

# Galipatian Station

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## An Interview with the VT Bear



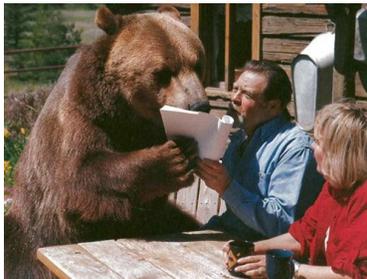
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Hello, Galipatians! Recently, I got the rare opportunity of having a personal interview with the female black bear that took a stroll on campus on September 13. After the hype faded away about her arrival, I caught up with

her about her unexpected appearance near West End and the AJ dorms a few weeks ago.

### *Tell me a little about yourself.*

I am an adult female black bear, and I live in the woody areas in the Blacksburg area. My favorite pastime is to scratch my back on trees, and it appears like I am dancing to observers, which typically makes you people laugh. I also enjoy long walks in the forest, climbing trees, wading in rivers, and if I feel a little crazy, digging through human garbage bins.



### *Why did you come onto VT's campus?*

Since I am preparing for hibernation season by eating a lot, I thought I would try out a snack from West End. I heard how you

students rave about the campus food, so I padded over there to check it out. I was planning on getting JP's salmon with some veggies and potatoes and seeing what snacks they had at the grab-and-go section. I too get the munchies at weird times of the day, and sometimes I must travel farther away from my home to satisfy my grumbling stomach.

### *What did you think of the students?*

The students didn't notice me at first when I arrived, but when I got into the more crowded areas, they suddenly started whipping out their devices and shouting things about Snapchat stories. It was slightly terrifying because I was just minding my own business and then a swarm of maroon and orange banded around me. I do have to say the students seemed pretty excited yet surprised for me to be there, so I felt like a celebrity even when Blacksburg is in bear country.

### *How did you manage to get back home?*

After I showed off my tree-climbing skills and tested how sneakingly I could move around in the dark, the police and the wildlife department worked together to calm me down. I was safely captured and before I knew it, I was back on my home turf a decent distance from Virginia Tech's campus.

### *What are your plans for the future?*

The words "winter is coming" means something totally different to you than for me; my plans include preparing for hibernation, so that means more searching in weird places for food. You may or may not see my face again if I crave food from West End, since my main focus is to prepare for the long winter. However, one day I might come back and try to take a picture with the Hokie Bird for memory's sake.

## STEM Pun of the Week

What do you call an acid with an attitude?

A-mean-oh acid

# Preparing for the Cold



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You may be thinking that it's too soon to start preparing for colder weather. After all, the temperature has been consistently hot during the daytime and shows no signs of

changing. But don't let this fool you, cold weather is coming, and when it comes you'll want to be prepared. If you're going home for Fall break this is a perfect time to grab warmer clothes to bring back to Tech that you may have initially left. Here are a few essentials that you should consider picking up if you haven't already.

**Jacket:** While this one may seem obvious, having a good winter jacket is a necessity. In high school, many of us could brave the cold without a jacket to get to school as long as we weren't walking, but this is not the case at Tech. Having a jacket that is both waterproof and wind-proof will ensure your prepared for the rain, snow, and wind that comes in the colder months.

**Gloves:** During the walk to class, most people prefer to forego the gloves and opt to put their hands in pockets instead to keep them warm. However, I would highly recommend having a pair in your dorm just in case you ever need to be outside for extended periods of time. You'll also be prepared in advance for the snowball fight against the Corps of Cadets.

**Something that covers your ears:** The Blacksburg winds are not to be taken lightly, especially when walking across the Drillfield. The strong winds can make cold weather feel unbearable if you're not fully prepared. Even with a warm jacket, people often neglect to cover up their ears or nose, which are especially susceptible to wind. To prevent your ears from turning numb on your walk to class, I recommend picking up a hat, earmuffs, or cold weather headband. If none of those suit you, even over the ear headphones can help fight the effects of the wind.

**Boots:** While you don't really need boots for the cold, they are a big help when it rains or snows or when the sidewalks are icy. Being able to keep your feet dry on the way to class will make the rest of the day more enjoyable than if your shoes get soaked. Bean Boots or Timberlands

# Hidden Gems of VT Dining



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**S'mores at Deet's (Coffee Side):**  
Many people don't know about this hidden gem because it is not

actually on the menu. However, if you go up to the coffee side of Deet's and order the s'mores platter, they will give you a plate containing marshmallows, chocolate bars, graham crackers, sticks, and a small gas fire. It is a delicious way to spend time with friends!



**Noodle Bowls at Owens (Center Section):**

Many people actually never stop by the middle section of Owens where there is salad and soup, but it actually houses my favorite meal at Virginia Tech. In the front of the center portion, there is a soup station that varies with different soups such as the Chicken Noodle Bowl, the Thai Chicken Noodle Bowl, and

others. I have found them to all be really good and you can get select toppings on them such as cilantro, mint, mushrooms, and more!

**Cheesecake at West End (Grab and Go):**

At the Grab and Go at West End, they have a whole section devoted to cheesecakes, cakes, cupcakes, and chocolate strawberries. The cheesecakes come in a variety of flavors including Dulce de Leche, Strawberries, the classic New York Style, and more! Definitely check this out when your regular meal doesn't quite fill you up!

**Eggs Benedict at D2 Brunch:**

This delicious treat is found only on Sunday mornings and afternoons at the famed D2 brunch. The poached egg with ham and asparagus on top of an English muffin really hits the spot when you've just rolled out of bed in the morning. You can't forget about their delicious hollandaise sauce.

**Others:**

These are some suggestions I've gotten from the community, but have not yet tried (so we can all experience new things)!

- Chicken Pesto Sub at Turner (Atomic Pizzeria)
- Marble Bread at Johnston (Seattle's Best Coffee)
- Ham and Cheese Croissant at Squires (ABP)