

Galipatian Station

WHILE YOU PEE IN LEE

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**Torgersen
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Most people know of Torgersen Bridge as being an iconic structure as well as a prominent entranceway to the Virginia Tech Campus. Students also know of its quiet and comfortable study space, perfect for those in between class study hours. Despite this, many students on campus today are not familiar with the history associated with the bridge.

Construction for Torgersen Hall, the main building connected to the bridge, began back in 1996. From breaking ground to completion, the project took close to 4 years, with the building opening in the year 2000. The building was dedicated to Paul E. Torgersen, the 14th president of Virginia Tech, serving from 1994-2000. Before he was the President of the university, Torgersen served as head of Industrial Engineering from 1967-1970, the Dean of Engineering from 1970-1990, and president of the Corporate Research Center from 1990-1994.

During his time as Dean, Torgersen pushed Virginia Tech Engineering to be nationally recognized. As president, he focused on rebuilding the university's

technological leadership. Torgersen Hall was designed to be a building to house technologically-based classrooms (which is why CS majors may notice they have a lot of classes in there), and so it was fitting to name the building after a person who helped with the universities technological ingenuity. Many of you may notice then that Torgersen Bridge goes across Alumni Mall and connects to Newman Library. However, many of you may not know that this was done for a reason.

With Torgersen Hall representing the technological area of the university, and the library representing the academia area, Torgersen bridge serves to show a connection between these two aspects. Virginia Tech is predominantly a university that focuses on STEM related fields. However, that is not the only concentration the university has to offer. The university wanted to show how both the sciences as well as the liberal arts should be taught when a student is receiving an education. Exposing students to both areas, no matter what their major, allows for them to get a more holistic education and become a more well-rounded individual, ensuring its engineering students do not come out after their four years only being exposed to classes related to the sciences.



Don't forget to get started on your Initial Academic Plan assignment for your Hypatia and Galileo courses!

The Great Outdoors



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Hey Hokies! After two weeks of adjusting to student life, I'm sure you're craving some time to relax. Hokie traditions to satisfy this craving

includes one of the most famous outdoor activity in Blacksburg, hiking! Whether you are a beginner or an expert, there are multiple places to hike to fit your needs. Also, since Blacksburg is known to be the "valley" of Virginia, there a multitude of hikes being surrounded by mountains. The three most popular hiking locations are the Cascades, Dragon's Tooth, and MacAfee's Knob.



The Cascades can be done as a 4-mile round trip or as an 8-mile round trip. This location is a relaxing journey to the breath-taking Cascades Waterfall!

Dragon's Tooth is approximated to be 5.3 miles long, therefore, it is considered to be in the middle class of expertise of hikers. This location overlooks the Cove Mountain in serenity.



me. This hike is approximately 8 miles long, and has one of the best views I have ever seen!

McAfee's Knob, my favorite, is a little more difficult, however it is well worth it.

Accomplishing this hike was not only satisfying, but I felt refreshed by nature around

These locations are accessible with the Cascades being about 30 minutes away, Dragon's Tooth being about 35 minutes away, and MacAfee's Knob being about 40 minutes away via driving. Keep your eye out for the Galipatia weekly email to sign up for events in which transportation is provided to these places. Other means of transportation include Uber or Zipcar, so find a couple of friends, pitch in for the fees, and have a great hike!

Greatest Time of the Year



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LET'S GO.....HOKIES. It's that time of the year again! That's right football season is back. Virginia Tech is known for its school pride and undeniable Hokie spirit, and that is never more evident than when you are cheering with your fellow Hokies, whether from Lane Stadium or from the comfort of your couch. There are many traditions that happen while the Hokies are dominating their opponent:

1. Key play: During every third down on defense, Hokies shake their keys to signify the importance of this "key" play.
2. Hokie Pokie: During halftime, the sousaphone section of the Marching Virginians and the Highty Tighties lead

everybody in the Hokie Pokie. It has become a staple to get up and dance with your friends.

3. Enter Sandman: Arguably the most famous of all the traditions, at the start of every game the football team enters to Metallica's *Enter Sandman* blasting through the speakers. Fans have gotten Lane rocking so much that the stadium has registered on the Richter Scale more than once.

Football season at Virginia Tech brings the Hokie spirit to life on campus. From those in Huggies to those in Depends, everyone will be rooting for the Hokies come game day!

