



# Harkness Autocrat Esteemed Journal

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## THE TECHNOLOGY HOUSE PERIODICAL

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### A Note from the Autocrat

Lucas Kasser

Welcome to the latest issue of the Tech House Autocrat! I hope that this release will continue to dazzle and amaze you, filling your days with awe and your nightly dreams with wordless wonder. I continue to strive to connect with my customer base, implementing dynamic new solutions in this fast-paced market of news resources. I thank you for your continued interest in the Autocrat, and hope you continue to come to use this product for your information needs.

On a related note, there has been a recent flurry of complaints aimed at the Autocrat management (myself). I find it difficult to imagine any reason to be upset at such an esteemed periodical as this one, but have responded to customer feedback and implemented a new policy: If you are not completely satisfied with any edition of the Autocrat, past or future, email [autocrat@techhouse.org](mailto:autocrat@techhouse.org) and I will issue a full refund. I hope that this dispels any lingering animosity between us.

### Smash and Sundry

Paul Addonizio

Below are the rankings for the Tech House 2017 Smash Ladder:

1. Leo Cooper
2. Dayton Wilson
3. Miles Holland
4. Paul Addonizio
5. Nick Cunningham
6. Raz Rivlis
7. Ben Wilson
8. Preston Law
9. Aaron Gokaslan
10. Zachary Zagorski
11. AJ Whitman
12. Lucas Kasser
13. Aiden Schore
14. Solomon Klein
15. Julius Reiner
16. Tracy Knight
17. Ethan Mok

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### A Biography: Nick Cunningham

Lucas Kasser

Nick Cunningham is a man of mystery, and seems to want to stay that way. After an unsuccessful 15 minutes spent trying to extract his life story, this intrepid reporter gave up, resolving to next time find an easier target. Either he has led a rather uneventful life or he protects his secrets better than a well-muscled gorilla with a katana.

(Nick is so mysterious that there's no photo of him available)

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## THext Editors

Emma Sloan

As we all know, using the proper text editor is critically important to being seen as a serious programmer and having the most efficient possible workflow. I here present some tech house opinions on the subject, anonymized for the subjects' protection.

- I hate them all.
- I learned vim as a matter of nerd cred. Then I joined tech house, and now I don't need nerd cred.
- It depends on the language and the assignment. But obviously vim is better than everything else
- vim is perfect in every way. Except maybe the scrolling is kind of weird  
*-pulls up vim-*  
Look at how perfect it is!  
*-starts stroking computer screen-*  
Even the scrolling is perfect.
- Why are so many people so fond of vim? Emacs is so much better! I mean sure, I only learned it because it had a shallower learning curve. But I use it, so it must be the best.
- I type everything in Microsoft Word. The stylized characters just add to the challenge.
- My vim config file is longer than most bash scripts.
- I use notepad.  
*-another respondent cuts in-*  
I use notepad ++  
*-having shown their superiority, the discussion devolves from there-*
- I use sublime because it's pretty. Even though it keeps asking me for money. But such is the price of beauty.
- Why would you even use a text editor other than sublime? atom is the worst; it's just a shit version of sublime.

- But seriously though, don't use Microsoft Edge

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## Overheard At Technology House

Tech House Quotes Page

"Aerial arts. It's when you hang on to a metal bar until you get so bruised that you can't hang on anymore."

*-Mariah adds, "But it's so fun, definitely do it!"*

Kath: Wait, are you guys S/NC-ing the class?

Paul: ... We're S/NC-ing it in spirit.

*-Nothing like junior spring*

"Cool. Maybe we can get a plant."

*-Lucas, overcome with excitement at his appointment as Gardener*

"Curse you, Euclidean Algorithm. My greatest nemesis..."

*-Meme Chris*

"Why are there socks by the [computer] terminal?"

*-Matthew, incensed*

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## Dear Dr. and Mrs. Dr. Love

L. G. K. and V. M. T.

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Dr. Love,

Everyday at noon this beautiful woman walks past my bedroom window while taking her dogs for a walk. I really want to ask her out, but I've never had a girlfriend before, and I'm not sure where I'd take her for a date. I'm 26 but don't have a job so ideally we would do something inexpensive. Also, I live in my parents' basement, so I can't easily invite her back to my place. Where would you suggest?

*-Poor in Pittsford*

Dear Poor,

I would suggest that you go with the classy yet cheap "family dining" experience: invite her over to your house, but pretend that it's a restaurant. Have your father dress up in a fancy suit and pretend to be your waiter (french accents can go a long way here, if he can pull it off). Ask your mother to cook only the finest TV dinners, and make sure to dim the lights in order to both make the food seem more appealing that it actually is and in order to obscure any household clutter that may have accumulated in the kitchen. Actually, if you have any rooms in the basement with exposed pipes on the ceiling you might instead consider dining there; I understand that the aesthetic gives off a "trendy hipster" vibe. If your parents need convincing, tell them that you want to introduce their soon-to-be daughter-in-law. Good luck!

-Dr. Love

Mrs. Dr. Love was unavailable for comment

*Have relationship problems? Email [auto-crat@techhouse.org](mailto:auto-crat@techhouse.org) and get advice from the experts!*

## Mispoetry

Peter Zahria

A lovely bit of poetry  
Should rhyme  
Verse without seems wry  
And dim.

To write without the rhyme in mind  
Can guarantee your work gets binned  
An end result no one should want  
So please be kind - and don't!  
For when the rules get bent  
Things may get out of hand  
And part with them we shan't  
It's not in the program.

If style and splendor you seek  
At limericks you want to peek  
They're often quite nice  
And offer advice  
But drop words and people freak.

Haiku, however  
Seem rather more constrained  
All syllables count

## Public Announcement

I hate writing.

I hate writing so, so much.

I don't think you understand how much I hate writing, but I hate writing too much to try to explain it to you in writing.

In conclusion, I hate writing.

Thank you  
-Aj Whitman

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## Letters to the Editor

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DEAR EDITOR,

I write today to complain ever vigorously about various issues of mismanagment plaguing the Harkness Autocrat. Should an enterprising individual wish to access the fine journalism in the Autocrat, they might go to the Autocrat's webpage on the technology house wiki. They would find links to only the first two issues of the Autocrat. There are more issues which have not been listed on there, despite the extraordinarily obvious and factual notion that the wiki is a good place for them.

Furthermore, should an avid reader of the Autocrat go to other locations to procure the Autocrat, such as /u/palimpsest/autocrat/, they may find that a subset of the issues (such as for example, the third issue) inexplicably do not have world readable permissions enabled.

I have the further complaint that this esteemed periodical journal has not been issued bifortnightly, as the editor personally indicated to me that it would be. Had I known that the periodical would be constantly delayed and fail to rigorously adhere to its bifortnightly schedule, I surely would have dismissed it as a silly joke with no real purpose, and never would have spent my valuable time volunteering to write such excellent quality content as "Comparison of Diffusion Imaging Reconstructions and Software Packages" in its hal-

lowed pages.

To further demonstrate the extent of my vehement anger due to the aforementioned issues, I wish to now personally address the editorial staff with irate swearing:

Go fleeking hippopotamus your eyebrows, you snorkeling badger filled with weasels

-Roan LaPlante

DEAR EDITOR,

Lucas Kasser, I trusted you.

You were supposed to be everything I wanted: a new face to shake up the Autocrat and dispel the problems of the past. But a fellow member of Tech House brought to my attention a serious problem. When faced with the choice of what to buy for EOYD, you decided to get sodas and tonic water! No lemonade - a long-standing tradition, and a necessary drink with no carbonation! Not just that, as well - when faced with the task of pouring yourself some tonic water (a terrible choice, by the way), you decided it would be best to sneakily spray the fizzy liquid all over your food, your surroundings, and yourself! I cannot trust you as Autocrat. Resign immediately.

Best wishes,

-Nick

Please don't send us any more letters. You can, however, submit articles at [autocrat@techhouse.org](mailto:autocrat@techhouse.org). We look forward to hearing from you!