The Concert

No one saw...

Where are all the fans? Despite being well publicized, and free only about 20 people showed up..

In spite of the small crowd, the concert went on. Magnificent Invisible opened up the show.
The second act, Family Tree put on an excellent show. The group combines classic instruments such as flute and violin with electric and acoustic guitar and drums.

The drummer for Magnificent Invisible proves that no computer can out drum a human.
Fashion Marketing Takes the Stage

The Fashion Marketing department (a division of Occupational and Technical Studies) brought their skills from the Technology building across Hampton Blvd., when they held their fashion show in Webb center. This show brought about 150 people into the North Cafeteria, where a stage and chairs were set up for the occasion. Some were there to support the designer, Ebony Davis, the various models, while others just wanted to have a look at the styles. Davis had styles for business and for casual. She incorporated deep colors and animal prints in her designs. The clothes were creative and innovative. The perfect mood lighting framed the event while the audience jammed to the upbeat music. Females catwalked while small siblings danced in the aisles. Truly a great fashion show.
Baby
Got It
Goin’ On!
Amidst flashing bulbs and loud cheers, ODU "models-for-a-day" strutted their stuff in WODU's fashion show. The campus radio station held the event Nov. 9th in Webb Center. The men and ladies presented the latest trends of Ralph Lauren from the Dillards department store in MacArther Center. Appreciative onlooker Phillip Riddick definitely let the clothes speak to him (or was it the women), "Oh yeah, I can go for that - it's hot!" Spectators not only got the chance to cheer for their favorite cat-walker, but they also participated in the free prizes distributed. Among the gifts were Ralph Lauren fragrances, a $25 gift certificate to the ODU bookstore, and a Polo bag. To win the prizes, the WODU hosts, James Toscano and Marie Domm, asked the audience to present certain items, such as combs, dollar bills, a NY state driver's license, and even a Haynes T-shirt (which had to be removed), and whomever approached them first with the requested item would win. So it was quite a show to watch the spectators almost trip over each other to come out on top.

Just as members of the audience did not go home empty handed, every model left the show with a sense of pride and joy. The participants, namely Clinton Conyers, loved the encouragement emanating from the crowd just as much as showing off the latest fashions. "I hope I can keep this," he wished.

All good things must end and as those dark jeans and tall boots strutted back into oblivion, the final echoes of "You bad girl" reverberated through the departing crowd.
When Halloween rolls around, the mad scientists come out to play. The Student Physics Society didn’t want to be left out, so they went on top of the nine story Batten Arts and Letters building and starting throwing pumpkins over the side.

Well, O.K., it was a little more controlled than that (they are scientists after all) but it was still a lot of fun. This year about 20 pumpkins were splattered in the name of science. “Don’t worry folks, all of the pumpkins volunteered for this assignment,” quipped Mark Haskins, over the PA system. About 300 people showed up to watch the fun.

A few pumpkins did actually survive the drop, thanks to some pumpkin catching devices designed by the SPS, the engineering students, and a local elementary school.

One of the ones that did survive contained the “Pumpkin Cam”, supplied by the The Laureate yearbook. A small wireless video camera was mounted in the bottom of the pumpkin so that the drop could be viewed on a video monitor set up aside.

-----Geoffrey Runyon

Anyone who wished could enter a pumpkin catching device. The idea of the engineering students’ was that the layers of plastic would slow the decent of the falling object. It kept the pumpkin from shattering completely, but it did split the sides of the gourd.
The most successful pumpkin catcher of the day was this cardboard box filled with empty milk cartons. The pumpkin survived entirely intact.

A near miss sends the damage control team scrambling to fix one of the pumpkin catching devices. Dr. Charles Hyde-Wright, Jennifer Hodgeson, and Chris Manno move quickly to clear out pumpkin guts and to tape the outer box back together.

As M.C. Mark Haskins reminds the crowd that all the pumpkins being dropped were volunteers, Mark kept the crowd entertained on the ground while pumpkins were prepared to be dropped from the roof of BAL.

At least one experiment had to be performed. This device was used to measure the impact force of the pumpkin. It took two tries to hit the target.
If a yearbook is supposed to be a collection of memories and events that transpire during a school year, the biggest event in the news for the 2000-2001 school year would be the Presidential election. With everything said and done it has become one of the biggest news stories in the nation’s history. As November 7th, 2000 got closer and closer, the country got pulled into a huge debate over who was the right person for the job. Eight people had achieved ballot access in enough states to mathematically win enough electoral votes to be elected President. These men were George W. Bush, Al Gore, Ralph Nader, Pat Buchanan, Harry Browne, Howard Phillips, and John Hagelin. All of these people (except Dr. Hagelin) appeared on the ballot in Virginia. The big debate was of course over the democratic nominee, Vice President Al Gore, and the Republican nominee, Texas Governor George W. Bush.

In Virginia George W. Bush won a sound victory with nearly 52% of the popular vote. Those of us who kept up with Constitutional Law know that popular vote is nothing compared to the electoral college. Obviously Governor Bush had won the 13 electoral votes Virginia had to offer, but one of the largest states in country was too close to call. Florida had originally been called by the press for Gore, but then was taken away and given to Bush. Gore had even gone to far as to call Bush and congratulate him on his victory, but as the night went on it became clear that once again the vote was too close to call.

For the next 35 days, the entire world was watching to see who would get the electoral votes in Florida. While states like Oregon and New Mexico were also too close to call for several days, neither of them carried enough electoral votes to give anyone the presidency; it all depended on Florida. At first glance, Bush had won, but under Florida state law it was so close that a recount was required and this gave Bush the lead by a mere 531 votes. Al Gore of course asked for a hand recount and under Florida law it was allowed and considered the final word over a machine count. As time drew on, court battles mounted as the Republicans tried to stop the recounts. The heavily democratic counties of Broward and Miami-Dade were reluctant to conduct hand recounts, but were eventually forced to by the courts.

The images on the news of the hand counts became a joke around the world.

*At mainstreet, Carlos Clanton recruits potential members to join the college Democrats. Despite Carlos’ efforts Chuck Robb lost his senate seat to former governor George Allen.*
Webb Center is the hub of student activity so it was the natural place for political signs. In one of the closest margins in the history of the country the signs may actually have played a crucial role.

world in the following weeks. Eventually even the smallest technical-ity became the biggest of items. In the end, the Supreme Court said that there was no fair way to count all of the ballots in the allotted time so the state went to Bush. On January 20, 2001 he was sworn in and became the second son of a former President to himself become president. This signaled the beginning of a very difficult presidency that may always be tainted with the thought that the winner is not the man that we will forever call our 43rd President.

------Ted Gallo
While students lined the side walks and steps of Webb Center, Dr. James V. Koch and representatives of all branches of the military lead in the crowd in a moment of silence. Despite a slow drizzle, the ceremony was well attended.
About 500 people came out on November 14, 2000 to honor the Veteran’s who have served our great country. Amidst rain and cold winds, baby boomers and generation Xers alike bowed their heads in remembrance of all serviceman, fallen, retired, and those still serving. This year was especially poignant for the nation as fellow Americans died and were wounded in the bombing of the Norfolk-based USS Cole. President Koch stood at the hub of Kauffman’s Mall and lead the congregation in a bow of silence.

Thank you veterans from the bottom of our hearts for everything that you do for us. It is because of you and your selfless service to this nation that makes us free. This land, our government, your children might never of had the opportunities we have now if not for our Veterans - now - and of the past generations. You will never be forgotten.
It was time to get ready for a night of music, talent, and excitement when Men About Progress held their second annual student talent show. The show was dee-jayed by All City Entertainment as students showed the crowd what they could do. Participants were judged on creativity and originality, their physical dress and appearance on stage, and their overall execution and display of their talent. More importantly, the participation and attitude of the audience played a major role in the judging process.

The MCs kept the audience spirits high through the long night of great talent acts. As far as the show, participants sang original songs acapella, imitated their favorite artists by singing with background music, rapped and freestyled. There was also the amazing guitar stylings of Jeff Welsh. Each act started with a quick intro and a motto or quote which they had chosen. Among the audience’s favorite quotes was by Tonya Rollins who had chosen as her quote "When you reach for the sky, if you fail, you will always land among the stars." Along with the many acts of the night, there was an appearance by the winner of the past MC contest, Quamin Gracia. Quamin showed his skills once again to the cheering audience. Junipis, The Poetry Elite also made it to the show. A combination of poetry, hip-hop and jazz, Junipis had just released a new CD and introduced themselves to the crowd.

In addition to a night full of hot acts, the audience was given raffle tickets. There were also free food and drinks, free for a small donation to Men About Progress that is.

It was an exciting night with a lot of talented acts, and at the end it was up to the audience to choose between a four way tie! The audience cheered for their favorite acts and when it was all done, Jeff Welsh took first place, Tonya Rollins came in second place and the group Verbal Alliance placed third. It was indeed a full night for everyone. The music was great and the acts were hot. Hopefully they can out do themselves for next year’s show.
Quamin Gracia blesses the mic, showing why he won the M.A.P. battle of the MCs.

Seth Yan and Jeff Walsh add a new flavor to the M.A.P. talent show.

“Elements of Sound” try to capture the first place trophy.
Bored... Want Something To Do?

CHECK OUT ACTIVITY HOUR

It’s really not just for eating lunch. On Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the year, the South 5th Campus Life mall of Webb Center is abuzz with events and music. From 12:30 - 1:30 no classes are supposed to be scheduled, to ensure that students have a chance to take part in the many events and activities planned.
Eat, take a survey, go to a meeting, buy jewelry, sign up for a credit card, donate stuff, order a cell phone, hang out in the bookstore, drink a latte, read the M&C, listen to WODU, watch soaps, look at class rings, enjoy SAC's activities, study, do nothing.

Hey, it's your time.
In 1968, the editor’s of Old Dominion’s yearbook, The Troubadour, decided that they had enough of the inaction and failed plans to make this university more student friendly. Like many before them, they set forth a list of problems. Unlike those others, however, they also proposed a set of solutions. These solutions were not implemented, and thirty-two years later we sit here, with things unchanged.

Take a trip through time as you read this reprinted article. Take a trip to now.

“Structural Introspection”

The Troubadour undertook a limited survey on the problem of the classes in order to determine the reasons for the inactivity of these bodies and to uncover some possible solutions forremedying these same problems. The response amounted to an agreement that there were problems, but solutions were not evident.

So, we still are faced with continued “why?” To begin, let us once again discuss the basic nature of Old Dominion College. Although it is no longer a strict case, Old Dominion is inherently a community college. Inherent in this situation is an absence of a college related identity. Most students have established basic life identities outside of their college careers; some are married, some have jobs, and a large segment are still involved with the problems of living at home with Mom and Dad. In the range of college activities, these students are here only for classes in their particular fields of studies. So how do you organize this energy, talent, and opinion to promote productivity outside the limits of classroom participation... to give Old Dominion the activity status that makes a school creative happening, to allow for student expression in its fullest sense?

Many persons who have tried to establish traditional organization of the student body have met with no response. You no doubt have heard the particular term “apathy” in connection with all facets of Old Dominion life. It is fortunate that we have something to call this elusive inactivity, but a tag name does little more than provide a stopping point for the question “why”. Its all too frequent use, and the emotional frustration that attends it have done very little toward a rational solution of “how?” We felt the unique and youthful aspects of ODC require just as unique and unprecedented answer. Obviously the “tried and true” of other colleges without identity problems has not been the effective tactic here. After attempts have failed, the interested parties declare that the students of ODC are dead or sleeping. This cannot be so -- we see bodies wandering around here every day, and watch hundreds of degrees being awarded each year. All these people in motion must be going somewhere, doing something.

The final evaluation of those frustrated organizers of the past should not be “premature decadence of the student body,” but a recognition of their own procedural failure to excavate the pulse-beat of productivity that must be here to keep the buildings open and the parking lots full. This writer is not dead, and I certainly hope that I never realize all these mobile human forms are nothing more than supercharged corpses. How frightening a thought! Since it cannot be true, where are all of us? Here for part of our waking hours--and, if the situation is worth while, here for a longer part. The secret to increased student activity is to make it worth while for more persons to be here longer.

A partial answer to “how” was the suggestion of Jim Turner, editor of the Mace and Crown. According to Turner, the individual schools of the college should start intellectual-political organizations that supplement the class structures (i.e. the School of Arts and Letters Student Congress, or whatever). Herein lies the most concrete student involvement and cohesion not in mutual class status. Ideally, this type of organization on the part of the schools would provide a greater student involvement in the academic pursuit, as well as a flourishing foundation for an independent student political voice. This sort of involvement is already incorporated in the Student Government in a limited form. Following the recently adopted constitution, the student senate, or legislative arm, of the SGA will be partly comprised of representatives of the separate schools. Of course, this implies no other organization of the schools other than the elected representatives, but it is an intelligent first move toward incorporating a more varied and balanced cross-section of opinion in Student Government. Now, how about proceeding toward the former idea of the fully operative, fully cooperative School Student Congress?

Our final suggestion in this essay is a call for an increase in hard-core introspection into the structure of the Old Dominion mystique. Include it in the curriculum, it could be called The Psychology of Collegiate Development: Emphasis--ODC. Why don’t you take it... the ramifications could be electric!
“Structural Renovation”

Well, well, well... here we are 30 years later and nothing's changed. Let's take a quick look around. We've got a radio station nobody can hear, a yearbook nobody buys, an unelected student body president, a newspaper people are too lazy to read, a student senate that couldn't agree to tie its own shoes if it was tripping over them, roads and sidewalks in dire need of repair, and students who still walk around dazed, as if they don't realize what a wonderful opportunity they are missing.

All of these issues are brought on by a lack of involvement.

If you're not involved, don't complain about other people not being involved. I've heard people complain that there are not enough organizations on campus. There is an entire booklet of recognized student organizations. Those organizations have plenty of openings. There are also some organizations that are no longer recognized (thanks to student senate) that are still alive and kicking.

You still say there's nothing out there for you? Start your own organization. It is not hard. Do it. Now. Anyone who does not try to be part of the solution has lost their right to complain about the problem.

Speaking of problems, let's talk about Student Senate. Out of all the organizations at Old Dominion University, this is the one that should be solving problems. Granted, I really think they have tried -- maybe. But in more than thirty years, how much has changed? Parking is still a nightmare, few students are involved, and this university is afflicted with an overall sense of depression. I think the reason for this is simple. Year after year, new people join the senate. Year after year, they try the same things that haven't worked in the past, then they act surprised when nobody shows up for an event. Take a hint people. If it hasn't worked thirty times in a row, what makes you think it will work the thirty-first? Try something new and revolutionary.

The most important advice I can give is this: put your petty agendas aside, band together as one unit, get off your duffs, go out amongst the students, and make them want to be involved.

Education is about more than just lecture and book learning. Perhaps the students here don't realize that being involved will teach them something that no classroom can—how to have fun. Perhaps the professors could devise some events that would go along with their curriculum, then give extra credit to students who attended those events. I've heard some professors already do this; why not more?

Old Dominion University has a superb athletic program. Every year, at least two of our teams gain national recognition. Sure we don't have a football team, but with a line up like we already have, do we really need one? Especially when so few students went to see their field hockey team win a NCAA national title in their own backyard?

When they asked for a way to get more students to go to the games, the SAC responded with the Five Bands for Five Bucks concert. If you went to the game, the entrance fee was waived, and you got in free. The only problem was no one showed up. Why was there, where were you?

Increased communication between student organizations, administrators, and work management personal is the vehicle through which this university will ultimately solve its problems. By cooperation, the resources available can be combined and utilized more effectively. This doesn't just include the student organizations, but also the different colleges and departments that make up this university. It also requires a student government interested in representing the students effectively.

And now its time for the Grand University Expansion. Soon, new buildings will be popping up all over campus. Old buildings are being replaced and renovated. With all this construction going on, I see this as a good time to do a little attitude renovation. By the time the heavy equipment leaves, Old Dominion will look like a brand new university. Wouldn't it be nice if it also felt like a new University?