Dear Reader,

What does it mean to you to say that you are from Atlanta? Do people ask if you drink Coke-a-cola? Do you mention the Baluga whales at the aquarium, or recall the year the Braves won the World Series?

Many of you aren’t from Atlanta, but you are at Georgia Tech for a reason. What does being a student at this institute mean to you? When people ask about Tech, do you boast our ranked engineering programs? Do you recall a trip to watch the Yellow Jackets play in the ACC championship? Or do you talk about that friend you met at FASET?

When someone asks about life in Atlanta, you may mention the 10th Street potholes or that time you got lost downtown and almost wet yourself. It’s easy to complain about Physics professors incapable of compassion or curse at the construction sites as you walk a mile-long loop just to get to your library study session. If these are the only things you can talk about when someone asks you about life in Atlanta or life at Tech, then you need to check out this Spring issue of NAR.

The rest of the staff and I want to encourage you to take a better look at your surroundings. Atlanta offers some amazing opportunities to meet a diverse group of people, see an amazing array of sites, and experience just about any sport that is professional. I think I even saw a Quidditch match in the quad the other day...

Futurama may say Atlanta only has the World of Coke, Turner Field, and an airport, but I’m here to tell you there is so much more. I could go on and talk about the concerts I’ve seen at Chastain or the beautiful afternoons spent at Piedmont Park, but I think you need to experience these things yourself. Walk over to the Student Center’s ticket office to buy a MARTA pass (they are only $30/month) and then go explore! We live in an amazing metropolis. Go be a part of it.

Best regards,

Stephanie A. Lyons
NAR Editor-in-Chief
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Jake is one of the millions of 20-somethings who suffer from a condition known as “the quarter-life crisis.” The origin of the crisis varies vastly among the young adult population. Common causes include uncertainty about the future, difficulty establishing intimate relationships, nostalgia, etc. Various theories have been proposed about why our minds are susceptible to this debilitating ailment. After extensive research and rumination, my esteemed colleague David Kim and I have generated a new theory known as the “Expanding Embryo Theory” (EET).

The EET model views our life as being a cocoon or embryo that continues to grow as we age. At birth, we leave our physical embryo and enter the world only to be introduced to a newer and larger one. Our family and caretakers create a protected environment and provide us with essential “nutrients” that allow us to properly grow. The size and scope of this secure atmosphere expands as we grow older and enter different phases of our lives. For example, in elementary and middle school we have increased interactions with others and gain more knowledge and awareness. The largest expansion of the embryo occurs when we enter college. This is when the metaphoric umbilical cord begins to be severed as our dependence on our

Surrounded by family and friends, Jake blew out the candle on the chocolate ice-cream cake. There was a single candle because there wasn’t enough room for 22 regular ones on the relatively small cake. He missed the parties when he was in middle school. They involved tons of friends coming over, lots of videos games, soda and popcorn, and sleepovers where there wasn’t much sleeping but a lot of talk about girls. Things were different now; his circle of friends had shrunk and the age for sleepovers was long gone. As a boy, Jake had imagined himself as a robotic engineer doing a job he’d love. That dream crashed abruptly like a stampede of ostriches crashing into a brick wall. He failed Calculus II twice and had decided engineering just wasn’t for him. Since then, Jake changed majors like a Hollywood actor changes wives. He was in his fifth major and still unsatisfied and unsure he was doing the right thing.
College is the magical time when we have the freedom to fulfill our desires, explore possible career paths, and partake in a plethora of experiments. The collegiate embryo is still a protected environment because we are under the guidance of friends, parents, and counselors. As the end of college approaches, the cocoon breaks down and the light of reality begins to penetrate through. This is when the quarter-life crisis occurs; we look out into the harsh real world and realize we will be leaving the safety and comfort of our protected environment. Mom and dad will not be there to pay for bills; we’ll have to cook our own food instead of eating delicious meals at Britain or Woodruff Dining Hall. The quarter-life crisis can be a sudden realization or a gradual apprehension. The transitional period from college to the real world can be a difficult time, but if a proper approach is taken, catastrophic consequences can be averted.

Erik Erickson is a well-known psychologist who has proposed the stages theory of development. According to his theory, the young adult phase involves developing intimate relations with others. We try to find satisfying relationships where we can nurture and be nurtured. Relationships are important when reality is imminent because significant others provide support and stability. At Tech, due to the unequal distribution of males and females, many exclaim that intimate relationships are not possible. This is a really lame excuse to evade the real problem which is that they have no clear goals, aspirations, or direction in life. Lucid goals and focus are more important than intimate relationships in order to follow a clear path when you enter the real world, rather than be swallowed up by the tide of confusion and uncertainty that can often accompany reality.

The key to obtaining a proper direction in life is realizing the difference between wants and needs. From birth, we are selfish creatures and continue to pursue our self-interests relentlessly as we grow. College allows for a great deal of selfishness and room to explore our own desires. Our vision is often short-sighted as we think about parties we want to go to, people we want to talk to, and the future seems like a distant reality. The enlightened individual has learned to suppress his wants because he realizes that in the future there will be others who will depend on him. In order to properly meet those obligations, one must do what NEEDS to be done, even if that means sacrificing what one WANTS to do. Engaging in one path with the knowledge that others are at stake provides focus and drive, and as we all know, focus and drive are necessary for success.

Many of you may find yourself in this quarter-life crisis and think there is no easy solution. The cocoon of college is breaking down and torrential storms of the metaphorical sea that is the real world seem bound to crush you. Fortunately, there is a simple solution to this issue. Stop being selfish and grow up.
I have a confession. I can’t seem to leave Georgia Tech...

I know what you’re thinking: “I can’t wait to get out of Tech! How could anyone have issues leaving?” I’m not sure when or how it happened, but somewhere along the way I got used to this place, rather, this lifestyle. I became accustomed to staying in labs until 6:00 am, going without sleep, and seeing the same two girls everywhere I go. I got used to the triple option, the Volleybees, and the Ramblin’ Wreck.

I can anticipate your next criticism. “This guy probably isn’t even that old! A lot of people take forever to finish, so he’s not that special! He’s just some guy.” I guess what is unique my time at Tech isn’t the number of years, but the number of times I’ve come back and the circumstances behind these returns.

I am currently in the seventh year of my Georgia Tech education. I started classes here on August 16th, 2004, the same day as Calvin Johnson. The CRC parking deck was brand new; Tech Square had just been completed; Yellow Jacket park still existed where the Clough Building is currently being constructed; The Klaus Building was just beginning its construction; The GT basketball team was coming off an appearance in the national title game. My first football game was on September 3rd, 2004 against Samford University. We won 28-7.

After five years I finished a degree in Computer Engineering in May 2009, having gone-through the co-op program at GTRI. At this point, most right-minded people would have called it quits, gotten a full-time job, and started their real lives. Not me. I signed up for graduate school at Tech and stayed on at GTRI as a graduate assistant. Twelve months later, I walked across the stage again with a Masters degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering. Surely, this was the time to get out. Employers were hiring again and it wasn’t a bad time to test the market. Once again, however, I chose to stay among the company of Heisman, Dodd, and Ross. I accepted a full-time job offer with GTRI immediately afterward, and started taking classes as an Evening MBA student this January.

In the past seven years, I’ve done just about everything there is to do at Georgia Tech. I’ve failed tests with 30s and aced them with 100s. I’ve been curved up to an A and rounded down to a C. I’ve stayed up all night and slept all day. This place has taken me to the top of the mountain and the bottom of the valley. To use a cliché, this place really has been a roller coaster ride.

So, as a self-proclaimed “Georgia Tech Veteran,” I’ve decided to give you a little rundown on what you need to know about this place. A lot of things have changed, others haven’t. Finally, I’ll impart some axioms on how to get through this place...
Advice from a Tech Veteran:

- Don't let this place get you down, no matter how bad things get. It's just a test to see if you'll survive. If you fail a test, do better next time. If you fail a class, take it again and study harder. Don't ever give up and don't ever let this place get the best of you.
- There are resources around here to help you. USE THEM. No one gets through this place completely alone. Trust me.
- Stop to take a look around every once in awhile. Unlike me, most people are out of here after four or five years. Hang out with your friends on Fridays and go to football games on Saturdays.
- Someone once told me, “Roy, there are three components to a balanced college lifestyle: academics, your social life, and sleep. The catch is that you can only have two of the three.” If you slip on academics, you'll be out of here quickly. If you give up your social life, you'll drive yourself crazy. I say “screw sleep.” You can sleep when you're old. Work hard, have fun, and sleep whenever you can slip off for an hour or two.
- Take the professor with the highest GPA. This is common sense. Don’t sign up for the heartless jerk with a 1.7 average.
- Take your time. Don’t sign up for 18 hours every semester. You’ll get more out of every class.
- Ask that girl (or guy) out. You know the one. Just do it. No excuses. If she/he says no, get over it. You'll be happy you went for it regardless.

11 Things That Haven’t Changed (and never will):
1. This place is hard. Really hard. You will have to make significant sacrifices to “get out.”
2. Despite the increase in enrollment, there still aren't that many girls here.
3. Tech students still complain about how few girls are here.
4. The busses are always late.
5. The dining hall food sounds like it should be appetizing, but isn't very good.
6. The library has been packed from the moment I walked on campus to the moment you read this line. You will rarely find an open computer and probably never will if you go at normal hours.
7. The “Four Horsemen” of Calculus 2 still don't exist. It's a myth, y'all. Everyone's Calc 2 professor sucks because Calc 2 is inherently filled with suckiness.
8. Tech students are still some of the most interesting, incredible people you'll ever meet.
9. The Ramblin' Wreck, the Yellow Jackets, the Shaft, Junior's Grill, Bobby Dodd Stadium, the AMC, the Ratio, TBS, White & Gold, our hatred of everything associated with UGA, the SWARM, and the Goldfellas.
10. Did I mention this place is still hard?
11. Oh yeah, UGA still sucks and always will.

10 Things That Have Changed:
1. The Campanile and Library Fountain don't have water in them anymore.
2. ECE students spend nights in the Klaus labs instead of the old CoC.
3. There are now over 20,000 students at Tech. It was somewhere around 16,000 in 2004.
4. Apparently freshman chemistry labs aren't in the CoC basement anymore.
5. You can't drive down Atlantic Drive.
6. All the busses are really pretty now (see pic left).
7. The burger bowl doesn't look like crap anymore.
8. The Georgia State Village has become North Avenue Apartments.
9. Wingnuts isn't on North Avenue anymore.
10. Atlantic Station exists. You no longer have to drive up I-85 to see a movie.
What in the world is a culc?

An interview with a member of the CULC student advisory board.

Identify yourself, madame! Vett Vandiver, 2nd year STAC major, Spanish minor.

And you’re on the CULC student advisory board, hence the reason, dear readers, we are interviewing her. Despite her awesomeness. So, Vett, why should we be excited about this building?

GT is already an awesome campus—add the CULC and its phenomenal. I’m taking a tour next week and there’s new technology... lots of surprises: heated floors, green roof top where you can see the skyline. Honestly, it’ll give the campus a happier feel. And bring people together, and centralize things for the undergrads.

What are some of the amenities? The interactive classrooms and a bunch of new digital improvements. So many of the dispersed offices are gona be combined into a single building and there will be lots of resources for people who need them in terms of having tutoring in a central location. The starbucks café is a huge draw. And the building is open 24/7.

Er, what exactly are interactive classrooms? They’ve a really cool set up where the emphasis is less on lecture-learning and more group/interactive based. Applying that, you can expect tables rather than desks layout.

What is the mission of the CULC building? Why/how is it specialized for undergraduates? It’s built for freshman classes and undergrad research. Again, it’s a central, academic location for undergrads.

So, Skiles walkway is closed for good? Or is the CULC confined to the construction zone we all saw before winter break? There will be a new walkway, bigger than Skiles was... more functional and completely redesigned. Expect more stairs and more Tech spirit and just a cleaner feel.

What about the big, beautiful trees along the late, dearly grieved Skiles Wkwy? By the way,
what exactly is the function of the wooden planks on the peripheral tree trunks? *Those planked trees are being protected.* Though I don’t quite understand the mechanics. And there will be new green space in front of the CULC, a real park type atmosphere.

Once the CULC building is opened, will the bus/trolley routes change in any way? *Yeah, they are changing things up a bit. There will be a new bus stop and trolley route.*

Who is Clough? *Pronounced Cluff...someone who was very generous to the school or a Dean...*

What are you most pumped about? *The green roof top! I love skylines and I love Atlanta at night. There will be some covering, some glass windows...but a good part will be open, with bars to protect of course.*

What kind of input did you, as a Student Advisory Board member, contribute? Did they hear you? *We made suggestions for naming the new walkway, suggestions for rooms and how different programs should work, how students will feel about reserving rooms, etc...Dr. Hartley, who’s in charge, is really open to student suggestions.*

With all the new labs, what becomes of the older classrooms? *More space for research at a research institute, I suppose.*

How long has this project been on the to-do list? *Why now, considering the highly sensitive economic/financial state of things? They’ve been working on this idea for years, since before I went to school here. It’s part of Dr. Peterson’s plan and it’s something major, something very good to check off the to-do list.*

Will there be some sort of ceremony/grand-opening/initiation type? *Yes. Don’t know the details yet but yes.*

Any shout-outs? *Hi to my parents and my best friend Erica!*

Anything else you want the magazine to know about the CULC? *Be excited. Yes, the construction is frustrating but it will be beyond worth it.*

Thank you, Vett! And Clough! And Dr. Peterson! And the patient, wayfarers of Tech!

Gerald Wayne Clough, President Emeritus of the Georgia Institute of Technology

“G. Wayne” is a legendary name among the upper classmen and recently-graduated alumni from Georgia Tech. Clough was head of this institution when I arrived at the Atlanta campus five years ago. Both his name and picture were echoed to the freshmen as the identity of a revered individual at the university. “One time I saw Clough at...” was a common start to conversations where Tech students wanted to convince incoming freshmen to love their president as much as they did. When still acting as president, Clough was often seen randomly around campus interacting with the student population. I had the honor of shaking his hand by the campanile once when I spotted him myself.

Having been a Georgia Tech alumnus himself, Dr. G. Wayne Clough expressed a love for the opportunities Tech gives its students. Clough served as president from 1994 to 2008. This was a time that saw a billion dollars in campus construction (including the CRC so many students enjoy), rising retention and graduation rates, and a larger student body. His student-friendly leadership went beyond just random handshakes with freshmen. His administration implemented programs that encouraged undergraduate research, international experiences, and making college affordable to low-income families. It is no surprise that the institution would name a center focused on bettering the educational experiences of the undergraduate population after him.

Today, Clough serves as Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. His legacy, however, will live on at Tech with the awarded title President Emeritus, and his namesake facility, the Clough Undergraduate Learning Center.

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It’s day 33 of walking approximately 564 steps to class every morning, but it feels like day 1033 and thousands more steps from where I live at Center Street Apartments to my classroom in Skiles. It’s not helping that I’m staring at a hideous shade of green as I walk past what was once a beautiful fountain featuring the futuristic Tech Tower. Can you hear the chiming music above the construction? Is it even playing?

I’m here to tell you that there is a better way! A positive spin to the construction drone, cold library, waterless bathrooms, and eye sores of orange, green, and machine. This semester you are presented with an opportunity to really explore your campus. I want to challenge you to find a unique way to get from class to class. I’ll suggest a few that NAR has thought of here.

Explore Your Campus

Skiles Walkway Detour too crowded? Try this alternative route! This detour to the detour features a lovely garden view.
Mission: Library Rotunda to Student Center

You just picked up your copy of NAR in the library rotunda and now you suddenly feel hungry. How in the world are you going to get to the Chick-fil-a sandwich awaiting you at the Student Center? You could take the Skiles Walkway detour like every other student and contemplate the humdrum of your life... OR you could explore the new walkway that will take you by the under-construction CULC building! This walkway may look just like a pile of red clay dirt (because it currently is just a pile of red clay dirt) but it could be your afternoon's work out! Just scale a couple fences, climb a dirt mountain, run from the facilities employees who will be chasing you, and - Tada! - You just burned enough calories to not feel guilty about ordering those waffle fries with your sandwich!

Mission: Skiles Classroom to Howey Physics

You just got out of a recitation at the Skiles building and you need to get to your physics lab at Howey. You could take the detours and feel the onsets of claustrophobia as you stare up at the green fenced walls surrounding you... OR you could check up on the trees in the construction site of the CULC building and new walkway. Those trees are pretty ancient, so really everyone should get a chance to appreciate them. Just jump over some fencing, wind your way around some holes and exposed piping, and try not to get caught by the construction crew as you hug on the oldest living creatures at the Tech campus.

NAR does not take responsibility for any student's choice to jump over the scary orange fences to poke around the construction sites. That is actually very dangerous, so don't do it. If you do, then please don't blame NAR, it's lovely editor, or the Student Publications Board for the consequences of your actions.
I've lived in metropolitan Atlanta nearly my entire life. My family moved to Alpharetta when I was two years old and they still live in the same house. However, I can remember very few times that we ventured down to the city. My grandparents took me to a few musicals at the Fox Theater growing up and we’d eat at the Varsity beforehand; that was always a treat. My family did go downtown for the Olympics in the summer of 1996...

As an Atlanta native, it seems strange, but I’ve missed out on a lot of the things Atlanta has to offer. I’ve never even been to the World of Coke! Especially having spent my 4.5 years of college living right downtown, you’d think I’d have a better track record for the Atlanta “must see” sites, not to mention that vast array of local eateries and experiences. I’ve talked to other Atlanta natives who feel the same. Some say it’s that we take the city for granted since we live here. That’s probably part of it, but it’s also true that Atlanta is just expensive! What motivation does a local have to pay big bucks to go see these Atlanta tourist traps that are right in their backyards? They’re not going anywhere any time soon: They’ll be there that one day you wake up and decide to splurge.

Well, ladies and gentlemen, as my college experience is coming to an end, I’ve found myself getting ready to move away to work in another city. It’s now or never with the Atlanta action.

Atlanta has so many things to offer, from music and shopping, to food and nightlife. As of this past year, it now has something else to offer that will make experiencing the city that much more enticing: Online programs such as Scoutmob, Groupon, and LivingSocial that offer discounts for Atlanta attractions and hideaways. Each is a key to unlocking the true Atlanta experience... on a budget.

LivingSocial.com sends out an email each morning with a new coupon for Atlanta. If you like the deal, you purchase it for use before the specified expiration date. LivingSocial features lower prices for so many things, including nightclub admissions, yoga sessions, teeth whitening, Amazon gift cards, photography, bead-making classes, hiking trips, and even spa packages. From my experience, LivingSocial offers many things that are especially attractive for women, such as spa packages, pole dancing classes and cosmetic treatments. But it’s still a great idea even if you’re not of the female gender. Over the holiday season, LivingSocial was offering some edible options to several restaurants and little bakeshops. Mmm... what can thaw you out on a cold day better than a big ol’ cupcake? But before you purchase, make sure you know the location of the offer. Some deals are only available in specific locations, some of which are outside the perimeter.

LivingSocial recently began posting “LivingSocial Escapes”. These are one- or two-night getaways in various locations around the U.S. I may be mistaken but I think I’ve even seen an international location on there.

LivingSocial is not just for Atlanta; it offers deals in many cities around the U.S. A drop-down menu on their home page shows a list of cities from Adelaide to Wilmington-Newark.

Like LivingSocial, Groupon sends out an email every day with a new deal for Atlanta that you can purchase. In addition, the email also lists other deals across the Atlanta area. While LivingSocial seems more about enjoying yourself, Groupon leans towards the get-out-and-DO crowd. It offers tickets to Atlanta sporting events, comedy clubs, belly-dancing classes, fitness boot camp, places to shop, and tons of different places to eat. I’m proud to say I bought my brother’s Christmas present from Groupon. For the person who needs to get their car detailed but doesn’t have the time or the drive (no pun intended) to get it done, how about 50 percent off a car detailing... and they drive to YOU!

Groupon serves locations from cities as far as Anchorage and Amarillo... Washington (DC too!), Wisconsin, Nebraska, New York... you get the deal. Groupon covers a lot of ground. If you’re planning on going on vacation somewhere in the U.S. and are looking for things to do, check out Groupon for that city for a few weeks before you leave. It’s a good bet you’ll find something to keep you occupied.

Finally, there’s Scoutmob, possibly my favorite discount site. Its main feature is a list of restaurants that will give you 50 percent off your meal. You can sign up online or download an app to your smart phone. Show your smart phone screen at the restaurant and you get the deal! With Scoutmob, you don’t make a purchase in advance; you just pay as you go.

Scoutmob is working on opening in many cities around the U.S., but currently only operate fully in Atlanta, New York, and San Francisco. How did we get to be the lucky ones? I’m not com-
plaining! On your smart phone you select your city, and then Scoutmob offers you three lists. The first list is ‘New’, which gives you recently added deals. The next is ‘Expiring’... self explanatory. The third is ‘Nearby.’ Using the GPS on your phone, Scoutmob checks your location, and then gives you the closest deals to where you are. Another cool thing about Scoutmob is that you can’t accidentally use the wrong deal, or waste a deal by pressing a button when you didn’t mean too. Scoutmob checks whether or not you’re actually where you say you are when you hit the ‘Use the Deal’ button. Which means I didn’t just waste my deal to Salon Lewis by testing this information!

Scoutmob has even benefited my social and dating life, which is saying a lot because my boyfriend and I have been together for a while. We’re in college, though, and living on college budgets. We’ve decided to take turns treating each other to dinner at Scoutmob restaurants. We’ve tried places like Quattro, Varasano’s Pizza, Amaryn’s Thai Bowl and Sushi, and Spoon (Westside and down Moreland). Although I must say Groupon’s also added some fun by offering tickets to movies, ice skating, and things of that sort.

“Scoutmob has even benefited my social and dating life...”

To sum it all up, go live in Atlanta. I mean really live in Atlanta. Go explore all the things it has to offer. You’ll find things through Groupon, LivingSocial and Scoutmob that you’ve never even heard of. Let’s face it, a lot of us will be moving from Atlanta after we graduate and may not come back for a while. Use Scoutmob to try all the different types of foods you’ve been reluctant to try up to now; it won’t hurt your bank too much if you find you don’t like it! Use Groupon to take those belly dancing classes you’ve been thinking about, but couldn’t afford. Then, once you’re worn out from all that dancing, go get a spa treatment with that LivingSocial coupon you bought a couple of weeks ago.

To further encourage you to really live in your city, NAR has compiled a list of upcoming Spring festivals to get you out and enjoying some sunshine in Atlanta. Maybe we’ll see you at Candler Park for the Sweetwater 420 Fest! Or in Piedmont Park for some smooth jazz in April.
It always amazes me when the paths of routines, all decorated with objects, persons, walls, all embedded in our automatic memory, suddenly spring up as if they were absolutely new. I am in one of the oldest neighborhoods of Barcelona, El Born. I may have crossed this street more than three million times, and I had never realized that one of the walls of L’Església de Santa Maria del Mar (Church Mary of the Sea), high off the ground, has the markings of a door on one of its walls. So I investigated the origin of this “flying invisible door”, and it turns out it goes back more than a thousand years...

This street became a street one thousand two hundred years ago. A few meters below these stones where I’m sitting while I write to you was a beach. Kilometers of sand ran from the coast to the early Barcelona. And one thousand two hundred years ago, Saint James landed here. What he found was nothing but an abandoned tiny wooden chapel, which he made his own and called it “Maria del Mar de les Arenes”, something like “Mary of the Sea and Sand.” In just a few months, craftsmen and vendors of all kinds gathered around the little chapel and started offering their services to help build a real church: L’Església de Santa Maria del Mar. There were hatters, cotton dealers, mirror makers, beam makers, button makers, shoe makers, prostitutes... everybody was good to help. The church became very quickly a point of reference, a place to work, a place to live and a place to pray. Praying became especially tough at that time, because fishermen established their shops right next to the door. Smells of rotten sardines, yellowish cuttlefish and forgotten calamari invaded the church’s air. A few meters above the fishermen’s shop, and several centu-
ries later, some of those new stones that had raised the church would be taken away to receive a royal tunnel.

The royal tunnel was a royal whim. Kings seldom mix with the populace, and they didn’t do it three hundred years ago either. Moreover, the fishermen’s stall, already transformed into a tradition, survived in the same spot delighting the crowd’s noses for many more centuries. Only the blue bloods could avoid the stench. And there was only one way to avoid the inevitable nausea: walking in the air.

Kings needed to go to church every day, even during the holiday season, where they used to spend the summer in a palace with views of the Catalan beaches. Of course, they wanted to go to L’Església de Santa Maria del Mar, one of the greatest, most beautiful, as well as more stinky, churches in Spain. The palace was just a hundred meters away from the church, so they decided to keep it simple. They would find the priest just a minute away from their tea cup: An elevated crosswalk connected the palace’s upper tea room with the church’s most privileged balcony. For centuries, it was known as unreachable but by royalty. The bridge was used by many kings, queens, and princesses; it remained until thirty years ago when The Dictator Franco, who didn’t find the royal bridge amusing, destroyed this priceless historical jewel.

After the demolition, and taking advantage of its historical significance, the palace’s upper tea room was transformed into one of the most luxurious smoking clubs in the city. But now even this chapter is closed.

Construction and deconstruction are the ink of history, the turning points, the past and the future. The scent of centuries is impregnated in the names of the now fashionable Button makers Street, Mirror makers Street, Kissing Street, Hatters Street... The smoky palace, the “flying door’s” silhouette, the church’s privileged balcony... They are only subtle wrinkles in the big skim of earth’s history. But this is the way history is written.
If you’re reading this then you are probably already a hipster. I mean not to stereotype but let’s be honest, you’re reading a free speech magazine. And to prove my point you just took out a Parliament cigarette, lit it, and said “I’m not a hipster.” I know you did.

So if you’re already a hipster this article is probably not for you. It’s more of a how-to guide for anyone who wants to learn to become judgemental and cynical.

**Step 3**

Know that you are better than everyone else.

Being judgemental is a state of mind that must be obtained before one can truly be a hipster. Like irony, this must be applied to every aspect of the hipster’s life.

**Step 2: Fashion**

To be a hipster you have to look like a hipster. Hipsters go for an urban bohemian look so they mostly shop at Urban Outfitters and American Apparel. But don’t forget about irony! If you really want to have the hipster look down you also have to shop at thrift stores. It’s ironic because you can afford to shop elsewhere, you know since you have a trust fund and everything.

**Step 5: Quirkiness**

Here is another trick. Grow a mustache just to knit, refuse to wear anything other than a vintage shirt, and always carry a six pack of Pabst Blue Ribbon.
Hipster

Another place to apply irony. Grow a must because they aren’t in, learn to take pictures with anything other than a Polaroid camera even though you carry around your iPhone 4, etc.

"Step 1: Irony

Ironic is essentially the motivating factor behind most of a hipster’s actions. To be a hipster you must first learn to love irony and everything else will follow.

This is the perfect place to apply your new judgmental state of mind. For example, if you really like a band but hear a non-hipster person talking about how much they like it you must immediately stop liking it, sigh, and inform the person that the band used to be good before they became so mainstream. When someone asks you what types of books you read start talking about the obscure philosophy you enjoy and then openly judge them when it becomes obvious that they do not know what you are talking about.

Step 4: Likes/Dislikes

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Leap the Void

Want to make a difference? It’s simple and the opportunities are all over campus. When buying a book at Engineer’s bookstore, opt out of the bag. With hands and plenty of space in our backpacks, we don’t need it! Tell the cashier thanks, but no, thanks. In the student center, pick up silverware in the hotline instead of using the plastic ware outside by the tables. In dining halls and bathrooms, grab only as many napkins as you’re going to fully use. Cut note cards in half; print on both sides of paper; skip meat at a meal; walk to class an extra day this week; the list goes on and on. Making a difference is easy! When I crossed Skiles the other day, I saw someone throw an empty water bottle into the trash bin, oblivious to the recycling nearby. The preservation of resources and energy was compromised by the distance of a single step... But it doesn’t have to be! If we choose to take that extra step in small ways, we can create positive impacts collectively by becoming environmentally moral individuals. So let’s leap across that simple void together, and let’s start today.

-Kelley McIntire

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Currently under construction, the NAA Dining Hall will be LEED Gold Certified.

Photographs of composting and dining hall provided by GT Dining Services.
Nobody puts buzz in a corner.

We caught Buzz chilling out in a few corners of campus and decided to snag some pictures of him. Can you guess what corners Buzz has been exploring? Here’s a hint for one of them... Buzz likes to hang out at our most popular magazine stand!

Send your guesses to editor@northavenuereview.com!