

Viking Royalty

Kicking off the month of November, Vikings across campus took part in multiple events throughout the week of 4-9.

On Monday there was a concert in the Auditorium featuring Magician Tyler Korso, Comedian Kitty Pineapple, Poet Ed Mabbrey, and Vocalist Lauren Frihauf.

Following on Tuesday, the main campus hosted Lauren Frihauf again with a stuff-a-plush station and pizza with the president. On the south campus students got the opportunity for axe throwing.

Wednesday had axe throwing on the main campus and stuff-a-plush on the south campus.

Rally in the Ally



Winners: Royal - Ellie Ayala, Phi Theta Kappa, King - Oscar Tally, Welding, Queen - Leonie Rossberg, Phi Theta Kappa.

Runnerups: Queen - Ava Francis, Athletic Training, Royal - Eran Nichols, Student Ambassadors, King - Jacob Martin, Culinary

was hosted on Thursday night, allowing candidates to campaign for themselves in the gym.

Friday was voting day and the main campus hosted a s'mores

event with snacks and games.

Ending the festivities on Saturday with tailgating in Viking Ally, followed by the women's and men's basketball games with

royalty being crowned during halftime, and the dance capping off the week in Life Center as an Enchanted Masquerade.

Your Move

It's white's turn to move, but they don't know where to go, could you help them out?

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Career Center

Grayson College Career Center is a great resource for students and alumni who are looking for help with their career development. The center offers a variety of services, including career advising and exploration, resume workshops, interview preparation, and job searches. The center also hosts a variety of career events, such as job fairs, resume and interview workshops, personal brand and networking workshops, and NACE competencies workshops.

One of the most valuable resources that the Career Center offers is its online job

board powered by Career Coach. The job board is located at <https://grayson.lightcas.tcc.com/work-opportunities>. This is a great way to find job openings.

In addition to the job board, the Career Center also offers a variety of other resources to help students and alumni with their career development. These resources include:

- Career advising and exploration: The Career Center can help students identify their career goals and develop a plan to achieve them.

- Resume Workshops: Resume workshops can help students create a professional resume that will get



Career Center is shared with the Advising Center on the Main Campus.

them noticed by potential employers.

- Interview Preparation: The Career Center uses artificial intelligence through Big Interview to help students practice answering interview questions, learn best practices, and present themselves in the best possible light.

The Career Center is located in the Student

Affairs Building on the Main Campus. It is open Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 5:00pm. Students and alumni can make an appointment to meet with Alissa Andrews at andrewsa@grayson.edu, 903-415-2593, or with Edwin Clark at clarke@grayson.edu, 903-415-2556.

Grayson Cares

Grayson Cares is a program that provides a handful of services for Grayson students and Families.

It provides childcare with all the basic needs for a baby and a parent as well as gas cards to help with transportation assistance.

Not only does Grayson provide free food for grab-and-go scenarios, but the campus also features a food bank and a mobile food bank that

comes on the fourth Wednesday of every month. Students who may need more are encouraged to apply for SNAP.

As most assignments are completed and submitted online, our school wants to make sure every student has the necessary needs to achieve their best work with the Laptop Loan Program.

For students struggling mentally, there are counseling

programs offered by professionals online and in person.

The things previously listed are only some of the things provided by Grayson Cares.

If you're interested or would like to learn

more all of these resources are thoroughly explained on the Grayson College website at:

<https://www.grayson.edu/grayson-cares/index.html>.

Food Boxes

Vic's Market provides pre-organized boxes of non-perishable food that include the following:

- Macaroni
- White and brown rice
- 2 Pkgs of oatmeal
- Lentils
- Can Vegetables
- Apple Sauce

Juggling is Hard

By: Kody Emmons

Juggling is hard.

Have you ever attempted to juggle? I have. Quite frankly, it was a disaster. I could make two objects stay in the air, but when the third one was added, I would lose the ability to control all three. Each fell to the ground, rolling away from me in opposite directions. Sometimes I would think things were going okay, only to have the flying objects collide with each other and fly at me, causing bruises, headaches and discouragement.

I cannot help but notice the similarities in life to juggling. So many times we think we have it all together, only to have it all come crashing down in a moment. Many times we don't even see it coming. Like the objects I attempted to juggle, life circumstances slam into each other and we are left

with more than a few bruises.

I can almost guarantee you are thinking of circumstances in your own life right now that qualify. Maybe it is trying to juggle school, work, family and social life. One or two are not that difficult to keep in the air. In fact, at times you feel quite accomplished. You have a great GPA and your boss just gave you a raise.

But then when you add another ball in the air, things get more difficult. You get news that your mom or dad are sick. And not just sick. Really sick. You need to be there to help them, to care for them. They have been there for you your whole life. How could you turn your back now? But how do you go to work and school and care for a parent? That seems impossible.

Or maybe you get blindsided by a spouse or significant other. They no longer want to be in the

relationship. Wait, what? That ball just came crashing down and smacked you right in the head. Man, that hurt. The other circumstances in your life, having been forgotten in this traumatic moment, fall to the ground too. Now here you sit, among the destruction, wondering why you thought it possible in the first place.

Juggling is painful.

I have been there. I have spent many days, weeks, years even in the school of juggling. And each time I think I have it together and I might be able to add another ball to the air, I learn the same lesson over again. You cannot juggle in two hands what you cannot hold in those same two hands. I was perpetually attempting to add more at every chance I got. If I can work, I can do school. If I can work and do school, I can keep the house spotless. If I can do those things, I can work out and get fit too. Inevitably, they

would come crashing down - on top of me.

One thing I became aware of when it happened last was the fact that if someone is near when the crash happens, they get hurt too. That was a hard lesson to learn.

Juggling can be done - right?

Juggling can be done. Yes, I just said all those things to contradict myself. But you have to learn when too many objects become a danger to you and your loved ones. Sometimes this looks like saying no when offered an object to add to the mix. Sometimes this looks like dropping the object that is too heavy and picking up a lighter one.

I gave up juggling because I was frustrated and did not believe I was good at it. Truth be told, anyone can do it. You just have to learn which ones match you best. And say no to the rest.

Haikus

By: Mary Hernandez

Memorial

Inside No Man's Land,
amidst mud and rotting bones,
a red poppy blooms.

Time

Time has escaped me.
Such an abstract, fickle thing.
Again life wasted.

Punishment

A mistake spotted.
Punishment is swift and harsh.
The stiff wood stings me.

Next Year Club Meetings

Phi Theta Kappa

Every Tuesday
12:30pm-1:00pm
Viking Room

True Crime & Crafts

Every Tuesday
3:00pm-5:00pm
Student Life TV Room

Pride Alliance

Every Tuesday
3:30pm-4:30pm
Viking Room

Writers Unlimited

Every Wednesday
12:00pm-1:00pm
LA 201

Anime Club

Every Wednesday
4:00pm-6:00pm
Student Life TV Room

Black Print

Every Thursday
12:15pm-1:15pm
Student Affairs Training
Room

Gamers Guild

Every Thursday
3:00pm-5:00pm
Viking Room

Criminal Justice Club

January 1
January 16
February 13
February 27
March 6
March 20
April 3
April 17
May 1
May 8
12:15pm-1:00pm
CIS 205

Summit

Every Thursday
7:00pm-8:30pm
Babtist Student Center

Lunch Bible Study

Every Monday & Tuesday
12:15pm-12:45pm
Babtist Student Center

Interested in Writing for the Viking?

The Viking Staff wants to expand its coverage and the best way to do that is through teamwork!

As much fun as the newspaper is, designing, writing, and editing such a big project can become

a big task for one person.

We appreciate all of your contributions and look at all of them, but we also want to feature more cover stories.

If you enjoy writing, taking pictures, and

engaging in interviews don't be afraid to reach out and become a Viking Writer! You can reach us at:

theviking@grayson.edu

We will do interviews in January in

the order that people reach out to us. We are looking for ambitious, fast-responding, and talented writers.

WE NEED YOU!

The Viking is currently run by a freshman on campus and, the only way we can get information is if it's public or sent to us directly.

We want to be able to show of the diversity of both of our campuses, Including sports, fine arts, campus events, local events group and individual rewards.

If a student or organization wants to be featured in the next issue they can email us at:

theviking@grayson.edu

We welcome personal submissions, including but not limited to:

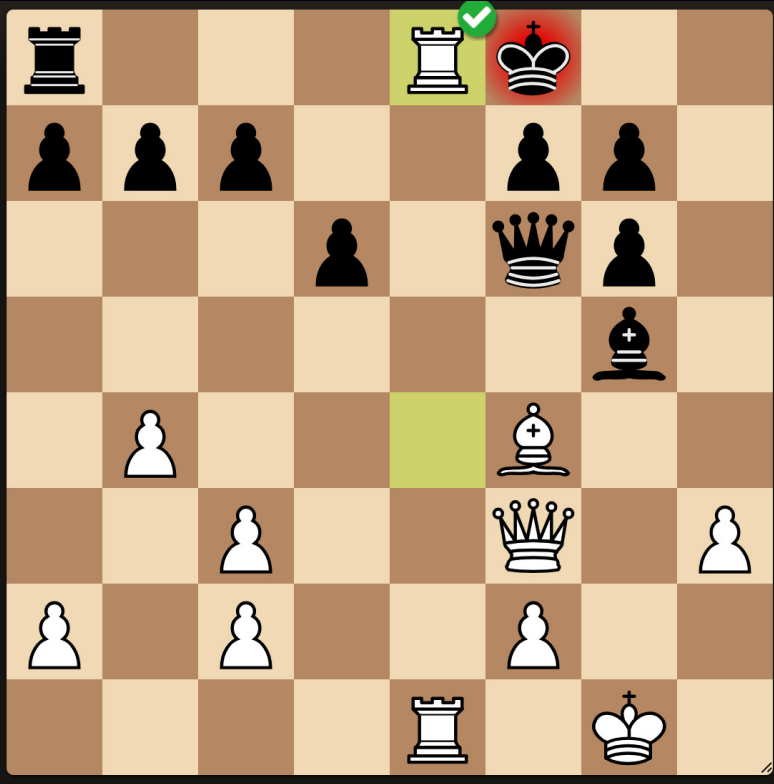
poems, photos of art that was personally made, reviews over any kind of media (albums, movies, books, etc.), editorials.

If there's a new club or an old club that wants advertisement don't be afraid to email us.

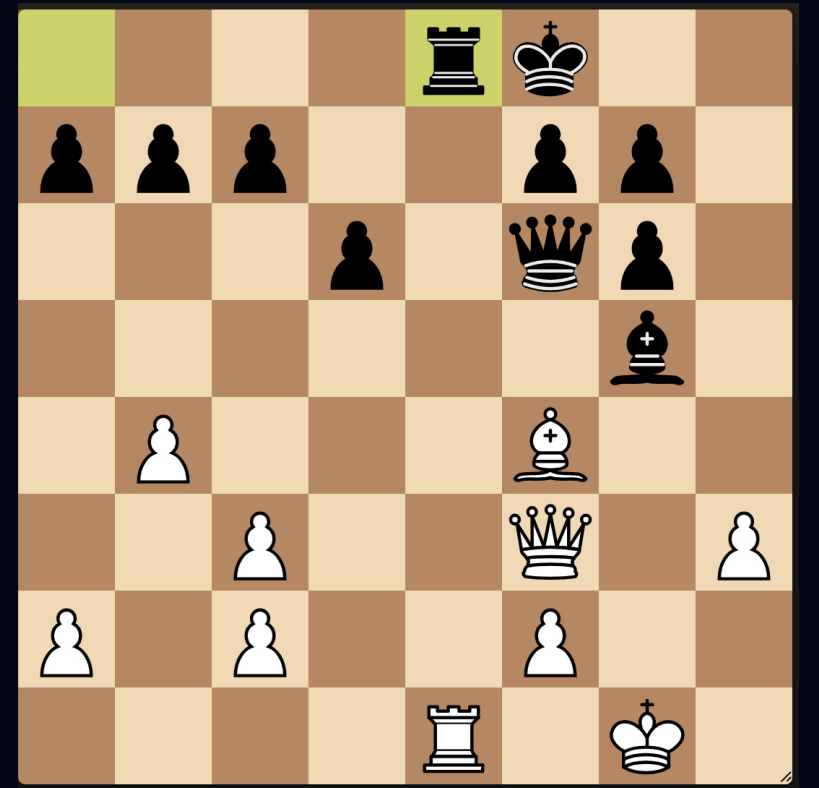
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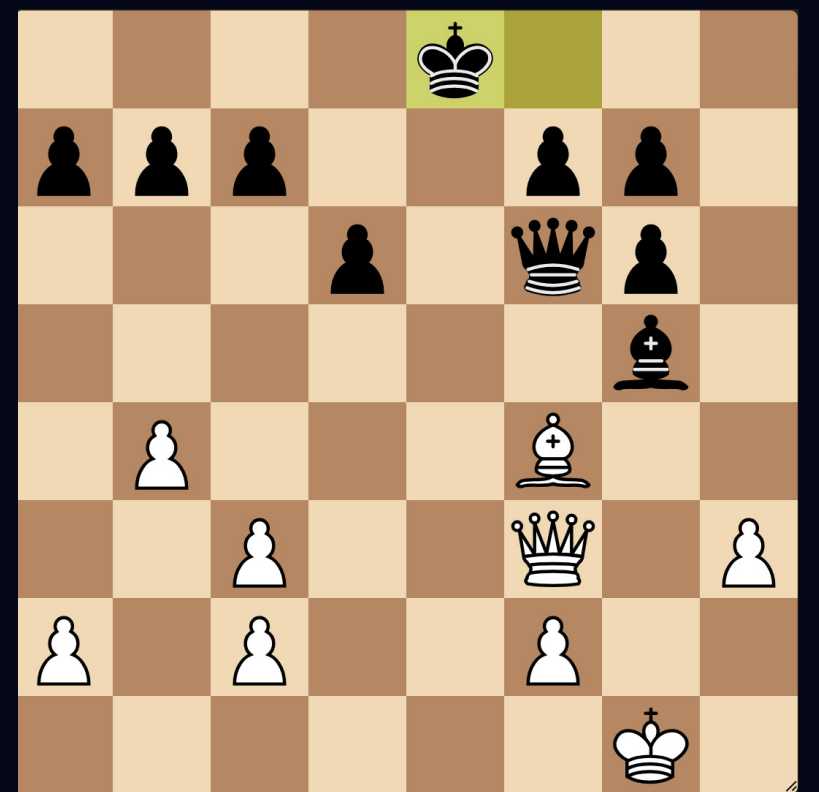
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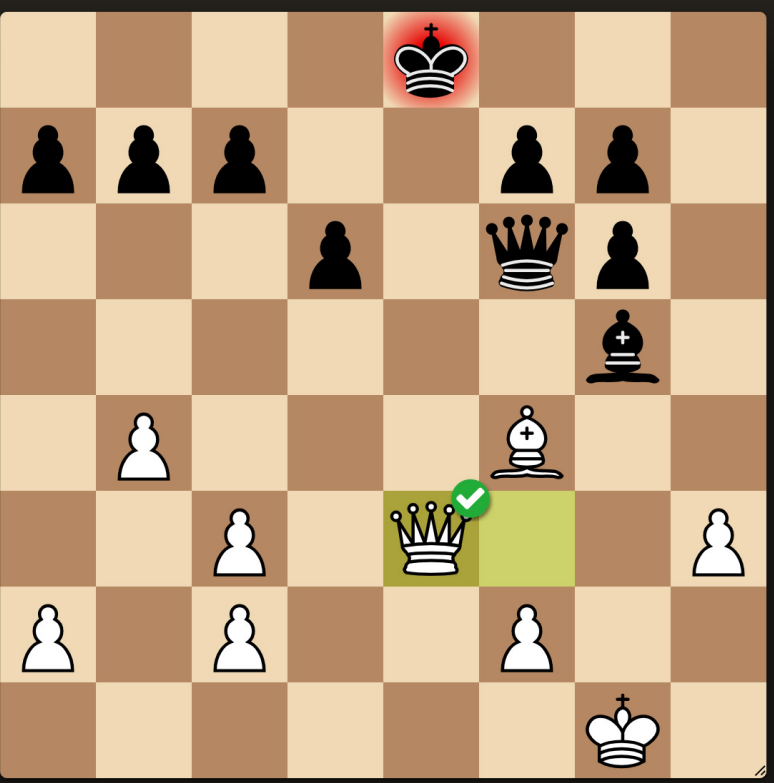
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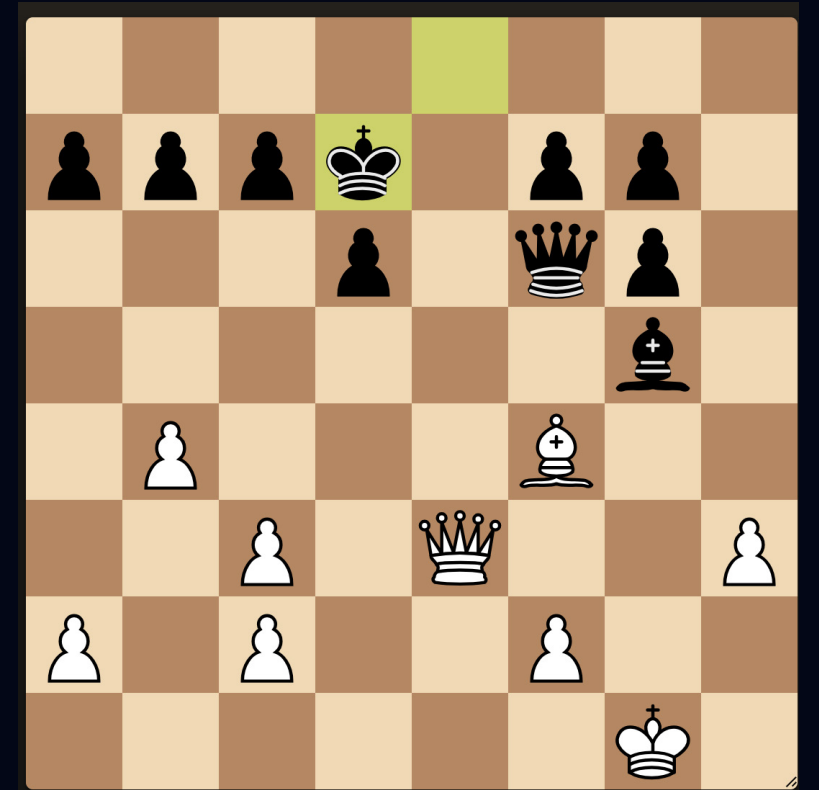
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