Sophomore Grady Allen, disappointed with manufactured PCs, prefers to build them himself to have the best performance.

Allen continues to improve his computer, chasing the level of intricacy he sees in Grahams builds that originally inspired him to pursue his interest in computers. He doesn’t care if he has to spend his weekends upgrading his parts and installing unique aesthetics like internal lights, even if it costs him a few extra bucks.

"Building a computer, to me at least, is like an art form," Allen said. “You can choose whatever you want to do with it. You can go down any route when picking the actual case of it or the outer shell lights inside. I can do literally anything."

**PCSLANG**
Definitions of common computer slang

**OVERCLOCKING:**
- pushes limits set by manufacturers for processing speed
- extend system’s life

**MICRO ATX:**
- common cpu case with increased performance

**MOTHERBOARD:**
- main printed circuit board (PCB) in a computer
- connects all the wiring and components

**THE SCEPTER:**
- tiny screwdriver he used to install all his screws.
- they have a magnetic head so he wouldn’t lose the tiny screws anymore