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ODU Explores Safety Concerns and Puts Safety Initiatives in Action

By Nina Orlando

Earlier this year, Old Dominion University hired D. Stafford & Associates, a nationally recognized safety and security consultant to assess ODU Police Department and programs in efforts to enhance campus safety.

The consultant found ODU Police Department to be a “well trained law enforcement agency that is prepared to respond to a myriad of incidents.” Nonetheless, their review indicated safety initiatives the university should implement to make campus security and safety more visible, more effective, and more focused on the campus community. These general areas include: targeted investments in staffing and crime prevention community policing and communications.

The university is in the process of enacting the consultant’s recommendations through the collaborative efforts of the ODU Police Department, Parking & Transportation Services and Facilities Management. The ODU Police Department has addressed targeted investments in staffing and hired four additional police officers and one sergeant. This will allow additional police officers to patrol during peak times where the community has expressed the greatest concerns.

Finally, community policing is a strategy that requires community members to help control crime by creating a greater sense of personal safety being a “shared responsibility.” The university currently provides community policing initiatives such as the Adopt-A-Cop program and self-defense courses for students, faculty and staff. Additionally, a campus wide safety fair will be held and an online mandatory safety course will be offered for incoming freshmen.



Parking Enhances Garage and Transit for Safety and Efficiency

By *Nina Orlando*

Parking & Transportation Services has implemented the following safety initiatives: phonetic alphabet has been assigned to each garage for police to quickly locate callers, speed bumps were removed and replaced with humps, mirrors, stop signs, and rumble strips were added to slow down motorists.

Two Safe Ride routes were relocated to the Monarch Loop Campus Shuttle route resulting in all shuttles on one route. This reduced wait time and allowed Safe Ride to serve students quicker.

Parking & Transportation Services has hired five uniformed “Garage Keepers” who will provide additional presence, enforcement and maintenance. Additionally, five (5) new blue light emergency phones have been installed around campus in the following locations: Tennis Center, Library, Rogers, Gresham, and Nusbaum Apartments.

Lighting enhancements have begun in all campus garages and Team A.C.P. Construction L.L.C. is currently painting garages A, B, C, and D. The paint will provide better lighting to ensure better student, faculty/staff and customer’s safety. “The garages are three times brighter; I would be comfortable with my child parking here because of the improved lightening of garages,” says Clay D. Sylvester, CEO and President of team ACP.

As the university implements required safety initiatives, it will continue to communicate its progress, “please be assured that we’re doing our best to get the work done as soon as possible, says Slade McCalip, Director of Parking & Transportation services.

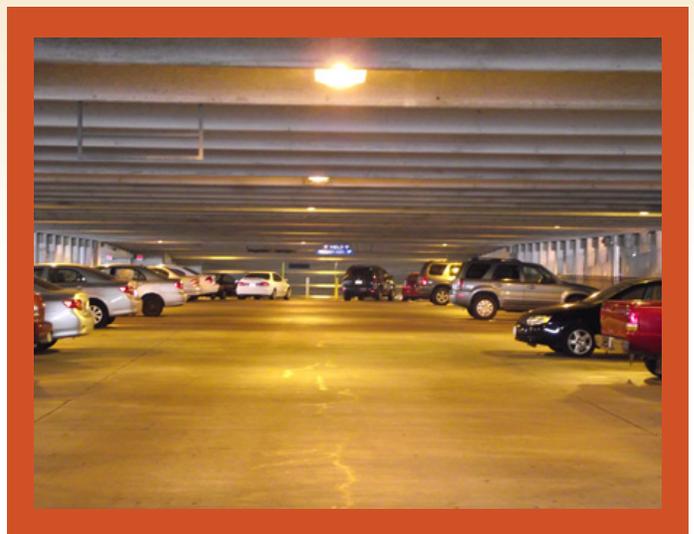
ODU received positive feedback, “As I entered that parking garage this morning, I could not help but notice how much the ceiling paint and lighting brightened up the parking decks. With all of the publicity relating to campus safety, the improvements to the garage are much appreciated.” Bill Nuckols, graduate teaching assistant

“Auxiliary Services has done an excellent job of taking into consideration the needs of students and implementing initiatives that improve the overall quality of life on campus. The positive effects of these changes should be felt immediately.” Luis Ferreira, Student Body President

Before



After



New Summer Meal Plan

By Nina Orlando

A new meal plan was introduced to students this past spring, “The Summer 25 Meal Plan”. This plan costs only \$179; it began on May 9 and ends August 12. As of July 14, 108 Summer 25 Meal plans were sold.

“We are excited with the number of Summer Block 25 meal plans that we have sold. We were not anticipating this many participants, and look forward to working with Aramark to develop this meal plan for future summers and make it something that ALL summer school students want to have.”

– Katie Crawford, Card Center

Additionally, students may add flex points to be used throughout the summer. Meal exchange is offered at both P.O.D. Markets any day and time with the summer meal plan. Students may sign up in the University Card Center located in Webb Center.

For more information email cardcenter@odu.edu or visit Card Center’s site at www.odu.edu/cardcenter.



And the Award Goes To...

By Nina Orlando



On June 22, Auxiliary Services recognized over 100 employees for their hard work and dedication during the first Annual Employee Recognition.

This event allowed opportunity for Auxiliary Services to thank and recognize their hardworking and devoted employees with plaques and certificates. Colleagues were able to take time off to bond over fun festivities such as icebreaker games, live entertainment and raffles. Employees were automatically entered into a raffle in which hundreds of prizes were distributed. Many received gift certificates donated by merchants from local eateries and items donated by generous units. Local University Village merchants and units including Aramark and Follett supported the event with contributions exceeding \$1,000 worth of giveaways.

Auxiliary Services presented the following awards:

Adversity ·

Card Center

Customer Service ·

Mail Center

Efficiency ·

Parking & Transportation

Innovation ·

TCCC

Marketing ·

Aramark, Auxiliary Marketing Unit

Collaboration ·

Housing & Residence Life, Webb Center

Performance Measures ·

Aramark, University Village Bookstore

Community Service ·

TCCC, Auxiliary Services Central

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HRT/LRT: New Route Connects ODU to the Tide

By Nina Orlando



Photo by Jake Guthrie

HRT is introducing a new transportation service to Norfolk and will begin running August 19th. The Light Rail Transit or "The Tide" will be free and offered to all students and employees of ODU. Additional free services will now be unlimitedly offered to students and faculty/staff including HRT bus, ferry, and the MAX.

For convenient campus commute to the Tide, a new

connector bus route (route 16) has been created to service the closest light rail station at Eastern Virginia Medical School (EVMS). The connector route will pick up and drop off at the light rail station every 30 minutes and takes approximately 15 minutes.

Additionally, route 2 on Hampton Boulevard leaves every 30 minutes from the EVMS/Fort Norfolk Station and takes approximately 15 minutes to reach ODU. The bus drops off on the east side of Hampton Blvd and picks up on the west side of Hampton Blvd.

This new route will allow Parking & Transportation Services to replace the MacArthur shuttle route and allow safe and easily accessible passage to and from downtown Norfolk. The two offered routes that connect to the new light rail transit system benefits students because it is the easiest and quickest route to downtown Norfolk. Also, the Tide will allow students to save gas money and reduce their carbon footprint in supporting the university's effort to "go green".

Parking & Transportation Services has been collaborating with HRT to market and promote the use of the new light rail system, which is free to all students with a valid ODU ID or "Go Pass" which must be presented upon boarding. For more information on hours and stops for the Tide visit www.ridethetide.com or www.gohrt.com.

Webb 24 Relocates to New Learning Commons at Perry Library

By Nina Orlando

Webb 24 – "The After Hours Lounge," will not be open this upcoming fall semester. Webb 24 was as an area designated for students to study quietly, watch TV and use the computer lab. However, opening this fall, Perry Library's Learning Commons will be replacing Webb 24 with much more to offer to students.

The Learning Commons will provide quiet spaces, equipment loans (iPods, cameras, camcorders, etc.), a café with indoor and outdoor seating, and flexible furniture (to build your own study space). A multimedia room will house 12 Mac computers and a sound booth.

Additionally, Writing Tutorial Services and tutoring for 100 math and 100-200 level chemistry will be located in Learning Commons. Finally, seven collaboration rooms are available by reservations which are equipped with flat screen TVs, laptop hookups and computers.