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#### Letter from the Editor

NARPS,

With Emory's endowment literally contingent on never having a football team, we at the Spoke share in the University's core values revering athletics, team mindsets, comradery, and school pride.

As a <del>D3</del> wannabe meathead varsity student athlete myself here at Emory, I thought it was about time the Emory Athletics department got some love. After finally clawing my way to the top of a semi-legitimate arts organization, I focused my newfound power trip on forcing these hipsters to tragically lust over openly despise "student athletes" in a more productive way. This is the best we could do.

Without further ado, we present to you *Spoke Illustrated*, a spoof on the quintessential sports publication, *Sports Illustrated*, obviously.

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Go Eagles!
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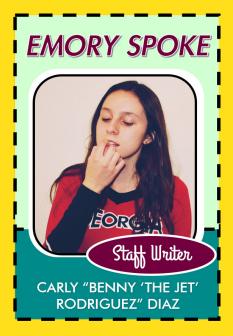


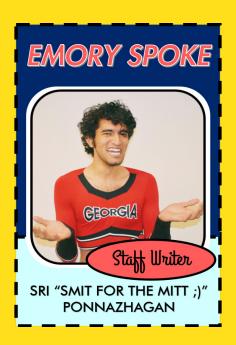




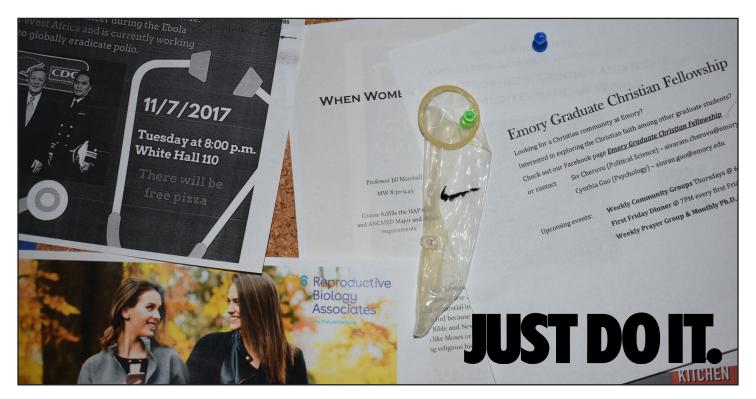












### Beta Theta Pi gets first pick in 2018 rush

Beta Theta Pi gets the first pick of the 2018 Rush Draft this year. After a year of sinking to this new low, characterized by their Highland Lake "Blackout/Friday the 13th" party, Beta needs a great pick this year to turn the team around. It almost seemed like Beta would beat out Delta Tau Delta and Sigma Phi Epsilon, as it had during the good ol' days of "Old Beta," but the two teams decided to tie instead of declaring a loser, putting their records slightly above winless. This was enough to beat out Beta.

Who's Beta scouting this year? Analysts can only use their first semester stats as the basis for predictions. Beta's mentality is clearly, "If we don't do anything, we can't be the worst at doing things." This mentality has not worked for them so far. With this in mind, expect a change in the playbook from Beta, starting with their first pick of the draft. This means Beta's top pick will definitely be a hardcore partier. But this alone is not what is iconic about Beta's brotherhood. It's the fusion of lackluster partying and extreme compensating that makes Beta unique at the bottom of the Fraternity ladder. For this reason, be on the lookout for Beta's top recruits to have small penises. These folks truly understand the X's and O's of compensation.

While this may be the reputation Beta is pivoting to for the next semester, we cannot forget Beta's roots, which will surely influence the decision of who

they take at pick #1. Beta will be looking for the classic Beta charm in their top draft prospect. This charm can best be described as the feeling you get when a guy in a flannel asks if you have ever "debarked a log" before and if you want to tonight. When you say no, he will unbutton his top button and try asking again, in song form. Authorities will later tell you that he was high on sugar laced with cocaine bought from a high school student.

It's hard to believe, even with this captivating charm, Beta finds itself struggling to reconstruct its fallen image. When asked about this, Beta Theta Pi president, John Baster, said, "We know we have some work ahead of us. We need to just trust the process, but as a team we will come out on top in the end." The Spoke is unsure if he meant on top of the social hierarchy or the top of the EPD crime report, so we defaulted to the likelier option—the latter.

Baster repeated his optimistic vision for his organization by saying, "If I may use a metaphor, the weed in the bottom of our bowl hasn't run out yet. Don't sleep on Beta this year." When surveyed, the Emory Student Body reported that they were 93% more likely to sleep on Beta then to sleep with Beta.

The first pick of the 2018 Rush is always a monumental decision. Whomever Beta chooses, he will have a great weight on his shoulders, as he will be the only hope for this fledgling organization.

# Emory basketball star angered when unrecognized while visiting Children's Hospital

This past weekend, as a part of Emory Athletics' valiant charitable efforts, the men's basketball team visited Children's Healthcare of Atlanta to make the dreams of many unfortunate young children come true.

Team captain and UAA points-per-game leader Frankie Chang spearheaded the event, as he was the one who suggested the idea to the athletics department. He claimed he would, "make a huge impression on many of the youngsters and hopefully inspire some of them to overcome their challenges and be basketball stars like me one day."

However, things took an interesting turn when the team visited. The moment the team entered the building, they were quite disap-

pointed. The team was caught a bit off guard when they were first mistaken for pre-med students taking a tour because a nurse saw the group wearing Emory jackets.

As if things weren't already bad enough, when the team managed to reach the ward with many of the young children they hoped to cheer up, they were not really appreciated at all.

Little Jimmy Jacobson, a 7-year-old who was the poster child for Make-A-Wish last year, had previously stated his wish was to meet a famous NBA player.

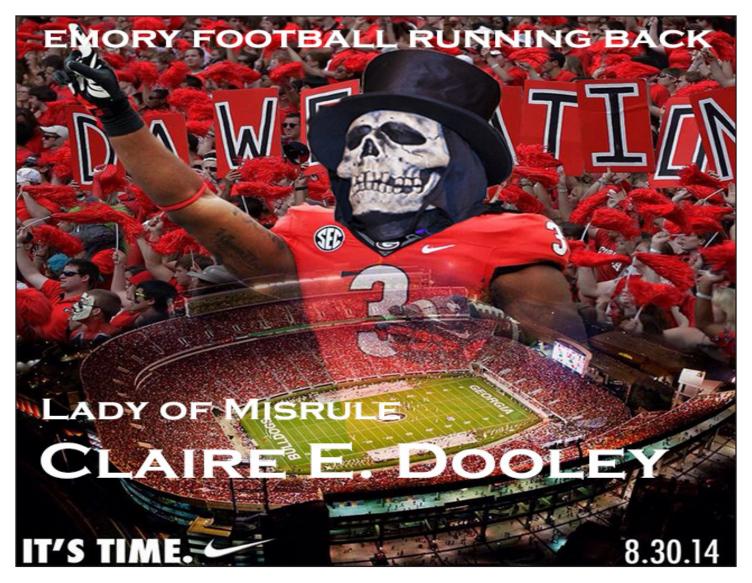
When Chang and the rest of the Eagles squad rolled in, Jacobson was pretty clueless as to who they were. Jacobson mistook shooting guard Bradley Vance as singer Ed Sheeran and was quickly disappointed when he realized his error.

He even thought Chang was one of the male nurses and asked him for another pudding cup. Insulted, Chang got Jacobson that pudding cup and threw it in his face, leaving the whole room speechless.

It's fair to say the basketball team won't be doing any fundraising any time soon, and Chang has some serious issues to figure out with himself. Also, he's suspended indefinitely. Chang has declined to comment on the incident.

N o n e t h e l e s s , t h i s heart-warming attempt by the basketball team shows that Emory Athletics is moving in the right direction with their efforts to strengthen the community and their egos.





# Ex-Theta claims there are enough fuckboys in her phone to make a whole goddamn team

After the devastating loss of the Kappa Alpha Theta major league hookup division last spring, prospects are happy to find ex-theta Stella Markowitz still gearing up for cuffing season.

Markowitz is baffling analysts with her newly formed hookup roster, complete with some top draft picks and lesser known wild cards. Markowitz claims there are so many dudes sliding into her DMs, she could field an entire team – a notion she chose to take a step further in the development of her hookup roster.

"This way, I can keep track of the guys' stats throughout the semester. Plus, like, I already know how to use excel because I'm in the B-school," said Markowitz. Interestingly enough, after already pulling a couple major league SigChi bros, Markowitz benched a generic SAE athlete for a minor league SigEp "nice guy." She claims to be "playing the field" to which our reporters responded, "what decade is that slang from?" Furthermore, Markowitz believes her story is inspiring to women everywhere. Boys may be the players in her game, but she is finally

doing the playing.

"Is it clear? I meant they're the ones getting played or is that metaphor too, like, over your head?" asked Markowitz, a true player. It is unclear whether Markowitz intends to order jerseys for the team, but she would appreciate all future charmers contacting her via social media to include t-shirt size just in case.

"That being said, if you're a small – really even if you're a loose fitting medium – please keep on scrolling. I can't keep benching scrawny boys for injuries. Momma's got her needs."

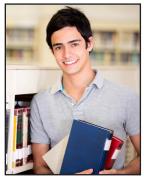
### Fantasy bio lab groups end of semester top picks

The OPUS games have officially come and gone. You've chosen your lab section, hopeful for competent lab partners after the disaster that was your group poster presentation in bio last quarter. The lab group you choose this semester could determine whether you drop pre-med and go to the b-school instead. With that in mind, here are four names we've spoked out.

#### The Hot Girl

Based on the phenomena that is Emory goggles, no one can beat the Hot Girl. Over the course of the last semester, she's managed to avoid contributing anything of value. Still, she outranks others in the league, especially in number of advances to third base and home runs. Where she really separates herself from the others, however, is in poster aesthetics. Though your experiment will probably fail and prove nothing, her past groups have seen a 56% increase in peer ratings from her vast knowledgeable on VSCO and Instagram themes. Pictures of you pipetting yeast cultures have never looked so good.





#### The Guy Who Got a 5 on the AP Bio Exam

Hailing all the way from Druid Hills, we present the Guy Who Got a 5 on the AP Bio Exam. He's been scouted as local talent in the past, being the only student to take all APs (total of three) offered in his school. These days, he can be found intensely pipetting around campus in preparation for the final. While he was notoriously known to be a tight end in the past, our reporters' daily fantasy research on Grindr believe he's now interested in being the wide receiver. Despite being wide open and knowing how to handle his balls, he's had trouble scoring. Don't worry, Guy Who Got a 5 still gets his daily dose of power tripping from correcting everyone on their plating techniques.

#### The Junior

As much as we debated putting him on this list, we chose to include him for three reasons. The first being that literally everyone he knows has already taken this course; he has the intel that gives him the special x-factor. The Junior has had a rough go in the first half of college, to put it mildly. Despite mistaking coke lines for offensive lines for most of his college career, he's managed to cut down his doping to just Adderall, which he will readily offer to just about anyone; this being the second reason he made the list. The third reason is diversity, which we value greatly here at Spoke Illustrated. He doesn't contribute much to the team, but the guy is so rare around here he has his own space day one of bio lab ice breaker BINGO.

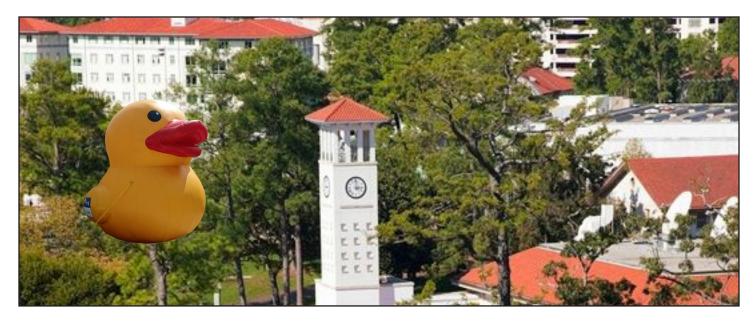




#### The Guy Who Makes You Uncomfortable

Keep a close eye on what he does on Wednesday Night Lab. The Guy Who Makes You Uncomfortable is quiet but powerful; don't underestimate him. He put up his best game of the semester last week, plating 20 plates of yeast in just under 5 minutes. He's likely to be the only one to respond to you at 3AM when you realize you have lab tomorrow, though he will follow through with a "u up?" text after as if he didn't already know. Though he can strike a Bunsen Burner like no other, be weary. Coaches have seen him really come on strong in the last couple weeks, notably with his illegal use of hands. For this, he makes it to the bottom of our list but apparently this does not affect his image in the eyes of others.





#### Duck-themed sport leaves students quack-ing with excitement

Since the University's founding in 1836, Emory tour guides have been bragging about our "undefeated" football team, but now, something arguably better than football is turning heads on campus.

Introducing the Duck-Inflatables & Collegiate Knowledge Squad; DICKS for short. Jeremy Johnston is the founder and current president of the intramural, and like most great ideas, DICKS was inspired by a college student's drunken night out. "You know how the duck inflatable disappears for like weeks at a time? Well, I was walking back from frat row last weekend, when something the shade of highlighter ink yellow caught my eye. I swear I saw the duck on top of the clock tower. But the next morning, much to my disappointment, it was gone. That's when I got the idea to track down where this little shit goes," Johnston told us, going on to muttering something unintelligible about how all of his hookups turn out the same way.

After his little fit of self-pity, Johnston went on to explain the concept of the game, saying, "It's like the perfect blend of Quidditch and Capture the Flag because the giant inflatable yellow duck outside the DUC-ling is both the snitch and the flag. The goal of the game, then, is to be the first team to capture the duck."

However, DICKS is complicated by the challenge that no one really knows where the duck goes, so the teams first have to figure out its location before even thinking of getting to the duck. One of the teams has developed a strategy to counter this obstacle.

Captain of Team Red DICKS, Alicia Matthews, uses modern technology to her advantage by incorporating it within her strategem. "We like to think of our

group as ahead of the curve, sort of like Sheldon Cooper or that old nuclear physicist from Back to the Future," Matthews boasted before blowing short, hard puffs into her plastic \$2 duck whistle. With this tactic, she believes that she can elevate the game by blowing DICKS opponents out of the water.

In a desperate attempt to become a top 20 university again, Emory administration compelled Johnston to incorporate a more intellectual aspect to the sport. Therefore, instead of tagging someone and sending them to jail as you would in a game of Capture the Flag, players engage in an avian-themed showdown of sorts by quacking duck facts at each other until one person hesitates or blinks (the Duck lord never blinks). The loser will then be required to wear flippers for the rest of the round, severely inhibiting their mobility.

Freshman Tommy Daher is the newest member of the Blue DICKS and is being a total kiss ass by eagerly studying up on duck information in preparation for his first match. "The cut-throat competition with other DICKS has really helped Emory live up to its name as the college of Ivy rejects," said Daher happily as he repressed memories of his rejection letters by embarking on hour number ten of Google deep diving "zany duck facts." Daher was so hell-bent on sucking up to his fellow DICKS that it seems as if he has turned cut-throat competition into deep-throating.

At press time, a showdown, along with the godlike presence of the giant inflatable duck, was spotted taking place on top of the Emory Hospital helipad while someone screamed "FEMALE DUCKS HAVE CORK-SCREW VAGINAS!"

#### LuLuLemon leggings invigorated after first ever trip to the gym

According to reports, despite the popularity of Adidas shoes and LuLuLemon leggings on campus, these apparel pieces have spent less than 7% of their lives in the SAAC or any other slightly athletic facility.

Still, Adidas has seen an overwhelming dominance at Emory. Their stocks have risen solely from the prestige of being Emory students' sole shoe choice. Rumors have emerged that Adidas is looking to oust Coca-Cola as Emory's biggest sponsor.

One anonymous student openly admitted that the last time her Adidas shoes had seen the inside

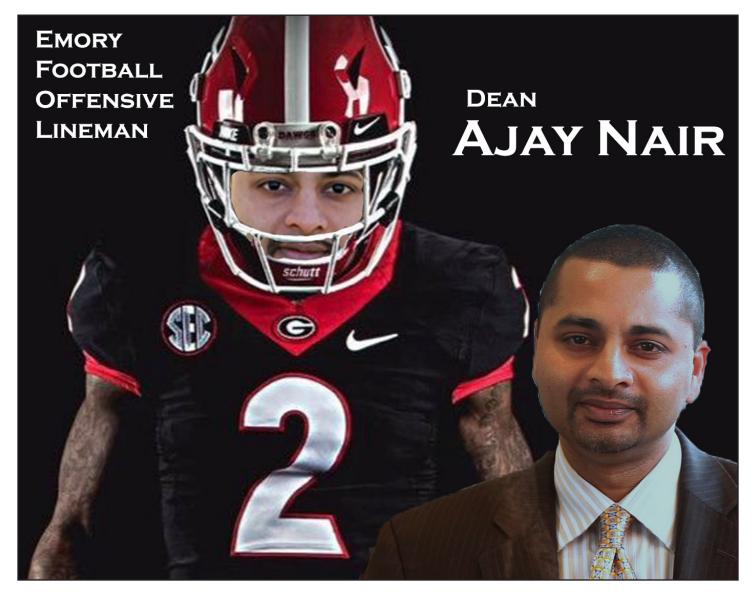
of the WoodPec, she was a senior in high school touring Emory and was frankly too distracted by the cute tour guide to even remember how to access the gym.

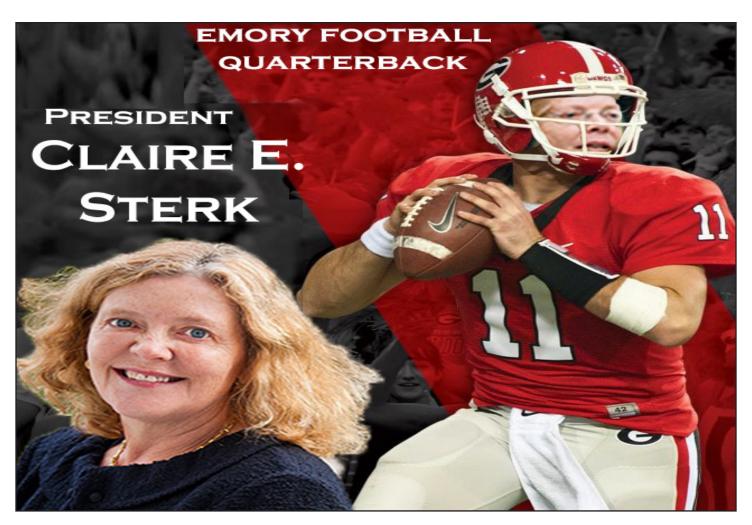
Another student reported wearing her LuLuLemon leggings every day, regardless of weather or season. She also provided a lengthy list of ways to avoid the issues that come with wearing thick leggings year-round.

"You can buy a waterproofing spray for \$72 that makes them wearable in the rain. You have to spray it on at least four days before it rains, so check the weather, obviously. In the summer, you'll be too hot

wearing them but you still have to because what else would you wear? You can just wear a crop top and stay inside a lot. Also, if you wear Adidas shoes everyday like me, you should spray tan from your ankles down when summer hits."

At press time, one student, Shelby Williamson, proudly described how she hand-scrubs her "fashionable and functionable" Adidas shoes with a toothbrush to keep the pristine white look that any use on a treadmill "would, like, immediately ruin." When pressed about the impact trips to Maggie's Bar and Grill has on this white shade, she declined to answer.





#### Claire E Sterk takes testosterone to better fill role as president

Recently, Claire Sterk has been engaging in manners unlike her previous self. Those close to Sterk believe that the testosterone pills Sterk is taking to better fulfill her role as president are contributing to her symptoms. They have continually reported a variety of strange behaviors.

Michael Elliot, dean of Emory College of Arts and Sciences, expressed his concern when Sterk skipped this month's Council of Deans meeting to, "show those dickweeds at Holder Construction how to properly use a skid steer loader." According to Elliot, Sterk has routinely worked overtime, single-handedly moving dirt with an old pair of stilettos she no longer needs.

Actions like those at the

construction site could be due to a passion for construction work that she previously never expressed. Sterk's revisions caught the eye of the financial department, as her salary suddenly increased nearly 30 percent without changing her work ethic or responsibilities.

If anything, Sterk's work time and ethic has decreased, as she now spends a considerable amount of time driving to the Chattahoochee to physically go into the river and catch fish with her bare hands. Apparently, fish taco Tuesday has evolved past Publix snapper. Sterk's children report that she no longer feels comfortable watching their favorite family show, RuPaul's Drag Race.

When asked about the recent testosterone pills, Sterk responds, "I

wish I had started taking testosterone way before menopause. I could have avoided years of surfing the crimson wave." The only difference Sterk reports is feeling a strong urge to teach her grown children how to ride a bike and the need to shave her already smooth face.

The questions came to a close as Sterk exclaimed, "Excuse me," as she went to itch and readjust where her testicles would have been. There was a disheartened glimmer in her eye, as if she were experiencing a brief but painful moment of penis envy. As reporters left, Sterk disappointedly swiveled her rolling chair back to her desk.

At press time, sources report that the Dooley statue has become confused by their gender identity.

## Spoke predicts fate of Class of 2021 long distance couples



It may be the start of a new cuffing #szn, but many freshmen are still holding onto last season's victory with their distant better-half. Without any alteration of their strategy to navigate freshman year's new players, other teams, potential trades, and most importantly, distances long enough to necessitate rookie-level, low-volume phone sex while their roommates sleep, these couples are in for a difficult season. The statuses of several long-distance freshman couples are still in jeopardy, so here are the Spoke's predictions as to which couples with one half in the class of 2021 will last, and who will be catching rebounds next semester.

#### 1. Michael Webb is going to spend the whole season in the penalty box.

Webb and his girlfriend Rebecca started the season shaky because of Webb's unsurprising but crucial end-of-summer screw-up: Webb spent his day playing pong and taking slow-mo juul videos at Jack Kellerman's pool when Rebecca got her wisdom teeth out, effectively derailing his career during the preseason. And that was before the distance. Rebecca expected grand gestures, like mail-order macarons and that \$500 Hermes bracelet she's mentioned like, a thousand times, in order to make up for both the lack of her boyfriend's physical presence, and his inability to ever sympathize with any of her feelings and needs. But his defensive strategy – a Soundcloud mixtape titled "Bougie Bitch Becca (I'm Sorry)" posted under the pseudonym Clout Daddy – only earned him a longer stay in the penalty box. Without a major change in defensive strategy, Webb is positioned to lose any chance at long-distance relationship stardom this season. Oh – and Rebecca will hate him forever if he doesn't either change his entire personality, or buy her something really expensive.

#### 2. Kelly Windward won't play if Chad doesn't have a good at bat.

Having perhaps the weakest season of all are Kelly Winward and her boyfriend Chad. Chelly's track record is mediocre at best when physically together, considering Chad's tendency to block below the waist, but things haven't improved much for the team since college began. Both Winward and Chad have their respective strengths: Winward in ball-handling and Chad in—nevermind. But the team's weaknesses as a unit make it impossible to bank on them as a top-ten pick for the Class of 2021. ] The couple's record is filled with one L after another, and both Chad's alleged early-onset erectile dysfunction and Kelly's foul play aren't helping their scorecard. Winward maintains her status as "in a loving relationship," but the couple is clearly experiencing the kind of drought that can only be remedied by a trade. Kelly performs best with more skilled players on her team anyway.

#### 3.Logan Michaelson and boyfriend Tim are rich enough to finish first this season.

Logan has already accumulated two major wins this season: once when he bought Tim a plane ticket to Atlanta for his birthday, and again with a majorly successful Edible Arrangement delivery to Tim's dorm at Rice. A clear frontrunner this semester, Logan can attribute a great portion of his successful career as a long-distance boyfriend to his loaded parents. And so can Tim. The fortunes of their parents provide a crucial advantage to these players during this tough starting season. Players like Webb and Winward will have to play catch-up to even begin to compete with Michaelson's deliberate, Tim-first approach to his relationship. There's clear positive momentum for Michaelson. The weekend trip to the Hamptons that he and Tim recently booked proves he's in it for the long haul. Michaelson's grand and expensive gestures position him for star-level notability as not only the top long-distance boyfriend on campus this season, but also as the sugar daddy of every Emory student's dreams.

# Top prospects of the

The 2018 Rush is full of interesting characters that Emory's fraternities will be soon trying to "wine and dine" during recruitment and then "beer and jeer" during pledging. Let's look at the top prospects to see who are the projected stars of the Rush Season.

#### **Brad Thompson**

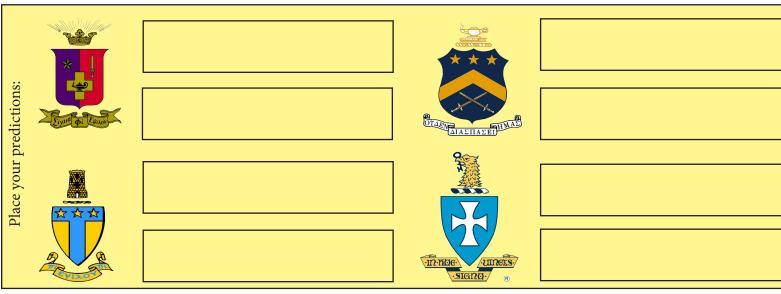
Brad Thompson hails from St. Mary's Hallowed Halls High School in Rockwell, Illinois. Standing at 6' 3" with a weight of 230 lbs, he swears to know only two things: how to drink and how to wear a snapback. He boasts that he can even do the two at the same time. Fraternities are skeptical of this, and therefore are anxious to validate the claim. Max Peterson of Kappa Sigma shares this excitement, "I always have to take my hat off to drink because one time when I was doing cocaine, the brim of the hat scratched my neck and my neck became red. I was so scared. I thought I was allergic to cocaine. So, I called my mom to have her check. She just did a line of cocaine too off my dad's thigh, but said it was fine. I bet her cocaine was really good. Do you have any cocaine by chance?" Clearly, Kappa Sig is interested in Thompson, but also expect Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE) to give Thompson a basketball workout just because he is tall.





#### Benjamin Merriweather

Standing straight at 5'6" and weighing 135 lbs, Benjamin is easy to miss in a crowd. Many brothers reported not even knowing he attended their rush events for this reason. Merriweather makes this list because he can fit four cans of beer into his asshole. Alpha Tau Omega is very interested in Merriweather. Linus Brown of ATO voiced this interest, saying, "Four cans of beer? No one in ATO has ever gotten to their asshole to expand to fit that much. Some of us can do three beer cans, or five tennis balls, or two dicks, or one 'Emory Football' sweatshirt, but never four cans of beer."



# 2018 fraternity rush



#### Anthony "The Vampire" Sanzda

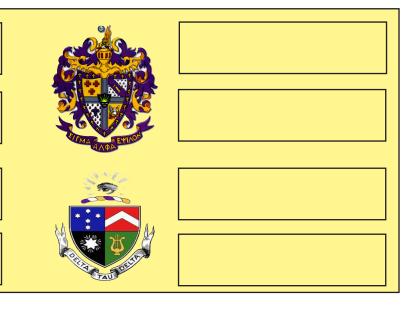
Anthony Sanzda is a sleeper pick this year but is quickly becoming relevant. Coming from Prairie Hill, Pennsylvania, Sanzda has demonstrated a total and utter disregard for his personal health—a quality that is sure to attract many fraternal suitors. He earned his moniker "The Vampire" when he was giving his boyfriend a hickey and became too aggressive with the biting, thus causing his partner to bleed. Such a wild act has made fraternities look twice at Sanzda's statistics, but Sigma Chi, who values this behavior more than any other fraternity, is not considering Sanzda because he is gay and therefore "won't only sleep with girls from Tri Delt."

#### Lance Andrendo

Lance Andrendo is closing out this list because he is a self-proclaimed deity when it comes to seducing women. He hopes to join a fraternity in order to get closer to achieving his goal of having sex with every woman in sorority life at Emory. He is so dedicated to this cause that he always wears a loose condom held on by a rubber band, "because you never know when a girl will make a move right for the crotch." Many fraternities are interested in Andrendo, including Alpha Epsilon Pi (AEPi), who is aggressively pursuing him. While his Jewish roots are blurry, Andrendo does wear a Star of David, and therefore passes AEPi's test for dedication to Judaism. Sigma Chi, oppositely, is not interested because he "won't only sleep with girls from Tri Delt."



At a pre-rush press conference, all of the top prospects said they hope to build relationships that will extend beyond four years of college. That is, relationships extending into their fifth years, which are used to retake the flunked classes form their first four years.





# Never there but not forgotten

Emory student body mourns lack of football team

Many disappointed faces filled the stands at the Emory University Football Field this past Friday night. Slathered in school spirit and face paint, hundreds were forced to walk back to their dorms after the school's football team was a no-show for the 564th week in a row. But this tragic trek did not occur before President Claire Sterk led a tearful moonlit vigil in the touchdown zone in remembrance for the team they never had.

"They would have been a great team, filled with attractive young boys, those tight pants just bulging with potential"

Although the school's president may have displayed questionable intentions in her strong desire

for a school football team, we know the students' hearts are pure. We spoke to one of the attendees who was found sobbing after the ceremony as her non-English speaking roommate patted her back and sang a Spanish lullaby.

"I've just always wanted to date a football player!" She croaked. Her roommate ushered her off before we could ask further questions.

Another student was stretching in athletic clothes in the middle of the field, unaware he was disrupting a ceremony. He explained to us that he couldn't read, and he had thought the poster was advertising for tryouts.

"Wait we don't have a football team?" Even the Emory school cheerleaders found themselves on the field that night. The temperature was down in the 40's, yet the girls refused to change out of their depressingly conservative uniforms. Some students find it strange that the school has a cheer team, considering the school doesn't even have football. However, the cheerleaders we spoke to confirmed that they really are just desperate for attention, even if it's just from the boys on Emory's crumb of a basketball team.

Other students were hopeful for a tailgate and touchdown filled future, speculating that if Emory is as progressive and global as it claims to be, we could be expecting to see football here soon.





### Emory's newest intramural: Beerlympics

Emory's own Eagle Row made history this fall with its initiation of Emory's first "Beerlympics" intramural league. The idea for the sport was brought to the college with Ivy League reject John Busch from Long Island, whose entire identity is based on his esteemed status as a "student athlete." Support soon grew after Matt Jarman's twenty emails begging for participants to sign up, and each of the frat houses formed their teams for the first Thirsty Thursday game.

The concept of the game is simple. It begins with a "pregame" where each team shotguns a beer for every girl their competitor had at their last frat party—every team going against DTD since the start of the league so far has started off depressingly sober. The game continues with rounds of shots-put, classic beer pong, and an immaculate gymnastic display of keg stands.

Generic rules include taking shots of tequila every time you see a security guard way too into his job, a freshman boy standing awkwardly outside the party hoping to one day be let inside, someone clearly dressed for a different frat's theme of the night, or one of those assholes still in a Patriots jersey. Final rounds include taking shots out of artifacts from the Carlos Museum and filling all of the water bottles in Cox with vodka.

Bonus points go to the teams who do this all dressed in Swoop's mascot costume and to those whose BACs most closely resemble their GPAs at the end of the night.

The first season of the Beerlympics has gathered a surprisingly high level of support from the Emory community. The culinary club has offered up free jello shots and the infamous smoothie bike has found a new role in making margaritas. There are rumors that next year's games will be a part of Dooley's Bowl, although nobody cares about whatever the hell that is if it's not used for weed.

Although the league is dominated by frats, some student organizations have joined in as well. The Zero-Waste Ambassadors are known best for their "100% Wasted" goal and the swim team is often heard screaming "stay hydrated" while their teammates shotgun Coors. The Emory Wheel tried to start their own team but was kicked out of the league after they wrote a "scathing" review of the game when they realized that, unlike their editorials, it required some miniscule grain of talent. Current standings place Pike and ATO tied for the lead at 8-0. The championship round will take place during the first exam week in December.

# Average person spotlight

Today Spoke Illustrated is interviewing one of next season's top prospects, freshman Derek Feinstein. He's one of the most hotly anticipated arrivals to the men's tennis team in years. Spoke Illustrated met with him to talk about his story.

SI (Spoke Illustrated)- Thanks for meeting with us, Derek. Tell us about yourself. Where did you grow up? What's your educational background?

DF (Derek Feinstein)- It's great to be here. I grew up in New York City. As far as school goes, I've gone to private schools my whole life.

SI- Your stats are very impressive- 3.0 GPA for the last 4 years! How do you do it?

DF- Well, I come to school and work pretty hard, like at least an hour a day. I always do my part for the team, as long as they don't expect me to put in much extra effort.

SI- How did you end up at Emory? What do you plan to do now that you're here?

DF- My dad went here, so I figured this would be a good way to get him off my back. I'm undecided but leaning towards pre-med, because that'll distinguish me from the crowd here. I also love pre-biz. Since those are my passions, I'm going to be a philosophy major. My friends always said I was an insufferable, long-winded pain in the ass, so I'd be a good fit for it.

SI- That sounds like a path to success, Derek. Speaking of, all top athletes like yourself have a struggle that they've overcome to become the person they are today. What was yours?

DF- Great question. I guess my struggle was being raised by loving upper-middle class parents in the suburbs of New York. Some people have it so easy, coming from war-torn countries or growing up unable to put food on the table. In those circumstances, you don't have to worry about your identity. You just struggle against the odds and soul-crushing horrors to stay alive. I think that the hardest life path is finding who you are and building character without going through any kind of hardship.

SI- Interesting. Do you have any hobbies or special skills?

DF- I spend a lot of time thinking about how hard my life has been. Since I grew up with nothing to help me define my identity, I need to think about it and try new things to find out who I am. So far I've been through an emo phase, an SJW phase, and most recently an obsession with the life and work of Alex Jones. None of those seemed quite pathetic enough though, so I plan on rushing Beta in spring.

SI- Impressive, most impressive. Anything you'd like to add before we end this interview?

DF- I want to thank God for this opportunity. This is really a childhood dream. I'm just going to take it one game at a time and bring my A-game. It's a team effort and I'm doing it for the team. I'm giving it my all. No comment.

SI- What? You just commented.

DF- No. Comment.



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