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STUDENT ENGINEERING COUNCIL (SEC)



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Hello Galipatians! I'm going to take a moment to tell you about an organization which I'm sure has impacted your freshman year, whether you're aware of it or not. The SEC sets out to help students with professional connections as well as with having a social network. Some of their most notable events that they plan and promote include: E-Week, the Leadership in Engineering Conference, and Engineering Expo! Another one of their goals is to help students both inside and outside the classroom. They accomplish this through these events, design team collaboration, and bi-weekly meetings.

Sound like something you might be interested in? Sign up for the email list and

be in the know for all of their upcoming events and meetings! They have wonderful opportunities, no matter your interest. And if you're still on the fence, here's a spot provided to us by the wonderful people from the SEC:

"Hey guys! The SEC Freshman Committee is a group of students who work to make your experiences as first-year engineers fun and fresh! This semester, we're planning a couple of cool events with a bunch of free food, so sign up for our email list! Our events are a great opportunity to finish your academic and professional development credit requirements!!"



STEM Pun of the Week:

Man I really like that band 1023MB. You probably haven't heard of them though, they haven't had a gig yet.

Missed a Newsletter?

Check them out here!

<https://www.galipatiacommunity.com/newsletters>

STAYING ACTIVE



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We all know it can be hard to stay active in the winter. Doing stuff like hiking and playing sports (exercise that doesn't quite feel like exercise) is hard when it is cold and often rainy outside. Here are some fun ways to stay active!

Intramural Sports

No matter what time of year it is, intramural sports will always be hosting games. Right now, in the first part of the spring semester season, there is basketball and inner tube water polo (which I can personally vouch for!), but for the second half there will be flag football, ultimate frisbee, and softball! There are also a number of individual sports you can sign up for.

War Memorial Gym and McComas

I'm sure you've heard a lot about our two gyms, but

you should take advantage of War while you still have the chance as it is closing after spring break. At War you can reserve wallyball, racquetball, and squash courts in addition to using the cardio and weights machines. McComas offers the traditional machines but also offers more variety, an indoor track, and access to the pool.

Rock Climbing

There is a nearby rock climbing gym in Christiansburg that offers a fun way to stay active. They have a monthly membership you can purchase, but you can also buy a day pass. There are many different paths you can take up the rock climbing walls, all with varying levels of difficulty, so all skill levels are welcome there.

Walking

I know how tempting it is to take the bus around campus (believe me, I've given into the temptation of the bus many times), but walking to class is a good way to get in a light exercise. If you want to walk or run on other trails, there is a nice path by the Duck Pond and it is also super easy to get to the Huckleberry Trail.

OFF-CAMPUS ACTIVITIES



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As much as we love the beautiful Virginia Tech Campus, sometimes you've got to get away for a bit. Allow me to tell you about some fun, not-too-far off-campus activities.

It's Game Time at the Super Bowl

I will be the first to say that the name is not the cutest, but it is definitely a fun place to visit. Although a little further than Frank's, it is a fun place to bowl with friends and has more lanes. There is also an arcade there and a laser tag area that can host you and your twenty-three closest friends. They also have bumper cars and food.

Xtreme Springs Trampoline Park

This place is simultaneously a workout and a good time. They offer various prices for various amounts of time in the park- I did an hour and thought it was the ideal amount. There are trampolines for dunking

basketballs, for flipping into ball pits, and more. They have a large open floor of trampolines where you and your friends can do some freestyle jumping. There's also a dodgeball area and some American Ninja Warrior-style courses.

Ice Skating

This takes a little more time to get to, but there is an ice-skating rink in Roanoke about a 45 minute drive away. This is a fun place to go to show off your skills (or lack thereof). It is also a good place to learn how to skate if you never have or are looking to get a little better. This is a great activity for groups of friends.

Starlite Drive-in

Although not currently open, there is a drive-in movie theater in Christiansburg perfect for an outing with friends or for a date. They usually show two movies per night and you can also get food there. It is great for feeling like you are getting an authentic old-timey experience without actually having to be old-timey. Find a friend with a car and check this out when the weather gets warm again!