While smiling at the crowd, four members from Zeta Phi Beta, Misty Goodson, Volanda Riley, Lashonda Gardner, and Dominique Ennis, proudly represent their sorority at the picnic by stepping to the sound of "Ghetto Superstar."

With the smoke from the grill, the beautiful weather, friendly fellowship and the excitement in the air for the upcoming step show, the Big Brother, Big Sister Welcome Back Picnic was a success. As participants waited in line and leisurely enjoyed the food provided, WODU supplied the music which set the backdrop for the festivities.

Junior Tekeema Foster stated, "It was a refreshing experience. I was pleased to see our people gather together as one, with no violence nor negativity."

The entertainment started off with a step show conducted by women from various National Panhellenic Sororities. Before the fraternities put on their show, Ebony Impact Gospel Choir, sang three songs. "It was nice that they had a Big Brother/Big Sister Picnic. I really enjoyed the choir and loved how they sang," said freshman Nicole Hanna.

Winding down the day, the men had time to perform their steps, with the Kappas giving out roses when they had finished.

by: Sonny Glenn

African American

"First-time African American students can come together in a positive way."
- Alex Ernest

students find

"The difference between last year's cookout and this year is they had a chance to meet their "siblings" beforehand."
- Kanesha Hall

unity at annual

"This gives a great opportunity for African Americans to come together for one common goal. I also enjoyed the entertainment provided by the Ebony Impact Gospel Choir and the Greek organizations."
- Darkeesha Bailey

cookout

BIG BROTHER, BIG SISTER PICNIC -17
Life away from home brings more responsibility & freedom

"I like residential living because you get to meet a lot of people living in the dorm."  
- Jack Crowder

"Living on campus has been a unique and positive learning experience."  
- Nedra Moore

"Residential Life has provided me with the freedom that was absent at home with my parents."  
- Tim Robillard

What is it like living in the residence halls? What happens if I don’t get along with my roommate? These questions and more usually go through the minds of new campus residents.

When one decides to live on-campus he or she are no longer in their parents’ comfort zone. Freshman Dawn Moore stated, “It is an environment of maturity.” She felt that living in Whitehurst meant that one had to be mature because there are juniors and seniors living in the same building.

Residential life meant no more smothering by parents and of course, more freedom.

You are on your own, living with new people and sharing a bathroom with people you had probably never met. “She doesn’t bother me, so I don’t bother her,” said freshman Aisha Farooque of her roommate.

Overall the positives will outweigh the negatives. Living on campus could either be a pleasant or trying experience, depending on what you make of it.

by: Sherita Edwards
Michelle Sharp and Mildred Sikebert take a break between classes to play a game of tic tac toe. Student who live in the residential halls had to find ways to keep themselves entertained before their cable and phone lines were installed.

"Is this the right way to my room?," asked freshman Domenica Crognale as her parents follow behind with arm loads of her belongings. Monarch Movein was an exciting time for freshmen, leaving their parents' for the first time.

Did You Know?

Over 2,500 students live on campus in residence halls and over 5,000 live near the campus in private apartments and special housing.

There are many ways to relax in the residence halls. Chrissy Book, Shannon Harty, Brian Baker, Brooke Thomas, and Tiffany Sample cheer on their favorite football team in Whitehurst Pit.

RESIDENTIAL LIFE -19
Fresh from the nail salon, Dawn Moore, Aisha Farooque, and Sherita Edwards display their new Nike shoes. Students are forever struggling to be one step ahead of the trends, and not to be left behind.

Did You Know?

The Short sleeve shirt worn over a long sleeve shirt is coming back into style.

Students Miguel Poblete, Pawech Prachaoarank, and Julius Dacumos sport such brands as Structure, DKNY, and Polo. These suave styles are just an example of some of what could be seen around a trendy campus.

Sometimes fashion trends from other countries make their way to America. Meredith Mitchell shows off her outfit using a little “international flavor,” with the shirt coming from Italy, and the pants and shoes from France.
Back in the day when we were all in first grade, the coolest people had Barbie Dolls or G.I. Joe Men. Now those objects have been replaced by piercings, tattoos, and other acts of insanity or in politically correct terms, an expression of individuality. Why do people do these things to their bodies? Lisa Davis mentioned, “People want to be different because different people are noticed and remembered.” Kris Cox added, “What happens when everybody wants to be different? Doesn’t that make everyone the same?”

Tattoos and body piercing are not the only latest trends. Bell Bottoms, psychedelic colors and new sneakers are being added to the wardrobe of many students.

Remember that these are just trends and in time they will probably disappear. But it is relevant to add that trends such as tattoos are permanent so if you are thinking about decorating your body, make sure you are doing it to please yourself instead of following the rest of the crowd.

by: Gerrit Groot Bluemink

To some it may look a little uncomfortable to have an earring on a tongue, nose, eyebrow and/or upper ear, but it is the hottest trend, next to tattoos. Friends Matt Dowell and Paul McReynolds show off their style of jewelry while taking a break outside.

“Fashion trends are getting out of hand.”
- Tony Faweisim

“It’s a great way to express individuality, but sometimes it goes too far.”
- Travis Becker

“Tattoos should be legal in Norfolk because that’s where I got mind and I didn’t know that it was illegal.”
- Tracy Deans
There are plenty of benefits at the “Good Morning Commuters” program. Torrie Johnson and Chloe Carrington take advantage of the free drinks and hot dogs given out at a commuter lunch designed to get commuters involved.

To be on the safe side it is always a good idea to lock your car up behind you, at least this is the advice given by the campus police. First year commuter, Ray Hogge not only locks his doors but activates his alarm to protect his valuables. The last thing a person needs after a day of hard classes is to find their car missing. Before going to class, Kevin Smith puts his auto theft device “The Club” on his steering wheel to protect his car from a thief.

Did You Know?

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Commuters are practically just residents on wheels. Jamie Godsey uses his cell phone from the privacy of his Sports Utility Vehicle. Phones and TVs are just the latest technology being put into cars. If Jamie only had a refrigerator he would be set.

With 18,500 students on campus, it is no surprise that a large percentage are commuters. These students have traffic and the dreaded task of parking to contend with, leaving little time for campus involvement.

In order to help remedy this problem, students are greeted each Tuesday between 7:30 and 9:00 AM with free coffee and doughnuts. They can also use a special “Commuter Card” to get discounts at special events or commuter lunches. Some commuters are also assigned a commuter assistant who calls to inform them about these events and other meetings. Though commuting can be difficult at times, sophomore Teresa Denton said “It’s so nice to be able to go home after class and completely get away from all of my pressures at school.”

Instead of driving home to study, some commuter students choose to study in Webb’s North Mall which is dubbed the “Commuter Lounge.” It is directly located across from Java One Coffee house which offers that late night coffee to keep commuters awake on a tough drive home.

by Jordan Morris

Traffic jams and gas bills make commuter life stressful

“Coming from the Midtown Tunnel, traffic can be bad. Once, I had to wait in the tunnel for 40 minutes when it should have only taken 10 minutes.”
- Carol Ackiss

“Commuting is easier and cheaper. I like living off campus.”
- Angela Gonzalez

“I like commuting. I live only 10 minutes away, which is a pretty easy ride. However, sometimes the parking can be really bad.”
- Jessica Stafford

COMMUTER LIFE -23
Fans pour out

"Madness is not a good enough word to describe it!"
- Glen Stinson

to kick off

"This was one of the bigger turnouts I've seen since I've been here."
- Jessica Williams

season with

"It is exciting. The fans get a preview, and you can feel the spirit in the air."
- Stacey Himes

Many fans came out to Monarch Madness not only to play with the giant blowup games, but to meet the basketball stars and get autographs. Player Heath Burris was honored to give his signature to this young fan for her collection.

At 9:30 a line of over 600 people formed outside of the Field House, ready to enter the madness enclosed within. The Field House had been transformed into a gym of giant blowup games, and basketball shooting contests. Grappling bungee lines seized runners in their tracks, the slam dunk contest displayed new talents, and basketball players greeted their fans. Background noise was provided by the Monarch Pep Band and a D.J. from 94.9 The Point. Paul Jimenez commented, "I think Monarch Madness is a time to have fun and meet new people."

As the timer got closer to midnight, fans took their seats. It was evident that the eve of basketball season would soon be upon them, coming together in spirit and as a pride.

Suddenly, the lights dimmed and a fog grew in the Field House. The stroke of twelve brought the teams out and fans celebrated basketball. By evening's end, the cheering crowd and spirited players rose above the haze and gave life to Monarch Madness.

by:
Keith Walentowski

madness

24- MONARCH MADNESS
Women’s Basketball Head Coach, Wendy Larry, gives a young fan a few pointers and an autograph. Fans of all ages came out to help kick off the new season and support the men and women in the quest of a CAA championship.

**Did You Know?**

The first 100 fans that came through the door received a free Monarch Madness t-shirt.

“Couch Freethrows” was one of the various games available for students and locals to participate at Monarch Madness. Pete Morton attempted to take three shots from the plaid couch which was part of the living-room set prize.

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Joining a branch of the national defense takes years of practice and acquiring new skills. Sgt. James Nolan of the U.S. Marine Corps diligently practices the drill of presenting the Colors of the United States.

The Military is a large part of the Hampton Roads community, as well as the campus community. Cadet Matthew Sacra and Cadet Shelton Gregory prepare for another day of training, as they write down their goals for the day.

Students of the Navy R.O.T.C. program must practice gun drills weekly to establish the proper skills necessary to be in the U.S. Navy. Students Jeff Quiason and Kevin Culver wait for the next order to be given by their drill leader.

Did You Know?

The Navy R.O.T.C. program has 187 enrolled students, while the Army R.O.T.C. has 112.
“Left right, left right, left right, left” is a marching chant which keeps our military in proper step. In keeping step, our R.O.T.C. cadets and graduates maintain a military presence on campus. From physical training and parading to the presentation of the Colors, the ROTC supports campus and national Pride.

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by: Keith Walentowski

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What does Bill Cosby and the Sixth Annual Wacky Olympics have in common? That’s right, Jell-O! The first ever Jell-O eating contest was one of the many activities offered this year in the annual event. Developed by the staff of Auxiliary Services six years ago, the contest was created to get students involved with the University.

Crissy Jambard, one of the coordinators for the last four years said, “It always makes me feel good inside to see students have fun.” The highlight of the event is that it is free and nobody goes away a loser.

Wacky Olympics consist of a half dozen or so events from the “scooter challenge” to the “tea cup race”. This year also brought “Limbo” with music provided by a giant Coca Cola truck that dispensed free drinks to participants. In between events, pizza donated by Dining Services was also given out free. At the end of the event, students walked away with armfuls of prizes, full stomachs and smiles on their faces.

by: Tommy Smigiel

Cha, Cha, Cha, everybody limbo! Limbo was one of the most challenging activities. Maria Zuniga and Tommy Smigiel hold the limbo pole as Preston Noe tries to see how low he can go. Most people were eliminated after the pole dropped to waste level.
If looks could win the balloon popping relay, Marcus Diehl would be the champion! Marcus was one of the many students to enjoy the activities provided at the 6th Annual Wacky Olympics.

**Did You Know?**

Auxiliary Services spent over $2,000 on 90% of the prizes with the other 10% donated from such patrons as the University Bookstore, C.I. Travel and the Student Senate.

Students glare enticingly as James Ficher and Eubie Bryant partake in eating their pile of Jell-O provided by Dining Services. This, and many other events at Wacky Olympics, brought about great enthusiasm towards the coming year.

Friends always work together. Sotonya Mooton and Claudia Massenburg team up for a three-legged relay race. Each team had to run around a series of cones without falling over. The first one across the finish line would win a variety of prizes.
Campus faith

"Being a Pentecostal has provided a strong foundation for me. I believe that all of my successes are due to my faith in God. Because of him, I know there are many more successes to come."
- Mayre Cherry

provides unity

"I believe in God, but I don't exactly belong to a religious denomination."
- Catherine Hollars

for a variety of

"In being a deist, I believe in a supreme being who created all life and everything existence."
- Ming-Tyh Maa

Music, prayer, and fellowship are major components to all religions. Jennifer Essing, Matthew Tierney, Eric Smith and Father John Peck, from Catholic Campus Ministry practice a psalm before a Sunday Mass.

It is becoming apparent that religion is spreading among college students. "Spirituality is becoming more apparent on campus. People are beginning to show some type of faith in one deity or another," stated Alton Jamison of the Ebony Impact Gospel Choir.

49th Street alone is home to religious organizations such as the Baptist Student Center, the Catholic Campus Ministry, the Islamic Center, and the Canterbury Center. What peaks students' interest into these diverse faiths?
Lonnie Jones answered, "Students are drawn to religious sects by the innate human necessity to believe in a higher power than themselves."

Diana Wasson commented, "People believe in what they believe in because they need to fill a void in their life."

Whatever the religious affiliation a student may be it was relevant that the support for religious faith was accepted by everyone. In fact, for the first time a "Celebration of Faith" was coordinated. It brought all religious groups on campus together to rejoice in believing.

by: Hud Williams

believers

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30- CAMPUS FAITH
Traveling to other countries as missionaries was a popular option for many students of a religious faith. Emmanuel Canoy took advantage of this opportunity by going on a missionary trip with the Baptist Student Union.

After an extensive prayer, Khelid Abdul-Matejela, Abdul Sihibe and Sami Mohammed, take time to discuss teachings from the Muslim Faith. Muslim Students come together daily to pray and to discuss Muslim Faith awareness on campus.

Laura Smith of the Episcopal Canterbury Center helps to prepare food for AIDS victims. This was just one of many religious groups that got involved with community service or helped raise money for charity.
Milind Chokshi and Seemit Sheth prepare for India Fest 1998, by filling up balloons for decorations. This annual event, celebrating unity in diversity, includes dancing and many other cultural events.

Did You Know?
The international life population comes from over 100 countries. Some countries include: Japan, Portugal, Australia and Italy.

Being far away from Brazil doesn’t stop Tatiana Soares and Larissa Barbosa from enjoying the good things in life, such as ice cream. The International students try to make the most out of their experiences in America.

International students such as Isabel Garate, from Spain, have enjoyed the opportunity to experience the American Culture. She added, “ODU has opened my mind to different cultures.”
Good afternoon and welcome to the United States of America.” For the nearly one thousand students here who originate from outside the United States, these words usher in a new experience both socially and academically.

Though the university offers these students International Hall, to live together and support each other in this new experience, the differences did not always leave good impressions. International Students Sylvia Charalambidou and Yianna Evotokritou were not happy with the living conditions. They added, “We do not like the small rooms or sharing a bathroom.” However, international students gradually make the adjustment into both life in college and in the United States.

International Students also give American students the opportunity to experience other cultures. Freshman John Brout commented, “I enjoy meeting various international students in my classes. They give an international “flavor” to discussions.”

by: Mike Arendall and Jamie Burns

Being so far away from their home in Japan, international students support each other through everything. Miho Ishikawa, Yoshie Hoshijima, Makiko Kinoshita and Rika Mikuni gather on Kaufman Mall to review for a test.

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