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A 50th Anniversary Retrospective

From the Desk of the Editor

This year marks Carnegie Mellon's golden anniversary, and on campus indications of this fact surround one from all directions: roundy facts and figures littering the sidewalk; banners of the same few people on the columns of the UC; a thick booklet I found on top of the trash can at Sorrell's. You can tell it's important because it's printed on expensive paper. Mmm. Smells commemorative.

And yet, although surrounded by reminders and festivities, I remain haunted by one fact, a single, resonant truth I cannot shake from my consciousness.

Farnam Jahanian gets his hair cut at Great Clips. I know, because I saw him.

Picture this. It's a chilly Saturday in early October. You have just been to Target — specifically, the Target in Shadyside, and you are walking back to the bus stop; you are approaching the Great Clips.

It happens suddenly. A car pulls up to the curb. A door opens, a formally dressed man steps out. He is not difficult to identify. The half-bald pate is unmistakably Farnam Jahanian. With a few long strides, he is inside the Great Clips. The door closes behind him; the car pulls away. And as you walk away from the Great Clips, the only evidence the event ever occurred is the lingering scent of mystery.

Why does the man need a haircut, dammit? He is bald. One imagines he could save time and money by doing the deed himself, perhaps with some limited assistance, at home. And why is the Shadyside Great Clips by the Target the salon of choice for the Interim President? And who was driving the car that dropped him off? (*contd. p2*)

Report on the KGB Hazing Committee

The Ad Hoc KGB Ethics Committee

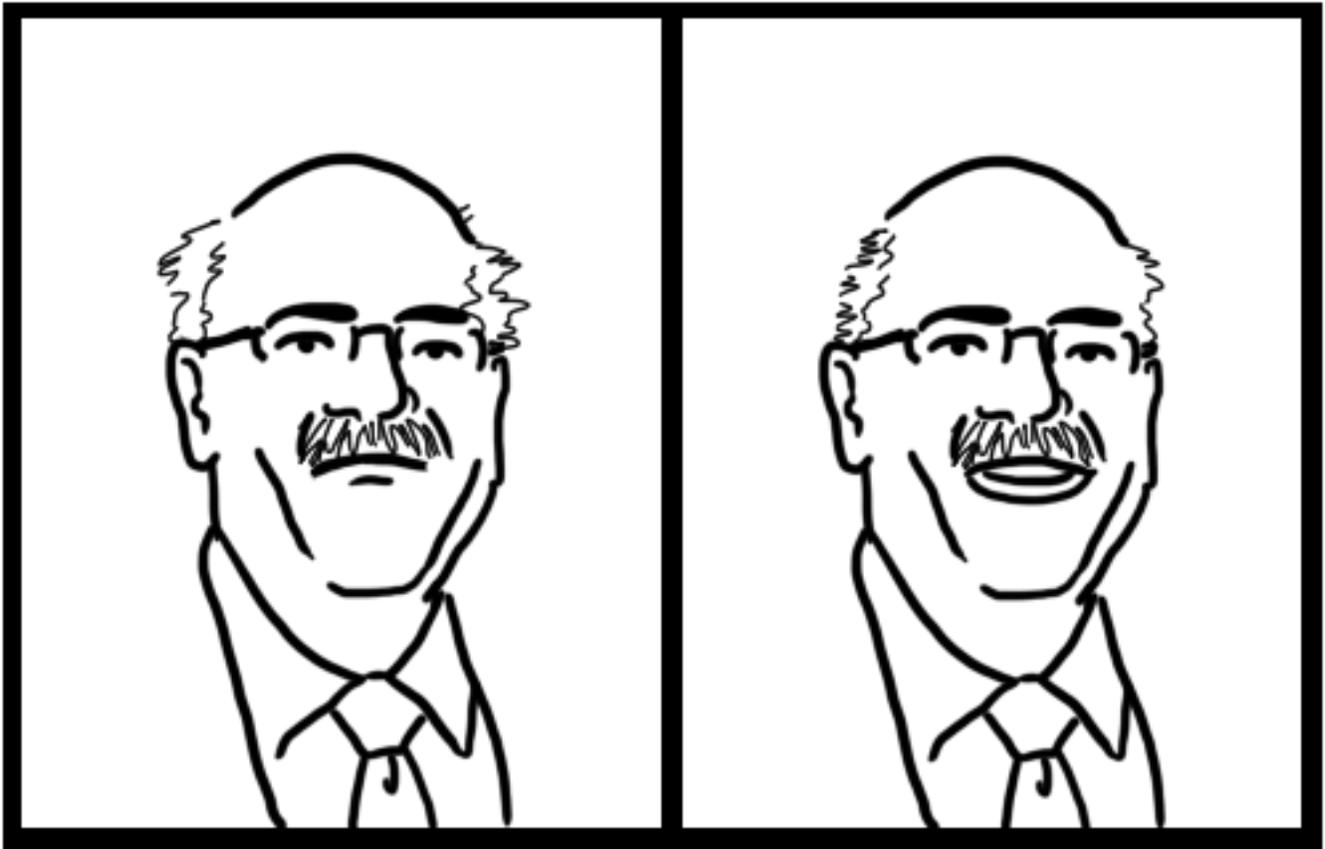
Hazing. A phenomenon which, though widely discouraged by universities, still occurs in some organizations. But, god forbid, does hazing occur within the KGB?

A special session of the Ethics Committee was convened to discuss the possibility of hazing within the organization. The meeting was prompted by comments made by one Henry Hausmann, a known Maine resident, at a meeting earlier in the month. Imploring the general body not to arrive at his house at an ungodly hour, he warned that if anyone should arrive at 9A.M., they would be "greeted by the KGB Hazing Committee."

The Ethics Committee immediately voted to undertake investigative measures, which began speedily. Interviews were conducted. Inquiries were made. The following are the findings of this report:

- It is unclear that the KGB Hazing Committee has ever, in fact, been formed, had any members, held any proceedings, or made any reports. While this does seem to exonerate the Committee from any accusations of wrongdoing or even existence, the ethics of the Committee are still in question.
- Interviews with several members-in-the-know revealed that the hazing, if it were to have occurred, would have been voluntary, with the subjects having been fully informed of what they were getting into before the fact.
- The Ethics Committee noted and appreciated the advance warning of the non-hazing hazing, which it believes to be considerate.

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and a quick trim.

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Dear readers, on the 50th anniversary of the university, I cannot leave you with definitive answers. But perhaps the questions themselves are more valuable. Perhaps it is the act of searching which leads us to closure. And I ask you this: What is CMU's 50th really about? Is it about history, progress, "founders"? Or is it about one day? One man? One haircut?

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- Several freshmen, when asked if they had experienced any hazing at the hands of the Hazing Committee, said: "no."

This firsthand testimony, combined with the above analysis, brings us to the conclusion of our report: the KGB Hazing committee creates no ethical issues for the organization.

In the next issue: is the KGB too lax on war crimes?

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5:45 PM Wednesdays UC 329 - exec meetings

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