Welcome to the Gauntlet!
The Student Run Newspaper

**Dear First Years,**
Welcome to GAMES. You are this year’s group that has been chosen to continue the legacy of greatness that has been carried on by those who have come before you. As you transition into a more mature mindset and grow to call Cochran home, please be mindful. There is temptation everywhere: not being required to going to class, choosing whatever you want to eat... know yourself and do what is best for you. There are people here who care and will give you assistance. Game on!

**Dear Second Years,**
We are in the final stretch! Congratulations. You have made it this far. We are on the cusp of full adulthood, with that being said: do not throw away your shot. This is the time to work hard, do exceptional on standardized tests, and write bomb Common App essays. As we journey to the best time of our lives, let us set good examples for our legacy and pave the way for a bright future. There are many people here to help with whatever is needed. We will succeed. Let’s not sleep on our opportunities and show how great we are. Good luck!

**A Letter From the Georgia Academy President, Julia Davis**

*Georgia Academy Students,* mistakes and you will grow. As we near midterm, we all from them, but you will find have settled into a new yourself and your passion. semester and established a Most importantly, give sense of normalcy. For some yourself some credit. You of us, the adjustment was are in a very challenging drastic: leaving high school program working several and home to be surrounded by grade levels above your people almost as “memey” as head; not everyone can do you. For others, it was another that. This is an extraordinary year in the same place, but program, but it is not Welch with different peers in more or MGA or even Cochran challenging classes. Here are that makes up the Georgia a few pieces of advice for Academy, it is the people: you: First and foremost, slow you and everyone here, down and appreciate every Chase your dreams and moment you have here. One become who you aspire to day, you will miss the be. You are a GAMER, you boredom of Cochran and even have got it in you. the stupid things you did with Your fearless leader, your friends to pass the time. *Julia Davis,* Spidget Finner Master

Two, try new things; try everything *(unless it breaks rules 1-4).* You will make
What makes a great leader?

As students, leadership is one of the most important qualities that we need to develop. It is a skill that we need not only here at the Academy, but also in our futures, as we work our way to the top of various business ladders. What makes a good leader? A common misconception is that a leader is more likely to prepare to lead with bold, gregarious, and ahead of time, take others loud: all qualities of an introvert. Extraversion is a natural way for a leader to have? Though we tend to think of extroverts as the leaders in our community, introverts possess many strong leadership qualities as well. It is true that introverts find comfort in smaller groups or even alone but that does not make them incapable of leading. In fact, these people depend purely on the situation in which the leadership role arises. If there is a crowd of fans buzzing about an upcoming game, you probably would not want the shyer person trying to pump them up. If you need a leader for a team of mathletes, you would not send in a football coach. It is all about balance and compatibility.

The ideal leader is dependable, truthful, calm, and open to new ideas. Extraversion is not required for leadership; introverts, you all have no excuse. Everyone has the propensity for leadership. Get out of your comfort zone!

Hurricane Relief Efforts

By Tevyn Fudge

From mid-August to early September, Hurricane Harvey ravaged much of the state of Texas and central America, as well as the United States Gulf Coast. This category 5 hurricane was followed by another, Hurricane Irma, which swept through the Caribbean and southeastern United States. Many lives were lost and families displaced during these natural disasters, as well as a lot of land and property being permanently destroyed. In the aftermath of these atrocities, help and relief is needed. There are many ways you can aid in the disaster relief effort.

Although many people think to donate food, clothing, and water in the wake of natural disasters, money is generally considered a more appropriate donation due to its flexibility and easiness to send. Consider donating to organizations such as United Way, The Humane Society of the United States’ Disaster Relief Fund, or UNICEF. There are also GoFundMe pages dedicated to aiding in the disaster relief effort.

If you wish to donate food and clothing, the Salvation Army accepts donations, as do many other organizations. Schools in areas local to affected areas also accept donations such as cases of water and unused clothing.

You can also donate blood in times of need. The blood supply is generally lower in times of disaster, donating your own is helpful and very much appreciated. You can find a local blood drive through the American Red Cross website.

Finally, opening your home to refugees and volunteering at local soup kitchens, animal shelters, etc. is a great way to be involved in the community and disaster relief efforts.

The Oddity Hurricane Irma

By Jonathan Varghese

Earlier this month, Hurricane Irma swept through the Caribbean and southeastern United States, leaving 75 dead and value which few hurricanes many injured or without have managed to hit. In power in its path of addition to its high wind destruction. What you may speeds, Hurricane Irma not know is just how unique showed signs of irregularity. Irma was. Hurricane Irma was Normally, hurricanes lack the the most powerful Atlantic vertical winds necessary for hurricane in history, achieving rubbing ice crystals with water a classification of five, the droplets and generating highest category on the Saffir- scale. contained abundant lightning. Its radius was about the size Research into the matter of Texas, stretching over 800 coincided with this, finding miles and reaching wind that the prevalence of speeds of over 185 miles per lightning in the eye generally led to maximum storm intensity, a feat Irma came awfully close to achieving. Hurricane Irma was also eerily noted to have completely emptied multiple bays in Tampa and the Caribbean, leaving behind mucky seabeds, water far away.
Coverage from the New York Times
U.S. to Collect Social Media Data on All Immigrants Entering Country

WASHINGTON — The Department of Homeland Security will soon begin collecting social media data from all immigrants entering the United States, part of what agency officials call an effort to more effectively screen those coming to the country but privacy advocates see as an unnecessary intrusion that would do little to protect national security.

The department will begin collecting the information on Oct. 18, the same day the Trump administration’s new travel ban on citizens of seven countries and restrictions on those from two others are set to take effect.

Green card holders and naturalized citizens will also have their social media information collected, with the data becoming part of their immigration file. It was unclear whether the monitoring would take place only in the application process or could continue afterward.

The department published the new requirement in the Federal Register last week, saying it would collect “social media handles, aliases, associated identifiable information and search results,” which would be included in an applicant’s immigration file. It said the data would come from “publicly available information obtained from the internet, public records, public institutions, interviewees, commercial data providers.”

The data collection has alarmed privacy groups and lawyers, who expressed concerns about how the department would use the information. Advocates say they also worry that the monitoring could suck in information on American citizens who communicate over social media with immigrants.

After the December 2015 mass shooting in San Bernardino, Calif., counterterrorism officials and lawmakers grew increasingly worried about the use of social media by terrorist groups like the Islamic State, also known as ISIS or ISIL.

Many members of Congress, mainly Republicans, began urging the Department of Homeland Security to use data gleaned from visa applicants’ or asylum seekers’ social media accounts as part of the immigration process.

Congressional Democrats also supported the effort to collect social media data on visa applicants.

“We believe these checks, focused on possible connections to terrorist activity, should be incorporated into D.H.S.’s vetting process for visa determinations, and that this policy should be implemented as soon as possible,” Democratic lawmakers said in a letter at the time.

The attackers in San Bernardino, Tashfeen Malik and her husband, Syed Rizwan Farook, had exchanged private online messages discussing their commitment to jihad and martyrdom, law enforcement officials said.

One of the pilot projects, which began in December 2015, screened the social media accounts of applicants for so-called fiancé visas, the program under which Ms. Malik entered the United States.

United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, the part of the Department of Homeland Security that approves citizenship and green cards, has previously used social media as part of the screening process for Syrian refugees, but only when the person was flagged because of a hit in an intelligence database or when questions were raised during an interview with immigration officials.

Faiza Patel, co-director of the Brennan Center’s Liberty and National Security Program at New York University, said although it was true that the Obama administration collected social media information, the new monitoring put in place by the Trump administration represented an escalation.

“What is different here is that it appears that they are monitoring people who are already in the United States — green card holders, for example,” she said. “And there is a lack of transparency of how they are using this data, which does heighten the concerns for this group of people.”

The international arrivals area at Dulles Int’l Airport in Virginia. James Lawler Duggan/Reuters
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Action

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Quick Note from the Editor.
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The Gauntlet team would love for your participation to help make this the best newspaper possible.

This is the first edition; help us make the future editions better, more interesting, and fun.

Thanks for your assistance. See you in October!