[6 points] When two or more threads are blocked on a call to **mutex::lock**, any one of them might be selected to acquire the lock once the **mutex** becomes available. Restated, the **mutex** isn't obligated to maintain any sort of FIFO queue to ensure the thread waiting longer than any other is chosen first.

A **strong** mutex, or a **smutex**, ensures that blocked threads are woken up in the same order they are blocked. There are many **smutex** implementations, and one that relies on a queue of **condition\_variable\_any**s is presented below (interface on the left, implementation on the right).

```
// smutex.h
                                             // smutex.cc
                                             void smutex::lock() {
class smutex {
  public:
                                               condition variable any cv;
   void lock();
                                               unique lock<mutex> ul(m);
   void unlock();
                                               queue.push back(&cv);
                                               while (queue.front() != &cv) {
  private:
                                                 cv.wait(m);
    mutex m;
                                               }
    list<condition variable any *> queue;
                                               queue.pop front();
};
                                             }
                                             void smutex::unlock() {
                                               unique lock<mutex> ul(m);
                                               if (!queue.empty()) {
Study the implementation of the smutex
                                                 queue.front()->notify all();
methods and answer the following questions:
                                               }
                                             }
```

[2 points] Does the implementation guarantee that a thread calling
 smutex::lock before any others gets the lock on the smutex first? Why or why not?

• [2 points] In **unlock** when the code calls **queue.front()->notify\_all()**, could we instead notify just one waiting thread at that point instead of all of them without impacting functionality? Very briefly justify your answer.

• [2 points] Can the **queue.pop\_front()** line in **smutex::lock()** be moved so that it's the last line in **smutex::unlock()** instead? Why or why not?