



## THE AVATARS BY ANONYMOUS

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Somewhere

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Group Andromeda / Supercluster Virgo / Universe

“For the better, right?” I asked.

“What?” She’d spaced out.

“You said, ‘It’s changed.’ I was asking if it was for the better.”

“Yes, it is for the better except for...” Her voice trailed. She did not want to finish the sentence.

I did not want to finish it either, so I just agreed with what she was clearly thinking. “Yeah, it’s sad. I wish we could have stopped it.”

“There is nothing we could have done. If we had stopped it no one would be here now.”

Switching the subject, as we were both uncomfortable, I asked about her plans for next month. “Are you going to stay and finish school or are you going to explore?”

“I think I found what I was looking for, so I have decided to stay on Earth for now. What about you?”

“That’s excellent! I got a call for a job at the D.o.E.C. I think I’m going to take it.”

With a smile, she said, “That’s great! I always...” And with a pause I had become used to, she chose her next word with care. “... forget, remind me what that stands for again.”

“Department of Extraterrestrial Cooperation.”

A few months ago my friends and I saved the universe. There were six of us:

Akrd Arulnte, a Galthion;

Igthl Utralen, a Karlinon;

Rai Runalte, a Hatriln;

Ehtra Ertlanu, a Riathling;

Teraw Tarlenu, a Weraln;

and me Frie Nuterla; an Earthling. This is our story.

## AROUND PENN: WEIGLE WORKSHOPS

Looking to learn a new technical skill? Need to refine or refresh what you already know? Then Weigle Information Commons has just what you need.

Located in the Van Pelt library on the first floor, Weigle collaborates with Communication Within the Curriculum (CWIC), Weingarten Resources Center, and the Writing Center to help teach workshops on the latest technologies.

There are a variety of workshops for students at any level of computing skill. They offer beginner workshops in how to use products like Microsoft Word, Powerpoint, Excel, iMovie, and Blackboard. They also offer more advanced workshops in products like Word-Press, Photoshop, and ArcGIS.

Weigle does not only just offer workshops; they also offer group study rooms (GSRs), data diner booths, alcove areas, seminar rooms, and the Vitale Digital Media Lab.

Group Study Rooms can be reserved online. They typically come equipped with a whiteboard, a computer, and room for 4 to 8 people all enclosed.

Data Diner Booths come with a computer and are out in the open.

Alcove Areas are also out in the open. There is plenty of space for large groups and they come with a whiteboard and a computer. But these can not be reserved so it is first come, first serve.

The Seminar Rooms are great for meetings and presentations with its seating for over thirty, a whiteboard, multiple computers, and multiple forms of media input. These must be reserved online.

Vitale can print posters, lend you equipment of all kinds, and offers online tech tutorials.

To get more information, check out their website below.

[wic.library.upenn.edu](http://wic.library.upenn.edu)

## ABOUT THE STORY

The story to the left was written by a fellow KCECHer (that is all I can tell you about the author). It is the beginning of the first book in their new science fiction series that they are in the midst of writing.

If you have constructive comments, or would like to tell them what you think, please email [kcechnews@gmail.com](mailto:kcechnews@gmail.com). All comments will be forwarded.

## Product of the Week



SNAPPLE

On sale starting Monday the 24th at a low price of \$1.50 (was \$1.75). Yoo-hoo will still be on sale until then

## SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Calendar Key <div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; gap: 5px;"> <div><span style="color: blue;">■</span> KCECH</div> <div><span style="color: red;">■</span> Penn</div> <div><span style="color: green;">■</span> Philly &amp; Beyond</div> </div>	17 Intramural Sports Begin Constitution Day Celebration	18 VSA GBM When I Grow Up...	19 Kiss and Motley Crue Biosphere GBM	20 Shoemaker Green Opening Perspectives in Humanities GBM	21 Can You Hear God Crying?	22 Skimmer
23 Out of the Past	24 STWiCS Dinner Discussion	25 Sheperd and Cray	26 LinkedIn Study Break	27 Resume Workshop	28 Philly Arts and Culture Fair	29 Philly Scavenger Hunt
30 Cobbs Creek Bike Ride	1 Architecture in Film	2 Moonlight Tour	3 Great Battles	4 Dinner Discussion	5 Fall in Love with Facetime Theatre	6 Family Weekend

### Character of the Week



NICHOLAS MCGILL

I'm a senior in MEAM & EE in the School of Engineering with a passion for microcontrollers. It's my fourth year in KCECH and I'm excited to be an RA on KC1. I'm on a robotic soccer team that competes in an annual, international competition called RoboCup.

### THE WEEK AHEAD: 9/20–9/26

9/20, 12pm—Shoemaker Green Opening. Head down to the Palestra for the grand opening of Penn's newest green space and some free food.

9/20, 8pm—PiH GBM. Join Perspectives in Humanities manager Laura Agosto in the Blue Lounge to learn about all the amazing stuff they do!

9/22, 12pm—Skimmer. After last year's revival of this great Penn tradition, Skimmer is back. Free food, free shirts, free music. All on College Green.

9/24, 6pm—STWiCS Dinner Discussion. Join STWing and WiCS in the PDR for dinner with one of Penn's best computer science professors, Max Mintz.

9/26, 10am—LinkedIn Job Hunting Session. Go to Weigle Information Commons to discuss how best to hunt for jobs using LinkedIn.

9/26, 10pm—Piñata Study Break. Come to the courtyard and bust open a piñata for tons of candy!

### PENN, A HISTORY: THE SKIMMER

This weekend marks the second year of the revived Penn tradition, the Skimmer.

The first Skimmer occurred in 1949, initially called Callow Day, and was named such after Penn's then crew coach, Rusty Callow. It was held on the Schuylkill River (SKR) banks.

In 1951, Callow left, and so it was renamed Skimmer Day,

after the straw hat that would be worn on the occasion.

Four years later, what was once a simple celebration of Penn sports, became riotous. This rowbottom (Penn's word for riot, who knew?) had been encouraged by a fraternity motorcade.

Then, in 1959, Skimmer was cancelled due to concerns

about cleanup and alcohol use.

In '65, students held a controlled event in order to keep Skimmer around.

Starting in 1973, Skimmer got replaced by Spring Fling.

For more history, check out [git.to/PennSkimmer](http://git.to/PennSkimmer)