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Adm. Robert F. Willard (M.E.M. ’05), new head of the U.S. Pacific Command, credits his experience and education as preparation for his many leadership roles.

ON THE COVER: Jim Jarrett, ODU’s longtime athletic director, stepped down from the position in June after four decades of service. As Senior Associate Athletic Director Debbie White observed, “In a profession where the average lifespan of an athletic director at any one school is seven years, Jim outlasted and outperformed most. He put Old Dominion athletics on the national map.”

Photo: Glen McClure

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Toykea S. Jones ’03 (M.E. ’05), an engineering graduate working with Johnson & Johnson, pays her parents’ investment forward by creating a scholarship at her alma mater.

Photo: Chuck Thomas
ODU marshals step off into retirement

Old Dominion’s spring commencement marked the end of an era for two faculty members – Gary Crossman and Phyllis Barham – who also happen to be the graduates of the university themselves.

The two served for the past 15 years as university marshal and deputy marshal, respectively, leading the charge, as it were, of ODU’s latest crop of graduates on to commencement and, ultimately, out into the real world.

This spring’s morning and afternoon ceremonies, however, were the final graduations for this distinguished and disciplined duo, who are passing the torch – and in Crossman’s case, the university mace – to two other members of the faculty (Bernie Bohm, assistant dean of the Frank Batten College of Engineering and Technology, and Jill Dustin, associate professor of counseling and human services).

Barham, who holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees from ODU, retired at the end of the 2009-10 academic year after 28 years on the faculty, where she most recently served as chief academic adviser for the School of Nursing. Crossman, who earned a master’s from ODU in 1970, actually retired two years ago, after 38 years of teaching engineering technology. He continued his role as lead marshal, however, to watch from his unique vantage point as his grandson walked across the stage on May 8. Crossman’s final act as university marshal will actually come during Freshman Convocation in August, when he watches as his granddaughter officially joins ODU’s newest class of students.

Brendan O’Halloran, of ODU’s university relations office, wrote a nice tribute to Crossman and Barham following the spring commencement exercises. In his story, which appeared on the ODU Web news page, Barham says of watching her nursing students receive their degrees: “As their adviser, I know all the students, so commencement is special for me every year. I know what they’ve gone through, what struggles they’ve overcome, to get their degree.” She also jokingly likened her and Crossman’s task of getting a thousand-plus graduates organized for marching across campus, and then seated properly at the Constant Center, to “herding cats.”

Crossman, who likewise reflected on his role in the article, said he first agreed to serve as marshal “because I thought it was the right thing to do.” He added: “I’m happy that we’re going out together. I can’t imagine doing this without Phylla.”

Having worked about 40 commencement ceremonies together in all, it’s understandable that they both experienced mixed emotions following the May 8 exercises. They certainly have earned their retirements as marshals – along with heartfelt thanks from the university for their service.

– Steve Daniel
Editor

Save a tree: Thanks for green alternative

I am a proud alumnus of both the U.S. Naval Academy and Old Dominion, but my fondest memories are of ODU. I look forward to receiving each issue of the alumni magazine in my mailbox, but at the same time I hearily agree with the effort to reduce printing costs and environmental impact.

I’ll miss thumbing through the hard copy pages, but I’d like to add my name to those requesting a PDF version. You and your staff do a great job. Please keep it up!

– Bob Wood ’92
Clemmons, N.C.

I see from the latest issue of the Old Dominion University magazine that we can switch to a PDF version to save paper. Please switch me to the PDF version.

– Corinne Bates
Bloomington, Indiana

I also have stopped using my dryer! I find I even enjoy hanging out the clothes. And with recycling as much as we can, we hardly have any trash on trash day.

– Cherie Stevens (M.S.Ed. ’85)
Sobing, Fla.

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Bristol, R.I.

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Lawrenceville, Ga.

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– Walt C. Hodgus Jr. ’70
Glen Allen, Va.

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– Audrey S. Perry (M.A. ’77)
Virginia Beach, Va.
Board extends Broderick’s contract

Citing exceptional leadership, management and communication, the Board of Visitors voted unanimously April 8 to extend the contract of President John R. Broderick for an additional three years, to May 4, 2014.

“The board has been exceedingly impressed with President Broderick’s visionary leadership, adept management of complex budgetary issues and excellent communication skills that keep the ODU community, alumni, legislators, community leaders, and key businesses and partners informed of and engaged with the increasingly prominent institution that is Old Dominion University,” said Rector R. Osia Ugur.

The board praised Broderick’s handling of significant state budget cuts over the past two years, which have come at a time when the university has had the largest enrollments in its history, growing retention rates, a flourishing residential campus and an unparalleled demand for classes and services. It also commended his leadership in the development of both enrollment management and strategic plans that position the university for continued success.

“I am pleased and honored that the board continues to place its trust in me,” Broderick said. “With 24,000 students, more than 160 academic degree programs, an economic impact of nearly $1 billion annually, and business and partners informed of and engaged with the ODU community, alumni, legislators, community leaders, and key businesses and partners informed of and engaged with the increasingly prominent institution that is Old Dominion University,” said Rector R. Osia Ugur.

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Paul Champagne, chair of the Faculty Senate, noted, “The faculty are very supportive of President Broderick. They appreciate that he is open and honest and willing to discuss the realities of what can and cannot be done in efforts to make ODU an even better institution.”

Lauryn Johnson, student representative to the Board of Visitors and a member of the Student Government Association, agreed.

“He keeps a keen ear to student concerns and regularly reaches out to students.”

Wood Selig succeeds Jarrett as athletic director

Camden Wood Selig, formerly the athletics director at Western Kentucky University, joined Old Dominion June 10 as its new athletic director, succeeding Jim Jarrett, who recently retired after 40 years in the position.

A native of Norfolk, Selig (pronounced SEE-lig) spent the past 11 years directing the Hilltopper program, which has won 65 Sun Belt Conference championships since 2000 and a national-record 19 crowns over the past two years. He was a key figure in garnering support for the WKU football program’s move from NCAA Division I-A to I-F in 2007, and he spearheaded more than $100 million in new construction and renovations of Hilltopper facilities.

“Our athletic program, under Jim Jarrett, has enjoyed incredible success over the last decades,” said Old Dominion President John R. Broderick, who announced the selection. “The appointment of Dr. Selig ensures that we will not only maintain that success, but also provide our program with the direction it needs to continue to grow and prosper. His experience … made him a solid choice for our search committee.”

Prior to arriving at WKU, Selig spent 11 years at the University of Virginia, the last five as associate vice president and leader of the ODU Business Gateway.

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University names new education dean

Linda Irwin-Devitis, former dean of the Loundsbury School of Education at Georgia College & State University (GCSU), assumed duties June 25 as dean of the Darden College of Education. She succeeds William Graves, who retired after leading the college for nine years.

“Dr. Irwin-Devitis is a highly accomplished academic administrator, who brings a record of successful leadership, a wide range of hands-on classroom experience and is very familiar with education program accreditation requirements,” said ODU Provost Carol Simpson.

The native of GCSU, and a 2003 Irwin-Devitis has spent more than 40 years in the education field. During her tenure at GCSU, the education school received the 2008 Michael T. Berndt Award from the Society of Professors of Education and was a finalist for the 2009 Georgia Outstanding Excellence in Teaching Award.

She previously served as associate dean for programs at the University of Louisville College of Education and Human Development and held faculty positions at SUNY Binghamton and O’norita, and the University of Tennessee.

Additionally, she spent 10 years as a middle school and high school teacher in rural school districts in Florida and Louisiana.


Irwin-Devitis has served as principal or co-principal investigator on several research grants, including a $1.24 million U.S. Department of Education grant for a teacher recruitment and retention initiative, and a $2.1 million Olin Service Grant.

She earned a doctorate in education from the University of Tennessee.
John Sokolowski, a leading national scholar and researcher in the fast-growing field of modeling and simulation, recently was named executive director of Old Dominion’s Virginia Modeling, Analysis and Simulation Center (VMASC). With the appointment, he assumes a primary role in developing an M&S industry that is a significant new driver of economic development in the state. Sokolowski has worked at VMASC for nearly a decade. He served as a project scientist and later as director of research before being called upon a little over a year ago to be interim executive director, succeeding Michael McGinnis.

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ROTC units boast national instructors of the year

Both the Army and Navy ROTC units on campus recently had officer instructors named national instructors of the year.

Maj. Michael G. Summers was chosen as the Army ROTC Instructor of the Year. The award, sponsored by the National Defense Industrial Association and decided upon through the U.S. Army Cadet Command, is called the Col. Leo A. Codd Memorial Award. More than 500 officer instructors from 273 Army ROTC programs were eligible for the annual honor.

Lt. Bill “Bilbo” Burke was chosen as the Naval Service Training Command O’Ricker Instructor of the Year. More than 500 officer instructors from all 136 N-R ROTC colleges and universities nationwide, as well as at the Navy’s recruit training command, O’Ricker Training Command and N-S Science Institute, were eligible for this annual award.

“I’m delighted to see ODU instructors named national instructors of the year,” said Dean Ronald A. Dyer, the university’s military activities director. “Both Summers and Burke are being reassigned this summer after two years at ODU. Summers will attend the Army’s O’Ricker Training Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, K., before returning to a regular Army unit. Burke, who earned a master’s in international studies from the university in May, will join the staff of Commander Amphibious Squadron Four.”
Student offices get new space in Webb

The Office of Student Activities and Leadership (OSAL) moved into spacious new headquarters early this year in Webb Center, occupying much of the site that previously housed the University Bookstore.

The 8,000-square-foot space for OSAL and other student organizations was part of a $3 million renovation and relocation project that Old Dominion officials said was sorely needed for the university’s increasingly active student life.

The new space includes offices for campus radio station WODU, the Mace & Crown student newspaper, Student Government Association, Student Activities Council, Center for Service and Civic Engagement, ODU Out and sororities and fraternities.

It also features a conference room, sign-making facilities and a large common area work room.

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Engineering students chosen to compete in Solar Decathlon

A team of 12 students each from Old Dominion and Hampton universities has been selected as one of 20 finalists from around the world to compete in the U.S. Department of Energy’s 2011 Solar Decathlon.

The students – along with teams from such schools as Ohio State, Purdue, Tongji University in Shanghai, China, and Ghent University in Belgium – will compete to design, build and operate the most affordable, attractive, effective and energy-efficient solar-powered house. The ODU/HU group was the only higher education team from Virginia chosen as a finalist.

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Research

More intense hurricanes predicted by century’s end

A team of scientists including Robert Tuleya of Old Dominion’s Center for Coastal Physical Oceanography has turned up preliminary results from a study that paired an ensemble of climate-change projection models with tried-and-true models that the U.S. government uses in hurricane forecasting.

The scientists’ paper about Atlantic hurricanes, which appeared in the January issue of Science magazine, warns that the number of annual, category 4 and 5 hurricanes could double by the end of this century. Furthermore, the strong hurricane activity may target highly populated areas in the eastern U.S.

Morris Bender, of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory, is the article’s lead author. Tuleya joined ODU after he retired in 2002 from GFDL, where he was lead of the Hurricane Dynamics Group. He and Bender worked together in the 1990s to develop the GFDL hurricane model.

As ODU’s adjunct professor and self-supporting research professional, Tuleya has continued to work on contract with NOAA to improve the GFDL model and to help develop the next-generation Hurricane Weather and Forecasting model, which is now used as guidance by the National Hurricane Center. Additionally, he has devoted nearly 40 years of his career to devising computer models that predict tropical storm formation, intensity and movement of present-day storms and investigating the impact of climate change on tropical storms in the future.

The authors contend that many models, including the regional atmospheric model ZETAG, are incapable of simulating high-intensity hurricanes. Their new strategy simulated a more realistic distribution of intense hurricane winds than the ZETAG model in a control period of 1980-2006.

Prof, alum adapting smart-phones for autistic children

Many children with autism communicate very little, even with the family members and teachers who are around them the most. But researchers at Old Dominion have shown that a novel approach using smartphones and the World Wide Web can help these children express their thoughts and desires.

To Gianluca De Leo, an assistant professor who specializes in bioinformatics and virtual reality at ODU’s College of Health Sciences, the project is yet another example of how information technology can improve human health and well-being. He previously adapted smartphones to help diabetes manage their health and employed virtual reality to promote treadmill training for children with cerebral palsy.

The autism project, funded by Microsoft’s External Research Group, allows children to communicate by calling up images on Windows mobile devices. A child who wants chicken for dinner, for example, can call up one image of a dinner table and another of a chicken leg.

Children with autism often are trained to express themselves by picking one or more laminated picture flash cards from a binder and citing their message “or settlement” to a strip of videos. A popular adaptation of this is called PIECS for Picture Exchange Communication System.

There are existing electronic communication devices such as the Cyrano Communicator and Pocket Reader that can be used to help children express themselves with images, but they often cost $5,000 or more. De Leo says smartphones are cheap, easy to use and offer many other advantages over the laminated picture system and electronic communicators currently in use.

He is leading the development of the iPicTalk Communications System with Gondy Levy of Claremont Graduate University. Another member of the team, Padmaja Bhat, received a master’s in electrical and computer engineering from ODU in December.

Stories by Jim Raper
Command Performance

By Jennifer Mullen Collins

As commander of the U.S. Pacific Command (USPACOM), Navy Adm. Robert F. Willard (M.E.M. ’05) is responsible for the nation’s military strategy over an area that encompasses about half the earth’s surface and contains more than 50 percent of the world’s population.


It’s an astounding responsibility that requires equal parts power and peacekeeping, skill and savoir-faire, debate and diplomacy. As Gen. Eisenhower once said, “Leadership is the art of getting someone else to do something you want done because he wants to do it.”

Willard’s 37-year military career has taken him around the globe in a variety of positions with increasing responsibilities. The 1973 U.S. Naval Academy graduate and F-14 aviator flew fighter jets in a number of West Coast squadrons and aboard the aircraft carriers USS Constellation, USS Ranger, USS Kitty Hawk and USS Carl Vinson.

He served as the operations officer and the executive officer of Navy Fighter Weapons School, also known as Top Gun, and even had a small role as the MiG pilot that received a “salute” from Tom Cruise’s character in the 1986 blockbuster of the same name. He later commanded the Screaming Eagles of Fighter Squadron 51, the oldest fighter squadron in continuous service with the Pacific Fleet until its decommissioning in 1995.

Willard’s experience also includes nuclear-power training and stints as executive officer of the USS Carl Vinson and, as commanding officer of amphibious flagship USS Tripoli in the Persian Gulf during Operation Vigilant Warrior and aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln.

Preparation – the right combination of experience and education – is the key to successful leadership, he maintains.

“I remember walking down the pier with my father at the change of command when I was taking over as commander of my first carrier. My father asked if I was nervous. I explained to him how well the Navy had prepared me for that command, both in experience and education,” he said.

“I flew on and off flight decks and was familiar with how they operated. I had nuclear-power training. I had experience on the bridge of a ship. With all that behind me, there was more excitement than nervousness.”

His experience continued to grow. He twice served on the Joint Staff, holding roles as deputy and chief of staff for the U.S. Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor, and commanded Carrier Group Five aboard the USS Kitty Hawk and the U.S. Seventh Fleet in Japan. In 2005, Willard became the 34th vice chief of naval operations and in 2007 the commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet. His many decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Distinguished Service Medal and Legion of Merit.

So when President Barack Obama tapped him for his current role in spring 2009, he was ready.

USPACOM has an area of responsibility stretching from just off the California coast to the western border of India, and from Antarctica to the North Pole. It covers 36 nations with 3.4 billion people and 3,000 different languages. Few military command regions are as culturally, socially, economically and geopolitically diverse.

Willard says his educational background, including his 2005 master’s degree in engineering management from Old Dominion University’s innovative distance learning program for Navy officers, provided him the tools needed for such a complicated and demanding position.

“Education has helped me in terms of the way I think, and in my depth of knowledge on various regions,” he says. “I was given the opportunity to take foreign relations courses and that has served me very well since half the time I am on the road trying to establish relationships with my foreign counterparts.”

At his Senate confirmation hearing last summer, Willard told the members of the Armed Services Committee that China’s military power and North Korea’s unpredictable and antagonistic behavior were the greatest challenges for the United States in the Pacific.

More recently, he traveled to India, Thailand and Indonesia to talk with officials about terrorism threats, and stepped carefully into the tensions between China and Taiwan.

“In this day and age, when we look at advances in hardware, cultural understanding, greater accountability, the need for education is that much greater,” Willard said. “If the (U.S. military) is to sustain its pre-eminence, it’s got to be education based. That’s today’s armed forces. It is utterly essential to what we do.”

In addition to directing the operations of four component commands, Adm. Willard oversees the following organizations embedded within USPACOM: Subordinate Unified Commands, including U.S. Forces Korea, U.S. Forces Japan, Alaska Command and Special Operations Command – Pacific; Direct Reporting Units, including the Center for Excellence in Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance, Joint Intelligence Operations Center, Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies and Standing Joint Force Headquarters – Pacific; and Standing Joint Task Force, including Joint Interagency Task Force.
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MALAIKA KING ALBRECHT (M.A. ’93), Lessons in Forgetting, Main Street Rag Publishing Co. Albrecht’s first book of poetry is about her mother’s Alzheimer’s disease. Reviewer Scott Owens writes: “These poems take the reader through the ups and downs of dealing with Alzheimer’s in such an honest, unblinking fashion that they read almost as a single heart-wrenching, joy-keeping piece.” Albrecht is the founding editor of Redheaded Stepchild, an online magazine that only accepts poems that have been rejected elsewhere. www.mainstreetrag.com

ROBERT COSSEL (M.S.Ed. ’07), Master of the Strings, Xulon Press. Cossel describes his first book as a Christian fiction novel. It’s the World War II era, and all have felt the Nazi sting. Sole survivors from their village, Albrecht and his grand-nephew Lucius, escape to Brooklyn only to discover that Poland isn’t the only place Jews aren’t welcome. Other characters in the book include Dr. Morgan, who survives the war, but at the cost of a leg, and returns home to face family tragedies, and Tommy, the pride of the Irish, who learns the way of the streets after losing his parents. Their paths intersect, and as they dare to cross the lines of race, class and religion, they create a path of healing. www.xulonpress.com

ROD EVANS ’78, Sorry, "90, Underlife, CavanKerry Press. This is the first poetry collection by O’Neil, who is a senior writer/editor at Babson College and pens the blog "Poet, Mom." For her latest Duhamel writes: "The poems...offer masterfully complex portraits of childhood both through the speaker’s memory and observations of her own children. She writes equally well about sex, marriage, rural life, and the suburbs with candid observations and evocative imagery." www.cavankerrypress.com

RICHARD OWENS (M.A. ’73), Knighthide, PublishAmerica. From the Civil War to World War II, Tenney takes readers on a daring and romantic adventure. A startling new discovery leads Professor Josh Chamberlain in search of a new truth about the Battle of Gettysburg. Then, in another twist of fate, he follows the trail of history to France, where he learns about a previous discovery lost at the Battle of Gettysburg. Then, in another twist of fate, he follows the trail of history to France, where he learns about a previous discovery lost at the Battle of Gettysburg. Tenenche again uses this formula to craft a real page-turner. Set along China’s ancient trade routes, the novel examines development activities for unmanaged social vehicles through the eyes of selected American youth led by an Asian studies professor on a mission for the U.S. Air Force. www.publishamerica.com

STEPHANIE STOCKDALE ’97 (M.A., ’99), Sidney Visits Australia, Authorhouse. This children’s book, illustrated by SEAN COOK, ‘99, features a young girl who loves visiting new lands. Geared to kids 8 and under, it begins in Norfolk and takes the reader on an adventure-packed trip to the Outback, where Sidney and her mother see kangaroos, koalas and crocodiles, and meet Australian Aborigines. An engaging read, the book also comes with a surprise ending. www.authorhouse.com

By Brendan O’Halloran

Growing up in Norfolk, Toykea Jones’ parents told her she could be anything she wanted to be. It was all a matter of effort, tough enough a dried-up, a Lisa and Daryl Young worked extra hours and Toyeka wouldn’t have to take a part-time job, and could concentrate on her studies. “Their goal was to make sure that I had a better life than them,” Jones said. “Both of them pushed me to go to college.”

A graduate of Booker T. Washington High School in Norfolk, Jones earned scholarships to pay for her undergraduate chemistry degree at Old Dominion – including the 2004-05 Hampton Roads Sanitation District Scholarship – then took out student loans to pay for her master’s in environmental engineering. “Even when I attended ODU, my parents made a way so that I could focus on my schoolwork, and didn’t have to work,” said Jones, who received her M.A. in 2005. The “investment” by her parents has paid off. Jones is now more than a year into a rewarding job as an operations team leader in the consumer sector of Johnson & Johnson (J&J) in Los Angeles. “It was important for me to help her out, because I love her. And for her to be able to do that was really important to me,” Jones said.

In 2007, Jones was hired by Johnson & Johnson right out of college, after making contact with the company at a National Society of Black Engineers job fair in Boston. She entered the Engineering Leadership Development Program, which recruits and trains the next generation of technical leaders for the company. It’s a two-year program with three eight-month rotations. From ODU, Jones moved to California to New Jersey and back to northern California, finally settling in Los Angeles at the end of her program.

“Every time I moved, I changed the type of engineering job that I did, plus did 250 hours of training,” Jones said. As an end of the miscorrelation, Jones became an operations team leader with more than 30 employees reporting directly to her, plus an even larger number of temporary workers. It was intimidating at first, especially when Jones found out how much younger she was than some of her subordinates. “But now, she feels very comfortable in her leadership role.”

Jones has found her passion well so far. “My experience, concentrated in the pharmaceutical and consumer sectors, has given me strong project management, regulatory compliance, technical and leadership skills,” she added. She hopes that her career at J&J is merely a starting point to an exciting work life, and a lifetime of making a difference. She currently mentors young students, and hopes one day to create a nonprofit organization that supports underprivileged youth going to college.

As the first person in her family to receive a college degree, Jones has proven inspiring to her own family as well. Since her graduation from ODU, her father and two cousins have returned to college. “Each of them later told me I played a significant role in motivating them, and I couldn’t be more proud,” Jones said, adding that she is grateful for the support and positive influence she has received from her family.

“My family helped me to stay focused. I’ve always been doing things to try and give back, because so many people have been in my corner, rooting me on, trying to stay supportive. And my parents have always told me you have to give back,” Jones said. “My community involvement is a part of me. It’s who I am.”

Jones said ODU was the perfect place for her to go to school. She could stay close to home (she’s very close to her younger brother), but still have a degree of independence. “I actually stayed on campus, but could drive home to see my mom and brother any time I wanted,” Jones said.

More importantly, she said, “My perception was that ODU cares about their students and they’re going to be in your corner, and want you to graduate.”

“All of my friends who came to ODU, we all graduated. Every single one of us got accepted to other schools, but chose ODU. And I am ever glad I did.”
In the history of Old Dominion, no one has exerted more influence over the athletic program than Jim Jarrett.

When he stepped down in June after 40 years as athletic director, Jarrett had served in the position half as long as the school has been around, having reported to seven of the institution’s eight presidents. Along the way, he awarded the first athletic scholarships to women in Virginia, led ODU’s move from Division II to Division I and engineered a campaign over the years that has resulted in a sports facilities complex that ranks among the nation’s finest.

On his watch, Monarch teams won 28 national championships, the university produced numerous All-Americans and Olympians, as well as four individual national title holders, and the athletic program maintained a 91 percent student-athlete graduation rate.

In short, Jim Jarrett was an institution at ODU, where he put his stamp of integrity on the athletic program and where his contributions will reverberate for many years to come.

By Steve Daniel
While most people associated with the athletic program can’t remember a time when Jarrett was not the athletic director, it was not the position he was hired for when he came to Old Dominion in 1967. Fresh from completing his doctoral studies at Florida State, he had signed on as an associate professor of health and physical education and was tasked with developing a graduate program in PE.

“I was totally academically oriented,” Jarrett said. “I had no thought about being an athletic director.”

President James Bugg convinced him to take on the AD role, however, and in 1970 Jarrett succeeded the legendary Bud Mitheny in the position, becoming one of the youngest athletic directors in the country at the time.

From one of the youngest, he grew in the position to become one of the most respected. His bold move to seek and gain approval in 1974 to award grants-in-aid to female student-athletes, though endorsed by President Bugg, met with mixed reviews elsewhere. But it was an action that soon paid dividends at the young institution. ODU’s Lady Monarchs basketball team won the first of its three national championships in 1979, and the program led the nation in attendance from the confines of the packed, wooden-bled Field House. Thanks to the heroics of outstanding players such as Nancy Lieberman, Anne Donovan and Inge Nissen, women’s basketball put ODU on the map.

Donovan, who joined the program in 1979 and became the first Lady Monarch inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame, credits Jarrett for both his vision and leadership. “What he did for women’s basketball in the ’70s was unprecedented. He gave female athletes the opportunity to not just participate at the highest level, but to excel,” said the former Olympic gold-medal player and coach.

One of the first female athletes to receive a scholarship at ODU was none other than Wendy Larry ’77, whom Jarrett later hired as head coach of the Lady Monarchs. “I had Dr. Jarrett as a professor when I was a student-athlete at ODU,” said Larry, who recently completed her 23rd season as head coach. “He introduced me to the world of being a coach, and the coaching opportunities I’m most proud of is the program I’ve helped develop since then.”

Jarrett also made national news in 1975 when ODU decided to award scholarships to women. “That was quite an interesting scenario in that there were a number of universities with football teams, and now Old Dominion is a football-playing school,” Jarrett said. “People saw the equity in the men’s and women’s programs, and they saw the nonrevenue sports getting support — something that hadn’t happened before — and I think they felt good about it.”

He credited Bugg, and later President Al Rollins, with supporting women’s athletic programs through student fees.

Another momentous decision Jarrett advocated soon followed — making the leap to Division I the year after the men’s Division II basketball team, known as the Runnin’ Monarchs, won the school’s first national championship in 1975 under coach Sonny Allen.

Along with the scholarships, Jarrett set about developing an athletic program that also was equitable in terms of the number of sports and financial support available to men and women. “The athletic program got better overall, and it won,” Jarrett said. “People saw it in the men’s and women’s programs, and they saw the nonrevenue sports getting support — something that hadn’t happened before — and I think they felt good about it.”

As head coach of the Lady Monarchs, Larry said she is forever indebted. “I think Dr. Jarrett was an integral part of my development as a coach,” she said. “He was just a really special human being who took care of his students and his athletes.”

The program gained as a result of Jarrett’s Virginia counterparts off guard. “It’s a principle that reflects his goal of running a program that does things the right way as it helps develop student-athletes who can perform both on the field of play and in the classroom,” said Debbie White, longtime senior associate athletic director, whose “amazing record of no major NCAA violations and 91 percent graduation rate for student-athletes” are indicative of Jarrett’s emphasis on integrity.

If all the many changes that have taken place in ODU athletics during the past four decades, Jarrett ranks the re-introduction of football — after a 69-year absence as “the most important addition to our sports program since I’ve been here.”

“The pride that people take in it is overwhelming. The pride is equal to any other major universities with football teams and now Old Dominion is no longer a non-football school. And that’s huge.”

“Jarrett gives the first share of credit for the football program’s development to head coach Bobby Wilder. “The thing we wanted to do was hire a coach that, one, could start a football program in a way that matched our other programs from an integrity standpoint, and two, could develop it in a logical way.”

Asked to look back on his time at ODU and talk about some of the highlights, Jarrett pauses, considering how to give an adequate answer from a career covering decades.

The 1975 men’s championship will always be special because it was the first. But I think the integrity of the program has got to be No. 1. And the national championships wouldn’t be right behind that,” said Jarrett, who also pointed to the strong women’s teams ODU gained as a result of awarding scholarships.

Jarrett said he treasures the close relationships he developed over the years with coaches, staff and former players, adding that he was likewise fortunate to have worked for supportive presidents, from Bugg to Broderick. In fact, current president John Broderick has persuaded the former AD to devote some of his retirement time to athletics special projects. In addition to this work, Jarrett said he is looking forward to more golf, tennis and time with his grandchildren.

“I am very proud,” he reflected. “I think the program is in a place to continue to be one of quality, and new athletic director Wood Selig will, I hope, that we continue with integrity.”
Athletics through the years

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**1970s**
- 1970: Fieldhouse opens
- 1974: Scholarships offered to female student-athletes for the first time in school history

**1980s**
- 1982: Sailing program wins first of 15 national titles, as women’s team captures the ICYRA crown
- 1985: Women’s basketball team captures NCAA national title with win over Georgia

**1990s**
- 1989: Men’s soccer team advances to first NCAA tournament
- 1995: Women’s basketball team captures NCAA national title with win over Georgia
- 1999: Field hockey’s Beth Andrews named National Coach of the Year
- 2000s: Marina DiGiacomo named national Player of the Year in field hockey and becomes school’s first Honda Award winner

**2000s**
- 2005: Board of Visitors votes to add football and women’s rowing to athletic lineup, with football starting in 2009 and rowing in 2008
- 2007: Bobby Wilder hired as school’s first football coach since 1940; Folkes-Stevens Indoor Tennis Center opens with eight indoor and 16 outdoor courts

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It has garnered more team and individual championships than all other Old Dominion sports combined, and produced 92 All-Americans and All-Star crews, as well as five Olympians. Yet few people know much about the sport, and on a good day, with the sun shining down on the Elizabeth River at the west end of campus, home meets draw only a smattering of spectators.

Brindley, current president of the ICSA, said collegiate sailing programs focus mostly on co-ed and women’s events. “Fall sailing features one-person boats along with some double-handed events; the two-person boats take to the water again in the spring. In a typical week, the ODU team, which consisted of 27 students this year, practices four days on the water, does strength training twice a week and then competes on the weekends. While winning titles is nice, from a coaching standpoint Brindley says the true rewards come from “seeing the enthusiasm of your athletes and their personal growth and development over four years. And just about the time you think, ‘Oh, I’m as sick of this,' you get a new crop of freshmen and say to yourself, ‘These kids show a lot of promise. Let’s see what we can do with them.' ”

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“O UR schedule is exactly what it should be this year, and that is more of a challenge,” said ODU head coach Bobby W.Uilder. “On the water again in the spring. In a typical week, the ODU team, which consisted of 27 students this year, practices four days on the water, does strength training twice a week and then competes on the weekends. While winning titles is nice, from a coaching standpoint Brindley says the true rewards come from “seeing the enthusiasm of your athletes and their personal growth and development over four years. And just about the time you think, ‘Oh, I’m as sick of this,' you get a new crop of freshmen and say to yourself, ‘These kids show a lot of promise. Let’s see what we can do with them.' ”

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The ODU women’s team has qualified for 10 of the last 11 national championship regattas, while the men’s program experienced a breakthrough in 2009, posting a fourth-place finish at the ICSA National Championships in Madison, Wis., after each squad posted fourth-place finishes at qualifying events. W.Uilder hopes to finish her ODU career with All-America honors, and perhaps later launch a campaign for the 2016 Olympics. ODU coach M itch Brindley ’89, himself a former M onarch sailor, has played a major role in shaping the program into a national powerhouse. At the helm for the past 15 seasons, he has guided the team to eight national titles; the most recent came in 2009, when the ODU women finished third in the ICSA National Championship Subdivision (FCS) program, the M onarchs will face a more challenging schedule in season two as they prepare for the 2011 championship regatta.
November 20 vs. North Carolina Central University

October 30 vs. Hampton

Dining Room, Monmouth campus

Latest information about all alumni events.

September 25 vs. Monmouth

You can also gather with other alumni and fans at pregame socials for another great season. Join us on Kaufman Mall two hours before.

Attention Football Fans! Your Alumni Association has exciting plans for game-day socials—

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Saturday, October 16

noon - Paint the Town Blue!

Businesses and shops in the ODU community will light up Homecoming by painting the town blue. Recognition will be given for best window and best business. To register your business to participate, call Kristi March at 480-9311.

Sunday, October 17

noon - Power-Puff RUFF TOURNAMENT

Be a part of this annual tradition as teams compete for the power-puff title.

Location TBD

1 p.m. - WOMEN'S SOCCER VS. HOFSTRA
Soccer Stadium

1 p.m. - FIELD HOCKEY VS. DUKE
Powhatan Sports Complex

1 p.m. - 3-ON-3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT AND SOCCER TOURNAMENT

Come cheer on the teams as they battle it out to be crowned as the campus basketball or soccer champions.

Student Convocation Center

Monday, October 18

8 p.m. - Homecoming Poker and Bingo Tournament

Web Center, North Cafeteria

Tuesday, October 19

11 a.m. - ODU PRIDE DAY

Join the ODU community to celebrate your pride in Old Dominion University with free food, fun and activities, at the Student Convocation Center.

8 p.m. - Homecoming Comedy Show

Come tickle your funny bone with a live stand-up comedy show.

Web Center, North Cafeteria

Wednesday, October 20

8 p.m. - Battle of the Halls Step Show

Students will step into the spotlight in the annual stepshow competition, followed by a Unity Step. Ted Constant Convocation Center

Thursday, October 21

12:30 p.m. - Community Service Project

Join us in the fight against hunger in Hampton Roads. Sign up your group to turn cans into works of art in the CanSculpture contest, or purchase a unique bowl painted by an ODU student, all donations will go to the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia. More information can be found at http://studentfairs.odu.edu/osal/community/serviceproject.html.

Alumni Honors Dinner

The Alumni Association will recognize graduates and area leaders who make an impact in their field and communities. Distinguished Alumni, Honorary Alumni and Outstanding Achievement award winners will be given. Proceeds go to the Alumni Association’s scholarship and programs.

Marriott Waterside, Downtown Norfolk

Friday, October 22

noon - Founders' Day Luncheon

Meet other members of the ODU alumni community for this annual celebration, including the announcement of both ODU Old Homecoming and Town-Hill Community Service awards.

Ted Constant Convocation Center

10 a.m. - Book Signing

Meet ODU's own Nancy Lieberman. You’ll also sign copies of her new book “Playbooks for Success” ODU Bookstore

REUNION CLASSES:

1960 and 1985

Old Dominion University invites members of the Hofwark Division of the College of William and Mary’s Class of 1960 to celebrate their 50th reunion during Homecoming Weekend. Join your classmates for a luncheon, campus tour and tailgate party. You will be amazed at the transformation of the Norfolk Division of the university Old Dominion is today!

Members of the Class of 1985, experience a blast from the past as you reunite with your classmates during Homecoming Weekend. Celebrate your 25th reunion with a cocktail reception, campus tour and tailgate party! Reminisce about old memories and make new ones during this special weekend.

5 p.m. - Field Hockey vs. VCU
Powhatan Sports Complex

7 p.m. - Women's Soccer vs. VCU
Powhatan Sports Complex

8 p.m. - Homecoming Concert (acts TBD)

Ted Constant Convocation Center

Saturday, October 23

10 a.m. - Homecoming Parade

Cheer on student organizations, marching bands and local businesses as they show their Monarch pride. Parade route opens from 49th Street to Hampton Boulevard, to Monarch Way to 43rd Street.

1 p.m. - Alumni Tent Opens

Kaufman Mall

NOON - Monarch March

Gather with other fans in this new tradition to wish the team well as the players and coaches make their walk to Foreman Field.

2 p.m. - Homecoming Game vs. Georgia State

Kaufman Mall

Sunday, October 24

1 p.m. - Field Hockey vs. N.C. JMU
Powhatan Sports Complex

1 p.m. - Women's Soccer vs. JMU
Soccer Stadium

The schedule is subject to change so make sure you visit www.odualumni.org for the latest information.

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The newly created chief chemist position at Northrup Grumman Shipbuilding. The polymer specialist fills his spare time with volunteer work and historical interests. His local history, “M under at Green Spring?” The True Story of the Hi ll castle, Friendship of Prejudices,” enjoys success. A manuscript chronicled Armistead’s Brigade is in progress.

Thomas Crabtree ’72 of Norfolk, was promoted April 13 to senior vice president with Bocoz Allen Haimilton. A signed to the defense market and operations capability, he is responsible for the firm’s global defense efforts for the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps business in Hampton Roads, Virginia and Norfolk. His client focus is the U.S. Fleet Forces Command, N and N, Northrop Grumman, and Cyber Command and the 10th Command and fleet’s Norfolk center on Fleet Readiness Enterprise, for C. E. N, N training, and efficient and effective readiness production businesses.

Robert A. Fuller ’72 (M.S. ’76, C.A.S. ’81) received two awards last year: the Chesapeake Environmental Improvement Corporation 2009 Pioneer Award for volunteer service for the past 22 years on the council and the ODU Dare Environmental Leadership 2009 Blue Apple Award for 37 years in the field of higher education and serving as a member for the past six years on the college’s development board.

Bernard L. Henderson Jr. ’72 retired from Virginia government on June 15 after 30 years. He held appointive executive positions under Virginia governors, including senior deputy secretary of the commonwealth during the Warner and Kaine administrations. He is now director of family and community relations for Woody Funeral Homes in Richmond, Va.

Frances Sale Stafford (M.S.Ed.) ’74 writes, “I have recently retired, and my recently retired husband and I live in a beautiful log home in the Virginia mountains that we built just for retirement.”

Donald F. Bennis ’75 (H. Chi), and Ann Reid Tatman (M.S.Ed. ’87) were married Jan. 9, 2010, in Virginia Beach, and held a reception in the hotel’s Virginia Beach area. Ann is director of information technology policy and project management in the Office of Computing and Communications Services at ODU.

Marcia Brand ’75 (M. S.) ’77 received a special lifetime Distinguished Military Art Show in Colorado Springs, Colo. She also had paintings in the Chesapeake Bay Watercolorists Spring Show in Virginia Beach and the Norfolk Academy Art Show and Sale, and a watercolor in the Salons des Riches in Richmond, Va.

Joseph C. Hall (M. S. ’79) has been appointed vice president for research and economic development at Norfolk State, where he serves as director for the Center for Biotechnology and Biomedical Sciences.


Yvonne Wilson Boone ’79 of Poquoson, Va., had watercolors in the International Miniature Art Show in Agawam, Mass., and the Annual Juried Miniature Art Show in Colorado Springs, Colo. She also had paintings in the Chesapeake Bay Watercolorists Spring Show in Virginia Beach and the Norfolk Academy Art Show and Sale, and a watercolor in the Salon des Riches in Richmond, Va.

George Hanbury (M.A., ’77) became the seventh president of Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., on Jan. 1. He also holds the title of chief operating officer and will assume the role of CEO next year. Hanbury, who previously served as city manager of Portsmouth and Virginia Beach and assistant city manager of Norfolk, most recently served as Nova Southeastern’s executive vice president and COO for the last 12 years. NSU is the largest independent, nonprofit university in the Southeast, with more than 28,000 students.

President Barack Obama on March 2 announced his intent to nominate JAMES L. TAYLOR ’78 to the key administration post of special assistant to the President for Trade/Investor Relations.

Taylor has nearly 30 years of federal financial management experience. He currently serves as deputy inspector general for the Department of Homeland Security. From 1999-2005, he was the deputy chief financial officer and director for financial management at the Department of Commerce. Under his direction, the department obtained the first of six clean financial statement audit opinions and reduced material weaknesses from 11 to 0.

Marc Pollack ’70 and his former Old Dominion roommate, Samuel S. Young Jr., were named 2010 Entrepreneurs of the Year for Feb. 20 by the Metropolitan Business League in Richmond, Va. This is the second consecutive year they have received the award. Ampy is the chief executive officer and Young, the president, of Astyra Corp., which they founded in 1997. Headquarters in Richmond, Astyra is a national provider of information technology staffing and consulting services.

A member of the ODU Board of Visitors, Ampy chairs the Bylaws Review Committee and is vice chair of the Academic and Research Advancement Committee.

The World Economic Forum has named SHAMINA SINGH ’91, chief operating officer of Citi Global Community Relations, to its Young Global Leaders (YGL) class for 2010. The annual honor recognizes and acknowledges outstanding young leaders from around the world for their professional accomplishments, commitment to society and potential to contribute to shaping the future of the world.

Singh was selected as one of 197 Young Global Leaders from 72 countries and all stakeholders of society (business, civil society, social entrepreneurs, politicians and government, arts and culture, and opinion and media). Other awardees this year include Agatha Sangma, minister of state - rural development (from India), Jorgo Federe, professional tennis player (from Switzerland) and Evan Williams, CEO of Twitter (from the United States).
CEOs add councilwoman to her résumé

SUZY KELLY earned a master’s degree in dental hygiene at Old Dominion in 1978, but a career of creating dazzling smiles was trumped by a desire to help her family’s growing business.

In 1979, she joined Jo-Kell Inc., a Chesapeake-based electrical supply and engineering firm owned by her father-in-law, Joe Kelly. She worked her way up the corporate ladder and today she is the company CEO, having taken the reins after his retirement in 2002. Her husband, Marty Kelly, serves as president.

Jo-Kell started small as a wholesale supplier to the government and local shipyards, but business really picked up when the firm landed the U.S. Navy as a client. “Today, we have the reputation of being a premier supplier of navy electrical equipment,” Kelly said.

There might not seem to be many parallels between the skills needed as a dental hygienist and those required of a business executive, but Kelly says she was uniquely prepared by her ODU education, which “expanded my critical-thinking ability.” Dental hygiene also demands an “up-close and personal” style and, again, Kelly uses thatpared by her ODU education, which “expanded my critical-thinking ability.” Dental hygiene also demands an “up-close and personal” style and, again, Kelly uses that.

John Lowenthal ’85 (M.S. ’90) accepted a position at the German University of Technology and Usage, [high productivity] technology policy and project management, in the Office of Communications and Government Relations at ODU, and he is practicing real estate attorney in Virginia Beach.

Nancy Leene Tuck ’87 earned a master’s in English in March. She teaches language arts at a high school near Atlanta, N. Ancy has four children, ages 23, 20, 18, and 16, and is “still married to the man of her dreams,”

Steve Moore ’89 leads the new Denver office of O’Melveny & Deker, Nash, Aish, Samok & Stewart, P.C., which opened Feb. 1, as managing shareholder. It is the firm’s first office in the Denver area, and the second largest employment law firm. Steve, formerly with Baker Hostetler, is nationally recognized as a leader in the field of employment and law. He teaches at the University of Colorado in Boulder, the University of Maryland, and the University of Baltimore. He is a member of the American Bar Association’s Section on Labor and Employment Law.

Cory T. Craig ’89 retired in December 2009 after 20 years of service with the U.S. Army.

Todd Wesley Steverson ’91 and Jennifer Jane Bayman ’96 were married May 9, 2009, at First Lutheran Church in Norfolk.

Barry Forbes ’96 reports that after 12 years with Trans Systems and 15 years of consulting, he has taken a civil engineering position with NAFEC Atlantic. He and his wife, Melicia, also announced the birth of a daughter, Avery Paige.

Caroline Ann Winski ’96 (M.S.E. ’02) now works as a reading resources specialist in Virginia Beach City Public Schools.

Meredith Cespedes Soriano ’97 and her husband, Jerry, announce the birth of their son, Ian C. Soriano, on Nov. 2, 2009. They are joined by their daughter, Aiyasa Gabrielle.


Shawn ‘96 and Jeri Cook ’03 announce the birth of a son, Blain Vincent, on Oct. 12, 2009. Shawn is a lab manager for a chemical firm and Jeri is a high school math teacher in the Atlanta area.

Jack Moorman ‘98 recently accepted a position at Covanta Energy, located in Indianapolis, as corporate safety specialist. He previously was an
In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, with the problematic response across U.S. government agencies, hard questions were asked about the degree of professionalism among U.S. national security personnel.

ROBERT KOZLOSKI ’97 hopes to address this concern through the new Society of National Security Professionals (SONSP) he has created. The goal is to help establish professional standards and support the performance of practitioners - similar, he says, to the bodies that govern the medical or legal professions.

An intelligence officer who commutes from Virginia Beach to Washington, D.C., Kozloski has worked in the military and in the federal government his entire adult life, before and after his time at Old Dominion. “In my opinion, there is no profession more important to our national interest than the national security profession,” he said. “Our professional society is charted to bring together practitioners from a broad audience, including military, federal employees, private industry and academia, with a common goal of improving national security through standardization, collaboration and information sharing.”

A business administration major, Kozloski said his coursework and Naval ROTC service at the university prepared him well for his military career and subsequent career in federal service. Two other ODU graduates, CAMELLIA GATLIN ’97 and MAJ. ROGER MAHAR ’99, also were involved in creating the not-for-profit SONS (www.sonsp.org). Kozloski said that in this “dangerous, post 9/11 world,” nothing is more important to our national interest than expertly trained national security personnel. Challenges to the United States will come not just from rival military powers, but also from things like the changing environment, scarcity of natural resources and the actions of extremists, he believes.

“The national security mission can’t be a department of Defense responsibility alone,” he said. “Most federal agencies outside the DOD don’t have programs in place to prepare their workforces to meet these challenges, and that’s where we feel our training and certification program will be most valuable.”

- Brendan O’Hallor

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Christopher D. Felton ’00 was named 2011 Teacher of the Year at Bay Ridge High School in Virginia Beach. He has taught health and physical education at the school for 10 years and also served as the student government advisor, yearbook advisor, and junior varsity basketball and soccer coach. He was appointed to the Virginia Beach Planning Commission in January to represent the R destroying A Hill District.

Mindy Peach ’00 announces the birth of her first grandchild, Wednesday, April 1, Ozzie Peach, on March 10, 2009.

Clair T. Berube (Ph.D. ’03) and her husband, Maj. R. Berube, an ODU emeritus scholar emeritus recently wrote “The Heliral University,” published by Rowman and Littlefield. Clair is also the author of “The X Factor: Personality Traits of Exceptional Science Teachers,” which is scheduled for release this year by Information Age Publishing. She is an assistant professor in Hampton University’s College of Education and Continuing Studies.

Ken Balbuena ’02 recently accepted a position at Northern Virginia Community College in Alexandria as community relations coordinator. “In addition to promoting events on campus, I am tasked with creating partnerships with businesses and nonprofit organizations to see how NOVA can meet the educational needs of the employees and how these organizations can create internships for current NOVA students,” he writes He and his wife, Krissi, reside in Eastern Shore, Virginia Beach, for the past three seasons.

Owen Mayo ’05 is now stationed at

Elliott Webb

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“I grew up in Norfolk and love this area. It’s very rewarding using my knowledge of the local real estate market to help fellow Monarch alumni.”
Wrote and sings, can be heard in Tyler Perry's recent movie, "Why Did I Get Married". Music has been a part of her extracurricular activities, but I couldn't accommodate her other passion.

A high school All-American from Las Vegas, was a fourth-grade teacher at Brightdon Elementary in Portsmouth, was featured in a Feb. 28 Virginia Pilot story about a new school called "Brighton Public School". She graduated reading intervention initiative, for which she was one of six instructors selected.

Awarded by Gouv. Beverly Perdue to the North Carolina Internship Council. The council works to create internship programs that provide valuable work experience for students in various fields.

Mary Hekel (M.S.Ed. '07) has been appointed head volleyball coach and assistant athletic director at Franklin College in Franklin, Ind. She served previously as assistant volleyball coach and athletics administrative assistant at Stevenson College in Ruxy, N. J.

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Charles Edward Ruhl

Charles Edward Ruhl, 73, of Norfolk, professor emeritus of English, died Dec. 25, 2009, after a long illness. He is survived by his wife, Janet Bing, professor of English at ODU.

Ruhl received a B.A. in philosophy from Gettysburg College, M.A. in English from Purdue University and Ph.D. in linguistics from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill III. He taught linguistics at UNC Chapel Hill and North Carolina Central. From 1974 until his retirement in 1999, he taught at ODU, where he served as both graduate program director and department chair of English. He was active in professional organizations and published many articles as well as a book, "On My Anomy." He is survived by his wife, but he was also an avid Giants fan (both teams) and a poet (who published four chapbooks of poetry).

Survivors also include his daughter, Jennifer Ruhl; stepson, Eric Bing; granddaughter, Claire Bing; brothers, David Ruhl, Theodore Byers, Ruth Byers, Jack Byers, Margaret Byers and Nancy Byers; and Donna Brogan and Connie Eble. Contributions can be made in his name to the Department of English, ODU, Norfolk, VA 23529, or to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation.

Joong J. Fang

Joong J. Fang, 86, of James Store, formerly of Norfolk, eminent scholar emeritus and professor emeritus of physics died March 3, 2010. He was 86.

A native of Wales, Harries joined the ODU faculty in 1970 as a professor and served as chair of the physics department from 1970-73. He retired in 1993.

He retired from the University of Wales, and a doctorate in physics from Oxford University. Before joining ODU, Harries held positions at MIT, ITT R research Labs and Princeton.

He attended Second Presbyterian Church in Norfolk and The Chapel at Westminster-Canterbury. He was a member of the Welsh-American Society. He was also a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society. Harries was a second-generation scientist, who wrote more than 30 books on philosophy and mathematics and over 300 scholarly papers in his twin fields of interest. He was also the founding editor of the journal Philosophy of Mathematics, and he established his own field of study, the Sociology of Mathematics.

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