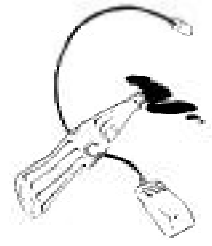


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Note from the Editor :

Hi everybody and welcome back to this wonderful terrible place we call CMU. I hope everyone had a pretty decent summer. I know a lot of you probably worked your butts off for not much pay, but now that you're back, you can work your butts off for no pay whatsoever.

Since this is only my second stint as editor, I'm not quite sure what goes here. I think I'm going to welcome any new members, usually freshmen, and then beg for submissions. That last part will probably happen quite regularly in this column.

To any freshmen who are still interested after checking out our first scary and probably incredibly poorly organized meeting, welcome. If you came to CMU because MIT rejected you, KGB is probably for you. If you find the idea of huge game of Capture the Flag *with Stuff* throughout Doherty and Wean intriguing, KGB is probably for you. If you like having fun, being silly, and scaring the administration, KGB is definitely for you. So bring lots of pennies and a good aim, and welcome to KGB.

To everybody else : I'm trying really hard to get this newsletter off the ground. I'm not going to be able to do it alone. Out goes my usual call for submissions. I have an open editorial policy, and I'd really like to see this become a sort of soapbox for the membership of KGB. I'm looking for articles, fiction, puzzles, articles from other sources, anything that you want. All you have to do is get it to me, either in person, or to grosman@andrew.cmu.edu.

I'm also looking for a little editorial help. This is gonna be a big job for me to get *Pravda?* out each month. I'm looking for one or two people who want to help me out. See me if you are interested (and/or interesting). Until next issue, I hope.

MEETINGS :
MONDAYS @ 4:30
Doherty 1212

A Message to be Buried at the Back of the Newsletter

by FZ!

Welcome to KGB, everyone! And, if you're returning, then welcome back! Most of this message is directed towards new members, mainly because returning members have already recieved it from their secret leaders. Actually, the important thing about this message is that it is entirely being made up as I write it, with absolutely no forethought involved.

That's what makes it so important.

Really, this will probably end up being a view into the workings of someone who has spent a year in KGB. Do not be afraid; the writing cannot hurt you. Do not be bored, either; the writing may dance for you. At least, it may seem to, after several hours of studying and many more hours trying to work up an appetite for campus food.

"What is KGB?", you may well ask. "We can't tell you", we may very well respond. That's not meant in an impolite way. It's just that KGB isn't particularly any single thing. Some people have tried to explain it, but it invariably ends up with them saying something about "strange things" and "fun people". On rare occasions, it has ended up with spontaneous combustion, either on the part of the explainer or the listener..

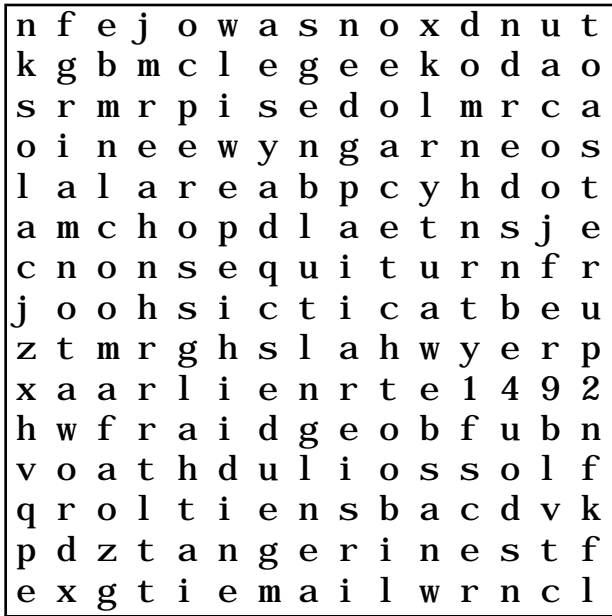
KGB can be described as many things. Some can see it as a bunch of crazies who get together on Mondays and make a lot of noise in Breed Hall or wherever they are. Some see it as a few people doing interesting get-togethers on occasions and discussing, playing, or generally experiencing whatever reality they prefer. And still others swear without any conclusive proof at all that KGB is a diabolical front for the shadowy figures that may be seen sneaking about doing things that are only vaguely perceived by the rest of the world (or at least, campus).

Any of these thoughts (and many more) are correct. Except for that last one.

And as for the meaning of the name "KGB"?

Well, that will be found out eventually...

The Great KGB Wordfind



WORDS

tangerines
kgb
nonsequitur
Breed
floss
spandex
comrade
red
1492
geek
email
toaster
booth
penny
pi
and so on...

KGB's Believe it or pay \$10 :

Four dead in condom riots

KINGSTON, Jamaica (Reuter) - Four prison inmates have died in rioting sparked by a Jamaican government official's proposal to distribute condoms to prison inmates and guards, a newspaper reported Friday.

German evangelists won't leave British beach

LONDON (Reuter) - Long reviled by British vacationers for grabbing the best places in the Mediterranean sun, the Germans have now taken the war to the enemy by refusing to budge from a beach in England.

A group of German evangelists called the Society for Understanding is sitting tight on Loe Bar beach in Cornwall, southwestern England, according to news reports Friday.

The group, up to 80 strong, has ignored attempts by police and Loe Bar's owners, the National Trust heritage charity, to have them evicted.

The group will only communicate with the authorities by quoting from the Bible in German, according to the Daily Telegraph, although one of them told BBC television, in English, that the beach was "a nice place."

Owner demands \$905 for burial of pet rabbit

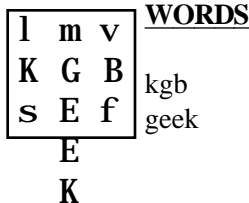
LOS ANGELES (Reuter) - How much does it cost to bury a pet rabbit?

A neighbor whose dog killed the bunny was willing to pay \$450, but the rabbit's owner is demanding \$905 for the lavish sendoff.

Pepi Novick of suburban Chatsworth told the Los Angeles Daily News she wants the rabbit, named Tucson, buried in a celebrity pet cemetery alongside such noted companions as Hopalong Cassidy's horse Topper, Humphrey Bogart's dog Droopy and Charlie Chaplin's cat Boots.

The Not-so-great KGB Wordfind

For those who find the above *too challenging*



WORDS

kgb
geek

UPCOMING EVENTS

Note: These events are tentative. Please read [assoc.kgb](#) for last minute changes.

Friday, 8/29: Silent Football. Becca Stallings has offered to run Silent Football. Probably with snacks, probably starting around 6 or 7 pm. Historical precedent is for this to be in Porter Hall A19 or thereabouts.

Sunday, 8/31: Carnegie Science Center trip to see robotics exhibit. Probably starting around noon-1:00 and lasting the afternoon.

Monday, 9/1: Labor Day : We will have a meeting.

Thursday, 9/4: Activities Fair

Friday, 9/5: Underground Tour . Probably starts at 8 pm in the Airport Lounge.

Saturday, 9/6: Get Board/ Get Carded .

Monday, 9/8 - Friday, 9/12: T-Shirt Sale . May be in front of UC or Doherty.

Saturday, 9/13: Get Board/Get Carded (again). I'm not sure whether we wanted to do both of these or just one, so I'm mentioning them both.

Saturday, 9/20 or 9/27: Picnic, probably in Schenley.

Sunday, October 13. Mid-Semester Break : Mid-Semester

Potluck. Probably with bowling and/or a cheesy Sunday-night CMU movie afterward.

Saturday, October 25 (weekend before Halloween): Capture the Flag, with Stuff !

Garfield, Frank, Cal, Jinx, Suzette, Nermal, Reudie, G, P, M, D, L, Y, Z

Nonsequitur theater:

