

MONARCH



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OF FORUMS, EVENTS
AND PERFORMANCES



Full Frame

Brittany Borkowski, a senior majoring in medical technology, and Sabrina Michelle Hayes, a senior majoring in English, picked a brand new lawn at ODU for a leisurely break from classes. Behind them is the new Engineering Systems Building, a 51,000-square-foot jewel located in what used to be a parking lot between Kaufman Hall and Perry Library. The building, which debuted at an open house in August, includes a modern clean room, biomedical engineering labs, lasers lab, plasma science lab and a dynamic simulation lab, among other assets. "Our goal with the building was to create as much open collaborative space as we could," said Oktay Baysal, dean of the Frank Batten College of Engineering and Technology. "Researchers can come out of their offices and meet with their peers informally, to brainstorm, much like Google's 'Skunkworks.'"

Photo by David Hollingsworth



From the Editor

When Jennifer Mullen Collins, then the assistant vice president for marketing and communications, asked me a few years ago to create a new magazine for Old Dominion University and to become the publication's editor, I took to the challenge eagerly and the first Monarch magazine appeared in the spring of 2011. We have gotten encouraging feedback from the some 100,000 alumni and others in the ODU community who have received each of the Monarch issues, and I am proud to have been the founding editor. Now, my retirement draws near; this will be the last issue I shepherd through to publication.

Collins left ODU this summer to spend more time with her young children. Another person Monarch readers have come to admire, Steve Daniel, the author of the Then & Now column and a writer/editor for more than three decades at the university, retired in June (see story, page 13).

So new names will be on the magazine's masthead when the first issue of 2015 appears – at press time, the magazine personnel lineup had not yet been set – and the evolution of Monarch will continue. Two staffers who have done so much to make Monarch a success – art director Karen Smallets and copy editor Janet Molinaro, will still be around to provide for a smooth transition.

I am grateful for the opportunity I've had to talk to, to correspond with and to write about members of Monarch nation. I've found you to be good people.

-Jim Raper

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Rich Array of People and Perspectives

Monarch Magazine is such a great read! The article “Anthropologist’s Dream” with Helen Rountree (Winter 2014) took me back to ODU in the mid-1970s when I enjoyed her anthropology classes (and King Reid for the Archaeology Club.) The idea of the Indian village gives me goose bumps. Seeing Bob O’Neill (“Building Communities,” Winter 2014) was fun; he was well respected as city manager in Hampton during the time I worked there, but I forgot his time at ODU until seeing your feature and photo. The Strome gift (“Inspiring Entrepreneurs,” Winter 2014)—WOW! So many amazing stories and community/university connections.

The magazine covers a rich array of people and perspectives. More than anything, it promotes pride in ODU. It’s thrilling for me to be back on campus, working part-time promoting ODU Libraries where I spent many hours as an undergraduate and graduate student. That in itself has been an education; I had no idea about the beehive of activity behind the scenes to keep up with technology, innovations in learning, and outreach. The campus has changed beyond recognition in some ways since I went here; thanks for bringing the evolution of ODU to life in such an attractive, easy-to-read package. I look forward to the next edition.

Cheryl Copper '78
Public Relations Assistant
Perry Library

Inspired by Strome Article

I was reading my winter (2014) issue of the Monarch and found your article on Mark Strome (“Inspiring Entrepreneurs”) to be inspiring and necessary. I would love to somehow be involved in your entrepreneurial initiative.

John Haynes '95
Vice President, Human Resources
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Arlington, Va.

Looking for Russian Majors

I came across Steve Daniel’s article in Monarch magazine (“Russian Scholars Salute Their Professor,” Then & Now, Summer 2013). I was pleasantly surprised by the fact that ODU had offered the Russian major a few decades ago, and that 85 students had earned bachelor’s degrees in Russian! I’m Russian myself and have lived in Virginia Beach since 1998; I’m aware that the language has been offered at ODU, but a major in Russian – Wow!

The reason I’m reaching out to you is because I hope you can help me to get in touch with some of Mr. Fahey’s students who stayed in Hampton Roads. There is a “new kid on the block,” the nonprofit Russian American Association of Virginia (RAAV), and we would welcome participation by all who have been “touched” by the language and culture of my motherland.

Elena Miller
Virginia Beach

Adorable Then & Now

Your article in Then & Now (“Dogs Used to Eat Homework, Now Computers Do,” Winter 2014) was adorable! Having taught at ODU for a few years, I could identify with the unique excuses mentioned. It also reminded me to change my address so I can continue to receive the magazine now that we have moved.

Vickie Parsons '80
Aiken, S.C.

It Feels Like a Community Now

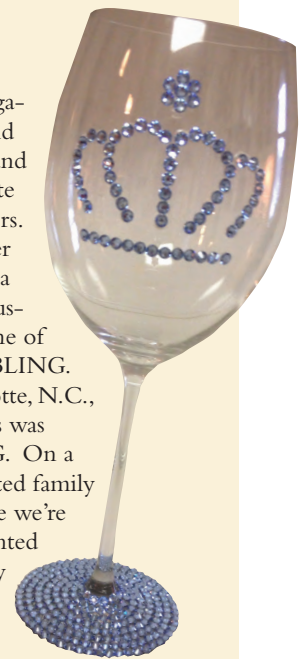
I have recently returned to the Hampton Roads area, and I visited campus on a very cold December morning last year. I had the opportunity to reflect upon

what an incredible transformation ODU had gone through since my graduation in 1983. When I was a student here, most of us seemed to come to class when we could fit it between our work schedules. Few of us wore anything that had “Old Dominion” on it. We would say that it was an okay school to attend, but someday it would be a great institution. Besides the obvious changes architecturally, what seems most impressive today is the genuine feeling of community. It is a village in the truest sense of the word. I cannot begin to express how fortunate I feel to think of Old Dominion as my alma mater and for the incredible journey I was able to begin upon my graduation.

Edward Baker '83
Norfolk

Monarch “Bling”

We receive your magazine because my husband graduated from ODU, and I have an interesting note to pass on to your readers. I am the owner/designer at Crustaceans Designs, a web-boutique, www.crustaceansdesigns.com. One of my lines is Stem Glass BLING. Because I live in Charlotte, N.C., one of my recent glasses was my Queen City BLING. On a recent weekend we visited family in Virginia Beach, where we’re from, and my niece pointed out that my Queen City glass could also be for the ODU Monarchs.



Judy Stanley, wife of Thomas Stanley '92
Charlotte, N. C.

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From the Provost

Accolades for Academics

I am proud to announce that the university's well established distance learning programs recently received a number of accolades, with several listed among the best in the nation for 2014 by U.S. News & World Report. The Darden College of Education's graduate programs ranked eighth in the nation for student services and technology, 10th for admissions selectivity, and 42nd overall. The online graduate program in nursing in the College of Health Sciences was rated 24th in the nation, ranking second for admissions selectivity and 10th for student services and technology.

ODU's distance learning programs were ranked highest in Virginia and 23rd out of 875 schools in the nation for quality and affordability by AffordableCollegesOnline.org.

The online public procurement certificate, first offered in 2013 by the Strome College of Business, was accredited in 2014 by the Global Standards Board of the International Federation of Purchasing and Supply Management; this is the first formal college-level procurement accreditation anywhere in the world.

In other national rankings, ODU's business school was ranked 32nd in the country among best business schools for veterans in 2014, and the university ranked 30th overall among four-year schools for military veterans by the Military Times online publication.



One goal of the university's Strategic Plan 2009-2014 was "Building Strong Civic and Community Relationships," with a key objective to expand and promote high quality continuing and professional education program offerings for returning veterans and other adult, non-traditional learners. The recent recruitment of Jim Shaeffer (see page 12) as the founding dean of the newly established College of Continuing Education and Professional Development is an important milestone in this effort and we look forward to significant future growth in this area.

ODU's faculty have won a significant number of external awards and recognition for excellence in teaching and research this year. The university celebrated its 27th Outstanding Faculty Award winner from the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia – the Commonwealth's highest honor for faculty who demonstrate superior accomplishments in teaching, research, knowledge integration and public service.

The faculty now includes more than 75 elected Fellows of national and international professional associations, and several prestigious Fulbright and National Science Foundation CAREER research awards were won this year. Our faculty have leadership roles in national and international professional organizations, serve as editors of more than 370 nationally ranked journals, and publish award-winning books as well as papers in top-ranked, peer-reviewed periodicals. Faculty publications have also attracted positive attention from national media, such as

The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Chronicle of Higher Education, Inside Higher Ed, CNN and National Public Radio.

In fall 2013, ODU launched MonarchTeach, modeled on the nationally renowned UTeach Institute, as the first such program in Virginia designed to increase the number of high quality mathematics and science instructors in middle and high schools. This is a collaborative effort between the Darden College of Education and College of Sciences that allows mathematics, science and technology majors to receive teaching licensure while earning degrees in their content areas.

In spring 2014, the university-wide Climate Change and Sea Level Rise Initiative developed a Mitigation and Adaptation Research Institute to provide practice-relevant knowledge on the impacts of sea level rise on the urban coastal zone. MARI informs a wide range of community stakeholders, including government, military, private sector and citizens.

Also in early 2014, the university joined two important statewide initiatives: the Commonwealth Center for Advanced Manufacturing, whose goal is to take promising research results from university labs to industry and ultimately to consumers; and the Virginia Biosciences Health Research Corp., whose goal is to promote bioscience commercialization projects between Virginia's research institutions and private companies.

As the university puts the finishing touches to its new Strategic Plan for 2014-2019, a major emphasis will be on providing students with a transformative and flexible education that is relevant to the region's and nation's current and anticipated needs. New multidisciplinary programs and certificates in entrepreneurship, global health, gaming as a medium for social change, and cybersecurity, among others, will join our more traditional offerings. With its exceptional faculty, innovative approach to instruction and cutting-edge research capabilities, ODU is perfectly positioned to provide today's and tomorrow's students with the education, skills and resources they will need to succeed in their chosen careers.

*-Carol Simpson, Provost
Old Dominion University*

Postscripts

FOLLOWING UP ON ARTICLES FROM PAST ISSUES OF MONARCH MAGAZINE

ODU Staffer Is Honoring Ancestors With Work on Mattanock Town

Lee Lockamy had good reason to be interested in the recent Monarch article (“Anthropologist’s Dream,” Winter 2014) about Old Dominion emerita professor Helen Rountree and her efforts to help the Nansemond Indians of southeastern Virginia establish a village similar to what English settlers found when they arrived to settle Jamestown.

A worker in Auxiliary Services at ODU, he is a bloodline member of the Nansemonds who is taking an active role in establishing the village – to be called Mattanock Town – in Suffolk near the Nansemond River. This summer he began work on one of the longhouses that was a typical home for his ancestors hundreds of years ago.

Lockamy, you see, has become a master builder of longhouses – called “yeehawkans” – and other structures that history tells us were found in the villages of the Nansemonds and the larger federation of tribes called the Powhatan nation. During the past decade he has built more than 24 of these houses and other Indian structures.

Most of the structures were built in Virginia Beach – at Fort Story, First Landing State Park and Virginia Aquarium and Marine Science Center – as part of special exhibitions associated with the Jamestown Settlement 400th anniversary celebration in 2007. He is a member of the Virginia Beach Historic Preservation Commission.

Lockamy, who came to work at ODU less than two years ago, contributed a Nansemond Indian display to the university’s International Festival earlier this year. Currently, he’s working with the Intercultural Center to plan a Nansemond Indian exhibit on the campus during American Indian month in November. “We hope to have ODU students come to Mattanock Town to help build structures with us,” Lockamy said.

When he was 20 years old, Lockamy learned that he was descended from the Nansemond Indians through his father’s family. During the last 15 years, he has promoted the 200-member tribe, often working in conjunction with Rountree, the ODU professor



emerita of anthropology. She has long been a champion of the Powhatan nation, with which the Nansemonds were associated, and has helped with the plans to build an authentic village, Mattanock Town, on 70 acres the city of Suffolk gave to the Nansemonds two years ago.

Rountree, who serves as secretary and historian for the tribe, has written numerous books about Indian tribes on the mid-Atlantic coast. “She’s always been on the side of the Indians,” Lockamy said. “She’s opened up a lot of doors for us.”

Lockamy has also served as a tribal historian and has a collection of Indian artifacts that he has found or inherited. “I do lectures and back them up with the artifacts,” he explained.

But his prize contribution to the tribe has been his construction of the Indian dwellings. For longhouses, he uses hardwood branches that are bent to form arched frames, and the frames are covered with layers of reed mats.

Mattanock Town offers Lockamy his first chance to situate houses in a village laid out as the Nansemonds actually did it. Most of his structures, and, indeed, most replica Indian villages in coastal Virginia, have been



*Longhouses Lockamy has built in Virginia Beach (Photo by Lee Lockamy).
Lee Lockamy (Photo by Chuck Thomas)*

placed tightly together, sometimes within a palisade wall. “But that’s not the way it was,” Lockamy said. “Nansemond Indian villages could stretch for a mile or two along a river, with houses scattered here and there and the cropland in between.” That, he said, will be the layout the Nansemonds use at Mattanock Town, which is planned as a village that will draw tourists and expand awareness of American Indian culture.

THEN & NOW

So many faces and places. So few names.

Check out the library's new digitized photo archives and fill in some missing details.

BY STEVE DANIEL

The task is daunting for the small group of employees currently working in the Old Dominion University Libraries' Digital Collections department. For the past year and a half, members of a Digital Initiatives Team have been working diligently to scan and digitize the university's entire archival photo collection dating back to September 1930, when the Norfolk Division of the College of William &

Mary enrolled its first students on Hampton Boulevard.

The University Archives' ODU Photographic Collection contains thousands of pictures stored in battleship-gray Hollinger Document Cases. They are catalogued by various topics, including academic departments, athletics, buildings and grounds, campus events, student life and student organizations.

The work is both painstaking and time-consuming. Scanning and adding a single photo to the collection, including recording

metadata (detailed information on everything from the date the picture was taken to its description, source and copyright information), can take, on average, 15 minutes. When research is involved

to supply missing identifying information, the process can run considerably longer, says Digital Services coordinator Karen Vaughan, who is heading the project.

A few months back, Vaughan and the members of her team paused, if only briefly, to mark a milestone in their work digitizing various ODU archival collections. In addition to photos, the collections include numerous documents and oral histories. On June 6, Kathleen Smith, metadata and digital services specialist, scanned the 10,000th item in the Digital Collections. As it turned out, the item just happened to be a photograph. Titled "1968 Freshman Orientation at the Library," the picture (shot on Sept. 3) shows two male students looking through the library card catalog. The library at the time was in Hughes Hall (now Dragas Hall).

As this issue of the magazine went to press, Vaughan estimated there were just under 10,000 more photos to scan. She figures that it will take until December 2015 before her team finishes scanning the last of the black-and-white and color photos. After that, the employees will focus their attention on negatives and slides, plus selecting and adding images from more than a decade's worth of digital photos taken by ODU's Photography Services. In the meantime, of course, hundreds of digital photos are being taken every day by university photographers and others documenting campus life at Old Dominion, which will eventually need to be sorted through, documented and added to the collection. Like Sisyphus repeatedly pushing the boulder up the hill, it's an undertaking without end.

Having the university's photographs available online offers a valuable pictorial history of the school – from its humble beginnings as a two-year division of W&M to the dynamic research institution it has become – and it means that one doesn't have to pay a visit to the Special Collections room on the third floor of Perry Library.

"The ODU Photographic Collection is a visual history of ODU. Having it available digitally opens the photos up to everyone, everywhere. With our 85th anniversary next year, it is an opportunity for people to interact by tagging and

*The 10,000th scanned photo:
Can you identify these freshmen
from 1968?*





“Having the collection available digitally opens the photos up to everyone, everywhere.”

-Karen Vaughan, library digital services coordinator

commenting on photos from their past. While we are making these items more accessible, we are also preserving ODU’s history,” Vaughan says.

The photos offer both the casual observer and the researcher a valuable online resource. The collection can be searched by subject, decade, building, people or campus activity/event. In addition to documenting how the campus has grown, and how the school itself was captured in time over the years through photographs of students in classrooms, campus hangouts, athletic contests and at myriad events – from plays and parties to dances and debates – the images for some are an invitation to take a stroll down memory lane. And for certain younger alumni and other visitors to the site, the collection offers an opportunity to perhaps get a glimpse of a parent, grandparent or other relatives back in the day, Vaughan says.

Many of the photographs in the ODU Digital Collection are accompanied by varying degrees of identifying information, like the priceless black-and-white picture of Ruth Wilson James, one of the first three students to enroll at the Norfolk Division and a member of the 1930-31 women’s basketball team, shown in the uniform of the day holding a basketball over her head. But there are other photos in which people are not named and campus scenes carry little or no descriptive

information.

That’s where ODU alumni can help. Those who browse the collection will notice an invitation to “tag or comment on any of the photos, especially if you have more information about the photo than what is provided.” If former students can assign missing names of classmates or other descriptions for images in the electronic files, so much the better for others who visit the site later. The collection can be found at <http://dc.lib.odu.edu>.

“The majority of the photos have some identifying information,” says Vaughan, “but not all. We want this site to be interactive; we want people to interact with our collections.”

While it will still be some time before the intrepid team of archivists makes it to the 21st century, there is currently much of ODU’s early history in pictures to be viewed and appreciated on the site. These gems, for example, include a picture of an unnamed student dissecting a pig in a 1968 biology class; Professor Emeritus of English Charles Burgess as a young faculty member with the cast of “Tiger at the Gates” from the 1960-61 school year; a band wailing away at the Freshman Frolics Dance in 1955; and various shots of students attending aircraft engine and welding classes at the Norfolk Division’s Technical Institute before and during World War II.

In addition to Vaughan and Smith, the

Digital Initiatives Team includes Mel Frizzell, Special Collections assistant, and Teresa Statler-Keener, administrative assistant for reference services.

“Karen’s leadership of the Digital Initiatives Team and the personnel who work part time on the digitization project has been wonderful. The combined efforts have resulted in progress surpassing my original expectations,” said George Fowler, interim university librarian.

In addition to Fowler’s assessment, early reviews from visitors to the Digital Collections website have been positive.

“We’ve gotten good feedback so far from people who have accessed the files,” Vaughan said. “Researchers and public relations staff on and off campus have found the photos they need by searching online, rather than coming in to the archives. They enjoy being able to see an array of photos on various topics.”



49TH & HAMPTON

LiveSafe Launch Safety Enhancements for Fall Semester

An initiative stressing safety and responsible behavior was launched by the university as the 2014-15 school year began, and a key element of it is LiveSafe, a mobile app that broadens the ability of students, faculty and staff to contact police, or receive information from law enforcement, in the event of an emergency on or near campus.

The LiveSafe app, which was developed by a survivor of the 2007 Virginia Tech tragedy, is available for free download on iPhone and Android-based devices through iTunes or Google Play. It allows users to report tips or incidents to police anonymously and receive safety alerts from authorities. A SafeWalk function allows users to share their location with friends and

chat in text with them as they make their way to a destination, and includes a panic button for immediate communication with police if a threat is encountered.

With the launch of the LiveSafe app, ODU joins a growing list of participating institutions across the country, including Georgetown, Virginia Commonwealth and James Madison universities and Virginia Tech.

“Providing for the safety of our campus community is a critical mission at ODU and the LiveSafe app is a dynamic tool that will help significantly in that regard,” said ODU Police Chief Rhonda Harris. “In addition to our established email and text-based alert systems, students, faculty and staff, as well as parents and residents of the neighborhoods surrounding ODU, now have an additional way to receive critical information. LiveSafe has the added ability to report incidents anonymously and attach photos or video that can aid officers in the event of an emergency.”

While many of the LiveSafe app’s functions require GPS location services, including active tracking of the device by police in the case of an emergency call, all activities are initiated and terminated solely at the user’s discretion.

To learn more about the mobile app’s features, visit the LiveSafe.com website.

This app is part of a broad educational campaign that ODU is implementing to promote a culture of safety and responsible behavior. The initiative also involves significant investments in enhancements to promote a safe environment for students who live on campus or in nearby neighborhoods, as well as faculty, staff and administrators.

So far this year, Old Dominion’s safety enhancements have included:

- Installation of more than 1,060 state-of-the-art safety cameras at various locations including residence halls, parking lots and other public spaces.

- Free home safety evaluations provided by ODU Police to students who live off-campus. Those who need window/door locks and alarms for off-campus residences can get them free of charge from the university.

- Off-campus fire safety programs.

- Installation of safety screens on all first-floor windows of campus residential buildings.

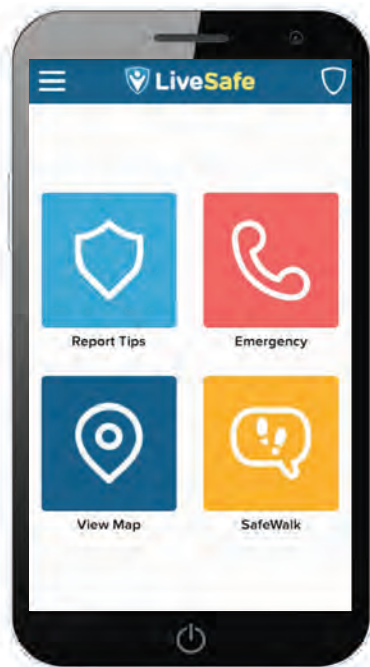
- During the fall semester, installation of lighting and changes to landscaping will enhance security.

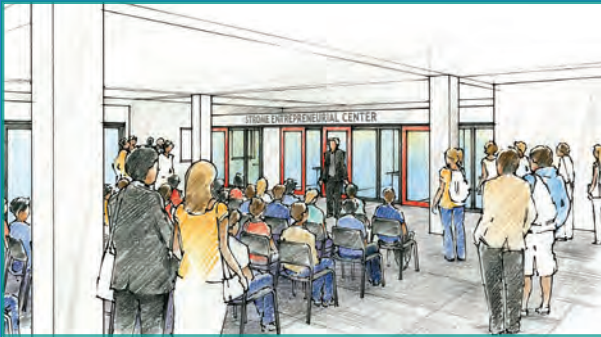
- Increased patrols by Norfolk Police, including the residential and commercial areas near the ODU campus, particularly on weekends.

- At crosswalks on campus, safety beacons have been installed to alert drivers to pedestrian crossings in addition to speed limit readouts on 43rd Street that are proven to slow traffic.

- Expanded operational hours for SafeRide, an existing service offering free evening transportation on and near campus. Students may also now request the SafeRide service via the ODU mobile app. “Never before in our 85-year history have we begun a school year with so many assets in place to bolster our students’ success and quality of life while simultaneously providing a cache of essential tools and enforcement strategies to keep them safe,” said ODU President John R. Broderick. “Old Dominion takes its safety precautions seriously and I commend our staff for their achievement in advancing these efforts over the summer.”

For more about campus safety, visit odu.edu/safety.





‘Entrepreneurial Ecosystem’ Strome Gift Brings Entrepreneurial Center and New Name for Business College

Old Dominion University’s Board of Visitors formally changed the name of the business school to the Strome College of Business and launched the Strome Entrepreneurial Center in recognition of an \$11 million donation by Mark and Tammy Strome to the university in support of a new, multipronged program to nurture business entrepreneurs. Mark Strome, a 1978 ODU graduate in civil engineering, is chief investment officer for the Strome Group and Strome Investment Management, L.P., based in Santa Monica, Calif.

The Strome Family Foundation, administered by the couple, invested in the creation of a university-wide entrepreneurial ecosystem, covering academics, student entrepreneurs and economic development.

ODU President John R. Broderick said the Strome Family

Foundation gift will “inspire a whole new generation of entrepreneurs and innovators by creating an entrepreneurial ecosystem at the university. These future entrepreneurs will create great economic and social value in Hampton Roads and beyond.”

The name change from the College of Business and Public Administration to the Strome College of Business was approved unanimously by the Board of Visitors at its spring meeting June 12. A dedication ceremony for the Strome College was scheduled for Sept. 26 at 10 a.m. on Kaufman Mall, a day after the dedication of the new Strome Entrepreneurial Center on Sept. 25 at 4:30 p.m. on Kaufman Mall.

In a visit to Old Dominion in April, Mark Strome said entrepreneurship can create a “virtuous circle,” where benefactors, a great educational system, and financing for entrepreneurs can spark one successful business startup after another. “You want to create that virtuous circle in this area,” Strome said. “Entrepreneurs are the people who solve the problems of the world, and that is going to continue.”

The Strome College of Business is undergoing a transformation, with entrepreneurship being incorporated into many facets of the curriculum, and the creation of new offerings such as ODU’s completely online M.B.A. program.

Vinod Agarwal, professor of economics and director of the Economic Forecasting Project at ODU who became interim dean after Gil Yochum retired July 1, said the immense and diverse business expertise of the Strome College of Business is a tremendous asset to the region. He added that he wants to better showcase what the college can do to help grow the economy, in line with the Strome entrepreneurial initiative.

The Strome Entrepreneurial Center will be the home for an innovative co-curricular program that will empower ODU students from any academic discipline to enroll in entrepreneurship courses and turn their passion into an enterprise. There are also plans for the center to coordinate a statewide student entrepreneurial competition, a series of speakers with a national profile in business, and a course that will be offered university-wide to help impart entrepreneurial spirit in students, whatever their chosen career goal.

Jim Lant, a 27-year veteran in private-sector enterprises who teaches management in the business college, has been appointed interim director of the Strome Entrepreneurial Center. “I suspect there are also students who don’t yet know that they are, indeed, cut out to be entrepreneurs and that this career choice is actually the best one for them,” Lant said.

The Strome Family Foundation donation has also spurred other donors to support entrepreneurial initiatives at ODU. Alumnus Lee Entsminger’s pledge will allow faculty fellows over four summers to attend the Price-Babson Symposium for Entrepreneurship Educators in Massachusetts. Also, Nancy Grden, general manager of Genomind, and founder of Avenir LLC, will support student entrepreneurs in their commercialization plans; alumnus Drew Ungvarsky, founder of multimedia design studio Grow Interactive, has pledged to support student entrepreneurial clubs; and alumna Marsha Hudgins, CEO of Hudgins Contracting Co., is financially supporting a women-entrepreneurs-in-business speaker series.

College of Continuing Education opens with Shaeffer as Founding Dean

Old Dominion University has a new dean and a new College of Continuing Education and Professional Development, envisioned as a primary source for advanced workforce development in Hampton Roads. James M. Shaeffer Sr. was named the dean of the new college and joined ODU in July. He comes from James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va., where he had been associate vice provost for outreach and engagement and an associate professor.

As founding dean, Shaeffer will help build a college designed to provide high-quality professional and personal educational opportunities for nontraditional and adult learners, including military-affiliated and career transition learners.



Shaeffer helped to create an outreach programs unit at JMU in 2005, first as a consultant and then as an associate dean. He became associate vice provost for outreach and engagement in 2007. The unit has focused on new online programs for teachers and workforce development, and on formal partnerships with school divisions as well as with businesses and industries in and near Harrisonburg.

Prior to JMU, Shaeffer held similar leadership posts in the Division of Continuing Education at the University of North Dakota (1996–2005) and at the University of Wyoming from 1990–96 and 1984–89.

“Dr. Shaeffer brings considerable experience in developing and sustaining successful programs for nontraditional learners. His expertise will be invaluable for the programmatic development of the new college,” said ODU Provost Carol Simpson.

The new dean said, “I am very excited about the opportunities that the position of the founding dean of the College of Continuing Education and Professional Development holds, not only for me, but also for ODU and the greater community. ... I see nothing but potential for very productive partnerships for ODU and the greater community.”

Shaeffer holds a doctoral degree in teaching-learning processes from Northwestern University, and master’s and bachelor’s degrees in elementary education from Kansas State University and Iowa State University, respectively.

Provost Simpson said the new college would assess student preferences and demand through regular, in-depth market surveys. It will foster and support the university’s existing continuing and professional education offerings and will develop and market new opportunities, to include non-credit workshops, conferences, seminars and certificates, as well as credit-based courses and interdisciplinary certificate programs – all in collaboration with ODU’s six academic colleges. Courses will include mainly online offerings, but will also include face-to-face and hybrid offerings.

Fenning Heading West *VP Oversaw Campus Expansion*

The goodbye video conceived and executed this summer by dozens of his colleagues at Old Dominion shows Robert L. “Bob” Fenning throwing around “money” as if he could print it. But that’s strictly ironic; the greenbacks were play money. (Use the QR code below to view the video.)

In fact, during his 18 years at ODU, most of it as vice president for administration and finance, Fenning became known for savvy oversight of resources, and he presided ably over a major campus growth spurt that began around the turn of the century.

Fenning left ODU in August to become vice president for administration and finance at California State University Dominguez Hills near Los Angeles. He said the move was influenced by his and his wife’s desire to live closer to a daughter on the West Coast.

Fenning came to Old Dominion in 1996, was named acting vice president in 2000 and was given the job a year later. He provided oversight to the University’s offices for budget, finance, information technology, auxiliary services, facilities management, construction, procurement and risk management, among many others.

“His collaborative leadership style, intelligence, strategic vision and dedication have served us well and will be missed,” said David F. Harnage, the university’s COO. “We wish him every success in this new phase of his career.”



Well Done Steve Daniel, Chronicler of ODU's Growth, Retires

When he retired in June, Steve Daniel wrapped up a career of almost 33 years as Old Dominion University's writer/editor extraordinaire. His most recent roles as editor of the university's online campus news publication, Inside ODU, and of the newsletter Community Connection that ODU distributes in neighborhoods around campus are only two of a dozen or more jobs he has held in communications and public relations departments on campus.

Daniel also edited *The Courier*, *Alumnews*, Old Dominion University magazine and *The State of the Region* annual report produced by ODU's Regional Studies Institute. He is writer of the popular *Then & Now* column in *Monarch* magazine, and is known, too, for his excellent photography, especially of flora and fauna on campus. As a hobby, he writes song lyrics and poems.

John R. Broderick, the ODU president, and James V. Koch, president emeritus and Board of Visitors Professor of Economics, have worked closely with Daniel and both praise his communication skills and personal integrity.

"I have worked with Steve for 20 years and never, ever saw him lose his temper," said Broderick, who in his former position as vice president for institutional advancement was Daniel's direct supervisor. "He is a remarkable wordsmith and his vast knowledge of everything involving Old Dominion and its history will be missed."

Added Koch, "Steve Daniel is a great guy – skilled, professional, timely and understanding. *The State of the Region* report (which Koch supervises) would never have appeared but for Steve."

Debbie White, senior associate athletic director, knows that Daniel is also very loyal to *Monarch* athletics. "We have been so fortunate to have worked with Steve throughout the years

in athletics. He not only provided our teams' great exposure through the campus and alumni publications, but he became an ardent fan as well. His knowledge of the University and loyalty will be missed."

Other editors who have worked with Daniel at ODU marvel at his way with words and knowledge of grammar.

"Like a surgeon with a laser, Steve is a meticulous craftsman with his green editing pen," said Janet Molinaro, publications editor in the Office of University Publications. "When Steve has edited a piece, there's no point in checking behind him. He's always right! I will miss the camaraderie of getting a second opinion and having Steve as a safety net for my mistakes."

Jim Raper, editor of *Monarch* magazine, said Daniel personifies some of the best attributes of our university – high-quality service with a smile, attention to detail and competitive spirit. "We will miss his steadiness, his institutional knowledge, his unsurpassed copy editing skills and his liberal contributions of wit and wisdom to our daily labors."

For his part, Daniel said, "Among the most positive changes I have witnessed at the university has been the growth and beautification of the campus. But even more important has been ODU's ever-increasing reputation when it comes to outstanding faculty, academic programs and students, as well as its ongoing commitment to having a diverse campus community. Through it all, I have been impressed by the hard work and dedication of many support staff members throughout the university."



O'HERRON RETIRES AS HEAD LIBRARIAN

Virginia S. O'Herron retired in June after more than 10 years as head of Old Dominion University Libraries. She presided over a time of technological advancement and physical growth, including the addition three years ago of the Learning Commons and Student Success Center to Perry Library. O'Herron joined ODU in 1993 as assistant university librarian for information services. She was promoted to associate university librarian in 2000 and became acting university librarian in 2002 before being named to the top job in 2004. George Fowler, who joined ODU in 2011 as associate university librarian for information resources and technology, was named interim university librarian.



TODAY'S STUDENT

'Star Teachers'

Hearts and Minds Propel Inner-City Classroom Program

By Jim Raper

Today, she is the energy behind a “star teacher” initiative that ODU launched in 2012 with P. B. Young Elementary School, which sits in the middle of Young Terrace, one of Norfolk’s last remaining postwar public housing communities. Select undergraduate and graduate students at ODU’s Darden School of Education are doing their pre-service teaching at Young Elementary – but the program into which they have enlisted is much more of a commitment than the traditional few months of practice teaching required of most teachers-to-be.

McKinney has long been a convert to the strategies laid out in Martin Haberman’s 1995 book “Star Teachers: The Ideology and Best Practices of Effective Teachers of Diverse Children and Youth in Poverty,” and she is the author herself of scholarly papers that dissect the “star teacher” ideal. Haberman’s 2005

SUEANNE MCKINNEY knows what it’s like to teach inner-city elementary school children who have a lot more on their minds than reading, writing and arithmetic. Many of these pupils deal with an everyday reality of poverty, fear for their safety and dozens of lesser diversions that diminish their focus on school.

But when McKinney was teaching in Norfolk public schools in the 1980s and ’90s, she began to notice that some urban classroom outcomes seemed to defy the odds. Standout teachers could, indeed, instill enthusiasm in their pupils, coaxing them to improve their performance in all subjects. Her curiosity about how to explain why some teachers produce such positive results in high-needs schools helped to propel her through graduate programs at Old Dominion University (M.S. ’91, Ph.D. ’00), and eventually onto the university’s education faculty.

updated text is the guiding tome for students who volunteer for the Young Elementary project.

Haberman is blunt in communicating his ideas, as McKinney noted, referring to a passage from the book that is one of her favorites: “Teaching in these situations is not a job, or even career. Dealing as it does with psychological as well as physical life and death, teaching in these situations is an extraordinary life experience – a volatile, highly charged, emotionally draining, physically exhausting experience for even the most competent, experienced teacher.”

Teachers in these situations must deal with youngsters who may be impulsive, aloof or aggressive because of what they experience in their homes or neighborhoods. They also may suffer from developmental delays and damage that cause them to associate the classroom





ODU members of the 'Star Teacher' team at Young Elementary (clockwise starting above): Jordan Levinson sits amidst preschoolers she has worked with as well as their teacher (back right) Denise Stublen-Lesko and the teacher's assistant (back left) Destiney Burrus; Erica Chaudoin (left rear) and Caitlin Hoffman meet up in the hallway with some of the pupils they have taught; Ashley Marquez and Afzana Grady in the classroom; and Shea Press with youngsters she taught. (Photos by Chuck Thomas)

with embarrassment and failure.

So why would 40 ODU students over the past few years volunteer for this mentally and physically exhausting experience? McKinney answers without hesitating, "Because for the right people it becomes a passion, and the rewards are so great. Passion sets in, and you know you are doing your life's work?"

"Star teachers," as McKinney describes them, are particularly engaging in the classroom, and in high-needs schools this means being aware of – and in tune with – the culture that shapes the children. These teachers know, for example, that children who have grown up in a subsidized housing community may have no conception of a "house with a two-car garage" that they read about in a book.

"These teachers are able to take all of the circumstances and problems – in fact, they expect problems – and are able to build meaningful, caring relations with their students, plan lessons that are culturally responsive and active, build on students' experiences, and create learning environments that highlight resilience and character," McKinney says. "These teachers never make excuses, but are guided to enrich the lives of all their students. Not all educators have the necessary ideology to meet the demands of this kind of setting,

and it is essential that we identify and prepare pre-service teachers to be successful in this type of environment."

McKinney also is proud of how her ODU students get involved with the community around Young Elementary. All of them venture out to meet parents and guardians. Some work with the school's cheerleading squad (raising money for cheering uniforms and to send some of the girls to a Washington Redskin Cheerleader Camp this past summer), and one led a drive to collect coats for children in the school.

The program got its start in the fall of 2012 when Samuel King, superintendent of Norfolk Public Schools; Linda Devitis, professor of teaching and learning at ODU and former dean of the Darden College of Education; Charlene Fleener, associate professor of teaching and learning at ODU; and Alana Balthazar, then-principal of Young Elementary, established a partnership.

Their primary goal was to attract and develop teachers for the city's high-needs schools. Their first task was to situate a Classroom Management – Practicum class at Young Elementary, under the guidance of McKinney, who is an associate professor of teaching and learning.

"The partnership between P.B. Young





ODU students Michael Duffey (left) and Maurice Cullen in the Young Elementary lunchroom with some of their pupils.

Elementary School and Old Dominion University has allowed many present and future educators to focus on the miracles that occur daily at our school, and not on the harsh realities of urban teaching,” says Balthazar, who was transferred to Norfolk’s Ingleside Elementary this summer. She and McKinney conducted a classroom tour last spring, during which she told the ODU professor: “These pre-service teachers are no longer just yours. We have become family at P.B. Young.”

Norfolk City Manager Marcus Jones served as Principal of the Day at Young Elementary last spring and had the opportunity to see the program in action. “The partnership between ODU and P.B. Young has given future teachers the ability to gain experience in urban settings,” Jones says. “ODU students are choosing to teach in Norfolk Public Schools following graduation. Dr. McKinney’s class is essential to Norfolk’s schools and I commend her work to develop quality teachers here in Norfolk.”

The Norfolk Education Foundation recognized ODU’s and McKinney’s work at Young Elementary with an A+ Community Partner Rookie Achievement Award for 2014.

So far, about 15 students in the “star teacher” program have gone to work for high-needs schools, mostly in Norfolk, or have committed to do so. McKinney says that number is high considering the hurdles, such as those expressed by her master’s student Maurice Cullen.

“In my future job search, inner-city schools were to be the plan B, the last resort, a temporary gig until I found a ‘good’ school that was willing to take me in,” Cullen confesses.

He says he didn’t really know what he was getting in to with the “star teacher” program. Then came his first day at Young Elementary. “Driving through the neighborhood, I gripped the steering wheel tightly. Walking up to the elementary school door, I nearly turned around three times, ready to quit before even beginning. Luckily, I didn’t quit. What I found within these doors, nestled in this hidden community of Norfolk, was a school whose faculty focused strongly on the development of the children’s lives. These kids . . . need to know someone cares and being able to fulfill this need has made me more excited to enter the teaching profession than any other experience I have ever had.”

Ashley Marquez said her friends advised her against pre-service undergraduate training at Young Elementary, but she was so pleased by that experience that she asked to be sent back to the school for a graduate studies practicum.

“I was originally assigned to Taylor Elementary (one of the most prestigious public schools in Norfolk) for my graduate practicum, but requested the change. Crazy, right? The thing is, even if I told some people why I chose a different assignment, they wouldn’t understand it, unless they experienced it for themselves. Working in the urban school is not for everybody. And while I know this may sound cliché, sometimes you just feel it in your heart when something is for you. Despite the school’s location, I have absolutely fallen in love with the environment at P.B. Young Elementary. I am always greeted with warmth, the children need me, and the teachers thank me for my help,” Marquez says.

“Some of the children have felt more heartache and endured struggles by the third grade that many others haven’t felt or suffered in their entire lives. When I am there, I am able to see the difference that I make in the children and it makes my heart dance.”

Pupils 'were so resilient and driven to learn'



I would recommend this class to any student who is interested in becoming a teacher in any type of environment, not just a Title I (high-needs) school, because it provides you with an opportunity to gain more experience and to discover what type of teacher you want to be. I am truly thankful for the experiences that I have gained at P.B. Young Sr. Elementary School and the knowledge that Dr. McKinney has instilled in me.

*-Brittany Anderson,
master's student*



Throughout my practicum, I was able to gain an understanding of the troubles that students in urban schools experience, and really got to know the students in my classroom, who greeted me every day with hugs and stories about their weekend. My cooperating teacher was also amazing; she worked so well with the students, and taught me how to be a "star teacher" in an urban school.

*-Erica Chaudoin,
master's student*



As my time came to a close, I was able to see one of the (kindergarten) students who I was working with read his first book to me. Needless to say, I was completely overjoyed. Old Dominion University is doing wonderful things by sending teacher prep students over to P.B. Young. Many of the P.B. Young students look up to the ODU students as role models. I will never forget the experience.

*-Michael Duffey,
master's student*



Completing my undergraduate and graduate practicum at P.B. Young took me on a roller coaster ride of emotions, but I enjoyed every minute of it. Things my students were going through at home would break my heart to where I would drive home in tears, but when I saw that they were so resilient and driven to learn, that is what inspired me and still does to this day: to be the best teacher I can be for my students.

*-Caitlin Hoffman,
2014 master's graduate*



ODU faculty member Sueanne McKinney (center rear) with Young Elementary Principal Alana Balthazar.

BOOKS

Have a Screaming Newborn? Consult This New E-book

Even though she is a pediatrician, Dr. Natasha Raja (M.S. '96) found herself flustered by the demands of parenting soon after her first child was born. "In my sleep-deprived state, with my own screaming newborn, I needed some reassurance myself!" she said. "I looked for a good guidebook and discovered that many of them were outdated, often written years earlier with recommendations that had changed since that time."

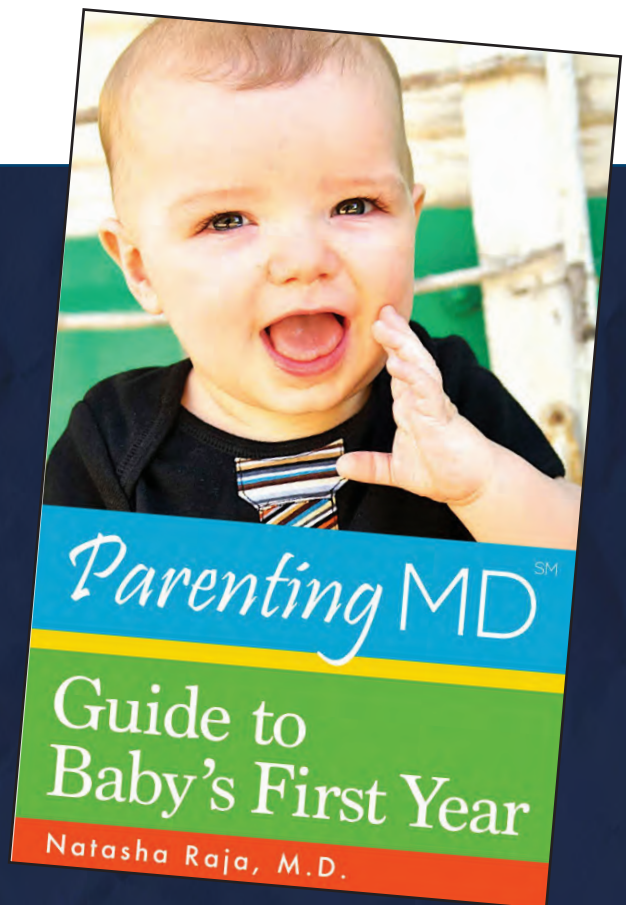
So she wrote a new guide herself, "Parenting MD: Guide to Baby's First Year," which was published as an e-book earlier this year and is available via Amazon.com.

Those who purchase the e-book can be assured that its digital formatting will make it easy to navigate, and that the author will not allow the text to fall out-of-date. She will provide free electronic updates as research continues to change and expand what physicians know about keeping infants healthy and thriving.

Raja drew on a remarkable store of experience to write this guide to newborn care. The daughter of a Singapore Airlines pilot, she was born in Tappahannock, Va., where her mother's family lived, but spent almost all of her first 12 years in Singapore. "My love for medicine was initially sparked by a visit to a refugee camp on the Afghani border of Pakistan as a child. It then grew into an understanding that we are all a part of this global community and we can give something back."

At Eastern Virginia Medical School and during her residency at Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters in Norfolk, she volunteered with Physicians for Peace, Partners for Health and Operation Smile in Thailand, Haiti, Barbuda, Nepal, Kenya and Jordan. When she finished her pediatric training in Hampton Roads she took a locum tenens (traveling physician) job and landed on California's central coast, where she still lives.

"I fell in love with the area and found an opportunity to start a pediatric hospitalist program here in San Luis Obispo, so I never left," she said. "I then fell in love with my husband, a California native, and we are raising our two girls here just a stone's throw from the beach. I now run on California beaches instead of Virginia Beach. The water is much colder though!"



Raja's e-book has been praised for providing quick access to helpful information about feeding, sleeping, development and common ailments, as well as a glossary of terms and conditions. It utilizes the technology of the electronic format for portability and ease of navigation, with links to useful resources within the book and online.

"You won't find gimmicks, guilt or invented vaccine schedules in my book," she said. "It has recommendations based on real science. That is the only way parents can truly make educated decisions on what is right for their family."

Raja, who blogs at ParentingMD.com, said she has seen the dangers of outdated and inaccurate medical recommendations in her hospital and office practices as well as in her volunteer work overseas. The real risks and potential benefits of everything from naturopathic teething treatments to home remedies for colds are accessible in her book.

She said her experience at ODU helped determine her career path. "After completing my undergraduate degree at the University of Virginia, I was uncertain if medical school was still the right path for me. I entered the master's program in biomedical sciences at ODU because the subjects were many of the same covered in medical school, and the close ties with EVMS allowed me to get involved in both communities. Thanks to my anatomy course with Dr. Ralph Stevens (associate professor of biological sciences), my first year of medical school anatomy was a breeze! I think even today I could still identify all of the hand bones by feeling blindly for them in a bag."



Food Lovers Tempt Taste Buds With Virginia Culinary Guide

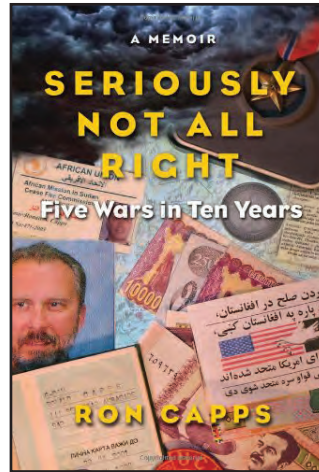
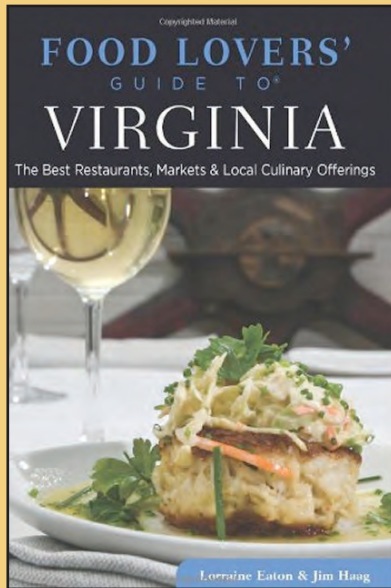
Lorraine Eaton '86 (M.F.A. '99) food writer for The Virginian-Pilot in Hampton Roads (see “An Arbiter of Good Taste,” Monarch, Fall 2012), and Jim Haag, the newspaper’s features editor, are dedicated foodies who were up to the chore of writing this well-researched, but necessarily subjective guide to Virginia eats.

Pick most any section of the commonwealth, from the Eastern Shore to the Blue Ridge Highlands, and the authors will tell you where to find superior restaurants, specialty stores, farmers’ markets and wineries. (The Washington, D.C., suburbs are not covered; that’s another book.)

The authors may not be out on a limb with their “Landmarks” listings of old favorites, including Coastal Grill in Virginia Beach, Virginia Diner in Wakefield, Mama Zu and Millie’s Diner in Richmond, The Inn at Little Washington up north and the Sisters at the Martha dining room in Abingdon’s Martha Washington Inn. Still, you have to appreciate just how thorough their report is on traditional go-to restaurants and markets.

Just as importantly, “Food Lovers’ Guide to Virginia” has many dozen entries for establishments that aren’t yet “Landmarks,” but may be soon. The Bier Garden in Portsmouth is among the “Foodie Faves” anointed by the authors, as are Fat Canary in Williamsburg, Restaurant Pomme in Gordonsville and Bang! in Charlottesville.

For Monarch nation, the book recommends plenty of restaurants near the Old Dominion campus, such as Handsome Biscuit at 2511 Colonial Ave. for a sweet-potato biscuit stuffed with fried chicken, bacon, cheddar and red-eye gravy; Luna Maya at 2010 Colley Ave. for taquitos con carnitas; The Public House at 1112 Colley Ave. for Norfolkhattan cocktails and tempura asparagus spears; and Small’s Smokehouse and Oyster Bar at 2700 Hampton Blvd. for steamed oysters and vinegar-sauced pork barbecue.



“Seriously Not All Right: Five Wars in Ten Years.” By Ron Capps '85

A memoir written by a military intelligence officer and foreign service observer, this book provides hauntingly vivid accounts of the horrors of war and their effects on the men and women who find themselves in the midst of a world gone mad. Capps was on the battlefields of Kosovo, Central Africa, Afghanistan, Iraq and Darfur, and his experiences with the carnage, and with the tests of his own courage, left him struggling with post-traumatic stress disorder. To monitor his emotional condition he created a scale that ranged from “all right” to “seriously not all right,” which gave him the title of the book. More recently, Capps has been a teacher and he founded the Veterans Writing Project in Washington, D.C.

“Women Who Shaped the World.”

By Dawn D. Boyer (Ph.D. '13)

Boyer, who received a Ph.D. in education/occupational and technical studies and is a social media marketing consultant in Hampton Roads, worked on this book as part of her doctoral studies. Altogether, she says, she invested 10 years in the project. The 550-page book is a collection of short biographies of famous and not-so-famous women

who were firsts, or known for something unique, in education, activism, politics, science, math, engineering, writing and the arts. The subjects range from author Jane Austen to educator Evelyn Nielsen Wood. Boyer includes resource lists so that readers can do their own research about the women profiled in the book.

“The Sino-Soviet Alliance: An International History.” By Austin Jersild

In 1950, the Soviet Union and the People’s Republic of China signed a Treaty of Friendship, Alliance and Mutual Assistance designed to promote economic and educational cooperation between the two countries. But the alliance never really jelled, and it is the contention of Jersild, an associate professor of history at ODU, that the Chinese were put off by the domineering behavior and overarching imperialism of the Soviets. Interestingly, the author also describes how the U.S.S.R.’s allies in Central Europe were as frustrated by the “great power chauvinism” of the Soviet Union as was China.





ou can call them gifts of inspiration, ah-hah moments, personal epiphanies, the sharing of enlightenment.

Often, they are powerful reminders of the creativity, resilience and innovation of humans. These defining moments happen every day on the campus of Old Dominion University, usually during the exchange of knowledge, ideas and encouragement between faculty and students. But the general public can share in these magic moments, as well. Each year, many dozens of lectures, exhibits and performances on campus are open to anyone who wants to tap into the campus' intellectual ferment. These opportunities include visits by some of the nation's and world's leading thinkers and most celebrated artists. To emphasize these open-to-the-public events, we have a calendar (see page 27) that looks to the future, as well as 10 first-person accounts of thought-provoking and inspiring public happenings at ODU during the past year.



10 TIMES *Inspired* COUNT THE REASONS TO COME TO CAMPUS

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Coastal Resiliency Research on Grand Scale

Sitting in the crowded Big Blue Room of the Ted Constant Convocation Center on June 30, I couldn't help but be proud of the Climate Change and Sea Level Rise Initiative that ODU President John Broderick began in 2010. I worked closely with the group that launched the initiative and I can say that ODU's direct involvement in coastal resiliency has moved from humble beginnings to a grand scale.

The event June 30 that brought 400 people, including news reporters from The Washington Post and media throughout Virginia, was a bipartisan production of U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine called "Rising to the Challenge." Its purpose was to push aside political differences so that clear heads can decide how coastal communities can and should react to sea level rise. The fact that three local mayors and three Congressmen representing southeastern Virginia also were present (half of them Democrats and half Republicans) shows that flood mitigation is high on the political agenda.

Neither politicians nor the public were particularly focused on sea level rise four years ago when President Broderick started his initiative. His mandate then called not only for ODU engineers, scientists and risk management specialists to give specific attention to mounting threats of coastal flooding, but also for the university's communication experts to study how to draw attention to the issue.

In those four years, the initiative has sponsored several major public events that delved into sea level rise as a local – and a worldwide – problem. The movement at ODU has evolved into the recent launch of a well-staffed Mitigation and Adaptation Research Institute that goes by the name MARI. And ODU is leading a pilot project, supported by the White House, that is formulating an all-levels-of-government response template for coastal communities facing rising waters.

In other words, ODU has shown in the past few years just how well it can engage with the community to tackle a matter of great importance. At that June 30 forum, Rep. Scott Rigell from Virginia's 2nd District said he was not surprised that the event was hosted by ODU. "It's clear that ODU is uniquely qualified to deal with the issue" of sea level rise, he said.

-Jim Raper, Monarch magazine editor



President John Broderick (right) with Congressmen Rigell, Bobby Scott and Rob Wittman at "Rising to the Challenge."



Heroic Lad Leads the Band

It's hard to find a warmer story than the one that unfolded on a November Saturday last year when the university showed its heart and its spirit to young Ben Goldberg.

Ben is a Virginia Beach lad who is doing a great job of fighting a rare form of cancer. He is also a huge Michael Jackson fan.

President John Broderick's son Matt is a friend of Ben's family, which led to Ben being invited to a football game just a few months after he had undergone grueling chemotherapy. Ben participated in the pregame coin toss and received an autographed football from ODU Coach Bobby Wilder. Then at half-time, I was lucky enough to have Ben join me on the raised platform I stand on when conducting.

Conducting with Ben was by far the most rewarding thing I had done in a long time. It's hard to remember the power that music can have in people's lives. Watching Ben made us all – band members included – remember that, while we sometimes may take for granted the chances we get to make music, what we do can inspire someone beyond even our own imagination. I'm glad we had a chance to share with Ben that day – and for what he shared with us.

He was eager to get the music started. He seems to be a born performer and, besides, the selection we wanted to perform with him was Michael Jackson's "Thriller."

-Alex Trevino, director, ODU Monarchs Marching Band





She Takes Over the Stage

I had seen her around – I started out as a theatre student myself. But I didn't really know her. Then last fall, I was working on an assignment for David Mallin's documentary class. I was shooting video of the ODU theatre production of "The Mystery of Edwin Drood." That's when I realized she was an awesome actor.

India Tyree is her name.

She played a character in "Drood" who reacts a lot with the audience. You may remember, the audience votes to decide who the killer is. It was very funny. I loved her British accent. Even though I was working, she was so good she made me want to put the camera down and pay more attention to the content.

In the spring I shot more video of the children's play written and directed by Jenifer Alonzo (assistant professor of theatre and communication) called "Tuk in the Arctic." India Tyree plays Tuk, the dog who is the lead character. Again, she just takes over the stage. She does this thing with her butt, wagging her tail, and the kids just love it.

For this play, too, she reacts with the audience. It's amazing how she gets the kids to react. I know if you're an actor your job is to be able to play a role, to adapt. But she does it so well. She told me when I interviewed her that she's been acting in plays at schools and church since she was a small child, and that playing a dog really tested her ability to adapt. She said she had to interact with her own dog to get the feel of it.

(India Tyree was recognized for her acting in "The Mystery of Edwin Drood" by the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival.)

-Christopher Stancil, senior communication major from Bridgeport, Conn.



'Indiana Jones of Entomology'

I first met Mark Moffett when I was a senior at Beloit College in Wisconsin in 2008. He was invited to visit campus (our joint alma mater) to be awarded the Roy Chapman Andrews Society Distinguished Explorer Award. I didn't know that "explorer" could still be a job title! I went to hear his lecture and have lunch with him, and was positively star-struck to hear about his adventures traveling around the world, his important research in conservation, and his incredible science outreach. (National Geographic magazine, to which he has contributed photographs, has called him "the Indiana Jones of entomology.")

Since then he has been a bit of a personal hero of mine. I was delighted at the opportunity to bring Dr. Moffett to ODU and share his pioneering work and his passion for nature with our campus community this past spring for the annual Lytton Musselman Natural History Lecture. More than 400 people heard his lecture and saw his award-winning photographs of ants. As he has done during frequent guest appearances on "The Colbert Report" and "Late Night with Conan O'Brien," Moffett (now a research associate at the Smithsonian Institution) alternated throughout his talk between humor and serious entomological and sociological commentary.

He is an inspiration to me because he conducts fascinating research all over the world as an entomologist focusing on the study of ants, and has worked hard to break science free of the ivory tower. His work has shown me that science is more than a job; it is a passion.

Dr. Moffett and I share an abiding love of nature, and a love of



teaching others about the miraculous life forms that are often overlooked. My research has in some ways mirrored his – although I have never considered myself an entomologist, my Ph.D. research focuses on the biogeography of hitchhiking organisms, with a focus on ticks. My career has taken me around the world, and I am currently planning my first research expedition to South America.

Dr. Moffett has taught me that the littlest animals, like ants or ticks, can sometimes have the biggest stories to tell.

-Robyn Nadolny, Ph.D. student in biological sciences from Milwaukee, Wis.





Personal Take on U.S. Immigration



While immigration is a frequent, and often toxic, debate topic in the United States, it is seldom discussed at the personal level because few of us have experienced it ourselves.

But Jose Vargas has.

When I first found out Old Dominion University's President's Lecture Series would play host to the celebrated journalist and undocumented immigrant, I thought it would make for an interesting, yet predictable, evening given the speaker's activist agenda.

I was wrong.

Vargas boiled immigration reform down to its human foundation, peppering serious discussion with often-humorous stories from his own experience as a child immigrant from the Philippines who discovered years later, as a fully Americanized teenager, that he was brought here illegally. To that, he added the tales of others he has met from various ethnicities and walks of life, who are living and working under the constant specter of discovery and deportation.

To say he framed the issue in a totally new way for me is a grave understatement. By taking this approach, Vargas successfully muted the political vitriol that frequently swirls around the issue and reminded everyone there are many sides to consider and countless lives being affected – not just along the U.S./Mexico border.

-Jon Cawley, ODU media relations



Trailblazing Woman in Sports

Two decades ago, I would have given anything for a career like Christine Brennan's.

In 1988, as a Washington Post reporter, she had become the first woman to cover the Redskins. A few years later, I was an aspiring sportswriter, and I vividly remember reading Brennan's breathtakingly detailed reporting of the Nancy Kerrigan-Tonya Harding ice skating soap opera before the 1994 Winter Olympics in Lillehammer, Norway. The opportunity to go around the world, for a job, to write stories about the world's great sporting events, seemed like a dream for a young journalism graduate.

As careers twist and turn, mine ultimately led me from my native Canada to Virginia, and a job in public relations at Old Dominion University. I attended Brennan's President's Lecture Series address March 4 in my capacity as a public relations officer for ODU.

However, in one of those twists and turns, my job now includes teaching sport media

in the sport management program at Old Dominion University. It brought me extra joy to see my students, especially my female students, be so inspired by the trailblazing Brennan. Two of my students, Nia Copeland and Caitlin Walsh, had an opportunity to meet with Brennan beforehand, at a reception hosted by President John R. Broderick.

Both students, who aspire to work in communications, were thrilled with the opportunity to meet with the media legend, who asked the students as many questions as were asked of her.

"This was one of my best nights of the semester," Walsh, an ODU Lady Monarchs field hockey player, said to me afterward.

And my students didn't even need to turn in an assignment. Inspiration was enough of a learning lesson.

-Brendan O'Hallarn, ODU media relations





At 88, His Creativity Is Boundless

I'm not a musician and, frankly, I was nervous about the interview I had scheduled in ODU's Diehn Center for the Performing Arts with the legendary John Duffy. He has won two Emmys and is widely regarded as one of America's most accomplished and versatile composers of music for operas, musical theater, cinema and television. At 88, he still has abundant creative energy, enough to hold the rapt attention of the talented young people who come each spring to his John Duffy Composers Institute at ODU.

The 10th annual institute, stretching over two weeks in May and held in conjunction with the Virginia Arts Festival, included opportunities for the public to hear music that Duffy's tutelage had inspired. But, as I learned, Duffy has a lot more to offer than just scores and songs. I happened to interview him just before he started a lecture on Shakespeare for the institute's six fellows. I asked if I could listen in, and he said I could.

I quickly learned that Duffy's creativity is boundless. I've written a little poetry and fiction, so I could appreciate how insights he shares with lyricists and composers of musical theater could also be valuable for creative writers to hear. Or, for readers of creative writing to hear. In other words, he has something to say to anyone interested in creative arts.

For example, in *Hamlet*, Shakespeare shows masterful trust in his imagination and ability to "stretch the drama," Duffy told us. The ghost of Hamlet's father is an imaginative touch. "Perhaps in wanting to be realistic we don't let enough ghosts into our work, not enough magic," he said. And in *Hamlet*, the ghost also helps to stretch the drama. "So the ghost of his father appears to Hamlet (early in the play) and tells him, 'Your uncle killed me.' Hamlet goes and gets his sword and kills the uncle. Bam, the play is over. No, no, no. Shakespeare needed to stretch the drama." The fact that it is a ghost who incriminates the uncle "makes Hamlet cautious. How can he be sure?" So the play goes on.

His lecture veered suddenly to the recent popular film, "*American Hustle*," and those of us around the table with Duffy were not sure at first what the connection was. He referred to a scene in which the hustlers of the movie's title seem to be trapped by a mobster who unexpectedly begins speaking Arabic and seems sure to expose the hustlers' "sheik," who is actually a Mexican-American. "Here we are on tenterhooks when this guy, who is probably from Chicago, starts speaking Arabic." Then the fake sheik mutters a few lines he has memorized and the scheme is saved. The hustle goes on. "It was delightful," Duffy says of the dramatic energy that rages one minute and then is gone, so that the story can continue.

-Jim Raper, *Monarch* magazine editor

ODU Chemists Reach Out to Boy Scouts



On a chilly Saturday in March, dozens of Boy Scouts descended upon the ODU campus for what has become a twice-a-year tradition. Faculty, staff and students in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry volunteer to help the scouts get the experiences they need to earn chemistry merit badges. Since the program started in 2010, more than 350 youngsters have qualified for the badges because of this ODU science outreach.

The spring 2014 visit by the Boy Scouts was special because it came just a few weeks after an article about the program had been published by *inChemistry* magazine of the American Chemical Society (ACS). The article headlined "Fun, Fire, and Food: How We Help Local Boy Scouts Earn Their Chemistry Merit Badges" was written by Marie Melzer, a lecturer in chemistry at ODU and the faculty adviser for the ACS student chapter, together with Kaleigh Wiley, a chemistry major who is a former president of the student chapter.

So, I wondered, how do you keep boys interested in chemistry during a long day of lectures, lab experiences and so forth? "You make it fun," Melzer told me. On that Saturday, the participants witnessed experiments in which liquids change colors, glow in the dark and give off smoke. There was a cupcake display in the form of the periodic table of elements. And a demonstration in which liquid nitrogen was used to make perfectly safe – and darned good – ice cream.

But serious instruction was woven into the day, as well. The scouts were allowed to conduct their own experiments, but only after they had been fitted with the proper goggles, plastic gloves and other protective gear.

Joe Colby, the merit badge counselor for Troop 256 in the Three Rivers District of the Tidewater Council of the Boy Scouts, explained in commentary he volunteered to *inChemistry* magazine that scouts always come away with a "positive impact" from the ODU chemistry team. "The boys see the college students in a casual learning environment, and learning becomes easy and non-threatening."

As for Melzer and Wiley, they summed up each outreach session as "insanely fun, educational, crazy and rewarding," and added, "While we are honored to provide the requirements for the Boy Scouts to earn their merit badge, the ACS undergraduates are also served by the opportunity to teach others and enthuse the younger generation about chemistry."

-Jim Raper, *Monarch* magazine editor



Declaring a Cultural Manifesto

Attending my first ODU International Festival (March 30, 2014) was quite the experience for me. It is not just a delightful and diversified performance, but also a cultural manifesto that the performers wish to declare through their bodies and hearts.



Nowadays, we all wear similar clothes and have similar food, regardless of where we come from. Indeed, globalization turns the world into a village, but meanwhile makes the differences among people less. People don't always have opportunities to practice and share their own cultures. On the other hand, my cultural experience also tells me that after moving abroad, one might start to understand better the culture of one's home country. This may sound ironic, but true. When explaining my Chinese culture to people from different backgrounds, I have had the chance to rethink many things that I had taken for granted. Likewise, at the ODU International Festival, the performers' visions of their own cultures might have been broadened in the process of preparing the show.

President Jimmy Carter once said, "We become not a melting pot but a beautiful mosaic. Different people, different beliefs, different yearnings, different hopes, different dreams." The International Festival is just such a beautiful mosaic, and every performer and audience add their own colors and textures.

-Suping Li, associate principal, Hanbury, Evans, Wright, Vlattas + Company, Norfolk



Truly Somebody Special

In more than 30 years as a television journalist, I have interviewed hundreds of people with fascinating stories to tell, and I'm always pleased when my work as military affairs reporter with WVEC brings me to my alma mater, Old Dominion University. Last November on the campus, I had an opportunity to interview an individual I'll long remember, Sal Giunta.

Though Giunta says he was just a "soldier doing his job," his story is one of extraordinary gallantry. The actions he took on Oct. 25, 2007, in Afghanistan, charging a line of Taliban insurgents through the middle of a gunfight to rescue a comrade being carried away by the enemy, made him America's first living Medal of Honor recipient since the Vietnam War.

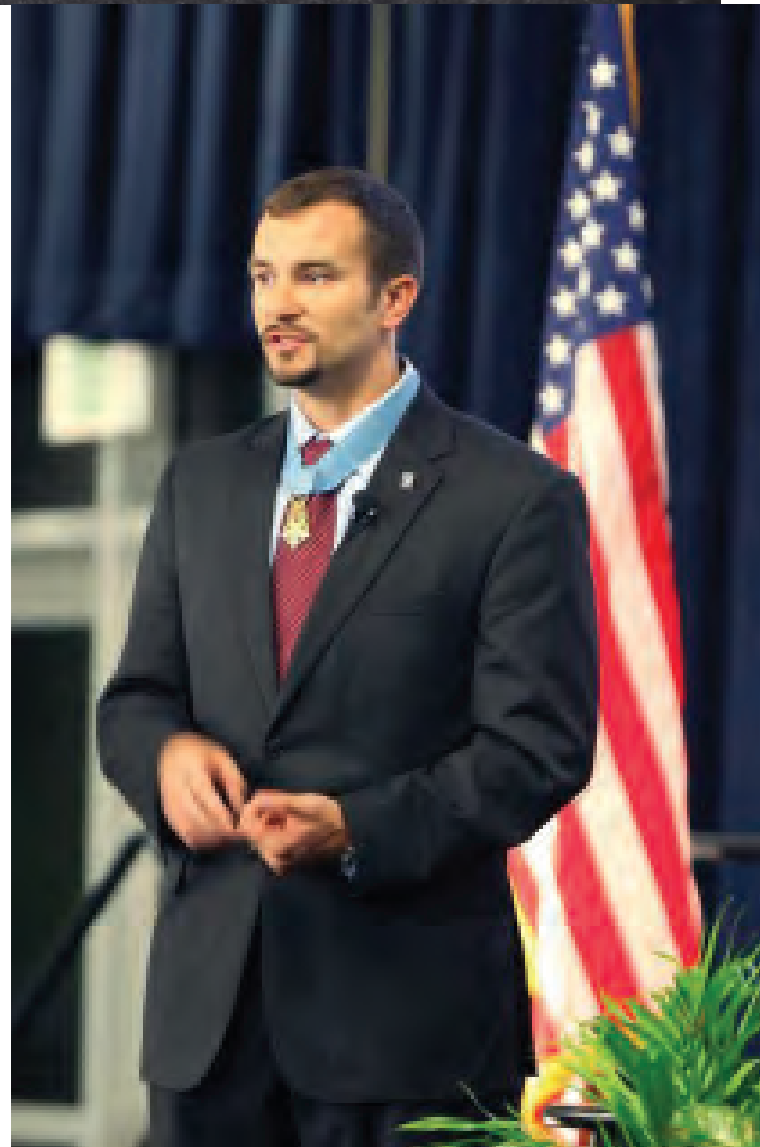
His speech at ODU was moving and inspiring. But what I remembered more than Giunta's address was the incredible humility of this everyday hero.

My job as a television reporter typically involves tight deadlines, and many last-minute requests. We arrived on campus knowing that there was some question whether Giunta's publicist would even make him available, since his visit to campus was so time-limited.

Not only did Giunta make accommodations for us, we ended up shadowing him for most of his visit to the ODU campus, where he had lunch with ROTC cadets, and was overwhelmingly gracious with his time and his insights.

"I am nobody special," were the first words out of Giunta's mouth during his address to a capacity crowd that night. Respectfully, I couldn't disagree more.

-Mike Gooding '82, WVEC-TV reporter



Upcoming Campus Events

Listed below are some of the lectures, exhibits and performances that will be free and open to the public on the Old Dominion University campus in the next several months. Many more events, including stage plays, concerts and dance recitals, require the purchase of modestly priced tickets. For more complete listings of informational and entertaining events on campus, see the main ODU Calendar at <http://www.odu.edu/calendar#> and the Arts Calendar at <http://www.odu.edu/life/culture/arts/events>.

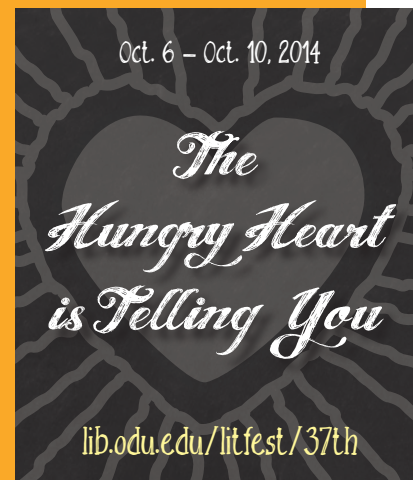
October

6-10 37th Annual ODU Literary Festival "The Hungry Heart Is Telling You." Highlights: President's Lecture Series with celebrity chef and author Jeff Henderson, Oct. 7, 7:30 p.m., North Mall, Webb University Center; foreign correspondent and author Annia Ciezadlo speaking Oct. 8, 7:30 p.m., Chandler Recital Hall; poet Nikky Finney speaking Oct. 10, 4 p.m., Chandler Recital Hall; and poet and essayist Jane Hirshfield speaking Oct. 10, 7:30 p.m., Chandler Recital Hall. (For full details see <http://www.lib.odu.edu/litfest>).

11-March 15 Out of the Vault: Seldom-seen and Unseen Treasures from the Self-taught Collection, Baron and Ellin Gordon Self-taught Gallery, regular gallery hours, see <http://al.odu.edu/art/gallery/about.shtml>.

18-Nov. 30 Shaped Polarities: Works by Fiona Ross and Alan Rosenbaum, Changing Gallery, Baron and Ellin Gordon Art Galleries, regular gallery hours.

24, 26, 30, Nov. 1 Opera and ODU Orchestra. Mozart's "Cosi Fan Tutte," University Theatre, 8 p.m. except Oct. 26 at 2 p.m.



November

4 Collegium Musicum, Madrigal Singers, Sackbut Ensemble and Viola da Gamba Consort, Chandler Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

18 ODU Percussion Ensemble directed by David Walker, Chandler Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

19 ODU New Music Ensemble directed by Andrey Kasparov, Chandler Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

24 ODU Brass Choir directed by Mike Hall, Chandler Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

December

2 ODU Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Choir, Chandler Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

6-14 Fall Senior Artists Show, Changing Gallery, Baron and Ellin Gordon Art Galleries.

7 Holiday Concert by ODU Symphony Orchestra directed by Paul Kim and ODU Wind Ensemble directed by Dennis Zeisler, University Theatre, 3 p.m.

January

17-March 8 The World Outside: Works by Ryan Schneider and Matthew Fisher, Baron and Ellin Gordon Art Galleries, regular gallery hours.

February

8 ODU Symphony Orchestra, Atrium of F. Ludwig Diehn Center for the Performing Arts, 3 p.m.

22 ODU Wind Ensemble, Atrium of F. Ludwig Diehn Center for the Performing Arts, 3 p.m.

March

2 ODU Brass Choir, Chandler Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

28-April 26 Student Juried Show, Changing Gallery, Baron and Ellin Gordon Art Galleries, regular gallery hours.

29 ODU Symphony Orchestra, Atrium of F. Ludwig Diehn Center for the Performing Arts, 3 p.m.



Matchmaker



Make Me

Matchmaking Entrepreneur Paul Brunson '97 Wants to Help You Realize Your Dreams

BY BRIAN CITIZEN '10

“Paul the Plumber” doesn’t have much of a ring to it. However, if Paul Carrick Brunson '97 had taken the advice of one of his high school counselors, he would have pursued a trade instead of graduating with honors from Old Dominion University and earning an M.B.A. from Georgetown University.

Ironically, the New York native and current Washington, D.C., resident has managed to develop expertise in installation, maintenance and repair -- but of the relational sort. In the last four years Brunson has become internationally recognized as one of the foremost matchmakers and relationship experts in the world.

During that time, Brunson has amassed a social network of more than 200,000 people, a top influence rating in his industry and over \$1 million in earned revenue. He has been featured in more than 168 major media outlets around the world.

He has been dubbed the “Modern Day Hitch” and received the coveted stamp of approval

from Oprah Winfrey by appearing on two of her shows, “Lovetown USA” and “SoulPancake.” He has also been on the receiving end of Oprah’s encouraging words: “Paul is more than a matchmaker; he is a life coach.” In fact, the OneDegreeFrom.Me matchmaking and lifestyles coaching service he founded four years ago has evolved into a multifaceted consulting business described in his website: PaulCBrunson.com.

Brunson navigated career crossroads on many occasions before Oprah’s words rang true. He started a series of businesses, including a software company and a specialty magazine, after quitting an analyst position at Wheat First Butcher Singer (now Wells Fargo



Photos courtesy of Paul Brunson

A man in a dark suit is performing on a stage in a club-like setting. He is holding a microphone and gesturing with his hands. The background is dimly lit with warm, yellow and orange lights. There are people visible on a balcony or upper level in the background. The overall atmosphere is that of a live performance or event.

Matchmaker

A Match

Photo by Don Napoleon

Securities). When all his businesses failed, he rebounded with a position in the Washington, D.C., office of Kaplan Inc., the educational services company.

While at Kaplan, Brunson was inspired to develop Level-Ten, a nonprofit aimed at offering STEM-focused academic services to children in low-income households. After Brunson's idea was rejected by Kaplan and others, a Turkish firm offered him investment capital in exchange for managing its U.S. academic investments.

During his work with the target market for his nonprofit, Brunson's focus shifted to an opportunity that made matchmaking a realistic career option – strengthening the nuclear family.

His autobiographical book, "It's Complicated (But Doesn't Have to Be): A Modern Guide to Finding and Keeping Love," has opened new avenues to advance Brunson's quest to create hope. The book has recently been optioned for film by a major movie studio. Brunson has the opportunity to co-executive produce a television show this year as well.

Monarch magazine conducted a phone interview with Brunson:

Q Given your admitted lack of commitment to academics at the time, but taking

into account your current success, what do you think your high school counselor should have advised?

A I would have looked at the fact that I was very consistent and successful in certain things. For example, I was in love with the junior ROTC program. I excelled in it all four of my years and became a high-ranking officer in the program. So just looking at my performance in that highly structured, highly disciplined environment, would've been helpful in advising me. If my counselor had talked to some of the folks in the athletic department, she would have discovered that the folks there said I had great athletic ability.

Q You graduated with honors from ODU; what were the biggest contributors to this turnaround?

A There were definitely some big things. Number One, honestly, was reading the book "Why Should White Guys Have All the Fun" by Reginald Lewis. It was the light bulb moment that led to the turnaround. Secondly, I started recreating the disciplined and structured environment that worked for me in the past, which involved eating better,

working out, and allocating time for school and studying. The most reassuring thing was seeing what the discipline was yielding, even if it was as minimal as going to the gym for three months and my biceps were bigger. Something as small as that showed me that you put the work in and get the results.

Another major driver was my girlfriend, who is now my wife (Jill Cobbs '97). She was serious about school and I was serious about her, so I knew in order for her to be serious about me, I had to get serious about school.

Next was my family. In a weird way I felt like I lived a double life. You know that you are clearly deviating from what your parents raised you to do, and they wouldn't be happy or proud of what you are doing, but then when you get on the phone with them, you switch it back to, "Oh yes, I'm great, I am doing all the right things." When you see them on a weekend or the holiday, you switch back into that "good boy" mode and I didn't want to live a double life.

The last driver I'll mention is joining a Big Brother-Big Sister program. My little brother at the time was 8 years old. All of the things that you try to guide an 8-year-old to do, you have to show them. From eating healthy to studying or reading – whatever it may be – kids will do what they see.



Q How have changes made during that turnaround period carried over into your careers in investment banking, nonprofit work and now matchmaking?

A It is all about discipline and being entrepreneurial. Most of my career has been very entrepreneurial. What I've realized is that persistence, consistency and stick-to-itiveness are all ingredients for success. There are a lot of researchers now who study success. I find it fascinating that many years ago people used to equate success to IQ. Then, they equated success to talent. Now, the top researchers of our time equate success to grit and the unwillingness to surrender. That is something that I learned in college, applied and saw how it works. Talent is overrated; hard work is underrated.

Q Your impressive book reveals one leap of faith after another. What has been your most rewarding risk?

A Definitely becoming a matchmaker. It's been the most rewarding because it was the one time in my life where I did things completely different. I did not create a business plan like I did in all my past entrepreneurial adventures. It was the one idea that wasn't logical. It was the one idea where I did not have a business model or a revenue model in mind. It was the one idea that everyone told me not to do. They thought I would be crazy for it.

Q How did matchmaking and lifestyle coaching become the pursuits that you describe as allowing you to "connect your dots" for the first time in your life?

A Ultimately, what I'm doing with matchmaking, when you just distill it down and you try to simplify to the lowest level, is creating hope. If you look throughout every project I am a part of, it could be as extensive as this big Unconventional Greatness Summit that we are trying to put together or as simple as a tweet that I send out. Everything has the same theme. It's creating hope. That's ultimately what I am

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trying to do. Through matchmaking, I'm creating hope through bringing people together.

My underlying theme is that I'm trying to build a community and connect people, which is why I'm so happy about Mentor Monday (his online community platform). Everything is connecting people with ideas or people with people. It's connecting. It's matchmaking. And so when I think about my career prior to matchmaking and everything I was doing, I was always doing elements of all of those things.

I never talk about it, but when I was at ODU, my friend and I had a radio show. It was called "The Ink Spot." My radio name was DJ 24-Karat. We had a great time doing it. It was media and even something as simple as just learning how to mix or learning how to project your voice or learning how to take a caller, serves a direct purpose now. I'm now in media, doing voice-over and launching a podcast using a lot of the same skills we were using back in the day. In some very surreal ways, becoming a matchmaker has allowed me to connect these dots.

Q In a popular blog post you wrote that getting a mentor is the single most effective step anyone can take to self-improve. How does Mentor Monday fill the mentorship void for people?

A I am ridiculously proud of Mentor Monday. At 11:54 a.m., this is the message I got: "Hey Paul, just finished viewing Mentor Monday. What a Godsend. I have been asking myself where I can find myself the mentor who will have time for me. How do I find practical advice for my big dreams? Needless to say, I have found



Brunson with his mentor Oprah Winfrey and on the set of The New Ricki Lake Show. With his wife, ODU alum Jill Cobbs Brunson (below).



it. I'm hooked. Thank you very much." That right there says it all. Those are the messages that we've been getting.

Mentor Monday allows (visitors) to see people who have achieved a variety of dreams in real time and talk to them. Secondly, most of my audience is black. Although we bring on people of different ethnicities, most of the people we bring on are black. The reason Reginald Lewis' book was so important to me or had such a huge impact was because Reginald Lewis (is) black and I saw someone who looked like me. That helped me believe I could achieve that level of success.

Sometimes it is sad to think that is how many of us think, but I think it is human. Mentor Monday allows for many black people to see other black people pursuing dreams. What I also love about it is that you can see that there are thousands of other people who have the same big dreams and you realize "I'm not alone." And it's important to know that you are not alone. It goes back to the African proverb, "If you want to run quickly you run alone, but if you want to run far you run together." Ultimately, that is what these folks are doing; they are attempting to run far to get that dream.


Q Your career path can be described as unconventional, to say the least. So, it's not surprising to see that you are launching a special gathering of entrepreneurs, dreamers and mavericks called The Unconventional Greatness Summit (UCGS). What is the

motivation behind it and what do you hope to accomplish with it?

A The summit is my big, ongoing project. I'm really hoping that when my day is over and I look back and see what kind of legacy I have built, that unconventional greatness is part of it. The whole idea is to create a platform for dreamers, risk takers, aspiring entrepreneurs and mavericks to see others who have felt the same way that they have felt and have had the same challenges that they have had – but have gone on to succeed. It allows for the building of camaraderie and a network. The reason why I call it the UCGS and not Mentor Monday, is that the whole idea has to do with a much larger scale and doing it live.

We are going to do it in New York (the first one is planned for 2015) and the goal is to bring a couple of hundred people together. The overall goal is to grow it to thousands and make it an annual conference.

Q Anything else you want to share about your future plans with fellow alumni and friends of the university?

A I really think I undervalued ODU. Now being older and a little more experienced, I can see how and where ODU played a critical role in the person I have become and the person I strive to be. 



MOVING BEYOND Tolerance

BY MARK MOBLEY



David McFarland '84
Works for Acceptance
of LGBT Community

M idtown Manhattan in the 21st century is far from Cold War Prague, where Martina Navratilova was born. Yet there the tennis star was in New York in December

2013, speaking on Human Rights Day at the United Nations against anti-gay discrimination in sports. "Gays and lesbians seem to be the last group of people that it's still okay to pick on — for whatever reason, in whatever way," Navratilova tells the gathering. "Whether it's bullying in schools, whether it's calling names, denying basic rights, to actual incarceration in many countries around the world." She adds that in a handful of countries, homosexual activity is a capital offense. Alongside her was NBA player Jason Collins, the first male athlete in an American major league to come out while still active. U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, attending the funeral of Nelson Mandela, sent strongly supportive video remarks.

Navratilova's journey is well known — the championships, the defection to the U.S., her coming out long before other familiar luminaries of the LGBT movement. But her involvement with the U.N. event is directly related to a single day in Norfolk, which ODU alumnus David McFarland says changed his life "in a way that no one will ever know."

McFarland, a 1984 graduate in business administration, is the founder and CEO of the nonprofit United for Equality in Sports and Entertainment (UESE), which helped

the U.N.'s human rights office put the event together. He is also a former Monarchs swimmer who was deeply closeted in college.

Hampton Roads may have always had a robust gay and lesbian population — but it wasn't always visible to the uninitiated or accessible to the young.

"I just knew that there was a gay bar down the street, and I was scared to death. I couldn't go in there," McFarland says. "So I really knew no one else in college when I was there that was gay."

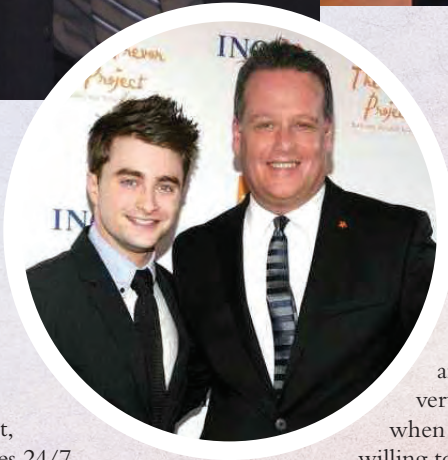
"The turning point for me at Old Dominion University was when I was walking through the Fieldhouse and in the distance I saw Martina Navratilova." For the young swimmer, Navratilova — who had lived and trained with former ODU basketball star Nancy Lieberman — was the one athlete he could identify with.

"I had this overwhelming need to meet her," McFarland says. "And she happened to be speaking to someone that I knew. I walked up to that person and they introduced me to Martina and that was a turning point for me. Not only was she an incredible world-class athlete, but she was an incredible woman, and she also just happened to be gay."

McFarland, who was born in Washington, D.C., and grew up in suburban Kensington, Md., says he knew he was gay at a very young age, but didn't come out until after college. "I became involved in the LGBT movement as a closeted person who was living a straight life in Hampton Roads, where I was reaching out to organizations that were supporting HIV and AIDS efforts." After moving to New York and taking a position with MTV, he began to get involved with groups like GLAAD (Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation) and GLSEN



McFarland (beginning above left) has worked with tennis great Martina Navratilova and NBA player Jason Collins, with Olympian Caitlin Cahow and with actor Daniel Radcliffe to promote acceptance of the LGBT community.



"Never should a young person feel 'less than' for just being who they are. That's not acceptable."

(Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network, pronounced "glisten"). He eventually became chair and CEO of The Trevor Project, which provides 24/7 suicide prevention services for LGBT youth. Today he lives in West Hollywood, Calif., and serves on the executive committee of the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention.

In addition to McFarland's work with UESE, he is helping ODU become an ever more welcoming place for LGBT students and their allies. The Department of Gay Cultural Studies, led by Dana Heller, English Department chair, includes courses in queer studies and gender theory. The GCS has welcomed filmmakers John Waters (the creator of "Hairspray" and "Pink Flamingos," among others) and Dustin Lance Black (the Oscar-winning screenwriter of "Milk") to

speaking, as well as former Army Lt. Dan Choi, one of the most visible opponents of "don't ask, don't tell" in the period just before its repeal.

McFarland "is very special to our organization," Heller says. "He sees our organization in some ways as an extension of his own work, and so we've been very fortunate and very privileged to have his support. And when he comes to visit, he has been very willing to speak on behalf of our organization. He also put us in touch with Dustin Lance Black, and made possible his visit to campus as part of our Literary Festival."

Thanks to the Department of Gay Cultural Studies and such social organizations as ODU Out: Student Alliance and the Spectrum Living-Learning Community (housing for LGBTQ students and allies), Virginia Beach native Connor Norton is having the opposite of McFarland's ODU experience. In addition to pursuing a double major in theatre production and women's studies, he's working on a minor in business administration and has served in various capacities with university LGBT groups, as well as director of finance for student government. He talks with



assurance and enthusiasm that can make you think he'll be your boss someday.

"When I was in high school, I was already getting involved with the LGBTQ community of Hampton Roads, and as I was getting involved, the LGBTQ community at ODU was starting to reach out in the community as well," Norton says. "As soon as I got to ODU, I already knew that I had friends and I knew that there was a safe space that I could go to, so I was very relaxed."

Norton was one of the four actors in "My Dorian," a new play based on Oscar Wilde's "The Picture of Dorian Gray" by Virginia Ballet Theatre Artistic Director Ricardo Melendez. It received three performances at the ODU University Theatre in November 2013. For Norton and his fellow members of the Starving Artists student theater company, what happened after "My Dorian" was almost as much fun as what took place onstage.

"We had a lot of students from the English Department, graduate students and undergraduate students who came to see the show," Norton says. "And a lot of them liked to really get into dialogue about the actual text and how they thought about how it was delivered in

the play, how they would have done it if they were able to do a play version of it. It was really cool because one of the biggest things that we liked about the show was that it kind of crossed disciplines. It



Student leader Connor Norton

brought theater students into understanding and critically analyzing literature and text and then vice versa, it brought English students into kind of looking at text and literature in a theatrical way."

Heller, who introduced the show on opening night, is well versed in cross-disciplinary work. She has written a book on "Hairspray" and journal articles titled "Commodity Nationalism: The Marketing of 9/11," "Buried Selves: Gothic Democracy in Six Feet Under" and "A Passion For Extremes: Hollywood's Cold-War Romance with Russia." She is married to Galina Tsoy, an engineer she met during two years of work in Russia.

When Heller came to ODU 23 years ago, she had begun to turn her attention to LGBTQ studies, but wasn't sure how involved either she or the university would be. "I think the university



English Department Chair Dana Heller

changed, and I think the culture changed, and I think Virginia changed and I changed too," she says. "And then three years ago, a colleague of mine — who, not that it matters, isn't gay, he's straight — came to me one day and he said, 'Why don't we have queer studies here? Why has it never happened?' Because, of course by this point, it had become a fixture at many major research institutions." She and that colleague, ODU Institute of Humanities director Avi Santo, began to plot out what is now ODU Gay Cultural Studies.

The program now offers three courses: Foundations of Queer Studies: Sexualities, Identities, and Perspectives (WMST 395), A History of Queer Bodies (ENGL/FLET/WMST 495/595) and Contested Bodies: An Introduction to Gender Theory (ENG 795/895).

Norton says his first GCS course "was one of the most exhilarating and exciting classes I ever took. It made me incredibly happy" to move beyond general education classes and move into specific subject areas that interested him. "When I finally was able to take queer theory, it was the first class that I took that I was like, 'I'm invested in this.'"


And Norton believes ODU and its gay community will continue to evolve.

"Campus Pride, which is a national LGBTQ collegiate organization, one of the only ones, specifically rates and grades universities based on their LGBTQ policies, acceptance and inclusivity," he says. "When I came in as a freshman, we only had half of a star out of five stars. Now, after my first two years here, we've already been able to go up to two stars. So very clearly I'm seeing that there's a community presence through our students and our faculty and staff that's causing that grade to rise very quickly. And I don't doubt that probably by the end of the next two years that grade is at least going to be four stars."

McFarland says his vision for an ever more welcoming ODU and a more inclusive sports world are the same: "We need to move from this passive approach of tolerance of LGBT equality, LGBT people, LGBT athletes to a level of acceptance and embracing, and we're not there yet. There's a lot of work to do. Never should a young person feel 'less than' for just being who they are. That's not acceptable."

And Heller believes McFarland is the right person to help create change.

"David McFarland is one of our most distinguished alums," she says. (He won the ODU Distinguished Alumni Award in 2005.) "And he's a very brave person, someone who took his ODU education and carried it forward to do great things. No matter what his sexual orientation, he would be an alum to be tremendously proud of. But he's someone who devoted himself to an organization aimed at protecting young people from the kind of damaging homophobic attacks that lead so many of them to suicide and lead so many of them to despair.

"So I think that ODU should be very proud of that — that he came to this institution and came out with that self-awareness. He came out with the courage and the ability to make a tremendous mark on society." 

Freelance writer Mark Mobley is a former music critic for The Virginian-Pilot and former host of Defenestration 895 on WHRV radio in Norfolk. He lives in Delaware.



YOU NEVER KNOW



Adventurer, Photographer
Chuck Guthrie '72 (M.B.A. '73)
Follows His Bliss

Written by Diane Dougherty • Photography by and courtesy of Chuck Guthrie '72

WHERE LIFE WILL TAKE YOU

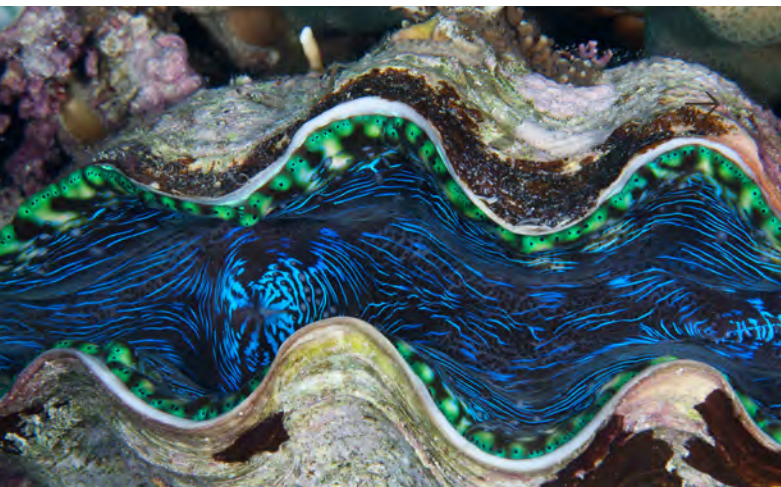


One of the most beautiful things about life is you never know where it will take you. Adventurer Chuck Guthrie has embraced that sentiment. No one, not even Guthrie, would have guessed back in the early 1970s when he was studying at Old Dominion that he would become the owner of Lynnhaven Marine, the large Virginia Beach boat dealer and boat storage business, and, furthermore, that his hobby as a photographer – often of scenes near or under the water – would spiral into an avocation.

Guthrie, who received a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1972, and went on to collect his M.B.A. the next year, was a multitasking student. He served as the executive editor of the Mace & Crown student newspaper, worked as a graduate assistant in the business college, and was a programmer at The Virginian-Pilot, assigned to that newspaper's computer data center as part of a co-op program.

His work at the student newspaper didn't introduce him to photography – that came later – but it did give him a perspective that helped to shape him after his school days. "The newspaper really sets a stage for your life. It makes you open-minded and gives you an experience with people you otherwise wouldn't have," he says.

Degrees in hand, he set out for Iran on the advice of a friend to work as a budget analyst for an American contractor. "I saw it as an opportunity to make a lot of money, travel and see things," Guthrie says. He also took the life-changing step of earning a scuba diving certificate while he was overseas.




Adorning his office wall is a large canvas map of the world with red pins scattered across it, identifying each location he has visited outside of the United States. Most of his trips were diving trips, and it doesn't take him long to name his favorite destination: the Red Sea, which lies between North Africa and West Asia.

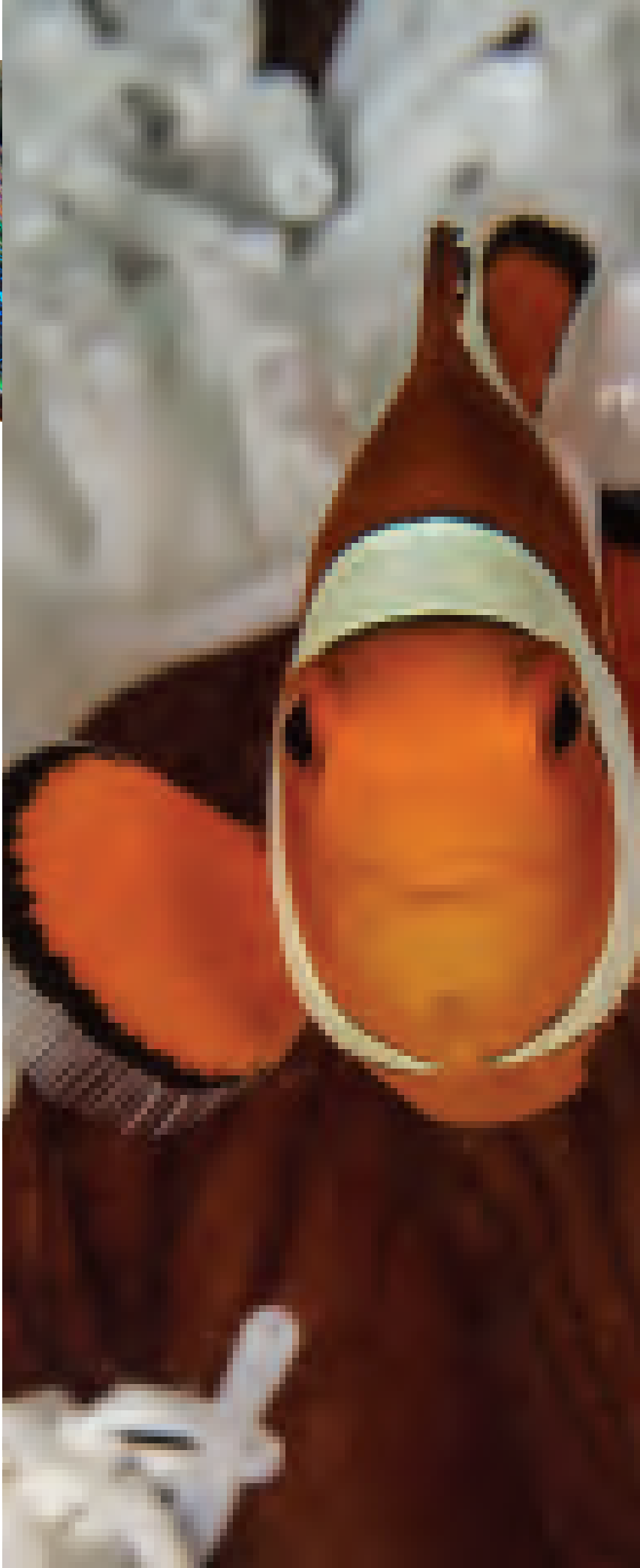
"Desert surrounds the Red Sea; there is almost no vegetation, therefore no runoff into the sea, which makes the water crystal clear with great visibility. It's like diving in a bottle of gin," Guthrie says. "The coral reefs are beautiful and there are tons of fish; it is one of the prettiest places in the world."

Among his trips to the Red Sea was a gig with his photography mentor, Chris Crumley, a Virginia Beach-based professional photographer with an international reputation. Guthrie recalls that Crumley was hired by a jewelry company to shoot a wedding scene – underwater. Models wore a wedding dress, a tuxedo and white and black dive masks; the dress had to be weighted down in order to control it in the water.

Being able to travel for his photography doesn't come cheap. Guthrie jokes that he owns Lynnhaven Marine simply so he can pay for his photography passion. "I don't sell much photography, but I donate a bit. Everyone says I should charge for my work, but I don't. I will say that my work is featured in some of the finest bathrooms on Great Neck Road."

His next goal is to dive off the Maldives islands and Indonesia in 2015.

The business that pays for his hobby came not from his love of boats so much as it did from his love of numbers. He focused on production management and statistics in his studies at ODU and he was prescient in taking up computer programming. His father-in-law, a former owner of Lynnhaven Marine, asked him for temporary help on a computer problem at the business when he was 10 years out of school. That job led to an invitation to join Lynnhaven Marine full time. He remembers hesitating at first because he wanted to keep looking for jobs abroad, and, besides, he knew nothing about boat sales. He ultimately took the job, and now is sole owner of the company. 





ALUMNI

New Alumni President Molly Dey '89 Moving ODU More 'Front of Mind'



As a high school student looking to transition to the next step in her life, new ODU Alumni Association President Molly Dey '89 figured that 349 miles from home was just the distance to allow her to stretch her wings. That's the distance from New Jersey to Norfolk, and as Dey says, "I always wanted to go away for college."

It was ODU's combination of being a "big university that I really liked, along with the guaranteed small class size" that made her final decision easy. An invitation to be a member of the inaugural class of the Academic Honors Program (later known as the Honors College) sealed the deal.

Starting as a music major, Dey eventually transitioned to sociology, but never lost her love of the arts, performing as a member of the Virginia Chorale and the Virginia Symphony Chorus. She also never lost her love of the area, remaining in Norfolk after graduation and becoming an owner of Armed Forces Reunions Inc., the nation's premier military reunion planning service, along with her husband, Ted. "Surprisingly, even with offices next to each other, there are

days when we miss communicating at all!"

Dey also has been involved with the community, serving on the board of directors for the Virginia Chorale and spending more than 20 years with the Junior League of Norfolk-Virginia Beach, including a term as its president.

When it comes to that university on Hampton Boulevard, she freely admits that proximity can breed familiarity. "It's easy to take your alma mater for granted." After reconnecting with the university as a volunteer, she joined the Alumni Association board of directors in 2009 and has enjoyed getting to know ODU from a whole new perspective. One of the campus changes most noticeable to her is the transformation of the area where the Ted Constant Convocation Center now sits: "Going from the 4400 Club to the Ted was my big 'Wow' moment!"

Building upon her own experiences, Dey's goals as Alumni Association president include working to close that perceived gap between the university and alumni outside of Hampton Roads, as well as to remind those nearby of the wonderful resources available at ODU. "Our new athletic footprint will give us the opportunity to be in some new places, and hopefully more 'front of mind' for Monarchs around the country. But there are more than 45,000 alumni in Hampton Roads that aren't too far from campus, either."

She says she hopes to meet as many alums as possible. In addition, she intends to take the data gathered from the alumni survey and put it into practice. "Our alumni shared some very good information about their points of pride, as well as their preferences for connecting with the university. We'll be taking that into account in our planning for the coming year."

Dey also wants alumni to remember how important it is for the Alumni Association to know how to reach them. "When I'm talking with fellow Monarchs who claim they haven't heard from the university in 'forever,' it's often a case of not having current contact information for them." She encourages everyone to update their information via the Lion's Den at odualumni.org. Of equal importance, she says, is the growth of the ODU Alumni Association members-only LinkedIn community. "We have almost 130,000 alumni, and this group is exclusively for them." To join, search for the ODU Alumni Career Network.

Dey notes, too, that alums can always send her an email at ODUAAPresident@gmail.com. "I would love to hear people's stories about how they got to ODU and what the university has done for them. I'm excited about the coming year and honored for the opportunity to serve alumni in this capacity. So let me know of your journey to ODU, and where the road has taken you since!"

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT—The ODU Alumni Association is accepting nominations for the Board of Directors for consideration beginning January 2015. Ideal candidates will have demonstrated service to the university and be willing to make a strong commitment to Alumni Association projects. In addition, board members are required to make a financial commitment. Self-nominations are accepted. For more information, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at odualumni@odu.edu.

Congratulations to the 2014 Alumni Honors Awardees

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

Mr. Tony Brothers '86
Mr. Lance B. Bush '92
Mr. Jeremy M. Coleman '88
Ms. Elaine Howard '72
Dr. James Luketich '76
Dr. Patricia Strait '83

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Mrs. Nancy Kirkpatrick '80

ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD

Mr. Lee Entsminger '74

HONORARY ALUMNI

Mrs. Donna Fischer
Mr. Maurice Slaughter

Honorees will be recognized at the Alumni Honors Dinner
Thursday, November 6

Half Moone Cruise & Celebration Center, Norfolk
Sponsorships and tickets are available. For more information
please call the office of Alumni Relations at 757-683-3097

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Don't Miss Old Dominion University's President's Lecture Series, Nov. 4, 2014

Wes Moore, author, businessman and
U.S. Army veteran. Host of "Beyond
Belief" on the Oprah Winfrey Network.
7:30 p.m., Ted Constant Convocation
Center. Free and open to the public.
rsvp@odu.edu (WML14)



Monarchs Assemble!

I can't imagine a better call to action for alumni than the one we are issuing in support of Homecoming 2014. While I encourage alumni to return to campus for any number of events during the year, this year's superheroes-centered theme brings with it a fantastic tag line that resonates throughout the Monarch nation. It also affords us the opportunity to recognize what it truly means to be a hero, which doesn't always require a cape or a secret identity.



The university has again planned a full week of events Nov. 3-9 that offers you a number of ways to engage with the campus. In addition to the traditional football game and tailgating events, you can reconnect with a variety of alumni groups, participate in a blood drive or enjoy a step show. The back cover of this issue has a basic schedule and you can always visit odualumni.org for the most up-to-date homecoming information. And while you're at the site, make sure to register for the online community, update new contact or business information, or leave a Class Note to let us know what's been happening with you.

I am also pleased to report the very special 50th reunion celebration planned for members of the class of 1964. A great committee of volunteers has been working for months making phone calls and writing letters to encourage classmates to attend. We will recognize the members of this group at the annual Alumni Honors Dinner and involve them in a number of campus activities over the weekend.

While I hope your schedule allows you to participate in Homecoming in some manner, please don't feel as if you must be present on campus to be a part of it. Follow the events of the week on our social media platforms, and we also ask that you share with us your most memorable ODU experiences. Or, tell us what super power you wish you had!

I look forward to seeing you all assemble on campus for a fantastic week of events and out-of-this-world fun.

-Dana Allen, Assistant Vice President, Alumni Relations

CLASSNOTES

ALUMNI PROFILE

Advocate for the Disabled

Lynne Seagle '77 (M.S. Ed. '82)
Leads Award-winning Hope House

When she came to Old Dominion University as an undergraduate transfer student in the mid-1970s, Lynne Seagle wanted a career as a schoolteacher. A professor's comment about the need for special education teachers turned her attention to people with special needs, and she has kept that focus ever since.

Even before she got her bachelor's degree in 1977, she took a job as a part-time counselor at three group homes in Norfolk for adults with disabilities. That led to a full-time job assisting eight women with developmental disabilities who lived in another group home. "This experience literally changed my life," she says today. "For just shy of two years I lived and learned from these very unique and individual ladies. The experience educated me to the prejudices and bigotry toward people with disabilities, and most of all, it taught me about the perils to human beings who are excluded directly and intentionally from others."

By 1978, Seagle had been hired by Hope House, the organization that managed the adult group homes where she had worked while in college. Soon, as the organization's supervisor of group homes, she had expanded the number of homes to 13. By 1983, she was the Hope House executive director, a job she still holds.

Hope House has a discreet footprint in Hampton Roads – with several hundred clients housed in 13 apartment complexes – but Seagle has made the organization a shining light internationally. One of her proudest accomplishments, she says, goes back two decades when she guided Hope House clients through a changeover from group-home living to individual-home living. Hope House is still the only organization in the state that exclusively supports people in their own housing units regardless of their level of disability.

Some of Hope House's financial support comes from an eclectic array of sources cultivated by Seagle: the twice-yearly Stockley Garden Arts Festival, the Hope House Thrift Store on Monticello Avenue and even from Seagle's globe-trotting consulting work, in which she helps organizations build teams, train leaders and do strategic planning. She says her venture into consulting sprang from the master's degree in educational leadership that she received from ODU in 1982.

Seagle's work has not gone unnoticed. Last year, Hope House was named the Best Service Provider in the country by the American Network of Community Options and Resources Foundation. In 1998, she received the Joseph P. Kennedy Foundation's International Future Leader Award, which was given some years earlier to Mother Teresa.

STAY CONNECTED The Lion's Den provides alumni with a free, online connection to the Old Dominion University Alumni Association. Membership is exclusive to ODU alumni. Once you have registered, you can use the Lion's Den online community to share information about yourself through online postings, and to submit Class Notes and other news to Monarch Magazine.

Get more information about
[The Lion's Den at odualumni.org](http://odualumni.org)

As members, you also can search a secure online database of other registered alumni; update your information with the Alumni Association.





Jerry Hefner '66, a graduate of ODU's first engineering class, who then earned his master's degree from N. C. State University, was inducted into the NCSU Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Hall of Fame Oct. 29, 2013. Hefner retired from NASA Langley Research Center in 2005 after nearly 40 years and since then

has worked with the National Institute of Aerospace to build university-industry research partnerships for developing advanced aeronautical technologies. Hefner is a Fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

1960s

Linwood Beverly '65, senior cytologist at Boston Medical Center, has donated his career studies of medical slides, lectures, books, tests and notes to the ODU College of Health Sciences' cytology program.

Ray W. Dezern Jr. '67 was recently elected as president of the American Judges Foundation. He retired as a full-time General District Court Judge in Norfolk on Jan. 1, 2014, after 18 years on the bench. He now works part time substituting for other judges in Virginia district courts.

Bob McLain '69, an adjunct assistant professor for Tidewater Community College for 30 years, now teaches online only and enjoys it. Two of his three children are ODU grads: His older son, Brian '10 teaches fourth grade in the Virginia Beach City Public Schools; and his daughter, Rebecca (D.P.T. '09), is a physical therapist with Atlantic Orthopedics in Virginia Beach. The McLains welcomed their first grandson, Robert Bradley Ellis, Rebecca's son, this past November.

1970s

Fred Horn '71 has been selected Branch Manager of the Year for the past six years at Brame Specialty Co., based in Durham, N.C. Horn manages the Roanoke, Va., branch.

Chuck Applebach '72 is vice president of marketing and research for the Virginia Beach Convention and

Visitors Bureau. Contact him at cappleba@vbgov.com.

Bernard Henderson '72 has been promoted to president from director for family and community relations at Woody Funeral Home & Cremation Service located in Richmond, Va.

Bill Hodsden '72 retired from TowneBank Dec. 31, 2013, after six years of semi-retirement and a 42-year career as a community banker. He continues as executive director of TowneBank Foundation, a voluntary position. He and his wife, Barbara, plan to travel and play more with their children and five grandkids for this retirement.

Lloyd Luzier '72 retired in February from his job as senior multi-lines adjuster with U.S. Property and Casualty/Crawford & Co. in north Florida. He still lives in Maitland, Fla., but has a new email address: lloydluzier@gmail.com.

Linda (Martin) Burnette '77 writes, "Chief nursing officer at Southern Virginia Regional Medical Center in Emporia, Va., since 2010; received an MSA in health services administration in 1997 and certification in executive nursing practice in 2012."

Jim Gardner '77 retired in 2006 after a 28-year career with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. He spent the majority of his career in nautical charting, mapping the sea floor. Currently

VICTORIA STRICKLAND-CORDIAL '79 was appointed during the summer as director of the Chesapeake Public Library System. She had served as acting director of the system since August 2013. In announcing her appointment, Chesapeake City Manager James Baker said, "In today's fast-changing world of technology and information exchange, libraries are much more than shelves of books. Victoria shares the city's desire to make our libraries relevant and useful in both their collections and in the services they provide."

Strickland-Cordial earned a bachelor's degree in English from ODU and a master's in library and information science from the University of North Carolina.

She previously served as children's and teen services assistant library manager in Chesapeake and as youth and family services manager for the Virginia Beach Public Library.



Allan Hanrahan '60 retired from NASA after almost 37 years, and since then has worked as a substitute school-teacher, tutor, freelance writer,

Virginian-Pilot book reviewer and pen-and-ink artist. He has compiled more than



45 drawings and 15 essays into a 108-page book, "Times & Places: A Glimpse of Life on the Virginia Peninsula" (Parke Press of Norfolk).

he is senior captain on the 225-foot *Odyssey Titan*, which delivers supplies to oil and gas drilling rigs in the Gulf of Mexico. During his time off, he teaches sailing classes and runs charters on the Chesapeake Bay and in the Caribbean. He and his wife, Jane, live in Olney, Md.

Andrea Kilmer '78 has been appointed by Gov. Terry McAuliffe to

the Virginia Board of Accountancy. Kilmer, a CPA, is vice president and chief financial officer of the ESG Cos. in Virginia Beach.

Ellen (Richardson) Davenport '79 (Ph.D. '13) is using her degree in community college leadership as assistant vice chancellor for governmental relations for the Virginia Community College System.

Richard McCormick '79 retired from BAE Systems after more than 34 years. He now can put his 26-plus years of real estate experience to work with Century 21 Nachman.

Lt. Col. Richard Paradiso '79 (USA Ret) now works in the Hampton Roads area for the Joint Staff J-7 in the Joint and Coalition Operations Analysis Division. His current assignment is "a blast," including the travel, which has taken him twice to Afghanistan. He and his wife, Carol, are parents to two grown sons.

1980s

Dorothy Dougherty '82 is the new deputy assistant secretary for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. She brings more than 32 years of federal experience to the position, with previous jobs

KELLY J. LIDDINGTON (M.S. '00), unit coordinator and senior Virginia Cooperative Extension agent in Richmond County, the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula regions, won Virginia Tech's 2014 Alumni Award for Excellence in Extension. For more than 26 years, Liddington has been a key individual in the development of strong agricultural and natural resources Extension programs. He initiated the Northern Neck Vegetable Growers' Association and a farmers' market, which have generated sales of more than \$230 million. He also developed and runs three scholarship programs for Virginia students who seek a college degree in agricultural-related fields. The programs have awarded more than \$240,000 in scholarships.



as an industrial hygienist, coal mine inspector and director of OSHA's Directorate of Standards and Guidance.

Ross Mugler '84 (M.P.A. '03), former rector of the ODU Board of Visitors, was appointed by Gov. Terry McAuliffe to the board of the Virginia College Savings Plan earlier this year. Mugler is commissioner of the revenue for the city of Hampton and serves as president of the Virginia Commissioners of the Revenue Association and the Thomas Nelson Education Foundation.

Craig Poole '84 retired in 2003 with 30 years in federal service, including the U.S. Public Health Service, U.S. Navy and Veterans Affairs. Along the way, he earned his MSN and became a geriatric nurse practitioner. Now an adjunct instructor at Boise State University and St. Xavier nursing schools, he spends winters in the Caribbean and summers on his sailboat in Maryland.

Craig Herrick '85 has accepted a position as deputy director of field security operations at Defense Information Systems Agency located in Chambersburg, Pa. "I recently retired from the Navy after 28 fulfilling years and am continuing my government service in the IT security field."

Carlyle Bland '86 wrote in fall

2013, "I just opened my second restaurant, Venture Kitchen & Bar, in downtown Hampton, to rave reviews. You can reach me at carlyle@marker20.com."

Scott Honore '86 lives in Ridgefield, Conn., with his wife, Peggy, and two children. Honore works for Swiss Reinsurance located in Armonk, N.Y., and is adjusting to the U.S. after living in Zurich, Switzerland, while on an international assignment.

John Maley Jr. '86 leads the freight logistics segment within IBM's transportation industry practice. Though he travels a lot for work, he stays fit by running; the Virginia Beach Shamrock Marathon in March marked his 11th marathon.

Lucy (Barker) Todd '87 is currently employed as a medical science liaison with Baxter Healthcare, and educates nephrology fellows on home dialysis therapies. She was awarded the 2013 Journal Writing Award for Education by the Nephrology Nursing Journal, and she participated in a nursing internship in Washington, D.C., in March 2014, under auspices of the Alliance for Nursing, to advocate for legislative issues critical to nursing.

J. Mark Ennis (M.S. '88) has been promoted to vice president of STV architectural and engineering firm. Based in Boston, Ennis heads the

structural design group in STV's transportation and infrastructure division's Northeast Region. Ennis, a registered professional engineer, joined STV in 1995. He has more than 20 years of experience with new and rehabilitated bridges.

Rodney Odom '88 wrote that he was taking simple vows as a Trappist monk at Our Lady of Mepkin Abbey on Dec. 9, 2013, in Moncks Corner, S.C. His new religious name is Anthony-Maria; his email is anthonymaria3@gmail.com

1990s

Val Huston '91 and Juliana Ye Zhuang Huston (M.A. '88) recently met with Wenxi Ma, vice president of Minzu University in China, to discuss educational exchange opportunities through the recently established Minzu University-sponsored Confucius Institute at ODU. Val is the principal commercial officer at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing. Juliana is a cultural affairs specialist at the embassy.

Sonya Ford '90 has been named the 2014 Maryland School Counselor of the Year. Ford, a licensed clinical professional therapist, also is the co-host of a new nationally syndicated radio talk show. "Family Affair" airs on SiriusXM Channel 141 HUR Voices every Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

Robert Mulkeen '90 attended the Space Academy for Educators program at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Ala., in July 2013 and completed a graduate level course, Space Orientation for Educators, at the University of Alabama, Huntsville. He received an M.S. Ed. from Johnson State College in May 2013.

Tony Salino '90 is vice president of sales at ZIM American Integrated Shipping Services Co. Inc.

Kathleen (Thomas) Glaser '92 completed her master's degree in public health at the University of South Florida and now works for the U.S. State Department as the medical officer for the U.S. Embassy in Vienna, Austria.

Raymond V. Whelan '92 reports

his one-act play "Some Women See Things As They Are" was performed during the annual New Orleans Fringe Festival in November 2013. His short plays "Dinner at Cinderella's" and "Lester Leaps Out" appeared January 2014 during the annual Frontera Fest in Austin, Texas, at the Hyde Park Theatre. Whelan lives near Austin.

Wanda Lilley '94 is working at Vidant Bertie Hospital. She is certified as an operating room nurse and has earned level IV status -- the top of the clinical ladder. She lives with her husband and three sons in Williamston, N.C. "I give all the credit for where, what and who I am today to God first, my wonderful parents, and the wonderful ODU nursing instructors I had in 1994."

Nina Williams '94 has been promoted to director of children and family services with Better Housing Coalition (BHC) of Richmond, Va., after eight years with the agency. She and her team provide community-based services to residents of BHC properties in the tri-city area. She is earning a clinical social worker license and is especially proud of her work with fellow military veterans.

Richard E. Quintilone II '95, whose law practice is based in California, successfully led a wage and hour class action lawsuit in federal district court. The suit, *Van Ba Ma v. Covidien Holdings Inc.*, Tyco Healthcare Group, et al., claimed workers often had to extend their work days without adequate breaks for meals and rest periods and other labor law violations. Covidien denied the allegations, but agreed to pay \$2.5 million to resolve all claims.

James Schoffstall '95 writes that after working as the director of the exercise science program at Liberty University for the past four years, he has been promoted to a full professor and chairman of the Health Professions Department.

2000s

Steve Kenney '00 has been working at Harper's Table Restaurant in downtown Suffolk for more

Jeffrey Kaiser '86, owner of Kaiser Custom Images for 20 years, was awarded the master of photography degree and designation as a certified professional photographer from the Professional Photographers of America.



than a year, learning the ropes so he can open his own restaurant in the future.

Clair Berube (Ph.D. '01) published a new book this spring, "STEM and the City: A Report on STEM Education in the Great American Urban Public School System" (Information Age Publishers). Berube is assistant professor of education at Hampton University.

Scott Chewning '02 has joined Pennoni Associates as an associate vice president and division manager for the Norfolk office's land development group. Chewning is a registered professional engineer and a LEED-accredited professional. He is a member of the Urban Land Institute and the Hampton Roads Association for Commercial Real Estate.

Kenneth Balbuena '02 has been appointed to the board of directors for Visit Fairfax, the official convention and visitors bureau for Fairfax County.

Ravenn Gethers '02 (M.S. Ed. '04) has accepted a position as executive director at African American Teaching Fellows of Charlottesville-Albemarle Inc., in Charlottesville, Va. She is also pursuing a doctorate in educational policy,

ALUMNI PROFILE

Have English, Will Travel

The World Is the Classroom
for Linguist **Tom Lawrence (M.A. '93)**

From a window of the Southern Sun Hotel room in Maputo, Tom Lawrence (M.A. '93) gazes out over the clear blue Indian Ocean to begin another day of far-flung travels and uncommon experiences.

Maputo is in Mozambique on the southeast coast of Africa and is serene compared to many of the places Lawrence has visited since he became a civilian employee of the Air Force's Defense Language Institute English Language Center (DLIELC) in 1997.

By 2000 he had been promoted to his present position as an overseas program manager with DLIELC's Nonresident Programs Division. He has traveled extensively to conduct needs assessments for military English language training (ELT), primarily in Europe, Central Asia, the Middle East and Africa. His work sometimes has put him in harm's way, or at least makes his family worry. "I remember getting a flurry of emails from concerned family during some unrest occurring in Northern Africa, even though I was safe and sound in Rwanda," he recalls.

In late fall 2007, Lawrence became DLI's overseas program manager for Afghanistan for three years, during which he helped shape Afghanistan's Ministry of Defense Armed Forces ELT program.

Lawrence says his career got going after he gave up on sales and retail management jobs and enrolled at ODU in the master's program in applied linguistics. "ODU is one of the best things that ever happened to me. The professionalism and inspiration that I got from present and former faculty members such as Janet Bing, John P. Broderick, Carol Hines, Charles Ruhl and Robert Bray astounded me. They believed in my abilities from the start."

A two-week gig he landed with ODU's English Language Center led in 1994 to a three-year job teaching English to German Telekom employees in Leipzig (former East Germany). He learned German during his stay, and remains proficient in that language.

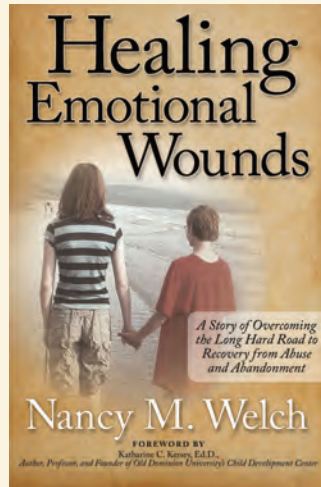
He also speaks some Macedonian, which he picked up when he, his wife, two elementary school-aged children and dog, Smokey, moved overseas for his work with the U.S. Embassy in Skopje, Republic of Macedonia, from 2004 to 2007. "The experience was unforgettable. We quickly became an integral part of the embassy mission in Macedonia, the Macedonian community and the ex-pat community," he says.

Despite his travel abroad, Tom also enjoys his time at home in San Antonio, Texas, where he maintains strong connections with the English as a second language (ESL) community and has a chance to use yet another language he has picked up, Spanish. He has taught ESL on a part-time basis for the Universidad Nacional Autonoma Mexico (UNAM), San Antonio. In 2009 he was named TextESOLer of the Year by the South Texas affiliate of Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages.



-Mark Lawrence (M.S. Ed. '13)

Dr. Nancy M. Welch (M.B.A. '97), Chesapeake's public health director and retired U.S. Army Reserve colonel, has published a memoir about the emotional roller-coaster ride of her first seven years after adopting a boy and girl, both 6, from an orphanage in Ukraine. "Healing Emotional Wounds: A Story of Overcoming the Long Hard Road to Recovery from Abuse and Abandonment," is available in print, digital and audio formats.

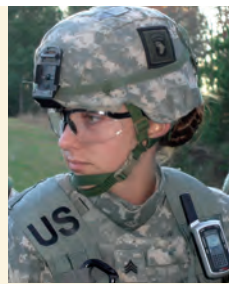


planning and leadership at the College of William & Mary. "I am looking forward to the opportunity to impact both ends of the education spectrum (K-12 & Higher Ed) in this community!"

Jason Marlowitz '02, director of intranet strategy and development for WellPoint, one of the country's largest health insurers, was recognized by the Nielsen Norman Group for his role in developing WellPoint's "Heartbeat" site for its Medicaid business unit. Nielsen Norman identified the site as a Top 10 intranet site internationally.

Adam Nelson '02 lives and works in Boulder, Colo., where he is the area sales representative for Boulder Beer Co., which is distributed in 37 states and continues to grow.

Rachel Millios (M.B.A. '11) recently started her own business as a location independent tax advisory and compliance accountant. "I've had quite the professional journey, from soldier to ODU MBA to tax accountant ... and was fortunate enough to be featured in Forbes" in January 2014. Millios joined the Army in order to get a college degree. She served two tours in Iraq while earning a bachelor's degree online and acquiring skills in legal aid and tax preparation. The GI Bill paid for the MBA from Old Dominion. Millios is married to an active-duty JAG officer, so her business can move as the family is transferred. She markets her services to expatriates and military service members. For more details, read the Forbes article at www.forbes.com/sites/peterjreilly/2014/01/18/soldier-to-tax-accountant-rachel-millios-ea/. Her professional website is www.rachelmillios.com.



Vickie R. Williams-Cullins (M.P.A. '02), a hearing officer for the commonwealth of Virginia, was honored with a Humanitarian Award from the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities (VCIC) at its 46th annual awards dinner in Newport News in February. VCIC works to address prejudices, in order to achieve success through academic achievement, workplace productivity and enhanced local trust.

Dawnya Rinker Finerfrock '03 is now a family nurse practitioner working in neurology.

Lindsey Germono '03 launched Germono Advertising Co. in December, targeting business owners who need help with advertising, especially through the Internet. In addition to running a full-service ad agency, Germono is pursuing an M.B.A. at Regent University.

Angela Forstie '04 has joined the Atlanta law firm Linley Jones, P.C. She majored in biology at ODU, but switched from medicine to law, and graduated from Georgia State University College of Law in 2009. Forstie specializes in medical and legal malpractice cases.

Bob Kunzinger (M.F.A. '04) has been listed again by Best American Essays for his work. "Baby on a Windshield" received notable mention in the 2013 edition. Kunzinger is an associate professor of English and humanities at Tidewater Community College.

Nathan Miller '04 has joined the Old Dominion University police department as accreditation/training manager. He came from a similar position with the Newport News police and says he is "excited for the opportunity to give back to ODU."

Jack Eckelberry (M.P.A. '05) is celebrating Year 3 as president of Hocking Valley Consulting, located in southern Ohio. HVC specializes in emergency planning, management and training for government and private sector agencies.

Toby Latham '05 earned his law degree with a certificate in labor and employment from Hofstra University in May 2012. He was admitted to practice in New Jersey (2012) and New York (2013), and serves as staff counsel at the National Labor Relations Board.

David Spencer '05 was ordained a priest for the Mercedarian Friars at Christ the King Church in Norfolk in November, completing a process he began at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia after earning a B.S. in biology at ODU. Father Spencer is now assigned as a parochial vicar at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, an urban parish serving the Overbrook Farms section of West Philadelphia.

Wallie Lacks '06 is in the master's degree program in criminal justice at Seattle University, a private Jesuit University located in the heart of "one of the most awesome cities on the West Coast." He expects to finish in March 2015.

Adrian Morrison '06 is working with the federal government. He took his bar exam in Maryland earlier this year and expected to hear good results in May.

Taylor Burgess '07 works at an ethylene plant in southeast Texas and earned his professional engineering (PE) license in Texas last year. He and his wife, Stephanie, are new parents to a daughter. They planned to move to Mississippi in July, where his wife will pursue her Ph.D. in biology.



ANNA RYBAT '10 is an artist in Northern California. She transfers digitized colorfield painting images to sheer polyester fabric (sublimation printing) and then creates outdoor and temporary installations from it. The installation is photographed and then taken down immediately. The pictures are exhibited alongside the colorfield painting which inspired each project. "I love juxtaposing an abstract expressionist, fluid and very temporary image next to/in to a natural landscape. I love that it is not permanent." Her studio is located at 3840 Finley Ave., Santa Rosa, CA 95401.



Pam Kendrick '08 has joined Bernardo Wills Architects in Spokane, Wash., as a building information modeling/computer-aided design technician. She holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering technology from ODU and a master's degree in historic preservation from Clemson University/College of Charleston. Her first assignment is an apartments project on Washington State University's Pullman campus.

Jenie Sales Ferrer '07 graduated from Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2013.

Holly (Beard) Holzen (Ph.D. '07) has won a three-year, \$460,000 MacArthur Foundation grant, one of six grants funded around the country, to study economic and housing impacts of foreclosure prevention programs. Holzen is currently director of research and strategic planning for the Ohio Housing Finance Agency. She is a graduate of ODU's health services research doctoral program.

Elizabeth Johnson '07 received a master's degree in special education from Cambridge College in Springfield, Mass., in June 2013.

Roy Sabo (Ph.D. '07), assistant professor in the Department of Biostatistics at Virginia Commonwealth University's School of Medicine, is co-author of a book, "Statistical Research Methods: A Guide for Non-Statisticians." He and colleague Ed Boone, a VCU associate professor, wrote the text to serve their graduate students and academic professionals from non-statistical fields.

"The market is saturated with texts ... yet they invariably speak from a statistical perspective, which is not useful for the students," said Sabo. The new textbook develops statistical analysis skills through language that is not overly complicated.

Aaron L. Smith (Ph.D. '08), program administrator for the Newport News Public Schools Aviation Academy at Denbigh High School, reports his school became a PRIME model school, one of only 26 in the country. PRIME and its partners promote STEM-related curriculum and community-based education to prepare students for highly paid careers in manufacturing.

Kaitlin Schwarz '09 works in labor and delivery nursing. She recently obtained certification in inpatient obstetrics, and has been promoted to a clinical nurse IV.

2010s

Alejandra Santaolalla '10 graduated from Trinity Washington University with a master's degree in nonprofit management in December 2013. That same month, she also graduated from the Political Leaders Program at the Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership at the University of Virginia.

Paul Johnston '10 received an MPA from North Carolina Central University on May 9, 2014. He was inducted into both Pi Alpha Alpha, the national honor society for public affairs and administration students, and Golden Key honor society. He also received the Academic Excellence and Community Service Award given by the Department of Public Administration to recognize its top-performing students.

Vivian Greentree (Ph.D. '11), senior vice president of military and veteran affairs for First Data Corp., was appointed by Gov. Terry McAuliffe to the Virginia Military Advisory Council earlier in 2014.

Steven Hartmann '11 was hired in March 2014 as the pricing administrator for Spectrum Systems, an IT solutions and firmware company that does most of its work with federal agencies.

Leslie Martin '11 successfully completed her master's degree in public administration through Walden University in August 2013.

Jerrell Proctor '11 recently won first place in six different categories in a Virginia Beach bodybuilding competition.

Dan Sanford '11 is assistant hall director for the University Village North at Old Dominion, which houses more than 900 students. He runs the administrative side of the office. He also serves his college fraternity chapter as Theta Chi academic adviser.

Benjamin Thompson '11 is stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C., and is taking the Special Forces Qualifications Course to become a Green Beret. He is on track to graduate as a weapons sergeant in April 2015 and then will be assigned to a team.

Gina Lucy '12 accepted a position in March 2014 as community development administrator for Virginia Beach Community Development Corp. Lucy administers VBCDC's fundraising efforts, marketing programs and contractual agreements.

Olivia Atwood '13 is in her first year as a Realtor at Rose & Womble in Chesapeake. "I am ready for ODU alumni to put me to work!"

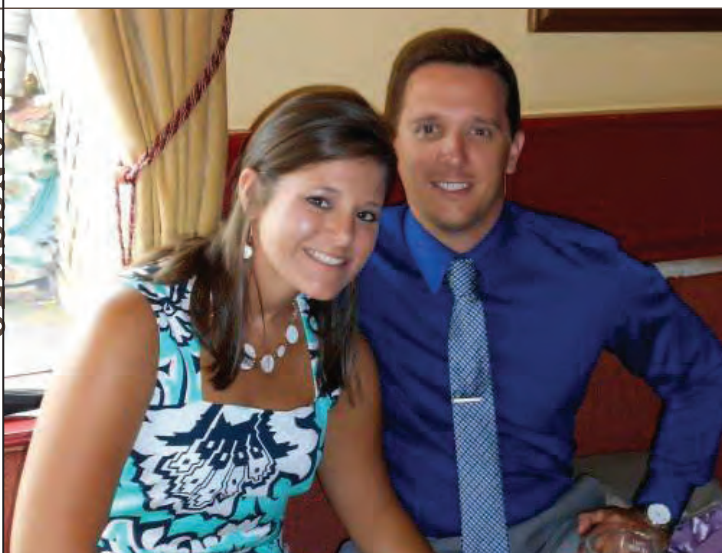
Cameron Williams '13 is getting a chance to pay it forward as a high school adviser for Access College Foundation, a local nonprofit which assists high school students in applying and paying for higher education. He writes, "I was asked to be a featured speaker at their 25th anniversary dinner in October. I am truly blessed to be working for the organization that helped me go to college, because college changes everything."



Wizard Dancers From the Constant Center to the Verizon Center, two former Old Dominion University Dynasty Dancers will perform this season with the dance team of the NBA's Washington Wizards. Megan Cameron (left) and Brittany Hardin survived a five-round audition process to make the squad. Cameron, a public health administration graduate, is pursuing a dual master's in business administration and healthcare administration at the University of Maryland. Hardin received her bachelor's degree in business administration-information systems and now works for Accenture as a software engineer. That's in addition to the rigorous schedule of practice, public appearances and dancing at Wizards home games.

Lauren Scolamiero '10 and Andrew Allerton '04 (M.E.M. '12)

had wedding plans for June 21, 2014, in Virginia Beach.



Michelle Strickland Heide '12 and Edward Heide '11 happily announce their marriage Oct. 5, 2013, at the Norfolk Yacht & Country Club. They met in an engineering course at ODU in 2008 and currently live in Norfolk.

Jarvis Jackson '06 and Kristen Jackson announce the birth of their baby, Grace Elizabeth, born Dec. 28, 2013, at the University of Alabama-Birmingham Hospital. She is already overloaded with pink!



Taylor Snead '12 and Jason Crum '12 announced that their wedding ceremony would take place on May 24, 2014, in Waynesboro, Va.

MARRIED MONARCHS

✿ **Leslie Holthoff '11** and Michael Martin were married aboard the Shore Girl on the James River on Oct. 5, 2013. They currently reside in Chesapeake.

✿ **Kylee Jordan '12 and Patrick O'Bryan '10** announced their plans for an April 5, 2014, wedding ceremony in Virginia Beach.

✿ **Jaelyn Spainhour '12 and David Tubbs '13** announced their engagement and wedding ceremony for March 10, 2014, at the First Lady of Suffolk in Suffolk, Va. They attended ODU, as both undergraduate and graduate students, in the fields of history and the humanities.

✿ **Darby Charles '13 and Emma (Richard) Charles '12** were married Sept. 8, 2013, at Bluemont Vineyard. They met as students while working at the Outdoor Adventure Program and now live in Leesburg, Va. Three ODU alumni were members of the wedding party: Robert Charles '78, T.J. Gelles '09 and Tyler Gelles '10.

NEW MONARCHS

✿ **Tricia Manuel Irvin '97 (M.S. Ed. '98)** and Wes Irvin are proud to announce the birth of Mary Rose, born Feb. 3, 2014, at Johns Hopkins Hospital, in Baltimore, Md. The new baby joins big sister Ashby (10) and big brother Jack (7).

✿ **Gordon Ufkes '98** and his wife, Beth, announce the birth of a baby boy, Luke Andrew, born in mid-December 2013. Luke joins the Ufkes clan, which includes big sister Maggie and their yellow lab, Fenway.

✿ **Dawnya Rinker Finerfrock '03** is happy to announce the birth of a baby girl, Avery Paige, born Sept. 18, 2013, in Winchester Medical Center.

✿ **Trevor Gwin '04** and Karyn Gwin announce the birth of their baby, Anastasia Leigh, born March 22, 2013, at Sentara Norfolk General Hospital. After a four-year struggle through infertility, the couple is especially thrilled to hold "their little miracle." Ana was born 7 1/2 weeks early and spent her first five weeks in the NICU, but is now doing well, her parents report.

✿ **Theodore Leverett '08** and Mallory Leverett are thrilled to announce the birth of triplets: Leah Margaret, Samuel Douglas and Virginia Caroline. They were born Dec. 8, 2013, in Omaha, Neb. Leah was 2 pounds, 2 ounces; Sam was 3 pounds, 8 ounces; and Virginia was 2 pounds, 8 ounces at birth, which came just past 28 weeks. Their parents reported in mid-December that all were doing well in the NICU and they hoped to be home soon.

IN MEMORIAM

- JOHN W. BROWN JR. '39 of Virginia Beach, 3/2/14
DANIEL J. HURLEY SR. '42 of Kill Devil Hills, N.C., 1/28/14
GUY W. "BUDDY" KNIGHTON JR. '42 of Norfolk, 1/7/14
JOHN H. FURR '43 of Norfolk, 3/15/14
GILBERT R. FRIEDMAN '46 of Norfolk and Virginia Beach, 2/27/14
J. CAMILLE GILLIE REMINGTON '46 of Portsmouth, 2/10/14
SHELTON E. BANKS '47 of Norfolk, 11/15/13
NORMA J. TABIT ARMSTRONG DEMMIN '47 of Norfolk, 1/3/14
W. STANLEY JENNINGS SR. '47 of Chesapeake, 3/7/14
VERNON N. WINQUIST '47 of Norfolk, 2/1/14
GUY E. BISHOP JR. '48 of Virginia Beach, 1/20/14
WALTER N. CARROLL '48 of Virginia Beach, 3/18/14
FRED L. CRAWFORD SR. '48 of Virginia Beach, 2/2/14
JOHN B. LAPETINA SR. '48 of Norfolk, 1/13/14
GEORGE T. SHARP '48 of Chesapeake, 3/15/14
WILLIAM L. BROWN '49 of Chesapeake, 1/1/14
CMDR. JOE S. ENGLISH, USNR (RET) '51 of Virginia Beach, 9/13/13
BARBARA GLISSON RICHARDSON '52 of Virginia Beach, 1/10/14
FERN FITZGERALD HARRIS '57 of Norfolk, 12/1/13
GEORGE H. THEMIDES '57 of Urbanna, Va., 4/26/14
ROBERT R. YATES '58 of Norfolk and Raleigh, N.C., 12/28/13
NELLIE DRAKE GRIFFIN '59 of Hampton, 2/19/14
ELMER N. ZARTMAN '59 of Virginia Beach, 12/9/13
GLENN L. FOSTER SR. '60 of Virginia Beach, 4/5/14
JOSEPH "PETE" BUTT '61 of Chesapeake, 11/19/13
ROBERT K. "MUTT" MACKAN '61 of Franklin, Va., 3/20/14
STEPHEN R. MARGULIES '62 of Kill Devil Hills, N.C., 3/18/14
ELIZABETH F. SMITH '63 of Richmond, Va., 11/26/13
LOUISE S. MCCRORY GASKIN '65 (M.S. ED. '71) of Norfolk and Richmond, Va., 4/24/14
EDWARD D. HEWITT '65 of Lutherville, Md., 3/9/14
JAMES D. JORDAN SR. '65 of Norfolk, 4/20/14
LINDA B. KRUGER '65 (M.S. ED. '72) of Norfolk, 4/8/14
E. EDWARD BOTTOMS '66 (M.A. '83) of Chesapeake, 3/1/14
MARGARET "MIDGE" B. HUTCHISON '66 of Norfolk and Hayes, Va., 11/28/13
THOMAS G. SMITH '67 of Mesa, Ariz., and Boise, Idaho, 1/15/14
RAYMOND T. JONES '68 of Westminster, Md., 11/29/13
JEANNE WIGGINS KING '68 (M.S. ED. '73) of Williamsburg, 3/6/14
LAURA ROSE "TEDDY" MEYERHOFFER '68 of Virginia Beach, 3/15/14
CANDACE REED WARREN '68 of Virginia Beach, 12/20/13
VIRGINIA PETERS MILLER '69 of Virginia Beach, 12/11/13
DONALD A. PECCIA '69 (M.S. ED. '73, C.A.S. '75) of Virginia Beach, 2/25/14
DONALD C. RIMA '69 of Virginia Beach, 12/1/13
ARNOLD L. SALASKY '69 of Virginia Beach, 2/18/14
GARY L. SKINNER '69 of Portsmouth, 11/14/13
HILDA PLECKER HOBSON '70 of Black Mountain, N.C., 2/1/14
JACQUELINE ALLAN-MEADOWS '71 (M.S. ED. '74) of Midlothian, Va., 1/12/14
JAMES L. "SNOOKIE" BRADLEY (M.B.A. '71) of Newport News, 3/22/14
MARY HAYWOOD EADY (M.S. ED. '71) of Chesapeake, 4/27/14
DAVID C. CAMPBELL '72 of North Augusta, S.C., 1/26/14
ROBERT E. JONES '72 (M.S. '78) of Santee, S.C., 4/9/14
MARGARET D. "PEGGY" PSIMAS '72 of Chesapeake, 3/5/14
MARY R. SCRIPP '72 of Norfolk, 12/8/13
RUSSELL E. BENNETT JR. '73 of Norfolk, 4/30/14
ROBERT S. KELK '73 of Newport News, 11/30/13
MITZI KILKER '73 of Shelton, Wash., 1/16/14
AUNDR A. BRIDGERS PAULING '73 of Chesapeake, 3/10/14
EUGENE F. BOLICK (M.S. ED. '74) of Virginia Beach, 12/23/13
ALVAH A. "PEPPY" OWENS JR. '74 of Portsmouth, 11/22/13
CMDR. DANIEL G. PAGE, USN (RET) '74 (M.B.A. '76) of Virginia Beach, 4/7/14
CAROL MCGOVERN STAUFFER '74 of Asheboro, N.C., 1/4/14
GRAY F. EUBANK '75 of Naples, Fla., 4/11/14
THOMAS M. GWYNN III '75 (M.S. '78) of Williamsburg, 12/18/13
JAMES M. BATES JR. (M.S. '76) of Oklahoma City, Okla., 2/27/14
IRVING L. "DENNY" DENSLOW '76 of Norfolk, 1/19/14
THOMAS L. MORDICA SR. '76 (M.S. ED. '78) of Chesapeake, 4/23/14
ERNEST E. RORRER SR. '76 of Carrollton, Va., 2/8/14
NELSON D. STONE '76 of Suffolk, 1/25/14
MARTHA "MARCI" LAMB HOBAN '77 of Portsmouth, 2/11/14
BRUCE A. KILMON '77 of Chesapeake, 11/12/13
PATRICIA A. MANNIE '77 of Sartell, Minn., 12/20/13
DONALD H. OSTROSKI, USN (RET) '77 of Virginia Beach, 2/10/14
DIANE GILPIN RICKMAN '77 of Apex, N.C., 1/19/14
CMDR. CHARLES TRAUB III, USN (RET) (M.S. ED. '77) of Virginia Beach, 1/11/14
GLORIA DEBNAM-SMITH (M.S. ED. '78) of Portsmouth, 1/7/14
CHRISTIAN J. DEVINE '78 of Virginia Beach, 4/5/14
CAPT. THOMAS H. GRIFFIN, USN (RET) (M.S. ED. '78) of Waynesboro, Va., 1/5/14
CHRIS PICKETT '78 of New York, N.Y., 5/11/14
DANIEL RUSSELL PULLEY JR. '78 of Chesapeake, 1/1/14
MARK S. SADLER (M.B.A. '78) of Smith Mountain Lake/Roanoke, Va., 4/2/14
RICHARD E. SHREINER '78 of Chesapeake, 2/2/14
DELORES A. WARNER '78 of Norfolk, 12/22/13
ELIZABETH W. KREAMER '79 (M.S. '82) of Virginia Beach, 12/1/13
LENORA ALTHEA LITTLE '79 of Norfolk, 3/12/14
KATHY M. NASTELLI '79 (M.S. ED. '84) of Virginia Beach, 12/22/13
THOMAS E. FORREST '80 of Southern Pines, N.C., 12/26/13
R. DARYL HENEGAR '80 of Glade Spring, Va., 4/6/14
SANDRA CREWS BASTIANELLO (M.S. ED. '82) of Roswell, Ga., 1/18/14
SCOTT WARD SR. '82 (M.P.A. '91) of Scottsville, Va., 11/29/13
DOROTHY FAWCETT MORRIS (C.A.S. '83) of Virginia Beach and Staunton, Va., 4/14/14
JEFFREY McELROY WOODS '83 of Alexandria, Va., 8/13/12
CAROL MAUNEY ROBINSON '84 (M.S. ED. '87) of Virginia Beach, 3/17/14
NANCY NELSON DIGGS (M.S. ED. '85) of Norfolk, 3/7/14
GLENN R. HARBULA '87 of Midlothian, Va., 3/27/14
JEFFREY J. RYAN '87 of Virginia Beach, 4/19/14
ROBERT W. HANES '88 of Virginia Beach, 1/15/14
KATHLEEN M. HUTTON '88 of Virginia Beach, 11/22/13
DIANE NOBLES TAYLOR '88 of Virginia Beach, 12/12/13
MARY ANDREWS POINDEXTER '89 of Virginia Beach, 3/27/14
ROBERT F. DAVANZO '90 of Norfolk, 11/19/13
DENISE ANN REID (M.S. ED. '90) of Virginia Beach, 12/5/13
KEVIN L. WEBB (M.B.A. '90) of Dubai, UAE, 2/9/14
LUCIENNE HOYET ZANDLER '91 of Virginia Beach, 1/21/14
KATHLEEN KEENER ELSNER '93 of Isle of Palms, S.C., 12/8/13
MICHAEL B. JONES '93 of Virginia Beach, 12/31/13
RICHARD A. HAMMERSBERG '94 of Virginia Beach, 2/16/14
ALLEN G. VITUG '94 of Norfolk, 1/5/14
JOCELYN EVANS WILKINS '97 of Norfolk, 1/10/14
CMC SUSAN M. BORKOSKI, USN (RET) (M.S. ED. '98) of Virginia Beach, 4/8/14
LINDA P. SOUCEK (M.S. ED. '98) of Franklin, Va., 12/22/13
MARY A. WENGER '98 of Virginia Beach, 2/2/14
ELIZABETH A. HEFLIN (M.S. ED. '00) of Virginia Beach, 1/25/14
MARY ELAYNE VENEMA '01 of Colonial Heights, Va., 1/11/14
ETCM (SW) LORI A. BARNES, USN (RET) (M.S. ED. '02) of Virginia Beach, 3/31/14
IMAGENE GARRIS ROACHÉ '02 of Chester, Va., 2/18/14
JERALD A. NINE SR. (M.S. ED. '05) of Fairfax, Va., 4/9/14
LYDIA A. BOWERS (M.S. ED. '07) of Virginia Beach, 2/20/14
KEITH T. FRANCIS '12 of Richmond, Va., 8/1/13
LT. COL. FRANCIS L. HORNE SR., USA (RET) (HON '12) of Abington, Pa., 1/8/14
SAMANTHA A. MILLS '13 of Virginia Beach, 2/8/14
NICHOLAS S. DILKES ('14) of Chesapeake, 1/25/14

IN REMEMBRANCE

William Abrams

William Abrams, a player on the Norfolk Division of the College of William & Mary's first football team in 1930, died on Sept. 17, 2013, in Virginia Beach. He was 101.

When ODU renewed its football program in 2009, Abrams was among the original players to be honored.

He is in the now-famous photo from that original team of four running backs jumping over seven down linemen. Abrams was among the linemen.

Craig W. Bowen

Craig W. Bowen, 50, assistant for special projects to the Old Dominion University chief operating officer, died June 15, 2014, while visiting in Deland, Fla.

Bowen joined ODU in January 2013 and immediately was thrust as an analyst and adviser into several prominent university projects, including the development of the Campus Master Plan that was approved by the Board of Visitors in December 2013.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia Metz; mother, Joan Bowen, of Deland; sister, Pamela Joan Bowen, of East Palatka, Fla.; brother Lawrence Scott Bowen (Vicky), of Deland; and brother-in-law Robert Metz (Ken Pruszynski), of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Johnny Brown

Johnny Brown, called one of the greatest natural athletes in Hampton Roads and a 1981 inductee in the Old Dominion University Sports Hall of Fame, died March 2, 2014, in Virginia Beach at the age of 94.

A three-sport athlete at the Norfolk Division of the College of William & Mary from 1937 to 1940, Brown was often compared to Jim Thorpe because of his prowess and versatility in track, football and baseball. He excelled in all three sports for the Norfolk Division before winning acclaim on a star-studded Army team packed with All-Americans and then competing for William & Mary.

When ODU reinitiated its football program in 2009, Brown and six others were honored on the field prior to the kickoff of the Monarchs' first game. Brown, at age 89, ran

from the tunnel in the end zone to accept the game ball from a parachute trooper who delivered the ball at midfield.

Following retirement in 1981 from Norfolk Public Schools, Brown penned several books, including his look back at ODU's first football teams, titled "Before They Were Monarchs," published in 2009.

Samuel F. Coppage

Samuel F. Coppage Jr., professor of information technology, passed away on March 9, 2014, at age 65 after a short illness.

Prior to joining the Old Dominion faculty in 1983, he worked at Bell Labs and as a private information systems consultant in New York City. Coppage earned his BS in mathematics at Virginia State University, and a master's degree and Ph.D. in computer science and mathematics from the Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences at New York University.

Dr. Coppage made many contributions to the Hampton Roads community. He served as a commissioner of the Norfolk International Airport Authority, on the boards of directors of NATOFest (formerly Norfolk Azalea Festival), the Norfolk Sister City Association and the Feldman Chamber Music Society, and on the Community Advisory Board for Tidewater Community College (Norfolk). In 2009, Coppage received the Martin Luther King Jr. Award from Tidewater Community College.

He was predeceased by his father, Dr. Samuel F. Coppage Sr., a prominent Norfolk dentist and a community and civil rights leader; his mother, Constance Jordan Coppage; his aunt, Dr. Mildred Jordan; and his much beloved "granny," Mrs. Hattie Blue Jordan.

Thomas R. Garrett

Thomas R. Garrett, 63, of Suffolk, retired Portsmouth Public Schools administrator and adjunct instructor at ODU, died Feb. 18,

2014. A noted local sports historian, he wrote four books on sports in the Hampton Roads area and was an avid fan of Old Dominion University sports. He held membership in the Portsmouth Sports Club, Virginia Sports Hall of Fame and Museum, Society for American Baseball Research and its Jerry Malloy Negro League Committee Leadership Team, and the Friends of the National Baseball Hall of Fame, Cooperstown, N.Y. His survivors include his wife of 41 years, Carol Duvall Garrett; a son, Andrew H. Garrett (Jenna); and a grandson.

Jodi S. Gidley

Old Dominion University Board of Visitors member Jodi S. Gidley passed away July 31 in Virginia Beach. She was a valued member of the board since July 1, 2013.

Gidley, an Old Dominion alumna from the Frank Batten College of Engineering and Technology, served on the board's administration and finance and student advancement committees. A Washington, Pa., native, Gidley received her bachelor of science degree in mathematics from the University of Pittsburgh and her master's degree in mechanical engineering from ODU.

She was senior vice president of mid-Atlantic operations for AGL Resources (NYSE:GAS) and president of three of its subsidiaries: Elizabethtown Gas, in New Jersey; Elkton Gas, in Maryland; and Virginia Natural Gas. She was responsible for all aspects of operations at these utilities, which serve 556,000 customers in the three states.

Prior to this role, Gidley was vice president of gas operations and business process services for AGL Resources, where she was responsible for gas supply and capacity planning, gas control and measurement, LNG and propane peak shaving operations and business support systems at AGL Resources' utilities. She also held several positions at Virginia Natural Gas, including vice president of operations and director of financial planning and budgets.

In addition to her service as a member of the Virginia Coal and Energy Commission, Gidley was actively involved in her community and served on the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce and the

Hampton Roads Economic Development Alliance boards.

Deane A. Hennett

Deane A. Hennett, Old Dominion University's auditor for more than a decade, died May 22, 2014. He was 53.

"During his time at ODU, Deane proved time and again that he was knowledgeable and capable of enhancing the processes by which the university conducts internal audits," said David F. Harnage, chief operating officer. "He was widely respected for his commitment to the university and dedication, not only to his professional colleagues, but anyone in need." Hennett volunteered through his church and with several professional organizations.

"Deane exemplified Old Dominion's focus on giving back to the community and set a fine example for friends and colleagues on and off campus," Harnage said.

He is survived by his wife, Ann; sons Corey and Kyle; his mother, Ernestine; and brother, Keith.

Edward D. Hewitt

Edward D. Hewitt, an editor and ombudsman who worked for The Evening Sun and Baltimore Sun from 1968 until his retirement in 2004, died of an apparent heart attack in March 2014 as he was about to ascend Mount Rogers in Independence, Va. The longtime Parkville, Md., resident was 70.

He was born and raised in Portsmouth. After graduating in 1961 from Granby High School in Norfolk, Hewitt attended Old Dominion University and worked as a newspaper stringer covering prep sports for The Virginian-Pilot.

Paul J. Homsher

Paul J. Homsher, an Old Dominion University professor emeritus of biological sciences whose research specialties were in genetics and reproductive biology, died in Virginia Beach on May 25, 2014, from complications related to pancreatic cancer. He was 83.

Homsher joined ODU in 1962 and during his 35 years on the faculty he was acting director and director of the Biomedical Sciences Program (1978-82) operated jointly by ODU and Eastern Virginia Medical School, and associate dean





and interim dean of the College of Sciences (1985-93).

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Judy, son Michael and daughter

Christine H. McCannon of Raleigh, N.C., daughter Mari Harris of Virginia Beach, and seven grandchildren. A foster daughter, Gina Farmer, resides in Mechanicsville, Va. He is also survived by his older sister, Dottie, and family in Pennsylvania.

“Paul was one of the first people I met when I arrived at ODU 20 years ago,” said ODU President John R. Broderick. “I was always impressed with his enthusiasm and amazing sense of humor. In my six-plus years as president, rarely a month went by where I would not get a call from Paul saying something positive about what we are doing at ODU. My heart goes out to Judy and his family. He was a positive influence on many lives during his time at the university, including mine.”

Gerald J. Pepe, the EVMS chair of physiological sciences and former dean of the school, called Homsher “a good friend, a good colleague and a good promoter of joint programs” between EVMS and ODU. Pepe said that even after he retired, Homsher would arrange meetings between EVMS and ODU faculty members to encourage collaborative research projects.

At ODU, Harold G. Marshall, professor emeritus and Eminent Scholar in biological sciences, recalled that “soon after joining the faculty, Paul established the genetic component of the departmental offerings, which continues to be a major area of interest for our students.” Marshall added, “He was an excellent and conscientious teacher, appreciated by students. ... He will be sincerely missed, but not forgotten.”

Homsher was born May 17, 1931, in Philadelphia. His bachelor’s degree in chemistry and physics, master’s in botany and Ph.D. in genetics were from Penn State

University. Before joining ODU, he held teaching and research assistantships at Penn State and the University of California at Los Angeles.

During his studies, Homsher served from 1953-56 as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Naval Reserve. Two decades later, while on the ODU faculty, he was recruited by the Office of Naval Research to work as a senior research investigator with world-renowned tick researcher Galila Khalil in Cairo, Egypt. Some of Homsher’s most important research involved efforts to disrupt the mating and reproductive processes of ticks in order to protect animals and humans from diseases carried by ticks.

A frequent collaborator was Daniel Sonenshine, the ODU professor emeritus and Eminent Scholar in biological sciences who joined the faculty in 1961 and went on to author the seminal two-volume text, “The Biology of Ticks.”

Cynthia Wright Swaine

Cynthia Wright Swaine, 69, of Norfolk, a retired ODU librarian, died May 18, 2014, after a brief illness.

She had a long and storied career in academic librarianship at Old Dominion University from 1975 until 2010. She taught thousands of students and faculty members in her roles as reference and research librarian and instruction services librarian. She was the co-designer of a course called Research in the Information Age, which she taught through the College of Arts and Letters. Web-based tutorials and tools she developed were featured in books and linked from websites in the U.S. and elsewhere. Accolades included Librarian of the Year awards.

Swaine was a member of Beta Phi Mu, the American Library Association, and the Virginia Library Association for most of her career. In recent years, Swaine discovered her passion: fine art painting. In 2013, she exhibited her works in local art shows and sold numerous paintings. Cynthia started a daily art blog called “My Art Goes Out to You” in 2011 to a coast-to-coast following.

Survivors include two sisters: Gwen Gillett (Dan) of Frederick, Md., and Jean Kimes (Robert) of Elkhart, Ind.

Lee Teply

Lee Teply, who taught music history and music theory at Old Dominion University and was widely known as the founder of the early instruments ensemble Collegium

Musicum and director of the Madrigal Singers, died July 13, 2014, in Norfolk.

Teply, who also was music director at First Lutheran Church of Norfolk, joined the ODU faculty in 1986.

“Dr. Teply was an amazing educator, performer and scholar,” said John Toomey, chair of the ODU Department of Music. “This is a huge loss for ODU and the music community in general.”

In 1988, Teply became director of ODU’s Madrigal Singers and he produced the university’s annual Madrigal Banquet. He also was involved with ODU’s Opera Workshop, conducting the productions of “Dido and Aeneas,” “The Telephone” and Douglas Moore’s “Gallantry.”

He held degrees in organ performance, music theory and literature from Oberlin College Conservatory and Eastman School of Music. He studied conducting with William Weinert, Robert Fountain, Harriet Simons and Robert DeCormier.

Before moving to Virginia, Teply was a full-time church musician in Lewiston, N.Y.

Roy L. Williams

Roy L. Williams, 77, the Old Dominion University professor

emeritus of chemistry who was widely known as a wine researcher and educator, died July 28, 2014, from complications after surgery to repair a fractured pelvis.

Williams, who lived in Car-



rollton, Va., with his wife, Sherry, fell on July 1. He was due to come home from the hospital and begin physical therapy, but developed internal bleeding and died in the intensive care unit, said his widow, who holds a master’s in chemistry from ODU (’93) and is the water quality control supervisor for the city of Newport News.

Few people in ODU’s nearly 85-year history could match Williams’ length of association with the university. He received a bachelor’s degree in sciences from the Norfolk Division of The College of William & Mary in 1960 and returned as an assistant professor of chemistry in 1965 to what had become Old Dominion College. He retired from Old Dominion University in 2005, but often visited campus in later years, sometimes to share his wine knowledge.

Williams first conducted research in polymers, and then drug synthesis. He was fond of saying that he really found his calling when he began work on the chemistry of natural products, which included grapes and wine. In 1991 he established the ODU Enological Research Facility (ERF).

“We all know what a bad rap alcohol gets in our society. The idea of seeking grant funds to support research that would help establish positive health benefits (of wine) was enough to make many earlier researchers turn and run. But that is exactly what ERF did,” he said. He presented ERF research throughout the United States and also in France, Portugal and Germany.

Williams led an annual ODU Alumni Association Wine Dinner, which he did in June of this year, and taught wine appreciation classes for a quarter-century.

Other than his wife, survivors include two daughters, two sons-in-law and three granddaughters.



Why ODU Athletic Teams Deserve Your Support

BY WOOD SELIG,
DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

It's an exciting time on campus with our football program competing as a full member in Conference USA. For the sixth consecutive year we should be sold out for all six home games. And at least 11 of our 12 games will be televised nationally, regionally or locally (see the TV schedule on page 57).

One of the motivating factors in our move to C-USA was the exposure our university would receive through the league's extensive television package and partnerships with ESPN, Fox, CBS and the Sinclair Broadcasting Group. Among those televised contests is our historic first C-USA home game on Friday, Sept. 26, which will be aired nationally on Fox Sports 1 to over 92 million households at 8 p.m. this summer we were pleased to be awarded both the 2014 C-USA men's soccer tournament, Nov. 12-16 at the ODU Soccer Complex, and the 2015 men's tennis championships April 17-19. Both tournaments provide our fans the opportunity to watch some of the top teams and competitors in the nation, while cheering on your Monarchs.

In addition we hope you will save the dates for these other significant athletic events:

- Oct. 12 - Women's soccer vs. Louisiana Tech, 1 p.m., ODU Soccer Complex.
- Nov. 2 - Field hockey vs. UNC, 1 p.m., L.R. Hill Sports Complex.
- Nov. 20 - Women's basketball vs. Duke, 7 p.m., Constant Center.
- Nov. 23 - Wrestling vs. Missouri, time is TBA, Constant Center.
- Nov. 29 - Men's basketball vs. VCU, time is TBA, Constant Center.

Jeff Jones led the Monarchs men's basketball team to the second-best turnaround program in the nation this past season (up 13 wins from previous season) and his staff had a stellar recruiting year. Season tickets are available for both the men's and wom-

en's basketball teams, along with attractive and affordable five-game, pick-your-own packages.

The 2013-14 campaign was one of our best academic performances in history. Of the 410 enrolled student-athletes in the spring, 15 (4%) earned a 4.0 semester grade point average, 27% earned Dean's List honors (3.4 or better), and 213 (52%) student-athletes had a 3.0 or higher semester GPA. ODU student-athletes led all C-USA schools with the number of 3.0 GPAs or better. Rice was second.

Thirteen of our 18 intercollegiate teams had cumulative fall and spring GPAs of 3.0 or higher and I congratulate our student-athletes, coaches and academic advising staff for these outstanding academic performances.

Women's soccer led all teams in combined fall and spring academic success with a 3.28 GPA, followed closely by women's golf (3.21) and women's swimming and diving (3.20).

Our fans and alumni contributed more than \$7.8 million to the Old Dominion Athletic Foundation this past year and we surpassed 3,000 members for the first time in our history. Additionally, Old Dominion University Sports Properties, the multimedia rights holder for athletics, generated a record \$2.9 million in sponsorships.

In just his third season at ODU, head coach Chris Finwood led our baseball program to a 36-26 overall record and our team received an at-large bid to the NCAA Regionals, ODU's first NCAA baseball tournament appearance since 2000. In addition, Finwood was named ABCA/Rawlings East Region Coach of the Year. We are excited about the upcoming season and schedule, including a home date at Harbor Park with College World Series runner-up U.Va.

Speaking of our 2013-14 success, our athletic program placed 112th out of 350 Division I schools in the Learfield Cup



Standings, led by the NCAA postseason performances of field hockey, men's soccer, wrestling, men's swimming and baseball. The Learfield Cup is the standard by which all athletic programs are compared based on NCAA postseason participation, so ODU ranked in the upper third for success within all Division I athletic programs.

On the athletic facility front, we have begun construction on the Paul Keyes Indoor Hitting Complex for baseball. Paul Keyes is a former Monarch baseball player and VCU head coach who passed away in 2012.

I am frequently asked by alumni how they can assist us: attend our events – home or away, support our athletic foundation with a contribution, or simply follow us on TV or radio throughout the season.

HUDSON HONORED

Old Dominion University Athletic Communications Director Carol Hudson is the 2014 winner of the Virginia Sports Information Directors Distinguished Service Award, which goes to veteran professionals who have promoted college athletics in the state. Hudson, who has been the sports information director at ODU since 1984, was inducted into the CoSIDA Hall of Fame in 2010. In 2013, the media room at the Ted Constant Convocation Center was named after Hudson in honor of his service. He becomes the third ODU winner of the distinguished service award, joining Paul Webb (1989) and Jim Jarrett (2004).



'Go for It'

How a Former Monarch Wrestler Landed a Dream Job with Red Sox



BY DIANE DOUGHERTY '11

Brett Miller '13, a former Division I wrestler with ODU, has made a big splash in the sports world, but not in the sport you would expect. The story of how he came to win a job with the Boston Red Sox major league baseball team – besting 55,000 other applicants – reads like a fairy tale with a very happy ending.

Right after graduating from ODU with a business administration degree, Miller began a job search and met with no success at all. “It was daunting and I felt like I wasn’t qualified for anything,” he says. But this changed, thanks to a promotion by the employment services website Monster.com and the Red Sox.

Miller not only wrestled for ODU, earning a second place finish at the CAA conference tournament his senior year, but also served as an operations intern with the ODU athletic department and as a member of the school’s Student Athletic Advisory Committee. Those extracurricular activities seemed to serve him well on the Red Sox job application.

In July 2013, Miller responded to a special Monster job listing for a young sports management officer in the Red Sox’s inaugural Rotational Business Initiative. This position would offer introductory experiences in ballpark operations, fan services and entertainment, marketing, and premium and group sales. Although he was up against 55,000 other applicants, Miller landed the job after five and a half months of rigorous interviews. “It’s been a whirlwind experience—a very humbling experience,” he says. “It is kind of hard to put into words. I was really just shocked, but at the end of the day, it’s kind of cool. How did I possibly do all of that?”

Miller, who grew up outside Washington, D.C., rooted for the Baltimore Orioles as a kid, and later, for the Nationals, but said he hasn’t had any trouble developing allegiance to the Red Sox. “The sports culture in Boston is incredible and unlike anything I’ve ever experienced. It’s impossible not to become a fan when you’re up here.”

Because he is the first person to hold this “rotating” job, he says even the Red Sox weren’t sure how it would work. “Each department has given me a loose set of guidelines and for the most part, a lot of it is my own responsibility. I go into everything extremely open-minded. I want to work my butt off every second of every day and act like a sponge and absorb everything.

“I think the feedback I’ve gotten from everyone is that I’m doing a great job and making a positive impact wherever I work, and I think it’s safe to say I’ll be here for a while and I’m completely okay with that. The atmosphere and people up here in Boston are incredible.”

By getting a dream job, he says, he proves that the sky is the limit. “My advice would be to absolutely go for it, no matter what limitations you may or may not have. The worst anyone is going to tell you is you didn’t get the job, and then you move on. Don’t disqualify yourself before anyone has even had the chance to see what you’ve got.”

Miller also had a few words for his mentors back in Norfolk. “ODU wrestling has definitely helped prepare me for a career in sports. The coaches, along with the structure of the program, helped me grow as a leader and as a hard worker,” he says. “I have to give a shout-out to Mike Dixon, the assistant coach with ODU wrestling, and Ricardo Sanon, my athletic academic advisor. I wouldn’t be where I am without them.”



Miller waving to fans when he was announced at Boston’s Fenway Park as the winner of the dream job.

Still Loving the Game

Two Former Monarchs Reminisce at 'Cool Reunion'

BY JIM RAPER

Baseball has been very good to former Monarchs Kevin Gibbs and Bobby Holland, and they have been very good for baseball. So when the two of them were on a field together at Cal Ripken Jr.'s Ripken Experience youth baseball complex in Myrtle Beach, S.C., earlier this year, they had a lot to talk about.

Holland is general manager of Ripken Experience. Gibbs, who operates Diamond Skills Baseball, a training program in Rockville, Md., accompanied his son Casey, 11, to the South Carolina complex to participate in a tournament.

This had the makings of what Holland called "a really cool reunion" between two men who have a lot more in common than ODU. Both have trained and encouraged dozens of youths who have gone on to play college and professional baseball.

Gibbs had one of the most storied tenures ever as a Monarch baseball player. Even before he arrived in Norfolk from his native Washington, D.C., he had batted .406 for the silver medal-winning United States team in the 1992 World Junior Championship. In three seasons as a Monarch from 1993-95, he batted .385, .436 and .352. In 54 games in 1994 he had 98 hits in 225 at bats and scored 72 runs. Those numbers made him a three-time All-American and he also twice was named an Academic All-American. Monarch teams including Gibbs won CAA titles and advanced to the NCAA Regionals in 1994 and 1995.

Also in 1994, he batted .400 in seven games as the starting centerfielder for Team USA in the Baseball World Cup.

The Los Angeles Dodgers drafted Gibbs in 1995 and he kept up his torrid pace through his first years in the minor leagues. Baseball America magazine tabbed him as one of the top prospects in all of baseball and named him the Dodgers "Centerfielder of the Future." Although he did play his way up to the Dodgers' roster, and later he had opportunities with the Colorado Rockies, New York Yankees and Philadelphia Phillies, several injuries limited his games in the majors. By 2003, he was ready to retire as a player,

but he "kept his toe in the game," as he puts it, by coaching high school ball and running Diamond Skills Baseball (which he had started in 2001 when his arm was in a sling from shoulder surgery). Post-baseball, he has also become a real estate developer.

Holland jumped at the opportunity when the two were together this past summer to have Gibbs give an on-the-field pep talk to the young athletes at the Ripken Experience. "The kids loved listening to him talk about his days at Old Dominion. About the importance of education; remember, he was an Academic All-American. And he also told them stories about playing with major league stars like Derek Jeter and Alex Rodriguez, behind the scenes, how hard they work," Holland said. Previous inspirational speakers at the Ripken Experience, other than the complex's owner, the former Orioles infielder Cal Ripken Jr., have been ex-big leaguers Billy Ripken, Phil Neikro and Wayne Gomes, who is a former Monarch and soon to be ODU Baseball Hall of Famer. Gomes attended tournaments at the complex in 2012 and 2013 with his son Miles.

"It was great seeing Bobby," Gibbs says in a telephone interview following his homecoming with Holland. "And I appreciated the opportunity to tell the kids about the importance of being a great teammate and of hard work." He used personal tales about Yankee greats Jeter and Rodriguez to illustrate his points.

"I went to the Yankees spring training in 2002 as a non-roster invitee. I was in the weight room with other guys who weren't on the roster and Jeter walks in. Here is



Right: Holland introduces Gibbs at Ripken Experience in Myrtle Beach. (Photo by Glossy Finish). Gibbs and family, Colin, Emma, wife Michelle and Casey. (Above) Gibbs during playing days with the Monarchs.



a guy on his way to the Hall of Fame, and a lot of stars like him would have just walked right through. But he stopped and spoke with each of us. He said, 'It's great to have you here and I hope you can help us win. If you need anything just let me know.' What a great teammate."

Gibbs' story about hard work featured Rodriguez, but this tale goes back to the U.S. junior team in 1992, long before A-Rod became a Yankee. Rodriguez was 17 at the time, a year younger than Gibbs and others on the squad. "Still, there were five first-round draft choices on that team, and he was head and shoulders above all the rest of us in talent." When Gibbs grew impatient with the lack of batting practice while the team was playing in Monterey, Mexico, he made some sock balls and organized BP in a parking lot. "We just wanted to get in some swings. So we're out there at 11:30 at night hitting sock balls. After a few minutes, there were 10 scouts watching us, and soon there were 30 scouts. They were all there to see Alex Rodriguez hit sock balls. It was clear that he understood the work ethic."

Gibbs says he likes to talk about ODU whenever he has the chance. "I told the young players in Myrtle Beach to be thankful about the support they get that helps them get better, and about all the support that ODU gave me to play baseball and to get the great education that helped set me up in life after baseball." (He was a political science major who remembers fondly the two classes he had with G. William Whitehurst, the ODU Kaufman Lecturer in Public Affairs and a former Congressman.)

An obvious question, given Gibbs' promise as a high schooler, and the fact that he was recruited by baseball powers Miami, Florida State, Notre Dame and Oklahoma State, would be: Why did you pick ODU?

He remembers visiting ODU, and liking what he saw. "More than that, your gut just tells you what is right. No one could believe it," he says, when he announced his choice.

Oddly enough, one of the young coaches recruiting Gibbs back in the early 1990s was Chris Finwood, then a coach with VMI, and now the head coach at ODU. The two of them have stayed in touch over the years, and Gibbs said he was an enthusiastic supporter of Finwood's candidacy at ODU.

"I think the world of Finney, and you can see by the team's record since he arrived that he has the team going in the right direction," Gibbs says.

Holland '99, who grew up in Richmond, played at ODU from 1996-98 and was the winning pitcher in the 1996 CAA championship game over James Madison, which sent ODU to the NCAA Regionals at Clemson.

"I was a freshman the year after Kevin Gibbs got drafted and went on to play for the Dodgers," Holland says. "I first met Kevin on a recruiting trip to Old Dominion in 1995. I remember watching him play and what a great leader he was, and decided I wanted to play for a team with guys like that who hustled out to their position no matter what the score was. He played the game hard and I admired that as a recruit. One of the main reasons I came to play at Old Dominion was because they were loaded with great leaders and players like Kevin Gibbs, Matt Quatraro and Ron Walker, to name a few."

Holland got to know Gibbs better because the latter often came back to visit and work in ODU baseball camps. "Our main connection is he passed the torch, as in 1996 when we won our third consecutive CAA championship. In each year from 1994 through 1996, we advanced to the regionals and we got commemorative '3-peat' rings made."

Like Gibbs, Holland found a job in professional baseball after he left ODU. But his work was administrative. He worked for eight years for the Richmond Braves and Potomac Nationals, eventually becoming the Potomac squad's general manager. Next he worked in the music and entertainment industry promoting artists such as U2 and the Rolling Stones in the Washington, D.C., and Baltimore markets.

"But I missed baseball," he admits and that led to a job with Ripken Baseball, the parent company of the Ripken Experience. He became general manager of the Myrtle Beach complex in 2008. That facility hosts over 1,100 baseball and softball teams a year in a tournament environment.

"During my seven years here we have grown from 300 teams annually to over 1,100 and have built two new fields, giving us a total of nine all-turf baseball fields here in Myrtle Beach," he says. Holland won Ripken Baseball's Iron Man Award in 2010, which was presented by Cal Jr. for "tireless efforts toward success (that) are a true demonstration of 'The Ripken Way.'"

Holland and his wife, Amanda, have three children, ages 10 to 3 months. Gibbs and his wife, Michelle, are the parents of three, ages 11 to 5 years old.



Baseball on Upswing

Old Dominion University baseball has a storied past, and from the performance of the 2014 team, Monarch fans have reason to hope for a storied future, too.

The latest team posted a 36-26 record and won an at-large invitation to the NCAA Regionals, the first time a Monarch team has advanced that far since 2000. Highlights of the regular season included wins over U.Va., which went on to be runner-up in the College World Series, and over Rice, which won the Conference USA title.

Head Coach Chris Finwood, who came to ODU three years ago, was named East Region Coach of the Year by the American Baseball Coaches Association/Rawlings.

Two pitchers for the squad, Ryan Yarborough and Connor Overton, were selected in the Major League Baseball draft. And Monarch senior pitcher Dean Ali won a place on the Conference USA All-Academic Team.

On the Gridiron

Who Will Be the New Stars?

BY ERIC BOHANNON

In just its sixth year, Old Dominion University football has jumped from an FCS startup, to FCS national title contender, to a full-fledged FBS and Conference USA member. While the rise of the program has been at rocket speed, the Monarchs will find the going rougher this season.

By the time this issue of Monarch reaches readers, ODU will have faced several strong opponents who wanted nothing less than to give the team a rude welcome to the FBS.

ODU plays Middle Tennessee on Friday, Sept. 26, in front of a national television audience and C-USA East Division favorite, Marshall, the following week. Then on Nov. 1 comes a non-conference date with the SEC's Vanderbilt.

ODU features its largest senior class with 19 players, but, with the transition to FBS, the team will also rely on several newcomers to help lead the way.

Monarch nation knows the names Taylor Heinicke, Antonio Vaughan and Reggie Owens. Those three senior starters, along with other returners such as Josh Mann, Fellonte Misher and Richie Staton, are players who are expected to lead ODU this season. However, there will be several newcomers – junior college transfers and incoming freshmen – who just may have begun to share the limelight by mid-season.

Players/Positions to Watch

Linebacker

Last year the Monarchs had a true freshman (Richie Staton) start 11 games, a revolving door at one outside linebacker and steady John Darr at the other. Darr has now graduated and is second all-time in tackles. Staton earned valuable experience last season, but needs help. Enter Reece Schmidt and Martez Simpson. Schmidt and Simpson were two of six defensive players brought to campus in January by Head Coach Bobby Wilder. The pair are already listed as starters at their respective positions and are expected to make an immediate impact.

“Reece established himself from the moment he walked on campus, with his work ethic in the off-season conditioning program when he was one of the hardest workers on the team,” Wilder said. “He was the guy staying in the weight room when the workouts were done. He caught everyone’s attention, players and coaches alike.”

Schmidt, a junior college transfer from L.A. Pierce College in California, had a learning curve to adjust to ODU, but after the first week everything began to fall into place. “It took me some time to get going during spring practice, but towards the end I felt comfortable



and started to do a lot of good things,” Schmidt said. “I feel comfortable in the defense and that’s the biggest thing. Now I just have to improve and carry that into the season.”

A JUCO transfer from Pearl River Community College in Mississippi, Simpson is also listed as a starting linebacker after a strong spring season.

“Martez came in and made a great presentation with his intelligence and quickness,” Wilder said. “At the linebacker position we’re still trying to establish that position as a strong one on the team. He still has a lot of football to learn but we are expecting big things from him this year.”

Safety

With the linebacker position a little thin prior to spring practice, the defensive coaches slid safety Andre Simmons up to linebacker; in July, he was listed as a starter at outside linebacker. With the



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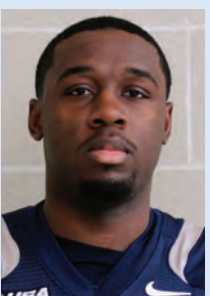
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senior captain moving to linebacker, that left a safety position open opposite of Misher. Sophomore Rob Thompson was able to seize that spot in spring practice.

Thompson graduated high school a semester early last year to join ODU in January 2013 and was able to lift weights and take part in spring practices. That helped him gain speed and also helped when he was moved from corner back to safety after the first week of fall camp.

“I felt like the transition was pretty smooth for me. I didn’t expect to do as well as I did at safety in camp. I had to learn so much. At safety you have to make the defensive calls. At corner I just took the calls and played, where at safety you make the calls, then play.”

Now that Thompson has a full year under his belt, he oozed confidence in the spring and solidified a starting spot at free safety by the end of camp.

“Rob established himself as the guy going into the fall. Having played as a true freshman was absolutely critical, the fact that he got to play and earned great game experience against top competition,” Wilder said.

Thompson will be pushed for playing time with newcomers Justin Noye and Christian Byrum. Noye, a three-star recruit from Connecticut, joined the Monarchs as an early high school enrollee in January. Byrum is a top recruit from nearby Tallwood High School in Virginia Beach.

Wide Receiver

Following spring practice the wide receiver position looked like it had some of the most depth on the team, however, with the dismissal of Larry Pinkard, and with Blair Roberts likely to redshirt with an injury, the group has gone from four receivers returning to just two, Antonio Vaughan and Zach Pascal.

“With the dismissal of Larry Pinkard there are a lot of catches and yards available,” Wilder said. “We expect Antonio and Zach to have real good years and Melvin Vaughn had an excellent spring. A guy like Nick England, who redshirted last year, has already played as a freshman at Florida International; he had a really good spring, so we expect him to step in.”

A wildcard at the wide receiver spot is backup quarterback David Washington. A redshirt sophomore, Washington is an outstanding athlete at 6-3, 200 pounds and possesses good speed.

“His primary position will be quarterback, but he will get work at wide receiver in camp. He’ll do drill work at practice at wide receiver and a lot of individual work running routes. I expect him to play at both positions,” Wilder said.



MONARCH FOOTBALL ON TV

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME/NETWORK
Fri., Sept. 26	Middle Tennessee <i>Wear White/Family Weekend</i>	Home	8 p.m., on FS1
Sat., Oct. 4	Marshall, <i>Stripe the Stadium</i>	Home	time TBA, on FS1 or FSN
Sat., Oct. 11	UTEP	UTEP	8 p.m., on Sinclair
Sat., Oct. 25	Western Kentucky	Kentucky	undecided
Sat., Nov. 1	Vanderbilt	Vanderbilt	SEC network, time TBA
Sat., Nov. 8	Florida International, <i>Wear Silver and Gray</i>	Homecoming	3:30 p.m., on Sinclair
Sat., Nov. 22	Louisiana Tech <i>Oyster Bowl/Senior Day</i>	Home	1 p.m., on FCS
Sat., Nov. 29	Florida Atlantic	Florida	noon, on Sinclair

FSN – Fox Sports Network; FS1 – Fox Sports 1; FCS–Fox College Sports; Sinclair Broadcasting Group (in 38 markets nationwide; check local listings)

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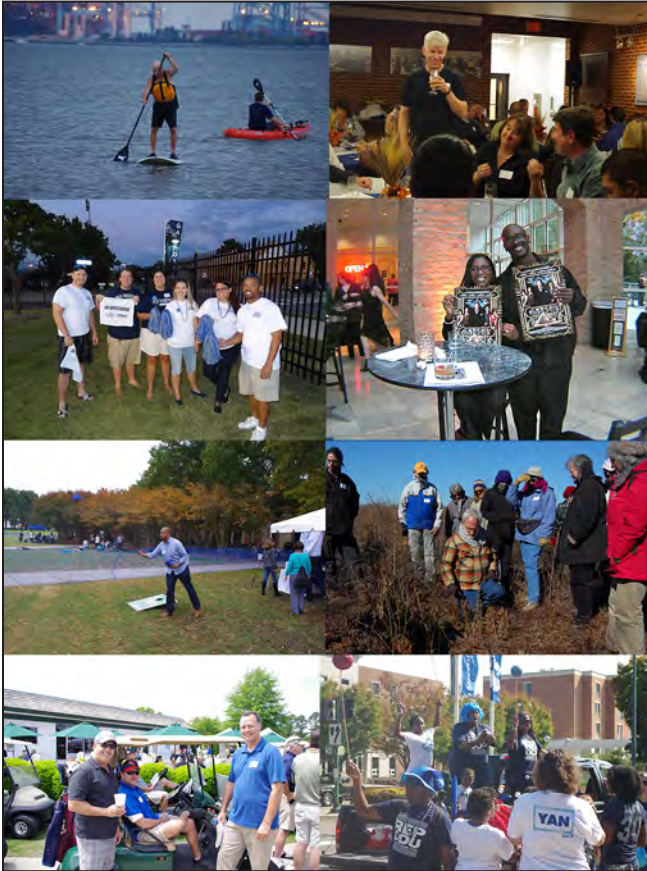


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Solar Technology gets a Workout at ODU

Old Dominion University's Student Recreation Center has generated a lot of good reviews since it opened six years ago. Now it's generating electricity. That's the result of a partnership between the university and Dominion Virginia Power, which chose the Recreation Center to be a test site for Dominion's Solar Partnership Program. More than 600 solar panels have been installed on the Recreation Center roof, capable of generating enough electricity to power about 30 homes. The project will be closely watched by Dominion and by photovoltaic researchers at ODU.

ODU President John Broderick said it's no surprise Dominion Virginia Power came to ODU first for its solar partnership. "Old Dominion University's development of solar technology and groundbreaking photovoltaic energy research has been recognized nationally. Thanks to more than \$3 million in research grants from a variety of sources, including Dominion Power's generous support over the years, Dr. Sylvain Marsillac and his team have been able to further this research by testing solar energy concepts."



WHAT DOES YOUR WILL REVEAL?



Your will says something about you. First it says that you care about your loved ones. You want to make it easier for them by taking care of legal matters relating to the transfer of your estate. You want your affairs handled smoothly and without undue inconvenience to those who will be experiencing grief.

Second, having a will likely means that you have sought to take advantage of tax-related planning, as well as reduce probate costs by designating what things will go where, and who will be responsible for handling the details. The cost savings from a carefully constructed estate plan means that more can go to family members and other beneficiaries of your estate.

Third, your will provides insight into your lifetime involvements and concerns. Bequests to family members speak of your love and concern for their welfare. And bequests to various organizations speak volumes about your sense of values.

For example, when you include Old Dominion University in your will, you reveal that educating students is a worthwhile endeavor and you affirm your belief in ODU's mission. Such action encourages those you leave behind to consider their own philanthropic involvements.

Finally, when you include Old Dominion University in your will, you tell us that you want us to continue to fulfill our mission in this world. You reveal your vision for our future. You encourage us to be good stewards of the new resources you place in our hands.

Your will says other things as well about your interests and values and commitments. And, because it says so much, you are wise to think it through carefully.

If having a will says so many good things about a person, what does the absence of a will reveal?

We in the planned giving office at ODU want you to experience the good feelings of having a well-considered and well-crafted will, or to have accomplished your estate planning goals in other comprehensive ways. We encourage you to take care of this very important matter. And to help you, we offer a complementary *wills kit* to assist you in basic estate planning. For more information, please contact Barbara Henley at the number or email address noted below.

Further, if you have questions about how to leave a bequest to Old Dominion University, we are available.

To see how other alumni and friends are supporting ODU, please visit www.odu.edu/plannedgiving



Have you made a provision to leave a future gift to Old Dominion University? If so, please let us know so we may thank you. Please contact **Barbara Henley**, Director of Planned Giving, at 757-683-6563 or bhenley@odu.edu, or visit our estate planning website at www.odu.edu/plannedgiving

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HOMECOMING 2014

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER 5-8

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 5

6-8 p.m.,
**Civil and Environmental Engineering
Alumni Chapter Chartering Ceremony,**
New Engineering Systems Building. 🐾

6 p.m.,
LGBT Welcome Reception,
The Iguana 🐾



THURSDAY NOVEMBER 6



10 a.m.-3 p.m.,
Bloodmobile, Kaufman Mall-
Appointments preferred but walk-ins welcome. To set up appointments contact homecoming@odu.edu.

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.,
Monarch Day, Kaufman Mall-
Enjoy superhero themed food, games, and the presentation of the 2014 Homecoming Court.

6 p.m.,
Alumni Honors Dinner, Half Moone Cruise and Celebration Center - Honoring the 2014 Distinguished Alumni, Honorary Alumni, and Alumni Service Award winners and the Class of 1964. Tickets must be purchased. Sponsorship opportunities are available. 🐾

7 p.m.,
NPHC Step Show (sponsored by NPHC), Ted Constant Convocation Center - Fraternities and sororities compete for the 2014 Step Show title. Visit <http://ynottix.com> for tickets.

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 7

12:30 p.m.,
Founders' Day Luncheon, Big Blue Room, Ted Constant Convocation Center-ODU and Town 'N' Gown honor individuals who have made a significant impact on the University and Hampton Roads. Call 757.683.5759 for tickets.

6 p.m.,
BAC Social, Baxter's Lounge 🐾

7 p.m.,
Men's Soccer, Soccer Complex-Watch the Monarchs compete against the FIU Panthers. Tickets-\$5/adults and \$4/ youth, \$3/groups of 10+.

8 p.m.,
Homecoming Concert (sponsored by SAC), Ted Constant Convocation Center -For artist and ticket information visit <http://ynottix.com>.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 8



9 a.m.,
Hall of Fame Breakfast, Hall of Fame Lobby, Ted Constant Convocation Center- For additional information or to purchase tickets, contact Jackie Barrow at 757-683-3359. Tickets \$25.

From 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.,
access to all lots will not be permitted due to the Homecoming Parade. Lots re-open at 12:30 p.m. until kick-off at 3:30 p.m.

11 a.m.,
Homecoming Parade, Kick off the day's celebration with this annual tradition. Prime viewing spots on 49th Street and Hampton Boulevard.

10 a.m.,
Tailgate Lots Open, Lots open from 10 - 11 a.m. to enter assigned tailgate lot.

12:30 p.m.,
Alumni Tailgate Tent, Kaufman Mall-Come by and tailgate with other alumni, fans and students. Advance reservations are preferred. A very limited number of Alumni Tailgate Tent packages (includes game ticket) are available; visit www.odualumni.org to purchase package. 🐾

3:30 p.m., **Football, ODU vs. Florida International University, Foreman Field at S. B. Ballard Stadium -Ticket only purchases are not available at this time; check www.odusports.com for more details. Join us on Kaufman Mall immediately following the football game for the Homecoming Fireworks. **Class of 1964**-For complete 50th Reunion details and to view the schedule of events please visit www.odualumni.org/50thReunion.**