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Campus Life

Life is an adventure, and Old Dominion University students have the strength and the initiative to successfully face any challenge that life has to offer. It does not matter how difficult the fight may seem to get, but remember, we are Monarchs, and that is definitely something to be proud of. Freshmen must face the sudden change into the realm of responsibility, but they are encouraged not to do it alone. Events such as playfair and beachfest are held to help the transition into adulthood for the freshmen. Graduate students, having succeeded at receiving their Bachelors degree, must face the arduous path to get their Masters. But such a task is not as difficult as one may think, for graduate students are becoming masters in a subject that they thoroughly enjoy. Lastly, there are the members of the older generation. These are dedicated individuals who, for one reason or another, have decided to return to the enjoyable, hectic, and most of all memorable
life of a college student. We each have our own journeys, so let us wish each other the best of luck.

Students are not the only people who have to face the adventures. The esteemed members of the faculty of Old Dominion University must also face certain challenges. Albeit from upset students or other factors of nature. The founders of ODU must also not be forgotten. The school holds a week dedicated to the founders properly entitled Founder’s Week. And finally, the admirable Dr. Koch. He is our fearless leader, and has been so for 10 awesome years and has now chosen to go back into teaching. His adventure with ODU may be over, but that only means that another president is about to begin her journey.
One of the most sacred traditions of the “Pride” is the annual Founder’s Week events. This Founder’s Day officially marked the University’s 70th birthday as a school; ODU started as the Norfolk Division of the College of William and Mary in 1930. The school officially became independent in 1962 and gained University status in 1969. The activities kicked off Monday, October 9th with the opening of the Alumni Memory Lane Exhibit. Things really heated up later in the week with Pride Day where students and faculty wore their ODU apparel to show their school spirit. The Honorable J. Randy Forbes of Virginia House of Delegates spoke that night at the Founder’s Day Dinner. Along with the feast came the Alumni Awards, and the unveiling of a book on the school’s history: Old Dominion University: From the Great Depression to the New Millennium, 1930-2000. One of the greatest treasures of the week was a musical tribute to departing President James V. Koch and his wife Donna Koch at the Chandler Recital Hall in Diehn Fine and Performing Arts Center. ODU holds a lot of tradition and the Founder’s Week keeps the Pride alive.

Alumni Awards
The Albert B. “Buck” Gornio, Jr. Regional Service Award:
Thomas G. Johnson, Jr
ODU Certificate of Achievement:
Irvine B. Hill
Distinguished Entrepreneur Award:
Richard T. Cheng
Town-N-Gown Community Service Award:
John R. Morison & Elaine P. Witty
Distinguished Alumni Awards:
Richard Ellenberger, David Faeder, Nancy Lieberman-Cline, Patrick McNeela, Clarence Ray, Jr., Ernie Smith, Mark West

(Right): In his last year as president of ODU, Dr. Koch delivers his final Founder’s Day speech. The changes that Dr. Koch brought to this university will be long remembered and honored at Founder’s Weeks to come.
(Left): The distinguished alumni award was presented to Mark A. West at the founder's day dinner. Mark graduated in 1983.

(Left): At founder's day, alumni come back to their alma mater, not only to revel in the past, but also to see what lies in store for the future. The Alumni Memory Lane Exhibit started off the week.

Founders Day 7
For the sumo wrestling, participants wore an inflatable suit to make up for their lack of girth. Thomas Elsey takes a moment to readjust to his surroundings.

S.M. Naveed (red shirt) and Ahmed Al-Theney (gray shirt) slug it out with the inflatable gloves.

1st Place

And The Winners Are...

(Showing their pride)
Part of the day’s festivities included free cotton candy. Meggy Williams spins some for herself.

Running a race is hard enough, but when you’re attached to a bungee cord it’s crazy. John Nuckols and Greg McIntire race against each other to find out who has the strongest legs.
The Norfolk campus of Old Dominion University is no longer an only child. Sister schools have popped up within the last few years in Virginia Beach, Hampton, and Loudon County in Northern Virginia. In fact, for the Fall 2000 semester, the Loudon County branch opened their doors for students. This institution offers a wide variety of programs for students ranging from courses for upper level undergraduates, graduate degree programs, and much more. Not far off the trail of Loudon County is the institution in Hampton. The Peninsula Center of Higher Education will be moving to the top floor of the Peninsula Work Force Center following it’s completion.

Since everyone is not able to attend Norfolk’s beautiful campus, ODU has extended their learning opportunities in the form of these new education centers. Not only can people attend these institutions for direct interaction with people over there, but they are also capable of communicating with us via satellite! Not only does the Norfolk campus get transmissions form it’s sister schools, but we also receive transmissions from other states as well, including Arizona, Indiana, North Carolina, and Washington.
One of the newer expansions of ODU is the Virginia Beach Higher Education Center. The center is a joint collaboration between ODU, Norfolk State and the city of Virginia Beach.

The Waves Cafe inside the Virginia Beach Higher Education Center is a convenient place for students to grab a bite to eat between classes.
The Best Is Yet To Come

We have all seen it, drove around it- hey we can't avoid it- the campus construction. ODU's current vision is the University Village. The village will consist of nine city blocks from 38th St. to 47th St. down Hampton Blvd. to Killam Ave. The tree-lined village hopes to hold such amenities as Greek Row, student residence, office and research facilities, restaurants, places to shop, etc. The University wants the new community to appeal not only to students but to the general public as well. Right in the center of the village will be the convocation center named for Ted Constant. Constant donated five million dollars to the village project which officially became the 2nd largest gift to the University. Currently the convocation center has a projected opening of Fall 2001 which puts it as the place for the next Monarch Madness. The center will hold around 8,500 people and will be the playing stage for the Monarch Basketball teams.

Along with the City of Norfolk and the Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority, ODU plans to have the University Village completed by 2003.

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(Above): The original foundation of Constant Hall is still standing. The University was not allowed to tear down the whole building and rebuild so they decided on a complete renovation instead. (Left): Across the Hampton Blvd. stands the blocked off site for the future convocation center and University Village. Unfortunately some student favorites had to be vacated such as Mexican cafe Mi Hogar, Burger King, and Zero's to name a few. (Far left): The work has begun on the new Constant Center.

(Above): Ground is broken for the new Peninsula Work Force Center in Hampton, VA. (Left): Construction crews work diligently through the semester to complete renovation on Constant Hall by the projected Fall 2001 occupancy date. (Far left): Students are reminded to avoid the building sites. The signs, fences, and tape is becoming a common place for many as they walk to class.
Extra Extra: Diverse Population Makes For Culture & Life-style Mix

The Motley Crew

It's about being different, about variation, about keeping things complicated and away from the repetitive. It's about diversity. What student would enjoy listening to a monotone professor? What on-campus student would appreciate the exquisite taste of fine dorm food if it was the same thing day in day out?

The African-American novelist, poet and essayist, Ismael Reed wrote the essay "What's American About America?" Moving from the "melting pot" view where America has multiple cultures molten into a single, blended, colloid-like element, Reed prefers the more colorful philosophy of Yale professor, Robert Thompson, who swears the U.S. is more of a cultural French bouillabaisse. It's more a stew of varying vegetables, all swirling around in a tantalizing soup, yet still retaining their individual characteristics. And of course, Old Dominion University's stew is one of the richest. In a recent survey of what students appreciate most of the university, a popular answer turned out to be ODU's diversity. The university proves to be a true microcosm of today's posttraumatic contemporary American society.

Cultures, people and languages of all types have come to ODU for the single purpose of education. Ain't it cool? As far back as the 40's an international program was available for students overseas. The Dragas International Center has been helping students come from around the globe and into ODU or has sent students off who wanted to study abroad. This year there were nearly 1,230 students from 103 different countries studying throughout the colleges. However there are also those students of different cultures yet still live in the U.S. ODU has made special arrangements for them. Multicultural Students Services aid students of all races and color and publishes the newsletter properly entitled "the Spectrum", covering multicultural events. In addition, clubs and organizations such as Mundo Hispano, APASU, Black Student Alliance, NAACP, and United Cultural Association, have formed in support of the university's diversity.

Still, diversity is not only in culture, but lifestyle as well. Students attending ODU are from various generations. Some are middle-aged or even elderly, as old or older than many professors. Some students of various ages are married, divorced, perhaps widowed/widowered. And then what of lifestyle choice? The organization Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Students and Allies formed as a result of the different preferences students had and wanted to express. The university helps to represent a number of different religions as well. Christian campus ministers are available from the different sects, from Baptist to Lutheran to Catholic. In the body of students there are Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, and Jewish.

One thing is for sure, it's hard to get bored with "the motley crew" of ODU.

(Above): The Jewish student union, Hillel, makes itself visible on campus by constructing a sukkah in front of Webb Center. They also coordinated a canned food drive with the event. (Right): Students from ODU come from all over the world to take classes.
The whole idea of playfair is getting to know the new university community. Amour Shamto, Carlton Robinson and Tim Southerland take time out to get their picture taken. 

University life is all about new ideas and meeting new people. Valerie Ford, Carlton Robinson, and Kira McCausland enjoy lunch together after a debut event. 

One thing that always brings people together is the need to study.