

Galipatian Station

WHILE YOU PEE IN LEE

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The Big Event



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Every year, the New River Valley and Virginia Tech come together for one day to serve the community. The Big Event is a massive organized effort, mainly comprised of student and local resident volunteers, aimed at giving back to the community by helping the people of Montgomery county with things such as yardwork, housework, and anything in between.

If you signed up for The Big Event, you either chose to be apart of a pre-formed group or to be a lone volunteer. In either case, you will need to go to the drill field the morning of the event and get into your respective line to report for duty. A good majority of the jobs will require a vehicle to get to; this means that if you are in a group, and that group is large enough, you will probably be assigned a van to take to your event, otherwise, you will be paired with someone that has their own transportation to ride with.

Once you get to your assigned projects, that is where you will probably be for the rest of the day. Tasks could take anywhere from a few hours to most of the day, so it would be best not to make any definite plans April 6. Have fun!

PS: As a forewarning to anyone who might be driving a school van, you can still get pulled over for speeding. Drive safely and go the speed limit to ensure a hassle-free day!



Science News

Iron is known as the “Star Killer” since stars cannot fuse it efficiently. Like ash building in a fire, iron signifies the death of a star. However, this leads to the question: How are heavier elements in our universe created? An international research team headed by Goethe University believes they have the answer. They claim that heavy elements are produced during stellar explosion or on the surfaces of neutron stars through the capture of hydrogen nuclei.

Source: Science Daily, *How heavy elements come about in the universe*

How to Find a Mentor



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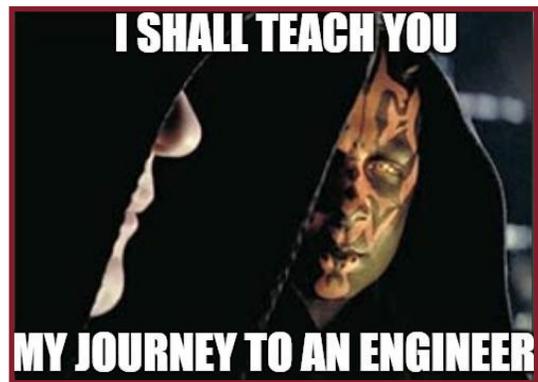
With college comes a lot of freedoms. Some of these are great while others could use some direction. For instance, would you rather fumble your way through freshman year,

trying to learn what works and what doesn't work for each of your classes or would you instead take advice from someone who already graduated with the degree you want to pursue? The latter seems like a more appealing choice, and it is!

These people who tend to have knowledge beyond comprehension about everything in your future from classes, professors to take, and superb places to visit in Blacksburg could become your mentors. To keep us both on the same page here, a mentor is an experienced advisor. No, I don't mean your academic advisor. They're experienced, sure, but not all of them have had to go through an undergraduate degree in engineering. So, they wouldn't make a good fit. However, these types of people

could make a good fit: a recent graduate or grad student in your engineering field of interest, one of your professors (crazy, right?), and someone who's currently working in your dream job.

Now, finding a mentor is another story entirely. Most people would love to give their advice about college life to a youngling, though! If you come across someone you vibe with really well, someone you feel comfortable around and talk to a decent amount, try asking them if they would like to act as a mentor to you. In other words, if they could start with just giving advice to you whenever you ask questions about things from the best ways to prepare for a future job or study for a particular class or what to expect from a specific major in engineering.



Good Dorm Room Coffee



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Nobody wants to spend the money on overpriced coffee especially if your meal plan is already low. Coffee is cheap when it is bought in bulk. And if you French Press your coffee, there is no need to buy an expensive coffee maker. And in my

opinion, French Press coffee is better tasting than most of the other cheap options to make coffee. To make French Press coffee you need three things.

1) Coffee Grounds:

Amazon has a great selection and will tell you which brand is the cheapest. I would recommend you go with a reputable brand, Peet's, Starbucks, or Dunkin' Donuts. Make sure you buy ground coffee not coffee beans, unless you own a coffee grinder.

2) French Press:

Once the coffee grounds have been acquired, you need to get a French Press. Amazon has some for about \$15-\$25. Walmart.com has some for as low as \$13. This will be holding steaming hot water so make sure to get a French Press made with appropriate materials.

3) Kettle:

If you would like to use an electric kettle (make sure it's approved for dorm use by Housing and Residence), there are a lot of options on amazon. If you want to avoid another cost, you could heat up water in the microwave.

To make the coffee, add 3-4 scoops (6-8 tablespoons) of coffee grounds to French Press. Add hot water to the French Press and let brew for about 5 minutes. Press the filter down on the French Press slowly making sure no grounds escape. Pour into favorite mug and enjoy!

