Go Vote on Election Day

Tuesday November 6, 2012 will shape the future of our nation. It will determine how we educate our children, brothers, and sisters. It will determine how we take care of the sick and injured. It will determine our doctrine for war and sending American troops into harm’s way. It will determine how we tax our people, support the poor, and create our energy.

Regardless of political affiliation, November 6 will be important. As American voters, we choose the government that leads the world on many of the core issues, and it is imperative that we all make a choice.

If you are registered to vote in Amherst, make sure you vote! Take a shuttle from the Haigis Mall to your precinct from 11AM to 7PM, take the PVTA if you live off-campus, and drive a carpool if you have a car.

If you are registered elsewhere, I hope you have filled out an absentee ballot. If you haven’t, go home! Take a day off—you only get to vote for President a few times, and this may well be your first vote ever.

In the great Commonwealth of Massachusetts, we have a very, very, very close Senate election between Senator Scott Brown and Elizabeth Warren. Your vote will be instrumental in deciding who we send to Washington!
I will be up bright and early to cast my vote. On-campus students have varying polling stations: Southwest voters vote at Bangs Community Center in Amherst Center. Northeast, North Apts., and Sylvan voters vote at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Central Residents except for Van Meter vote at Wildwood School. Orchard Hill and Van Meter Hall residents vote at the North Fire Station.

If you live off-campus, find your polling station here: http://www.wheredoivotema.com/bal/myelectioninfo.aspx

Finally, remember to bring a form of ID that has your name and address. The Collegian says that students may print out a housing assignment notification from SPIRE, bring a utility bill, a government check, a paycheck or paystub, or another document with the voter’s name and current address.

Please, I implore you, go vote! As a student, parent, professor, alumnus, alumna, or just American, you have the right to overthrow the government every two years. This time, we get to choose a President, senators, congresswomen, and congressmen. That’s a big deal.

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