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ONFilmFest '09

Restructured film festival goes competitive; more than 30 indie films to be screened

BY LANE DARE

After an 11-year run as a retrospective film festival, the 2009 Old Dominion University – City of Norfolk (ONFilm) Festival has gone competitive, and will screen more than 30 top independent films from around the world.

The ONFilm Festival, which runs from March 25-28, features independently produced features, documentaries, shorts and short-shorts on the campus and in various Norfolk venues. Visit www.onfilmfest.com for more information and complete schedule.

Academy Award-winning actor Richard Dreyfuss will start festivalgoers talking with “A Conversation with Richard Dreyfuss,” hosted by Cathy Lewis of WHRV-FM’s “HearSay.” The program begins at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, in the Big Blue Room of the Ted Constant Convocation Center. It is free and open to the public. The doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Film producer Stephen Israel will chair the festival jury. The panel of judges comprises film directors and producers, as well as film industry executives, and includes Virginian-Pilot film critic Mal Vincent. Jury profiles are available on the festival Web site.

Israel, who is probably best known for executive-producing the critically acclaimed sleeper hit “Swimming with Sharks,” starring Kevin Spacey, is a prominent figure in the film festival world, having served as a

programmer for both Outfest and the Slamdance Film Festival, for which he currently serves on the advisory board.

Slamdance takes place each year in Utah at the same time as the Sundance Film Festival, competing with Sundance to provide what its supporters consider a truer representation of independent filmmaking, and is known as a festival “by filmmakers for filmmakers.” This is the model of the newly independent ONFilm Festival.

The festival will screen films simultaneously in three venues from March 26-28, including panel discussions with the filmmakers and special events. The ONFilmFest Winners Marathon is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at the Naro Cinema in Norfolk, with the closing awards gala later in the day at 7 p.m. at Norfolk’s Granby Theater.

Screenings are \$5 for students and \$10 for the general public. Admission to the awards gala is \$10 for students and \$20 for the general public.

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Wednesday, March 25

“A Conversation with Richard Dreyfuss” (see story below)

Thursday, March 26

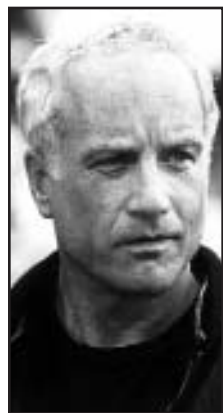
Meet producer Stephen Israel and see “Swimming with Sharks”

• 5-7 p.m. – Screening of “Swimming with Sharks,” University Theatre (students \$5 / general public \$10)

(See ONFILM FESTIVAL, Page 6)

Richard Dreyfuss to kick off festival March 25

Academy Award-winning actor Richard Dreyfuss will kick off the ONFilm Festival Wednesday, March 25, with a free program at the Ted Constant Convocation Center. “A Conversation with Richard Dreyfuss,” moderated by Cathy Lewis of WHRV-FM’s



DREYFUSS

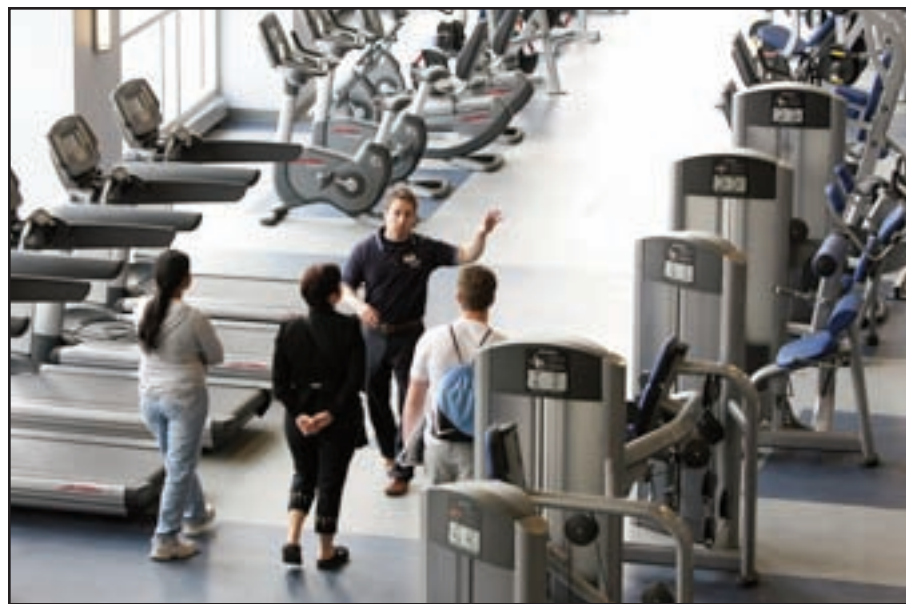
“HearSay,” will take place in the Big Blue Room from 7:30-8:30 p.m. An audience Q&A and reception, featuring the ODU Jazz Ensemble and a cash bar, will follow.

Audience members are encouraged to arrive early to ensure seating. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. for a reception in the Constant

Center lobby. For more information, visit www.onfilmfest.com or call 683-3617.

According to the Internet Movie Data Base, Dreyfuss has played his fair share of leading roles as irritating pests and brash, ambitious hustlers. He worked his way up through bit parts in movies – “The Graduate,” 1967, for one – and television before gaining attention with his portrayal of Baby Face Nelson in John Milius’ “Dillinger” (1973). He gained prominence as a college-bound young man in “American Graffiti” (1973).

Over the last three decades, his film credits have included: “Jaws” (1975); “Close Encounters of the Third Kind” (1977); “The Goodbye Girl” (1977), for which he won the Best Actor Oscar; “The Big Fix” (1978); “Down and Out in Beverly Hills” (1986); “Nuts” (1987); “What About Bob?” (1991); “Mr. Holland’s Opus” (1995); and “W.” (2008).



PHOTOS BY TOM NORRIS

Chris Beaston, graduate assistant for facility and operations, leads a tour of the new Student Recreation Center, showing off the fitness equipment area on the first floor.

Student Recreation Center opens

Let the games – and the workouts – begin. Old Dominion’s much-anticipated Student Recreation Center (SRC) is now open for business.

The facility, located on the site of the old field house at the west end of campus, opened its doors on March 2. And because classes were canceled that day due to the weather, the center got quite a workout itself, with upwards of 900 students taking advantage of its many amenities – everything from basketball courts, to exercise equipment, to racquetball courts to indoor track.

“We had a ton of people,” said a happy Kevin Marbury the following day. “I was overwhelmed – in a good way. There was a tremendous sense of satisfaction in watching people’s faces as they walked around the facility, played on the courts and used the equipment. It was so gratifying. And our skeleton staff did an awesome job of handling things.”

Marbury, ODU’s director of recreational sports, is in charge of the center, which he loves to show off. (The exercise science, sport, physical education and recreation department also maintains offices and classrooms in the building.)

“This is going to provide our students a place to play and socialize. It’s going to become one of the new popular hangouts on campus,” Marbury said, who notes that the building offers WiFi access. A bagel and juice bar, Einstein’s Bagels, will open in the fall.

But don’t let the name fool you. The new center is also open to faculty and staff, who can use the facility without charge through the end of June. After that, employees will need to purchase an annual membership, which is expected to range from \$15 to \$20 per month, according to Marbury.

For the next few months, Marbury and his SRC staff will be monitoring usage to determine the facility’s hours of operation in the future. The center will be open at the following times March 16-31:

- Monday-Thursday – 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.
- Friday – 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Saturday – 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Sunday – 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

ODU’s new state-of-the-art recreation (See RECREATION CENTER, Page 7)



Bridget Nemeth, coordinator of the SRC’s Outdoor Adventure Program, makes her ascent on the climbing wall.

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PHOTO BY RICK VOIGHT

Check mates

Past presidents of the Old Dominion University Alumni Association, on behalf of the association, presented acting President John Broderick and Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations Alonzo Brandon with a check for \$1 million, to be used for alumni programming, during the men's basketball game against VCU on Feb. 14.

President Broderick to receive VCIC Humanitarian Award

Acting President John Broderick is one of four area residents who will be honored at the 45th annual Tidewater Humanitarian Awards Dinner, sponsored by the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities, on Thursday, April 2.

Broderick, along with Charles Henderson Jr., Hampton Roads president, Bank of America; Miriam Seeherman, community activist; and Louisa Strayhorn, business consultant and community volunteer, will receive awards in recognition of their humanitarian contributions. The awards dinner and program will be at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott.

The awards are presented to individuals who have demonstrated a personal commitment to the promotion of respect and understanding among people of diverse racial, ethnic and religious backgrounds. Since the inception of the Tidewater awards in 1965, nearly 200 individuals have been recognized for their contributions.

The Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities is a human relations organization that promotes inclusion, challenges assumptions and advances understanding through dialogue, experiential learning and education. It was originally founded as the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and was known more recently as the National Conference for Community and Justice.

Men's, women's golf leagues forming at L. Point course

Lambert's Point Golf Club is offering six-week golf leagues for men and women this spring. The men's league begins Monday, April 13, and the women's league on Tuesday, April 14.

Participants will be asked to sign up 48 hours in advance each week. Weekly fees are \$13 for walking nine holes and \$17 for riding nine holes. There is a six-week discount fee of \$60 and \$90, respectively. Tee times are from 4:30-5:30 p.m. each week.

To register, contact Michelle Holmes at

michelle_golfer@yahoo.com, or apply in person at the golf shop.

Consultant to report on institutional review April 2

Stephen Portch of Pappas Consulting Group, the firm retained by the Board of Visitors to conduct an institutional review to help guide the university's strategic planning process and presidential search efforts, will give a report at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 2, as part of the board's regular meeting.

The presentation, which will be in the Webb Center Board Room, is open to the public. Following a closed session and a working lunch after the presentation, the full board will reconvene at 1:30 p.m.

A joint session of the board's Academic and Research Advancement and Administration and Finance committees will be held from 9-10 a.m. in the James/Lynnhaven River Room of Webb Center for a budget discussion and review of the proposed tuition and fee schedules.

Women's Caucus hosting Q&A with president

The University Women's Caucus invites all members of the campus community to attend a "Conversation with the President" from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, in the Hampton/Newport News Room of Webb Center.

The brown-bag lunch program will include a question-and-answer session with John Broderick, who has served as acting president since June of last year. For more information call Morel Fry at 683-4143.

Field hockey team gets national honor for academics

The field hockey team was honored by the National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) on Feb. 23 as one of 65 Division I field hockey programs earning a National Academic Team Award for attaining a team grade point average of 3.0 or higher. The Lady Monarchs boasted the

second-highest GPA among all Division I field hockey programs, compiling a team average of 3.47.

During fall 2008, the ODU team had 13 of its members named to the dean's list, including senior Katelyn Smither of Suffolk and junior Kathleen Shea of Elizaville, N.Y., both of whom were named to the all-conference first team.

Since 1989, the ODU field hockey team has earned a GPA of 3.0 or better. This year, 16 players were named to the NFHCA Division I Academic Squad.

M.B.A. grad to return for Landmark Speaker Series

Old Dominion alumna Melissa Buffington, senior vice president of human resources and communications for Gaylord Entertainment Co. in Nashville, will give a talk on campus Tuesday, March 31, for the College of Business and Public Administration's Landmark Executive-in-Residence Speakers Series.

The program, which starts at 12:30 p.m. in 1005 of Constant Hall, is free and open to students, faculty and staff, and to the public as space permits.

Buffington, who earned her M.B.A. at the university in 1991, is the final speaker for the spring edition of the series, which will have featured four ODU alumni, including three M.B.A. graduates.

Diehn Concert Series features pianist Peter Takacs

Peter Takacs, professor of piano and chair of the piano program at Oberlin Conservatory of Music, will give the next Diehn Concert Series performance at 8 p.m. Monday, March 30, in the Diehn Fine and Performing Arts Center.

Takacs frequently performs at chamber music festivals in the U.S. and abroad.

Tickets are \$10 for students and \$15 for the general public.

Nominations due soon for HACE employee awards

Nominations are due Friday, March 27, for the Hourly and Classified Employees Association's Staff Member and Rookie Staff Member of the Year awards.

The awards will be presented at the HACE annual luncheon in May.

For a nomination form or more information, contact Sarah Daniel-Ash at sedaniel@odu or 683-3080.

New Kansas State president has ties to Old Dominion

Kirk Schulz, who studied for three years at Old Dominion and whose father, Carl, has been on the ODU mathematics faculty for four decades, was named Feb. 11 as president of Kansas State University. He had been vice president of research and economic development at Mississippi State University.

Schulz, 45, received bachelor's and doctoral degrees in chemical engineering from Virginia Tech after attending ODU.

At Mississippi State he also served as dean of the James Worth Bagley College of Engineering.

Kansas State, which has 23,000 students, has its main campus in Manhattan,

120 miles west of Kansas City. Schulz will succeed John Wefald, who is retiring after 23 years as the university's president.

Carl Schulz is an assistant professor of mathematics and statistics at ODU.

Groups sought to take part in Earth Day program

The Office of Environmental Health and Safety will sponsor an Earth Day program – "What's ODU Doing Green?" – in the North Mall of Webb Center on Tuesday, April 21.

Groups that are interested in showcasing their efforts to create a more sustainable environment at the university should contact Frank Dzapinka at fdzapin@odu.edu.

Join the Great Bag Roundup and help the environment

Want to do something good for the environment? Join the students in the Great Bag Roundup, sponsored by the Office of Student Activities and Leadership.

From April 1 until May 8, members of the campus community can drop off their plastic shopping bags for recycling at the Center for Service and Civic Engagement in Webb Center.

For more information contact Tami Park at tpark@odu.edu

Social media is topic for CLT Summer Institute

The Center for Learning Technologies' Summer Institute, Web 2.0: Social Media and ODU, will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 19-20, in Webb Center.

All faculty, teaching assistants, and students are invited. A pre-institute technology fair will be offered on Monday, May 18.

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“news makers”

“I think you can expect some increased foreclosures in the commercial market, especially shopping centers.” (Vinod Agarwal, professor of economics)

– “Divaris prepares for flurry of commercial foreclosures”
The Virginian-Pilot, March 1

“The global recession has dampened global oil demand and sent oil prices plunging, making former predictions of \$6 gasoline seem wacky. Oddly, the threat now is that low oil prices, as good as they are for the economy, will lull us to sleep about a longer term problem: global oil dependence. That would be very shortsighted.” (Steve Yetiv, professor of political science, in an opinion piece)

– “Peak oil energizes U.S. policy”
Richmond Times-Dispatch, Feb. 21

“When you have this market fluctuation, 50 years from now, when you’re looking at our returns, it will be a blip. A big blip, but a blip.” (Alonzo Brandon, vice president for development and alumni relations)

– “Schools’ endowments erode during economic downturn”
The Virginian-Pilot, Feb. 17

As long as the necessary steps are taken to minimize the release of pollution from sediment into the water, Dobbs said he gives the project a thumbs up. “Obviously we need to be able to move the ships down to the shipyard. They’ve got things covered.” (Fred Dobbs, professor of ocean, earth and atmospheric sciences)

– “Navy floats plan to dredge Elizabeth River bottom”
The Virginian-Pilot, Feb. 13

“We honor them. We remember them. We give meaning to their lives and deaths where there was none.” (Karen Polonko, University Professor of sociology and criminal justice)

– “Vigil at ODU remembers young victims of abuse”
The Virginian-Pilot, Feb. 13

Last Lecture Series continues this month

BY BRENDAN O’HALLARN

What would you talk about if you were about to give your last lecture ever? That’s what nine Old Dominion faculty members have wrestled with in developing talks for the university’s first-ever Last Lecture Series.

Inspired by a taped lecture, and then a book, by the late Carnegie Mellon University professor Randy Pausch, the lecture series is sponsored by the Office of Student Affairs.

Vicki Bonner, associate director of student development and engagement, says the lecture series is an effort to help students connect with their instructors on a level beyond professor-pupil.

“These are amazing, smart, talented people, with diverse interests and passions,” Bonner said. “We wanted a chance for our students to see them as more than people who talk at them in class.”

When Bonner suggested the idea to ODU faculty members last fall, she was shocked at how many of them were excited to participate.

“I put the inquiry out on a Friday afternoon, asking if anyone would be interested in our own Last Lecture Series. I had three volunteers by the end of the day,” Bonner said. “There were actually more professors who wanted to participate than we had space for this year, so we’ve already started to plan next fall’s program.”

Elizabeth Leeor, an ODU graduate who has been an associate professor of art since 2001, gave her talk, “I Will Get Out of Bed and Go to Class on Time! And Other Daily Affirmations” Feb. 17.

Tammi Milliken, assistant professor of human services, gave her lecture, “Don’t Get Spun Out! Harvard Mind/Body Techniques to Combat Stress,” Feb. 19. She has conducted stress management workshops since 2000.

Upcoming talks include:

- “This Land Is Your Land: Woody

Guthrie and the American Dream,” by Joseph Cosco, instructor of English, noon Monday, March 16, James/Lynnhaven River Room, Webb Center.

- “Stress – Management and the Art of Relaxation,” by Jean Roberts, instructor of English, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, James/Lynnhaven River Room, Webb Center.

- “Wild Places, Wild Lives,” by Deborah Waller, associate professor of biological sciences, noon Wednesday, March 18, Potomac/York River Room, Webb Center.

- “The Heroic Quest: Mythology as a Means of Interpreting Life,” by Cecilia Petretto, instructor of English, noon Monday, April 6, James/Lynnhaven River Room, Webb Center.

- “Mathemagic – Magic Tricks with

Mathematical Solutions,” by Robert Strozak, lecturer of mathematics and statistics, 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, 1009 Constant Hall.

Randy Pausch gave his talk Sept. 18, 2007, after receiving a terminal prognosis for the pancreatic cancer with which he had been diagnosed over a year earlier.

In an upbeat and humorous speech, Pausch offered his students advice that could be applied to their personal and professional life. Shortly after the lecture, he wrote a book to better educate people about his methods for living a more fulfilling life, by simply achieving childhood dreams.

The talks are free for ODU students, but registration is requested due to limited space. Students may register at: <http://studentaffairs.odu.edu/lastlectureseries>.

Spring career fair open to immediate family members of faculty and staff

There’s a new twist to the Career Management Center’s annual spring career fair, scheduled for Wednesday, March 18.

In recognition of the downturn in the economy, Old Dominion University’s CMC is opening the fair for the first time to the immediate family members of students, faculty, staff and alumni.

It’s an effort both to “do the right thing” in these uncertain times, and to heed the principles of supply and demand – attracting as many employers as possible to the fair by guaranteeing a critical mass of potential employees, said Tom Wunderlich, assistant dean of career management.

“Opening the fair to the immediate family members is new, so it means, for example, that if students, even freshmen, have parents who are out of work, they can bring them. Or if staff members have students at other institutions, they can bring them, and if alumni have a spouse out of work or a student at another school, they are welcome as well.”

Wunderlich expects more than 100 regional employers – from major companies, to nonprofits, to the health-care industry – to fill the arena floor at the Ted Constant Convocation Center for the fair, which will run from 12:30-4:30 p.m.

Preregistration is not required; however,

an ODU student, faculty member, staff member or alumnus must accompany their immediate family member for registration at the door. It is not necessary for the sponsoring member of the ODU community to stay at the fair.

Wunderlich expects up to 1,500 students, faculty, staff, alumni and family members to attend the spring fair. And the advice to immediate family members is the same as for the students who attend: dress for success, and bring resumes and portfolios.

“Because of the economy, the number of employers attending the career fair will be down about 20 to 25 percent, but we still will have over 100 employers recruiting. This is a major event, and it’s the biggest career fair in the region. We don’t want students, or anyone else, to pre-empt themselves from an employment opportunity based on what they read or hear in the news about certain companies that are going under or laying off employees.”

All of the employers at the fair will be recruiting for positions that require a bachelor’s degree, at minimum. To find out what companies will be represented at the fair, and the types of positions and majors for which they are recruiting, go to www.odu.edu/cmc and click on the Spring Career Fair picture.

Broderick letter outlines budget outcomes

Old Dominion University received \$12.8 million in one-time federal funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to mitigate the need for significant tuition and fee increases for in-state students and to offset on a one-time basis some of the FY2010 budget reductions.

The federal stimulus funds had a significant impact on our state and university budgets. Although this was a one-time allocation, these funds will help support our immediate resource needs. All in all, Old Dominion University fared well in this budget session and will benefit from the following allocations:

- \$1.4 million increase in state financial assistance for in-state undergraduates for a total of \$15.8 million. This represents a 9.5 percent increase over last year.

- \$2.1 million for modeling and simulation education.

- The Virginia Coastal Energy Research Consortium (VCERC), led by ODU, is to have at its disposal 100 acres in coastal waters for offshore research, with all royalties from any offshore leasing sales in the state.

- Capital projects: ODU was granted authority to move forward on further developing the design documents for the Systems Research and Academic Building, and to

convey the current president’s house to the ODU Real Estate Foundation in order to reconstruct the facility.

- \$4 million of the \$6 million in general funds was restored for the Eminent Scholars Program. ODU previously received approximately \$285,474 in Eminent Scholar matching funds.

- \$15 million in federal stimulus funds was set aside for the purpose of building maintenance at state agencies and higher education institutions. It is expected that ODU will receive a portion of these maintenance reserve funds.

We have many folks to thank for their support during the session, and I would encourage you to write and thank our Governor, the Secretary of Education and your legislators for their support of Old Dominion University and of higher education in general.

In addition, I would like to thank the members of the Board of Visitors who lent their support during the process. Also, special thanks to Jim DeAngio, Bob Fenning and Deb Swiecinski for their efforts in helping us.

(Editor’s note: Acting President John Broderick sent this letter, via e-mail, to the campus community on March 4, following the General Assembly session.)

Clay Vaughan, head of art library, dies

Clay L. Vaughan, the head of the Elise N. Hofheimer Art Library, died Feb. 14, 2009, in Norfolk after a brief illness.

Vaughan was a member of the University Libraries staff since 1989, when he was a student assistant in the art library. He worked in Access Services – first in Circulation and then as the library assistant in the Hofheimer Art Library.

He was born April 4, 1955, attended Granby elementary and high schools, studied philosophy and literature at Virginia Commonwealth University and moved back to Norfolk in 1987 to raise a family.

His knowledge and assistance at the art library was enormously admired and appreciated by students and faculty. Faculty in the art department were among

his closest friends.

Vaughan also dedicated his time and energy as managing editor of the Powhatan Review. His passions were art, writing poetry, researching his family’s genealogy, reading literature, biographies and history, and listening to music of all kinds.

Survivors include three daughters, Kaitlin, Hannah and Molly; his parents, Edwin and Alice Vaughan; four brothers, Mark, Billy, Eric and Russell; many nieces, nephews, aunts and cousins; and countless friends.

Memorial contributions may be made to the APVA Foundation, 204 W. Franklin St., Richmond, VA 23220, or a charity of the donor’s choice. Online condolences may be sent to the family at hdliver.com.

Latest grants push T-TAC funding over \$20 million

BY JIM RAPER

The longest-running, external-grant-supported project at Old Dominion is not aligned with the university's well-publicized research specialties in engineering and the sciences. Instead, it is a three-decade-long, \$20 million program of the Darden College of Education that aims to give every child in eastern Virginia – regardless of disability – an opportunity to receive a high-quality education.

Recent grants totaling \$2.5 million from the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) pushed the ODU Training and Technical Assistance Center (T-TAC) over \$20 million in total funding just as the facility was celebrating its 30th birthday.

"It is particularly satisfying to recognize now that our training and support services ultimately benefit all students."

**Kerry Lambert
T-TAC Director**

The evolution of ODU T-TAC, particularly how it has grown in scope and sophistication, reflects the sea change that has occurred in education strategies for school-children since the late 1970s, say the center's leaders.

Gone are the days when the mission of T-TAC personnel was to deal almost exclusively with special education teachers of disabled and other special-needs children. "In the early days, a special education teacher would call T-TAC for assistance and we'd send somebody out to the school to provide training or technical support to help that one teacher with that one child," said Stephen Tonelson, professor in the Department of Early Childhood, Speech-Language Pathology and Special Education, who is one of the principal investigators for the VDOE grants that support the program.

PDC to host Engineering Unplugged event

Engineering Unplugged, the premier and first-of-its-kind green conference in Hampton Roads, will be held on campus Tuesday, March 17. Presented by Old Dominion's Professional Development Center (PDC), the conference will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Ted Constant Convocation Center.

Expected to draw more than 500 attendees, Engineering Unplugged is a statewide effort to inform business and industry about green methodologies that provide a return on investment and sustain our environment.

Stephen Walz, director of the Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy, states, "This conference is in direct alignment with Gov. Kaine's yearlong initiative, Renew Virginia." He added, "The commonwealth is determined to remain among our nation's top sustainable energy states and home to legions of forward-thinking individuals and enterprises that believe in the power of going green."

Designed to enlighten newcomers as well as engage those with an advanced under-

"Now the training and other assistance that we offer is more likely to be beneficial to all of the students in a school."

Robert Gable, also a professor of early childhood and special education and who has earned the designation at ODU of eminent scholar, is the other principal investigator for the grants. He is director, as well of a statewide T-TAC initiative called Effective Schoolwide Discipline (ESD). What he has seen in his more than a dozen years of ODU T-TAC leadership, he said, is a "disassembly of the two-box system" in which special education has been in one box and general education in another.

Statistics for the nation show that around 12 percent of children can be expected to have special needs in school. There was a time when most of these students were segregated from the general education population and taught in different classrooms or in different schools. General education teachers sometimes initiated the transfer of students from their classes into special education classes via a process called "refer and remove."

More recently, inclusion policies are distributing most of the children with special needs into general education classrooms. Gable said the typical elementary school teacher in Virginia today has three to four students with disabilities. Nationally, fewer and fewer students with disabilities are being taught in separate special education programs.

Because T-TAC has a mandate to offer training and technical support to any teacher of students with disabilities, almost all teachers now are eligible for the help. And many of the general education teachers are taking advantage of what T-TAC offers, according to ODU T-TAC Director Kerry Lambert, whose affiliation with the center dates to 1980.

"It is particularly satisfying to recognize now that our training and support services ultimately benefit all students," said Lambert, who became the center's director in 1995 just after she received her Ph.D. at ODU in urban educational leadership. Previously she had served as a T-TAC staff member and coordinator. Tonelson and

standing of green principles as applied to building, manufacturing and research, the conference offers a comprehensive curriculum of lectures from industry experts, tours, demonstrations, case studies and networking opportunities.

Clair Dorsey, director of the PDC, says, "Engineering Unplugged is structured around three educational tracts – Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED), Energy Conservation and Future Initiatives – and will present information appealing to a variety of audiences – architects, engineers, designers, construction specialists, manufacturers, facility managers, military personnel, researchers and other professionals."

Tours of ODU's LEED-certified Engineering and Computational Sciences Building will demonstrate real-world applications on how green practices can be used in new construction.

The PDC is the continuing education arm of the Frank Batten College of Engineering and Technology.



PHOTO BY CHUCK THOMAS

The principal members of Old Dominion's T-TAC team are (l-r): Kerry Lambert, Robert Gable and Stephen Tonelson.

Gable became faculty leaders of the project in the mid-1990s.

T-TAC originally was called TAC-5 because five centers for technical special education assistance were funded by the VDOE at universities across the state in 1978-79.

Two centers were added elsewhere in the state and the mission expanded when the VDOE transformed TAC-5 into T-TAC in 1995-96. The ODU T-TAC now offers training and technical assistance to eastern Virginia's teachers, school administrators and parents in the areas of 1) early childhood special education, 2) primary developmental delays and disabilities and 3) more significant disabilities among students through high school age.

The coverage area for ODU T-TAC takes in 33 school divisions in the rectangle roughly bounded by Virginia Beach and the Eastern Shore on the east and Fredericksburg and Southampton County on the west.

The ODU-T-TAC team consists of: Kim Yanek, ESD instruction and behavior specialist; Pat Woolard, administrative project director and ESD logistics coordinator; Daniel Biegun, severe disabilities specialist; Laura Beller, curriculum and instruction specialist; Linda Ingleson, early childhood specialist; Kelly Koons, education specialist for autism; Brenda Lucus, assistive technology and instructional specialist; Jennifer Mitchell, assistive technology specialist; Mary Wilds, statewide coordinator for distance education; Shannon Duncan, assistant to the administrative project director; Jackie Royster, project manager; Dedie McCracken, office manager; Jean Bondy, library and Web site manager; and Erin Butler, data entry specialist.

The core T-TAC mission is to increase the capacity of school personnel, service providers and families to meet the needs of children and youth with disabilities, thereby enriching the academic and social experiences of these students. The T-TAC staff works closely with the VDOE, especially the Division of Special Education and Student Services, and currently there are 14 major projects on which T-TAC staff participate.

ODU T-TAC services include professional development workshops and other training events; consultative services; the electronic, quarterly newsletter T-TAC Network News; other periodicals such as Autism E-News and AT (Assistive Technology) E-News; a clearinghouse for current education research and recommended practices; and a lending library that loans, among other things, the latest in assistive technology devices – an

example would be voice synthesizers – that schools and parents can try before they buy.

Lambert said T-TAC can influence and be supported by the teacher training curriculum at the Darden College of Education. "We like to say that we do preservice at the university and T-TAC does in-service in the field," she said.

The ODU-T-TAC director noted that a unique aspect of working with the program is the opportunity to be on the cutting edge of educational change and to support school personnel as they institute evidence-based practices for the benefit of students. Lambert was given an award last year by the Virginia Council of Administrators of Special Education for extraordinary support she extends to Virginia educators.

A primary reason for the significant funding for the ODU T-TAC, even in tight budget times, is the Effective Schoolwide Discipline (ESD) program that Gable directs for the entire state. Federal initiatives such as the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act are the source of flow-through monies that the VDOE grants to T-TACs, and Gable's program has been a beneficiary of a U.S. Department of Education thrust called Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports.

More than 100 schools in Virginia are participating in ESD; across the nation, the figure now stands at more than 5,000 schools that are involved in some way with Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports.

With classrooms today not nearly so homogeneous as they once were, teachers must have a much broader array of skills in order to maintain an effective learning environment. Gable said this environment depends a lot on clear expectations and forms of student recognition, and that these skills are what ESD is striving to provide to school personnel.

"The growing diversity of the student population is a challenge," he added. By that he means ethnic and cultural diversity, as well as the sort of diversity that occurs when a general education classroom includes children with disabilities and those whose home environments have not prepared them academically or behaviorally for the curriculum.

Lambert noted, too, that discipline and learning-environment problems are significant drags on teacher retention. "But T-TAC and Effective Schoolwide Discipline services help," she added. "We have found that well-prepared teachers stay in the classroom longer."

For several reasons, ODU is perfect fit for young teen

BY BRENDAN O'HALLARN

He's tall for his age. And he speaks like an adult. If you glance quickly at Spencer Lane, you might think he's just like the other kids in his math or English class. That's just the way Lane likes it. He wants to blend in.

But take a good look. His boyish face is a giveaway.

One professor last semester would scan his classroom early in each lecture, invariably stopping at Lane, and doing a double take.

You see, Spencer Lane is 14. And he's a freshman at Old Dominion, studying to be a mechanical engineer.

"When I first came into a class, it took a moment to sink in: I'm actually doing this," he said. "But it's going well so far."

Lane's family decided to forgo high school, moving him from eighth grade to ODU at the start of the fall 2008 semester.

His SAT score of 1170 (taken at age 12) suggested he could handle the class work. His 3.8 GPA is proof of it. But his obvious smarts aren't even the reason he's here.

A year ago, Lane was diagnosed with Crohn's disease, a chronic inflammatory disease of the gastrointestinal tract. The disease meant the healthy, active 13-year-old faced a nightmare year of feeding tubes, pills, hospital visits and bed rest. The health hardship continues. He takes 30 pills daily to try to keep the symptoms at bay, but still vomits a couple of times every day.

"It's annoying, but you have to take what you can get and make it the best that you can," he says. "If I wasn't diagnosed with Crohn's disease, I might have headed off to high school instead of coming here."

The family decided that Lane could better handle the rigors of university classes than he could the long hours of sitting every day in a high school classroom. His ODU classes are concentrated on Tuesdays and Thursdays, so he can fit in his many medical treatments the rest of the week. He also spends a lot of time recuperating in his Virginia Beach home.

Mom Michele knew that her son could



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Julie Manthey
Lecturer of English

handle the academics. "He was a very early talker. And one day (when he was 3) he just picked up a book and started reading," she recalls.

"His reasoning was also very advanced at a very young age. He'd say, 'I understand why you're saying that, but could we do things this way instead?' This was as a 2½- or 3-year-old!"

Lane says it was difficult for him in earlier grades because his classmates weren't as interested in learning as he was. Of course, they were also 6 or 8 or 10 years old, and simply wanted to play.

it he was working as a peer reviewer for his much older classmates during writing workshops," Manthey notes. "He was never afraid to contribute to classroom discussions or ask questions – he simply fit in with everyone else."

Manthey continues to be dazzled by Lane. She's teaching him Introduction to Technical and Scientific Writing this semester.

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meet him to try that much harder – especially me."

Lane hopes to get his mechanical engineering degree, then go to Massachusetts Institute of Technology for his master's, specializing in robotics.

"I want to be the engineer who invents a way to make the capsule endoscopy smarter, thus eliminating sedation and more invasive procedures," he says.

He hopes that talking about his disease will make people aware of the impact it can have on an otherwise healthy child's life. Last June, Lane participated in the Take Steps Walk for Crohn's and Colitis, raising \$6,000 for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America. He's met with local congressmen to talk about funding for research about the disease.

Unlike other types of inflammatory bowel disease, there is no known drug or surgical cure for Crohn's disease. Treatment options are limited to controlling symptoms, putting and keeping the disease in remission and preventing relapse.

While Lane would love a cure to be found for Crohn's, he hopes that the awareness and money raised are concentrated on the prevention of the disease. "That way people can hopefully avoid even getting into the situation I'm in."

Lane doesn't want to be treated any differently from his much older classmates. And one shouldn't think for a moment that his enrollment at ODU is a publicity stunt. He simply hopes to demonstrate that in spite of having an incurable disease, people can still do great things.

"I don't want to be known as the kid with Crohn's disease. I want to be known as the 17-year-old college graduate who happens to have Crohn's," he says.

Maglev researchers record milestone

It was a short trip, but a major milestone on a long journey. The Old Dominion team behind the magnetic levitation (maglev) research project tested a 12-foot-long train base car on 50 feet of elevated track on the south side of campus Feb. 17.

The demonstration, for school officials and local media, indicated that some of the problems that have arisen with slower-speed maglev transportation have been solved.

"This is a significant milestone. We have always said that we wanted to show that we could levitate it and propel it, and we have done it," said Jerry Creedon, ODU's director of transportation research.

ODU is working to develop an energy-efficient maglev train that would operate at slower speeds in an urban setting. The only commercial maglev in the world is a high-speed train built in China for several billion dollars.

During the test, the 12-foot-long car, called a bogie, moved back and forth at several miles per hour. Its trip length was limited because it required a cable to run to the device controlling its movement.

This track test has been a long time coming. Levitation has been accomplished in the lab for three years now.

Thomas Alberts, an aerospace engineering professor, heads up the research team in magnetic levitation at the university. He said his team has been testing the separate magnetism system for propulsion,

known as a linear induction motor, in the lab for a number of months.

"We put the bogie on the guideway in December and began the first on-guideway testing of that vehicle," Alberts said.

"That was when the first unrestrained propulsion tests occurred. The rainy, cold weather in December prompted us to curtail the tests until after the holiday break."

The initial plan called for a wireless demonstration, but the engineers found that a problem with electric "noise" or static needs to be worked out first.

"By summer we should have it back on the track for more tests," Alberts said.

Oktay Baysal, dean of the Frank Batten College of Engineering and Technology, was among the university officials who attended the test. He hopes it's a sign of big things to come for the maglev team at ODU.

Next year could be a busy one for maglev testing on the campus.

The MagneMotion maglev vehicle – a \$7.9 million magnetic levitation project by a Massachusetts firm – is due to be tested on the ODU track beginning in about a year, Creedon said.

The plan is to use the station near Webb Center as the staging/power point for tests that will reserve the eastern half of the track (back toward Hampton Boulevard) for MagneMotion testing and the western half for ODU's maglev bogie testing.

– Brendan O'Hallarn

— New books by ODU authors —

Rod Evans, lecturer of philosophy
"The Artful Nuance: A Refined Guide to Imperfectly Understood Words in the English Language," Penguin Group

Focusing on the subtle distinctions and often overlooked differences between or among imperfectly understood words, Evans' book answers vocabulary questions you never knew you had. From technical definitions (herb and spice) to cultural literacy (inductive and deductive reasoning) to subtleties in connotation (nerd and geek), each entry in this comprehensive guide distinguishes between two or more words that are commonly confused.

Ken Jennings, author of "Brainiac: Adventures in the Curious, Competitive, Compulsive Worlds of Trivia Buffs" and holder of the longest winning streak on "Jeopardy!" writes, "I paged through it with zest and zeal – which, if I may spoil the ending, turn out to be not quite the same thing."

Wayne Talley, eminent scholar and Frederick W. Beazley professor of economics
"Maritime Safety, Security and Piracy," Informa Law

Talley, executive director of the ODU Maritime Institute, edited the book and co-authored three chapters: "U.S. Ship Accident Research," "Piracy in Shipping"

and "U.S. Port Security." The book is described as an indispensable guide to those concerned with safety at sea – shipowners, insurers, legal practitioners and others in the maritime industry. It examines the issues from both the ships' and ports' perspectives.

Sara Russell, instructor of maritime and supply chain management and a 2004 graduate of the M.B.A. program, wrote the chapter on "Port Safety and Workers."

Sonia Yaco, special collections librarian and university archivist

"Hampton Roads: Remembering Our Schools," The History Press

Yaco is one of four authors of this history of public education in the region before the official start of the Jim Crow system. Lead co-authors are Cassandra Newby-Alexander, associate professor of history at Norfolk State; Jeffrey Littlejohn, assistant professor of history at Sam Houston State; and Charles Ford, chair of history at NSU.

Released on the 50th anniversary of school desegregation in Hampton Roads, the book highlights the growth and development of the public school system and finally examines the fight for equalization and public support for schools that began in the late 19th century and continued well to the 21st century.

Celebrate Women's History Month by supporting this year's theme, Women Taking the Lead to Save Our Planet. Donate your gently used items to the Glamour of Going Green clothing drive. Items collected will benefit the YWCA Women in Crisis Program and the Hampton Roads chapter of Dress for Success. Donations may be dropped off at the Women's Center, room 1000 in Webb Center, during the month of March.

Laroussi finds plasma plume is composed of tiny pellets

BY JIM RAPER

Electrical engineer Mounir Laroussi has garnered media attention internationally for his so-called plasma pencil that has been likened to a Star Wars light saber. But in his latest research paper, he admits that he now knows that his invention does not shoot out a saber-like jet of cold plasma, but rather operates like a rapid-fire machine gun spitting out cold plasma pellets.



LAROUSI

To the naked eye, the plasma appears to come out of the hand-held plasma pencil in a continuous flow up to 2.5 inches long. But a

camera with an exposure time of a few nanoseconds revealed that the jet was actually composed of tiny, donut-shaped pellets that are fired out of the pencil and then dissipate in the ambient air after traveling an inch or two. Laroussi said by knowing more about the makeup of the plumes, he and his colleagues will be able to better control them.

Biological research begun earlier at Old Dominion, and which is continuing, investigates uses of the cold plasma to kill harmful bacteria in the mouth, disinfect wounds and speed healing.

An article authored by Laroussi and his students, published earlier this year in Journal of Physics D: Applied Physics, lays out recent discoveries at ODU's Laser and Plasma Engineering Institute (LPEI) about fundamental aspects of cold plasma plumes. Laroussi is the director of the institute.

On Feb. 27, PhysOrg.com published a report on the research with the headline "Scientists Control Plasma Bullets." Said Laroussi, "The article we published is stir-

ring up quite a bit of interest."

He told PhysOrg.com that his recent research seeks to understand the physics behind the formation and propagation of the cold plasma bullets. "There has been a lot of debate as to how these bullets propagate. So we hope that we have contributed some interesting ideas to this debate."

Based on the donut shape of the plasma pellets, the researchers believe that they are surface waves that travel along the interface between the helium pumped by the pencil and ambient air. In addition, the researchers found that they could control the initiation time and distance of the plasma pellets by applying an external DC field.

Most people are familiar with the plasma that is used to light up fluorescent bulbs and television screens, but this supercharged gas is contained in a vacuum and would be too hot and difficult to manage in the regular atmosphere. Laroussi has been a pioneer in the generation and bioapplication of cold plasma that is cool enough to pass a finger through even though it packs enough wallop to kill bacteria.

The lead author of the article in Journal of Physics D: Applied Physics is Nicolas Mericam-Bourdet, an intern researcher at LPEI. Other authors are Asma Begum and Erdinc Karakas, who are ODU doctoral students working with Laroussi.

ONFilm Festival highlights

Thursday, March 26

"From Africa to America: 2 Visions of Identity in the 21st Century" (film screenings and panel discussions)

• 5-7 p.m. – MGB Auditorium

"MERE-bi" ("The Mother of All"), directed by Ousmane W. Mbaye

This film captures a generation of the leaders of the women's movement in Senegal, focusing on pioneer activist and nonconformist Annette Mbaye D'Erneville, the country's first woman journalist. Free.

• 7:30-9:30 p.m. – MGB Auditorium

"Revolution '67," directed by Marylou Tibaldo-Bongiorno

"Revolution '67" takes us back to the summer of 1967 to Newark, N.J., and tells the untold story of what really happened during the Newark riots from the mouths of the people who lived it. Free.

Friday, March 27

ODU Student Filmmaking Presentations and Awards

• 3:30 p.m. – University Theatre

Third annual presentation of the Stephen E. Konikoff Student Filmmaker Awards. Winning films will be screened and cash prizes totaling \$1,500 will be awarded. Free.

Saturday, March 28

ONFilmFest Award Winners Marathon

• 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. – Naro Cinema

See the winning films that were selected from among the more than 30 independent films that were screened during the festival (students \$5 / general public \$10).

ONFilm Hampton Roads Film Office and Virginia Production Alliance 3rd Annual Career Day Expo

• 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. – BAL

Hear representatives from production companies and media-related businesses in Hampton Roads discuss opportunities in the film, television, video production and other media-related industries. Free.

Filmmaking in Hampton Roads Panel, moderated by W. Jeffery Frizzell, commissioner of the Hampton Roads Film Office

• 1-2:30 p.m. – BAL

An all-female panel will cover film and video production in Hampton Roads from a woman's perspective. Free.

ONFilmFest Awards Gala

• 7-10 p.m. – Granby Theater

Celebrate with filmmakers and industry celebs as they accept their awards at the festival wrap party. Dance to the music of the Rhythm Kings. Cash bar; dress: film festival chic (\$10 students / \$20 general public).

For tickets, call 683-5305.



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Maj. Gen. Kjell-Ove Skare, center, and President Broderick, second from right, lead the ribbon cutting to mark the opening of the Civil-Military Fusion Center and Civil-Military Overview.

NATO office opens in Research Park

Maj. Gen. Kjell-Ove Skare, NATO's Supreme Allied Commander Transformation, and acting President John Broderick cut the ribbon on Feb. 26 to open a new office designed to facilitate information sharing during times of crisis.

The Civil-Military Fusion Center and Civil-Military Overview (CFC/CMO), an office under the control of NATO's Allied Command Transformation headquarters, chose to locate in Old Dominion's Innovation Research Park (IRP) to foster collaboration with students in the Graduate Program in International Studies, further building upon the decade-long relationship between the university and NATO.

"Old Dominion University has enjoyed much collaboration with NATO ACT," said Broderick. "From NATO scholarships for Allied staff and family members, to our recently expanded ties in modeling and simulation, and now the opportunity to bring our students into the work of the fusion center represents another step forward in this important relationship."

The CFC/CMO "fusion center" is an effort to create an environment where information can flow freely between civilian and military personnel engaged in complex crises. As the concept of "need to know" expands into "need to share," this will promote enhanced information flow and reduce conflicts for crisis responders.

At the ribbon-cutting ceremony, Maj. Gen. Skare said military and civilian collaboration is a priority for NATO.

"Facilitating cooperation between civilian and military groups is really how today's complex problems have to be solved," Skare said. "It's one of the high priorities for ACT. We will continue to spend resources to make it happen."

The core staff of the center includes military officers, as well as former members of the United Nations and employees from reputable international and nongovernmental organizations such as Global Reach, the Pearson Peacekeeping Center and the International Organization for Migration.

– Brendan O'Hallarn



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Making their move

Jazz Walters, left, speeds downcourt, followed by fellow senior Tiffany Green, in the Lady Monarchs' last regular-season home game. The ODU women open play in the CAA tournament, hosted by JMU, at 2:30 p.m. March 13. Senior Jonathan Adams, right, drives to the basket in the men's final regular-season home game. After a third-round loss to VCU in their CAA tourney, the Monarchs are awaiting word on a postseason tournament invitation.

Football season ticket applications due May 1

The deadline to place orders for priority season tickets for the inaugural Old Dominion football season is May 1. Seats will be allocated using the Big Blue Club priority points system. Seat selection will take place in June.

Full payment of season tickets and 50 percent payment of the 2009 Big Blue Club pledge are due May 1 (balance due Aug. 15.)

Tickets are \$100 for ODU faculty and

staff for the seven home games (\$120 for the general public). Family Plan tickets are \$290 and include two adult and two youth tickets (children must be 17 or younger by Sept. 5, 2009). A limited number of family packages are available; they also will be allocated using the priority points system.

For tickets call 683-4444. For more information about the process, call the Big Blue Club at 683-6963.

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Submit Calendar notices to: Steve Daniel, 100 Koch Hall; sdaniel@odu.edu. The next Calendar will be dated April 10 to May 17; submissions are due March 27.

Speakers

Monday, March 16

Joseph Cosco, instructor of English, "This Land Is Your Land: Woody Guthrie and the American Dream," for the Last Lecture Series, noon, James/Lynnhaven River Room, Webb Ctr.

Tuesday, March 17

Howard White, EVMS, "Myosin Walks the Walk," for the Biological Sciences Seminar Series, 12:30 p.m., 101 MGB. 683-3595

Jean Roberts, instructor of English, "Stress - Management and the Art of Relaxation," for the Last Lecture Series, 7 p.m., James/Lynnhaven River Room, Webb Ctr.

Wednesday, March 18

Deborah Waller, assoc. prof., biological sciences, "Wild Places, Wild Lives," for the Last Lecture Series, noon, Potomac/York River Room, Webb Ctr.

Tuesday, March 24

Jeanette Wyneken, Florida Atlantic Univ., "Sun, Sand and Sex on the Beach: Sex Determination in Sea Turtles," for the Biological Sciences Seminar Series, 12:30 p.m., 101 MGB. 683-3595

Tuesday, March 31

Melissa Buffington, senior vice president of human resources and communications, Gaylord Entertainment Co., Nashville, for the Landmark Executive-in-Residence series, 12:20 p.m., 1005 Constant Hall. 683-6548

Sue Sponagule, Univ. of Miami, "Population Replenishment and Connectivity of Coral Reef Fishes," for the Biological Sciences Seminar Series, 12:30 p.m., 101 MGB. 683-3595

Monday, April 6

Cecilia Petretto, instructor, English, "The Heroic Quest: Mythology as a Means of Interpreting Life," for the Last Lecture Series, noon, James/Lynnhaven River Room, Webb Ctr.

Tuesday, April 7

Sergio Oehninger, EVMS Jones Institute, "Biology of Implantation," for the Biological Sciences Seminar Series, 12:30 p.m., 101 MGB. 683-3595

Robert Strozak, lecturer, mathematics and statistics, "Mathemagic - Magic Tricks with Mathematical Solutions," for the Last Lecture Series, 7 p.m., 1009 Constant Hall.

Thursday, April 9

Joshua Behr, assoc. prof., political science and geography, "Congestion and Profitability: Competing Values in the Delivery of Emergency Department Care," for the Political Science and Geography Seminar Series, 12:15 p.m., 9007 BAL.

Workshops

Tuesday, March 17

"Blackboard Relay 4: Assessment," Ctr. for Learning Technologies, 1:30-4:30 p.m., 411 Gornito. Registration: <http://clt.odu.edu/facdev>. 683-3172

Wednesday, March 18

"EndNote," Ctr. for Learning Technologies, 1:30-4:30 p.m., 411 Gornito. Registration: <http://clt.odu.edu/facdev>. 683-3172

Wednesday, March 25

"Adobe Connect," Ctr. for Learning Technologies, 1:30-4:30 p.m., 411 Gornito. Registration: <http://clt.odu.edu/facdev>. 683-3172

Thursday, March 26

"Organization Leader Training (Noncredit Use of Blackboard)," Ctr. for Learning Technologies, 1:30-4:30 p.m., 411 Gornito. Registration: <http://clt.odu.edu/facdev>. 683-3172

Tuesday, March 31

"Blackboard Relay 5: Advanced Features," Ctr. for Learning Technologies, 1:30-4:30 p.m., 411 Gornito. Registration: <http://clt.odu.edu/facdev>. 683-3172

Performances

Tuesday, March 17

"Ain't I a Woman!" celebrating the life and times of four powerful African American women - novelist and anthropologist Zora Neale Hurston, ex-slave and abolitionist Sojourner Truth, folk artist Clementine Hunter and civil rights worker Fannie Lou Hamer - 7:30 p.m., Chandler Recital Hall, Diehn Ctr. 683-4109

Saturday, March 21

Final judging of the Harold Protsman Classical Period Piano Competition, 2:30-5 p.m., Chandler Recital Hall, Diehn Ctr. 683-4061

Monday, March 23

Pianist Peter Takacs, professor of piano and chair of the piano program at Oberlin Conservatory of Music, for the Diehn Concert Series, 8 p.m., Chandler Recital Hall, Diehn Ctr. 683-4061

Wednesday, April 1

ODU Jazz Ensemble, with percussionist Chuck Redd, 4 p.m., Chandler Recital Hall, Diehn Ctr. 683-4061

Tuesday, April 7

ODU Brass Choir, directed by Mike Hall, 7:30 p.m., Chandler Recital Hall, Diehn Ctr. 683-4061

Films

Wed., Thurs., Fri., March 18, 20, 21

"Milk," sponsored by Student Activities Council, 8 p.m., MGB auditorium. 683-3446

Wed., Thurs., Fri., March 25, 27, 28

"The Curious Case of Benjamin Button," sponsored by Student Activities Council, 8 p.m., MGB auditorium. 683-3446

Wed., Thurs., Fri., April 1, 3 & 4

"Gran Torino," sponsored by Student Activities Council, 8 p.m., MGB auditorium. 683-3446

Wed., Thurs., Fri., April 8, 10, 11

"Notorious," sponsored by Student Activities Council, 8 p.m., MGB auditorium. 683-3446

Meetings

Tuesday, March 17

Faculty Senate, 3 p.m., Ches./Ports. Room, Webb Ctr. 683-3427

Thursday, April 2

Board of Visitors, 10 a.m. to noon, and 1:30 p.m., Board Room, Webb Ctr. 683-3072

Exhibitions

Saturday, March 21

Opening reception for "In Depth: The Artist's Hand," the third installation of the Baron and Ellin Gordon bequest to ODU, 7 p.m., Gordon Galleries. Exhibit continues through Sept. 21. 683-2355

Opening reception for exhibition of works by sculptor Nikki Blair, which investigate issues of gender and sexuality as they exist within popular and material culture, 7 p.m., Gordon Galleries. Exhibit continues through April 19. 683-2355

Through Thursday, April 30

"Of Thee I Sing: Politics Through Song," commemorating the 2008 presidential election year by canvassing campaign songs of former presidential candidates, Diehn Composers Room, 189 Diehn Ctr. 683-4187

Miscellaneous

Fri. & Sat., March 13-14

Final days of spring break for faculty and students.

Wednesday, March 18

Spring Career Fair, open to students, faculty, staff and alumni, and their immediate family members, sponsored by Career Management Ctr., 12:30-4:30 p.m., Constant Ctr. 683-4388

Saturday, March 21

Open House, sponsored by admissions office, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Webb Ctr. 683-3685

Wednesday, March 25

College of Health Sciences Military Appreciation Day, noon to 1 p.m., Health Sciences Bldg.

Wed. - Sat., March 25-28

ONFilm Festival (see Page 1). www.onfilmfest.com

Monday, March 30

Lunafest, an evening of short films made by, for and about women, with proceeds benefiting the Breast Cancer Fund and the YWCA of South Hampton Roads, 7 p.m., 102 MGB. 683-4109. \$

Mon., March 30 - Sun., April 5

Greek Week. 683-3446

Thursday, April 2

Poetry reading by Richard Hoffman, winner of the 2008 Barrow Street Press Poetry Prize for "Gold Star Road"

and writer-in-residence at Emerson College, Boston, 12:30 p.m., 244 Va. Beach Ctr.

Saturday, April 11

Monarch 5K and Monarch Adventure Race, sponsored by recreational sports dept. and Army ROTC, 9 a.m. and 10 a.m.; register online at www.active.com. 683-3384. \$

Easter egg hunt, sponsored by ODU Greek Councils and Class Councils, noon to 3 p.m., Kaufman Mall. 683-3446

Sports

For tickets call 683-4444 or visit www.odusports.com.

Fri. - Sun., March 13-15

Women's Basketball CAA Tournament, JMU. 683-3372. \$

Friday, March 13

Baseball vs. Fairleigh Dickinson, 6 p.m. \$

Saturday, March 14

Baseball vs. Fairleigh Dickinson (DH), 1 p.m. \$

Sunday, March 15

Baseball vs. Fairleigh Dickinson, 1 p.m. \$

Tuesday, March 17

Baseball vs. Maryland, 6 p.m. \$

Friday, March 20

Baseball vs. GMU, 7 p.m. \$

Saturday, March 21

Baseball vs. GMU, 4 p.m. \$

Sunday, March 22

Baseball vs. GMU, 2 p.m. \$

Tuesday, March 31

Baseball vs. Liberty, 6 p.m. \$

Monday, April 6

Baseball vs. Elon, 5 p.m. \$

Tuesday, April 7

Baseball vs. Norfolk Tides, Harbor Park, Norfolk. 7:15 p.m. \$

Student Recreation Center opens

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center is the hub of all sport, wellness and fitness activities at the university, and features the following:

- 15,000-square-foot workout space
- indoor running track
- two-story climbing wall
- four fitness studios
- three racquetball courts (reservations required)
- hardwood gym (with six basketball goals)
- multipurpose, rubberized court
- locker rooms (for now, bring your own lock for day use)
- swimming pool (opening at the end of April at the earliest).

To use the climbing wall, participants must attend an orientation session and a basics clinic.

Various group exercise classes are also offered at the center, including beginner and intermediate cycle, yoga, pilates and kick-boxing.

A new feature of the SRC is the Outdoor Adventure Center, which offers rentals of everything from kayaks to mountain bikes to tents and other camping equipment. A bicycle maintenance shop is also in the



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Richmond reception

Acting President John Broderick, left, greets Delegate Riley Ingram of Hopewell at the university's legislative reception in Richmond's Old City Hall on Feb. 18. The annual event, co-sponsored by the Alumni Association, is held to thank legislators and other state officials for their support of Old Dominion, and of higher education in general.

plans, where members of the campus community can pay to have a bike repaired or do the repairs themselves.

Members of the campus community are invited to tour the facility at any time. To use the center, faculty and staff must attend a fitness clinic (register by calling 683-4605). A university ID card must be presented to the attendant on duty after entering the center. (Due to construction on the nearby student residence halls, visitors should use the 48th Street entrance. The nearest faculty/staff parking lot is at the corner of 49th Street and Powhatan Avenue.)

For more information about the SRC and for group exercise class schedules, call the recreational sports office at 683-3384 or visit www.odu.edu/recsports.

Coming Soon to "THE TED"

Saturday, March 14

Robin Williams show has been canceled.

Saturday, March 28

Groundbreaking: The Art of Step Step Show Competition, 5 p.m., \$7 to \$17

Tues., March 31 & Wed., April 1

Thomas & Friends Live: On Stage: A Circus Comes to Town, 6:30 p.m. Tues., 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Wed., \$12 to \$37

Saturday, April 18

CageFest Xtreme, 7 p.m., \$25 to \$150

Sunday, April 19

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Friday, April 24

Alan Jackson, 7:30 p.m., \$38 to \$78

Monday, April 27

Kings of Leon, 7:30 p.m., \$38.50 to \$43.50

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Appointments/Elections

MARK SCERBO, professor of human factors psychology, appointed associate editor of *Simulation in Healthcare*, the journal of the Society for Simulation in Healthcare.

Awards

MICHAEL BLUMENTHAL, Mina Hohenberg Darden Chair in Creative Writing, the 2009 Robert L. Kahn Prize for poetry from the Society for Contemporary American Literature in German.

DANICA HAYS, assistant professor of educational leadership and counseling, the American Counseling Association's Counselor Educator Advocacy Award, which recognizes a counseling faculty member who fosters advocacy among counseling graduate students.

JAMES KOCH, president emeritus and Board of Visitors Professor of economics, an honorary degree during Illinois State University's Founders' Day Convocation. Koch is a former faculty member and chair of the economics department at ISU.

GARRETT MCAULIFFE, University Professor of counseling, Counselors for Social Justice Ohana Award by the American Counseling Association, Division of Counselors for Social Justice. The award honors individuals in counseling who affirm diversity and advocate for social justice in the spirit of nine elements of the indigenous Hawaiian concept of *ohana*, or extended family.

MARK SCERBO, professor of human factors psychology; ROBERT TURNER, graduate student; and Dwight Meglan, and Robert Waddington of SimQuest, LLC; Best Papers - Technology Division (second place), for "A comparison of Visual and Haptic Feedback on a Simulated Bone Pinning Task" at the 9th International Meeting on Simulation in Healthcare, Orlando, Fla.

ALAN "WOODY" SCHWITZER, associate professor of educational leadership and counseling, the American Counseling Association's Ralph M. Berdie Memorial Research Award for research and scholarship in the field of college student affairs.

Books

GARY EDGERTON, chair of communication and theatre arts, a new paperback edition of "The Columbia History of American Television" (Columbia University Press, 2009).

PETER SCHULMAN, associate professor of French and international studies, a translation of and introduction to French poet Jacques Reda's book of poetry "Suburban Beauty" ("Beauté Suburbaine") (Halifax: VVV editions, 2009).

WAYNE TALLEY, eminent scholar and Frederick W. Beazley professor of economics, and executive director of the ODU Maritime Institute, editor of "Maritime Safety, Security and Piracy" (Informa Law). He co-authored three chapters: "U.S. Ship Accident Research," "Piracy in Shipping" and "U.S. Port Security."

SONIA YACO, special collections librarian and university archivist, "Hampton Roads: Remembering Our Schools," a history of public education in the region before the official start of the Jim Crow system (Charleston, SC: The History Press). Lead co-authors are Cassandra Newby-Alexander, associate professor of his-

tory at Norfolk State University; Jeffrey Littlejohn, assistant professor of history at Sam Houston State University; and Charles Ford, chair of history at NSU.

Papers/Presentations

JOHN ADAM, University Professor of mathematics, "Guesstimation: Fermi Problems, Orders of Magnitude and the Goldilocks Principle" at the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory A.I. Mahan Colloquium. Also, "Using Mathematical Models of Bird Eggs as a 'Case Study' Across the Calculus Syllabus (I, II, III)" at the 2009 joint meeting of the Florida Section of the Mathematical Association of America and the Florida Two-Year College Mathematics Association meeting at Florida Gulf Coast University, Fort Myers.

LAUREN BROWNING, graduate student, "Developing Photostable and Biocompatible Single Nanoparticle Probes for In Vivo Imaging of Early Development of Zebrafish Embryos" at the 236th ACS National Meeting in Philadelphia. Co-authors are KERRY LEE, graduate student; TAO HUANG, postdoctoral researcher; PRAKASH NALLATHAMBY, graduate student; JILL LOWMAN, undergraduate; and NANCY XU, associate professor of chemistry and biochemistry.

ALICE JONES, director of student and alumni programs, Career Management Center, and HEIDI MCFERRON, assistant director and liaison to the distance sites, CMC, a daylong training session, "Nuts and Bolts for New Career Services Professionals" at the Southern Association of Colleges and Employers 2008 annual conference in Orlando, Fla. Co-presenter was a colleague from Lamar University, Beaumont, Texas.

KERRY LEE, graduate student, "Developing Single Nanoparticle Optics and In Vivo Assays for Real-Time Characterization of Transport and Biocompatibility of Nanomaterials" at the 236th ACS National Meeting in Philadelphia. Co-authors are PRAKASH NALLATHAMBY and LAUREN BROWNING, graduate students; and NANCY XU, associate professor of chemistry and biochemistry.

GARRETT MCAULIFFE, University Professor of counseling, "Constructive-Developmental Counselor Education in Action: Instigating Cultural De-Centering in Students" to the Winter Roundtable on Multicultural Counseling in New York City. Co-authors are doctoral students REBEKAH BYRD and NIAL QUINLAN.

PRAKASH NALLATHAMBY, graduate student, "Using Single Nanoparticle Optics for the Real-Time Imaging of In Vivo Transport Kinetics" and "Design of Stable Single Nanoparticle Photonics for In Vivo Imaging" at Pittcon 2009 in Chicago. Co-authors are KERRY LEE, graduate student, and NANCY XU, associate professor of chemistry and biochemistry. Also at the conference, "Development of Single Nanoparticle Biosensors for Imaging of Single Protein Molecules on Single Living Cells." Co-authors are TAO HUANG, postdoctoral researcher, and XU.

WILLIAM OWINGS, professor of educational leadership, "The Effects of Troops to Teachers on Student Achievement: A Meta-analytic Approach" at the American Educational Finance Association Conference in Nashville. Co-authors are L. Kaplan and JOHN NUNNERY, associate professor of educational leadership.

MARK SCERBO, professor of human factors psychology, "A Virtual Operating Room for Surgical Teams" at the 9th International Meeting on Simulation in Healthcare, Orlando, Fla. Co-authors are: HECTOR GARCIA, senior project scientist, Virginia Modeling, Analysis and Simulation Center; LEE BELFORE II, associate professor of electrical and computer engineering; Leonard Weirter Jr., Gregory Rushing and G.D. of the Department of Surgery, EVMS; MICHAEL JACKSON, lecturer of nursing; and EMRE BAYDOGAN, AMBER NALU and ELIZABETH NEWLIN, graduate students.

GAIL TAYLOR, associate professor of educational curriculum and instruction, a panel presentation featuring recent publications, including "Teaching Multicultural Literature to Help Children Understand Ethnic Diversity: Essays and Experiences" (Edwin Mellen, 2008), titled "The Persistence of Multicultural Texts in the Age of Educational Accountability: Sharing Stories of Remembrance, Resistance and Renewal," at the American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education annual meeting in Chicago. The six co-panelists included DANIEL DICKERSON, assistant professor of ECI, and LISA MOORE (Ph.D. '05). Taylor, vice president of the Multicultural Education Special Interest Group, also led business meeting after the panel. Also, "And Still We Rise: Multicultural Literature and Educational Accountability" at the annual conference of the National Association of Multicultural Education in New Orleans. Co-author are Margaret Bristow, MOORE and Paul Smith Allen. Also at the NAME conference, with Kamala Williams as lead author, "Children, When They Ask You: Reaching Students Cajun and Creole Children's Literature."

NANCY XU, associate professor of chemistry and biochemistry, "Photostable Single Nanoparticle Biosensors for Molecular Imaging of Single Living Cells" at the National Nano Engineering Conference in Boston. Also, with TAO HUANG, postdoctoral researcher, and PRAKASH NALLATHAMBY, graduate student, "Photostable Single Molecule Nanoparticle Optical Biosensors for Sensing and Imaging of Single Protein Molecules and Their Binding Kinetics" at the 237th ACS National Meeting in Salt Lake City. Xu also served as a reviewer for an NIH Special Emphasis Review Panel on Nanotechnology.

Publications

JOHN ADAM, University Professor of mathematics, "A Two-Population Insurgency in Colombia: Quasi-predator-Prey Models - A trend Towards Simplicity" in vol. 49 of *Mathematical and Computer Modelling*. Co-authors are JOHN SOKOLOWSKI, director of research, and CATHERINE BANKS, social science cluster leader, Virginia Modeling, Analysis and Simulation Center.

MICHAEL BLUMENTHAL, Mina Hohenberg Darden Chair in Creative Writing, a poem, "And Even the Ampleness of the Flesh," in the Feb. 4 edition of *The New Republic*. Another poem, "What I Believe," was the selected reading on Garrison Keillor's daily public radio segment, "The Writer's Almanac," on Feb. 28.

TAMI CRAFT AL-HAZZA, assistant professor, and KATHERINE BUCHER, professor emerita, educational curriculum and instruction, "Building Arab Americans' Cultural Identity and Acceptance with Children's Literature" in the November 2008 edition of *The Reading Teacher*.

TAO HUANG, postdoctoral researcher, PRAKASH NALLATHAMBY, graduate student, and NANCY XU, associate professor of chemistry and biochemistry, "Photostable Single-Molecule Nanoparticle Optical Biosensors for Real-Time Sensing of Single Cytokine Molecules and Their Binding Reactions" in vol. 130 of *Journal of the American Chemical Society*.

FREDERICK LUBICH, professor of German, "Tantric Cosmogony and New Age Spirituality: Vanamali's 'Shakti, Realm of the Divine Mother' and Its

Relevance for a Global, Post-Patriarchal Civilization" in www.listenmedia.org, February 2009. Also, a book review of Andres Nader's "Traumatic Verses: On Poetry in German from the Concentration Camps" (Camden House, 2007) in vol. 100, no. 4 of *Monatshefte*. Also, a review of Ulrich Kittstein's (ed.) "Die Poesie der Liebe. Aufsätze zur deutschen Liebeslyrik" ("The Poetry of Love. Essays on German Love Poetry") in vol. 32, no. 1 of *German Studies Review*.

LISA MOORE (Ph.D. '05), GAIL TAYLOR, associate professor of educational curriculum and instruction, and Wendy Frazier, "Career Choices and Decision-Making of Urban African American Female Participants of an Afterschool Science, Technically Related, Engineering and Math (STEM) Enrichment Program" in vol. 1, no. 3 of *The National Journal of Urban Education and Practice*.

PRAKASH NALLATHAMBY and KERRY LEE, graduate students, and NANCY XU, associate professor of chemistry and biochemistry, "Design of Stable and Uniform Single Nanoparticle Photonics for In Vivo Dynamics Imaging of Nanoenvironments of Zebrafish Embryonic Fluids" in vol. 2 of *ACS Nano*.

DUC NGUYEN, professor of civil and environmental engineering, "Optimization of Stability-Constrained Geometrically Nonlinear Shallow Trusses Using an Arc Length Sparse Method with a Strain Energy Density Approach" in vol. 44 of *Finite Element in Analysis and Design*. Co-author is GLENN HRINDA, doctoral candidate and research scientist at NASA Langley Research Center. Also, "Simulation, Visualization and Self-Assessment Enhanced Engineering Education: The Stiffness Matrix Method Module for Structural Analysis Course" in vol. 18, no. 3 of *Computers in Education Journal*. Co-authors are AHMED ALI-MOHAMMED, a former graduate student, and SUBHASH KADIAM, doctoral student.

RENEE OLANDER, director of the Virginia Beach Center, "A Conversation with Baron Wormser" in vol. 41, no. 5 of *The Writer's Chronicle*.

WILLIAM OWINGS, professor of educational leadership, and L. Kaplan, lead author, "Grading Education: Getting Accountability Right," a review of the book by the same title, in vol. 111, ID no. 15482 of *Teachers College Record*.

SARA RUSSELL (M.B.A. '04), instructor of maritime and supply chain management, a chapter, "Port Safety and Workers," in "Maritime Safety, Security and Piracy" (Informa Law), edited by WAYNE TALLEY, eminent scholar of economics and executive director of the ODU Maritime Institute.

ELIZABETH SCHMIDT-PANOS, graduate student, and MARK SCERBO, professor of human factors psychology, a book chapter, "Simulation Advances in Medical Training: Laproscopic Skill Acquisition," in "Human Factors in Simulation and Training" (Boca Raton, Fla.: CRC Press, 2009), edited by D.A. Vincenzi, et al.

BURTON ST. JOHN III, assistant professor of communication, "Claiming Journalistic Truth: U.S. Press Guardedness Toward Edward L. Bernays' Conception of the Minority Voice and the 'Corroding Acid' of Propaganda" in *Journalism Studies*, DOI: 10.1080/14616700802580565, 2009. Also, with E. Lordan, lead author, "Video News Release Policies and Usage at U.S. Television News Stations" in vol. 3, no. 1 of *Journalism Practice*.



A tribute to Meyera

Meyera Oberndorf (center), former mayor of Virginia Beach, is greeted by well-wishers following a tribute to her on March 5 at the Virginia Beach Higher Education Center. Ross Mugler, rec-tor of the Board of Visitors, read a resolution during the program naming the VBHEC's Information Resource Center the Meyera Oberndorf Learning Commons.

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