VOGUE OF HOGE

UPCOMING EVENTS:

HOUSING FAIR-2/8

HAIRSPRAY MUSICAL-2/14

GLT RETREAT-2/18

ENGINEERS' BALL-2/25

SPRING SEMESTER TO-DO:

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I hope your Winter Break was restful. As the Spring semester starts, there are some things you should consider:

Reflect on your Fall Semester. Look over which studying habits worked for you and which did not. If you did not do well in the Fall semester, don't be discouraged. This semester can improve! There are multiple different resources to help including Cook Counseling, Squires Student Center, and Advisors.

Internships and Summer Plans. If you are applying for internships, make sure that you are getting the applications in now. Summer is just a couple of months away. If you are not doing an internship this summer, take some classes. Taking classes can help you catch up or get ahead in your major.

Check DARs on Hokie Spa to plan out your next couple of years. Planning out the classes you are going to take for the next couple of years will help keep you organized and prepared for when add/drop opens for the next semester. Furthermore, it will help you make sure you meet all the major requirements.

Do clubs or sports. Virginia Tech has numerous clubs and sports that you can join. Moreover, if you are in a club, stick with it. Clubs can be put on resumes and show employers that you are not only focused on academics.

Relax. The beginning of the spring semester is when you should relax. However, not for a long time. Try to get used to your schedule and plan out your week. Give yourself time to destress for at least an hour or two a day. Relaxation helps your mental health!

LEARN TO CODE
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Ever wanted to learn how to code? As engineers, coding has varied applications that one could encounter regardless of the branch of engineering. Learning to code is a very useful skill that can help one get an internship, get a job, or help one solve an everyday problem. It is very accessible to anyone, as all that is needed is a computer (specification dependent depending on what one may be trying to accomplish), as most coding integrated development environments (IDEs) can be downloaded for free for most languages.

Although coding is so apparent in our everyday life, it is not easy for everyone to learn. Some students who want to learn how to code but are not pursuing a CS degree or minor may be considering taking a CS course at Tech, but may not be sure whether they are ready for such a course without knowing anything about coding.

Although the introductory programming classes at Tech are designed for students who have little to no knowledge of coding, if you are interested in figuring out if you want to start one of these classes, trying to learn coding online may serve as a good way to find out. In addition, some may not understand where to start, what language to learn or use, how the syntax works, or just not know anything about how to code.

If any of those apply to you, there are many online coding resources that one could use to assist in learning how to code. There are many online guides, youtube videos, step-by-step tutorials, books, etc. Using and studying any of the aforementioned resources could eventually help one learn how to code in a certain language or learn the principles of programming. Some resources worth trying are listed below:

https://www.codecademy.com/
https://www.khanacademy.org/computing/computer-programming
https://www.edx.org/
https://learnpythonthehardway.org/

D2 FOOD COMBOS
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Are you getting sick of campus food but are too broke to eat off campus? Is your dining plan steadily running out and you're afraid you won't last till Spring Break? Fear not, because D2 is a surprisingly solid option! While often looked down upon as a campus dining option, D2 boasts versatile options that can be combined to improve your dining experience! Here are some of our favorite combos!

Ice Cream Float/Mocha
Instead of your usual drink, get ice cream in a cup and add in root beer or your favorite soda! If you don't like carbonation, add coffee to your ice cream and enjoy!

DIY Loaded Cheesy Fries
Get some regular or curly fries from Gauchos and head over to the Salsas nacho station! Ask for just nacho cheese, and pour it over your fries! If you want, you can also load your fries up at the toppings station next to Salsas!

Chicken and Waffles
Bored of the usual fried chicken? Upgrade it by making a waffle at the dessert station and eating it with your chicken! Top it off with maple syrup and enjoy!

Cookie Ice Cream Sandwich
Want more than plain ice cream? Get two cookies from the dessert bar, and make an ice cream sandwich! Additionally, you could get your ice cream in a bowl and top it off with other treats from the dessert bar such as brownies!

DIY Variabowl
Like Pan-Asia but hate the tiny portions? Get your favorite dish with rice, and head over to one of the salad bars! Fill your bowl up with veggies and other nutritional food because you know they never serve enough protein!

Breakfast Burrito
This one's pretty easy! Just get a wrap from the Greek salad bar, scrambled eggs, salt, chicken/vegan nuggets, and cheese. Put everything together, wrap it up, and throw it in the microwave for a delicious breakfast option!