

The VP Is In

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Discussions

- We have made a decision to build a new student center and convert Squires into an academic center.
- Trying to open at an ideal occupancy in the residence halls is a very complicated process that involves many educated guesses.
- Although the separate residence space for cadets leads inevitably to some separation from other students, we have worked hard at integrating cadets and civilians, in and out of classroom experiences throughout the campus.
- We need to work on involving more non-Greeks in Homecoming.
- On-campus housing offers much convenience, but off-campus housing fosters much independence.
- When you visit Virginia Tech on a campus tour, you sense right away the "Hokie Spirit," the sense of community, the centrality and focus of the Drillfield, the nature and quality of students, the contiguous campus that is non-interrupted by portions of the town, and the fact that it is a "walking campus." All of this leads to a very strong and favorable impression of the community of this campus.

Questions

- When will the traffic circle at Main and Prices Fork Road be undertaken? During the summer of 2011.
- We are running out of bicycle racks on the campus and must find more ways to secure and store bicycles. The administration shares that concern and needs to work with the Sustainability Office and Parking and Transportation on this issue.
- What will replace the Shultz laundry room once Shultz closes to become part of the Performing Arts Complex? This is a legitimate concern that the administration needs to work on before May of 2012 when Shultz will close.

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