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It will be the university's largest academic building, with 120,000 square feet, five stories and 4-foot-high "Old Dominion University" lettering near its peak. The new Education Building, which will begin holding classes in the spring, will serve as "a beacon to the community that 'This is ODU,'"

said David Harnage, the university's chief operating officer. The feature that Jane Bray, dean of the Darden College of



Education (pictured), most appreciates? "Lots and lots of space for collaboration in the middle of the building." Her college won't be the only one getting new digs. The state approved two other buildings - for chemistry and life sciences and for health sciences. Funding will total \$185 million for the three buildings.

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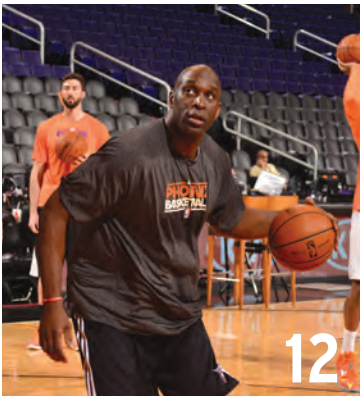
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How many landmarks can you identify in the montage celebrating Old Dominion University's 85th anniversary?. *Photos: by Shara Weber; Commencement photo by Chuck Thomas; Basketball photo provided by ODU Sports Information*

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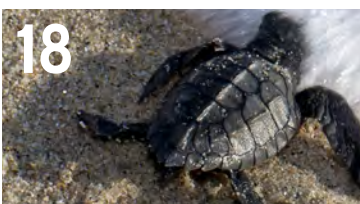
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Letter from the President

One of my favorite parts of the past school year was our celebration of the university's 85th anniversary. Now we get to do it again with this edition of Monarch magazine.

From a one-building, two-year college in 1930, we've grown into a university featuring nearly 25,000 students, 145 buildings and a research hub tackling society's most urgent challenges.

In these pages, you'll encounter examples of how Old Dominion has embraced innovation yet stayed true to its mission. Our work in oceanography, which began more than a half-century ago, has branched out to target sea level rise and flooding resilience. Our efforts to educate students at a distance have evolved from televised classes in the 1950s to nearly 590 online courses we will offer in the fall.



This issue features a 16-page anniversary insert, which can be easily detached as a memento. It looks back at some of the people who've made this university special, including A. Rufus Tonelson, one of the first three students to enroll in 1930, and Ronald Horne, the first African-American to receive a bachelor's degree here.

Looking forward, the magazine acquaints you with three strong additions to our campus – the new provost, Augustine “Austin” Agho; the new engineering dean, Stephanie Adams, and our associate vice president of alumni relations, Joy Jefferson.

You'll also meet some of our talented students – including the members of the gaming club, Norfolk's youth poet laureate and a couple of very young entrepreneurs – and prize-winning faculty members such as marine biologist Sara Maxwell and physicist Charles Hyde.

Just as the university has evolved, so have our alumni. You will retrace the professional and personal journeys taken by Brad Hole, a successful West Coast businessman, and former Rhodes Scholar Samantha Salvia. And proving that our emphasis on community service doesn't stop at graduation, you'll see how former women's basketball star Clarisse Machanguana is working to improve the lives of youngsters in Mozambique.

Finally, the magazine examines one of our greatest strengths – our status as one of the commonwealth's most diverse and inclusive universities – though it's far too early to rest on our laurels.

I hope this issue increases your Monarch pride, and I look forward to seeing you at Homecoming in September.

John R. Broderick, President
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Letter from the Editor

I'm pleased to introduce myself – and the new Monarch magazine – to you.

First, a little about me: I joined Old Dominion this year after spending 27 years as a reporter at The Virginian-Pilot. But I don't consider myself a newcomer to ODU.

For most of my time at the newspaper, I wrote about higher education, so I developed strong relationships with faculty, students and administrators here and a deep appreciation of Old Dominion's strengths. I also took a graduate fiction-writing course with Janet Peery several years ago. I've had writing classes at other universities, some led by Pulitzer Prize winners. But none came close to matching Janet's brilliance as an instructor.

Now the magazine: We've redesigned Monarch magazine to provide a fresher, more inviting look, with larger type, more engaging fonts and more white space. Huge thanks go to Karen Smallets (M.A. '14), the ace art director, whose creativity and hard work are on display on every page.

As usual, the magazine highlights the impressive work of ODU's alumni, faculty and students. You'll meet one of the area's leading som-

meliers, a businessman-turned-professional-kayaker, award-winning physicists and top NBA execs. And we celebrate the university's 85th anniversary with a section in the magazine and a keepsake 16-page insert. Reflecting our multimedia world, we include your tweets, links to videos of some of the people we've profiled and results of a social-media poll on your favorite Monarch athletes. Special thanks to the great team of writers, photographers and librarians who made this issue shine and to Janet Molinaro (M.A. '14), our eagle-eye copy editor.

I want to get to know you better in the coming months. Contact me at pwalzer@odu.edu or 757-683-3692 with story ideas, letters, photos and personal news. You should also soon receive a short readership survey by email. Please complete it so we get a better sense of how the magazine can best serve you.

Enjoy the summer and this special issue.

Philip Walzer
Monarch Magazine and University Editor



What do you think?

Monarch magazine welcomes your letters, tweets, calls and comments. You may contact us via email, pwalzer@odu.edu; fax, 757-683-5513; phone, 757-683-3692; or by regular mail, Editor, Monarch magazine, 1024 Koch Hall, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA 23529.

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OUR LION IN THE FOUNTAIN



When Shara Weber, graphic designer in University Design and Publications, took this beautiful photo, she did not expect a campus response. Within minutes after it was posted on ODU's Facebook page, people were commenting on the lion and its special meaning.

The lion at night is a beautiful sight. My heart, my soul, my school, my home...Go Big Blue. Roar ODU. **Doswan Gordon**

Is it only me that feels proud of my university by seeing the lion or do you feel it too? **HMd Yousefi**

The lion and fountain at night is one of the most beautiful sights I have ever seen. Every time I walked past it I felt a sense of "homeyness" and comfort. It signifies that I am at the core of an historic institution that makes me proud. I look at this photo and think of the great times I shared at my alma mater.

Brian Jerry

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I love ODU because we have a beautiful safe campus. As a police officer, I truly enjoy patrolling the campus and talking to our students and staff. The police force is an excellent working environment where officers and our security staff work as a team to make the university safe. #ODU police **Marc Ross Huckless**

A GLASS *of his own*

by Jim Raper

Photography by Roberto Westbrook

After 3 ½ years at Old Dominion, Marc Sauter poured his passion into wine. The sommelier has become the nose that knows in Hampton Roads, sharing his expertise with alumni and ex-NFL stars.



It's the week before the Super Bowl, and sommelier Marc Sauter of Virginia Beach is traveling across California's Napa Valley – only a 90-minute drive from Levi's Stadium – for a fine wine prelude to the football festivities. The exalted wine steward is leading a winery tour for a dozen or so folks who had no trouble getting Super Bowl tickets.

You can't miss Bruce Smith, the retired defensive end for the Buffalo Bills and NFL Hall of Famer best remembered for the four Super Bowls (1990-93) he played in. Smith, a Virginia Beach businessman and longtime pal of Sauter's, rounded up some former teammates for the tour.

Hey, isn't that Jim Kelly, the Hall of Fame quarterback for the Bills? Yes, and beside him is Thurman Thomas, a former running back who also made it into the Hall of Fame. In fact, everyone in the tour group is connected in some way to those Bills teams that seemed always to make it to the Super Bowl, though they never won it.

Nonetheless, Sauter is the big man in this Napa huddle.

He has visited America's top wine region so often – 115 times during the last quarter-century – that he can declare a home-field advantage.

Afterward, he describes the trip as "world class." Sauter figures the group tasted nearly \$50,000 worth of wines from cult producers such as Colgin, Bond, Araujo and Cardinale during the three-day visit.

"I have a good life," he says.

Sauter's interest in wine dates to his teenage years as the son of an Air Force officer living in places as far-flung as Maine and California. He asked so many questions about his parents' wine-infused dinners that he got the nickname "Wine Boy."

He chose Old Dominion University in 1987, for the accounting program and the University's proximity to the ocean.

A confession from Sauter: "I am a lopsided learner." He made a nearly perfect SAT score in math, but bombed out in verbal. "I'm a dumb-dumb reader," he says, a liability more consequential than one might think in his quest to be a world-class sommelier.

Accounting wasn't hard for him, yet his focus was diverted. Wine Boy began running the wine program at the now shuttered La Galleria Ristorante in downtown Norfolk. He sold so much Sonoma-Cutrer Chardonnay that the winery's founder,



PHOTO: COURTESY OF MARC SAUTER

(From left) Jim Kelly, Thurman Thomas, Darryl Talley, Marc Sauter, Don Gallagher (owner of Trespass Vineyards), Steve Tasker, Bruce Smith and Cornelius Bennett during the Napa tour.

Brice Jones, invited him to northern California.

"Brice said, 'We'll have our travel agent call you.' I thought, 'This is fun,'" Sauter says.

"So I had been at ODU for three and a half years, and I was wondering if I could really sit in a cubicle all day. I wanted something with high energy." Wine trips to Spain and Australia cinched it for him.

Over the years he has worked at a half-dozen restaurants in southeastern Virginia, including a long and formative stint at Todd Jurich's Bistro in Norfolk and a short but glitzy go of it at Zinc Brasserie in Virginia Beach, which is now closed. He is now part owner and head sommelier at Zoës Steak and Seafood in Virginia Beach.



Anyone who wields a corkscrew at a restaurant can claim the title of sommelier. But Sauter and others who have paid their dues believe it is best to earn it. The most favored way is through the Court of Master Sommeliers.

Viewers of the popular 2012 documentary “Somm” know the rise to Level IV Master Sommelier is insanely difficult. Since the court was organized 40 years ago, only about 230 people worldwide have mastered the blind tastings, theory tests and restaurant-service drills required for the designation.

Sauter is at Level II and acknowledged by the court as a candidate for Level III, making him the highest-ranking sommelier in the region.

During the past two decades, he has made a concentrated effort to learn about wine by seeking out face-to-face encounters with top sommeliers and wine producers across the globe. For a year, he drove to a class in Washington, D.C., every Saturday, leaving at 6:30 a.m. and getting back to Todd Jurich’s Bistro by

dinnertime to work his shift. “Brutal,” he says.

But it paid off. Sauter is familiar with about 8,000 wines. To become a master sommelier, however, he’ll need to know twice as many.

The 48-year-old Chesapeake resident hasn’t ruled out the grueling challenge to reach Level IV, but not now. It would take time away from his family and Zoës. And there’s that reading issue, which makes him a visual-oral learner (“I need you to tell me, show me, include me.”).

That hasn’t impeded him from acquiring a skill that has impressed many wine connoisseurs locally and beyond: identifying wines in blind tastings. This means nailing such details as the grape or grapes in the wine, its appellation (where it is from) and what, if any, oak barrels were used.

“Marc has a laser-sharp palate,” says Lindsay Bennett ’04, a Level II sommelier who with her husband co-owns Press 626 Café and Wine Bar in Norfolk. “You would not be human if you didn’t feel his passion and his energy to share this



amazing gift.”

Bennett fell under Sauter’s influence when she took a bartender job at Todd Jurich’s Bistro while she was in school. She’s also among the next generation of wine professionals who have benefited from his free classes for those seeking court certification.

Bennett credits Sauter with playing a

major role in the region's wine awakening: "Marc made the wine world for his guests – and co-workers – a whole lot bigger, a whole lot more interesting and a whole lot tastier."

Another of his alumni disciples is Patrick Farrell (M.A. '09), who works part time at Zoës and last year began teaching the wine appreciation class in ODU's continuing education program. (See sidebar.)

"With him," Farrell says, "for the first time I felt someone directing my work was doing so without any real consideration of his own interests. He has no pretense whatsoever; he's very gracious, decorous, humble."


Farrell, like Bennett, is a Level II sommelier. Neither plans to pursue higher status. "And, truthfully, I don't think Marc needs to, either," Farrell says. "He already is our guru, our local authority."

Zoës has become the regional seat of wine connoisseurship under Sauter, and he counts quite a few important collectors among his regular patrons.

When they want to visit exclusive cult wineries in Napa, they know that the doors open for Sauter. "Marc has an outstanding knowledge of wine," said his friend Dick Grace of Grace Family Vineyards, which sells \$300 bottles.

Everyone seems to like him – which Farrell acknowledges is somewhat unusual because sommeliers often come with strong egos.

So do former football players. But that didn't keep Bruce Smith, Jim Kelly and their ex-teammates from easily accepting Sauter as their leader during the recent wine tour.

"When we're in Napa," Smith says, "Marc is our quarterback." 

Jim Raper is the former editor of Monarch magazine and the wine columnist for The Virginian-Pilot. He's an unabashed Francophile when it comes to wine.

THE DISCIPLES

LINDSAY BENNETT '04 is co-owner of Press 626 Café and Wine Bar, located close enough to the ODU campus to be a place where Monarch nation gathers to enjoy fine wine.

Bennett, who majored in biology, had envisioned a career in environmental law.

That changed when she took a bartender job at Todd Jurich's Bistro while in school and fell under Sauter's influence. But her degree explains her unusual affection for the "dirty hands" portions of wine production: She has spent lots of time studying the way soil, sun and water, together with the not-so-glamorous work of winemakers, can produce great wines.

Press 626 is the only restaurant in the region, and one of only a handful in the country, with three female Level II Certified Sommeliers – Bennett, Kiera Hill and Emily Ann Wagener.



PATRICK FARRELL (M.A. '09) is a lecturer in English at ODU and a part-time sommelier who worked for Sauter at Todd Jurich's Bistro. He now serves as a sidekick at Zoës



Steak and Seafood.

"I'm English faculty by day and a wine swashbuckler by night," he says. "Sometimes I think what most interests my wine patrons is my being a college English instructor and what most interests my colleagues at ODU is what I do with wine."

Farrell also teaches ODU's continuing education class in wine appreciation during the fall and spring semesters. Visit <http://odu.edu/cepd/enrichment/wine-appreciation> for more information.

Farrell has studied French and lived in Germany, which helps explain his bent toward European wines. "It helps as a sommelier when 'Chateauf-neuf-du-Pape' and 'trocken-beerenauslese' can roll off your tongue," he says with a laugh.

MARC SAUTER'S WINES

by the numbers

900

Bottles in his personal collection.

\$7,500

Approximate value of eight trophy cabernet sauvignon-based wines in his collection that he plans to drink on his 50th birthday.

\$90,000

Cost of a six-liter bottle of 1988 Grace Family Napa Cabernet Sauvignon to which Sauter was treated by a friend during a 40th birthday dinner at Blackberry Farm in Tennessee.

\$17,000

Price of the most expensive bottle on the Zoës Steak and Seafood wine list, a 2009 Domaine de la Romanée-Conti Romanée-Conti (Burgundy).

\$12,000

Approximate price of his favorite bottle ever, Château Cheval Blanc 1947 Saint-Émilion, a Bordeaux Right Bank red blend of cabernet franc and merlot.



A Hole new career

Eco-businessman takes to the water *By Tom Robinson*



Brad Hole's idea was as bold as it was brilliant. Ten years ago, Hole sent Al Gore, the former vice president and renowned climate change activist, a letter describing an inconvenient truth: Gore could buy recycled three-ring binders made by Hole's "green" office supplies company — or he could spend the rest of his days consumed with regret.

"Gore's movie ('An Inconvenient Truth') had just come out, and I'd read where he pledged to train 1,000 people

to spread his message," said Hole, a 1993 Old Dominion graduate in interdisciplinary studies. "I knew they'd need binders for all the material he'd have to give to all those people. So I sent him a case of binders and a letter. I said, 'The first case is on us. The next is on your conscience.'"

Two weeks later, a bulk order from Gore's Climate Reality Project arrived at Hole's Seattle office.

Hole is great at landing big ones. So six years ago, with Gore, the White House, L.L. Bean and the Sundance Channel among his happy clients, Hole sold his business and went fishing.

In a kayak.

But not just any kayak. A pedal-powered kayak, sturdy and equipped well enough for him to wrestle in a 5 ½-foot, 80-pound halibut three miles from shore, which Hole did in 2013.

Big catches like that one and promotional instincts he honed at ODU, where he studied advertising and marketing, have made Hole a kayak-fishing superstar in the Pacific Northwest.

Hobie, the water-sports company, noticed. It named Hole to its 2016 Top Gun fishing team: 13 top kayak anglers from around the world chosen to be ambassadors for the sport and the company.

Hole, 45, represents Hobie at kayak fishing competitions and product shows,



PHOTO: COURTESY OF BRAD HOLE

Brad's Blog

These are excerpts from Brad Hole's blog posts at kayakfishingwashington.com.

Potholes Reservoir, walleye – Washington State Posted Sept. 26, 2015

Beautiful end of summer/beginning of fall weather at the Potholes Reservoir. The walleye bite has been pretty consistent all year long. I joined my buddy Todd Switzer for a couple of days on the water. In previous years we've only gotten into the typical 15- to 20-inch walleye. It was nice to catch a couple big females this trip.

runs seminars, guides excursions and produces articles for Hobie's website.

"The Top Guns are hand-selected fishing team members that have gone above and beyond," said Kevin Nakada, coordinator of Hobie's fishing team. "They are renowned for their skills on and off the water as anglers and as Hobie representatives."

Raised in the Finger Lakes region of New York, Hole grew up a prodigious fisherman, garnering local press for his angling exploits. He continued his hobby after his family moved to Leesburg, Va., but he put his rods and reels on ice at ODU to focus on academic and social pursuits.

"ODU was my top choice," Hole said. "I liked the school, and the location was fairly close to home. I had a great time there."

Immediately after graduation, Hole left for the fishing haven of Seattle and a job as a movie location scout. Later he managed bands and then, with a friend, started a business that manufactured bar code labels and scanners.

He sold that business to start another one making recycled office supplies.

A conservationist who grows vegetables, forages for mushrooms and keeps chickens in his yard, Hole conceived the "Rebinder," featuring a recyclable cardboard cover. His company produced other eco-friendly office supplies, employed 10 people and earned annual revenue north of \$2 million before he cashed out, eager for a new challenge.

That was around the time Hole learned about new stout, hands-free kayaks rigged with rod holders and "fishfinder" sonar devices.

"That was a game changer for me," Hole said.



PHOTO: JIM MEYERS

Hole took to avid kayak fishing and now travels widely to consult, fish and promote a fun, fast-growing sport that he says is effective and efficient. More fish can be caught from a kayak, he said, because it has no motor to disrupt the water and alert the prey.

Hole discusses all of this often on Seattle's weekly "Outdoor Line" radio show, where he subtly lures listeners into testing one of Hobie's \$3,000 kayaks.

"If you're a kayak fisherman around here, you know Brad," said "Outdoor Line" host Rob Endsley. "We talk about his latest adventures and where he's going next, because he's all over the place. And Brad's money as a guest. He's so personable and professional, he carries the segment."

What Hole doesn't carry home much of anymore is fish. His freezers, like his days pedaling upon the water, are full.

Tom Robinson, a hapless angler, is a former public relations specialist at Old Dominion University and a freelance writer.

American Lake, – winter rainbows – Washington State Posted Jan. 2, 2015

Ah, a new year! 2015 kicked off with a sunny yet cold day. I met RAM Mounting Systems Sales Sensation John Jackson and his brother-in-law Joe at American Lake. Both John and Joe had been successful in their last couple of outings and were willing to show me around the lake.

Almost immediately after getting my line down about 15 feet, my rod got slammed! John was yelling at me to look at the fish

jumping 100 feet behind the kayak. I reeled in a few feet and he was off. Fifteen minutes later, I turned my kayak to make a loop and got slammed again. Big fish! ... Back in the water my line goes. Another half hour passed. We made our way around a point. I was working about 35 feet of water and my rod buckles over. Another big rainbow. A couple of jumps sounded like a cantaloupe being thrown in the water. This one made it to the net. A beautiful 23" triploid rainbow.

BY BENJAMIN GLEISSER

ALUMS SOAR WITH THE NBA

Old Dominion University boasts an impressive lineup of men's and women's basketball players who have excelled during their college years and beyond. For some, their involvement in the game doesn't end when their playing careers do.

Here's a look at Monarchs who won big promotions on the administrative side of professional basketball last year. Two were name players at ODU; the other is using her business acumen to take the NBA to new heights.

Nancy Lieberman: Queen of the Kings

Nancy Lieberman '80 made history in 2009 when she became the first woman to coach a professional men's basketball team – the Texas Legends in the NBA Development League.

She did it again last July, when she became the second female assistant coach on the NBA level, winning a job with the Sacramento Kings.

The gender thing is no big deal to her: "What I'm doing I've been doing my whole life. I've been coached by men and done TV. I've played hundreds of games around guys all the time. I'm not the flavor of the month."

It's not an issue for her players either. "They're tremendously respectful. They know if they want to improve their game, they'll listen."

Opposing players, including Kobe Bryant and Stephen Curry, have given her hugs and handshakes. "At every venue I go to, players say things like, 'I'm really proud of you,' and 'Congratulations.'"

Lieberman was a basketball phenom before Old Dominion. While still in high school in Far Rockaway, N.Y., she was the youngest member of the 1976 U.S. Olympic women's basketball team, which earned silver.

At Old Dominion, she wore uniform No. 10, a nod to her hero New York Knicks star Walt Frazier, and she won the moniker of "Lady Magic" after another hero, Earvin "Magic" Johnson.

"The most important thing I learned," Lieberman, 57, says, "was how to be a teammate. Being a good teammate means making people around you good, so everyone wins. That's true in sports, and it's true in life."

After graduating with a degree in interdisciplinary studies, she played for the Dallas Diamonds of the Women's Professional Basketball League; the Washington Generals, which often faced the

Harlem Globetrotters, and the Phoenix Mercury of the WNBA. She later served as head coach and GM for the Detroit Shock (WNBA), then worked at ESPN as the women's basketball analyst.

Today, in addition to coaching the Kings, she heads Nancy Lieberman Charities, which provides college scholarships, builds basketball courts in disadvantaged areas and runs basketball camps for youngsters.

"We've sent 12 kids to college in the last 12 years and built 22 basketball courts," she says. "When all is said and done, I want to be known as a giver, not a taker."



PHOTO: COURTESY OF THE SACRAMENTO KINGS

Mark West: Helping players after the final buzzer

Mark West '83 chose Old Dominion because he was impressed with its high graduation rate for athletes. Today, he works to ensure that players have a high success rate after retiring from the NBA.

"My job encompasses the lifespan of a player," says West, 55, who was named vice president of player relations for the Phoenix Suns in July. "I talk to them about managing their money. A player might generate wealth of \$100 to \$200 million over the life of his career. If he handles it wisely, that money will provide for his children and his children's children."

To young players, he serves as a life counselor. "I tell them, 'Now you're working for a living. This isn't college ball anymore – you might be here for years, you might be gone tomorrow. There's a high turnover in this business; if you don't get the job done, the team will find someone else who will.'"

"I also help guys in the middle of their careers prepare for transition out of the league. I'll get a feel for where their interest lies, what they'll want to pursue, and then help them set it up. I try to mentor them beyond basketball."

West, who studied business administration, credits his mentors at Old Dominion for his success on the court – he shot 56 percent from the floor – and in life.

"Coach Paul Webb taught me to pay attention to details," West says. "His best lesson was, 'You can't control the time you have in the game, but you can control what you do with your time in the game.'"

PHOTO: COURTESY OF THE PHOENIX SUNS



Business professor Bruce Rubin wouldn't let him slack off. "He said, 'If you want a degree, you're going to have to earn it.'"

Attending ODU was special for another reason: He and his siblings were the first generation from his family to attend college.

The Dallas Mavericks chose West in the second round of the 1983 draft. He played 17 seasons with seven teams, racking up 6,259 points and 5,347 rebounds. West ranks third all-time in career field-goal percentage (58.03 percent).

West has been with the Suns' front office since 2000, when he was named assistant general manager.

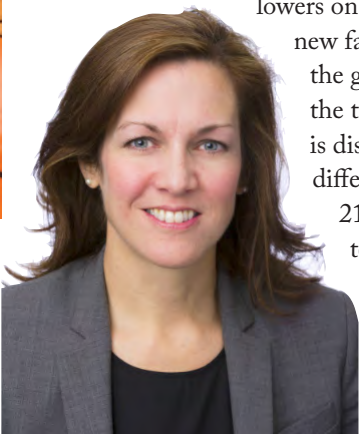
KENT BAZEMORE '12, THE ONLY ODU ALUM PLAYING IN THE NBA, AVERAGED 11.6 POINTS PER GAME THIS SEASON FOR THE ATLANTA HAWKS

Chris Pantoya: Adding tech-nique to NBA

Chris Pantoya '93, '95 M.B.A., the senior vice president of mobile strategy for the NBA, helps ensure basketball fans around the world can access their favorite players and teams, whether those fans live in tents, mud huts, yurts or igloos.

"Pay TV access isn't as readily available in some countries," Pantoya, 46, says from her office at NBA headquarters in New York. "For those people and younger fans, we work to bring our content to their mobile handsets."

The NBA has more than 1 billion followers on social media, and new fans from across the globe log on all the time. "Our content is distributed in 47 different languages in 215 countries and territories through television, pay



TV and broadband," Pantoya says.


Another part of her job: using the latest mobile technology to develop new markets. Last summer, she traveled with staff members and basketball superstars to South Africa for a charity game and to acquaint the growing African market with the NBA.

Pantoya didn't play basketball at Old Dominion. But she was attracted to the sport because of her love of competition and the fact that it's "accessible to everyone: To build a basketball court, you don't need a lot of space or equipment to play."

She has served as an executive with several communications companies, including Cox and Sprint. Before joining the league in January 2015, Pantoya was vice president of corporate strategy and development at Verizon Communications.

She received her bachelor's degree in Spanish and a master's in business administration from ODU.

To show her appreciation for the mentoring she received, she serves as an advisory board member for the Strome College of Business' MBA program. Pantoya also mentors students in the STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) areas.

"I help first-generation college students make connections in the work community," she says. "And I enjoy working with the STEM program to attract more young women into technology fields." 

Benjamin Gleisser is a freelance writer. Born in Cleveland but now living in Toronto, Gleisser doesn't know which team to root for when the Cavaliers play the Raptors.



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FROM 'SUPER-SHY' KID TO NBA REF

By Grant Gardner '11, M.S. Ed. '12

Tony Brothers '86 just finished his 22nd season as an NBA referee. "I really didn't think a kid from Norfolk could ever grace the courts of the United Center or Madison Square Garden," he said.

In the Eastern Conference Finals last year, Brothers was about to hand the ball to fellow alum Kent Bazemore '12, when Bazemore said, "Who would believe two people from ODU would be in the Eastern Finals?"

He's encountered other alumni during games, including Nancy Lieberman '80, Mark West '83, Kenny Gattison '86 and Chris Gatling '91.

"The most surprising thing about my job is that a kid that was super-shy can perform in front of 20,000 people on a nightly basis," said Brothers, 51, who lives in Norfolk. "I hover between good and very good each night, and it's my goal to get as close to perfection as possible."

Old Dominion "prepared me to be successful at the highest level of my profession," Brothers said. His business classes "were small enough for the professors to engage everyone, and the students were

always working together for the common good."

Off the court, he created two organizations, Still Hope Foundation and Men for HOPE, to help single mothers and teens.

Brothers has officiated in the NBA All-Star Game and finals, but his Distinguished Alumni Award in 2014 was "one of the highlights of my life."

"Old Dominion wanted me when it felt like no one else did," he said. "When you see me on TV, if I could put the ODU logo on my referee shirt it would be there."

Grant Gardner is an associate director of athletic communications.



Her message: 'Dare to dream' in Mozambique

By Rich Radford

At 6-foot-5, Clarisse Machanguana '97 stood tall in the game of basketball, enjoying a fruitful career. She led Old Dominion to the 1997 national championship game and was a Kodak All-American. Three years in the WNBA were followed by nine more as a pro in Portugal, Spain, Brazil, France, Korea and Italy.

Today, however, Machanguana stands even taller. She recently started the Clarisse Machanguana Foundation in her native Mozambique. The foundation's mission: "to inspire

potential, empower and strengthen the self-esteem of youth."

Machanguana, a 2006 inductee into ODU's Sports Hall of Fame, walked away from basketball in 2013, but her positive experiences in the game were too powerful and too fresh for her to walk away completely.

"I wanted to stay involved, but not necessarily as a coach," she said. "The foundation gives me the opportunity to be a part of the youth of Mozambique, transforming lives through the foundation's three pillars: athletics, health and education."

Machanguana had been living in Milan, Italy, with her son,

Luca, 11, and adopted daughter, Ester, 6.

“We’d built a family there and the kids were going to school there,” said Machanguana. “But home is home. The call rang higher.”

She moved back to Mozambique’s capital

Fluent in four languages – English, Portuguese, Italian and Spanish – and skilled in motivational speaking, Machanguana has taken to this latest challenge in much the same manner in which she played basketball

“I want these kids to rely on their own talent and hard work to achieve greatness,” Machanguana, 42, said. “I want to help another child experience the life I have had ... or even better.”



of Maputo and began to hatch a plan.

Too often when growing up in Maputo, Machanguana witnessed others fall short of their potential. She sees it as a societal issue in Mozambique, where often the norm is to accept the hand that is dealt.

“I want to show kids that success is often determined by one’s willingness,” she said. “I want them to dare to dream and to go beyond their comfort zone to see the rewards of perseverance, determination and hard work.”

She made the most of her connections, cobbling together a board of trustees and a staff with some of Mozambique’s top political movers and shakers, including Mario Machungo, the country’s first prime minister. She then reached out to the National Basketball Association for help starting an NBA Camp for kids and a Junior NBA League.

The foundation shoots far beyond sports.

Mozambique ranks eighth in the world in people living with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. Nearly 1.5 million people, 11 percent of the population, have HIV. So one of the key projects, “Walk with Me,” provides HIV awareness and testing, as well as access to health care throughout the east African country.

Machanguana hopes “Walk with Me” will serve as a model for health advocacy, fundraising and HIV testing and treatment around the world.

at ODU, with an exuberance that is unmatched and a desire to open every pair of eyes.

“I want these kids to rely on their own talent and hard work to achieve greatness,” said Machanguana, 42, who was recently named UNICEF ambassador for Mozambique. “I want to help another child experience the life I have had ... or even better.”

Rich Radford is web program manager at Children’s Hospital of The King’s Daughters and a former sportswriter for The Virginian-Pilot. Among his beats was women’s sports.



One researcher's web: Sara Maxwell

An assistant professor of biological sciences, Sara Maxwell won the prestigious 2016 Sloan Research Fellowship.



Brown noddy tern

Maxwell will be the first to track the movements of two species of tern – the brown noddy (pictured here) and sooty – in the Dry Tortugas, 70 miles west of Key West, Fla. Working with master's student Nicholas Sisson, she will trace their routes and any overlap with threats such as fishing and will provide the data to the Dry Tortugas National Park.

She's one of 126 recipients this year. With the \$55,000 stipend, she will shift her research focus from Africa to the East Coast of the United States.

Here's a quick look at her work, past and future:

Wind turbine

With the grant, Maxwell will track the trajectories of seabirds that migrate to the Chesapeake Bay. She will overlay those routes onto a map of proposed offshore wind-energy sites. The goal: to ensure the growth of wind energy does the least damage to the region's ecosystem.



Olive ridley sea turtle

For much of the past decade, Maxwell has studied the movement of olive ridley sea turtles in the African country of Gabon. Last fall, she and master's student Tiffany Dawson attached satellite transmitters to them to find out where they nest and mate. Officials in Gabon are using that data to help draw the boundaries of future water parks.



Speakers Peter Schulman, professor of foreign languages and literatures, and Victoria Hill, associate research professor in oceanography, at Wasserhund.

The latest on sea level rise: From pubs to funds

How about some sea-level knowledge with that IPA?

Last fall, Old Dominion University launched its Science Pubs series, bringing top scientists in sea-level research – and their expertise – to bars across Hampton Roads. “What we really want to do is get new audiences,” said Michelle Covi, an assistant professor of practice in the department of ocean, earth and atmospheric sciences. “And we thought, with the great brewery culture that’s in the area, wouldn’t it be great to do this at some breweries?”

At Wasserhund in Virginia Beach, the third of four brewery stops in the series, 75 patrons washed down their Black Forest Lagers and Doggie Paddle IPAs in February with sobering information from three professors about changes in the Arctic.

The amount of sea ice in the Arctic

Greg Cutter, professor of ocean, earth and atmospheric sciences, talks about the decline of sea ice in the Arctic.

dropped nearly 50 percent in the past 30 years, from 6.7 million square kilometers in 1984 to 3.4 million in 2012, associate research professor Victoria Hill told the drinkers.

And that has a boomerang effect, oceanography professor Greg Cutter said.

With less ice, more radiation from the sun penetrates the water, further acceler-

ating the melting. The harmful side effects include coastal erosion and the disappearance of thousands of Arctic seabirds. The professors’ comments were brief – designed less as lectures, Cutter said, and more as jumping-off points for discussions with patrons.

The university’s Climate Change and Sea Level Rise Initiative, created in 2010, also made an impact on government leaders earlier this year, winning key funding on the state and national levels:

- Gov. Terry McAuliffe and the General Assembly approved the Commonwealth Center for Recurrent Flooding Resiliency, to be managed jointly by ODU, the College of William & Mary and the college’s Virginia Institute of Marine Science. Working together, the schools will create a “one-stop shop” to provide government agencies and others across the commonwealth with technical support to plan for and reduce flooding.
- ODU helped win a \$120.5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to Virginia for innovative flood-avoidance strategies in Hampton Roads.



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Meet the new provost

Augustine “Austin” Agbo began work on June 1 as Old Dominion University’s provost and vice president of academic affairs. Agbo, a native of Nigeria, served as dean of the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences at Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis. On his short-term agenda: meeting professors and “external stakeholders” to get a better handle on ODU. Longer-term, he hopes to promote research and community engagement, expand graduate programs and learn a bit more about baseball.

Q You’ve spent most of your career in the Midwest. Why come east to Old Dominion?

A ODU is recognized nationally and internationally as a dynamic public research institution that is committed to academic excellence, research, student success, accessible and affordable education, online education, diversity and community engagement. I am really impressed with the caliber of students and with the ground-breaking advances our faculty have made, as well as the number of teaching awards they have received. It was an easy decision for me. Not having the need for my heavy-duty snow blower also makes the move to Norfolk a huge plus.

Q Name your top three goals as provost.

A My main priority is to ensure that ODU remains a university with strength in the areas of health sciences, science, business, engineering and technology, education, and arts and letters. My sense is that there is a need to allocate resources to increase faculty research and scholarship, increase the number of graduate professional programs and increase professional development, internships and job placement, and study-abroad opportunities for students. My first 100 days will be spent visiting with faculty and departments and with external stakeholders.

Q How have the expectations for professors changed since you joined academia?

A We are expected to demonstrate excellence in research, teaching and

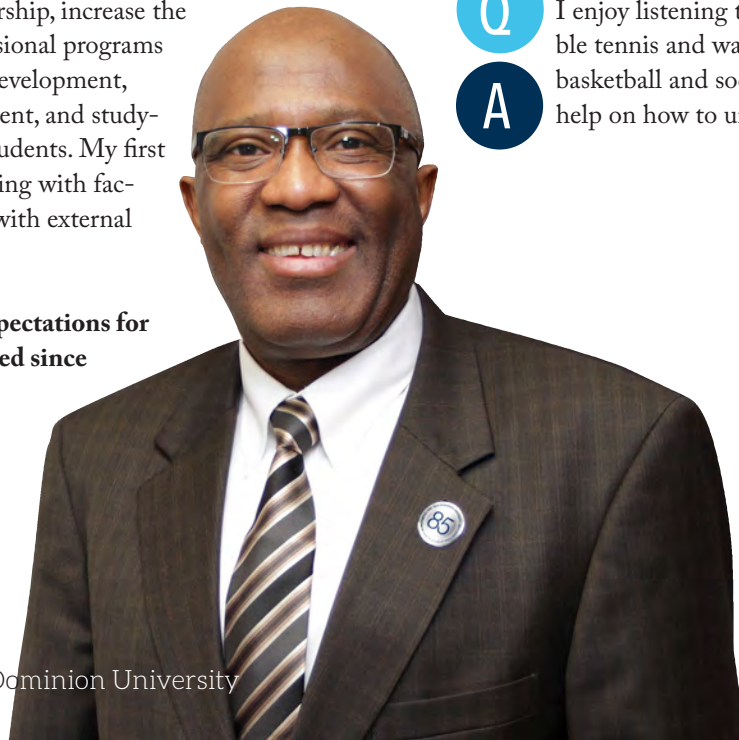
service. Those expectations really have not changed. What has changed is the landscape of higher education. There is decreased state funding and higher demand for accountability. It is now far more difficult than ever to secure external grants. We have also seen a remarkable increase in the use of instructional technology in the classroom. Overall, I think it is an exciting time to be a professor. You get to teach smart, tech-savvy, socially conscious students and work across disciplines to generate innovative ideas.

Q In your previous positions, you worked to improve conditions in nearby communities. What was your most successful initiative in Indiana? What ideas do you have for expanding Old Dominion’s influence in Hampton Roads?

A I am most proud of the work I did to encourage faculty and students enrolled in my school to work with faculty and students from other health science schools to provide pro bono medical, rehabilitation and social services to underserved and underinsured residents of Indianapolis. I hope to continue this work at Old Dominion University. I will support ongoing campus-community partnerships and look for other community engagement opportunities. I see community engagement as a means of raising the reputation and visibility of our university, enhancing problem-solving skills and job opportunities for students, attracting philanthropic support, and attracting and retaining talented faculty, students and staff.

Q What do you do for fun when you’re out of the office?

A I enjoy listening to reggae and R&B music, playing table tennis and watching college sports events. Football, basketball and soccer are my favorites. I can use some help on how to understand baseball.



Physical prowess

Charles Hyde, a physicist at Old Dominion University since 1993, this year received an Outstanding Faculty Award from the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia. Hyde is the 29th faculty member at the university to win the honor.

Hyde specializes in the modern research area known as Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering. Translation: high-energy gamma rays are scattered off atomic nuclei to create images of the quark and gluon waves within.

But he's a Renaissance man in his approach to his job. "He is an excellent teacher of courses ranging from Conceptual Physics to our most advanced graduate courses, he serves as the physics chief departmental adviser and he is very active in public outreach activities," said Charles Sukenik, the chairman of the Physics department.

Hyde also has been named a University Professor and Eminent Scholar at Old Dominion. His next pursuit: bringing to Virginia the electron ion collider, a billion-dollar accelerator complex designed to answer fundamental questions about the structure of matter at the sub-atomic level.

To learn more about Charles Hyde, his work and the state's Outstanding Faculty Award, go to www.odu.edu/monarchmag/charles-hyde

GAIL DODGE PROPELS WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION

Physics professor Gail Dodge was named Woman Physicist of the Month in February by the American Physical Society.

Dodge is working to ensure healthy competition for the award in the future.

At Old Dominion, she co-founded the Women in Physics group and co-hosts dinners for female students four times a year. In January, Dodge helped organize a three-day Conference for Undergraduate Women in Physics, which attracted about 143 students from across the East Coast to ODU.

"I think they were grateful to hear they could make a mistake and pick themselves up if something didn't go right, and they could still pursue their dream," she said.

Dodge won an Outstanding Faculty Award last year from the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia. She directs research on the structure of the neutron at the Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility in Newport News, where ODU is the largest research partner.

28%

The proportion of ODU graduate students in physics who are female. In comparison, only 19 percent of Ph.D. recipients in physics nationwide in 2014 were women, according to the American Institute of Physics.

Did they meet Hagrid and Snape? Quidditch lovers, rejoice!

Alicia DeFonzo, a lecturer in the English department who regularly teaches study abroad classes in England, did it again in May. This time, the topic was "The Hogwarts Experience." For any of you unfamiliar with the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, it serves as the magical setting for J.K. Rowling's seven Harry Potter novels.

"We got 45 applications within a month" for the May-mester class, DeFonzo said. "We had to cut them off. It was getting out of control."

DeFonzo did not distribute invisibility cloaks or wands to the 14 students during the three-week class. But they did visit the magical Platform 9¾ at King's Cross Station, the Harry Potter Studio Tour, and Oxford University, whose dining hall was the model for Hogwarts' Great Hall in the Potter movies.

DeFonzo said the Potter books dip into profound themes such as class and racial issues, censorship and animal welfare. Students were required to read all seven novels before the class.

Other study abroad classes this summer included "Field Study in Morocco," "Bio-inorganic and Natural Products Chemistry in Jamaica" and "Diversity and Counseling Summer Institute in Ireland."

De Silva: He won plenty of respect in a tough job

Chandra de Silva will finally get to retire this month. De Silva had planned to leave Old Dominion University last year but stepped in to serve as interim provost and vice president for academic affairs when Carol Simpson left the position to return to teaching and research. “Chandra’s respect and admiration from faculty and staff is record-setting,” President John R. Broderick said. “I am not sure I have worked with anyone here who is held in the regard in which he is held. My only disappointment is not having longer than one year to work directly with him.”

De Silva, a former chairman of the history department at Indiana State University, joined Old Dominion in 1998 as history professor and chair. He later served as dean of the College of Arts and Letters and vice provost. His research focuses on Sri Lanka, Portuguese colonial history and religion in politics.

De Silva deflects credit for any successes to the teams he worked with. “I am amazed at the tolerance and acceptance that I have had here,” he said. Faculty and administrators “were less critical of me than I was of myself.”

He allows himself a moment of praise for trying to communicate openly about tough administrative decisions. That, he said, helped reduce any discontent. De Silva has been an advocate for inclusion, global education and linkages to the community.

Maybe it’s no surprise he stayed an extra year: “I actually like my job. It was not much of a sacrifice.”



THE DEAN’S LIST: HELLO AND GOODBYE



Stephanie Adams will become the first female dean of the Frank Batten College of Engineering and Technology when she starts the job in July.

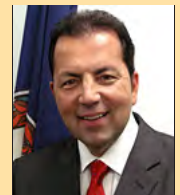
For the past six years, she has served as the head of the department of engineering education at Virginia Tech. Previously, she was associate dean of undergraduate studies at Virginia Commonwealth University’s School of Engineering, a faculty member and administrator at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and a program officer at the National Science Foundation.

Adams will succeed **Oktay Baysal**, who has been dean for the past 14 years. He will return to teaching at ODU and research at NASA. Baysal, the longest-serving engineering dean in ODU history, counts as his major achievements the

Engineering Systems Building, new programs such as marine and biomedical engineering, the near-doubling of students and faculty, and the growth of research centers. Baysal, a professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering, will remain a member of the Virginia State Board of Education.

Charles Wilson, dean of the College of Arts and Letters since 2010, also is going back to the classroom.

Wilson said he is proud of hiring and retaining “excellent faculty,” supporting arts programming and preparing faculty members for leadership roles. A past recipient of the state’s Outstanding Faculty Award, he has been at the university for 25 years. A professor of English, he will teach at ODU’s Virginia Beach Center. **Dana Heller**, English department chair, will serve as interim dean.



Webb Center turns 50

Longtime director says the 'magic' will continue

By Brendan O'Hallarn

As they munched on chicken sandwiches in a Webb University Center meeting room in April, a group of students, staff and faculty glimpsed the future of Webb.

Or, rather, multiple futures.

With electronic clickers, the forum participants chose from sweeping vistas of student center layouts and facilities, telling Moseley Architects the amenities and services they'd most want. The university plans to replace Webb with a new building, though no timetable has been set.

In the back of the room, Webb Center director Sue Mitchell stood, arms crossed.

Webb opened 50 years ago, and she has been its director for half of its life. "This center is owned by our students," said Mitchell, who will retire this month.

"These forums are important for the decisions about this space, but we're also creating our philosophy about the role the building plays."

Student centers (or unions, for old-timers) are a passion of Mitchell's. In 2012, she was among seven university officials who collaborated on a book about the student union idea, tracing its history to Porter Butts, an administrator at the University of Wisconsin.

Two years ago, in a file cabinet outside her office, Mitchell discovered a building and program plan drafted in 1963 for a future student union at what was then Old Dominion College. The documents were created for then-President Lewis Webb by Butts himself.

"I'm not kidding you, when I found this, I got tears in my eyes," Mitchell said. She read the two books cover to cover, and found they predicted the future of Webb Center to an uncanny degree, including the plan to build to the current 180,000-square-foot size in three stages.

The books even suggested hour-long gatherings – known today as Activity Hour – as the pivot for student programming.

Webb Center has been a gathering place



Then-president Lewis Webb speaks at the opening of Webb University Center.

during good times and bad. Mitchell recalled the hush throughout the building in the hours after the 9/11 attacks, when the two common areas with TVs served as a shared living room for students who needed to be together.

"It's a people meeting place," said Ruby Milteer, who began working as a server in the dining hall two years after Webb opened. "I've come in contact with many students through the years that have graduated, come back to visit and have brought their children here."

When the new Webb opens, Mitchell promises to return to campus, "and I'm sure I'll see the same magic happen."

Public relations specialist Brendan O'Hallarn shares Sue Mitchell's passion for the unique and colorful history of Old Dominion University.



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'It's utterly transformed'

Professors, administrators and alumni look back at the university's earlier days and the dramatic changes since then:



"There was practically no restraint at all. **THE FACULTY WERE EXCEEDINGLY LENIENT.** If we wanted class to be suspended on Friday at 2 o'clock because we had a big beach party that night, they would go along with that." – *Tick Thumm, 101, attended 1932-35*

"When I first came here, along Hampton Boulevard, **THERE WAS A CHAIN-LINK FENCE THAT LISTED AROUND 40 DEGREES.** We set out to create a place that was welcoming, comfortable and pleasant." – *David Harnage, chief operating officer, has worked at ODU 1985-2000 and 2011-present*

"In the 1970s, the Women's Caucus began investigating the **BIG GAPS BETWEEN THE SALARIES OF FEMALE AND MALE FACULTY.** Meanwhile, our interdisciplinary Women's Studies Department began in 1978. I've delighted to watch these ventures keep flourishing." – *Carolyn Rhodes, professor emerita of English and women's studies, taught 1965-90*

"When I arrived in the mid-'90s, **IT WAS RARE TO SEE ANYONE WEARING SOMETHING THAT SAID ODU.** So when I was grand marshal of the St. Patrick's Day Parade this year, it was a remarkable moment for me to see the amount of ODU gear people were wearing along the parade route." – *John R. Broderick, president*



**"THE GOOD STUDENTS
HERE TODAY WOULD BE
GOOD STUDENTS AT ANY
UNIVERSITY** in the United States, but the spread between the very best students and the weakest students is broader now."
– Bob Ash, *Eminent Scholar and professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering, at ODU since 1967*

"It's utterly transformed. **IT'S UNRECOGNIZABLE FROM WHAT IT WAS.** All the professors I had were very good. I had no trouble when I transferred to William and Mary." – Nancy Peele, 81, *attended 1952-54*

"The Industrial Arts Building on 49th Street was so close to Hampton Boulevard that if you opened the door after a rainstorm and a car went by, **LITERALLY GALLONS OF WATER WOULD COVER YOU** and get into the building." – Walter Deal, *student in the mid-'60s, taught industrial arts 1971-2008*

"After I graduated from Ohio State University, I took graduate classes at Old Dominion in the 1950s. I remember most vividly **SAUNDERS GROCERY STORE ON HAMPTON BOULEVARD.** Everybody would run in there to get food." – Rose Glasser, *who died in April at the age of 101, attended in the '50s*

ENTREPRENEURSHIP: GIVING BUSINESS A BOOST FOR 30 YEARS

FOR NEARLY 30 YEARS, OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY

has provided a boost to local entrepreneurs. The first incarnation, in 1987, was the Bank of America Entrepreneurial Center, which paired technology companies with graduate students in the business school. “They did a lot of market research and helped figure out where to go and what the problems and obstacles were,” said the center’s first director, Dennis Ackerman. “I was proud of what they learned and how they helped some businesses grow.”

The university’s entrepreneurial outreach program was reconstituted as the Center for Enterprise Innovation (CEI) in 2014. It targets new and existing high-growth businesses likely to add jobs. “That’s where the action is,” said Marty Kaszubowski, the center’s executive director. “And as a university, that’s the kind of thing we should be promoting.”

Partnering with the city of Norfolk, the center this year opened its first Innovation Center downtown, to promote innovation at start-up and existing businesses and to encourage collaborating with the university. “We want to sprinkle them around the region,” Kaszubowski said.

The CEI encompasses six programs. The newest, GOV2COM, was launched last year to help government contractors branch into commercial markets.

In 2014, an \$11 million gift from alumnus Mark Strome and his wife, Tammy, expanded the university’s entrepreneurial efforts to benefit undergraduates. That year, ODU opened the Strome Entrepreneurial Center to jump-start students’ business careers. (Meet some of ODU’s youngest entrepreneurs on the facing page.)

Old Dominion has also sharpened its entrepreneurial focus inside the classroom, said Jeff Tanner, the dean of the Strome College of Business.

For instance, Michelle Carpenter, a lecturer in the marketing department, requires students to design marketing and sales plans for startup and fast-growing companies.



NOW: STUDENT ENTREPRENEURS START SIZZLING EARLY

By Brendan O'Hallarn

THE SAVORY SMELL OF SMOKED MEAT

wafts through the Strome Entrepreneurial Center, creating a Pavlovian effect for the steady stream of visitors to the student business expo.

In ones and twos, they approach Janay Brown's bacon stand and are delighted with the news that, yes, she has free samples.

"You can pick three. Do you want honey sriracha? Deep fried? What about chocolate?" Brown asks three students. After a bite of honey sriracha, one places an order.

Brown, 18, is among a handful of students who arrived on campus having already established businesses. The freshman's online bacon-selling business has been cooking since she launched it as a class project as a high school senior in Haymarket, Va.

Brown was delighted to find a peer group of student entrepreneurs at the university. "It has been soooo great," says Brown, who works in the Strome center, in addition to her business studies. "Every day I come in here and I'm inspired."

She has used the center – which opened in 2014 thanks to an \$11 million gift from the Strome Foundation, led by alumnus Mark Strome and his wife, Tammy – to connect with industry professionals, too.

But the secret weapon of the Strome Center has been the student entrepreneurs themselves, and the power of shared inspiration.

As she surveys the student entrepreneurial expo filled with the aroma of bacon, the Strome Center's executive director, Nancy Grden, speaks with pride about the student entrepreneurs.

"Just look at this," she says. "There are 22 businesses here, and they couldn't be more different. That's what we wanted to do – provide the space so that students could provide the inspiration and hard work."

As their businesses have grown, Old Dominion student entrepreneurs have expanded to a shared working space at the Strome Center. Across from Brown, Blade Taylor spreads out equipment for his 3-D printing business, which he also founded in high school in Emporia, Va.

A marketing student in his first year on campus, Taylor, 18, has used his 3-D printer to team up with other student entrepreneurs, making Valentine's Day trinkets with one collaborator and bacon-themed trinkets with Brown.

"Meeting fellow entrepreneurs at Strome has been invaluable," Taylor says.

"We're constantly comparing notes and re-evaluating what we're doing, and learning from each other."

And, thanks to Brown, they're also well-fed.



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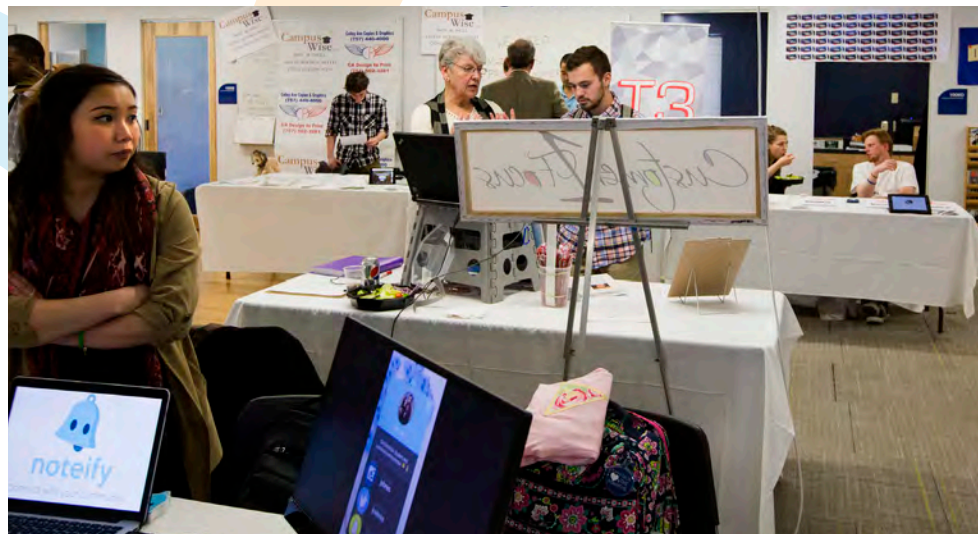


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RESEARCH: IT STARTED WITH A QUESTION TO NASA

PROFESSORS DID LITTLE RESEARCH

during the early years of Old Dominion University, then known as the Norfolk Division of the College of William & Mary.

Lewis Webb, the division's longtime director and the university's first president, "wanted good teachers," said Bill Whitehurst, the Kaufman lecturer in public affairs. "He was not interested in somebody spending all their time with papers."

That began to change in the late '60s. Robert Ash, a former vice president for research, credits an engineering colleague, Gene Goglia. "He went up to NASA and said: 'You've got any research you need to get done?'" Ash said.

In 1968, Goglia was the first professor awarded a grant from NASA.

Soon a majority of engineering professors were working on projects for the agency, Ash recalled. Among the first: helping design a thermal protection system for the space shuttle.

ODU's research interests have grown far beyond NASA. The university receives \$41 million a year in federal research grants. The College of Sciences and the Darden College of Education are the top two recipients.

Morris Foster, the university's vice president for research, sees common threads connecting Old Dominion's widespread research enterprise:

The work often brings together different university departments, and it evolves to meet regional, statewide or national needs.



Engineering professor Gene Goglia was the first faculty member to receive a NASA grant.

For instance, one of Old Dominion's oldest and most respected research areas, oceanography, branched into cutting-edge work in sea level rise in the past decade.

And the modeling and simulation program, which at first was defense-oriented, has embraced several other fields, including health care and transportation.

Up-and-coming areas include cybersecurity and marine engineering.



NOW: TAKING THE FAMILY TRADITION IN A NEW DIRECTION

SHIPBUILDING HAS BEEN in Jennifer Michaeli's family for generations. Her focus is making a sturdier and more efficient ship. In fewer than four years at Old Dominion University, Michaeli, director of the University's Naval Engineering and Marine Systems Institute (NEMSI), has been part of research teams winning more than \$3.3 million in grants from the Office of Naval Research, the U.S. Department of Defense and other agencies.

Much of that largesse has gone right back into investments in state-of-the-art technologies to provide vital research for the Navy and other shipbuilders and to train the next generation of naval engineers.

"Isn't this impressive?" Michaeli, assistant professor in the Frank Batten College of Engineering and Technology, said while sitting in the shadow of a one-of-a-kind ship motion simulator, which stands nearly one story tall in NEMSI's Marine Dynamics Laboratory.

Michaeli's efforts have already paid dividends. For the past two years, Old Dominion naval engineering students – some of whom are veterans and former shipbuilders – have won several awards at the American Society of Naval Engineers' ASNE Day for research conducted with faculty members.

Michaeli has been surrounded by naval engineering expertise since birth.

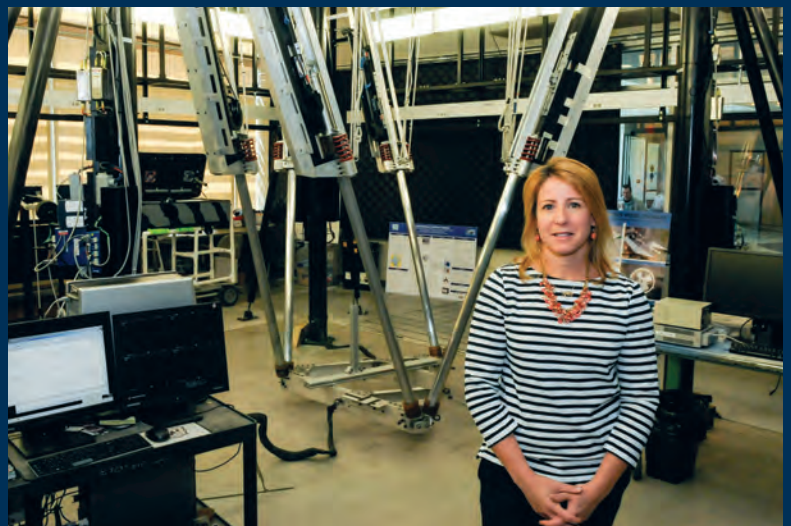
Her great-grandfather came to Hampton Roads from England to build ships. Her grandfather, father and many uncles and cousins had long careers at Newport News Shipbuilding.

"Growing up, I always heard a tremendous pride and dedication in the profession of designing, building and maintaining ships," Michaeli said. "Not only designing vessels that are among the best in the world, but passing on that knowledge to the next generation of shipbuilders and designers."

Which, in a different way, is what Michaeli is doing.

One of her latest achievements: winning a \$450,000 Department of Defense grant for a "Power Hardware in the Loop" technology system, which will enable researchers to test current and future electrical power systems. Old Dominion will be one of three universities in the country with the technology.

"We're working really hard amongst faculty and University leadership to create an environment where Old Dominion is seen as a hub of naval engineering education and research," Michaeli said.



Student activism: From antiwar protests to sexual-assault awareness

By Michael Knepler

Freshman Chanelle Lomax watched dozens of male students totter around Kaufman Mall in women's shoes in March to raise awareness about sexual violence.

The Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event triggered a stream of thoughts for Lomax: Students *can* change the world. People from diverse backgrounds can support one another's causes. Activism comes in many forms.

The last point has held true throughout Old Dominion University's history. Today's activism rarely resembles images from the 1960s and early '70s of marching and chanting students.

"It was all over the country," said Louis Eisenberg '71, a real estate broker who led Vietnam War protests as a student. But the tone was different at ODU.

For example, Eisenberg was called in to President James Bugg's office, but not for a scolding. "We had discussions to prevent anything from going bad on campus."

When Norfolk attorney Bruce Bishop '73 was student government president, he pushed for student representation on the boards of all public universities in Virginia. Part of Bishop's wish came true: He won appointment to the ODU board.

Student concerns continued to change.

The 1970s saw environmental activism. In 1979, about 500 students, faculty and staff members protested the seizure of more than 60 U.S. hostages in Iran. The next year, students organized a three-day

"park-in" against increased fees and what they said were poorly maintained lots.

Old Dominion has never been a hotbed of activism, but faculty and staff members have noted a rise.

In 2015 and 2016, dozens of students held vigils in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement.



Opposition to hate groups was the theme of an April rally after pro-Nazi fliers were posted on campus. "We are one and we aren't afraid to unite as one," Matt Thomas, a leader of ODU's NAACP chapter, told news media.

Students have held sleep-ins outside Webb University Center to spotlight homelessness and candlelight vigils for victims of terrorist attacks.

Starving Artists, a student-run theater company, puts on plays with social-justice themes and donates proceeds to community groups, said Connor Norton '16, a recent president of the organization.

"Just because we're not out in the streets, it doesn't mean we're not active," Norton said.

He credits ODU's administration for keeping "an open ear" to student concerns and working as a partner. Activism serves as a valuable learning experience for students, said Johnny Young, associate vice president for student engagement and enrollment services.

"We try to let them know we are here ... to support their freedom of expression," Young said.

Social media has played a role in newer forms of activism. At the Walk a Mile event, students were urged to spread awareness via Facebook and Twitter.

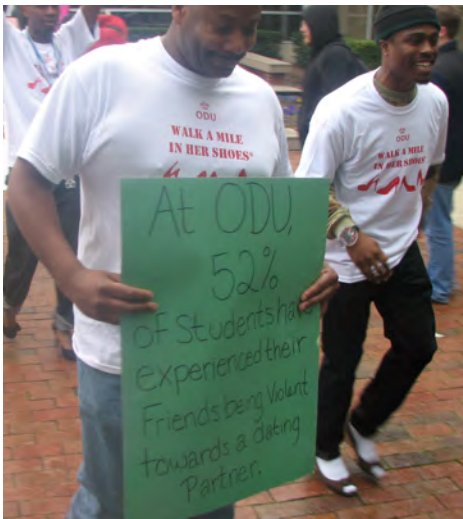
Some students say their involvement surprised even themselves.

"When I was in high school, I never really thought about activism," said Michael Faust '17, a leader in the Student Government Association and Interfraternity Council. In the past year he began participating in sexual assault awareness campaigns.

But activists from all eras say they're glad they got involved.

"It changed my life," Bishop said. "It really did."

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THE JOURNEY TO DIVERSITY

By Philip Walzer

In little more than half a century, Old Dominion University has blossomed from a segregated campus to one of the most diverse and inclusive in Virginia. Old Dominion last fall had nearly 6,000 African-American students - more than any other public four-year school in Virginia, according to the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia. Students of color made up 46 percent of ODU's undergraduates. Only two other universities in the state came closer to a 50-50 racial mix.

BUT DIVERSITY at Old Dominion encompasses more than race. “You can walk from here to the Webb Center,” said Dana Heller, chair of the English department, sitting in her office in the Batten Arts & Letters Building, “and hear three different languages along the way. It’s the fabric of day-to-day life on campus. It’s the air that we breathe.”

Chris Ndiritu, who recently graduated after serving for two years as Student Government Association president, recalled a management class he took with middle-aged students and veterans. “If it would have been just kids my age all the same color, it would have been so bland,” he said.

The benefits, Heller said, stretch beyond graduation: “We’re preparing them to work, succeed and provide leadership in a world where they will encounter people from different racial, ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds.”

Old Dominion’s huge leap forward has been propelled by a team effort led by President John R. Broderick – and a mindset that there’s always more to do. “We have to listen to students and realize that, as administrators, we don’t know it all,” said Stephanie Sanders, director for diversity initiatives.

IT WASN’T ALWAYS THIS WAY.

Like most Southern colleges, Old Dominion’s precursor, the Norfolk Division of the College of William & Mary, did not admit black students in the first half of the 20th century. In a 1974 interview, the director of the division, Lewis Webb, said officials at William and Mary “were petrified at the thought that part of the William and Mary system would be integrated.”

A few black students enrolled in the ’50s, most for summer or evening classes, university archivist Steven Bookman said. In 1962, the division gained its independence from W&M, but integration didn’t quickly follow. Webb said he didn’t want to compete with Norfolk State College for top students.



“If it would have been just kids my age all the same color, it would have been so bland,” said Chris Ndiritu, former SGA president.

But the “tide was turning,” said James Sweeney, a retired history professor and former university archivist. In 1962, federal courts required the University of Mississippi to admit James Meredith. Two years later, Congress passed the Civil Rights Act. In 1965, ODU enrolled Ronald Horne, who would become its first black bachelor’s recipient.

WHEN JAMES KOCH arrived as president in 1990, less than 20 percent of students were minorities. “My approach was, the university should be open and welcoming to everybody,” said Koch, now Board of Visitors professor of economics.

He visited classes at high schools with high proportions of minority students. He ensured that the list of speakers in the President’s Lecture Series – and guests at receptions – drew from a diverse pool.

Koch also appointed Cecelia Tucker, who had deep connections with African-Americans across Hampton Roads, assistant to the president in 1991. Tucker, now director of community relations, launched a summer camp for youngsters from the nearby Lamberts Point neighborhood and worked to erase suspicions and bad feelings toward the university.

That helped increase enrollment. When Koch stepped down in 2001, the proportion of students of color had grown to nearly 30 percent.

IN TERMS OF FACULTY diversi-

ty, Old Dominion’s numbers generally match the national averages. Twenty-three percent of the university’s faculty members are minorities, compared with 21 percent nationally. In each case, 6 percent are black.

To increase those numbers, ODU trains faculty to sharpen awareness of diversity and avoid unintentional bias on search committees. It also sends recruiters to the Institute on Teaching and Mentoring, a conference for minority doctoral candidates. “It’s like recruiting for college football,” Sanders said. “You don’t wait until the student is in the 12th grade.”

A study last year by the University Women’s Caucus found “no statistically significant differences in salaries between women and men, or across racial/ethnic groups at ODU.” It noted a “lack of gender and racial diversity at the full professor level,” which is “on par with the national average.”

In 2015, the women’s caucus began seminars to prepare and encourage women to apply for the top rung, said its president, Yvette Pearson.

LIKE OTHER UNIVERSITIES, Old Dominion does not achieve diversity in every setting. “Definitely, there are whites who hang out with whites and blacks who hang out with blacks,” said Rachael Edmonds, the director of legislative affairs and diversity for the SGA during the past school year.

But ODU, Edmonds said, is far ahead of other Virginia colleges she's visited. "I'm just really proud of our school."

Devin Barry, the president of the Latino Student Alliance, said, "There are ample opportunities to do whatever you want to do here."

Café con Leche, a talent show sponsored by the alliance this year, drew a varied crowd of 200, lots more than the 150 maximum expected. Much of the credit goes to the administration, Barry said. "Any time we have an idea and present it to OIR (Office of Intercultural Relations) with a legit plan, they have given us the resources to make it happen."

Heller, who will become interim dean of the College of Arts and Letters this summer, also feels that support for the LGBTQ community: "From the time that I came here in the early '90s, I was impressed with the mindfulness with which the campus strove to make everyone – faculty, staff and students – feel acknowledged and welcomed."

The nurturing atmosphere, Heller and others said, reflects Broderick's commitment to diversity and inclusion. "He's so open to listening and understanding and making change," Edmonds said.

When she and other students suggested the university invite Alicia Garza, co-founder of Black Lives Matter, to campus, his response was "Let's make that happen," recalled Edmonds, the president-elect of the SGA. Garza spoke in February as part of the President's Lecture Series, and Edmonds introduced her.

Broderick said, "I have always believed not only in a campus but in a world

THEN AND NOW

NUMBER OF STUDENTS	% BLACK STUDENTS	% FEMALE STUDENTS	NUMBER OF BUILDINGS
1930 – 206	1930 – 0%	1930 – 39%	1930 – 1
2016 – 24,672	2016 – 25%	2016 – 55%	2016 – 145

where nobody is ever excluded or marginalized." He regularly co-wrote letters to the campus with Ndiritu, the former SGA president, and created committees including a student advisory board on "inclusive excellence," with representatives from more than 20 groups.

Old Dominion also diversified the highest ranks this year, with the hiring of two African-American administrators: Augustine "Austin" Agho, provost and vice president for academic affairs, and Stephanie Adams, dean of the Frank Batten College of Engineering and Technology. "We've demonstrated that if you're willing to spread the net, you can attract a much more diverse pool of candidates," Broderick said.

From the president on down, the message is not to declare victory yet. As Sanders put it: "We have opportunities for growth."

In 2008, ODU closed the Hugo A. Owens African American Cultural Center on 49th Street to make way for a residence hall. The next year, the university opened the Intercultural Center in Webb University Center.

Administrators are strongly considering requests for expanded space for underrepresented groups in the new Webb student center, said Ellen Neufeldt, vice president for student engagement and enrollment services.

And the Board of Visitors voted in April to name a new residence hall for Owens, ODU's first African-American rector of the board.

This fall, forging a new path, ODU will launch a gender-inclusive pilot program in a few housing areas; residents won't be required to specify their genders. The initiative, sought by the SGA to make the campus more open to LGBTQ students, has been adopted by universities including George Mason.

Broderick said he found the discussion on the issue enlightening. "I think we all have so much to learn about what it means to be inclusive on a college campus," he said.

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AMONG FULL-TIME FRESHMEN WHO ENROLLED AT OLD DOMINION FOR THE FIRST TIME IN FALL 2014, **84%** OF AFRICAN-AMERICANS AND **81%** OF HISPANICS RETURNED IN FALL 2015, COMPARED WITH **79%** OF WHITES.



Margaret Norman Simmons was the university's first African-American degree recipient, earning a master's in English in 1966. Simmons, who later received her Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania, taught at Hampton University from 1968 until her death in 2002.

"I think that hers was a good experience" at Old Dominion, said her daughter, Lyn Simmons, a judge in Norfolk Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court. She recalled trips to the campus library with her siblings while her mother did research and visits from professors to their house.

"My mom was an incredibly focused and excited student, and she was a person who was really easy to get along with," Simmons said.

Her mother said about her time here: "Maybe because I was young, maybe it was my confidence in humanity and belief in the goodness of people, but I never felt threatened. I felt we learned a lot from each other."



Norman Pollock, a former history professor, was a champion of diversity off-campus in the late '60s and early '70s. Pollock spearheaded a drive to promote integration as blacks moved into the formerly all-white neighborhoods of Colonial Place and Riverview in Norfolk.

"Even as many of his neighbors fled to Virginia Beach, Norman began a one-man campaign to recruit colleagues, touting big houses, modest prices and convenience to campus," according to a pamphlet written in his honor last year by neighborhood residents Arlette Clafin and Pat Spriggs '87.

In a 1999 interview, Pollock said: "We created a committee and tried to persuade whites to accept change. We had to persuade real estate interests to bring in white families. We blazed a trail toward the future. It worked."

Pollock taught at Old Dominion from 1964 to 1998. He and his wife, Ethel, moved out of Virginia this year.



What **Yasmeen Amer** loves about Old Dominion University is that "you have a little bit of everything; it's not just one race."

A member of the Muslim Students Association who wears a hijab, she said she feels "very comfortable and safe" on campus. Amer, who is from Yorktown, expects to receive her bachelor's degree in biology next year and go on to pharmacy school.

Amer said she's had lots of good discussions with non-Muslim students. "I'm a very open book with my friends," she said. "For people who are ignorant of Islam, I try to teach them that radical Islam doesn't accurately portray the religion."

She's confident that will make a difference in their world view. "They'll think: 'I know a Muslim; she doesn't do any of that stuff.'"

Bill Whitehurst: Still strong at 91

By Philip Walzer

Bill Whitehurst, senior professor, nine-term veteran of Congress and master storyteller, turned 91 in March. Except for his time in Washington, he's been at Old Dominion University since 1950. He has no plans to stop now.

"This isn't work; it's a hobby," Whitehurst said.

His first time at ODU

During World War II, Whitehurst flew 10 missions over Japan as an aviation radioman. He then attended Washington & Lee University. The year after he graduated, he joined the Norfolk Division of the College of William & Mary as a history instructor.

"I thought it would be great to come home," said Whitehurst, who grew up in Norfolk. "It never occurred to me to go anywhere else."

He taught in a two-story barracks. Males wore sweaters; females wore skirts. No one had book bags – they carried their texts – or tattoos.

From the start, Whitehurst drew students in with vivid historical anecdotes. "I was bored with history all through high school," Linda Mathias said. Then she took his class in 1959, "and finally history was interesting and I enjoyed it. He had a passion for it, and it just came across in his lectures."

He received his doctorate from West Virginia University in 1961. Two years later, President Lewis Webb asked him to become dean of students. "I went from being a popular professor to the president's

hatchet man. If their grades were too low, I'd have them shipped out."

Mr. Whitehurst goes to Washington

In 1968, local Republican leaders asked him to run for the U.S. House seat in the 2nd District. He thought: "If I don't do it, all my life I'll wonder if I could have won." He did, the first Republican to take the seat since 1930.

A moderate, Whitehurst took a strong line on defense, but backed some liberal social causes. His proudest moment was supporting an extension of the Voting Rights Act in 1970. "I lived with segregation. It took me a while to shed those feelings, but I did so."

He also gives himself partial credit for shaping U.S. history.

Whitehurst grew impressed with a



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Texan in the House: "He was very bright, had a great sense of humor. There was no pretense in him."

That man was George H.W. Bush. Barbara Bush later told Whitehurst he was the first person to suggest that her husband run for president.

Back on campus

After 18 years, Whitehurst had had enough of Washington. When ODU

SPEAKING OUT ON THE 2016 ELECTION

At a campus forum on the election in March, Whitehurst said most of the presidential candidates "are not worthy of people seeking the office." He said he was supporting Ohio Gov. John Kasich, with whom Whitehurst served in the U.S. House. "One of the nice things about being a former congressman is nobody tells me what I can and can't do. Nobody listens to me, but I can say what I want."

offered him the Kaufman lectureship in public affairs, he jumped. "I wanted to go back to my first love, the classroom, where there's no stress."

Whitehurst teaches two courses a semester. His entries this fall will be Lobbyists and Interest Groups ("I call that

one 'Whitehurst's Revenge'") and Kings of the Hill: Speakers of the House.

His teaching style has changed little since 1950. Lots of stories. No PowerPoints. He still connects with students.

Those who take three of his classes "proudly claim to have earned a minor in Dr. Bill," said Francis Adams, chairman of the political science

and geography department.

Whitehurst estimates he's taught 9,500 students at Old Dominion. "Maybe I'll make 10,000. We'll see."

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For a half-century, Daley has put heart and soul into art department

By Philip Walzer

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en Daley, who has taught art at Old Dominion University since 1965, will retire at the end of June. Daley is the university's longest-serving faculty member, with 51 years in the classroom. "My heart and soul are here," said Daley, 74, who pioneered classes in screenprinting and letterpress printing at ODU. "My experience as an artist and educator has been more like a calling than a job."

How has life at Old Dominion changed in the past half-century? When he started, he used to know at least half of the faculty, across departments. Now it's no more than 5 percent.

As for the students, today's bunch is less mechanically inclined.

"They don't know how to use hand tools – a hammer, a screwdriver. I now have to teach these things." On the other hand, "I learn the digital applications from them," such as WhatsApp, an instant messaging app.

Daley and his students still use a Vandercook printing press that he bought for the department in 1965. That doesn't mean he hasn't kept pace with the technological revolution. "Ironically," he said, "I now use and teach digital methods to prepare analog,

hand-crafted products," such as books.

"He's absolutely brilliant," said Dianne deBeixedon, the chairwoman of the art department. "He's passionate about letterpress," but also "very astute with software."

When deBeixedon became chairwoman, "I went through the files and found note after note from him – proposals for a gallery, for an arts center, for a scholarship. We have what we have because he had one single-minded objective: building the art department. This is what he loves."

Daley led an early push for studio space. One of the first locations, he recalled, was in empty space under Foreman Field, where he had to clear out "old rotten tumbling mats" – and worse.


Now he's in the Hixon Art Studio, which opened last fall in the University Village. The building, he said, provides better light and "more fluid space" than he's ever had – and one of the best metalsmith shops on the East Coast.

Early on, Daley also helped create the Faculty Senate as well as a film society that screened then-hard-to-find foreign language movies in Chandler Hall.

All in all, he said, "It's been a very good experience here."



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And the winners are...

We asked alumni and fans to name their all-time favorite Monarch athlete from the university's 85 years. The winners spanned four decades and covered sports played on land and water. Here are the winners:



**MEN'S
FIRST
PLACE
Mark
West '83**

A three-time All-American center for the basketball team, Mark West led the nation in blocked shots in 1980 and 1981 and tallied 1,308 career points to go along with 1,113 rebounds. He's the school's all-time leader in blocked shots, with 446. Drafted in the second round of the 1983 NBA draft, West played for 17 seasons.



**SECOND
PLACE
Odell
Hodge '97**

Odell Hodge amassed more than 2,000 career points and 1,000 rebounds and earned Associated Press Honorable Mention All-American honors. In 1977, he was named CAA Player of the Year and won the CAA's Dean Ehlers Award for sportsmanship, leadership and community service. As a senior, Hodge led the Monarchs to a conference title and NCAA bid.



**THIRD
PLACE (TIE)
Dave
Twardzik
'72**

Before going on to help the Portland Trailblazers win the 1977 NBA championship, Dave Twardzik netted 1,660 points for Old Dominion and dished out 880 assists. He led the 1971 basketball team to a runner-up finish at the NCAA Division II national championships.



**THIRD
PLACE (TIE)
Justin
Verlander
'04**

Justin Verlander pitched 427 strikeouts in 335.2 innings at Old Dominion. He was an ABCA Coaches Freshman All-American, collegiate baseball honorable mention All-American and first team All-CAA selection. As a Detroit Tiger, Verlander hit the 2,000-strikeout milestone this



**WOMEN'S
FIRST
PLACE
Anne
Donovan
'83**

Anne Donovan won the 1983 Naismith Trophy as the national player of the year. She amassed 2,719 points, 1,976 rebounds and more than 800 blocked shots as a Lady Monarch. Donovan led ODU to a national championship in 1980, later played in the WNBA and coached Team USA to an Olympic gold medal. She is in the Basketball Hall of Fame, the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame and the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame.



**SECOND
PLACE
Nancy
Lieberman
'80**

Nancy Lieberman helped lead the basketball team to a remarkable 72-2 record en route to capturing back-to-back AIAW National Championships in

1979 and 1980. The three-time Kodak All-American scored 2,430 points, grabbed 1,167 career rebounds, dished out 961 assists and recorded more than 500 steals in her career. In 1980, Lieberman became the first player to win the Wade Trophy in multiple seasons.



**THIRD
PLACE
Anna
Tunnicliffe
'05**

The 2005 National Collegiate Sailor of the Year, Anna Tunnicliffe captured three ICSA Singlehanded Collegiate Sailing national championships for Old Dominion from 2002 to 2004. She later won gold in the 2008 Olympics in the Laser Radial competition and was ranked as the world's No. 1 women's sailor in 2009, 2010 and 2011.

-Tristan Warner



Whatever happened to Samantha Salvia?

Samantha Salvia '96 is Old Dominion University's only Rhodes Scholarship recipient. Salvia, 42, who lives outside San Francisco with her husband and two sons, spoke in a recent interview about her unexpected professional and athletic paths since winning the Rhodes and how ODU shaped her life.

Q How did the news that you had won a Rhodes Scholarship in 1995 change your senior year at Old Dominion?

A When I flew back from New York, Big Blue and the entire field hockey team were at the airport waiting for me. People who were getting off were wondering which celebrity was on the plane. Banners were put up on Hampton Boulevard. It wasn't hard to stay motivated. I wanted to graduate with a 4.0 and be ready for Oxford, and I had one semester left to do it.

Q You've worked as a water resources engineer, which sounds like a challenge in California. What was your biggest achievement? And what are the most effective ways for the average American to conserve water?

A I'm most proud of leading a \$100 million capital project in the Bay area to put in a drinking water intake, pump station and pipeline to access better-quality water.

Projects that size don't come along that often. I think people have a pretty good idea of ways to conserve water, from efficient appliances to taking out their lawns. But as the ongoing crisis in Flint (Michigan) demonstrates, maintaining our water resources is about more than just conserving water. It requires protecting quality at the source, treating water properly and investing in aging infrastructure.

Q A few years ago you quit your job to spend more time with your family. Does a highly educated woman still get grief from society when she makes that choice?

A What was the best consequence of that decision?

The difference in the quality of life for all of us was so great that it was clear to me, right now I need to be home. The response has been overwhelmingly positive. Interestingly, I don't feel I miss engineering work so much. I take a long view of things. I have many years ahead of me to make contributions in many areas.

Q At Old Dominion, you played field hockey. As an adult, you've become intensely involved in Ultimate Frisbee. What attracted you to the sport?

A I discovered it at Oxford, of all places. I got hooked almost immediately. The game itself is beautiful. The disc is so different from a ball in the path it takes and how you can pass it. Ultimate is self-officiated. It is intense competition combined with respect for your opponent.

I had a shadow career as an Ultimate Frisbee athlete while I was practicing engineering. This summer I am dusting off my cleats one more time. I am competing as part of Team USA in the women's master's division, which means 30 and above, at the world championships in London. It feels like I've come full circle, returning to the place where I learned to play.

Q What was the most significant way ODU changed your life?

A ODU was one of the best decisions I ever made, no question. I was looking at a number of bigger-name schools, including some in the Ivy League. I decided on ODU in the end because I thought it would offer me a great engineering education and a great athletic experience. It more than delivered.

It's not all fun and games for this video design club

First order of business at the weekly meeting of the Monarchy Game Design club: A request from the university to create a game educating students about recycling.

No problem. Why not a two-day crash session during spring break to devise it? asked the organization's president, Trai Corte. His suggestion to encroach on a hallowed time for students did not face opposition.

"So basically a Game Jam weekend?" asked one of the members, his voice tinged with anticipation.

The 3-year-old group, also known as the Video Game Design & Development Club, provides a fun outlet for its 30 or so members. But it's also a serious pursuit for most.

"Since I was 2 years old, this was pretty much all I ever wanted to do with my life," said junior Dakota Atkinson.

The club's first creation, *Ride the Lion*, features a sprung-to-life lion statue that bounds across campus, dodging students on longboards, golf carts and a host of animals and traffic hazards. The longer it survives, the higher it can go – up to the top of the Batten Arts and Letters Building. (You can download it onto laptops and other nonmobile devices from <http://orgs.odu.edu/vgddc/releases/RtL.shtml>.)

The members occasionally immerse themselves in Game Jams, intense competitions where they break into teams to produce the best game. And they plan to begin a program teaching patients at Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters how to design games.

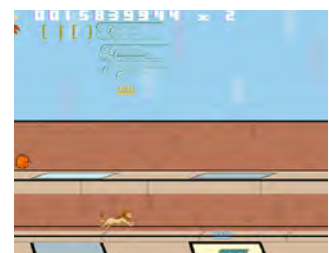
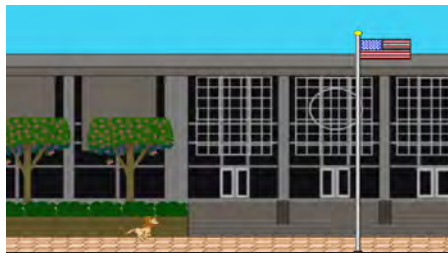


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Gamers say they'll benefit from the experience, no matter what major or career path they follow.

"If you're into programming, it definitely helps you with programming," said Corte, a junior. "If you're an artist, it improves both what you can do and your portfolio at the same time." Joshua Jané, a junior in the club, ticked off the carry-overs: time management, critical thinking, communication skills...

For Atkinson, it's also a form of self-expression. "I was never good at conveying words and feelings." But through a game, "you can see into someone else's mind and life."



A lion bounds across campus in the club's first game, Ride the Lion.

Youth poet laureate Raven Bland loves to write about love

Raven Bland wrote her first poem when she was 9. She titled it: “What Is Real Love?”

“I still have it to this day,” said Bland, a 20-year-old junior. “But I hate reading it; it’s so horrible.”

She kept writing poetry, often about love. And she got a lot better.

Last year, Bland was named Norfolk’s first youth poet laureate by the group Teens With a Purpose. “I really didn’t think I was going to get it,” she said. One of her competitors was a slam artist, and Bland was “just a pen-on-paper poet.”

During her one-year run as youth poet laureate, which recently ended, she tried to get students interested in poetry. “A lot of young people are willing to listen to it, especially if you connect it to something that matters to them.”

For Bland, who grew up in Norfolk, poetry comes most easily “when I’m extremely happy or I’m sad and down. Writing puts me back at equilibrium.”

And she’s still writing about love. That’s the main subject of her first book, “When the Raven Sings,” which was published in the spring by Penmanship Books and Urban Word NYC in connection with her role as youth poet laureate. “I take you through the journey of what love is,” she said. “It’s a roller-coaster – up, down, up, down.”

Bland doesn’t envision poetry as a full-time pursuit. She came to Old Dominion expecting to major in nursing. She shifted to history after a powerful study-abroad trip to France and Poland exploring the Holocaust.

She plans to work for the government. “But I will always write,” Bland said. “Poetry gets me through a lot of things. It will always be that comforter.”

To hear Raven Bland talk about the life of an artist, go to www.odu.edu/monarchmag/raven-bland



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A look at the graduating class of 2016

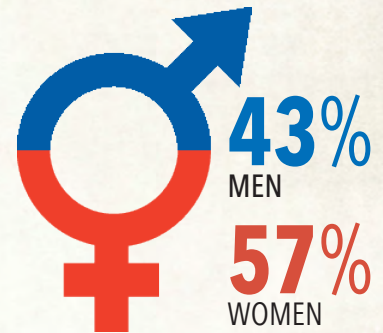
More than 3,100 students received their degrees, a record high for ODU.

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Most Popular Major
CRIMINAL JUSTICE



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Four-way tie:



CANADA



CHINA



SAUDI ARABIA



SPAIN



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MAGGIE SIMMERMACHER

The sophomore from Buenos Aires, Argentina, has garnered five Conference USA Women's Golfer of the Week awards and nine top-10 finishes in her collegiate career.

The 2015 C-USA Freshman of the Year followed up in 2016 with another banner season, earning C-USA All-Academic Team recognition and receiving second-team All-Conference honors. Internationally, she placed second at the South American Amateur Golf Championship in Lima, Peru.

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Memorable Monarchs

By Tristan Warner



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL'S 1,000TH WIN

The Old Dominion women's basketball team trounced Howard University, 83-64, in Washington, D.C., on Dec. 15 to earn its 1,000th win. The Lady Monarchs became just the fourth school in women's collegiate basketball history to reach that milestone, joining Tennessee, Louisiana Tech and James Madison (Connecticut and Texas got there later in the season). To date, the Lady Monarchs have made 25 NCAA Championship appearances, earned 22 conference titles and hoisted three national championship trophies.



Marianne Stanley and Anne Donovan greet fans.

CHRIS MECATE

Recently named male athlete of the year by the Old Dominion University Alumni Association, Chris Mecate was ODU's seventh multiple All-American wrestler and first back-to-back All-American since Mike McCarthy in 1975-76. He capped off his decorated collegiate wrestling career with a fifth-place finish at the 2016 NCAA D1 Wrestling Championships in New York. Entering as a No. 12 seed, the California native knocked off the No. 7 and No. 8 seeds, as well as a returning national semifinalist. Mecate left Old

Dominion with a 115-37 record, ranking eighth in school history for most wins.

TREY FREEMAN

A two-time Conference USA All-Academic team honoree, Freeman shined both in the classroom and on the court for the Monarchs. The Virginia Beach native earned first team All Conference-USA honors for the second straight season and led the conference in scoring in 2015-16, averaging 22.2 points per game. Over the winter, Freeman became the first player in league history to accumulate

three consecutive C-USA Player of the Week distinctions. He also joined elite company as a 2,000-point scorer. His league-record 42 points against Western Kentucky helped catapult the Monarchs into the conference championship game as a No. 5 seed. An honoree on the C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll, Freeman received a bachelor's degree with an emphasis in public relations in 2014 and a master's in sport management last month.

ASHMORE STANDING

A Virginia Beach native, Standing helped



lead Old Dominion's women's lacrosse team to its first NCAA tournament this year. As a junior in 2015, Standing was an Honorable Mention MidMajor All-American and topped the Atlantic Sun Conference with 52 goals. In her senior campaign this year, Standing finished in the top 20 in the nation in goals per game. Her seven-goal performance against the College of William & Mary was one of the 10 highest single-game totals in the country for the season. She tied ODU's single-season goal record with 67.

MARIANNE STANLEY

Legendary ODU women's basketball coach Marianne Stanley was one of seven members inducted into the 2016 Virginia Sports Hall of Fame class. At the helm of the Lady Monarchs from 1977 to 1987, Stanley went 268-59 and captured three national championships – back-to-back AIAW titles in 1979 and 1980 and the NCAA trophy in 1985. Her 1978 squad also won the WNIT title to go along with four Sunbelt Championships. Stanley's .820 winning percentage remains

the highest of any Lady Monarchs basketball coach.

DEBBIE WHITE

After 36 years with Old Dominion University's athletics department, Debbie Harmison White, senior associate athletic director for external relations, will retire in June. White was honored by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) with a Lifetime Achievement Award to accompany her 2006 CoSIDA Trailblazer Award for pioneering efforts in the profession. She started her career at The Daily Press in Newport News, where she was the first full-time woman sportswriter in Virginia. She later served as sports information director at Siena College in Loudonville, N.Y., for two years. White was hired by Old Dominion as an assistant sports information director in 1979.



Debbie White with President John R. Broderick and athletic director Wood Selig.

Tristan Warner '15, a former wrestler, is a student in the master's program in sport management and the ODU athletic communications graduate assistant.

Football preview: From QB to safety

By Eric Bohannon



Head coach Bobby Wilder will lead the Monarchs into their eighth season this fall. The football team is 57-27 and coming off a 5-7 season. ODU returns 17 starters, its top two running backs, the top five leading receivers and eight of its 10 leading tacklers.

Five things to watch

1. THE QUARTERBACK SITUATION

Shuler Bentley led the Monarchs to a 2-0 start last year but struggled in three straight losses. David Washington came in to power ODU to three victories, throwing for more than 291 yards. Bentley got the ball back after Washington suffered a knee injury and threw a combined 515 yards and six touchdowns to end the season with two wins.

Both are ready to go. Add to the mix redshirt freshman Blake LaRussa and true freshman Drayton Arnold, who provides another dynamic option. Look for continued improvement from this position in 2016.

2. THE MEN UP FRONT

The Monarchs graduated two senior offensive linemen but have three starters, several others with experience and a host of young players looking to crack the starting lineup. Seniors Troy Butler and Tyler Compton will lead the group, along with sophomore center Nick Clarke, who earned Conference USA All-Freshman honors.

Wilder added Chris Malone, who spent the last two seasons at Tennessee-Chattanooga, to coach the offensive line.

The Monarchs return lots of talent in the backfield, and it'll be up to the big guys up front to give them room to run.

3. MISHER'S REPLACEMENT?

Safety Fellonte Misher, a three-year starter, left Old Dominion as the second all-time leading tackler and third in career interceptions. ODU will need to find a solid replacement. The plentiful options include experienced players Sean Carter and Rob Thompson and redshirt freshmen Kane Miskel and Denzel Williams.

4. DEPTH ON THE DEFENSIVE LINE

The line has both youth and experience, but it will need to elevate its play to help the defense.

Massive senior defensive tackle Rashaad Coward (6-foot-5, 310 pounds) leads the group. Sophomore defensive end Oshane Ximines earned Conference USA All-Freshman team accolades last season with a team-leading five sacks and 7.5 tackles for loss. Junior Bunmi Rotimi has moved from defensive tackle out to defensive end, but the former walk-on should improve on his 4.5 sacks and seven tackles for loss in 2015.

A host of players including sophomores Miles Fox, Tim Ward, Daniel Appouh and



Brandon Tyson will compete for starting roles and increased playing time.

5. SPECIAL TEAMS IMPROVEMENT

ODU finished last in Conference USA in kickoff coverage and punt return average last season and ranked ninth in net punting average. Wilder added Charles Bankins, a former special teams coach at Vanderbilt, to coach the special teams and running backs.

Midway through last season, ODU found a kicker, freshman Chris Kirtley, who was named to the Conference USA All-Freshman team after converting 21 of 23 extra points and going 10-of-13 on field goals. The Monarchs will have a new punter – true freshman Bailey Cate or junior Dalton Fraser, a Norfolk State transfer.

Eric Bohannon is the assistant athletic director for communications.

2016 Football Schedule

SEPT. 3	HAMPTON	NORFOLK
SEPT. 10	APPALACHIAN STATE	BOONE, N.C.
SEPT. 17	NORTH CAROLINA STATE	RALEIGH, N.C.
SEPT. 24	U. OF TEXAS-SAN ANTONIO	NORFOLK*
OCT. 1	CHARLOTTE	CHARLOTTE, N.C.
OCT. 8	UMASS	NORFOLK
OCT. 22	WESTERN KENTUCKY	BOWLING GREEN, KY.
OCT. 29	UNIV. OF TEXAS-EL PASO	EL PASO, TEXAS
NOV. 5	MARSHALL	NORFOLK
NOV. 12	SOUTHERN MISS	NORFOLK
NOV. 19	FLORIDA ATLANTIC	BOCA RATON, FLA.
NOV. 26	FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL	NORFOLK

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Key players to watch



Zach Pascal – Wide Receiver – Pascal did everything for the Monarchs last season, including leading the team in receiving, kick returns, running the ball and even throwing a pass. He will look to increase his production in his final year.



TJ Ricks – Linebacker – A former walk-on from Hampton, Ricks led Conference USA with 123 tackles to earn All-Conference USA accolades. Ricks seamlessly moved from inside to outside linebacker in the spring. The senior will be called on to lead the defense on the field and off.



Ray Lawry – Running Back – Lawry led the league with 1,136 yards rushing, an ODU single-season record. The junior will have help in the backfield with a full stable of solid running backs, including sophomore Jeremy Cox and redshirt freshman Gemonta Jackson.



Brandon Addison/Aaron Young – Cornerbacks – Entering last season, ODU expected to elevate true freshmen to play immediately. The emergence of Addison and Young, who both started all 12 games, laid that plan to rest. The defensive backfield is no longer a position of worry.

A Chat with Wood Selig

The director of athletics, on academics, athletics and finances

1 What athletic achievements are you proudest of?

There are two, actually.

Since 1975, ODU has won more national titles (32) than any other institution in the state of Virginia. And ODU was the first higher education institution in the Commonwealth to offer athletic scholarships to women. That decision has paid significant dividends, evident in our nine Division I women's field hockey national championships, five national titles for our women's sailing team and three women's basketball national championships.

I don't think ODU receives the credit or recognition it deserves for being so forward thinking AND translating that thinking into such national success.

2 It's great that our athletes are performing well in the field, but how are they doing in the classroom?

We continue to improve our overall academic performances among our student-athletes who represent ODU on nine men's and nine women's intercollegiate programs.

In the most recent grading period, 12 (seven women and five men) of our 18 teams posted an overall team GPA greater than a 3.0.

Women's golf led the way with a team GPA of 3.46, while men's soccer led all men's programs with a 3.30 overall team GPA. Four percent of our nearly 500 student-athletes earned a perfect 4.0, while one in three ODU student-athletes earned dean's list, which at ODU is a 3.4 or better. That is an amazing percentage. And almost 60 percent of all ODU student-athletes earned a 3.0 or better.

Our coaches do a great job identifying academic talent, and our academic support team has established a wonderful culture of academic excellence throughout our department.

3 And how are we doing financially?

In FY15, ODU athletics self-generated over \$21 million of support for our program. That was an 82 percent increase in self-generated revenue over a five-year period.

The Old Dominion University Athletic Foundation generated \$8.3 million of private support in FY15 and continues to provide the margin of excellence for our 18 intercollegiate programs.



In FY15, ticket sales for the first time surpassed \$4 million while local corporate support grossed more than \$3 million. In the last three fiscal years, the athletics department's self-generated revenue has witnessed an increase of \$5 million in private support.

Given the recent bill that was passed in the General Assembly restricting ODU student fee revenues to no more than 55 percent of overall annual revenue, these increases in self-generated revenue will be crucial for us to achieve our new budget objective for intercollegiate athletic funding.

BLACK MEN IN THE ACADEMY: Narratives of Resiliency, Achievement, and Success

Co-edited by **Brian L. McGowan**

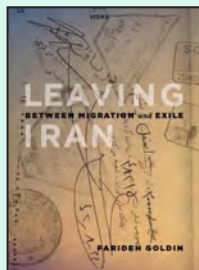
"Black Men in the Academy" (Palgrave Macmillan) chronicles success stories in higher education of black men who are Ph.D. students, professors and mid- to senior-level administrators. The men describe how they overcame personal and educational challenges and the key factors that contributed to their successes. Shaun Harper, executive director for the Center for the Study of Race and Equity in Education at the University of Pennsylvania, said the book "moves us beyond bad news about black men in higher education. It is a refreshing, inspiring read." McGowan



'05 is an assistant professor of higher education at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

LEAVING IRAN: Between Migration and Exile By Farideh Goldin

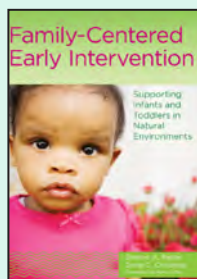
In the sequel to her first book, "Wedding Song," Goldin writes about her family's departure from her native Iran and her complicated relationship with her father, Esghez Dayanim, whom she refers to as Baba. Goldin (MFA '02), director of ODU's Institute for Jewish Studies and Interfaith Understanding, draws heavily from the memoirs of her father, the son of a chief rabbi. She recounts his struggle to adjust to life in Israel, where he felt like a second-class citizen. "Leaving Iran" (Athabasca University Press), a story of family loyalty and cultural memory, also chronicles Goldin's uneasy adjustment to life in the United States.



FAMILY-CENTERED EARLY INTERVENTION: Supporting Infants and Toddlers in Natural Environments

Co-written by **Sharon A. Raver** and doctoral student **Dana Childress**

"Family-Centered Early Intervention" (Brookes Publishing) gathers contributions from more than a dozen researchers to help children with disabilities, those at risk for developmental delays from birth to age 3, and their families. The textbook includes strategies for professionals to guide families in how to promote their children's development. It also encourages professionals from across disciplines to work effectively in teams to meet the needs of children with autism spectrum disorder and other disabilities. Sharon Raver-Lampman is a professor of communication

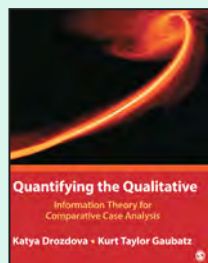


disorders and special education. A four-time Fulbright Scholar, Raver-Lampman has worked in early childhood special education for more than 35 years.

QUANTIFYING THE QUALITATIVE: Information Theory for Comparative Case Analysis

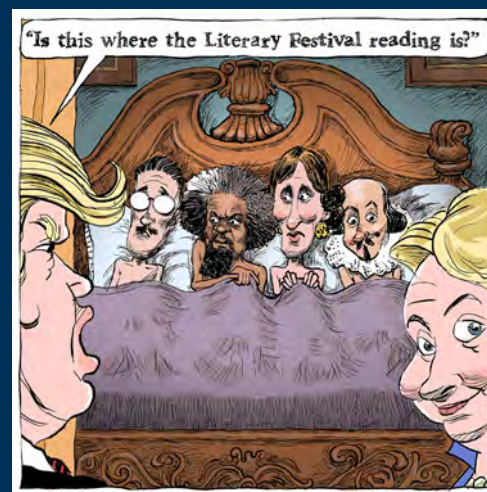
Co-written by **Kurt Taylor Gaubatz**

"Quantifying the Qualitative" (SAGE Publications) offers a new approach to comparative case analysis based on the insights of information theory. Gaubatz, an associate professor in the graduate program in international studies, seeks to expand quantitative analysis beyond an esoteric discipline limited to a small number of scholars with advanced training. His approach is intended to be transparent and accessible to those with a relatively limited background in quantitative methods. An associated



website provides an automated spreadsheet tool to make the analysis even simpler.

STRANGE BEDFELLOWS



Old Dominion University's 39th annual Literary Festival will be held Sept. 25 to 29. Titled "Strange Bedfellows: Politics and Literature," the festival will feature writers who have attempted to make sense – and art – out of politics. The lineup includes historian Douglas Brinkley, Israeli short story writer Etgar Keret and novelists Colum McCann and Rick Skwiot (MFA '02). **For more information, go to lib.odu.edu/litfest.**

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From the Office of Alumni Relations



I am excited to now be part of the ODU team. The Office of Alumni Relations and the ODU Alumni Association share my enthusiasm about the opportunities that lie ahead to move this great university's mission and goals forward and expand our alumni network. As we develop and implement a plan to engage more alumni, we will continue to create new ways to connect alumni, future Monarchs and the university as a whole.

In March, we kicked off the ODU Alumni Travel Program. In April and May, the Alumni Association sponsored sold-out events in Norfolk and Washington, D.C. The ODU Alumni Day of Service was also established.

In June, the inaugural Alumni Admissions Forum, a one-day event for alumni and their high school-aged children, took place. In addition, we are creating regional events in areas with large concentrations of alumni, like Richmond, Northern Virginia/Washington, Raleigh, Charlotte, Atlanta and New York. For information about these and more events, visit the Alumni Association's website, www.ODUAlumni.org.

These activities and programs are simply the beginning of an expanded level of engagement. As ODU grows, the Alumni Association will reflect its excellence by creating opportunities for graduates to continue their education, network with one another and students, and help to facilitate a good work/life balance.

We value our alumni and appreciate the time and commitment that many have made as members of the Monarch family. With countless exciting initiatives happening on campus, it is our hope that more alumni will become actively engaged by attending university events, supporting athletics, visiting campus more often, helping to recruit students and taking advantage of the services that the university offers. With your continuous support, we can make this great university even greater!

*Joy L. Jefferson,
Associate Vice President of Alumni Relations*

1960s

Arlene Sollis '64 shared her story of perseverance in her book, "I Came, I Stayed: The True Story of my Life with Cerebral Palsy" (available on Amazon). She was born in 1935, when doctors advised putting children with CP into institutions. Sollis is a retired special education teacher and advocate for disability rights. She has lived in Spring Hill, Fla., since 2012.

1970s

Suzanne Puryear '71 (M.P.A. '95), president of The Planning Council, has been named to the Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. The Planning Council is a regional nonprofit organization that plans, develops and manages human services programs. Puryear is deeply involved in numerous community organizations and previously led the Department of Human Services in Norfolk.

Charles Applebach '72 reports that he retired from the Virginia Beach Convention & Visitors Bureau, effective Jan. 1, 2016. He was the bureau's vice president of marketing and research.

Carlton Bennett '72 renamed his law practice Bennett and Sharp LLC to reflect a new partner, Kevin Sharp, who joined the Virginia Beach firm in January 2016. The firm has particular expertise in brain injury and medical malpractice cases.

Linda Shifflette '74 was unanimously appointed as interim superintendent for Petersburg City Schools by its school board, effective Nov. 1, 2015. Shifflette retired from Hampton Public Schools in July 2015 after 41 years there. She began her professional career teaching business education and advanced to become the system's first female superintendent from 2009 until retirement.

Carolyn Royer Spencer '74, '91, retired early elementary school educator in Norfolk and Virginia Beach, co-authored and illustrated three children's books to help students deal with rampant bullying issues. Spencer and her book series, which began with "Señor Smarty Pantaloons and the Mystery of the Missing Teachers," were featured in Women of Distinction Magazine in spring 2015. Learn more at www.senorsmartypantaloons.com.

George L. Hanbury II (M.P.A. '77), Nova Southeastern University president and CEO, was named a Top 100 Power Leader by the South Florida Business Journal in January 2014. He has led Florida's largest private, not-for-profit university since 2011,

and worked at the school for 12 years prior. Hanbury is a former city manager for Virginia Beach and Portsmouth as well as Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

1980s

Brian D. Cooper '80 retired from Naval Facilities Engineering Command on June 28, 2015, after 30-plus years of federal service. As he told colleagues, "It is time for me to take a break and then move on." He welcomes emails at coop_by_the_bay@yahoo.com.

Kurt H. Tripp (M.S. '81) in January was named senior vice president and business development manager of the security division at Parsons Federal, a unit of the Parsons Corp. Tripp has worked on defense programs for more than 30 years, is a member of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, among others, and served on the governor-appointed Virginia National Defense Industrial Authority Board.

Kevin C. Riley '84 has been promoted from senior vice president for global sales to chief operating officer of Digi International, which sells "machine-to-machine" systems to manage critical communications for environments that demand high levels of security and reliability. Digi's website self-reports: "Founded in 1985, we've helped our customers connect over 100 million things, and growing."

Dennis Self '87 has been promoted to president and general manager of marketing services for Acxiom, an enterprise data, analytics and software-as-a-service company. He previously was a senior officer in marketing services and technical operations and Acxiom chief information officer. Self is based in Little Rock, Ark.

Jay Harris '87 is one of the personalities, along with Kevin Negandhi and Jaymee Sire, anchoring ESPN's new "SportsCenter: AM," which came on-air in February to give sports fans a three-hour block of sports programming to start their days. Harris is a member of ODU's Board of Visitors.

"We know that from 7-10 a.m., sports fans are on the go," said Rob King, ESPN senior vice president, SportsCenter and News. "So this show will be especially attuned to the needs of this audience: delivering a smart, fast-paced, highlights-driven report that's mindful of the time fans have to consume news as they start their days." Tune in from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Sharing photos will be cinch with Kothari's invention

If necessity is the mother of invention, Old Dominion University might be the midwife, at least for inventor **Ankit Kothari '04**, who credits ODU for encouraging his creativity.

"ODU really helped me with my analytical skills and thinking about things in new ways; it was in the entire curriculum," said Kothari, 33, who studied computer science.

Kothari's initial 150-page patent – No. 9,202,205 – is for a process to help groups easily share photos via smartphones and other devices. The tool would enable people who attend the same event to automatically upload and share photos to one place.

"I wanted something for the entire process to be automated and as simple as possible in a complete package," said Kothari, who is shopping his invention to tech companies. He recently received two more patents for the invention and expects more patents for others. Also, he is writing two motivational books.

A native of India, Kothari enrolled in ODU because his father had friends in Virginia Beach. He immediately felt at home on campus and found support from all levels, including then-President Roseann Runte, with whom he still keeps in touch.

He learned from professors, as well as campus roles as a resident adviser and IT administrator. "Every aspect brought out my creativity in solving problems," Kothari said. "I was helping people every day in a range of challenges, from fixing someone's printer to more complicated system-level problems."

An IT consultant, Kothari lives in Henrico County with his wife, Hemanki Doshi, and their two young sons.

—Michael Knepler



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Ms. Wheelchair Virginia proved ‘They didn’t know anything’

After **Angela West '06** was born, doctors told her parents she would never be able to talk or attend school. They suggested she be institutionalized.

“They didn’t know anything,” West says.

West has cerebral palsy. She needs help with physical tasks, but “it doesn’t affect me intellectually.”

She graduated from Old Dominion in 2006 with a 3.7 grade point average and a degree in therapeutic recreation. She followed that with a master’s in rehabilitation counseling from Virginia Commonwealth University. And she just completed a one-year reign as Ms. Wheelchair Virginia.

West, who lives in Chesapeake, estimates she traveled more than 40,000 miles throughout Virginia, speaking primarily to elementary and middle school students. Her message: “Anything is possible. You can do anything you want to do.”

The message hit home – a Virginia Beach principal told her the visit inspired more acceptance and tolerance – and West, 31, plans to continue speaking to students.

As a team leader with VCU’s Partnership for People with Disabilities, West also meets with Asian-Americans. For some, “asking for help from outsiders is a big no-no.” She tells them: “Everyone said to me I couldn’t do it, but I did it. Now it’s your turn to get your child to their maximum potential.”

Betsy Kennedy, a senior lecturer in human movement sciences, taught West and has invited her back to talk to students every semester since. “She’s like a whirlwind,” Kennedy says. “She is probably one of the strongest, most determined, most motivated young women I have ever come across.”

–Philip Walzer

1990s

Stephen C. Ericson (M.S. '92), P.E., was named the 2016 NAVFAC Atlantic Engineer of the Year in December by the Naval Facilities Engineering Command. Ericson is a senior mechanical engineer and technical discipline leader for capital improvements, working in engineering and design.

Carrie Cubine '93 is now a mortgage lender with North State Bank Mortgage, based in the Outer Banks, N.C. She has 16 years of experience in the business and has strong ties with the area’s Rotary Club, chamber of commerce, Realtors and homebuilders association.

Margaret F. Hardy (M.B.A. '93) has been elected as one of three board members at Sands Anderson PC law firm. She began at the firm in 1994, and is now the managing shareholder of its Fredericksburg, Va., office. Hardy, who worked as a registered nurse before attending law school, has been commended for her pro bono work and been listed in Super Lawyers for medical malpractice defense since 2013.

John King '93 has been promoted to assistant vice president from a job as a software systems analyst at Virginia Beach-based TowneBank Mortgage. He is a certified public accountant and a Microsoft-certified system engineer.


H.C. Davis (M.P.A. '96), director of the Virginia State Police Bureau of Criminal Investigation, retired in July after 39 years’ service. Lt. Col. Davis worked in drug enforcement and administrative areas before taking the director’s job in 2007. He now works with the Virginia Parole Board.

Rodney Hahn '96 took the pullups challenge presented on Facebook by a Navy buddy who remembered Hahn’s prodigious output during deployments to the Mediterranean 30 years ago. Hahn, 54, and a trainer at the Cavalier Golf and Yacht Club in Virginia Beach for 18 years, agreed to tackle the record of 4,210 pullups in 12 hours to earn a mention in the Guinness Book of World Records. With a degree in sports medicine and two certifications in fitness training, he had the cred to succeed.

On his first try in July, he fell about 700 short. Undaunted, Hahn tried again Sept. 12. He passed the 12-hour mark by 100 pullups and broke the 24-hour record of 5,802 four hours later. Because his five children said the challenge was “crazy,” Hahn kept going until the full 24-hour period was over at 8 a.m. the next morning. He

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Alumni art connections



Joan Brock (M.A. '91) and Macon Brock were honored as the nation's Outstanding Philanthropists by the Association of Fundraising Professionals in New York City in November 2015. They have donated more than \$45 million during their 51-year marriage, primarily to local education, arts and environmental charities. Macon Brock co-founded Dollar Tree Inc., which recently acquired Family Dollar Stores Inc.; his wife worked at the family business part time for 30 years, managing the payroll. Among their generous gifts – both financial and as community leaders – the couple donated funds for Brock Commons, Old Dominion's new outdoor performance venue on 47th Street in ODU's Arts in the Village district.



Anne Neely '69, whose "Water Stories: Conversations in Paint and Sound" recently appeared at the Baron and Ellin Gordon Art Galleries, was one of ODU's first studio art graduates. Neely says art professor Ken Daley (who retired this year after 51 years at ODU) was a tremendous influence as she developed as an artist: "He allowed room for me to experiment with my vision while teaching me the skills." Her experiences at ODU led to dual 40-year careers as an artist and art teacher in New England. Neely's work is in major museum collections including the Whitney and Brooklyn museums in New York, the Smithsonian Museum and National Gallery in Washington, D.C., and the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston.



Cheryl White '03 (M.A. '06) moved to the "head of the glass" to become director of the Glass Wheel Studio, a renovated building with art galleries and low-cost workspaces at 128 W. Olney Road. The studio opened in November in Norfolk's growing NEON arts district.

White, a former curatorial coordinator at the Chrysler Museum of Art, worked with benefactors Pat and Doug Perry to create new ways to support glass-making artists and their studios. Her vision and business plan for the studio earned her the job.

"Art is the love of my life, and there is an amazing culture of people here," White said. "To be able to nurture these artists in my hometown is really big for me."



Mother, daughter share a major

Monique Miles '15 and daughter **Brittney Dennis '11** are committed to human services.

Miles graduated in December with a bachelor's degree in social services – four years after Dennis did the same thing.

Miles, 53, served in the Navy for 22 years, working as an aviation structural mechanic. Afterward, she decided to go back to school and gravitated to human services.

"I always wanted to help people and give back to my community," Miles said. "It became more of a desire when my granddaughter was diagnosed with Down syndrome."

While at ODU, Miles said she regularly sought her daughter's advice.

"I think we're somewhat the same type of people – kindhearted, down-to-earth, always willing to put yourself out there," Miles said. But they had different styles as students: "I'm more organized and perfectionist, where everything has to have its order and balance. Brittney's more or less a 'just step right into it' type of person."

Dennis now works with adolescent girls as an employee in Suffolk's social services department. "I always tell my mom she's a copycat," Dennis, 28, joked. "I feel like I'm her guinea pig."

She said her mother "would be really good at teaching parenting classes – especially young parents – because she's such a good mom."

Miles, who lives in Suffolk, works as a supply technician at LBB Associates, a defense contractor. She said she'll use her degree in her volunteering activities: "I'll feel more experienced that I know something instead of talking off the cuff."

– Philip Walzer

racked up a staggering 6,737 pullups in 24 hours and set the bar high for future contenders.

And the take-home for his kids? "Hopefully, it inspires them to want to keep their fitness up as they get older," he said.

Daryl Chesley (M.S. Ed. '97) has been hired as director of instructional innovations for the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS), which manages the nation's transplant system. Chesley will apply his experience as a public schools administrator and adjunct faculty in higher education to develop professional, patient and community education that explains the mission of UNOS.

James Edwards '98, Peninsula Catholic High School's band and chorus teacher, was recognized as Virginia's top music educator, one of the "50 directors who make a difference," by School Band and Orchestra magazine earlier this year. Edwards has taught for three years at the private school in Newport News.

Rob Bradham ('99), the Chattanooga (Tenn.) Area Chamber of Commerce's vice president of public strategies for the past five years, was named president and chief executive of the greater Dalton, Ga., area chamber in October. Bradham previously worked for the chamber in Richmond, Va., and in governmental affairs for the Organization Management Group.

2000s

Nicole Malchow Smith (M.S. Ed. '03) in January was named the Monroe County School District's teacher of the year. She teaches seventh- and eighth-grade math at Horace O'Bryant School in Key West, Fla. Smith taught in Buffalo, N.Y., for two years before relocating to Florida's tropical climate in 2000.

Rebecca Houston '04 has been appointed to a three-year term on the James City County's Historical Commission. Houston is a high school history teacher with York County School Division and a member of numerous service organizations. She previously worked for the National Park Service.

Michael Barnum '05, vice president of Specialized Insurance Services Inc., now works from the company's new offices at 900 Stanhope Gardens, Suite 100, Chesapeake, VA 23320. The telephone number is 757-410-5800.

J.D. Cunegan '06 of Hampton has self-published "Blood Ties," a follow-up to his debut novel "Bounty" (Amazon.com and Kindle). The new novel tracks Baltimore homicide detective Jill Andersen as she fights to clear her father from a murder conviction years earlier.

John Phillips '06 (M.E.M. '10) of Virginia Beach wrote "Cuban Grit: A Modern Tale of Revolution" (2015) after being inspired through a dream. The novel uses suspense, action and romance to develop the plot of a fictional future revolution in Cuba.

Joel Cox '07 switched gears from a writing career in California to develop free software that eliminates some of the distractions that lead to writer's block. His product, Volta, converts the computer display into either a simple blue and white screen or a black and orange DOS display, complete with blinking cursor. He's seeking 10,000 signups at <http://voltawriter.com> to get the product into the marketplace. His long-range plan is to develop a site where authors can write, buy, publish and sell their ebooks.

Ashley Davis Crain '07 has been tasked as tournament chairwoman for the inaugural LPGA Volvik Championship set for May 23-29 in Ann Arbor, Mich. Crain's husband, KC, an executive vice president for Crain Communications Inc., and a tournament organizer, found expert leadership close to home: Ashley is a former captain of the ODU golf team and competed on the Golf Channel show "Highway 18."

Belinda B. Dickerson '07 has published a book, "Controversies Quietened By The Sword," which examines the history and teachings of the Christian faith and church as they relate to modern-day Christianity. The Emporia, Va., resident signed copies of her book (WestBow Press) in April at the University Village Bookstore.

Luis J. "LJ" Rodriguez (M.E.M. '08) works in the Engagement Systems Department at the Naval Surface Warfare Center at Dahlgren, Va., as head of the Gun Weapon Systems Engineering and Integration Branch. In his previous job, he fostered collaboration among the U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps and other technical organizations working to advance military weapons programs.

Michael Lieberman '09, serving as a Black Hawk crew chief in the California National Guard, has deployed for a year to the Middle East. "I'd love as many letters as possible, the more the merrier. ... Packages, letters, anything at all would

be amazing." His address is B CO, I-140, TF Long Knife, APO, AE 09330.

Hara Charlier (Ph.D. '10) was named president of Central Lakes College, which has campuses in Brainerd and Staples, Minn. She begins in July. Charlier has worked as an instructor, professor and dean in higher education, mainly in life sciences and human services. She was vice president of instruction and student services at Virginia Highlands Community College before this new job.

Katherine G. Johnson (Sci.D. '10 HON) of Hampton, retired employee at the NASA Langley Research Center, received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Barack Obama at the White House on Nov. 24, 2015.

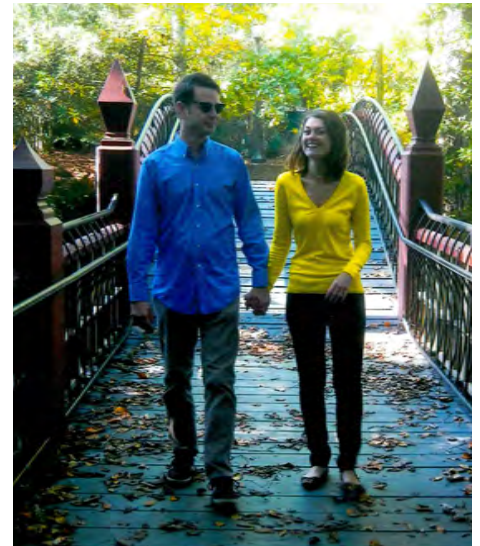
Johnson overcame race and gender discrimination, armed with high intellect in math and physics, to move beyond the typical 1950s NASA assignment for females – to work as a pool mathematician, or "computer," doing technical calculations – in segregated teams. Within weeks, her skill earned her a place working in spacecraft dynamics and eventually with the Apollo and space shuttle programs.

Kaitlyn Hitchings Strawhand '10 (M.S. Ed. '11) has been named the 2015 Teacher of the Year at Truitt Intermediate School in Chesapeake. She is a fifth grade special education teacher and has taught at Truitt since graduating from ODU.

Fina Whitmore '10 of Virginia Beach entered the community of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, as a postulant at the order's motherhouse in Immaculata, Pa., in August 2015. The religious order primarily staffs schools and provides pastoral support in the communities where its sisters serve.

Brenden Roberts '13 was sworn into the U. S. Marine Corps in October. He reported to Quantico, Va., in January.

Michael M. Smith '15 decided 10 years ago that a bachelor's degree in civil engineering would be an asset in his job as chief waterworks operator in Norfolk's Department of Utilities. Smith, 57, worked the night shift and a three days-on-three days-off rotation, which gave him time to take a class or two each semester and study on his days off. Congratulations!



MARRIED MONARCHS

Kristyn Danson (M.P.A. '10) and Chuck McKenna were married April 2 in Philadelphia, and likely gave a toast to ODU's part in the romance.

Their wedding marked a milestone in their friendship, which began eight years ago at ODU on the last day of their research methods class. Kristyn and Chuck started talking when they celebrated the end of finals with fellow classmates. The social hour turned into friendship. Meanwhile, Kristyn pursued her graduate degree and eventually began working in the Batten College of Engineering and Technology. In August 2015, she joined ODU's alumni office as the director of constituent relations. Chuck currently works for the City of Virginia Beach in the planning department's waterfront operations bureau.

If all goes as planned, another Monarch element will be added to this couple's story: Chuck plans to earn an M.B.A. at ODU.

Pamela Blair Mapp '07 and Henry Bruce Wilcox, both of Norfolk, planned to marry in May 2016 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Norfolk.

Kelly Gibson '09 and Nkechinyere (Chichi) Jane Nweke announced their engagement in December, with plans for a November 2016 wedding. The couple both earned master's degrees in public health at Eastern Virginia Medical School in 2013, and are working as epidemiologists for the Army Public Health Center.

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Rose Davis Morrisette '37
of Norfolk, 12/1/15

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Rose G. Jacobson '41 of Norfolk,
8/10/15

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12/28/15

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of Williamsburg, 11/19/15

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mouth, 8/30/15

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Beach, 8/25/15

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Beach, 11/24/15

**Lucy Singleton Penzold Jefferies
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of Norfolk, 12/2/15

Helen Grisaffi Wilmoth '48
of Norfolk, 11/17/15

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of Chesapeake, 8/19/15

William F. Jenkins Jr. '49
of Palm Bay, Fla., 8/22/15

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11/15/15

Victor M. Sielski '55
of Chesapeake, 10/7/15

Hobson D. Turner Jr. '58
of Richmond, Va., 10/3/15

Ivan B. Goldberg '59 of Newport
News, 8/24/15

Elizabeth Doyle Sparling '60 of
Virginia Beach, 10/24/15

Tommye Price '62 of Winchester,
Tenn., 6/10/15

Richard A. Culpepper '63 of Titus-
ville, Fla., 8/11/15

**Lee M. Copeland '64 (M.S. Ed.
'71)** of Farmville, Va., 10/13/15

Robert E. Fitzgerald '64
of Richmond, Va., 4/28/15

Pamela M. Meredith '65
of Chesapeake, 8/13/15

Randy Rau '65 of Virginia Beach,
7/24/15

Richard A. Godwin Jr. '66 of Park-
sley, Va., 4/2/15

Charles L. Pugh '66 of Chesa-
peake, 12/18/15

Sandra Connell-Cecil '67 of Bel-
levue, Wash., 11/25/15

**John H. Sutherland Jr. '67 (M.S.
Ed. '68)** of Dutton, Mont., 12/6/15

Robert N. Bray '68 of Chesapeake,
9/7/15

Diane L. Langston '68 of Norfolk,
11/19/15

LouAnne Alexander-Parker '70
of Virginia Beach, 11/18/15

**Evelyn Shifflett Barnes (M.S. Ed.
'70)** of Washington, D.C., 11/19/15

Charles R. Collins, USN (Ret) '70
of Alexandria, La., 8/12/15

J. Suzanne Cooksey '70 of Chesa-
peake, 9/13/15

William F. Kennedy (M.A. '70) of
Mint Hill, N.C., 9/16/15

Lois Colvin Ziegler '70 of Norfolk,
11/26/15

J. Edwin Booth Jr. (M.S. Ed. '71) of
Virginia Beach, 12/11/15

Kenneth L. Carraway '71 of Chesa-
peake, 10/10/15

Belva J. Keeling (M.S. Ed. '71) of
Portsmouth, 10/17/15

Mary Landon Peabody '71 of
Virginia Beach, 10/9/15

**Lt. Col. Reginald Deagle, USA
(Ret) (M.S. Ed. '72)** of Mathews,
Va., 10/15/15

James R. Jackson (C.A.S. '72) of
Chesapeake, 11/14/15

Judy Cronk Holloman '73 of
Virginia Beach, 10/5/15

T. Jackson Baker (M.S. Ed. '74) of
Norfolk, 9/20/15

Cheryl Getchey Blackwell '74 of
Radford, Va., 10/8/15

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'78)** of Hampton, 8/3/15

Helena Greene Warner '74 of
Suffolk, 9/19/15

**Jean Widener Warren (M.S. Ed.
'74)** of Norfolk, 12/13/15

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(Ret) '75** of Virginia Beach, 10/28/15

Robert W. Gillikin '75 of Suffolk,
11/9/15

Colon R. McMath Jr. '75 of Nor-
folk, 8/13/15

Gaye E. Rote '75 of Charlottesville,
Va., 8/10/15

Lorraine Davis Smith '75 of Ports-
mouth, 10/17/15

Martin R. Tant '75 of Kingsport,
Tenn., 8/15/15

Eugene C. Wilson '75 of Virginia
Beach, 11/6/15

Wayne G. Zellers '75 of Radford,
Va., 11/27/15

Helen Speer Brewer '76 of Virgin-
ia Beach, 12/26/15

Mildred S. Green (M.S. Ed. '76) of
Virginia Beach, 10/14/15

H. Stanley Hogge '76 of Virginia
Beach, 10/19/15

Charles D. O'Connor Jr. '76 of
Virginia Beach, 8/4/15

Mattie C. Rawls '76 of Suffolk,
12/3/15

**Roger M. Green '77 (M.S. Ed. '84,
C.A.S. '86)** of Colonial Heights, Va.,
10/23/15

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Virginia Beach, 8/11/15

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Beach, 8/20/15

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tiansburg, Va., 9/9/15

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Springs, Col., 11/11/15

Mary Arthurs Groder '81 of Car-
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Williamsburg, 10/31/15

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9/9/15

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ia Beach, 12/20/15

Paige West Cowden '83 of Chesa-
peake, 11/15/15

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ginia Beach, 10/24/15

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Ronald G. Roob '84 of Williams-
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**Ruth Wilson Salmon (M.S. Ed.
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JoAnn E. James (M.S. Ed. '03) of Fredericksburg, Va., 8/24/15

George R. Baker Jr. '04 of Chesapeake, 11/17/15

Marilyn H. Drewrey (Ed.S. '04) of Chesapeake, 9/14/15

David J. Hilton '10 of Columbus, Ohio, and Virginia Beach, 9/23/15

Christopher L. Day (D. Eng. '16) of Richmond, Va., 4/10/16

OBITUARIES

Ulysses "Van" Spiva, the first member of a minority group to serve as dean at Old Dominion University, died on March 29 in Virginia Beach.

Old Dominion hired Spiva in 1979 as dean of the Darden College of Education. He held that position until 1984, when he became chairman of the Department of Educational Leadership and Counseling. He retired in 1994.

Spiva received his doctorate from Stanford University. Before coming to ODU, he worked in Cleveland schools, as well as Florida International and Nova universities. He published three books and several papers.

Spiva also was an appointed member of the Virginia Beach School Board from 1986 to 1992 and an elected member from 1994 to 1996.

He received the university's Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Award in 1994 and a lifetime achievement award from the National School Boards Association's Council of Urban Boards of Education in 2008. The association praised Spiva as "a role model with passion for excellence in scholarship and civic responsibility."

Joseph Daniel, the former dean of the College of Sciences, died at his home in Norfolk on Feb. 15.

Daniel served as dean of the school from 1984 to 1991, when he returned to teaching and research. He retired in

1994 as professor emeritus of biological sciences and dean emeritus.

Daniel received his doctorate in biology from the University of Colorado and was a Navy veteran. A recipient of several Fulbright awards, Daniel specialized in the study of mammals' reproduction and development. He continued his research after retirement, with trips to Africa to focus on the communication and breeding of rhinos.

Later in life, he wrote three books about dogs, including "Glenna: Raising a Dog for Guiding Eyes for the Blind" and "Charles the Lion Dog."

William Brown, a professor emeritus, died on Feb. 9. He was 74.

Brown taught in the Darden College of Education from 1972 to 2000 in what is now known as the Department of Teaching and Learning.

Brown, who lived in Virginia Beach, also volunteered in the emergency department at Sentara Leigh Hospital in Norfolk. He received his Ph.D. from Ohio State University. Early in his life, he served for six months in the U.S. Army and six years in the U.S. Army Reserves.

Robert Michel, a retired engineering professor, died on Nov. 30, 2015, at his home in Virginia Beach. He was 81.

Michel received his master's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Connecticut. He served in the U.S. Army from 1957 to 1961

and taught at the U.S. Naval Academy.

He joined Old Dominion in 1982 and retired in 1998 as an associate professor emeritus of engineering technology. He continued as an adjunct faculty member until 2004.

Maurice Seaton, a senior lecturer in economics, died on Oct. 21, 2015. He was 64.

Seaton started as an adjunct instructor of economics in 2001. He became a full-time instructor in 2007 and a senior lecturer in 2014.

He served as the faculty adviser to Omicron Delta Epsilon, an international economics honor society, and in 2014 was named the university's male professor of the year by the NAACP.

A native of St. Kitts in the West Indies, Seaton lived in Chesapeake. He received master's degrees in economics and agronomy from Virginia Tech.

Helen Yura-Petro, a former director of the graduate program in nursing, died on Oct. 12, 2015. She was 86 and lived in Chesapeake.

Yura-Petro worked at the university from 1979 to 1988 and retired as an eminent professor emeritus. Several nursing scholarships and an award for a graduate nursing student are named in honor of the Yura and Petro families.

Yura-Petro received her master's degree in nursing and Ph.D. in higher education from the Catholic University of America.

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Alicia Garza, the co-founder of Black Lives Matter, and Alan Gross, an aid worker imprisoned in Cuba for more than five years, shared their experiences in the President's Lecture Series.

The Harlem Quartet, which aims to make classical music fresh and accessible, performed as part of the Diehn Concert Series and conducted a master class open to the public.


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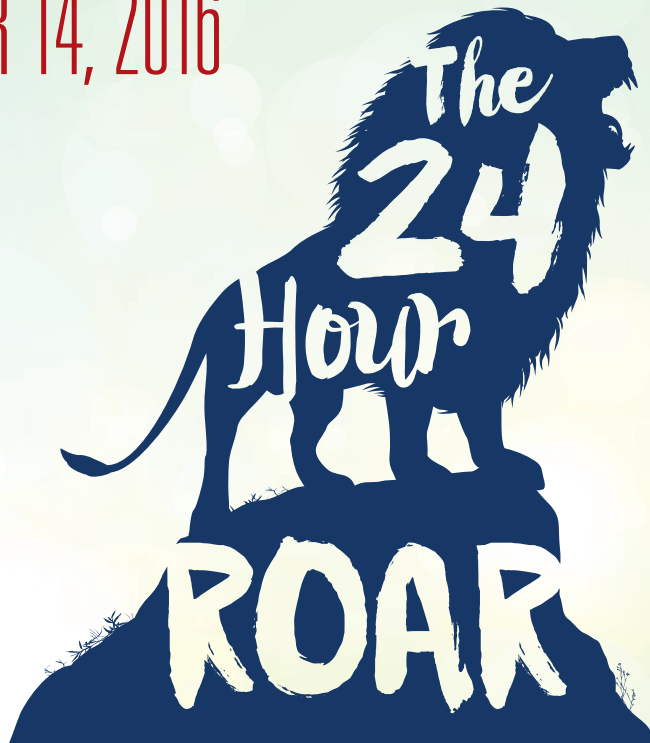
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It was a lot more than the luck of the Irish. Old Dominion University's Marching Monarchs were named "best international band" at the Limerick International Band Championship in Ireland in March. The band performed in Dublin's St. Patrick's Day Festival Parade before joining more than 1,000 other musicians at the post-St. Patrick's Day event in Limerick.

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A TRAILBLAZER *in the* NURSING PROFESSION



Helen Yura Petro was the first of six children born to Slavic immigrants who settled in Pennsylvania. Her father was a coal miner. The simple surroundings were filled with rich Slavic history and traditional foods that would remain an essential part of her life. With the children spaced far apart, Helen became a second mother to her younger siblings, and her nurturing temperament took root.

When she was in high school in Allentown, several of her friends applied to nursing school—just across the street—at Sacred Heart Hospital. On a lark, she joined them. It was that innocent inquiry that set in motion her distinguished nursing career.

Excelling in her studies, Helen won \$1,500 in scholarships toward her admission to The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. A year later she transferred to the University of Dayton, where she received her bachelor's degree in nursing. She returned to Catholic University for a master's degree in nursing and Ph.D. in higher education. In 1964, she joined the faculty of Catholic University, teaching psychiatric and mental health nursing. While there, she collaborated with Mary B. Walsh on the book, *The Nursing Process*, which the American Journal of Nursing selected as book of the year in 1975 and which later became a classic in the nursing profession. She also co-authored *Nursing Leadership* and *Human Needs and the Nursing Process*. In addition to her books, Helen co-authored 50 professional articles and papers. She became chair of nursing at St. Joseph's College in Maryland and later held the assistant director position at the National League for Nursing, which accredits colleges and universities with the highest standards of nursing education.

In 1979, Helen's career attracted the attention of Old Dominion University,

which invited her to lead its new master's program in nursing. At ODU, she devoted herself to a vision of leadership in the nursing profession, while also expanding the scope and quality of nursing care.

Helen's focus had always been on her career; however, when she joined the newly formed Byzantine Catholic Church in Williamsburg, she caught the eye of widower Joe Petro. Joe's father had also been a coal miner, and was of Slavic descent. Their similar backgrounds, shared heritage and steadfast faith brought them together, and Joe became the love of Helen's life. They were married in 1989.

Always wanting to give back, Helen and Joe endowed three scholarships at ODU for nursing students. The first, in memory of their parents; the second, in memory of siblings; and the third, in their own names, all creating a strong Yura-Petro legacy at ODU's College of Health Sciences.



"Helen was a wonderful supporter of our college, especially the School of Nursing, by establishing their scholarships, as well as coming to our major events. She had a passion for living and for sharing with others through her philanthropy, textbooks, teaching and project development. I will miss her smiling face at our college events and the special lunches we shared. The last time we met, Helen gave me a pysanka egg, the traditional Slavic Easter egg hand-painted in bright colors. Now, I treasure it even more as a remembrance of her and her generosity."

- Shelley Mishoe, Dean
College of Health Sciences

Through the years, Helen received numerous additional awards, including the Founders Award from Sigma Theta Tau; Eminent Professor of Nursing at ODU; University of Dayton's 1979 Special Achievement Award from its Board of Governors; a National Founder's Award for Excellence in Nursing Education; and other honors and honorary degrees, culminating with the designation of Eminent Professor Emeritus at her retirement.

Following her death in October 2015, Joe honored Helen and their 26 years of marriage with another gift—to the national nursing honor society, Sigma Theta Tau's Epsilon Chi Chapter at ODU, where it will be used for the annual *Helen Yura-Petro Lectureship* that focuses on nursing research and the annual spring symposium. Helen Petro will be remembered at ODU for her reputation as a trailblazer, her kind spirit, and her patience as a professor. She is truly a legend in the nursing profession.

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