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*Three Communications PHDs and a dryer meet for Conference*  
WILLS BUTLER, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Nerds: Hot? Or Extra Spicy?

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While it may seem obvious to many of our long-time readers, some still manage to question whether or not nerds are sexy. The answer, however, may depend on the definition of the word.

Officially coined in the early 1700s by other scientists to describe the intelligent but slightly insufferable Sir Issac Newton, “nerd” has been used to describe smart but non-athletic persons for

centuries. Only recently has society decided that this once crippling nickname is now a positive trait.

Hipsters are now donning thick rimmed glasses, wearing bow-ties, and even pocket protectors in their efforts to cash in on the latest anti-mainstream fad.

Sexualized in both the media and online, “I Love Nerd” shirts are never in short supply, allowing preppy girls who have never heard of

Dungeons and Dragons to profess this not-so-secret love. How is it that such wildly different groups can be equally involved in this?

The key here is to look at the true nerds, those of us who have spent decades trapped in basements and garages, playing D&D, eating Cheetos and drinking copious quantities of Mountain Dew.

We have remained in the shadows, consuming  
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## Chevron Stairs Arrested

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Yesterday, in an unprecedented move, authorities arrested the Chevron Stairs; charging it with fifty-eight counts of assault, twenty counts of battery, and sixteen counts of attempted homicide, as well as being a public nuisance, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and assaulting an officer.

Volleys of rumors are flying concerning the upcoming court proceedings: everything from a possible appeal to the Supreme Court to victims entering the Witness Protection Program to Cardiac Hill being named as a co-conspirator and accomplice.

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## Nerds Are Damn Sexy

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day-old cold pizza in solitude, even as society romanticizes our lives. We aren't cool enough to buy drugs. We don't go to parties or have wacky hi-jinks. Clearly, nerds are much cooler than Pop-culture would have you believe.

You see, because Nerds are truly the epitome of counter-culture, we are represented by neither the bubbly mainstream nor the chive-cigarette-smoking-hipster subculture. Nobody wants to represent a people who think

dipping Doritos in Code Red is gourmet. People whose acne ridden faces show there is more than a spoonful of truth to the phrase "You are what you eat".

In this way, Nerds have managed to come around and become even sexier than Pop-culture said they were. Hear me out here. Nerds don't conform to any of society's rules. In most cases they seem to be almost completely unable to.

This bad-boy image is ingrained in our psyche as attractive. James Dean, Elvis Presley, Han Solo, Hugh Hefner, Wolverine, and now,

George Lucas. All sexy in their own special way.

So next time you ironically don your Spongebob "I heart nerds" shirt, take a minute to think of the greasy man-boobs that spent hours in their moms' basement arguing over which Star Trek Captain had bigger feet (Picard). Think of the orange-stained fingers running over sticky keyboards to flame 4chan.

Think of them. But definitely don't, uh, touch them or anything. You don't know where they've been.

## "England does not have a kidney bank, however the do have a Liverpool"

ALEX SEMIDEI *Senior Pun Correspondent*

### Little-Known/Misunderstood Internet Terms

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**Fapkin** – A napkin that has been used in some way to clean up or collect genetic material. *"I had to use a Fapkin because I ran out of tissues, but I still have two more Highlights magazines left!"*

**Face-palm** – Using a face (preferably one's own) to self-stimulate, similar to how one would use their own hand (or palm). *"How could a human being possibly Face-palm using that definition?", said the Editor"*

**Gay** – Contrary to popular belief this retains its original meaning: happy or good in some way. *"Lol Ur Gay"*

**Fag** – A term of joking affection shared between internet friends, implying "gay"-ness (See Gay). *"Hey new-fag, gay as ever I see"*

**Tits** – Talk Into The Screen. Usually directed at women, this implies you want to "hear" more about them. Often followed by "or GTFO". *"Tits or GTFO!"*

**GTFO** – Give These Fellows Options. A simple conversation starter often

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All that is known at this time is that the Chevron Stairs have managed to post their \$250,000 bond and are back on the streets, at least for now.

Students are urged to exercise caution, and, what with all the present uncertainties, they may want to consider bypassing both the Chevron Stairs and the Pete Stairs, and just taking the shuttle instead.

employed by more shy individuals who would rather have the Female direct the conversation. *"Tits or GTFO!"*

**Compromise** – Theoretically, if two parties had opposing views but could meet in the middle, they would use this term, but no evidence of this ever happening could be found. (See Politics) *"On the internet we're all tough guys, why compromise?"*

## WEEKLY FORECAST



friday



saturday



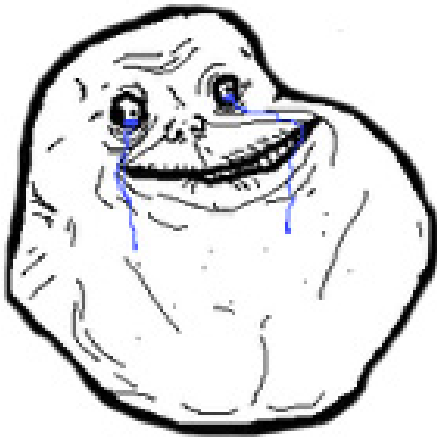
sunday



monday



tuesday



*Don't Let YOUR Fall Break Look Like This*  
WILLS BUTLER, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



*Wait, what am I supposed to put for this caption?*  
WILLS BUTLER, CAPTION EXPERT

## Making The Best of Fall Break

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Fall Break is a rich cultural tradition celebrated ferociously by the students of The University of Pittsburgh. This weekend is a celebration of all of the wonderful things associated with the season of colorful leaves and crop harvesting. For all those who are unable to travel home for the break, the Pittiful News would like to propose a few suggestions as to how to celebrate this fascinating holiday:

- Add pumpkin flavor to everything you eat and drink: pumpkin tea, pumpkin toast, pumpkin cupcakes, pumpkin pancakes, pumpkin milk, pumpkin toothpaste, pumpkin tears of loneliness, etc.
- Rake a pile of leaves and jump in them. Or for those who are yardless, maybe a pile of tissues, expensive hand soaps or your roommate's shoes.
- Reenact, with costumes, a harvest feast in Market Central.
- Carve faces into any available fruit or vegetable.
- Buy some candles that capture the aromas of fall: the smell of cornbread and fleece, the smell of your feet after wearing three pairs of socks, the smell of getting strep throat from your classmates, the smell of seasonal affect disorder and perpetual sadness.

## Why I Love My Club

WILLS BUTLER

*shameless cad*

My name is Wills and I am a shameless cad. With that out the way, let me explain to you why I love the club I help run: Humans vs. Zombies.

What do you do in HVZ? Run around for a week and kill zombies, until the point where you are killed and start nabbing humans. Using Nerf guns and socks, college kids valiantly try to stay alive while dozens of zombies try to take them down.

Some people dress up in full body armor; Kevlar arm protectors and balaclavas abound. Some people don't even buy nerf guns!

But why do I love it? Because today, after a meeting, I got players to register for teams. And here is a small taste of the names I got: Solanum Slaughter, Teen Titans, The Trees, Caucasian Persuasion, The Horny Narwhals, and who could forget Team Raw Dog?

This is why I love this game. Not the missions, not the Nerf gear, not the after-party, not the violent chases across traffic-heavy streets, not even the sight of a four foot tall freshman girl wielding a fully automatic belt-fed machinegun. It's the players.

They make this game great, and without them my whole club isn't worth shit. So, why do you care? Here's why:

Over the next week, you will see people running around with Nerf guns. And you will have one of

## WORDS TO IMPRESS THE LADIES

"Hey how do you like your eggs? Poached, Scrambled, or Fertilized?"

ALEX SEMIDEI *Permanently banned from eHarmony*



*Pastafarian oppression of Iguanas continues, especially on stations such as FOX News, CNN, and Animal Planet.*

two reactions. If you say, "Wow, how dumb and immature", great. Have fun at SAE.

But if you look, see the look of sheer terror on a kid's face as he books it with a dozen zombies on his tail and think, "Fuck yeah", then this is for you. If you've ever watched a Zombie movie and thought, "I would be kicking so much ass", then this is for you.

Come and play with us sometime, we'd love to have you.

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