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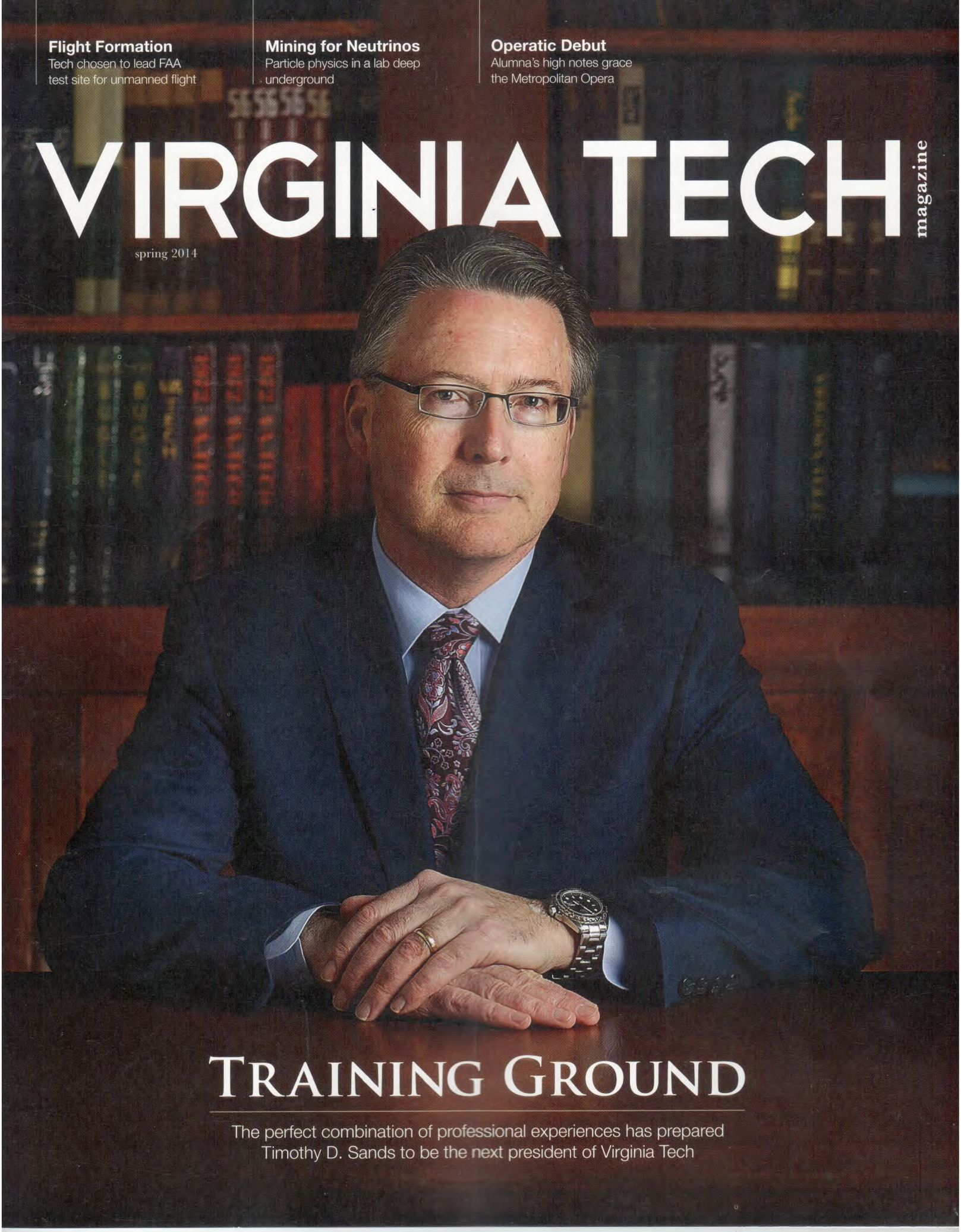

## TRAINING GROUND

The perfect combination of professional experiences has prepared Timothy D. Sands to be the next president of Virginia Tech

# Points of pride are reasons to return

Whether you were last on campus as a student or as a visiting alum, Virginia Tech has more to see than ever.

This year is a perfect time to visit campus and take in some rather spectacular additions and visitor attractions. The coming football season offers seven home games and quite a few events specifically for alumni to reconnect with each other and see the campus. Separate homecomings for each of our eight academic colleges; reunions for six anniversary classes; a young alumni reunion; and homecomings for the Corps of Cadets, Highty-Tighties, Marching Virginians, graduate degree alumni, Student Alumni Associates alumni, former Student Government Association officers, and Order of the Gavel members are spread out across the football schedule. Event schedules are on page 48-49, along with a website address for details and registration information.

While on campus, stay at the beautiful Inn at Virginia Tech and enjoy the connected Holtzman Alumni Center. Check out the new Visitor and Undergraduate Admissions Center near the inn.

Among the must-visit sights are the new Moss Arts Center, the Signature Engineering Building, Theatre 101, and Turner Place Dining Hall at Lavery Hall. With its distinctive presence where Shultz Dining Hall once stood, the Moss Arts Center has dramatically changed the appearance of the Alumni Mall entry off Main Street (Shultz is incorporated into the new facility). The Signature Engineering Building faces Prices Fork Road in the parking lot behind Derring, Cowgill, Whittemore, and Durham halls. Like the arts center, the engineering building is an impressive addition, complete with a Rolls Royce jet aircraft engine suspended four stories high in the central lobby.

Theatre 101 is a black box theatre with flexible performance space. It sits on a recently renovated College Avenue streetscape that includes more pedestrian walkways and outdoor dining space for restaurants. With eight separate restaurants and a main dining room, Turner Place is the latest award-winning dining facility on campus.

Several exhibition spaces have been created in recent years to display historical and athletic memorabilia. The Holtzman Alumni Center's museum houses various items showcasing the university's 142-year history. As corps housing is modernized and expanded on the Upper Quad with ongoing construction, a Corps of Cadets display has been assembled in Newman Library. Athletic exhibits are showcased in Lane Stadium, the Merryman Center, and the recently dedicated Hahn-Hurst Basketball Practice Facility. All four offer professionally designed exhibits open on weekdays and some weekends.

There is plenty to see when you return to campus. Why not make that visit in 2014?

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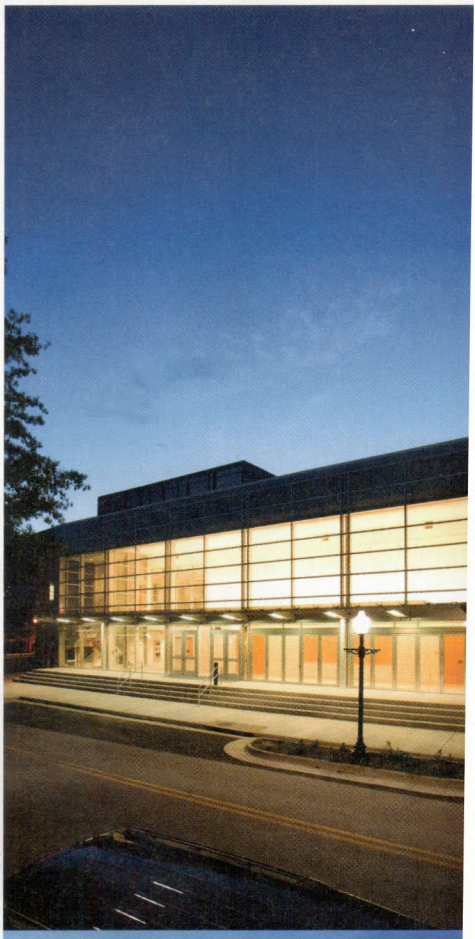

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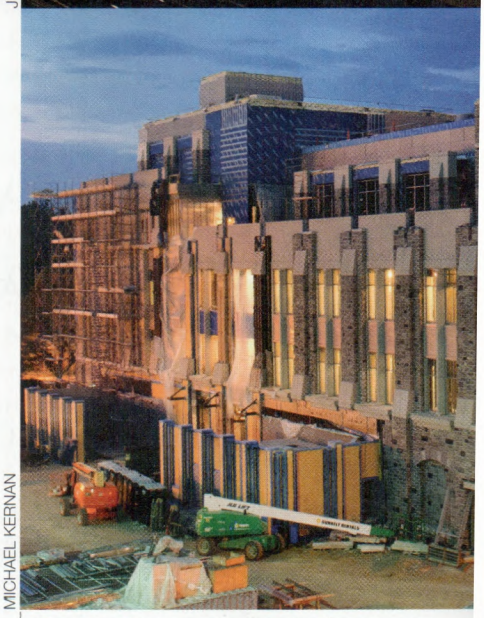

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**So much to see:** (clockwise from upper left) Theatre 101, Turner Place, The Inn at Virginia Tech, Signature Engineering Building

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