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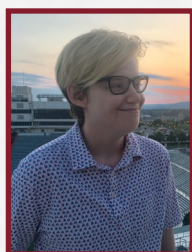He/Him/His

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DOWNTOWN ON A BUDGET

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Eating great food off campus as a college student on a budget can be rough. Throughout my experience here at Tech I've compiled a list of cheap, yummy restaurants where you can get your foodie fix, here in Blacksburg. First on the list is BBCup.

BBCup
You'll find BBCup if you walk down Main Street and head towards Mellow Mushroom. BBCup serves a small variety of different Korean dishes. You can get a large: pork, beef, or tofu cup with vegetables and rice, for about 8 dollars. The servings are so large that I wasn't able to finish a small by myself, my personal recommendation is to go with a friend and split the large.

Souvlaki
Second is Souvlaki, which is just down the street from Squires, if you're on the side by the Graduate Life Center. They serve traditional greek food, for a low price. You can get a kabob packed with your protein of choice, vegetables and feta cheese - with a side of pita bread - for only 7 dollars.

Benny Marzano's
Third on the list is Benny's. You can get to Benny's if you take a right at the first intersection as you're walking past Squires, and walk down a block. Benny's is a pizza place, dubbed the "Home of the Virginia Slice", that sells oversized slices of pizza for just 5 bucks.

Joe's Diner
Last up is Joe's Diner. If you're craving breakfast and want fast, delicious food, Joe's is the place to go. Growing up in New Jersey my family frequented a handful of chrome diners. Stepping into Joe's with my friends, I was hit with a wave of nostalgia from my childhood. I highly recommend stopping in not just for the food, but for the atmosphere as well. For just 5 dollars you can get the Joe's Breakfast: grits/hashbrowns, bacon/sausage/country ham, toast and two large eggs!
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STEM Pun of the Week:

I would make another chemistry joke, but all of the good ones argon.

HOW TO WORK IN GROUPS

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Foundations of Engineering 1216 is based on a semester long project, whether it be drones, automated cars, windmills, etc., and these projects will be accomplished with small groups of people. Now most of us have had that one traumatic group project from high school that ended up with you doing most of the work. How do we prevent that from happening in the future? This is not an exhaustive list, but it can help you have a better teamwork experience.

Assign Members Tasks:
When you start out with a project, all group members should go over what they are being asked to do and assign every member a small part of the project that they should accomplish by a certain deadline. Of course, that does not mean to do everything separately. Every member should still help out other group members if they need it and to make sure everything is cohesive.

Communication:
Communication is the most important aspect of group work as it prevents misinformation and it allows for work to get done quicker. Make sure to set up a group chat with everyone's preferred method of communication so anyone can ask questions, clarify things, etc. Additionally, if someone is not doing their part of the project, the group members should talk to the person before speaking to a professor if it continues.

Have a set schedule:
Try to create a set time during the week where everyone can meet up so that the projects get completed faster and more efficiently. Group chats are not always great at getting opinions and ideas across, so it could be better to meet face to face to discuss any issues or just to get work done in general. This will assist with time management as well.

ADVICE FOR THE END OF THE SEMESTER
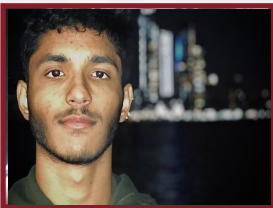
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Advice for the end of the semester

Now that we are more than halfway through the fall semester, winter break doesn't seem so far away anymore. By now, many of you have found your rhythm for getting through each week, but for those of you who are starting to feel unmotivated, here are some tips that can help you finish the semester strong.

Get rid of distractions

If you haven't already, find a quiet place on campus and make it your study spot. Staying in your room makes it a lot more tempting to procrastinate and not make any progress. Additionally, I find that putting my phone on silent and keeping it in my bag helps me not waste time checking it every five minutes.

Stay focused

By this point, most of you have taken multiple tests in each class, so you know where you stand. If you find that you didn't do as well as you had hoped on one of your tests, don't let that derail your focus. Maybe you didn't study as much as you wanted to or you crammed the night before. Whatever it may be, learn from what didn't work and you'll be fine for the next test.

Remember the big picture

It's easy to sometimes forget why you're at college in the first place. Everything you're doing here is to graduate with a degree in whatever major you're interested in and then take your life in that direction. So, when you feel unmotivated or are burnt out from doing all your coursework, just remind yourself why you're here. You've come this far and winter break is only weeks away, so don't give up now!