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Heart counts more than voice if you want to sing with Donna Cox. The new director of UD's Gospel Choir and assistant professor of music looks first for dedication and then for musical talent in potential choir members.

"If students are willing to go the extra mile, I can work with an okay voice," she said, adding that it does help to be able to carry a tune. "A choir has to be more than a group of people who sing together. ... At its best, a choir is therapy."

Cox, who holds doctoral and master's degrees in choral conducting from Washington University in St. Louis and a bachelor's degree in music education from Virginia Union University in Richmond, will also coordinate the aural skills— or ear training—program in UD's music department.

A native of Washington, D.C., who has worked with choirs of every kind, Cox comes to UD from Los Angeles, where she taught in the public school system. The 32-year old soprano admits to eclectic musical tastes and names as favorites the Richard Smallwood Singers, Michael Jackson, Faure and Stevie Wonder. "While I really enjoy gospel singing, I'm just as happy doing oratorios or madrigals," she said.

Her hope is for members of the Gospel Choir "to be where they can get into the music. Sacred music is not 'me-type' music. It's designed to lift a person up and give them something larger to look to."

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Working with people who sing requires a certain level of sensitivity, Cox points out. Unlike a pianist or violinist, a singer's instrument is the voice, part of the body and part of the person. Criticism can be construed as a personal attack. "The beauty in working with choirs is pulling together a cohesive sound from many different human voices."

Cox is also working to revive and preserve a sound she finds especially beautiful: the Negro spiritual. "Students today think of the spiritual as songs old people used to sing. But there's beauty in the music I don't want to be lost forever."
Also joining the UD faculty this year are:

- Vernellia Randall, an assistant professor of law, who focuses on legal issues related to bioethics and medicine. She earned her law degree from the Northwestern School of Law, Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Ore. A former public health nurse, Randall holds bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing from the University of Texas and the University of Washington in Seattle, respectively. From 1979 to 1984, she planned, organized and supervised a statewide maternal-child health program for the Alaska Department of Human Services. Randall was named to Who's Who in American Law in 1989 and was selected as an Outstanding Young Woman of America in 1983.

- William Stallworth, also an assistant professor of law, who is a 1979 graduate of Harvard Law School. Stallworth, who will teach contract and anti-trust law, also has an extensive background in sociology. He holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from Cornell and a master's and doctorate from Stanford. "An awareness of sociology is helpful in understanding the public policies underlying law," said Stallworth, who also worked for eight years as a corporate attorney for General Electric.

- Beverly Tillman, an assistant professor of education, whose area of expertise is special education. Tillman, who holds a bachelor's degree from Miami University in Ohio and a master's degree from the University of Michigan, is completing her doctorate in educational policy and leadership at Ohio State University. She previously taught at Sinclair Community College as an adjunct faculty member. At UD, Tillman took part in the Urban Summer Education Program designed to encourage Black high school students to consider careers in teaching.

"We provide the platform for young people to learn about themselves and others—so that we graduate people who are not only well informed but also competent and compassionate."

—Debra Moore
Office of Minority Student Affairs

The plan was to keep UD student and NCR intern Adrianne Granberry busy with clerical work—but it didn’t turn out that way. The sophomore accounting major worked this summer in NCR’s group tax division where she had direct hands-on involvement with corporate tax accounts. "We ended up using her in a much higher capacity," says Paul Kreider, manager of NCR’s U.S. Group Tax division. "She had the skills and learned very quickly what the tax concepts were."

Granberry, along with sophomore management major Brian Mitchell, are the first two recipients of the University of Dayton/NCR Minority Scholarship Award—a full academic scholarship combined with a three-year summer internship at NCR. The scholarship was established at UD in 1989.

"When I came to Dayton, I knew I wanted to work at three companies: NCR, Mead and Huffy," says Granberry. "I thought to myself, no sense in going back home (to St. Louis) without checking out these companies." So far, she has
An African-American Catholic Mass was celebrated in the Immaculate Conception Chapel on July 17 as the culmination of the religious studies department summer lecture series.

worked at Mead and NCR. Huffy Corp., she says, is next on her list.

The experience she's gained as an intern, Granberry says has been essential to her professional growth and has given her "a competitive edge" in the job market. "I was entrusted with the kinds of responsibilities that make the job interesting and challenging. It was a worthwhile experience because it enhanced what I learned in the classroom, and it also prepared me for the real world."

Mitchell can relate to what Granberry says. "I'm doing something that has to be done," he says. "If I wasn't here, someone else would have to do my job." Mitchell's "job" is helping to track NCR's worldwide inventory. In addition, he is responsible for preparing detailed reports of his findings and sharing that information with the company's vice presidents. "I basically lay out the facts," says Mitchell, "then the V.P.s decide what to do with the data."

Mitchell credits his summer internship at NCR for broadening his knowledge of corporate America. "What I learned at NCR, I can apply at any corporation. I was given real work and real responsibilities." Taking a moment to reflect, Mitchell concludes "overall the summer internship was beneficial to both me and the company." He adds: "It was a shared commitment."

Kreider agrees that college internships are valuable components for industry and students. "They enhance their skills, and we get productive employees."

Who says peer pressure is all bad?
That's how a Dayton high-school salutatorian convinced his friend, the class valedictorian, to attend the University of Dayton this fall.

Michael Weaver and Gerard Wilson took turns leading their class academically while attending Dayton's Colonel White High School. The two wanted to be roommates in college, but a problem arose when Weaver decided he'd like to remain in Dayton and Wilson became interested in a Georgia school.

"Gerard had received a full scholarship to attend Georgia Tech," explained Weaver, "and I decided to go to UD, so I started pressuring him at school by writing 'UD is number one' and stuff like that on the blackboard. That convinced him."

Weaver, who will major in mechanical engineering, and Wilson, a chemical engineering major, plan to live together at UD this fall. Will the friendly academic competition continue?

"I don't know," Weaver says with a laugh. "People used to egg us on about the grades, but I never cared about beating him as long as I did my best."

Gerard Wilson (left) and Michael Weaver
Warren Cureton

Major:
Mechanical Engineering Technology

Hometown:
New York City

Year: Sophomore

"It's important that parents talk to their children about college scholarships," says UD sophomore Warren Cureton, a resident of the Bronx in New York City. "That's what my mother did with my brother and me. Ever since we were very young, she insisted that we make good grades so we could apply for college scholarships."

It looks like his mother's advice paid off. The mechanical engineering major is the first recipient of UD's John L. O'Grady Scholarship, named after a 1968 UD alumnus and former board of trustees member who died suddenly in 1989. The scholarship was established to bring inner-city New York youth to UD on a full, four-year scholarship.

Receiving the scholarship was good news, but meeting the wife of the man who made it all possible was just as exciting. "When I first met Mrs. (Leeda) O'Grady, I knew I had to be at my best. She was very business-like, but that's what I expected so I was comfortable with that. Then later on I found out that she also has a great sense of humor, and she knows a lot about basketball."

Cureton says he accompanied Mrs. O'Grady to dinner and then to a Flyers basketball game. "We ended up laughing and joking throughout dinner and up to the point that we said good-bye," says Cureton.

Kaihra Goodman

Major:
Communication

Hometown:
Woodbridge, Va.

Year: Senior

Speaking before a group of high school graduates and encouraging them to continue their education was the highlight of the summer for Kaihra Goodman, a summer intern at the Dayton Urban League. Goodman, a communication major and recipient of a University of Dayton athletic scholarship, says she told students at the Dayton Urban League's annual Youth Forum Banquet "to always be prepared for whatever comes up in your life and keep your priorities straight." She also warned them to "resist the temptations to goof off when you start college."

"It's easy to get off track when you first start college. But I told them to keep in mind that there's plenty of time for partying — on graduation day."

The internship, says Goodman, "gave me a chance to enhance my communication skills. I had the opportunity to do almost all of the writing for their newsletter. It was good experience because it prepared me, in many ways, to meet the challenges of my career after I graduate."

Goodman believes that the Dayton Urban League is playing an important role in the community, a role she didn't fully understand until she started her internship. Besides meeting all kinds of local movers and shakers — industry and civic leaders as well as legislators — one of the best things about the internship she says, "was being able to work independently without having someone looking over my shoulder. That was good experience because in the future I don't expect to have someone looking over my shoulder to make sure I'm doing my job."

Charles Rice

Major:
Mechanical Engineering

Hometown:
Dayton, Ohio

Year: Sophomore

"I heard a lot of good things about UD's engineering program before I enrolled in school. It's really got a good reputation," says freshman Charles Rice. "By attending UD I expect to get a quality education that will make me competitive in the job market."

Rice, a 1989 graduate of Belmont High School and a Dayton resident, is this year's recipient of
the W.S. McIntosh Scholarship. The scholarship, named after slain Dayton civil rights activist W.S. McIntosh, was established at UD in 1987. McIn­tosh was killed in March 1974 trying to prevent a robbery. Rice, a mechanical engineering major, is the fourth student to receive the full-tuition scholarship, which includes a four-year internship with the city of Dayton.

While serving his first-year internship at the city of Dayton this summer, Rice was exposed to a wide range of civic opportunities. “I worked a 24-hour shift with paramedics, an eight-hour shift riding in a cruiser with police and a full day at the Dayton Human Rehabilitation Center,” he says. “I’ve gained a lot of knowledge about how the city operates.”

Rice says he was surprised to learn all that’s involved in running a city. “I discovered that a city is like a large corporation. Each department is like an entity in itself, yet it’s part of a whole. I thought it was a bureaucracy, but now I realize it’s people — helpful and friendly — that keep the city running.”

“I remember when I first came to UD, I was so impressed with the slide show presentation at orientation. After it was over, I walked up to L.B. and introduced myself. We had a nice conversation, and I’ve been working with him during freshman orientation ever since.”

Michael Burdett
Major: Elementary Education
Hometown: Dayton, Ohio
Year: Junior

“I’m a people person, I like to help people and I like to be a leader,” says Michael Burdett, recipient of the W.S. McIntosh Finalist Scholarship. The finalist scholarship, unlike the full W.S. McIntosh Scholarship, does not offer a four-year internship or cover the expenses of books and housing, but it does cover the cost of tuition. That’s just fine with Burdett, who enrolled at UD in 1988 after graduating from Chaminade-Julienne, a parochial high school in Dayton. “One of the reasons I chose UD was its Catholic and Marianist tradition,” he says. “Both my parents are Catholic, and I grew up in the Catholic Church — I was even an altar boy.”

Besides being an avid photographer, Burdett is also involved in helping L.B. Fred in UD’s student development office with freshman orientation.

Merope Patterson
Major: Social Work
Hometown: Dayton, Ohio
Year: Junior

“I literally cried,” recalls Merope Patterson, “when I got word about my scholarship.” But for the junior social work major, hers were tears of joy. Patterson, a recipient of UD’s Eva Devaney Alumni Scholarship, says being awarded the scholarship gave her a great sense of accomplishment because “it’s recognition of my academic achievements — it really makes me feel good about myself.”

The 33-year-old Dayton resident and mother of an 11-year-old son started college almost 15 years after she left high school. She credits her level of maturity and experience for helping her reach high academic standards. “Now that I’m older and wiser, I take a more serious approach towards learning. I have more confidence in myself and that’s reflected in my academic performance.”

Patterson’s academic success is not the only important endeavor in her life. Besides spending much of her time with her son she also finds time for a special friend, Dyan Hornaday. Hornaday, 19, is blind. The two met through UD’s Circle of Friends — an on-campus organization that matches handicapped adults with UD students.

“Being blind has been a traumatic experience for her because she was not born blind,” says Patterson, “but she’s dealing with it very well. I’ve gotten a lot of strength from her.”

Patterson says she plans to continue her education by pursuing a graduate degree.

“Who knows,” she says, “maybe I’ll get another scholarship.”
Tricia Waddell, an April 1990 University of Dayton graduate, has been named one of In View magazine’s “Top 10 College Women of the Year” for her work in promoting racial and ethnic harmony at UD.

The Dayton native traveled to New York City March 8 to receive the $2,500 cash award in the category of “promoting interracial harmony and understanding,” according to Nancy Woodard, marketing manager for In View. Judges reviewed essays, transcripts and three letters of recommendation before making their decision. More than 540 students applied for the 10 positions.

The national magazine, published five times per academic year for college women age 18 to 24, selected two winners in five different categories.

Waddell, an English major, was honored for her leadership in forming the campus group RACE (Racial Awareness: A Cooperative Effort) during the fall 1989 semester to facilitate communication between Black and white students. The 23 members meet every other Sunday during the academic year for three hours to discuss racial incidents, stereotypes and personal experiences. They attend two 48-hour retreats during the yearlong commitment to the group.

“I’ve really seen people re-examine their values,” Waddell said. “It’s been very painful for people because they see parents or friends differently. If someone makes a racial comment, they can’t just sit there anymore.”

“I’ve seen people confront things that are very painful for them and that’s not easy,” she continued. “But that’s what college is all about.”

To call Brother Joseph Davis, S.M., a role model is an understatement.

As one of less than a dozen Black Marianists in the world and the founder and first executive director of the National Office for Black Catholics (1970-77), Davis ’59 is deeply committed to bringing the Catholic church to African-Americans.

“My hope would be in whatever position I’m in to make some contribution to the advancement of the life of the church in the African-American community,” said Davis, a candidate for a master of divinity degree at St. Michael’s Seminary in Toronto.

Davis, who became a deacon this year and plans to be ordained to the priesthood next May, does not believe the recent excommunication of Father George Stallings, a vocal Black priest who founded the unauthorized African-American Catholic Congregation, will harm the Catholic church in its efforts to fill pews with more Blacks.

“I feel that the concerns that initially motivated Father Stallings to seek reform in the Roman Catholic church are legitimate concerns that many African-American Catholics would share,” said Davis, “but substantially more could have been done in a more coordinated, organized, sustained manner that had some authoritative weight behind it. I don’t think Father Stallings has set Black Catholics back. If anything, it (the controversy) has stimulated a greater awareness of the needs that we do have.”

Born in Macon, Ga., Davis was reared in Dayton. After graduating from Chaminade High School, he entered the novitiate of the Society of Mary and then enrolled at UD, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in education. During his early years as a Marianist brother, he taught English and was dean of studies at Chaminade High School. He also served a year as principal at St. James Elementary School. In the 1960s, Davis spent six years teaching English in Nigeria, returning to Africa in 1979 as regional superior for Kenya, Malawi, Zambia and Nigeria.

Appointed to the UD board of trustees in 1989, Davis says, “It’s as though I’ve never left UD. It had a strong impact on my life, especially in terms of setting direction for me.”
"I'm glad to see that some of the people at UD who had a positive impact on my life — Dr. (Eugene) Moulin and Father (Norbert) Burns — are still there inspiring other young people," says Linda Young McMosley '65 '71.

"I remember how Dr. Moulin always added comic relief to a situation no matter how serious it was," McMosley recalls. "And Father Burns was so insightful in his classroom instruction." Now McMosley, a candidate for a doctorate in education at Northern Arizona University, says, "UD helped me chart my life's course."

As director of special education programs for the Clark County School District in Las Vegas, McMosley encourages UD students to consider working there. With more than 111,000 students, it is the 17th largest school district in the U.S.

McMosley and six other alumnae from the classes of 1964, 1965 and 1966 are currently looking at ways to support the minority student affairs office. The group has initiated strategies to attract students to their respective fields.

"It's important that we reach back and help these young people," she says.

Westina Matthews, '70, '74, named by Ebony as one of the "100 best and brightest black women in corporate America," never dreamed of being a top executive.

"By the time I'm this age, I want to be a VP for a Fortune 500 company — that was never a goal of mine," said Matthews, vice president of corporate staff and manager of corporate contributions and community affairs at the investment banking firm of Merrill Lynch & Co. Inc. in New York. "It was a serendipitous route."

In many ways, Matthews, who received a B.S. and M.S. in education from UD and a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago, has never really left the elementary school classroom where her career started.

At Merrill Lynch, Matthews convinced the company to commit $8 million to Scholarship-BUILDER, an educational incentive program for 250 first-graders in inner-city schools in 10 cities. In July, she was named to the New York City board of education: "It was about children. How could I say no to that?"

It's fitting that Matthews, UD's first black Homecoming queen, returns to campus in October at Homecoming to receive a special achievement award from the University.

"The first time I walked on the University of Dayton campus, it felt right to me," observed Matthews, who grew up in Yellow Springs. "Now that I reflect on it, that feeling of walking in and knowing that it's right has really guided me in my life and career decisions. I always tell people to default to their heart."

State Rep. Tom Roberts "hooked up" his Blackness with his Catholic faith on the University of Dayton campus nearly 10 years before he graduated. The 1977 communications graduate attended the Black Sisters conference at UD in 1968 while still a student at Dayton's Chaminade High School.

"I always thought that there was a separation between the Church, being Catholic and being Black," said the representative for Ohio's 37th District. "But it was when I first came in contact with the Black Sisters conference and later the National Office of Black Catholics that I saw there was a lot of Black input into some of the traditions of the Catholic church."

Formerly a member of the Cincinnati Archdiocesan Pastoral Council, Roberts took on independent study projects at the University which allowed him to delve into Black theological issues — something he ranks as "one of the greatest benefits of attending UD."

He admits he once considered career in radio and television broadcasting. Politics eventually won out when he took office in 1986, but does Roberts see himself leaving state government soon? "I'm very satisfied with the role I'm playing now," says the man whose district comprises more than 50 percent of all family farms in Montgomery County. "State government," he continues, "is the real vehicle the public can turn to for getting things done and that's right where I want to be — in the hub of things."
Events Calendar

Oct. 12  A homecoming reception will be hosted by the minority student affairs office in the Kennedy Union Torch Lounge at 7 p.m. Light hors d'oeuvres will be served and music will be provided by the Prince Davis Trio.

Nov. 10  A soul food dinner will be held at 5 p.m. in the McGinnis Center, 301 Lowes St. One-act plays by the Creekside Players will be featured. For reservations and cost, call the minority student affairs office at (513) 229-3634.

Nov. 28  "A Glorious Past: the Road Ahead," a teleconference on Black Greek fraternities and sororities, will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Kennedy Union Ballroom. A reception will follow. For reservations, contact the minority student affairs office at (513) 229-3634.

Dec. 1  The Gospel Choir Winter Songfest will be held at 7 p.m. in the Kennedy Union Boll Theatre.

Jan. 15  The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. evening program will feature the Rev. William P. DeVeaux, pastor of the Metropolitan AME Church in Washington, D.C. He will speak at 7 p.m. in the Immaculate Conception Chapel on campus. A reception will follow in the Kennedy Union Torch Lounge.

Jan. 22  The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Prayer Breakfast will be held at 7:30 a.m. in the Kennedy Union Ballroom. Featured speaker for the event is the Most Rev. Moses Anderson, auxiliary bishop of Detroit. For reservations and cost, call the minority student affairs office at (513) 229-3634.

Jan. 31  Tony Brown, syndicated columnist and host of "Tony Brown's Journal," will initiate Black History Month activities with a keynote address at 7 p.m. in the Kennedy Union Ballroom.

Feb. 1  UD's office of minority student affairs will host a happy hour in the Kennedy Union Pub at 4:30 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by the Prince Davis Combo.

March 2  Career Day for students will include a job fair, luncheon and fashion show. Companies that would like to send a representative to the job fair should call Kathleen Henderson at (513) 229-3634.

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