Village to host summer concerts on Monarch Way

The University Village will kick off the 2nd annual Music on Monarch Way concert series Saturday, June 20, with the band Black White Blues, one of nine acts scheduled to perform throughout the summer.

Keeping Hampton Roads growing since 1988, the Black White Blues sextet is known for its rich sounds of guitar, vocals, drums, bass and harmonica. The free concerts will also offer everything from rock and reggae to jazz and bluegrass.

Sponsored by the Old Dominion University Real Estate Foundation and the University Village, the Saturday evening concerts will be held from 5:30 p.m. on the lawn behind the Ted Constant Convocation Center. Parking is free.

The following concerts are scheduled:

- June 20 – Black White Blues
- June 27 – Lewis McGehee, acoustic rock
- July 11 – Jesse Chong, eclectic reggae, funk and rock
- July 18 – Laura Marrier with Joe Mapp and the Coordinates, classic jazz
- July 25 – Robbin Thompson, national recording artist
- Aug. 1 – Session Rockers, reggae roots
- Aug. 8 – Corporate Woods Drive, blues/rock
- Aug. 15 – Luke Hartman Band, soft rock
- Aug. 22 – Harwell Grice Band, bluegrass

More information about the performers, along with descriptions of the restaurants and shops in the University Village, is available at www.odu.edu/news.

Goal to go

Renovations at Foreman Field are coming fast and furious in preparation for ODU's first home football game on Sept. 5. The fabuley-les view of the stadium, above, was taken from the north end zone. At left, student intern Marcus Catrell, left, helps Tom Kowalski ’91, of Virginia Beach, find his seat on a TV screen image of the stadium at the Kornblau Alumni Center. Big Blue Club members visited the center recently to select their seats via a virtual-reality computer program.

Michele Darby awarded Fulbright to teach, train in Jordan next year

Michele Darby, an eminient scholar and the author of two leading dental hygiene textbooks, will be a Fulbright Scholar next year at least partly because her students can’t seem to get enough of her teaching.

Several of Darby’s former students who are now faculty members themselves at the Jordan University of Science and Technol- ogy (JUST) started the wheels in motion that resulted in their mentor winning a Fulbright appointment to their country.

Darby is the graduate program director for the Gene W. Hirschfeld School of Dental Hygiene in the College of Health Sciences.

In 2006, Darby was invited by three of her students to JUST in Irbid, Jordan, where she conducted seminars and did outreach work. Since that short visit she has wanted to return to Jordan for the sort of extended professional interaction that the Fulbright Scholars Program makes possible. Her term at JUST will be from Jan. 1 to May 15, 2010.

Darby’s Fulbright proposal describes a high prevalence of preventable oral disease in Jordan. Statistics she cites: 48 percent of the population ages 20-29 have bleeding gums; 75 percent ages 14-15 have dental decay; and the oral health of residents, such as Bedouins, who have minimal access to health care is thought to be even worse. She also notes that oral disease can impact overall health, sometimes leading to ailments elsewhere in the body.

“Despite the fact that improvements are being made in the oral health status of the Jordanian population, more efforts are needed to achieve a level of oral health observed in developed countries,” she states in the proposal.

The goals Darby has set for the Fulbright term include 1) raising standards of dental hygiene education and practice, such as by addressing the shortage of qualified dental hygiene practitioners and educators; 2) helping JUST graduate dental hygienists who provide care equal to that provided by

HACE presents staff awards to Merritt, Malbon

Staff members from the College of Business and Public Administration walked away with the Hourly and Classified Employees Association’s employee awards at the HACE annual luncheon on May 13.

Carlisa Merritt, budget manager for the college, and Saysha Malbon, office services assistant for undergraduate advising, won the HACE Staff Member and Rookie Staff Member of the Year awards, respectively.

Merritt, an ODU employee for the past 18 years, was nominated for the honor by her supervisor, Associate Dean Ali Ardalan.

“She has been a smart and creative innovator who takes the initiative to improve complex processes and make them simpler,” Ardalan said. “She applies her knowledge and expertise well in doing so. For example, Carlisa has developed an Excel program for the college staff to capture the important budget elements and summarize them in an easy to read and follow report for unit directors. In addition, the program summarizes all of the unit reports to generate a college report that the dean and I use regularly to follow the status of the college budget.”

Ardalan also lauded Merritt for her “diligence, reliability, responsiveness, courteousness, helpfulness and calmness,” added, “She has gained respect from everyone inside and outside of the college for her knowledge and character.”

Merritt’s nomination received letters of support from many faculty and staff colleagues from the college. They cited her mentoring of new employees, her willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty, her enthusiasm, initiative and efficiency, her sense of humor and her professionalism.

Merritt regularly volunteers to represent the college in the Campus Community Campaign and Combined Virginia Campaign, and has been its liaison for (See HACE AWARDS, Page 7)
Commission on Technology and Science to meet July 9

Old Dominion will host a meeting of the Joint Commission on Technology and Science (JCOTS) Thursday, July 9. The meeting, which is open to the public, will include a number of presentations that together will give an overview of research initiatives at the university.

The first two presentations will be held in the Webb Center Board Room, and the next three will take place at the E.V. Williams Engineering and Computational Sciences Building. The final session will be held at the Virginia Modeling, Analysis and Simulation Center.

The following is a tentative agenda:

- 9-9:30 a.m. – ODU research and technology overview, with presentations by Mohammad Karim, vice president for research; Oktay Baysal, dean of the Frank Batten College of Engineering and Technology; and Bob Ash, associate vice president for research.
- 9:30-9:55 a.m. – Briefing by Richard Heller, executive director of the Frank Reidy Research Center for Bioelectrics.
- 10:10-10:30 a.m. – Briefing on robotics research by Vijayan Asari, professor of electrical and computer engineering.
- 10:30-10:55 a.m. – Demonstration of a virtual operating room by Mark Spero, professor of psychology.
- 11 a.m. to noon – Briefing by Pat Hatcher, executive director of the Virginia Coastal Energy Research Consortium, and other members of the group.
- 1:30-2:30 p.m. – Briefing and tour of VMASC, led by John Sokolowski, interim director.

JCOTS was created by the 1997 Virginia General Assembly as a permanent legislative commission. The commission is charged to generally study all aspects of technology and science and to promote the development of technology and science in Virginia through sound public policies.

The commission, which is headed by Delegate Joe May, consists of seven delegates and five senators.

"It is an honor to host Delegate May and the other members of the commission, and we appreciate the opportunity to highlight some of our outstanding research initiatives," said President John Broderick.

"I am confident that a number of our faculty researchers can play a role in providing scientific and technological solutions in support of JCOTS policy development." For more information about the meeting, call Jim DeAngio at 683-5359.

McGlamory exhibit opens June 26 at Selden Arcade

Work by Clay McGlamory, a graduate of the M.F.A. program in visual studies and an adjunct assistant professor, will be on display in an exhibition titled "Chromatic Synergy" at the Selden Arcade from June 26 to July 30.

An opening reception will be held from 5-7 p.m. Friday, June 26, at the gallery, located at 208 East Main St., Norfolk.

In conjunction with the exhibition, McGlamory will hold a print workshop Saturday, July 18, during which he will walk participants through his printing process and introduce them to various screen-printing techniques. The participants will collaborate on a print and each will receive a group collage print to keep.

McGlamory, who builds large installations of back-lit screen prints printed with enamel inks on transparent acrylic sheets, takes his imagery from personal photographs of popular destinations such as Times Square and McDonald’s. He then dis-aggregates the photos into a kaleidoscopic image composed of shattered fragments, giving the work a formal sensibility that transcends the visual aesthetics of traditional print media.

For more information and to register, call McGlamory at 450-7544.

Lead Hampton Roads presents award to Broderick

President John Broderick received the Julian F. Hirst Award at a celebration dinner and ceremony on June 18. Presented by Lead Hampton Roads, the annual award recognizes LHR graduates who exemplify excellence in community, civic and professional leadership.

Lead Hampton Roads is an organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in the region by strengthening leadership through education, partnerships and networking across traditional boundaries.

Broderick is also the recent recipient of the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities’ Humanitarian Award and the Urban League of Hampton Roads’ Marian Palmer Capps Award.

Performers announced for Diehn Concert Series

The College of Arts and Letters and music department have announced the fall semester schedule for the F. Ludwig Diehn Concert Series. The concerts are held at 8 p.m. Monday in Chandler Recital Hall of the Diehn Fine and Performing Arts Center. Each of the performers will also give a master class for Old Dominion students and invited guests.

Concert tickets may be purchased by calling 683-5305. The fall concerts are:
- Sept. 21 – Karin Alleyson, jazz vocalist
- Oct. 5 – Sphinx Chamber Orchestra
- Nov. 16 – Patrick Sheridan, tuba.

For information about the performers, go to http://al.odu.edu/al/about/diehn.shtml.

Dept. of Energy awards grants to ARC researchers

Two researchers at the Applied Research Center in Newport News have won grants from the Department of Energy. Helmut Baumgart, professor and Virginia Microelectronics Consortium Chair with the Frank Batten College of Engineering and Technology, and Gom Namkoong, assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering, received the grants under the DOE’s Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer programs.

The exact dollar value of the grants is still to be determined, but Phase 1 of the grants begins July 1, and runs into the middle of 2010.

For his grant proposal, Namkoong teamed up with Cerner Inc., an Atlanta-based firm specializing in the development and production of next generation semiconductors for DVDs and lighting.

Baumgart received his grant for research on atomic layer deposition thin films used in superconducting radiofrequency cavities for particle accelerator technology.

Sweeney book wins award from Va. Historical Society


The book, which Sweeney edited, offers an insider’s view of the roles played by many prominent Virginians in the battle against desegregation in public schools.

Presented by the Virginia Historical Society, the annual award includes a $1,000 cash prize.

Alumni Assn. hosting social for faculty/staff ODU grads

The Alumni Association invites faculty and staff who are graduates of the university to attend an after-work social at the Monarch Sports Grille from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, June 24. There will be drink specials and free appetizers.

Call 683-3097 or e-mail alumni@odu.edu to RSVP for the event.

Baseball player picked for Freshman All-America team

Freshman pitcher/designated hitter Brent Harris, a graduate of Chesapeake’s Hickory High School, was named to the 2009 Louis-ville Slugger/Collegiate Baseball Freshman All-America team.

Harris, the Colonial Athletic Association’s Rookie of the Year, was 6-4 this season with a 4.95 earned run average. He led theCAA in complete games, struck out 49 batters in 80 innings of work and posted a .303 average as a designated hitter and outfielder.
**Touchdown ODU**

**BY ULYSSES V. SPIVA**

The ODU Board of Visitors and the administration scored an important and very significant touchdown for the good of the university’s students and alumni, as well as for continued growth and development, when they agreed to reintroduce football.

Several years ago (early ’60s), I was a mathematics teacher in the Dartmouth College summer program “A Better Chance” (ABC) for some rather selective secondary school students who later became students at a variety of prestigious private and/or independent schools, such as Phillips Andover, Phillips Exeter and Choate academies. One summer, during a casual conversation with Dartmouth’s president, he commented that he felt the ABC program was outstanding. “The only problem I have with it, currently, is that my alumni would like to see it recruit some outstanding football players,” he teasingly remarked.

As a result, I was on a business trip in South Carolina during Clemson University’s football homecoming weekend. I met and had a brief conversation with a middle-aged gentleman who said, “I graduated from Clemson in 1955 and I have not missed a single homecoming game here since.” That comment made me think about the thousands of other university alumni who have visited their alma mater’s campus at least once each year since graduation and the strong bond that football homecoming visits have created among alumni and their university.

I feel confident that the alumni financial contributions have greatly increased from those annual visits to the campus also.

I will always remember New Year’s Day 1971, when Stanford University (one of my alma maters) beat Ohio State University 27-17 in the Rose Bowl. It was their first and only visit to the Rose Bowl. Now, more than 38 years later, the excitement of a football game conjures up more pleasant memories and strong emotions about my college days than anything I can remember. I am extremely pleased that perhaps now some of our ODU alumni will experience such an opportunity in recalling their days as students at ODU.

So, with heartfelt congratulations, I salute the ODU board and the president(s) who have voted and worked hard to return football to ODU. I firmly believe (as did ODU Professor and Dean Emeritus Dr. Franklin Ross Jones) that our students, faculty, staff and community deserve the benefits and rewards of the ODU touchdown decision!

Finally, let me say that the relatively new and grand Constant Center and the beautifully refurbished Foreman Field, along with its very modern game-day building, clearly exemplify that at ODU “we go first class or don’t bother to take the trip.” Yes, football at ODU is highly likely to be a win-win affair.

Spiva is a professor emeritus of educational leadership and counseling and dean emeritus of the Darden College of Education. He lives in Virginia Beach.

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**Letters to the editor: The Courier’s final run**

With great sadness I read today about the end of The Courier. From all the seven universities I have taught at during the last 30 years, The Courier certainly was the best campus journal. With its detailed information, photos, profiles, etc., it was a rich source of information about colleagues, campus life, events and future plans, thereby creating a real sense of campus community.

I always enjoyed reading it in my leisure time, usually at home in our garden, underling interesting items, commenting on them, cutting articles out (by now I have a whole folder). All this will no longer be possible.

I rarely read electronic news. After hours of working with the computer in the office, I really enjoy looking up more information on the screen, sorting out sound bytes and news clips.

So it is goodbye to a wonderful tradition.

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Jeff Jones
Associate professor of communication and Theatre Arts

I just heard that June 19th is the last Courier. That seems like a shame, especially since there won’t be an online version.

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Ed Neukrug
Professor of Counseling

I read with sadness that The Courier will no longer be available as hard copy and just wanted to let you know how disappointed I am, as it’s a trend in journalism that is such a shame. I loved reading about what was going on here at ODU and it was an unbelievable way of connecting with colleagues and what they were doing.

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Peter Schuman
Associate Professor of French

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This is a note of sincere thanks for, and sadly a lament at the demise of, The Courier. First, the thanks. For the last decade or more, I have received a copy so that I could keep up with the “goings on” of a university that has been very important in my family’s life. Obviously, I have (and sometimes use) the computer, but to sit in a comfortable chair with a cup of tea (or a glass of wine, according to the hour of the day) and read The Courier has been a pleasant experience. The lament is probably obvious. I would love to see it continue in paper form. However, I realize cuts must be made in the current budget dilemma and there are considerations for and against each cut. But The Courier is ODU’s contact piece with those outside of the university’s immediate family.

Some of the older (possibly more affluent) people without computers (or like yours-truly without a computer) will not be informed of all that ODU does for them, and Hampton Roads in general, and I wonder if that loss of contact could have a negative impact on donations or other kinds of community support. I just want ODU to flourish and I think The Courier has helped to move it in a very positive direction.

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Paul J. Homsher
Professor Emeritus, Biological Sciences
Virginia Beach

I deeply regret your announcement that The Courier will cease publication after the June 19, 2009, issue due to budget considerations.

In my judgment, this will be a serious blow to effective and very informative communication among ODU faculty, staff, students and friends. Any higher education community the size of Old Dominion University and growing needs a newspaper such as The Courier.

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Ulysses V. Spiva
Dean Emeritus, Darden College of Education
Virginia Beach

Please add my name to the many that are sorry to see The Courier go. While there aren’t many sources that allow free publication of events, having one less—particularly a campus publication—does not help us get our information out to the public.

Kudos for a job well done!

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Jim Hall ’57
Virginia Beach

As I read my copy of The Courier today, I was disappointed to learn of its falling prey to the budget cuts. I will miss it. I recognize that the news will be available on the Internet, but I can’t carry it to poolside, the porch or other places where I have enjoyed reading it for all these years.

I served at ODU as assistant vice president for support services from 1981-92, working with E. Roy Smoothe. Since then, I have watched the university from afar (Chesapeake), sharing in its progress through The Courier.

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Matt Krakower
Chesapeake

It was sad to learn about the last issue.

Thank you so much for all the years The Courier was published. When I came to Old Dominion University, it was one of the publications that helped me learn about the university, its people and the offerings.

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Helen Yura Petro
Professor Emerita, Nursing
Norfolk
Adam book takes readers on “Mathematical Nature Walk”

BY JIM RAPER

John Adam, University Professor of mathematics and a prolific author in recent years, released his first copy of his new book, “A Mathematical Nature Walk,” in mid-April together with a very upbeat note from the executive editor of Princeton University Press.

“I am delighted to enclose the first copy,” wrote Vickie Kearn, the PUP executive editor. “As I look through it again, I am reminded of all the things I like about the way you write.”

Kearn’s employer also has published Adam’s “Mathematics in Nature: Modeling Patterns in the Natural World” (2003) and “Guesstimating: Solving the World’s Problems on the Back of a Cocktail Napkin” (2008), the latter which he wrote with Lawrence Weinstein, University Professor of physics. Both books have won critical praise, and “Guesstimating” has proven to have long-lasting popularity for a book of its type. The New York Times did a feature story on the book in April 2009, a full year after it hit the bookstores.

“A Mathematical Nature Walk,” published this month, presents nearly 100 questions that might occur to someone on a nature walk. Adam shows how to arrive at answers using mostly basic mathematics. Questions included are: Can you weigh a pumpkin just by carefully looking at it? What causes the variations in the colors of butterfly wings, bird feathers and oaks slick? Why are large haystacks prone to spontaneous combustion?

Many of the questions are illustrated with photos and drawings, and the book provides answers, a glossary of terms and a list of some of the patterns found in nature. Adam, who was a 2007 recipient of the Virginia Outstanding Faculty Award sponsored by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, is known for his ability to make numbers interesting. His research has involved mathematical modeling and mathematical biology focused on tumor growth and wound healing. But with his popular writing he has drawn a broader audience into mathematics and patterns. In a prepublication endorsement of “A Mathematical Nature Walk,” Hans Christian von Baeyer, author of “Information: The New Language of Science,” writes, “For generations, field guides to plants and animals have sharpened the pleasure of seeing by opening our minds to understanding. Now John Adam has filled a gap in that venerable genre with his pains-taking but simple mathematical descriptions of familiar, mundane physical phenomena. This is nothing less than a mathematical field guide to inanimate nature.”

Raymond Lee, author of “The Rainbow Bridge,” calls the new work “a true gem of popular scientific writing” and says that Adam “adorably does what all good science writers should do: he inspires readers to observe and then to analyze the world outside their windows.”

“Mathematics in Nature” won the Association of American Publishers’ Mathematics and Statistics Professional/Scholarly Award in 2004 and was one of Choice’s Outstanding Academic Titles for 2008. In addition to writing for that book, Adam contributed a number of his photographs.

Darby awarded Fulbright

(Continued from Page 1) graduates of programs accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation; and 3) forming a sustainable partnership between JUSt and Old Dominion. During this term she will teach courses for students and faculty, treat patients in clinical seminars, act as a curriculum consultant and train dentists to integrate dental hygienists into practices in order to offer more cost-effective care.

International travel for professional purposes is nothing new for Darby. She has visited China, Italy, Serbia, Moldova, South Korea, Switzerland and Canada, in addition to Jordan. Her books, “Comprehensive Review of Dental Hygiene” is in its sixth edition, and “Dental Hygiene Theory and Practice” is in its third edition and portions of it have been translated for use by Korean- and Japanese-speaking students and instructors. The later book includes a chapter titled “Cross Cultural Practice.”

Darby also is associate editor of the International Journal of Dental Hygiene. She said four of the current students in ODU’s master of science dental health program are from the Middle East and that she has personally taught students who have returned to the Middle East and are teaching or practicing in Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Kuwait and Qatar, in addition to Jordan.

“ODU students are curious about Arabic cultures,” Darby added. “I will bring back and share my knowledge of Jordanian culture, Islamic health care beliefs and practices, and cross-cultural health care and teaching skills.”

In his note of congratulations to Darby, Dean Andrew Balas said that she is the first member of the College of Health Sciences faculty to receive a Fulbright scholarship.

University announces new director of Child Development, Child Study centers

Jane Elyce Glasgow, an educator with more than 10 years of experience in early childhood development and education, will become the director of the Child Development and Child Study centers effective June 25, announced Darden College of Education Dean William Graves.

“Ms. Glasgow brings a rich background in the education of young children to Old Dominion,” Graves said. “I am confident that she will provide high-quality leadership that will enable the children who attend the centers to experience the finest early childhood education in Virginia.”

“My goal is to build on the already great program at ODU and provide a warm, caring place for children and families,” Glasgow said.

An ODU graduate, Glasgow has served as director of the Child Development Lab and adjunct instructor at Tidewater Community College since 2007. As director, she developed and administered a developmentally appropriate preschool program for children aged 3-5 and integrated the program with the academic needs of TCC education faculty members.

Prior to that, Glasgow was a pre-K, kindergarten, developmental first and first-grade teacher in the Chesapeake Public Schools for 10 years.

Active in a variety of professional organizations and initiatives, she is the second vice president of the Southeastern Association for Early Childhood Education and a member of the National Association for Early Childhood Education and National Coalition for Campus Children’s Centers.

Glasgow received a bachelor’s degree in elementary and special education from Longwood College in 1988 and a master’s in early childhood education from ODU in 1993.

The Child Study Center offers a preschool and kindergarten program, a parenting center, parenting resource library and speech pathology program. The Child Development Center is a full-service, full-time day-care facility for children ages 8 weeks to 3 years. Both centers serve as a setting for training teachers and child care professionals.

Hixon Fellowship goes to Edward Jacobs

Edward Jacobs, associate professor of English, is the 2009-10 recipient of the Robin L. Hixon Faculty Research Fellowship. Jacobs will use the award to complete a long-standing project analyzing the history and cultural effects of changes in the content, organization and graphic layout of British newspapers in the early 1700s and mid-1800s.

This period spans the time from when newspapers first consolidated their position as a mainstay of Britain’s print-based public sphere to when they adapted to the emerging technologies and the social changes that defined the “Victorian” periodical press. Previous research by Jacobs on John Cleaver’s Weekly Police Gazette, the best-selling un stamped newspaper of the so-called “War of the Unstamped Press” in 1830s Britain, uncovered copies of early issues that were not known to exist.

Jacobs, who joined ODU in 1992, has written several recent essays related to his research on British newspapers and his work on understanding how the actual, physical, bibliographical forms of publications interacted with their content and their readership.

With Manuela Mourão, associate professor of English, he recently co-edited and wrote the introduction to a new edition of William Harrison Ainsworth’s “Jack She pard,” a historical novel based on the exploits of a thief who was executed in 1724 (Broadview Press, 2007). The novel was praised for inciting working-class crime and vagrancy for decades after its 1839 publication.

“In the current economic climate, it’s a rare privilege to receive a fellowship like this one, and I’m especially happy to receive one that honors and continues Mrs. Hixon’s lifelong service to the arts in our community,” Jacobs said.

The fellowship, established in 2008 by Board of Visitors member and former rector, James Hxon, is a memorial gift to honor his wife and her love of reading. The award reduces the recipient’s teaching load and offsets the costs of research.

Story time

Old Dominion student Tiffany Dowell, right, reads to a class of children from the university’s Child Development Center on Kaufman Mall. Dowell is an intern teacher with the CDC.
Colleges present annual awards to faculty and staff

Five colleges announced the following faculty and staff awards at the close of the spring semester. (The Darden College of Education presents its awards in August.)

Arts and Letters

- Initiat Habib, professor of English – Charles O. and Elisabeth C. Burgess Faculty Research and Creativity Award
- Yvette Pearson, assistant professor of philosophy and religious studies – Robert L. Stern Award for Excellence in Teaching
- Jei Chen, professor of political science and geography – Joel S. Lewis Faculty Award for Excellence in Student Mentoring
- Anne-Taylor Cahill, adjunct assistant professor of philosophy and religious studies – Robert Aronheim Award for Excellence in Teaching
- Maura Hametz, associate professor of history – Outstanding Contribution to Interdisciplinary Award
- Angela Riddick, program support specialist, dean’s office – Staff Member of the Year
- Robert Wotowicz, associate dean for research and graduate studies – Dean’s Service Award

Business and Public Administration

- Harris Wu, assistant professor of information technology – Faculty Research Award
- Anil Nair, associate professor of management – Faculty Teaching Award
- Roy Cunningham, senior lecturer of management – Faculty Advising Award
- Doug Ziegendus, professor of accounting – Faculty Service Award
- Lowery “Tuck” Finley III, adjunct professor of finance (insurance) – Adjunct Faculty Teaching Award
- Carlisa Merritt, budget manager – Classified Staff Member of the Year Award

Engineering and Technology

- Bonita Anthony, assistant director of the engineering fundamentals division – Excellence Award in Student Advising
- Anthony Dean, assistant professor of engineering technology – Excellence Award in Industry Partnering
- Andreas Sousa-Pozza, associate professor of engineering management – Excellence Award in Research
- Sacharia Albin, professor of electrical and computer engineering – Excellence Award in Teaching
- Elvie Lawrence, program support technician for the engineering technology department – Excellence Award in Support Operations
- Taj Mohieldin, professor emeritus of engineering technology – Faculty Retiree Award

Health Sciences

- Kimberly Adams Tufts, associate professor of nursing – Excellence in Teaching Award

By Brendan O’Hallarn

The Virginia Modeling, Analysis and Simulation Center (VMASC) is preparing to host a spring Medical Leader Seminar (SMLS) sponsored by U.S. Joint Forces Command’s (USJFCOM) Office of the Command Surgeon.

The four-day interactive seminar will focus on irregular and hybrid warfare and the implications for future Joint Task Force (JTF) medical leaders. The SMLS will run from July 28-31.

According to conference organizers, attendees will gain insight into becoming senior medical leaders in a JTF and broaden their horizons through briefs and discussions. They will also interact with senior leader medical personnel who served in JTFs during Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, and participated in Pacific Partnership on the hospital ship USNS Mercy.

Seminar attendees “need to understand the tenets of irregular warfare and they also need to understand the tenets of joint,” said Navy Rear Adm. Michael H. Mittelman, command surgeon for USJFCOM.

“A lot of personnel don’t have the opportunity to work with the other services and our interagency partners, so one of my key goals is for the participants to understand first of all what all the other services’ languages are, what some of the services’ cultures are, and then the big picture,” Mittelman added.

Panel discussions throughout the event will allow both speakers and participants to discuss their experiences and share knowledge on how best to support the joint forces. Students will also receive exposure to modeling and simulation demonstrations and futuristic medical technological capabilities.

NBC salutes psychology grad for making a difference

Sarat Streeter, a clinical psychologist who studied at Old Dominion while getting her doctoral degree through the Virginia Consortium, was featured on “NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams” last month in a “Making a Difference” segment.

The 33-year-old psychologist, who got her consortium degree in 2001, was employed in prisons and Veterans Affairs hospitals before she decided four years ago to expend her savings on the community services center she founded in southeastern Washington, D.C. She worked without pay for three years at the facility, Ascensions Community Services Inc., before enough money started coming in from clients to provide her a salary.

Streeter chose a house in a residential neighborhood as the site of her clinic. She said she wanted the facility and its services to become part of the fabric of the poor community. The NBC report also noted that she volunteers at a nearby school and has helped to start a Girl Scout troop. It has been her “ultimate dream” to take care of her neighbors by offering affordable clinical services, she told the network.

Ascensions Community Services now employs a second psychologist, two therapists and an office manager. Through psychological and community interventions, it provides clients with assistance in improving their self-concept and interpersonal relationships. More information is available at www.2ascend.org/index.html.

Part of Streeter’s motivation for becoming a clinical psychologist, according to the report, was her mother having suffered from mental illness. She entered the Virginia Consortium program after graduating with honors from Wilberforce University in 1997.

By Jim Raper

Katherine Christ, former game room manager, dies

Katherine Christ, of Virginia Beach, who managed the game room in Webb Center for nearly 40 years until her retirement in May 2008, died June 9, 2009. She was born July 12, 1922, in New York City.

She received the Student Services Award for her outstanding dedication to the well-being of Old Dominion students.

Many years after students graduated and moved on with their lives, Christ still heard from them, as well as from many former faculty and staff members.

Christ was a member of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral and a past member of the Philoptochos Society. She was predeceased by her husband of 41 years, John, who joined the university, she worked with him in their restaurant, John’s Place, which was located next to the campus.

Survivors include a sister-in-law, five nieces and four nephews. Memorial donations may be made to the cathedral. H.D. Oliver Funeral Apartments, Norfolk Chapel, handled the arrangements.

The College of William and Mary, Eastern Virginia Medical School and Norfolk State University work together with ODU in offering the consortium’s program in clinical psychology.

Janis Sanchez-Huclas, chair of the ODU Department of Psychology, said of the report, “It was wonderful to see one of our graduates making such incredible contributions to her community.”

The NBC report is at www.msnbc.msn.com/id/30326191/ep/10772240/30772240.

By Mark R. Meyer

ODU recently launched a yearlong outdoor advertising campaign in Hampton Roads to tout its nationally recognized faculty, innovative and engaging teaching, cutting-edge collaborative research and profoundly multicultural campus. Promoting the theme of “Modern Thinking...,” the billboards are located on I-64 at Tide-water Drive, I-64 at Armistead Avenue, I-264 at Ballentine Boulevard and I-664 at Powhatan Parkway. They are complemented by a Web site that goes more information about the person or program featured on the boards (Simon Serfaty is pictured above) as well as additional examples of ODU’s excellence in these areas.

Sign of the times

By Brenda Hardin

The Virginia Modeling, Analysis and Simulation Center (VMASC) is preparing to host a spring Medical Leader Seminar (SMLS) sponsored by U.S. Joint Forces Command’s (USJFCOM) Office of the Command Surgeon.

The four-day interactive seminar will focus on irregular and hybrid warfare and the implications for future Joint Task Force (JTF) medical leaders. The SMLS will run from July 28-31.

According to conference organizers, attendees will gain insight into becoming senior medical leaders in a JTF and broaden their horizons through briefs and discussions. They will also interact with senior leader medical personnel who served in JTFs during Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, and participated in Pacific Partnership on the hospital ship USNS Mercy.

Seminar attendees “need to understand the tenets of irregular warfare and they also need to understand the tenets of joint,” said Navy Rear Adm. Michael H. Mittelman, command surgeon for USJFCOM.

“A lot of personnel don’t have the opportunity to work with the other services and our interagency partners, so one of my key goals is for the participants to understand first of all what all the other services’ languages are, what some of the services’ cultures are, and then the big picture,” Mittelman added.

Panel discussions throughout the event will allow both speakers and participants to discuss their experiences and share knowledge on how best to support the joint forces. Students will also receive exposure to modeling and simulation demonstrations and futuristic medical technological capabilities.

NBC salutes psychology grad for making a difference

Sarat Streeter, a clinical psychologist who studied at Old Dominion while getting her doctoral degree through the Virginia Consortium, was featured on “NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams” last month in a “Making a Difference” segment.

The 33-year-old psychologist, who got her consortium degree in 2001, was employed in prisons and Veterans Affairs hospitals before she decided four years ago to expend her savings on the community services center she founded in southeastern Washington, D.C. She worked without pay for three years at the facility, Ascensions Community Services Inc., before enough money started coming in from clients to provide her a salary.

Streeter chose a house in a residential neighborhood as the site of her clinic. She said she wanted the facility and its services to become part of the fabric of the poor community. The NBC report also noted that she volunteers at a nearby school and has helped to start a Girl Scout troop. It has been her “ultimate dream” to take care of her neighbors by offering affordable clinical services, she told the network.

Ascensions Community Services now employs a second psychologist, two therapists and an office manager. Through psychological and community interventions, it provides clients with assistance in improving their self-concept and interpersonal relationships. More information is available at www.2ascend.org/index.html.

Part of Streeter’s motivation for becoming a clinical psychologist, according to the report, was her mother having suffered from mental illness. She entered the Virginia Consortium program after graduating with honors from Wilberforce University in 1997.

By Jim Raper

Katherine Christ, former game room manager, dies

Katherine Christ, of Virginia Beach, who managed the game room in Webb Center for nearly 40 years until her retirement in May 2008, died June 9, 2009. She was born July 12, 1922, in New York City.

She received the Student Services Award for her outstanding dedication to the well-being of Old Dominion students.

Many years after students graduated and moved on with their lives, Christ still heard from them, as well as from many former faculty and staff members.

Christ was a member of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral and a past member of the Philoptochos Society. She was predeceased by her husband of 41 years, John, who joined the university, she worked with him in their restaurant, John’s Place, which was located next to the campus.

Survivors include a sister-in-law, five nieces and four nephews. Memorial donations may be made to the cathedral. H.D. Oliver Funeral Apartments, Norfolk Chapel, handled the arrangements.

By Mark R. Meyer

ODU recently launched a yearlong outdoor advertising campaign in Hampton Roads to tout its nationally recognized faculty, innovative and engaging teaching, cutting-edge collaborative research and profoundly multicultural campus. Promoting the theme of “Modern Thinking...,” the billboards are located on I-64 at Tide-water Drive, I-64 at Armistead Avenue, I-264 at Ballentine Boulevard and I-664 at Powhatan Parkway. They are complemented by a Web site that goes more information about the person or program featured on the boards (Simon Serfaty is pictured above) as well as additional examples of ODU’s excellence in these areas.

Sign of the times
Tatyana Lobova studied seeds and fruits in exquisite detail as a Ph.D. student and researcher in her native Russia. But the fork in the road of research now has led to her new book on bats - yes, winged mammals - that live in tropical forests of South America.

Actually, seeds and fruits do play a major role in the scholarly work that the Old Dominion botanist produced together with two co-authors. The book is titled "Seed Dispersal by Bats in the Neotropics." It was published in May by New York Botanical Garden (NYBG) Press.

Bats of temperate areas are well known as prodigious eaters of insects such as mosquitoes, but many tropical species eat fruits. In the New World tropics - known as the Neotropics - bats play an important ecological role as seed dispersers.

The new book describes in words and pictures all known bat-dispersed plants in the Neotropics, with a specific focus on the relatively undisturbed forests of central French Guiana. It covers a total of 549 species in 62 plant families, as well as 37 different species of fruit-eating bats.

"This is clearly a landmark study and will be a major reference work for students of neotropical bats and plants for a long time," wrote one of the book's reviewers, Theodore H. Fleming of the University of Miami. "The overall level of scholarship is excellent, the literature coverage is exhaustive and attention to detail and writing are exemplary."

Lobova's co-authors are Cullen Geiselman, a joint doctoral student at Columbia University and the Institute of Systemic Botany at the NYBG who studies nectar-feeding bats and the plants that they pollinate in French Guiana, and Scott Mori, the Nathaniel Lord Britton Curator of Botany at the Institute of Systemic Botany.

"D. Mori, one of the world's leading specialists in flora of American tropics, told me about bat-plant interactions that he was interested in," Lobova said. "The bat research was taking off with an increasing pace during that time, and more and more young zoologists and tropical ecologists were working with the bats in the rain forests of the New World, which are the center of diversity of bats and plants.

But, in order to know what kind of plants bats feed on and depend upon during different seasons in different areas, they needed a botanist. Dr. Mori thought that my training in fruit and seed biology would make me a perfect candidate to work on botanical aspects of bat-plant interactions."

Lobova eventually worked for seven years as a researcher with the NYBG and she has held the title of honorary curator there since she came to ODU, where she is a visiting assistant professor in biological sciences and a researcher with the Kaplan Orchid Conservatory.

When Lobova started the project with Mori, she said, "I had no knowledge of any kind about bats and no experience working in the tropical forests. But these challenges made the new research project very exciting.

I fell in love with the beauty and richness of tropical forests and with these amazing nocturnal animals - the bats."

So far, her research has taken her to rain forests in Brazil, Ecuador and Peru, as well as French Guiana. She and her colleagues analyze in the book the diverse traits of plants dispersed by bats to re-examine bat preferences of some fruiting plants over others, a phenomenon known as the "bat-fruitsy syndrome."

Lobova said the book provides a stimulus for further ecological and evolutionary studies, and will serve as a reference for anyone interested in conservation, systematics and plant-animal interactions in tropical forests.

Carol Markowski, professor of information technology and decision sciences for nearly three decades, died May 24, 2009. She was 58.

Markowski joined the Old Dominion faculty in 1980 and taught statistical decision sciences department, added, "As a driving force in the discipline sciences major, she will be irreplaceable.

Carol has made a lasting imprint on all of us, both personally and professionally."

Markowski received her Ph.D. from Penn State in 1980 in industrial/management systems engineering and operations research. She also earned an M.A. in statistics and an M.S. in industrial/management systems engineering, both from Penn State. In 1972, she received a B.S. in mathematics education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She taught high school mathematics in Baltimore from 1972-75.

Markowski is survived by her husband, Edward, also a professor of information technology and decision sciences at ODU; two daughters, Pamela and Marilyn, both of Durham, N.C.; a brother, Alan Kunig, of Peachtree City, Ga., and a half sister, Laura Kunig, of Pittsburgh.

Memorial donations may be made to the ODU Educational Foundation, 4417 Monarch Way, Norfolk, VA 23529. The funds will be used to support students in decision sciences.

Condolences may be offered to the family at www.holommon-brown.com.
Friends honor Ed Fraim with scholarship at retirement

BY STEVE DANIEL

Old Dominion’s athletic history boasts many stellar athletes and coaches, but it also has those rare superstars who have worked behind the scenes to ensure successful programs season after season.

One of these special people, whose contributions have left a large imprint on the Monarch sports programs, has just retired after a 32-year career in athletic fundraising at the university.

Although Ed Fraim did his work behind the curtain, so to speak, he in fact was well known by many ODU fans and supporters. The university’s senior director for athletic development, Fraim, a 1964 ODU graduate, joined his alma mater in 1977 as its first athletic fundraiser and first executive director of the Intercollegiate Foundation.

When he took the job, following a successful stint as a basketball coach and athletic director at Norfolk Catholic High School, annual contributions to ODU’s intercollegiate athletic programs amounted to only $37,000. In Fraim’s first two years, that number jumped nearly seven-fold. Over his 32 years at the university, he raised millions of dollars for athletic scholarships, salaries and facilities. But Fraim was also a “friend raiser,” owing in large measure to his sincerity, quiet charm and love of ODU.

For those reasons and more, it’s not surprising that a group of his closest friends got together to establish a scholarship in his name. The $250,000 endowed scholarship, which was announced at Fraim’s retirement dinner May 20, will be “awarded annually to one or more student-athletes who participate on an intercollegiate team and have demonstrated outstanding leadership and/or academic standing.”

One of the contributors to the endowment is a fellow alumnus and long-time friend Pete Keilty ’66.

“Ed and I went to high school and ODU together and have been friends for the last 52 years. It was Ed who brought me into the Big Blue Club when he took the job...in 1976, which was our first year of Division I athletics,” said Keilty.

“She developed good business relationships with his clients, who eventually became his close friends. It was because of Ed that Beverly and I endowed a basketball scholarship four years ago. I am sure the same can be said for most of the donors who have made the commitment of an endowment.

“Ed is the person most of us relied on when we needed an answer from ODU. He does every I, crosses every T, responds to every e-mail and answers every phone call. Believe me, that is pretty unusual in today’s world.”

The other contributors to the scholarship endowment are Rick Kiefner ’69, Carroll Crency ’61, Jean Siebert and Dick Fraim ’65, Ed’s brother.

Kiefner, who has known Fraim for 40 years and taught and coached with him four years at Norfolk Catholic, calls Fraim “the most organized person I’ve ever been around.” That, along with his work ethic and love of ODU, combined to make him successful in his role at the university, Kiefner said.

“He worked really hard for ODU to help build a first-class athletic program,” he added. “One of his strong points was that he not only reached out to alumni, but to non-alumni as well in promoting ODU as the university of Hampton Roads.”

Athletic director Jim Jarrett, who was in that position at the time Fraim came on board, credits Fraim’s “hands-on, one-on-one style” for his fundraising success over the years.

“He believed in sitting down and having a conversation with a potential donor,” Jarrett said. “His support of the Intercollegiate Foundation, Big Blue Club and the university was significant, and more than most people realize. He cultivated an untold number of ODU supporters and raised a lot of money for scholarships, salaries and facilities.”

Jarrett also pointed to Fraim’s role in heading up successful scholarship events such as the Stihl Soccer Classic, the Greenwich Kitchens/ODU Baseball Clinic and the Spivey Rentals golf tournament.

Alonzo Brandon ’85, vice president for development and alumni relations, summed up Fraim’s contributions and the legacy scholarship established by his friends this way: “I can think of no one more deserving of such an honor than Ed Fraim. He’s been one of our greatest ambassadors.”

HACE awards go to Merritt, Malbon

The Center for Learning Technologies announces the following faculty workshops.

To register, go to http://clt.odu.edu/facdev/, and for more information, call 683-3172.

All of the workshops will be held in room 411 of the Gornto Teleッチenst Center.

Tuesday, June 23

“Blackboard Sprint – Getting Started,” 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 24

“Adobe Connect 1 – Introduction to Online Meetings,” 9 a.m. to noon

“Adobe Connect II – Management of Online Meetings,” 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 25

“Organization Leader Training (Noncredit Use of Blackboard),” 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 14

“Adobe Connect 1 – Introduction to Online Meetings,” 9 a.m. to noon

“Adobe Connect II – Management of Online Meetings,” 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 15

“Preparing Content for Broadcast and Video Streamed Courses,” 9 a.m. to noon

“Managing Video Streaming,” 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 16

“Blackboard Sprint – Getting Started,” 9 a.m. to noon

“Organization Leader Training (Noncredit Use of Blackboard),” 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Movie screening, exhibit focus on “reel librarians”

Perry Library will present a free screening of a newly acquired movie, “Hollywood Librarian: A Look at Librarians Through Film,” from noon to 1:40 p.m. Thursday, June 25, in room 163.

It is the first full-length documentary film to focus on the work and lives of librarians. Using the context of American movies, the film will likely hold some surprises for people who may think they know what librarians do.

Dozens of interviews of real librarians are interspersed with movie clips of cinematic librarians and serve as transitions between the themes of censorship, intellectual freedom, children and librarians, pay equity and funding issues, and the value of librarians.

Also, on display in the library lobby is an exhibit titled “Real Librarians: The Image of Librarians in the Movies,” which offers a light-hearted look at some of the films that have featured librarians in various roles, from comedic to dramatic.
Obama recommends ODU graduate for appointment to head U.S. Pacific Command

A graduate of the master’s degree pro-
gram in engineering management at Old
Dominion has been recommended by
President Barack Obama for appointment as
commander of the U.S. Pacific Command in
Hawaii.

Adm. Robert F. Willard completed his
master’s in July 2005, while serving as vice
chief of naval operations. A Los Angeles
native, he graduated from the U.S. Naval

Resist Unal, chair of the engineering
management department, said the
accomplishment is proof of the value of
the union between ODU and the
command.

“The nationally ranked master of engi-
neering management program at Old
Dominion University is designed for nuclear
trained naval officers who meet specific
entrance requirements,” Unal said.

To date, more than 500 naval officers
have received their MEM from ODU.

If confirmed by the U.S. Senate, Willard,
who took command of the Pacific Fleet in
May 2007, will succeed Adm. Timothy
Keating, who has been commander of
the Pacific Command since March 2007.

Before taking over the Pacific Fleet,
based in Pearl Harbor, Willard was
vice chief of naval operations. Prior to that,
he was deputy and chief of staff of the
Pacific Fleet, and he has served as commander
of Carrier Group 5 aboard the USS Kitty
Hawk and the U.S. 7th Fleet in Yokosuka,
Japan.

An F-14 aviator, he also has served as
operations officer and executive officer
of the Navy Fighter Weapons School and
commanded the Sweeaming Eagles of Fighter
Squadron 51.

Willard’s corporations include the Defense
Distinguished Service Medal, Distinguished
Service Medal and Legion of Merit. He
received the ODU Distinguished Alumni
Award in 2005.

The U.S. Pacific Command, based at
Camp H.M. Smith on Oahu, is the largest of
the nation’s military commands, with
25,000 personnel and a geographic area
stretching from the West Coast of the
United States to the western border of
India, and from Antarctica to the North Pole.

The commander oversees the four com-
ponent commands – the Pacific Fleet, the
U.S. Pacific Air Forces, the U.S. Army
Pacific and the U.S. Marine Forces Pacific –
all headquartered in Hawaii.

\section*{“Satire TV”}

Jeff Jones book looks at politics, comedy on the tube

From fake news to animated sitcoms, satire television has become an important vehicle for an entertaining, and often informative, take on the latest happenings from the political arena. So what does today’s brand of satire tell us about the current state of politics, of television and of citizenship?

Jeffrey Jones, associate professor of communication, is the co-editor of a new book, “Satire TV: Politics and Comedy in the Post-Network Era” (NYU Press, 2009), that considers the symbiotic relationship between politics and comedy in the contemporary genre of satire television through its collection of essays.

Programs discussed include the “Daily Show,” “South Park” and “The Colbert Report,” among others.

Jones co-wrote the book’s opening essay, “The State of Satire, the Satire of State,” and contributed the essay, “With All Due Respect: Satirizing Presidents from ‘Saturday Night Live’ to ‘Late Bush,’” which looks at the history of presidential satire and caricatures on television.

“Since the mid-1970s, ‘Saturday Night Live (SNL)’ has regularly processed presidential politics for viewers, offering interpretations that structured how images of the president were filtered through popular culture,” writes Jones.

He further notes, “The shows [Comedy Central’s ‘That’s My Bush!’ and ‘Late Night’] that have tackled Bush’s presidency, however, offered a broader and more critical narrative frame for making meaning of the president as politician and office holder.”

Jones is the author of “Entertaining Politics: New Political Television and Civic Culture” (Rowman and Littlefield, 2005), and has been a guest on numerous political talk shows, such as “The Daily Show with Jon Stewart.” The second edition is scheduled for release in August. He is also co-editor of “The Essential HBO Reader” (University Press of Kentucky, 2008).