2011
Rangos Hall, UC

Watch your classmates demonstrate their tremendous skills and learn how creative and talented your class really is. We expand the best moments of this year’s orientation into an event to see who gets the best of our class. Remember who took the Carnegie Gang?

Sunday
1-2 p.m.: “Where’s That?!?” and “What About Monday?”

Work with your group on this.

Get the real campus tour with your Orientation guide. Find your marching band, cool spots to hangout, 24-hour computer labs, and more.

Your guide to Orientation 2011

For more than 100 years, The Tartan has served as a news source and discussion forum for all Carnegie Mellon students, from incoming first years to graduating Ph.D. candidates. We’re glad you’re enjoying this issue, but we’d love for you to help us make the next one.

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Now that you’ve arrived...
Carnegie Mellon’s ultimate Frisbee A team, Mr. Yuk, competed in the Ohio Valley Regionals last year for the first time since 2005–06. The club is one of the 18 club sports currently active at the university. 

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The Tartans will face Geneva College in the first round of the national tournament.

Sports
Tartan athletes look forward to productive season

ADAM GRUBER

The fall season is here, and with it comes the start of a new year for the Tartan athletic community. bikini baseball, soccer, and rugby are the dominant way of analyzing statistics in baseball, and SABR is no longer the only way to judge a pitcher’s true performance. First of all, Morris no longer has to be the only star on the mound. So, with a winning record for almost four months of the season, the Pirates have moved up in the sabermetrics as the dominant way of analyzing statistics in baseball, and SABR is no longer the only way to judge a pitcher’s true performance. First of all, Morris no longer has to be the only star on the mound.

The Carnegie Mellon ultimate Frisbee players have a strong schedule. They have games against the University of California, Berkeley, and Stanford University. They also have matches against the University of Pittsburgh and the University of Cincinnati. The team is looking forward to a successful season.

The Carnegie Mellon ultimate Frisbee team is looking for new members, whether you want to be competitive or simply stay in shape and make friends. There is a competitive team, known as Mr. Yuk, for advanced players, and a developmental B team, known as Harmful If Swallowed, for beginners. The team is looking to be a fun sport with their friends or other people who want to play. The team is looking forward to a successful season.

The Tartan football team will begin its fall schedule on Sept. 3. Fullback Chris Garcia (No. 2) and center Dan Behmke will return from injury after a slightly disappointing 2010 season. Garcia was the team’s leading rusher last year with 494 yards and six touchdowns. Behmke was a first-team all-conference selection in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.

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The women’s tennis team is looking to improve on its 2-5 record in conference play last year. The team opens its season in the John Heidt Tournament on Saturday, Sept. 3, at the Allegheny Intramural Center.

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From the Head Orientation Counselors
New students can find themselves at Carnegie Mellon

Hello, Class of 2015+

I’m Ashtyn, one of the seven Head Orientation Counselors (HOCs) who are working hard to make your first seven days at Carnegie Mellon as memorable and as fun as possible. The other HOCs — Jen, Billy, Aaron, Veronica, Dan, and Sean — and I are very excited for all of you to become a part of the Carnegie Mellon community.

When deciding on a theme, we wanted to highlight two things. The first was that we wanted to take Orientation back to its roots — back to its Tartan tradition. We want you to be as “Mad for Plaid” as we are. The second was that we wanted to emphasize the importance that college has in one’s transition imaginable. It is our job to help you feel comfortable in the new environment you have found yourself in. During Orientation we want you to start finding your thread. We want you to feel unique (the ‘i’ in “iPlaid”) while also feeling a part of the larger Carnegie Mellon community (the ‘Plaid’ in “iPlaid”).

Orientation is designed to help students familiarize themselves with the Carnegie Mellon community. It is our goal, and the goal of the Orientation Counselors (OCCs), to help you begin the journey of finding yourself. During Orientation week, we will give you all the advice you need for your first year, ranging from the best places to study to the nicest places to eat. We are here to introduce you to your home for the next four (or five) years. Everyone on campus will be working to create a seven-day Orientation filled with awesome events; interactions with fellow first-years, upperclassmen, faculty, and staff; and free food. You’ll learn just how awesome that is as you continue your education at Carnegie Mellon. I’d like to take this time to get you pumped about some of the activities that we have planned for you during Orientation.

From forming close bonds within your housing communities to participating in Playfair — one of the biggest icebreakers in the world — the possibilities to meet new people are endless. Not only will you get to know a wide variety of first-years, you will also be able to meet some of your future professors and some faculty members of Carnegie Mellon.

Orientation activities are not limited to the campus. Explore Shadyside, Squirrel Hill, Oakland, and the South Side with your OCs and classmates to find all that Pittsburgh has to offer.

Come together with your fellow classmates at Convocation to be officially welcomed into the Carnegie Mellon community, and celebrate by dancing the night away on the Clippership Cruise.

The week culminates with all the houses battling on the Cut for the coveted Carnegie Cup. Dress up, show your house spirit, and get ready to experience one of Orientation’s greatest traditions.

Whitewater rafting, biking, and rock climbing are just some of the activities offered as part of the Pittsburgh Connections program that you can enjoy during Orientation week. After that, end your Orientation by watching your fellow classmates showcase their hidden skills in the Talent Show.

Coming to Carnegie Mellon, you may feel nervous, excited, hopeful, sad, hesitant, and plenty of other emotions. Questions may be running through your head, such as: What if I can’t find my classes? Will people like me? What do I want to do with my life? Do people really wear capes? You aren’t alone in your fears and questions. Every first-year before you has felt this way. This is what makes Orientation week at Carnegie Mellon so important. For many upperclassmen, Orientation was the most helpful transition imaginable. It is our job to help you feel the same.

We have so much planned for you and we are very excited for you all to be here. So get excited, and get ready to have the time of your life.

Welcome home!

Sincerely,

Ashtyn Hemendinger and the rest of the Orientation and house staff

Everything you need to know
About kicking out your parents and being social

Dear Patrick,

It’s move-in day, and I’m really looking forward to Orientation. The only problem is that my parents won’t leave. They drove me in, which was great since I have so much stuff, and I definitely didn’t turn them down when they offered to buy all my groceries and books. But now they won’t leave. How can I get them out of my room?

Please help, Grown-ups Take Forever to go

Dear GTFO,

You must be the first kid to go to college. Or the last. Let’s be honest, you’re not reading this. You’re too busy unpacking or trying to chat up that cute girl down the hall. So I’ll address this directly to the only readers: your parents.

Hey parents! How are you? I know this can be an emotional day — kid growing up, all that jazz — but it’s time to go. You finally got your kid out of the house. Let him go off and learn, drink a little too much, and pull some all-nighters. Seriously, just get out of your son’s dorm room. You can hang out in Pittsburgh a little, maybe even attend some of those Orientation activities meant for parents, but now is the time to cut the cord. You’re free again! Unless you have a couple more brats putting around the house, but they’ll be gone soon enough.

Just go home already, Patrick Hoskins

Dear Patrick,

Do you have any tips for Orientation? Should I even bother with any of these activities? Is this going to be a waste of time? Because Team Fortress 2 isn’t going to play itself.

Thanks,
Scared of Orientation Socializing

Dear SOS,

Here’s the first rule of Orientation: Leave your room. If you stay inside, you’re just wasting a week of your life. Orientation is the one time at school you can walk up to anyone without any fear and strike up a conversation. No one knows anyone — it’s very freeing. No matter how awkward you are, the other person is just as awkward as you. (Another benefit of Carnegie Mellon: Everyone’s really awkward.)

The food you get at Orientation will be the best food you’ll get all year, thanks to that meal plan you’re forced to sign up for. Take advantage of it while you can. Every organization on campus will throw a party during Orientation. Upperclassmen see it as an excuse to come back early and party for a week. If that’s your scene, enjoy it before you have work and class. Take every chance you can to meet more people.

Don’t go on the Clipper Ship — it sucks,
Patrick Hoskins

Need advice? Send queries to advice@thetartan.org.
For the first 18 years of my life, I pictured college as a place where you studied one subject to the exclusion of everything else. I never expected that my social life would take up much time, or that it could affect my perception of my studies. My first semester at Carnegie Mellon went according to plan, and I spent any and all free time with other music majors, becoming painfully familiar with every practice room on the College of Fine Arts mezzanine. The way I balanced my priorities my first month in Pittsburgh, I might as well have been at a music conservatory.

For me, Orientation seemed socially overwhelming. You learn hundreds of names only to forget them seconds later, and you play icebreaker activities that echo summer camp activities of years past. But enjoy it while it lasts! Pretty soon, rather than spending your evenings talking to interesting people, you’ll be stuck in your dorm room solving problem sets.

It wasn’t until classes began that I had a chance to settle into a reasonably sized circle of friends. Some people became close to their floor-mates, while others chose to befriend classmates. In CFA especially, you’ll come to find that there’s a strong sense of community among those of the same major. After the social frenzy that is Orientation week, meeting all your colleagues in under a minute is refreshing to say the least. I found little reason to leave the building at all during my first semester, besides attending my Interpretation and Argument class and occasionally sleeping.

As a result, I managed to achieve a somewhat conservatory-esque experience. I found myself surrounded by musicians 24/7, grumbling about the coursework that wasn’t directly related to my performance major. It’s easy to forget that you can study subjects, pursue interests, or have friends outside your major when you’re constantly immersing yourself in it.

Thus, I encountered a problem. You obviously need to devote time to your coursework, but I missed out on a lot of opportunities by limiting myself so strictly. Upon leaving an environment as restrictive as high school, many students find the unlimited list of clubs and activities at Carnegie Mellon overwhelming. While this is understandable, the solution is not to decline to participate entirely. Do what you think you can handle, keeping in mind that backing out is never difficult if you find that you’ve overestimated yourself.

Carnegie Mellon offers opportunities that you could never have imagined in high school. Get a work study job, start tutoring, or join an a cappella group, Kiltie Band, or the Carnegie Mellon Philharmonic. Give Greek life a try, or — for the more adventurous — go skydiving (yes, there’s a club for that too). If you have an idea for a club that doesn’t exist, then you can always start it yourself. You’ll meet some bright and interesting people, and the more diverse their interests, the more refreshing a conversation with them can be.

I took my own advice my freshman year, and through an unexpected series of events, found myself at a KGB event one Friday night. I was the only music major present and had little in common with most of the members, but that just made the situation all the more inspirational and memorable. I met some bright and delightfully quirky people by venturing outside of my social comfort zone, and I ended up having a great time. And who knew that playing a three-hour game of Galactic Encounters with a group of strangers could be so refreshing? Had I played it safe and stuck with my music buddies, I would never have guessed.

It’s difficult to predict how you’ll change your first year. Suddenly being completely responsible for myself was difficult, especially after I hit a bump in the road. Due to a complication following knee surgery, I spent my entire freshman year getting around Pittsburgh on crutches and, for a couple of months, in a wheelchair. As a result of this unique, albeit unfortunate, experience, I gained confidence in my ability to handle any obstacle college could think to throw at me and the determination I needed to finish the year (not to mention more upper body strength than I knew what to do with).

So, for many reasons, my first year wasn’t what I expected. Instead of the classical music haven I longed for after high school, I found a diverse social experience with myriad opportunities available to almost anyone who expressed a legitimate interest. So don’t look for too specific an experience at Carnegie Mellon, and step outside of your comfort zone whenever possible. The most memorable opportunities will be the ones you never thought you would find.

Sarah Steranka | Junior Staffwriter

Sarah Steranka and Logan Newman, a sophomore flute performance major and a sophomore vocal performance major, respectively, take a break from working on the mezzanine of CFA.
Discover Pittsburgh’s music scene

These local concert venues provide a variety of artists

As any college student knows, going to school isn’t all about hitting the books day in and day out, especially when you’re in a cultural city like Pittsburgh, where it would be a shame for you not to go out and explore what the various neighborhoods have to offer.

One part of Pittsburgh that you can really get into, if you’re willing and knowledgeable, is the music scene. Sure, there’s the Consol Energy Center, which attracts some of the bigger names, but you’d be missing out if you passed over Pittsburgh’s smaller venues.

Pittsburgh is an intimate city, and, although it’s Pennsylvania’s second-largest, it’s got a cozy feel to it. The neighborhoods are pleasant, the people are friendly, and the restaurants and cafes parallel the small-town atmosphere. It’s not surprising, then, to realize that most of the concert venues are smaller and allow for personal viewing experiences.

Here’s a list of some local places that like to host traveling artists (and, occasionally, secret shows from Pittsburgh natives). Check these places out and you’ll be sure to see some worthwhile acts.

Stage AE
400 North Shore Dr. (North Shore)

Less than a year ago, this all-ages concert venue opened up next to Heinz Field. The big draw: The indoor venue, with a 2,400-person capacity, hosts events 12 months a year. And when the weather is nice enough, the outdoor amphitheater can house an audience of 5,500. In the fall of 2011, Stage AE will host college-friendly artists like Arctic Monkeys and Mac Miller, proving that although it’s the new kid in town as far as concert venues go, it can bring in some big names.

Mr. Small’s Theatre and Funhouse
400 Lincoln Ave. (Millvale)

Mr. Small’s might just be the perfect venue. It’s not meant to host big names, but there’s still an attractive number of folks who crowd the theater. Don’t let the small size scare you, though; while the place only has a capacity of 650, it never feels like you’re squished among fans. There are two full bars in the back of the room, where the older crowd stays and mingle, while younger fans can get as close to the stage as they want to. There’s really not a bad seat in the house; even if you get there late and are forced to stand in the back by the bar, you can easily see everything going on onstage.

Altar Bar
1620 Penn Ave. (Strip District)

As a whole, the Altar Bar is quite a beautiful building, although most people don’t go to admire its architecture. Inside, the venue’s three floors are attractive, but you’ll only be seeing the middle level, as the ones above and below it are for VIPs only. Visitors will definitely feel as if they are at a bar and not the usual concert setting, as the large iridescent bar and neon stairs keep you awake and energized. Be sure to check if the show you’re looking to go to is an all-ages concert or not; as the venue is a bar, most shows are restricted to the 21+ crowd.

Carnegie Music Hall
4400 Forbes Ave. (Oakland)

With a capacity of almost 2,000, this is one of Pittsburgh’s larger and definitely classier venues. The interior is exquisite; you feel like you should be wearing a tuxedo and sipping champagne when you step into the lobby. Floor seating is good, but you’re better off trying to get second-story balcony seats a bit to the left or right of the center. That way, you’re above half the audience, but still close to the stage.

Other favorites include:
- **Hard Rock Café**, 230 W. Station Square Dr. (Station Square)
- **Club Café**, 56 S. 12th St. (South Side)
- **Club Zoo**, 1630 Smallman St. (Strip District)
- **The Smiling Moose**, 1306 E. Carson St. (South Side)

A brief note of caution about attending a show at these venues: If you don’t go with someone who has a car, make sure you know where the closest bus stops are and when the busses are supposed to arrive. Just about all of these venues are not in walking distance of Carnegie Mellon’s main campus, and you don’t want to risk being late for your show.

Even if you’re not a die-hard fan, take a night off from your studies, check out a part of Pittsburgh where you can’t see the Cathedral of Learning around you, and hear some good music — all for a college-friendly price. Your overworked mind will thank you.

**Nick Guesto | Staffwriter**

**Top 10 on WRCT 88.3 FM**

most played albums of the last week

1. Black Lips — Arabia Mountain
2. Various Artists — Iron Atrocity Vol. 1
3. Frederico Aubele — Berlin 13
4. Darlings — Warma
5. Amon Tobin — ISAM
6. Boris — Attention Pleasea/Heavy Rocks
7. Battles — Gloss Drop
8. Brian Eno and Rick Holland — Drum Between The Bells
9. The Phoenix Foundation — Buffalo
10. Trevor Wishart — Fanfare & Contrapunctus/Imago

**WRCT 88.3 FM**

On our campus station

Welcome to Paperhouse. In this corner of Pillbox, the poetic musical neurosis of the WRCT staff reigns supreme.

I’d like to take this moment to introduce you to your new favorite radio station and student organization. My name is Juan Fernandez, and I am the current general manager at WRCT Pittsburgh, Carnegie Mellon’s student-run radio station. I’m guessing that everyone on campus is competing for your attention, so I’ll try not to bombard you with too much information. Just know that you’ve got a place with us here at WRCT.

WRCT, known as Radio Carnegie Tech in the times of old, celebrates more than 60 years of radio broadcasting. As a free-form radio broadcaster, we are committed to providing quality alternatives to the mainstream commercial programming that dominates the radio. Our DJs, public affairs hosts, and other staff members are not only Carnegie Mellon students, staff, and faculty, but also community members from the Pittsburgh area, some of whom have more than 30 years of radio broadcasting experience under their belts. At WRCT, every DJ has the freedom to play the music of his or her choosing. So, whether you’re interested in kitchen sink recordings, local independent news programming, or Latin American culture, WRCT has a program for you.

If you want to chat us up and learn more about what we do, we’ll be out on the Cut playing music during the beginning of the school year. Stop by and introduce yourself. We’d love to meet you and take you in as part of the radio family. If radio is the essence that makes your little heart go pitter pat, you’re definitely going to want to become a station member. To learn about the membership process, e-mail training@wrct.org.

Here’s hoping to see you soon!

If you’d like to learn more about WRCT, you can visit us online at www.wrct.org.

**Juan Fernandez | Staffwriter**
As you enter Carnegie Mellon, most of you will be ready to embrace college life and the freedom that comes along with it. Now you will be able to stay out until 4 a.m. on a school night, be excused from the routine of waking up early, and be exempt from doing your old chores — except your laundry. Perhaps one of the most thrilling freedoms of all is that you now have the decision-making power to eat anything you want. But with all of the choices Carnegie Mellon provides, this freedom might become a bit overwhelming. We’ve provided you with a head start to where the best food is available on campus.

**The Exchange (formerly known as Ginger’s)**
Located on the ground floor of Posner Hall, home of the Tepper School of Business, this place is an absolute delight. It not only provides the best sandwiches on campus, but it also allows you to create your own. Other than sandwiches, you can also choose from the daily meal — pastas, hot soups, and the like — and grab a brownie or a cookie at the counter. Jimmy Murphy, a sophomore math major, is a die-hard fan of The Exchange. He said, “The food does not carry any of the negative connotations that usually come with campus food.” And it’s not only the food that keeps him coming back to this place. Murphy added, “The people working there are happy and enthusiastic, making the whole place a great environment to eat in. Additionally, because of their location, the food is named after business concepts or places.” Murphy suggests trying the “Free Market” and the “Wall Street” sandwiches.

Hannah Kumar, a sophomore psychology and social and decision sciences double major, also rates The Exchange one of the best places to eat on campus. Although she considers the seating space inadequate for the crowd this place attracts, Kumar gave a helpful tip: “If you want to try something new but don’t know what to order, ask for ‘something good’ and the guys there will whip up something random that’s usually delicious.” She’s also experimented and has come up with a recipe for the perfect sandwich: “chicken salad, roasted red peppers, cucumbers, pickles, and spicy mustard.” Trisha Ambe, a materials science and engineering and biomedical engineering double major, considers the food to be fresh and tasty — plus, as a true Tartan would say, “It’s not far from the library!”

**Tazza D’Oro**
Located in the Gates Center, Tazza D’Oro at the R-Bar Café provides the freshest and healthiest eating options on campus. With a great variety of paninis, pastries, and desserts to choose from, Tazza D’Oro is not for those looking for a greasy meal, but it is delicious and satisfying. Each panini comes with a side of mixed greens on the plate, and you could finish off that meal with a “to-die-for apple tart,” as Michelle Berman, a junior economics and statistics double major, described it. “D’Oro caters to both vegetarians and meat lovers. It is definitely the best place to eat on campus as the interior of Gates is very modern and minimalist, providing a quiet and relaxing environment,” Kumar said.

Laura Schraff, a junior computer science major, loves Tazza D’Oro; she said, “It’s not only because Gates is my home building — the food is delicious and healthier than probably anywhere else on campus. Also, the people there are so energetic and super nice. They’ve got great paninis for lunch and some of the best baked goods on campus. It’s also a great environment to casually hang out and study with friends.” Michelle Lin, a sophomore social and decision sciences and economics major, couldn’t agree more: “I swear you can’t go wrong with anything you order there. Whether you’re craving something savory or sweet, it will be there and it will be delicious.”

**La Prima Espresso**
It’s not exactly a conventional breakfast or lunch location, but La Prima, located on the fifth floor of Wean Hall, remains a great place to get food for those on the go. Available in-house are fresh baked goods like croissants, cinnamon rolls, desserts, breads, and bagels with cream cheese, and some quick meals like focaccia sandwiches. From a vegetarian’s perspective, two highly recommended options are the almond croissants and the tomato and mozzarella half-sandwiches with pesto. Lin recommends grabbing a cup of coffee from La Prima in between classes. And if plain coffee is not your deal, you need not worry. The menu also includes juice, iced tea, lattes, and even double mocha cappuccinos.

**Evgefstos!**
Meat lovers beware, but vegans and vegetarians are welcome to falafel, wraps, flatbread pizzas, and salads. The best side option: whole-wheat pita bread with artichoke and spinach dip. Sounds healthy? It’s delicious as well.
Choose your ideal on-campus coffee source based on price, convenience, and taste

Upon entering Carnegie Mellon University, students tend to become hopelessly reliant on (i.e. addicted to) caffeine. Whether it is from an all-night study session or a party, a strong cup of coffee will be everyone’s best friend the following morning. Especially during your first year, knowing where to get the best coffee at the best price will prove essential.


Each of these facilities offers a range of choices, from espresso to mocha lattes to cappuccinos. A majority of the facilities’ beverages are provided by CulinArt, which uses Starbucks products. Carnegie Mellon Café and Maggie Murph Café, as well as The Exchange and Ginger’s Express, which are owned by Mike Clarkson and Kevin Huber, are the most popular coffee locations. They offer the widest range of Starbucks products, often mirroring the full Starbucks menu.

However, other venues offer variety from those standard Starbucks products. The Underground in Morewood Gardens, Skibo Café in the University Center, and Zebra Lounge in the College of Fine Arts building are all managed by Gullifty’s Restaurant.

Tazza D’Oro at the R-Bar Café in the Gates Center is managed by the local company Tazza D’Oro. It offers a different specialty brew every day, each with its own flavor and geographic origin. Tazza D’Oro uses ingredients from local and independent farms and vendors for all its beverages and food.

La Prima Espresso is an outside company that operates its own cart near the fifth-floor entrance of Wean Hall. The venue offers students a “coffee of the month” at its cart. “I’m going to say La Prima and Seattle’s Best [from the University Center] are my favorites,” said Shilpa Balaji, a junior computer science major. “Seattle’s Best, just because I used to drink it at home all the time. Tazza D’Oro] is probably the strongest, so that could be the best option depending on what you’re looking for, but it’s sometimes a little too thick for my taste.” In comparison, Balaji said, “the Guatemalan blend at Skibo is generally extremely watered down, which makes me not generally opt for it.”

“I generally go to either La Prima or Tazza D’Oro. On taste alone, I slightly prefer Tazza D’Oro, but they’re both good,” said Lucas Ray, a junior computer science major.

Unfortunately, a majority of these facilities are closed throughout the weekend, a time when students may need caffeine the most. Only a few are open every day of the week: Maggie Murph Café, Skibo Café, Carnegie Mellon Café, the Underground, and Entropy+. This severely cuts down on the options available to students.

Students should also be economical in where they go for coffee on campus; they should look for the locations that offer the most coffee for the lowest cost. La Prima Espresso, for example, only has 16 oz. as its largest size, and any coffee in that size costs about $4. Comparatively, Maggie Murph Café offers 20 oz. for a similar price. Wait time can also factor into a student’s preferred coffee location. More popular places on campus can take up to 15 minutes just to order a plain coffee. This can bite into students’ time between classes and affect their busy schedules.

To find your perfect and convenient coffee location, figure out your schedule and specific tastes. These will be the most important factors when differentiating among Carnegie Mellon’s many venues.

Emily Dobler | News Editor
Exploring Pittsburgh: a beginner’s guide

Discover everything that Pittsburgh’s many, diverse neighborhoods have to offer

[By Raina Bradford-Jennings]

Traveling to Carnegie Mellon usually consists of crossing a bridge or two before entering in the heart of downtown Pittsburgh. A host of tiny towns and villages make up the greater Pittsburgh area, many of which are branded with the name “Carnegie.” The exact area that students consider “Pittsburgh” usually encompasses the Montebello neighborhood, which is nestled between the busy downtown area and the quiet and large suburban city, where it’s easy to get lost in the shuffle. A few days at Carnegie Mellon is all it takes to pedal those preconceived notions into the real world.

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Quirky traditions abound across campus

Community traditions, unique events, and distinct heritage all help to define Carnegie Mellon University. Beyond its reputation as a world-class research institution, Carnegie Mellon University harbors a unique heritage and set of quirky traditions. Yet, between mingling and competing with your future classmates, where can you even begin to discover what makes a true Tartan’s heart beat? From driving a buggy flying down Schenley Drive to shivering in the snow painting a fence, there is no lack of creativity to spark your interest.

Carnival: The ultimate distraction from finals

At Carnegie Mellon, April means that the highly anticipated Spring Carnival will soon take over the university. Carnival is not just a weekend event, but a tradition, encompassing yearlong preparation and dedication from students and organizations on campus. The festivities center on Midway (the parking lot behind the Morewood dormitories), and the week beforehand consists of booth-building. Student organizations, sororities, and fraternities showcase their creative talent through booths, which revolve around a yearly theme and will live only for the duration of Carnival. Prizes are awarded to the best booths in both Greek and independent organizations. The past year’s theme was “When I Was Your Age,” and booths included Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity’s first-place “Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles,” Kappa Alpha Theta sorority’s first-place “The KAT in the Hat,” and Delta Gamma sorority’s second-place “POOH BEAR.”

The next highlight of Carnival, Sweepstakes (more often called “Buggy”) are the exhilarating races of student-constructed and driven buggies through an over-4,000-foot-long course. Although the races only last two days, the work lasts the entire school year, including hours of practicing the race course. Roles within a buggy team include a driver (usually five feet tall or less) who steers from within, pushers to roll the buggy along the course, mechanics to fix and maintain the buggy, and other members for supporting the vehicle’s progress in the course. Of booths and buggies, Jen Buse, a senior Head Orientation Counselor, noted, “It’s such a unique tradition: What other school would devote months to building a structure that will stand for only three days, or be so serious about pushing a small buggy with a person inside down a hill ... and cancel two days of classes for it?”

Last but not least is the School of Computer Science mobot races. This competition includes student-built autonomous mobile robots, called “mobots,” navigating a course that runs 400 feet along a white track outside of Wean Hall. (Yes, that little white track has a useful and fun purpose besides confusing you on the walk to classes.) Each race lasts approximately four minutes, and no human intervention with the robot is permitted. The winning mobot takes away a grand prize of $1,000, while the races also serve to raise awareness and support for the Robotics Club.

The Fence: Embrace the Fence, paint the Fence, guard the Fence

The campus would not be the same without the iconic Fence, the original rendezvous point between the all-female Margaret Morrison Carnegie College and the Carnegie Institute of Technology, formerly all-male. Today, it serves as a message board and gathering place for the Carnegie Mellon campus. The mission is to capture the Fence, paint it only during the hours of midnight to sunrise, and protect it during the day from other would-be Fence painters, no matter the weather. Many an organization advertisement, charity message, or personal statement has appeared on our cherished Fence.

Calling all Scots: Bring out ye’ bagpipes!

Andrew Carnegie immigrated from Scotland to the United States with his family in 1848, and Carnegie Mellon continues in his rich Scottish heritage with our own blend of bagpipes, kilts, and Scotty, our Scottish terrier mascot. The Kiltie Band, featuring marching band music, performs in kilts, while Carnegie Mellon’s Pipe and Drums plays the bagpipes with traditional Scottish regalia, with Andrew Carlisle as its director. If a band is not enough to sate your curiosity, Carnegie Mellon is one of the few colleges in the country to offer a major in bagpiping. Also, Skibo Café, beyond offering an array of food, frozen yogurt, and coffee, pays homage to Carnegie’s Skibo Castle in Scotland.

Green Room: To sign or not to sign

Behind the beautiful Kresge Theater in the CFA building lies the Green Room, a testament to past and present graduating drama students. Before leaving Carnegie Mellon, drama students sign their names on the walls and ceilings. Past signees have included Holly Hunter and Zachary Quinto (Spock of Star Trek).

As you enjoy Orientation and face your first semester, be sure to remain open-minded to all of the traditions Carnegie Mellon has to offer. “Make a bucket list of Carnegie Mellon traditions and just get out there — even if you’re the only one of your friends going,” Helen Wang, associate director of Student Life for first-years, said. “The CMU experience is full of learning both in and out of the classroom. Find ways to leave this place better than you found it — whatever you want to put off until tomorrow, see if it can be done today — this is the CMU spirit.”

Jennifer Tharp | Staffwriter
**High School Was A Lie** by Doghouse Diaries

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1. **Why do you give us so much busy work?**
   
2. **I'm trying to prepare you for college.**
   
3. **Make no mistake, college will be much harder than high school.**
   
4. **Meanwhile in college...**
   
5. **Sorry I'm late.**
   
6. **Most of you probably don't have your textbooks yet so we'll end class early today.**
   
7. **You'll have unscheduled quizzes and exams.**
   
8. **I've provided the dates of all the quizzes and exams on your syllabus.**
   
9. **You wouldn't last a day in college.**
   
10. **I cancelled class on Friday before spring break. I've noticed students won't show up anyway.**

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The comic is a commentary on college expectations versus reality. It highlights the increased workload and strictness compared to high school, along with the unpredictability and lack of attendance due to breaks.
...and so we see that through molecular forces the sodium atom and the chlorine atom are joined together in a complete and harmonious bond. Now, although at first we might believe it to be a permanent union, along comes this other chlorine atom who threatens the relationship, and suddenly the sodium feels the first chlorine isn't good enough for it anymore, and just like that it decides to leave and to demand full custody of the electrons and the summer house...

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GRADING RUBRIC

PROBLEM 1 (TOTAL POINTS: 10)

GOT CORRECT ANSWER: 10 PTS

USED CORRECT FORMULA, BUT MADE MATH ERROR: 8 PTS

SORT OF KNEW WHAT TO DO, BUT USED WRONG FORMULA: 6 PTS.

OBVIOUSLY HAD NO CLUE BUT GAVE IT THE OLD COLLEGE TRY: 2 PTS

LEFT IT BLANK: 0 PTS

COMPLETE NONSENSE: -10 PTS

FORGOT TO PUT THEIR NAME ON THE TEST: -100 PTS

SPELLING/GRAMMAR ERROR: NOT ON MY WATCH.

DO YOU EVEN CARE?

ARE YOU EVEN IN THE CLASS??

AND YOU'RE IN COLLEGE??

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Kakuro Puzzle: Hard Difficulty

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Kakuro courtesy of www.knobelfieber.com

Fill all empty squares using numbers 1 to 9 so the sum of each row span equals the clue on its left and the sum of each column span equals the clue on its top. No number may be used in the same row or column span more than once.
Horoscopes

aries
march 21–april 19
Say it with me: House Wars is just a game. House Wars is just a game. House Wars is just a game.

taurus
april 20–may 20
Donner House will have a huge impact on your life. It will either be the center of your social life or a serious thorn in your side.

gemini
may 21–june 21
You are on the cusp of a great and successful future, so don't mess it up. Oh, and no pressure.

cancer
june 22–july 22
Beware of overly pleasant upperclassmen. Though they may be nice, your DineX and extra meal blocks are much nicer.

leo
july 23–aug. 22
Learn the standard Carnegie Mellon acronyms quickly. The faster you learn them, the faster you'll stop irritating the people you ask for help around campus.

virgo
aug. 23–sept. 22
There will come a day when the people around you will not be wearing the same T-shirt. When that day arrives, the real college experience starts.

libra
sept. 23–oct. 22
The Carnegie Mellon bubble is strong, but you must fight it. There is a world outside of Squirrel Hill and the Waterfront. Explore and be happy.

scorpio
oct. 23–nov. 21
Pick your Buggy team wisely and pick for yourself. This choice will have a bigger effect on your time here at Carnegie Mellon than you could ever imagine.

sagittarius
nov. 22–dec. 21
Sleep is your best friend — always remember that, especially in three months’ time when your relationship with sleep will become almost nonexistent.

capricorn
dec. 22–jan. 19
I know that you were trying to hold out and wait, hoping that the letter got lost in transit, but by now I think you should start to come to terms with the fact that you didn’t get accepted to Hogwarts.

aquarius
jan. 20–feb. 18
It's great that you’re having fun, but you should try to call your parents sometime before Thanksgiving break — and not just to ask for money.

pisces
feb. 19–march 20
Remember: You’re a nobody until you have a club or a class that consumes your life so much that no one ever sees you around.

Nicole Hamilton | Comics Editor

ACROSS
1. Type of rock, briefly
5. Fast-food option
9. Veronica of “Hill Street Blues”
14. Actress Anderson
15. Beige
16. Designer Simpson
17. Consumer
18. Deck quartet
19. Brag
20. Japanese massage technique
22. Combination of three
24. Intensely ardent
27. Electrician on a movie set
28. Anew
29. Plants
31. Not any
32. Clamp
33. Covered on the inside
36. Part of Q.E.D.
37. “___ Brockovich”
38. Long March leader
39. Counterpart
42. As a female, you could be queen or worker
43. Joan of art
45. Tax
46. More pleasant
48. Blue-green algae
50. Break away
51. Baseball stat
52. Words of denial
54. Resembling a cat
55. Calculus calculation
56. Boris Godunov, for one
57. 3:00
58. Puzzling
59. Implement
60. As to
61. Give up
64. Call on

DOWN
1. In addition to
2. ___ Hashanah
3. Dedicated to the ___ Love
4. Long-necked ruminant
5. One making fun
6. Come about
7. College sr.’s test
8. Expel
9. Dexterous
10. Person with new parents
11. Repast
12. Additional
13. Riga resident
21. Connect with
23. Floating platforms
25. Capital of Armenia
27. Type of ray
28. Anew
29. Plants
30. Weaken
35. Shoelace tip
36. Level
37. “___ Brockovich”
38. Long March leader
39. Counterpart
40. Desolate
41. Adversary
42. As a female, you could be queen or worker
43. Joan of art
44. Tapering, four-sided pillar
45. Tool to break solid water
46. More pleasant
47. Tool to break solid water
48. Blue-green algae
49. Comes up
50. Leave high and dry
51. Body of salt water
52. Words of denial
53. Cry out
54. Calculus calculation
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56. Boris Godunov, for one
57. 3:00
59. Implement
60. As to
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Clockwise from bottom-left: Barack Obama speaks at an event during the 2008 campaign. A member of the women’s water polo team in the University Center pool. Henry Hillman and Bill Gates cut the ribbon for the Gates Hillman Complex. A pusher runs after a buggy during Carnival. The Scottie dog mascots pose on Midway during Carnival. Students celebrate Holi at an annual event. Photographs by Patrick Gage Kelley, J.W. Ramp, Michael Kahn, Celia Ludwinski, Jonathan Carreon, and Travis Wolfe.
The Tumbler made an appearance on Forbes Avenue as *The Dark Knight Rises* filmed at the Mellon Institute and the Software Engineering Institute during the last weekend in July. The Mellon Institute, which will serve as Gotham’s city hall, was host to a large fight scene on the front steps. There were also multiple scenes filmed inside Mellon. *The Dark Knight Rises*, which also shot scenes downtown, will be released in theaters July 20, 2012.