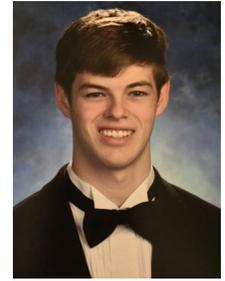


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While you Pee in Lee

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Happy Halloween Galipatians! Spooky season is upon us, so blast “Spooky Scary Skeletons” and buy some discount candy to get into the haunted holiday spirit. And if you aren’t really sure how to get your Halloween on, here’s a couple ideas to embrace your full spookiness.

Take a trip to Sinkland Farms:

Oh my gourd, it’s pumpkins! Just a short drive down 460 is a place called Sinkland Farms where you can pick pumpkins from the pumpkin patch, walk through the corn maze, see all the farm animals, and really just enjoy everything about fall. Now up through November 3rd is



their Pumpkin Festival, and tickets only cost \$10 on Saturday and Sunday, so don’t miss out on this awesome deal!

Visit a Haunted House:

For those of you who love a good scare, make sure to check out the local haunted houses that are sure to give you a fright. Hexed Haunted Attraction and The Dark Woods are the two places that are less than a 30 minute drive from campus, and there are some that are just around an hour away such as Terror Manor and Haunted Graham Mansion. Make sure to grab some friends and go have an un-boo-lievable time!

Halloween in the Dorms:

With midterms coming up, it can be hard to make time to go out and get your spook on; however, that doesn’t mean you have to miss out on all the Halloween fun! Grab a group of friends and watch some scary movies on Netflix or Hulu. Paint some pumpkins in the second floor lounge to add some festiveness to your room. Make some DIY costumes with your friends and pass out candy to your fellow hallmates (I’m sure everyone would appreciate a good Hershey bar). Trick or treat yourself!

Don’t let school be the scariest thing to happen this Halloween; make sure to have some skele-fun and creep it real this spooky season. (And sorry for all the

STEM Pun of the Week

How do you know the photon crossed the road?

Beacause you saw it

Places to Visit in Blacksburg



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Now that you guys have fully settled in, you might want to start exploring and getting to know this beautiful town. There are so many fun and adventurous places to go around in Blacksburg. Going on short day trips is a great way to spend weekends, so here are a few places that aren't too far from campus.

Lyric Theatre: The Lyric is a restored theatre from the 1930s and is only a 15-minute walk from Lee Hall. With a variety of movies ranging from classics to modern box offices, this retro theatre is definitely worth a visit. Oh, and they have great popcorn!

Alexander Black House: this beautiful Victorian house, is only a 10-minute walk from Lee Hall. Many people don't

know that this house is actually open to visitors, but there is actually constant tours that go on in the house talking about the history of the structure. You can probably snap some great pictures too!

Sinkland Farms: Sinkland farms hosts a pumpkin festival every year, until early November. While this may be a little far from campus, it is definitely a Fall must see. There are many attractions during this time including Wagon rides, Hay rides and the Corn maze.



Courserequest

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As you probably already know, course request for the Spring semester is coming up soon. It opens on October 22, and closes on October 29. Make sure to set a reminder if you think you'll forget, because It's important to make sure you do course request. While it may seem like a given, requesting classes now and not waiting till add/drop opens to enroll in all your classes will give you a better chance of getting professors and times you want.

To start the course request process, you should first check the latest checksheet for your intended engineering major. Keep in mind that the checksheets for 2023 aren't out yet, so the classes for your major could potentially change. It's best to check with your advisor just to be sure you aren't missing any prerequisite classes that are meant to be taken in your freshman year. This is also a good time to make a four year plan of all the classes you are going to take at Tech. Not only is this good information to have for yourself, but many advisors

require having a plan of study before meeting with them.

After you know what classes you want to take in the Spring, you should start finding specific CRNs to enroll in. While many of you probably already have preferred class times in mind, you'll have to do a little research if you want to find the best professors. Sites like Rate My Professor and Koofers are well known and can be useful tools. However, one thing to keep in mind is not to give too much weight to bad reviews, and that people's opinions of professors are highly subjective. Another site to take a look at is Anaanu. It's a database that gives you the GPA for both the class as a whole and for each individual professor teaching it, but it is not complete and is missing some newer professors. For tools to help plan your classes, check out pscheduler and play with some of its features.

Now that you know how to approach course request, go on and plan for it! If you have it all planned out now, by the time course request opens all you will have to do is input your CRNs into Hokie Spa. However, no worries if you don't do this as soon as the 22nd rolls around. As long as you get your requests in before it closes when you complete course request makes no impact on your chances to get into a class.