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BEES: IN FACT NOT DYING AT  
AN ALARMING RATE

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## Has science gone too far?

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NATIVE AMERICANS USED EVERY  
PART OF THE BUFFALO TO MAKE  
FLESHLIGHTS

*Snapchat-filtered eyes  
reveal the story of a new  
generation's travail.*

## Letter from the Editor

At the *Spoke*, we are frequently enthralled with the natural beauty of this earth, especially the glorious beverage 'Natural Light.' Just kidding, that stuff is vile.

Given the current political climate, we thought it would only be appropriate that we spoof *National Geographic*, because this might be one of the last opportunities for the *Spoke* to write about endangered species like the black rhino, the orangutan, or the EPA.

While the climate of the scientific and natural world might seem more contentious than ever, I find it comforting to remember that someone (Galileo) had to point out the rest of the world that the universe did not, in fact, revolve around the earth. We liberal elites should hesitate before asserting that faith in real facts has decayed. The real issue is that many never believed them in the first place.

To generations reading this magazine in the future, is Trump really a pawn for the Russians? Please write to us and let us know by emailing at editorinchief.spoke@gmail.com.

If email doesn't exist anymore, hopefully that means that the *Spoke* is being written by a hysterical, artificially intelligent computer. Enjoy *National Spokographic!*

Sincerely, Helen Mazella (EIC)



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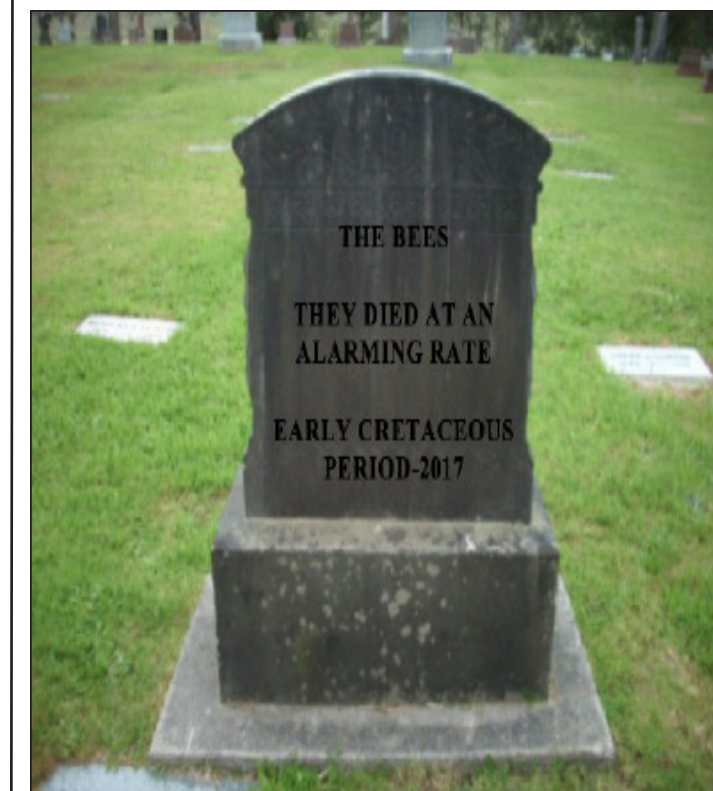
"Very loud and obnoxious, frequently  
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"The Spoke went from 98% nerdy  
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thanks for being my excuse to  
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"I was looking for the Spokes  
Council, but I quickly realized that  
we weren't going to do any biking.  
I stuck around anyway. Huge  
mistake."



# Endangered at Emory

Species endangerment is a serious concern for many in our community. However, people primarily concern themselves with animals from afar—so far that animals that could be wiped from the earth without a second thought. For instance, here is the Aye Aye.



Gross. These little fuckers should give up and die already.

While self-aggrandizing activists focus on species far from their homes, the environmental warriors of the *Spoke* recognize the need to address the endangered species in our very own community. Here is a compiled list of species that are currently being threatened by the Emory way of life.

## DUCs

This rare species of dining hall is currently being hunted. There is only one individual of its kind left in existence, but that has not swayed the administration from viciously hunting the DUC to near extinction. DUCs are known for their unintelligent design, often being labeled as “what happens when evolution goes wrong.” Anatomically, the DUC was designed for failure. Nevertheless, worried student life advocates insist on keeping the species from extinction. A breeding program has been instituted in an effort to create at least one offspring to carry on the species’ legacy.

## Readers of The Wheel

Although humans often contribute to the endangerment of native species, the readers of *The Wheel* are actually

going extinct from a far more sinister foe: natural selection. The practice of informing oneself by reading a biased, close-minded source has left the *Wheelius lectorum* species unfit for survival in an intellectual community. They are often torn apart in the wild by other individuals who are informed by literally any other source, even *The Pulse*. The only safeguard against this species’ extinction comes in the form of a symbiotic partner species—a group of poor entrepreneurs that have cluelessly bought advertising space in *The Wheel*.

## Fearful Squirrels

Squirrels, known as “the rats of the wilderness,” according to the official PETA website, are expected to run and hide in response to any disturbance. Just slightly above the brothers of Kappa Sigma, these squirrels know they are nearly at the bottom of the food chain. At Emory, squirrels are adapting to no longer fear other animals or humans. They stand steadfast, even when a human is less than two feet away. Ancient drawings found in the Dobbs courtyard indicate that this behavior began long ago when a single squirrel squared up to a hawk and won. Efforts are being planned to break squirrels’ spirit in order to return them to the bottom of the food chain.

## True Fraternity Bros

Known for their unique courtship style of hollering and approaching from behind, the *Bromo sapiens*—colloquially known as the frat brother—is a dying breed on the Emory campus. Although Emory has only been a habitat to hybrids of the fraternity brothers (compared to the purebreds found at state schools), even these variants face extinction by the Emory administration. In a recent attack on the species, Beta Theta Pi was caught, tagged, and sent to live at Clairmont. Now, fraternity brothers are rarely seen outside of their houses, if they choose to remain on campus at all. The Office of Greek Life has planned repopulation efforts for the upcoming years.

## Emory’s News and World Report Ranking

Since Emory cannot hire a new president every year, Emory’s ranking as a Top 20 school will constantly be in jeopardy. Even the most optimistic of Emory students recognize that a new disease outbreak may be the only hope of saving this school’s Top 20 reputation.

# Study Abroad Photo Contest

Each year, university students head off on “life-changing” and “inspiring” study abroad trips. These trips are often funded by their parents who would rather spend a couple thousand dollars for a semester long party than deal with the alternative option of a poorly placed “wanderlust” tattoo.

Here is a collection of the best photos entered into our annual contest from study abroad trips this year.



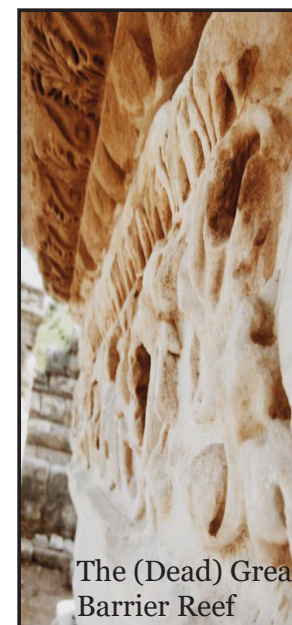
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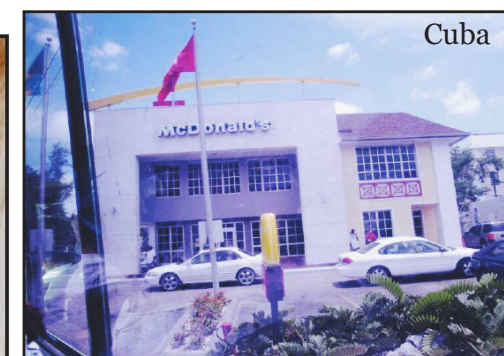
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The (Dead) Great Barrier Reef



Cuba



Vatican City



Flint, Michigan



Burger King Farm, Illinois



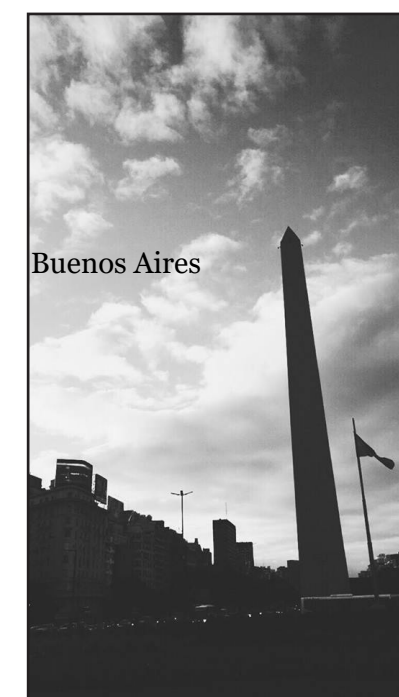
Where the Strange Man Left Me, Arkansas



Central Park, New York



Little Italy, New York



Buenos Aires

# Lesser Known UNESCO World Heritage Sites of Emory

Look beyond the skyline of white males and marble to experience the mildly enlightening culture that Emory has to offer.

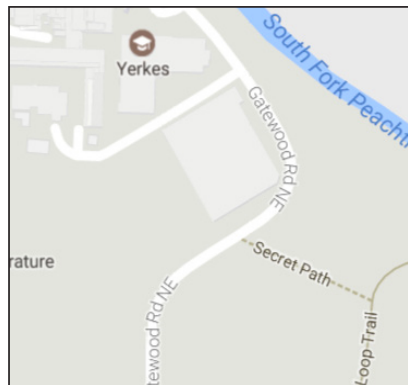
Emory draws thousands of visitors each year, primarily cultured high school students from the Northeastern region of the United States. Surprisingly, these travelers tend to only visit half a dozen sites while at Emory, missing a plethora of unknown treasures that Emory has to offer. We've picked our favorites spots for your next sojourn:

## The Oxford College Tavern

Located so far off the beaten path that you won't even remember where you are headed, the Oxford College Tavern is easily ignored by most Emory guests, but this gem is a true diamond in the rough. Although the local native residents enjoy keeping this specific spot a secret, it is occasionally open to visitors and you won't experience the true essence of Emory until you step foot into this mysterious cave. Rumors abound regarding the origin of the Tavern, but archaeologists are beginning to find from the wall-markings that either the ancient skeleton-worshipping tribe or Methodist groups of Emory first created this rendezvous area. To be a savvy traveler, make sure to pack a flashlight, hand sanitizer, and remember: NO large bags are allowed inside the Tavern.



**Don't Miss:** For one night every month, tribal mating dances are performed in the dimly lit Tavern corners. Be prepared for the overactive perspiration that is unique to this people group, as the Tavern will become a damp, yet inspiring place of dance.



## Yerkes Primate Research Center

Nestled in the middle of a large forest, this primate center is protected against intruders and also provides a large outdoor playground for the primates to freely explore at night. A windowless shuttle allegedly carries people to and from the center, but more adventurous travelers may enjoy the underground tunnels and secret paths to access the facility. Don't forget to bring a buddy, as compasses, GPS devices, and emergency flare systems do not work within a 5 mile radius of the building. If visitors do successfully find the center, they can be enjoy observing a range of animal testing. Currently, researchers are studying the effects of sleep-deprivation by subjecting these animals to loud construction every day for a year. It is assumed that a parallel experiment is being conducted

on many of the underclassmen of the College dorms. If visiting groups are feeling more altruistic on their journey, they can even pledge to support a discontented young researcher for a whole year!

**Don't Miss:** If you plan to stay for an extended visit, why not offer your brain as a research subject? On a rolling basis, researchers are seeking caucasian fathers aged 17-19 and high school seniors recently admitted to Emory as test subjects to substitute for the primates as needed.

## Zaya's

Local street food takes on a whole new meaning at Zaya's. With a wide variety of North American food options available, the culture will not be lost on you, especially because the grease will stay on your clothes for the next four years.

**Don't Miss:** Nevermind, you did. You missed it.



## Center for Disease Control

Second only to the Yerkes Primate Center, the Center for Disease Control is arguably the most mysterious of the unknown treasures of Emory. What actually goes on inside that large, all-glass building? What happens if someone drops a marble inside the building, does the building shatter? Are they cloning people inside? Is it run by the same people who faked the moon landing? Do Emory students ever get internships and jobs there or is that a lie told only on college tours? With so many unanswered questions, it's no wonder

this spot draws so many people in every year. Too bad most of them don't make it back out.

**Don't Miss:** Why bring back a souvenir to show your friends, when you can bring back an eradicated disease? If smallpox isn't your style, you can always go more tropical and dip your hands in the vast options of long neglected tropical disease viles.

## Goizueta Business School

Despite initial reactions suggesting the inhabitants of this specific area seem more like a school for puppet training, there are a few interesting things that one might spend a fleeting moment or two visiting. The executive wing boasts a phenomenal art endowment that, although unfortunately placed amongst a tribe of people who have little care for the collection, serves as a reminder to passersby of the future wealth they will progress from simply mastering Excel.



**Don't Miss:** Kegs, as it is called at the B-School, is a weekly gathering of students and potential employers, who are the secondary attraction compared to the thrill of free booze and food. This event is the only authorized use of a keg on Emory's campus and for seasoned travelers, we recommend fueling up at this pit stop before enduring the long shuttle to visit the Oxford College Tavern.



## Student Health Services

As a well-renowned medical institution with a pristine record for medical care and service delivery, Emory still stays humble by developing an intentionally disastrous student health center to really showcase how superior the other facilities are. Families visiting can enjoy observing panicked students being told they have serious conditions before a nurse practitioner laughs it off saying, "Nevermind! I suppose it really is just the common cold and not chlamydia!" If you have ever desired to see WebMD and other inaccurate online diagnostic tools come to life, you've come to the right place.

**Don't Miss:** We've all heard of the Spanish Steps and other large fantastical staircases, but these pale in comparison to the architectural wonder of the Student Health Services staircase. Steep, outdoors, and with seemingly no purpose, these steps are the not for the faint-hearted (but unfortunately, mainly students experiencing dizziness, nausea, fainting spells, and similarly risky symptoms are subjected to the trek up the stairs). Take a classic tourist photo with the array of ill students sprawled up and down the stairs resting as they try to reach the top in hopes of some mediocre medical care.

# Global Marble Shortage Threatens to Delay Expansion of Emory Campus, Makes Existing Structures Worth *Trillions*

Believe it or not, marble is a nonrenewable resource and there has been a major shortage of late.<sup>1</sup> Late last night, however, there was an unexpected development: the marble vein in Georgia, from which Emory sources, and has sourced, all of its marble for over one hundred years, has finally run dry.<sup>2</sup>

The Georgia Marble Vein (GMV) was one of only three remaining in the world actively producing viable quantities, and the only one located within the United States.<sup>3</sup>

This turn of events has destabilized the Global Marble Market (GMM), sending the price of marble skyrocketing to \$38,567 per metric ounce as of this writing, threatening to cause a recession on par with the 2008 mortgage crisis.<sup>4</sup>

As a result, panic is brewing. Investors and consumers alike are growing increasingly skeptical of the viability of the remaining veins, as the GMV was projected to be viable well into 2050.

With this level of uncertainty in the efficacy of the predictive models the marble market relied so heavily upon, many financial analysts are at a loss when asked

to offer sound advice. Some suggest simply waiting until the market calms, while others plan to take a no-risk approach and advise withdrawing from the market entirely.

Nevertheless, some investors have assumed a more aggressive “no risk, no reward” mentality.<sup>5</sup> Many have resorted to looting any marble they can find, creating a major threat to the law and order of Emory’s beautiful and historic campus.

With current tensions running nearly as high as the price of the marble that adorn its buildings, the Emory administration has placed the campus under martial law until further notice.

Due to the rarity with which martial law is invoked, President Sterk has provided some very specific stipulations:

1. There is a curfew in place. No one is allowed to be on campus without explicit and written permission from a Dean of the University or the President (of Emory) after 9 pm.
2. Emory police have increased their numbers by

500% and have been provided with armored vehicles, assault rifles, and trained marble-sniffing dogs.<sup>6</sup> They have also been given orders to shoot any and all trespassers on sight, as well as individuals on campus after curfew.<sup>7</sup>

3. Emory police have been given permission to utilize stop and frisk procedures as necessary, and all bags will be examined when entering and leaving the areas around the buildings where marble is the most readily accessible.

4. Individuals with particularly heavy looking bags will be detained, arrested, and subject to search and seizure of any and all of their belongings, until such time as they have proven, beyond a reasonable doubt, their innocence.<sup>8</sup>

5. Anyone found to have any amount of marble on their person<sup>9</sup> will have all of their social media accounts deleted and their entire online presence replaced by a single Emory Bubble profile.

While the conditions above have only been in effect for approximately 27 hours, there have been a number of arrests made and several (unverified)

reports of raids on dorm rooms across campus. Even so, classes will continue as usual, with the only other major difference being that President Sterk has liberated an absolutely massive chunk of funds to be reallocated to the chemistry department.

While the nature of the project these funds are funding is unknown, its code name, provided to the *Spoke* by an employee within the chemistry department,<sup>10</sup> leaves no questions:<sup>11</sup> “Project Not Monetizing on this Ridiculous Turn of Events by Utilizing Modern Chemical Techniques to Produce Marble in a Scalable Way with Which we Will Not Make Marble in Order to Profit from this Utterly Absurd and Illogical Situation Because Emory Cares More About its Students than its Endowment Which is Why all of our Students Have no Loans or Debt Part II: Electric Boogaloo.”

As for what part one was, one very well may never know, but it almost certainly has something to do with The Great Brick Shortage of 1855.



<sup>1</sup>A nonrenewable resource is one that cannot be replenished with ease, for those of you not in the know

<sup>2</sup>of course not literally, as marble is a solid

<sup>3</sup>one of the others being located in Guam, so they will likely be gaining statehood soon

<sup>4</sup>A metric ounce is, of course, 25 or 30 mL in fluid volume, or the equivalent number of grams in mass; not to be confused with a troy ounce, which is exactly 31.1034768 grams

<sup>5</sup>i.e. buy as much as possible

<sup>6</sup>That sweet, sweet rock smell

<sup>7</sup>excluding students, who are to be escorted via the super secret tunnels that crisscross the campus, to the basement of the Administration Building, where Claire Sterk herself, in coordination with Dooley, will lead an intensive interrogation regarding the nature of their activities

<sup>8</sup>Legal counsel is to be provided upon mandatory suggested donation of a minimum of 3,000 Eagle Dollars to the telefund. The equivalent monetary value will be accepted in Danish Krone.

<sup>9</sup>As determined by marble sniffing dog

<sup>10</sup>who spoke to the Spoke on the condition of anonymity

<sup>11</sup>Except the one we ask immediately after this paragraph

# Oxford Campus Acts as Animal Sanctuary

Oxford, GA—Far outside of the bustling city of Atlanta, Emory University's Oxford campus acts as a safe haven for socially-awkward endangered species. After two years of rehabilitation, these magnificent creatures are released back to their natural habitat on the Emory Atlanta campus.

"With this program, we can take unspeakably weird first-years and transform them into relatively functional human beings ready for a top-ranked research university," said Dean Douglas Hicks of Oxford. "I remember one little guy, barely a hundred pounds soaking wet. It was obvious Songfest would have eaten him alive, but af-

ter two years at Oxford he gained the strength and stamina to participate in the Ultimate Frisbee club and Theatre Oxford."

While some of these animals would never have been able to mate in the wild, Oxford campus provides a controlled environment for them to copulate in relative safety. Social clubs and wooded enclaves allow ample open spaces for all manner of bizarre creatures to breed separate from the high-stress environment of the Atlanta campus Greek life and suburban sprawl.

Originally established as a wildlife preserve, Oxford College became a sanctuary for socially-challenged and otherwise strange students after a new habitat was established in Atlanta in 1915. Now, more than ever, organizers see the value in preserving these great beasts.

"Without the Oxford campus, the Atlanta campus might slowly lose its vitality.

Currently, Oxford continues account for 80% of the people excited to be on campus at any given time," stated President Claire Sterk. "We are immensely grateful for the rehabilitative work of the Oxford campus."

You can support the work of the Oxford campus at <http://oxford.emory.edu>.



# Why the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Reflects Deceit

With the recent proposed budget cuts to many "vital" agencies in the United States, it is time for Americans to face the facts. The Environmental Protection Agency, or EPA, is one of the biggest wastes of money for the US government, and people need to stop getting their branches tangled over its inevitable decomposition.

Many recent publications have tried to prove the necessity of the EPA, and by doing so they have only prolonged its delicate future. But the question remains, do we really need the EPA?

Firstly, we can look to the Bible. Jesus said, "If there is a man who lies with a male as those who lie with a woman, both of them have committed a detestable act." People typically associate this with homosexuals, yet they forget that it also applies if a man falls in love with anything other than a woman. A little-known fact about the EPA is that they provide funding for ecosexuals, people that find "pleasure" in nature.

Ecosexualism is infecting the minds of American children. Is this any way for the EPA to repay its debt to Veggie Tales, a wholesome Christian programming series that has always supported the environmental agenda?

Another part of the liberal scheme is to distract young people with made up research that points to bees dying at an alarming rate. However, many Facebook statuses have been breaking through the left's propaganda, stating that the bees are, in fact, not dying at an alarming rate. While these statuses are not rooted in research, the authors have put their lives on the line to go against the grain and share their opinions, which means that there must be some sort of truth there.

On the other hand, if the bees are dying at an alarming rate, is there anything the EPA could really do to



help them? What is the point of wasting taxpayer money? The dinosaurs went extinct, and many would argue the planet is a better place without them.

Finally, President Trump has stated multiple times



that he plans to bring back jobs in the mining communities of America. The EPA has done nothing to foster jobs in the mining industry. After they began to put regulations on mines, to reduce "toxic waste" from "flowing into our drinking water," thousands of miners were fracked out of their field.

Does this mean that the EPA hates jobs? Probably. Has the EPA tirelessly tried to make us care about the

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water problem in Flint, Michigan, even though it has no effect on the rest of the USA? Definitely.

The EPA, or Environmental Propaganda Agency, should be seen for what it really is: a terrorist group attempting to scare Americans into compromising their everyday lives so they will shop at Whole Foods and buy Elephant Pants. Who are you going to donate your money to, America? Elephants in India or Ivanka Trump and her shoes?

# Emory as a Unique Ecosystem

Emory University may seem to be an apathetic and reserved campus, perpetually fulfilling its purpose as a stop towards supposedly bigger and more interesting things. Indeed, curing a disease is literally the most interesting thing to happen here since the boys went to fight the North back in 1861, and Dooley still somehow manages to be more alive than the social scene on campus. However, much can be gained from a close analysis of the individuals who populate our campus. The *Spoke's* resident cultural commentator, Joseph Braxwatton recently discussed with Professor Emeritus of Behavioral Biology, Hugh Mosapien about the different subsets of Emory's population and what brought them to this not-so-shitty part of Atlanta.

**Emory Spoke:** As a senior in high school, I came to Emory after being rejected from Duke and seeing its US News ranking, despite never having heard of Emory until three days before the application was due. I assume some students actually have legitimate reasons for attending, so what are the kinds of people that end up here?

**Hugh Mosapien:** Yes, Emory's population is fascinating, and I've spent many years studying the students of this institution. I've observed that many do come here initially as a back-up, but I prefer to study how individuals fit in once they've settled. The people you just talked about are *Ivoniae rejectus*, many of whom remain out of place and somehow "salty" about their rejection letters from Brown even after they receive their BBAs in finance. They often exhibit signs of cognitive dissonance by somehow believing they are better than everyone else despite evidence to the contrary. It's no coincidence there are more Harvard sweatshirts here than on Harvard's campus.

**ES:** Emory's located in the Deep South, but to many it resembles a Northern school. How have we transitioned from the good old days of James Wagner praising the 3/5 Compromise to our current climate, where identifying as a Republican is a crime on par with preferring the new WoodRec?

**HM:** Epigenetic inheritance has led many specimen to evolve into what I like to classify as *Confederata pseudonius*. They can be spotted by Instagram posts about loving Waffle

House, pickup trucks with New York license plates, and wincingly awkward attempts to include "y'all" in normal conversation. Obviously, since their last stronghold at 14 Eagle Row was vacated and replaced by LMAO (a breeding grounds for tepidly-inspiring spoken word poetry and vaguely profound conceptual art), their numbers have been dwindling. Soon, there might not even be a place on a top 20 university's campus for a 150-year-old painting of a Confederate general!



The *Fraternus jerseyalis* engages in a symbiotic relationship with *C. pseudonius*, while also contributing to the ecosystem's distinctively northern atmosphere. This species is most heavily concentrated in Eagle Row when not back up North or "getting lit" in Miami or New Orleans. In spite of the inappropriate volume and attire of this species, onlookers may harbor the illusion that Emory is a fun place as they observe the raucous parties and mating rituals held with their counterparts, the *Sororitatae trideltae*. Many of these species can also be included in the sub-classification *Gymnasium attemptus*, an Emory-specific phenomenon resulting in little to no "gains:" a product of unlimited DUC swipes and the lack of pressure to be ripped on a D3 campus.

**ES:** You're clearly a pioneer in this field of research. The subspecies that you've spoken of until this point seem relatively prevalent on campus, and I was wondering if there are any other, more uncommon groups that are still worth talking about?

**HM:** Obviously fitting into the fraternity life is literally the only way to have fun while here, but strangely there are some groups that stupidly think they can have fun in their own way. There's always the *Stonerus maximus*, who is forced to hide from EPD while completing its ritual of smoking and later blowing way too many Dooley Dollars on \$10 Pirate's Booty Aged White Cheddar Puffs at Eagle Convenience. Another subspecies crucial to funding our beautifully-endowed campus and all the amazing food choices is the *Affluencius internationalis*. Such individuals are only found in small pockets of campus, primarily smoking cigarettes next to the library, or at one of KUSA's daily barbecues. I can see why they spend so much time going on cool trips and eating 50 dollar dinners in Buckhead whenever they can't be riding their tiger back in Dubai or whatever.

**ES:** Some interesting things in there. Finally, do you have any predictions as to how the demographic composition of campus will be shifting in the near future?

**HM:** Well, I can definitely foresee a new generation truly altering the makeup of our campus in the years to come. Beginning with the Class of 2021, I predict a new species, the *Contedidae emeratra*, that will be unable to partake in the current and sacred tradition of constant complaining. Without prior knowledge of campus before its deconstruction and of food options besides Kaldi's, these new students may even be happy! This dangerous trend could send Emory in a direction of happiness which it hasn't known before.

**ES:** Scary! Thank you for your time.

This article is in memory of Dr. Mosapien. He understood people, but not four-way intersections, and recently passed away at the Clifton Road construction site getting hit by an Uber driver.

## Emory Student Makes Groundbreaking Discovery

Having scuba dived for nearly a whole semester, Marcus Plopman, sophomore, was recently awarded for his bravery and groundbreaking discovery of a vast treasure that has contributed greatly to Emory's campus. Plopman, or "Blubberfish," as he is affectionately known to his Introduction to Scuba Diving class, had nearly failed the scuba diving certification test.

However, his perseverance and the proctor's impatience pushed him through, leading him to what some are even calling "Emory's ticket to the top 19."

Shortly after becoming certified, Blubberfish was spotted diving into the WoodPEC pool by employees walking by at night. It was there where he first found a gold beaded necklace buried under green and purple ones in a bright, neon pink

fanny pack that said "PARTY".

"There was even a gold fleur-de-lis was attached to the necklace, isn't that crazy?" exclaimed Blubberfish.

This discovery led him to expand his treasure hunting to other pools on campus, including those at the SAAC on the Clairmont Campus and Sigma Alpha Epsilon. It was at SAE where what can only be described as a hairball of gold beaded necklaces struck Blubberfish's air tank and nearly caused him to drown.

"Everyone says that this was just luck, but I totally earned it. I had to take my top and air tank off for these beads," explained Blubberfish.

The only thing that saved him was a giant swan floatie left over from earlier in the semester and

several feathered boas which he tied to the floatie.

With his newfound notoriety, Blubberfish has since been featured in renowned publications such as the Dooley Report and *Emory Wheel*. When asked about his future plans, Blubberfish claimed that he had seen some dimpled balls in the lake near the Emory Golf driving range that looked like they could be worth some money.

**Update:** Carlos Museum curators claim that Blubberfish had not found gold, but instead artifactual remnants from the Great Mardi Migration of 2017. The beads will be kept as part of Emory history. Blubberfish was last seen scuba diving in the lake near Lullwater, but has been reported missing. Please contact *National Spokographic* with any information.

## Investigating Carlos Museum Cultural Appropriation

In response to an anonymous tip from the *Spoke's* resident informant Ryan Formant, we sent a reporter to investigate rumors of cultural appropriation happening at the Michael C. Carlos Mu-

seum. The *Spoke* sat down for an interview with Carlos Museum spokesman Ramsay S. Arcophagus.

“These allegations of cultural appropriation are ridiculous and completely baseless,” Arcophagus said while wearing an authentic Egyptian headdress. “At the Carlos Museum, we have the utmost respect for other cultures. Our primary goal is to understand them, and sometimes that means we have to



Carlos Museum spokesman Ramsay S. Arcophagus pictured napping before his interview with the Emory Spoke.

embrace them. Notice I said embrace, not appropriate.”

When asked about the headdress, Arcophagus said, “There is no cultural appropriation here. This is a new style. Weren't you at Cairo Fashion Week?” When the *Spoke* reporter pointed out that no

one has worn a genuine Egyptian headdress as a fashion statement since 30 BCE, Arcophagus yelled, “Do not test me! I control the fires of Amun-Ra! I will incinerate you and cast your soul into the maw of

Ammit the Devourer!” Unfortunately, the *Spoke* was unable to complete the interview because at that point Arcophagus attempted to kill our reporter with a pharaoh's flail. Our reporter says that as he left, he saw other Carlos Museum employees attempting to

forcibly subdue Arcophagus, to no avail. Some attempted to reanimate the mummies of the museum to fight Arcophagus, but this backfired as the mummies sided with Arcophagus upon seeing him

in the raiment of the pharaoh.

The battle culminated on the quad, where Arcophagus vanquished his foes with blasts of the cleansing fire of Amun-Ra and cast their souls into the netherworld. Eyewitnesses report that upon his victory, Arcophagus cried, “FEAR ME, EMORY! I am the heir of Ramses and your true pharaoh! All who oppose me WILL BURN!”

At the time of this article's writing, Arcophagus and his mummy

entourage were reportedly driving chariots through Asbury Circle, shooting those unfortunate passersby with arrows. The Carlos Museum declined to comment, as their new spokeswoman Cleo Patra was busy building a pyramid on McDonough Field.

## Mysterious New Life Form Discovered in Emory Student's Research Paper

The discovery of a previously unknown lifeform is an exciting time for any researcher. Such was the case for the faculty of Emory University's biology department last month when reviewing a graduate student's dissertation.

“At first I thought the student had simply misspelled the scientific name of another organism,” said senior lecturer Greg Myles. “But upon closer inspection, I realized this crazy word was much too far removed from the correct spelling of any known species, and that's when it dawned on me that we were onto something big.”

This heretofore undocumented organism, cited by the student as *Phuduclin domonionus*, or *P. domonionus* for short, can apparently be found only in a very specific

habitat: wherever extravagant sums of money are being flushed down the toilet on unnecessary construction projects. In other words, Emory's campus is well and thoroughly infested.

*P. domonionus* is apparently a massive, white, bulb-like creature. The author of the study characterized it as “very, very ugly.” Although rarely studied in the wild, their character is thought to be intrusive, even overtly obstructionary, and highly territorial.

The administration issued a statement to Emory's student body in the wake of these findings, urging caution around campus until professionals can be brought in to eradicate these notorious pests.

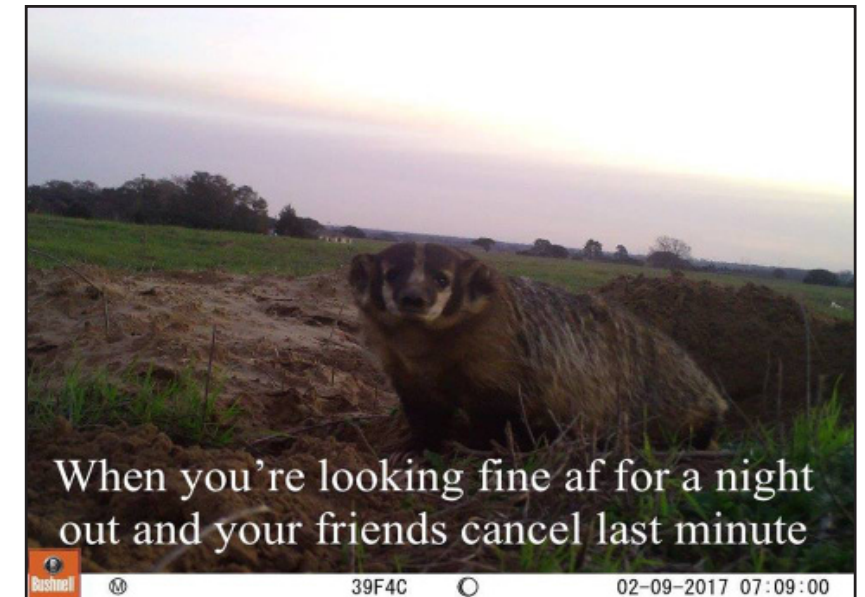
Students who exercise regularly on campus are thought to be at high-

est risk of inconvenience.

“I'd never come across one,” said Dean of Campus Life Alisha Megane, “but it sounds like they're a real problem for students, and something that's not good for our students is something that we at Emory could never support,” remaining beautifully, blissfully ignorant. The unflinchingly oblivious Dean continued: “We can only hope that with time, additional study will shed light on the issue of how to return our campus to the sanctuary it once was.”

Sources close to the dean reported a mysterious rolling sensation in their eyes at this moment, but that is a study for another article.

## Wild Beasts Experience the Treachery of Contemporary Life





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## The Best Accessories for Animal Lovers

Our animal enthusiast detectives have searched the world for 2017's fashion trends, what we heard referred to as "hot styles." Our research shows that the following are the trends all animal lovers should be aware of in the next year:

**Polar bear skin peplum top** – The flared fabric strip serves as a staple for peplum tops. Our calculations have determined that the peplum top shows off a woman's waist by accentuating her curves. We have deduced that the most similar desired effect change be achieved by a warm polar bear coat. Under that sleek white fur coat is a "thick" body, which our research shows is now "in." Look chic in a polar bear top, you monster.

**Crocodile leather boots** – Lavonette Wood, owner of Shoot 'n Shop in New Orleans, shared with our reporters that she lets her customers "choose a live crocky from da swamp." Evidence shows that avid Mardi Gras goers came back with the stylish crocodile leather boots and that the boots pair great-

ly with an extreme excess of beads. Nothing garners respect like an abundance of Mardi Gras beads.

**Elephant tusk drop pendant necklaces** – Elephant tusks are always a timely and quality statement piece for animal lovers. An elephant tusk necklace serves as a constant reminder of your passion for animals by wearing part of a dead one against your chest. If elephants are your favorite animals, researchers recommend choosing a necklace with a tusk carved into the shape of an elephant. Sources report that your dishonorable dedication will not go unnoticed.

**Rabbit's foot key chains** – Our data shows that people have recently been foregoing rabbits' feet for clovers, pennies, and horseshoes, but it also shows that the natural look is coming back in style. You can now find rabbit's foot keychains hanging from L. L. Bean backpacks, dyed to match the bag's color. The most popular L. L. Bean Rabbits' feet now come in the following natural colors: Seal Blood

Red, Baby Vomit Green, Cockroach Brown, and Blue Iris. Middle school trends are back, and we're all slowly going to revert back to that form of self. Get ready.

**Shark tooth earrings** – According to our field irritable teenager, nothing says "Don't talk to me, I'm edgy" like the literal tooth of a predator sticking out of your ears. Jewelers are parting with the typical gold-coating and going for enamel-coating. Data shows the sizes range from a dainty 3 inches to a tasty 7 inches long. Sources say that most people would say size doesn't matter, but humanity lies.

**Raccoon sunglasses** – Want to protect your eyes from the sun, but also want to show off your killer smoky-eye? Evidence shows that the best way to achieve this goal is to wear sunglasses made from authentic raccoon fur. Our field irritable teenager enjoys these because, "You can have shadowing around your eyes as dark as your soul."

## The Perilous Journey of the Northeastern Salmon

On a clear day, a male Northeastern white salmon begins his long, treacherous journey from his home back to his breeding grounds. Scientists, intrigued by the species, have placed a tracker on certain specimens to learn more. For the first time, scientists have the opportunity to study these magnificent creatures on a larger scale.

The Northeastern white salmon most commonly spawns in New York and New Jersey tributaries. These males are best identified by their brightly-colored shorts. Unfortunately, migration season commences once temperatures drop below optimal shorts weather, thereby limiting the salmon's already slim chance to mate.

Other unique characteristics observed include colored shirts and boat shoes. Scientists have long been confounded by the salmon's choice of footwear, as it appears the salmon never approaches water during its migration and its mating ground of Atlanta is completely land-locked.

One salmon, after just two and a half hours, had miraculously covered more than 870 miles to reach his destination. Scientists were surprised to find that the salmon flies Delta zone 3, and not first class as some had previously speculated.

Its counterpart, the female Northeastern white salmon, has also travelled south to breed. The females are marked by their distinctive white and black sneakers, which scientists have dubbed "Superstars" for their remarkable ability to attract potential mates. Experts have named this ideal breeding period "darty szn," a time in which the male Northeastern white salmon are still viable and the females are most vulnerable to their natural pheromones of Keystone and Bud. However, even in this environment, the rate of mating success is still extremely low. Research is still under way to discover why.

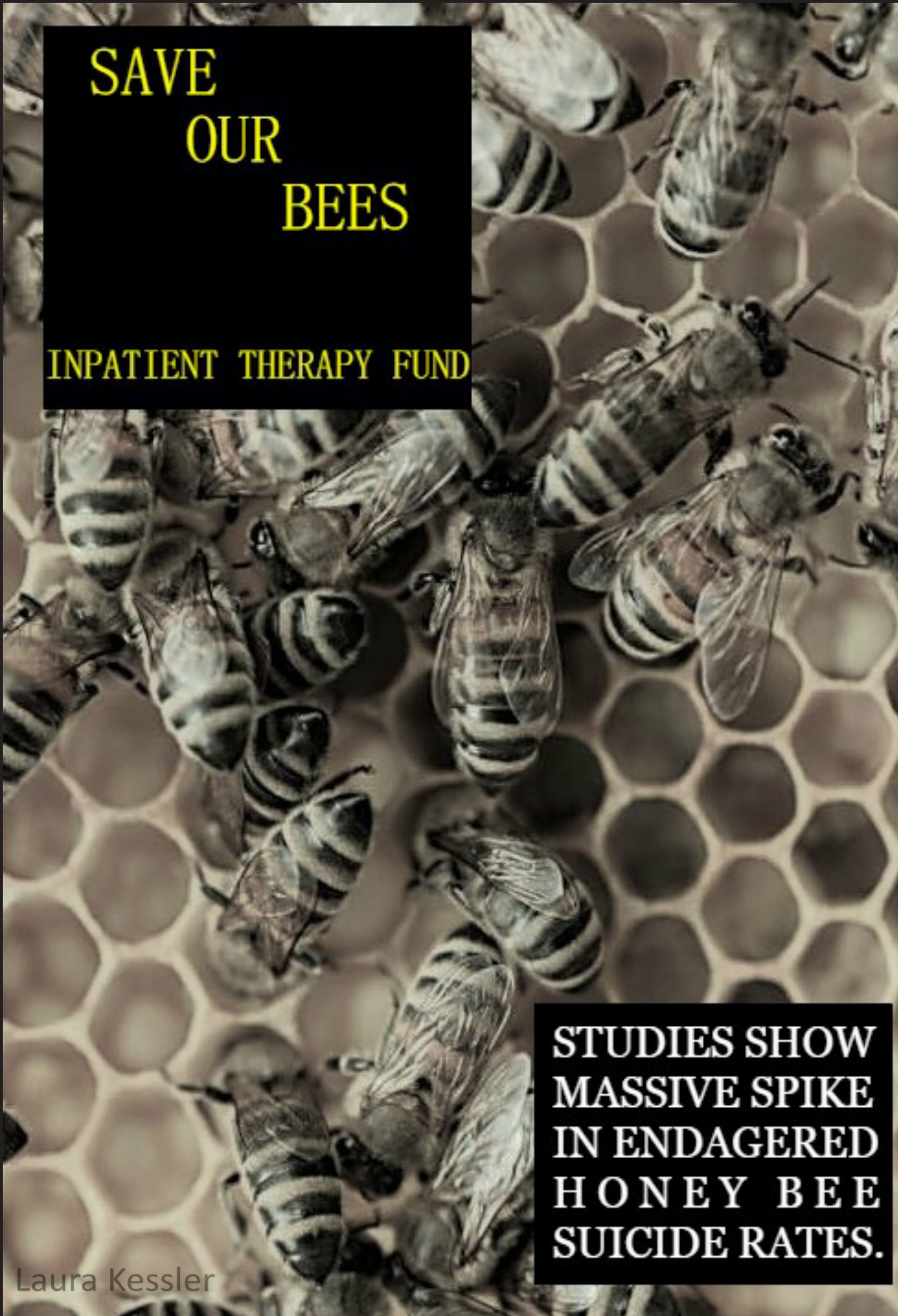
"We believe that it may be due to the lack of follow-up from males," explained one preeminent scientist.

Scientists have observed that despite successfully attracting the attention of females, the male does not continue the mating process and instead has a tendency to text and swipe right on other females, which signals a lack of interest to the attracted mate. Many who begin mating appear to be hindered by an unfortunate phenomenon that scientists believe to be the salmon's equivalent of "whiskey dick."

Despite their lack of mating success, the population of the Northeastern white salmon continues to grow. Whereas other migration by other species has been dwindling over the years, the southern migration of

the Northeastern white salmon has exponentially increased. For all that has been discovered on this journey, there is still much that is unknown.





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