Woven throughout the present are the threads of the past. As has been proven time and time again, history is destined to repeat itself. By examining the history that has molded our University, we find a campus that was founded on pride, enthusiasm, perseverance, and dedication. Students stopped at nothing to fight for what they believed in. The University triumphed with the fanfare of pride and responsiveness from the campus community. It is a past that Old Dominion should cherish and promote with pride. Has our history forewarned us of the future that we know as reality? Upon retrospect, how will you perceive your years at Old Dominion? Will you be proud of your accomplishments? Will you hold your head high with thoughts of how you molded the future? Or will you wonder what might have been? Will you let your past be (un)known?
Streaking has always been a tradition on college campuses nationwide. During the 1971 schoolyears, several students decided to challenge the administration by stripping naked and running around the campus.

1971: Vietnam is still in full swing and so were the protests from college students. Students like this were particularly upset with the May Day arrests in Washington D.C. May Day is known as a communist holiday. This student’s form of voice was to dress as the Grim Reaper to emphasize that “America was dying.”
After half a semester of non-stop work, ODU students will do anything to have a good time. When students come together with a common vision for entertainment, campus history is bound to take shape. Approximately one-hundred and fifty male students, from Roger’s and Gresham Halls gathered together to wage a water war on one another. This war was the ending result of a dormitory panty-raid that had been launched several days beforehand.

This caption is supposed to be about homecoming. The picture is a homecoming float from the Norfolk Division of the College of William and Mary. I think it’s the fifties, but to be honest, I need to go find out. I don’t think it’s possible to smell as bad as I do right now. I smell like something that has been dead for days. And, whew, Amanda smells even worse.
Eddie Drews, of ΠΚΑ, scores as KA Jay Couch attempts to make the play. Picture taken from 1968 Old Dominion College Yearbook, The Troubadour.

Intramural sports have always been an integral part of Greek Life. From table tennis to flag football, universities offer a large variety of sports for students to let loose their competitive spirit. Picture taken from 1965 Old Dominion College Yearbook, The Troubadour.
The competitive spirit among the fraternities was alive and well 35 years ago. With the number of fraternities and members who participated in the horseshoe match, excitement was just around the corner.
With the annual Homecoming game comes the annual Homecoming court. In 1958, Anne Hubard was crowned Queen with Mr. Webb as her escort.

Spirit was not an uncommon characteristic among Old Dominion students. Delta Sig is no exception.
Straying from the traditional themes of homecoming the student body chose “Save ODU” as their encouraging motif. Due to budget crises, many thought the school was dying. ODU was even coined as “Old Diminishing University.” These students like many others were greeted with tons of “Save ODU” signs & bumper stickers during the homecoming parade to help increase funds. Obviously, the persistence & hard work paid off - The Monarchs did not die in 1970.

The threat of closing the University because of budget cuts caused a major uproar in the 1970 student body. The campaign was one of the biggest the community had ever seen with one goal in mind: To Save ODU. The outcry included protests and literature that was passed out as an appeal to keep the University in operation. Homecoming was specifically set up that year to save the University. “Tidewater’s People Need Old Dominion University” They couldn’t agree more.
The Delta Sigs of the 1970s decided spirit and mud pits go hand in hand.

This space is reserved for you. Years from now, Old Dominion students will be looking back through this book trying to grasp what it would be like to live in the year 2000. What type of mark will you leave? What history will you make???
Students from around the globe found a home at Old Dominion University. So rare is it to encounter an urban university containing such a close-knit community within. Here you will find the best of both worlds all rolled into one. We share a special sense of uniqueness, derived mostly from the unparalleled composition of backgrounds, cultures, and ages represented.

We hail from all fifty states and over one hundred countries around the world. Choosing to study in this multicultural, international environment offers us a true competitive edge over graduates from other universities. Our institution, and we as the people who create it, are extraordinary and unlike any in our class. We possess a respect for dignity and awareness, a broad capacity for scholarship and achievement, and a desire for higher knowledge and understanding. Our institution is old enough to value tradition, yet young enough to welcome change. We constantly challenge ourselves to think, to act, and to achieve. The astounding attributes we possess as individual students, and as a Student Body, constantly bring statewide and national recognition to Old Dominion. To those outside the campus community, the qualities and characteristics we possess and display are exciting, refreshing, and unfamiliar.