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GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY

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for

**those who speak and write
about George Mason University**

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George Mason University (GMU) is a four-year, state-supported liberal arts university.

Created as a college in 1957, it remained affiliated with the University of Virginia until March, 1972, when the General Assembly enacted legislation separating the college from its parent university. The measure was signed into law on April 7, 1972 by Gov. A. Linwood Holton.

The law provided that the college become George Mason University, that it exist as a "free standing" university within the state system of higher education, and that it be governed by its own 16-member Board of Visitors.

Since it began serving the higher education needs of the Northern Virginia area, George Mason has grown rapidly in physical size, enrollment, and academic offerings. It remains as Northern Virginia's only four-year, degree-granting institution of higher education.

Three men have filled George Mason's chief executive post since its founding in 1957. John N. Finley served as the college's first director, administering its affairs from 1957 to the end of 1963. Finley was succeeded by Dr. Robert H. Reid, who served as director from January, 1964 through May, 1966.

In 1966, the General Assembly authorized George Mason to become a four-year institution, and Dr. Lorin A. Thompson was appointed as George Mason's first chancellor in June 1966. When George Mason became a university in 1972, Thompson was appointed as its first president.

As it matures as a regional university, George Mason and its students have developed some singular characteristics:

- at the undergraduate level, enrollment in upper division classes (junior and senior classes) is almost equal to the enrollment of the lower division classes (freshman and sophomore);

- more than 80 per cent of George Mason's students are employed either on a full-time or part-time basis;

- one-third of the student population is over 25 years in age;

- thirty-six per cent of all George Mason students are married; and

- eleven per cent of its students have served in the U. S. Armed Forces.

With a fall 1972 enrollment of 4,125 students, the University's projected enrollment for 1985 is 15,000 students studying in six schools and colleges.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

SEPTEMBER 1957—Seventeen students enrolled as freshmen attending classes in a renovated elementary school building in Bailey's Crossroads. The college was called "University College."

FEBRUARY 1959—The town of Fairfax donated 147 acres of land to the University of Virginia, as the permanent site for the new college.

DECEMBER 1959—The Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia selected a permanent name for the college: "George Mason College of the University of Virginia."

AUGUST 1964—George Mason College moved to its new campus on the southern border of Fairfax City.

MARCH 1966—The General Assembly authorized George Mason College to become a four-year degree-granting institution. The General Assembly's action gave Northern Virginians their first four-year college. In lifting George Mason out of the community college ranks, the General Assembly also provided George Mason with a long-range mandate to expand into a regional university of major proportions.

SEPTEMBER 1970—Graduate programs began.

MARCH 1972—George Mason College of the University of Virginia was separated from its parent institution and renamed George Mason University.

ACCREDITATION

George Mason University has been accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools since 1971.

Additional Information:

GMU anticipates contact by three professional societies this academic year—

NCATE: National Counsel for Accreditation of Teacher Education.

CSWE: Counsel on Social Work Education.

Virginia State Board of Education.

ADMINISTRATION

President:

Lorin A. Thompson, B.A., M.A., Ph.D.

Academic Affairs:

Robert C. Krug, B.S., M.S., Ph.D. Provost

William S. Willis, B.A., M.A., Doct.,
Univ. (Paris) Dean of the Graduate School

Leon E. Boothe, B.S., M.A., Ph.D.,
Dean of College of Arts and Sciences

Clayton M. Schindler, B.A., M.S., Ph.D.,
Dean of the College of Professional Studies

William C. Johnston, B.A., M.S., Ph.D.,
Dean of the Summer Session

Office of the Comptroller:

Henry P. Adams, B.S. Comptroller

Development and Information:

John W. Gephart, B.S., M.S.B.A.,
Director of Development

William M. McDowell, B.A., M.A.,
Director of Information Services

Student Affairs:

Robert A. Turner, B.S., M.A.T.,
Dean of Students

Admissions:

Louis J. Aebischer, B.S., M.S., Ed.S.,
Director of Admissions

University Registrar:

Michael J. McDermott, Jr., A.B., Ph.L.,
Registrar

Planning and Research:

Joseph I. Gurfein, B.S., M.S.,
Director of Planning

John P. Sullivan, B.S., M.A.,
Director of Institutional Analysis

Charles Rogers Fenwick Library:

Patrick J. Larkin, A.B., M.S.L.S.,
Library Director

ADMISSIONS

Applicants for admission are considered individually, in accordance with the following criteria:

1. Evidence of academic achievement and promise with considerable facility in the use of the English language and with an understanding of the fundamental mathematical processes.
2. Evidence of good character and acceptable social habits.
3. Complete secondary school record, examination results, and recommendations from schools.

For admission to the arts, sciences, and elementary education programs, an applicant must take the Scholastic Aptitude Test given by the College Entrance Examination Board and must present not less than 15 units of high school work in the following academic fields:

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| English | 4 units |
| Mathematics | 3 units |
| Foreign Language | 2 units |
| Social Studies | 1 unit |
| Laboratory Science | 1 unit |
| Electives | 4 units |
| Minimum Total | 15 units |

For admission as a student in the two-year engineering program, an applicant must present 16 units of high school work in the following academic fields:

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| English | 4 units |
| Mathematics | 3½ units |
| History | 1 unit |
| Science | 2 units |
| Electives | 5½ units |

Transfer students: Normally, transfer students will be expected to meet the University's requirements governing initial admission from high school. An applicant may be considered for transfer only if he or she has an average of at least "C" in the institution from which he or she wishes to transfer.

How to Apply: Application should be made to the Office of Admissions, George Mason University, on forms which are provided upon request. A non-refundable fee of \$10.00 must be attached when the application form is submitted. To be assured consideration, applications should be submitted no later than June 1.

ADVOCATE, The Yearbook

The yearbook is called THE ADVOCATE. Its purpose is to serve as an historical record of the persons, places, events, and accomplishments of the University for the year. The editor is Jim Gorman.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, GMU

Purpose: The objects of the Alumni Association are educational, social, and charitable for the purpose of promoting the interests and welfare of George Mason University and all its components.

The purpose of this organization is to function as an independent group of George Mason University graduates, students, and contributors to the Association, to serve George Mason University as an independent assessor and to provide an opportunity for continued friendships and closer relationships among students, faculty, alumni and all friends of the institution.

Number of alumni: 1,593.

Address: Executive Secretary of Alumni Association
4400 University Drive
Fairfax, Virginia 22030

ATHLETICS

George Mason University is affiliated with the National Collegiate Athletic Association and the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics and competes in the Mason-Dixon Conference, the Potomac Intercollegiate Conference, the Virginia Intercollegiate Soccer Association, and the Virginia Collegiate Athletic Association.

Athletic director: Raymond (Hap) Spuhler

Baseball: Raymond Spuhler, varsity coach
won-lost record (5 years)....95-68
lighted baseball field (North Campus).

Basketball: John Linn, varsity coach
3,000 seat gymnasium
Team's won-lost record (5 years).....32-94
Linn's won-lost record.....21-34

Cross Country: John Linn, varsity coach
5.3 mile European-style course
Team's won-lost record (3 years)....18-17-1
Fencing: James L. Jackson, varsity coach
Team's won-lost record..new sport, 1972-73
Golf: Pat Hennessy, student/coach
Team's won-lost record (3 years)....13-14-4
Soccer: March L. Krotee, varsity coach
Team's won-lost record (1972).....11-2-1
Tennis: March L. Krotee, varsity coach
2 outdoor courts, 2 indoor courts
Team's won-lost record (1972).....8-4-1
Wrestling: Richard Iseke, varsity coach
Team's won-lost record....new sport, 1972-73

AUDIO-VISUAL CENTER

Location: Arts and Sciences Building
Service: Offers record players, tape recorders, 16 mm projectors, film-strip projectors and screens. It also provides such services as film series, lighting, sound, small stage maneuvering for speeches, discussions, large group meetings and concerts.

BAND

The George Mason University Concert Band is open to all students, faculty and staff of the University. This ensemble, like the chorus, may be elected by the students for credit or audit. At least two performances are given on-campus as part of the semester's work.

BOARD OF VISITORS, Members

Arthur Windsor Arundel McLean, Va.
Elias Blake, Jr. Reston, Va.
Harriet F. Bradley McLean, Va.
Albert Vickers Bryan, Jr. Alexandria, Va.
Preston C. Caruthers Arlington, Va.
Alvin E. Conner, M.D. Manassas, Va.
A. George Cook, III Alexandria, Va.
John Jay Corson Arlington, Va.
William C. Frogale Falls Church, Va.
Carol M. Griffee Fairfax, Va.
John T. Hazel, Jr. Fairfax, Va.
Warren Joseph Pace Falls Church, Va.
Lutrelle F. Parker, Sr. Arlington, Va.
Lester G. Sturgill Leesburg, Va.
C. Hunton Tiffany Warrenton, Va.
John C. Wood, Rector Fairfax, Va.
Lorin A. Thompson, President..... Fairfax, Va.

BROADSIDE

The students newspaper, published weekly, is called the BROADSIDE. The intent of the editor and staff is to publish news of interest to students and to provide a forum for the expression of student opinion. BROADSIDE also serves as a laboratory for the journalism class. The editor is Eric Christenson.

BUDGET (1972-73):

ESTIMATED REVENUE:

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| State Appropriation for Operations | \$3,055,130 |
| Tuition and Fees, Regular Session | 2,211,400 |
| Tuition and Fees, Summer Session | 338,800 |
| Other Income | 80,000 |
| Sponsored Programs and Grants .. | 55,000 |
| Student Aid | 168,150 |

TOTAL REVENUE \$5,908,480

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:

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| General Administration | \$ 365,000 |
| Student Services | 300,000 |
| General Institutional Expenses | 310,000 |
| Instruction | 3,301,000 |
| Libraries | 414,000 |
| Physical Plant | 901,000 |
| Sponsored Programs | 55,000 |
| Student Aid | 168,150 |
| Other Expenditures | 94,330 |

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$5,908,480

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

The University at present consists of 424,000 usable square feet of academic and administrative space, including the North Campus. George Mason's current master plan calls for the development of six cluster colleges by 1985. Construction of the second college was scheduled to begin in early 1973. Planning for \$15 million worth of building construction is underway. That construction will include:

| <i>Building</i> | <i>To be Completed</i> |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Student Union I | September, 1973 |
| Academic II-A | September, 1974 |
| Library, phase II | December, 1974 |
| Maintenance Building | May, 1974 |
| Central Heating Plant | June, 1974 |
| Academic II-B | January, 1976 |
| Student Union II | January, 1976 |

BUILDINGS, Major

Four original buildings:

Names: The North Building is named the Finley Building for John Norville Finley, George Mason's first director. The other three buildings are referred to as the East, South, and West Buildings.

Completed: September, 1964

Architect: Saunders and Pearson.

Lecture Hall

Completed: 1967.

Architect: Vosbeck & Vosbeck.

Auditorium: seats 300.

Fenwick Library

Name: For Charles Rogers Fenwick, the late Virginia state legislator, who was instrumental in passing the charter for George Mason and obtaining subsequent funds.

First phase completed: 1967.

Architect: Vosbeck & Vosbeck.

Number of bound volumes: 76,000.

Number of seats: 300.

Thompson Hall (Arts and Sciences Building)

Name: For Lorin A. Thompson, Chancellor of George Mason College, 1966-1972, and President of George Mason University, 1972-present.

Completed: 1971.

Architect: Vosbeck & Vosbeck.

Physical Education Building

Completed: 1972

Architect: LBC & W Associates of Virginia.

Includes: A large gym (116' by 144', or 16,700 sq. ft.) with three basketball courts.

A seminar room

two classrooms

a weightlifting room

a dancing/fencing room

a wrestling room

a "cage" with synthetic flooring, tennis courts (120' by 120', or 14,400 sq. ft.)

BULLETIN

The BULLETIN is a weekly newsletter published by the GMU Information Office for the faculty, administration, and staff of the University. The BULLETIN contains news of events concerning its readership.

CALENDAR

The Calendar is a weekly listing of events of interest to the George Mason University community, and published by the Information Office.

CAMPUS MINISTRY ASSOCIATION

The Campus Ministry Association is an ecumenical group of clergy and concerned laymen of Judaeo-Christian orientation whose objective is to provide opportunities for service as well as religious, educational, and social activities, including counseling, for the University community.

Chaplains are on-campus daily for discussion and counseling with all members of the University community. The Association office and coordinating center is located in Room 121 East Building. A counseling and seminar room is also available in the Library.

CHILD CARE

Hourly Child Care, Inc., is a contractual service, located on Ox Road, for the convenience of the university's married students, faculty, and staff.

Children, ages infant through five, are accepted. Special rates are available for those under three years.

The center is open all year, Monday through Friday, from 7:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. fall and spring, and from 7:15 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. summer. Telephone: 323-9150.

CHORUS

The George Mason University Chorus is open to all students, faculty and staff of the University. This ensemble, like the band, may be elected by the students for credit or audit. The work is arranged so that members have an opportunity to perform a wide variety of choral music. Performances are given on-campus as part of the semester's work.

COLORS

Dark green and gold.

CONSORTIUM

The Consortium for Continuing Higher Education in Northern Virginia is a cooperative effort among Northern Virginia's four state-supported institutions of higher education to serve the adult, part-time student. The four schools are George Mason University, Northern Virginia Community College, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University's Reston Center, and the University of Virginia's Center for Continuing Education in Northern Virginia. The Consortium was established in July, 1972 and is based at GMU's North Campus. Dean E. Brundage, the Consortium's administrative director, has outlined the Consortium's goals:

- to ensure more general acceptance of one another's academic credit among the four cooperating institutions;
- to reduce red tape in admission, registration, and transfer of credits;
- to expand course offerings at better locations and at better times;
- to provide increased flexibility for students in planning their degree programs; and
- to foster a decrease in institutional competition and to promote an increase in institutional cooperation.

COUNSELING CENTER

The Center provides specialized psychological services in educational-vocational testing and counseling, and in personal adjustment counseling, including marital counseling. These services aid the student in improving his study skills and social skills and assist him in making the most of his opportunities for academic and personal development, both at school and for later life. The Center, staffed by professionally trained psychologists, is open to the community, and there is no charge for Center services.

Walter Jennings Moretz, Jr., B.A., M. Div., Ph.D.

Director

Fran Keller, B.S., M.Ed. Counselor

DEGREES

George Mason University has awarded 1,593 degrees between 1968 and January, 1973.

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| Bachelor degrees: | 1,465 |
| Graduate degrees: | 128 |
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| | 1,593 |

ENROLLMENT

Enrollment for the 1972-73 fall semester totaled 4,125 students. Of that number, 3,659 were undergraduates; 466 were graduate students.

Where GMU undergraduates come from:

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| Virginia | 94% |
| Other states | 5% |
| Outside U.S.A. | 1% |

The enrollment increase since 1968:

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| 1968-69—1,445 | 1971-72—3,110 |
| 1969-70—1,890 | 1972-73—4,125 |
| 1970-71—2,390 | 1973-74—4,900 (est.) |

FACULTY AND STAFF

From a faculty of 60 in 1968, the year GMU became a four-year institution, the George Mason faculty has grown to 199 (fall 1972).

Academic:

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| Professors | 12 |
| Associate Professors | 38 |
| Assistant Professors | 99 |
| Instructors | 31 |
| Administrative Faculty.... | 19 |
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| | 199 |

Administrative and support staff: 193

FEES AND TUITION (1972-73)

| | <i>In State</i> | <i>Out State</i> |
|-----------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Application Fee | \$ 10.00 | \$ 10.00 |
| Tuition—full | 290.00 | 650.00 |
| Tuition—part time.... | 25.00 | 55.00 |
| Comprehensive | 30.00 | 30.00 |
| (fee per semester) | | |

DEPARTMENT CHAIRMEN

| | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Behavioral Sciences | Dr. Nehemiah Jordan |
| Biology | Dr. Michael G. Emsley |
| Business | Dr. Hale N. Tongren |
| Chemistry | Dr. C. Robert Walter |
| Education | Dr. James M. Snyder |
| English | Dr. James L. Jackson |
| Foreign Language | Dr. Esther N. Elstun |
| General Studies | Dr. John M. Smith |
| History | Dr. Ernest Cassara |
| Humanities | Dr. William H. McFarlane |
| Mathematics | Dr. John A. Oppelt |
| Physics | Dr. W. C. Johnston |
| Social Sciences | Dr. Stephen T. Early |

FINANCIAL AID

George Mason University has a limited amount of financial aid available, which is administered by the Financial Aid Office. This aid consists of scholarships, grants, loans, and employment. Financial aid awards are based primarily on financial need, and secondarily on scholarship.

FOUNDATION

GMU'S Foundation is an autonomous organization designed to enrich programs of the University above and beyond that which can be provided by state funds.

Money from the Foundation is used for faculty funding, student scholarships, endowments and grants for special research.

The Foundation operates solely on private philanthropies.

GEORGE MASON, The Man

George Mason is remembered as one of Virginia's most distinguished citizens during the formation of the United States. A prominent defender of civil liberties, he made fundamental contributions to the three central documents of the American Revolution (The Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights), and authored the Virginia Declaration of Rights.

Mason's participation in public affairs included his entry into the Virginia House of Bur-

gesses in 1759, and holding office in the Continental Congress in 1777. He was chosen to be one of the first senators from Virginia, but declined, choosing instead to enjoy his elegant estate, Gunston Hall.

GRADUATE SCHOOL

Total Enrollment: 466 candidates

Degrees Offered:

- Master of Arts—History and Psychology
- Master of Arts Teaching—History
- Master of Business Administration
- Master of Education—Elementary Education, Guidance and Counseling, School Supervision, Secondary Education.
- Master of Science—Biology, Mathematics

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND, GMU

See "This Is George Mason University"

LANDS

GMU holds approximately 570 acres on its main Campus.

LIBRARY

Name: Fenwick Library, for Charles Rogers Fenwick, the late Virginia state legislator, who was instrumental in obtaining George Mason's state charter and obtaining subsequent funds.

First phase completed: 1967.

Architect: Vosbeck & Vosbeck.

Number of volumes: 76,000.

Number of microforms: 100,000.

Number of periodical subscriptions: 1,500.

Number of pamphlets and maps: 5,000.

Number of seats: 300.

Library annex: A 100-seat library, with 8,000 volumes, is located at the North Campus. Books on business and education are located there.

Special collections: The Education Department has a collection of children's literature. The Humanities Department has a small collection of phonograph records. The library own 40 contemporary chess books.

Conference rooms: Three seminar rooms which each seat eight, and one larger conference room which seats 25.

Inter-library loans: Inter-library loans are made from the many libraries in the Washington area. The resources of Virginia's academic and special libraries, as well as other collections in the United States, are available for rapid loans via teletype service.

Hours: The library is open 90 hours per week.

NORTH CAMPUS

The North Campus is located at 10675 Lee Highway, Fairfax, two and a half miles from the Main Campus, and houses the College of Professional Studies. The main part of the building was built in 1937 as Fairfax High School and was leased by George Mason University from the George Mason College Foundation, Inc., in 1971. The facilities include: a library which seats 100, a gym, a cafeteria, an auditorium, 22 standard classrooms, a science education lab, a double room biology lab, music and vocal rooms, and a statistics lab. A shuttle bus provides transportation to and from the Main Campus.

ORDINARY

The Ordinary, GMU's main campus cafeteria located in the South Building, seats 230 students. Campus food service will be replaced by new dining facilities housed in the student union building now under construction. Completion of the new building is tentatively scheduled for the 1973-74 school term.

PHOEBE

The literary magazine is called PHOEBE. It is used as an outlet for the creative work (fiction, poetry, drama, essays, photographs and drawings) of students and faculty. The editors are Ronald Acker and James Everhard.

PHYSICAL PLANT

Valuation of GMU's campus: book value of the campus is \$11,791,061. The breakdown of operating funds is: 54.4% from the State General Fund Appropriation and the remaining 45.6% from Special Funds (College income: tuition and fees.)

SCHOOLS

GMU presently consists of three schools and colleges:

- The College of Arts and Sciences offers degrees in 12 disciplines.
- The College of Professional Studies offers degrees in business administration and education.
- The Graduate School provides for the administration of master degree programs in history, psychology, business administration, elementary education, guidance counseling, school administration, school supervision, secondary education, biology and mathematics.

SENATE, UNIVERSITY

The purpose of the University Senate is to develop broad guidelines in the areas of academic, faculty, and student policy, and university development.

Membership of the Senate is composed of: President of the University, Provost, Dean of the Graduate School, Deans of Colleges, Dean of Students, Library Director, 20 faculty members from each college, two students from each college, and two graduate students. The University President is the presiding officer of the Senate.

TEACHER EDUCATION

George Mason University's Department of Education is divided into three programs: teaching secondary school, physical education, and elementary school.