Founders Day format revamped

In an effort to improve the quality of recognition for award recipients and to solve some problems experienced with the current Founders Day Convocation format, the university has reorganized many of the functions traditionally held during the Founders Day Week celebration.

“We hope that this reorganization of events will provide the university community, as well as the larger community, a more fitting and enjoyable opportunity to celebrate the founding of the university, while at the same time giving proper recognition to those outstanding students, faculty and staff members who make this university one of the best in the world,” said Charles Steger, vice president for Development and University Relations.

The plan consists of three parts: 1) a Student Honors Banquet to honor major university student award recipients, 2) a Founders Day Convocation with a keynote speaker and presentation of three of the university’s major awards, and 3) a Fall Faculty/Staff Awards Day that will include a state-of-the-university address by the president and later that evening, a banquet honoring faculty/staff award recipients.

Leading off spring semester recognition events will be the Student Honors Banquet, which will honor the Man and Woman of the Year, outstanding seniors from each college, and other student award recipients. The banquet is scheduled for April 8, 2000, but will most likely be held on the first weekend in April.

On April 28, the university will celebrate its founding with a traditional convocation (in late April or early May in future years). Held in Burruss auditorium and featuring a distinguished speaker, the convocation will provide an opportunity for the university to confer its three highest awards—the Rufener Medal and two Alumni Distinguished Service awards. This convocation will be open to the public, with special invitations sent to distinguished university groups.
**Events**

Friday, 22
YMAC open University Registration, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., YMAC Office.

Student Recital, 8 p.m., Squires Recital Salon: Meredith Pipani

Saturday, 23
Parent’s Day, University Open House.

Surplus Property Auction, 9 a.m., Surplus Property Warehouse.

YMAC Pizza, 9 a.m., 403 Washington St. Pipemate State Park.

Sunday, 24
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Seminars

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Sixth graders have been invited from area schools, including Blacksburg Middle School, Christiansburg Middle School, Dublin Middle School, Eastern Elementary School, Graham Middle School, Mays-Chapley Elementary School, Narrows Elementary School, Pulaski Middle School, Rafter Middle School, and Shaugnsville High and Middle School.

Career Day activities are sponsored by the Department of Mathematics. Co-sponsors include the Office of the Provost, the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, the Dean of Students Office, the Women's Center at Virginia Tech, the Math Club, and Womanspace, the Women's Undergraduate Network.

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EMPLOYMENT

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Full Time

Assistant to Alumni Campaign (Executive Secretary), 21750, Grade 6, University Development.

Benefits Analyst (Personnel Practices Analyst/Assistant), 27167, Grade 12, Personnel Services.

Building/Grounds Supervisor B, 08578, Grade 10, Residential/Dining Programs/Facilities/Services.

To The Editor

I arrived at Derring Hall and approached the 10-minute parking zone only to find that it had been freshly painted with crosshatches and several stenciled warnings: No Parking. That an excellent idea—short-term parking while dropping off papers or picking up mail—should suddenly be abandoned is inexplicable. Before the cement dried, a two-car space was added for 10 minutes, and someone could cause the main parking lot for 20 or 30 minutes before sighting a departing car. At times, of course, the 10-minute space was occupied, but that was a minor inconvenience. That is the important point, it was there!

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FACULTY POSITIONS

INSTRUCTIONAL DEPARTMENT OF MATTERS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING ASSISTANT/ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR CONTACT: TRACI HENDERSON, DEPARTMENT OF MATTERS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING, 213 Holden Hall (0237), SCREENING BEGINS JANUARY 18, AND CONTINUES UNTIL POSITION FILLED.

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL CENTER FOR POWER ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS Lab Manager CONTACT: FRED L. REIFFER, CENTER FOR POWER ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS, 657 Whitemore Hall (0111), APPLICATIONS RECEIVED WILL BE CONSIDERED UNTIL AN APPROPRIATE CANDIDATE IS FOUND. Complete information regarding faculty positions is available at http://www.vt.edu/0121/index.html.

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TORGersen

An FBI cap? This week's CVC coach is President Paul Torgersen. He's coaching us against Pittsburgh—a tough opponent in football and tough to beat in charitable giving. More than 3,000 people participated in their campaign last year and they raised over $500,000 (to our $193,542 from 972 people). Torgersen's cap is a reminder that it would be a crime not to increase Virginia Tech employee participation in the CVC. (J. McCormick)

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commissioned in the ROTC program at Virginia Tech, and developed the first career-guidance programs. In 1949 as an associate professor, she was named dean in 1960, and earned professor and dean emeritus in 1980 upon retirement. She remained active in the development of women's programs long after her official retirement, sitting on the committee to plan Women's Week programs and also on the Women's Network Advisory Committee. Harper's honors ranged from the 4-H Key award to Knight Class I, Order of the White Rose of Finland, bestowed by the President of Finland in recognition of the successful cultural exchange program for students and faculty. President John Kennedy named her to the President's Council of State Committees on the Status of Women, 1965-68. She served as a nutrition consultant for Southeast Asia and in South America. She became a fellow of the Royal Society of Health in 1968.

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The Express at Shultz is similar to The Express at Dietrick, but with additions to meet the needs of the Upper Quad customers. Student surveys and focus groups were used to gather ideas and input to assist menu development. The Express at Shultz offers "grab-n-go" salads, deli sandwiches, burgers and pizza, a hot bar for breakfast entrees, a salad bar and a dessert bar. Bagels, fruit, bottled and fountain beverages, coffee and ice cream are also available. The Express also offers a full breakfast and accommodates customers' needs for dinner on Fridays and on weekends when Shultz Dining Center is closed.

The Express at Shultz is open to students, and faculty and staff members from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekends. Flex Plan, Dining Dollars, Hokie Passports, traditional dining plans and cash are accepted.

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The Dodge Foundation responds to emerging issues: environment and population and the need to contribute to solutions. The purpose of the National Veterinary Medicine Summer Grants for Veterinary Students is to provide talented and motivated veterinary students with the opportunity to step outside the traditional boundaries of veterinary education and develop new perspectives on animal-related issues, according to Brett Anderson, program assistant for the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation.

As a part of the program in 1997, VMRCVM veterinary student Michelle Weissbach was funded to conduct preliminary work on the development of a genetically modified immuno-contraceptive vaccine for feral cats. Other VMRCVM veterinary students funded through Frontiers for Veterinary Medicine include Virginia Clarke who participated in 1998 and Leela Nosonha and Rachel Weiss who both participated in 1999.

In addition, Ingersoll-Rand and its affiliates have contributed close to $500,000 in equipment and research funding to the College of Engineering in recent years.