

# Galipatia Gazette

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## HISTORY OF HOGE HALL



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Hoge Hall was originally named Lee Hall and built in 1966. It was named after Claudius Lee, who was an Electrical Engineering faculty member between the 1890s and the 1940s, serving for 69 years. He was responsible for spearheading the production of a physics laboratory on campus and for installing Blacksburg's first telephone switchboard, while also introducing an electrical lighting system to Blacksburg. The hall was renamed due to Lee's racial positions and a notable yearbook picture where he presented himself as the "father of terror" of the KKK.

The change to Hoge Hall was made in the summer of 2020 in order to honor Janie and William Hoge, a (formerly enslaved) black couple who played a major role in the initial racial integration of Virginia Tech. Even after the integration, the Hoge's hosted 8 black students from 1953 to 1959 in their home on Clay Street because the students were denied on-campus housing.

Janie acted as a mother, waking up student for school and ensuring they were comfortable. William did a majority of the cooking for the students, treating the students as a part of their family. They worked hard in order to take care of the students by cleaning their rooms, providing them 3 meals a day, and even doing their laundry for 60\$ month.

They offered housing to the students until Janie's death in 1960, after which William moved to Norfolk, VA for 4 years before his own death. The Hoge's service was recognized by the Executive Committee of the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors in August 2020, when the name change from Lee to Hoge Hall took place.

A similar change was made to Barringer Hall, which was originally named after one of Virginia Tech's presidents (who had white supremacist views), and changed to Whitehurst Hall, honoring James Leslie Whitehurst Jr., who was the first black student allowed to live on campus.



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## Academic Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday

5 - 7 pm

Studio 2



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## Studio 1 Hours:

Monday to Thursday 5 - 10 pm  
Saturday and Sunday 1 - 6 pm

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## WHO WERE HYPATIA AND GALILEO

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### Who was Hypatia?

Hypatia was a scholar from Alexandria in ancient Egypt. She studied and taught astronomy, mathematics, and philosophy and was one of the first women to do so. She was the daughter of a mathematician and astronomer, Theon. Together they collaborated on many commentaries; some historians believe that one of Theon's popular works, Book III of his version of Ptolemy's *Almagest*, was actually written by Hypatia. She also wrote many of her own commentaries and taught students out of her home. Hypatia's pagan beliefs and teachings as a philosopher got her killed around 415 or 416 CE.

## JOIN THE VT FENCING CLUB!



Author: Jared Duffy

At the VT Fencing Club, all fencing newcomers are welcome! No sword? No problem! The club has equipment free to use for all members. If you're looking for a fun sport that goes at your own pace, this is it!

For those new to fencing, there are 3 fencing disciplines: epee, sabre, and foil, each with their own blades and target areas. Epee focuses on stabbing, sabre on quick slashing, and foil is all about full out attacks to the torso. The club has mentors and members for each discipline, and members can choose to specialize in multiple forms of fencing!

### Who was Galileo?

Galileo was a famous mathematician and philosopher who was alive during the Italian Renaissance. He made many discoveries and inventions. One of his discoveries was the law of free fall, which he discovered from his inclined plane experiments. His most contentious work was attempting to prove the Copernican theory; the theory that the Earth revolves around the sun. Galileo made many discoveries that proved this theory and wrote letters which approached the theory from both a scientific and theological standpoint. However, this work caused him to be investigated by the Inquisition and condemned by the Catholic Church.

Practice is on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 8-10:30pm at the Rec Sports Field House. While not mandatory, practices are an engaging way to improve, and a great way to meet new people! Fencing tournaments also occur frequently throughout the year. If you're interested in seeing if fencing is the sport for you, there is a spectator-friendly tournament at the field house on September 24th at 11am, and September 25th at 9am! Do note that after 2 weeks, all members should have a USA Fencing membership (starting at \$15/year), and must pay club dues (\$55/semester or \$100/year.)

All are encouraged to give fencing a try—the hardest part is choosing which discipline to pursue! We'll see you at practice!