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ON THE COVER: The campus community and friends of the Perdue School of Business were invited to "sign the beam" for the new business school home currently under construction. Jim Perdue M'90, chairman of Perdue, Inc., and SU President Janet Dudley-Eshbach were the first to sign one of the structure's final steel beams that will be set in place and forever remain part of the building. The new home for the Perdue School is scheduled to open in fall 2011, and it isn't too late to be a part of this amazing new facility. Read how you can add your name to this project on page 30.

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Letter from the President

This January, I attended the open house for the “new” Pocomoke Hall, the first of the traditional residence halls in the Quad to undergo a major reconstruction. Except for an expanded entranceway, the facade of the building is much as it has been since 1966. Inside, however, it is not your father’s college dormitory.

Thanks to a \$7.1 million renovation, it is now one of the most environmentally friendly and secure facilities on campus. Residents have said: “It doesn’t feel like a dorm anymore. It feels more like home.”

In many ways, the re-designed Pocomoke Hall is emblematic of the evolving Salisbury University. Just as the recently renovated building is state of the art, so is SU, with more programs, a more diverse student body and striking new facilities. Earlier, this year



The “new”
Pocomoke Hall

The Princeton Review, in cooperation with *USA Today*, named Salisbury one of the top 50 best value public colleges in the nation. Publishers praised Salisbury for having “recently made a transformation from regional gem to an internationally recognized institution attracting students from 31 states and 54 countries.”

This past fall, the University broke ground on a \$56 million home for the Franklin P. Perdue School of Business, one of only eight institutions worldwide accredited by the Network of International Business Schools. And this spring, we hosted a groundbreaking ceremony for a new 605-bed residence hall with retail space at the site of the former Allenwood Shopping Center.

Despite such obvious growth, however, SU remains a campus with a small school feel where personal interactions between students, faculty and staff are highly valued. Students do well, from the classroom where, for example,

nursing majors have the highest pass rate of all baccalaureate programs in Maryland on the National Council Licensure Exam, to the athletic fields, where the field hockey team earned its fifth NCAA Division III championship.

Nearly two decades ago, former President Thom Bellavance talked about then Salisbury State University as the future William & Mary of Maryland. The College of William & Mary is known as a Virginia public institution with a small private school feel and, above all, a reputation for excellence in everything that it does.

We believe in that vision. I hope you’ll plan on returning to campus soon to see how your Alma Mater is evolving into *A Maryland University of National Distinction*.

Janet Dudley-Eshbach, Ph.D.
President, Salisbury University



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From Loss to Hope and Pride: A Film About the Human Spirit

By Mike Muldoon '97



Muldoon '97 (right) interviewed locals in Princeton, KY, concerning the real-life project, "Let's Paint the Town!," about which his film *Remembering Rachel* is based.

This past summer an assignment to write the feature film *Remembering Rachel* brought me from Los Angeles to the small southern town of Princeton, KY. The script, a fictional narrative, is based upon the real-life project "Let's Paint the Town!" that has its origins in Princeton.

"Let's Paint the Town!" is described as "a historic preservation/downtown revitalization effort that has communities rolling up their sleeves and volunteering in ways that would challenge any town in America." The campaign was created in 2006 to enhance the downtown historic area, promote an appreciation for preservation and stimulate economic development, which is now spreading throughout the nation to other small towns.

Remembering Rachel is a story about the human spirit; one man against all odds who can make a difference. It's a fish out of water story about a man devastated by the loss of his young wife, that upon bringing her home to be buried in her small, economically depressed town where he's treated as an outsider, decides to restore the

memory of his wife's childhood by getting the townspeople to band together and bring its main street back to better times. Met with many obstacles at first, our hero is forced to gain the trust of the people and unite them and by doing so not only succeeds in his goal, but gives this town its hope and pride back as well as finding an appreciation within himself for a town he never really felt at home with.

Spending a little under a week in Princeton offered up valuable research into the real-life project and the essence behind it. Though the film is set in a fictional town, the key to writing is to "write what you know," and if you don't, then research is of the utmost importance. As for character, well our hero is from New York and, myself, being born and raised there, character development was easy, but finding those little nuances that could trip him up in unknown waters, as well as surrounding him with a colorful cast of great characters could only be discovered by experiencing them myself.

About the Film

The following is an excerpt from Muldoon's treatment for *Remembering Rachel*.



The story centers around a young man named Jack O'Conner who in the span of two months has seen his high-profile career on Wall Street come crashing down and is now forced to deal with the untimely death of his true love, his young and beautiful wife, Rachel. Jack has arrived in the small southern town of Princeton, KY, to bring his wife's body home to be buried in the place she loved so much as a child.

Two months ago Jack was on top of the world; an honest to God good man who took pride in his position in the finance industry and even more importantly in being a loving husband and father to Rachel and their four-year-old daughter Jocelyn. When the banking industry crashed and millions were lost, Jack personally felt responsible for the loss of many of his clients' money and livelihoods. It crushed him. As greed continued to prevail on Wall Street, huge bonuses being tossed around, Jack turned his back on it all and quit.

Jack spiraled into a slight depression, but Rachel stood by him. One night upon returning home, Jack had forgotten to run an errand. Rachel decided to go, and she never returned having been involved in a fatal car crash.

Back in Princeton, Jack never really felt accepted by the townspeople. Usually visits were short, and there was some hazing by family. To them, he was a Yankee who blew through town and ran off with their prized possession. In truth, it was love at first sight. Rachel and Jack were meant to be together; and because Jack's work was in NYC, Rachel made her way north where they eventually married and had Jocelyn. Life was perfect.

Read more and learn about the film at <http://rememberingrachel.com>.

Editor's Note: Once Remembering Rachel is completed, it will be submitted for consideration to some of the world's premier film festivals, including Sundance, Cannes, Toronto and Berlin.

There Is No Wrong Way to Eat a Mango



By Stacia Hines '03

The following is an excerpt from Hines' account of her time with the Peace Corps in Ecuador.

I woke up to a clang on the tin roof that sounded like a gunshot. It was dark and all I could hear were chirping crickets, singing cicadas and croaking frogs. Where am I? What was that? I reached under my pillow for my hand-crank flashlight, pulled up my mosquito net and scanned the cement floor before stepping out. After the black fuzzy spider I found earlier that week, I was cautious. I tried the light switch, but the electricity hadn't come back yet. I continued outside with my flashlight and there it was—the culprit of my awakening. A mango lay outside my front door as if the morning paper. I lit a candle, sat in my plastic lawn chair and ate mango by candlelight.

I had been sent alone to the coastal countryside of Ecuador three months earlier to work with the community. The Peace Corps put us through two months of training, mostly language, but now I was here. It was real. No textbook, no instructions. I was lucky to have a good grasp on the language after majoring in Spanish at SU; it made it easier to make friends and do my work as a health volunteer. But what work? With 21 months left I decided *mañana*, I'll worry about it *mañana*.

Mañana came again and again, and I was learning, teaching, sharing, laughing and crying, then learning some more. In fact, I am sure I learned more than I taught. I worked with the community teaching them about nutrition while they taught me to cook with local foods. I told them about the U.S. and the different seasons while they engaged me in their customs and culture and how to deal with six months of no rain, then six months with knee-deep mud. I taught them to separate trash and compost, while they taught me to use the compost and grow a garden. I worked on the basics of accounting, they taught me how to raise pigs and chickens and run a community store. I gave classes on sexual and reproductive health, and counseled teens who were four months along and afraid to tell their parents, while the teenagers taught me what their lives are like and tried to explain their behaviors.

I spoke of the importance of getting a pap and breast exam, they showed me how they deal with the news of uterine cancer and struggle through treatment with limited resources. I can now milk a cow, kill and clean my own chicken, wash my cloths by hand, speak a foreign language, help reconnect the electricity, look for financial assistance, lean on a friend, be leaned on, and adapt to a new culture and language. And I learned there is no wrong way to eat a mango.

With six weeks left in my community, I got a phone call from a friend telling me it was the last day to apply for the volunteer coordinator position. I told my friend she was crazy, but she convinced me to apply, nothing to lose. The job was a volunteer position working as a mentor for current volunteers and helping the office develop new sites while continuing community service with a foundation in Loja. It sounded just up my alley, a step toward readjusting to life in the working world while doing what I love. A week later I was offered a position as the regional coordinator in Loja, southern Ecuador.

I was settling into my new home in Loja when I got the news. After 15 years of SU's Cuenca intersession program, there were now seven students studying in Cuenca at Centro Estudios de Interamericanos (CEDEI) with the inaugural Salisbury Abroad: Ecuador semester program with an embedded Latin American studies minor! As a Spanish major from SU, I was bursting with excitement to hear such an opportunity for current students. I missed my first meeting with the students due to road blocks, and another to help a volunteer who received news of a family emergency, but I made the five-hour bus ride north, and nearly six years after graduation from Salisbury, I found myself sitting in Blue Moon Bar on Calle Larga in Cuenca with a handful of Salisbury students making history. We talked about missing the family, peanut butter and customer service, enjoying the exotic fruit variety and not enjoying the guinea pig. How strange I thought that six years ago this was me—a university student passionate about learning another language and culture. So many years ago!



Hines' seventh-year students with the map of Ecuador that they painted together.

Gull Took Camden Avenue to Camden Yards

By Ben Penserga, *The [Salisbury] Daily Times Staff Writer*
(Excerpted with permission from *The [Salisbury] Daily Times*)



Manning (center) with her parents Mary and Dennis; brother Matt, a 2008 SU alumnus who is currently working as a U.S. Park Police Officer; and sister Katherine, a junior in high school who hopes to become a Sea Gull in 2011.

With a chance to become an Orioles ball girl on the line, Elisabeth Manning knew she needed to impress the judges.

The Silver Spring, MD, resident—and then-Salisbury University student—was trying to make herself stand out among 80 applicants in March.

After an interview and a crowd-cheering exercise, Manning’s fielding ability was tested.

“I remember thinking that I needed to do something special to stand out to the judges,” she said. “So, the last ball that was hit to me I decided to catch between my legs. All of the judges really seemed to like it, and apparently it worked, because the next day I got a call saying I had made it to the final 10.”

Being a finalist meant Manning would have an opportunity to be at Camden Yards, fielding errant balls and interacting with fans.

“A couple weeks after that, I found out I was going to be one of the five ball girls chosen for the 2009 season,” she said.

Joke To Reality

An e-mail pushed Manning to try out.

“My dad actually saw the press release about the tryouts and forwarded it to me as a joke, saying that I was the only person he knew that would actually go and tryout,” she said. “I looked at my calendar and did not have anything important going on at school the weekend of the tryouts, so I called him and said I was definitely going to do it.”

Manning played softball in high school and in intramural leagues at SU, but fielding at Camden Yards gave her pause.

“I played first base and have a first-base mitt that I absolutely love,” she said. “However, it is perfectly broken in for a softball, so I was kind of nervous that the baseball would fall out of the big pocket. The morning of the tryouts, I made my dad hit me a few grounders just to be sure that I was not going to embarrass myself.”

Manning joined a group that worked about six to seven Orioles games a month. When she took a full-time job in Washington (Manning graduated from SU with a finance degree in May), her workload went down to weekends only.

On game days, ball girls arrive about 90 minutes before the start, meet with their supervisor, help with pregame ceremonies and interact with fans. Once the last note of the national anthem is sung, the ball girls go to work.

“We each go to our respective stools, either in left field or right field, and are there for the whole game,” Manning said.

How much action a ball girl sees varies.

“I have had a few games where I have gotten like six or seven foul balls hit my way and other games with none,” Manning said. “Regardless, it is fun either way.”

Calling It A Career

Manning has enjoyed her time at the ballpark.

“Ever since I was a little kid, my dad has been taking my brother and I to games at Camden Yards and I just love being there,” she said. “... Even though I have been a ball girl since April, I still get excited when famous players are walking past me on the field. Also, it just puts a huge smile on my face when little kids want to get my autograph or a picture with me. I think back to all of my great memories and it makes me happy that I am helping to create a great memory for another family.”

But there are things Manning tries to forget.

“The worst part of being a ball girl is if I miss or bobble a ball,” she said.

“Obviously, the team does not get charged an error if a ball girl misplays a ball, but it is still pretty embarrassing.”

Manning enjoyed being a ball girl. However, with a full-time job, retirement loom[ed].

“Being a ball girl has hands down been one of the coolest experiences of my life,” she said. “... It was the perfect time in my life to be a ball girl, because I just wanted to do something fun that I knew I would never be able to do again.”

Editor’s Note: Elisabeth Manning ’09 is putting her finance degree to good use working as a contractor to the U.S. Navy in Washington, D.C.

You've Got to Stay up Pretty Late to Make *The Early Show*

By Jason Rhodes

Most people don't go to a job interview expecting to run into Dolly Parton. For Salisbury University alumna Lindsay Ruggiero '08, however, meeting the celebrity icon while applying for a job at CBS was only a foreshadowing of what she has since experienced at the network.

For Ruggiero, a New York native and long time resident of Crofton, MD, landing a position with *The Early Show* took a combination of networking and persistence. Shortly before graduating from SU with a B.A. in communication arts, she contacted her "father's girlfriend's daughter's sister-in-law," who worked for CBS and asked if the network was hiring. She was called in for two interviews—during which she met Parton (along with actor Bradley Cooper)—in early June.

After that, she followed up with the interviewer daily for two months before finally getting what she thought at the time was a polite "don't call us, we'll call you"-type response. By early September, after several interviews with other potential employers, she decided to contact her CBS interviewer one more time. This time, the answer was different.

"He wrote me right back saying, 'How soon can you be here?'" she said. "I responded with, 'Whenever you need me.' I found out I got the job at 1 p.m. on Tuesday and moved to Manhattan at 9 a.m. on Wednesday."

"My first day at work I met Anderson Cooper," she said. "I've been introduced to Lady Ga Ga, Snoop Dogg and Chris Brown. I actually went and talked to Bradley Cooper again when he came to the studio."

"At *The Early Show*, my specific duties are creating the guest list and 'hit list.' When making the guest list, some people need cars booked for them for the morning, and I do that, also," she said.

In creating the guest list, Ruggiero must coordinate the pick-up and drop-off locations of each guest (some are transported to "on location" sites rather than the CBS studio), contact information and information about any additional



Ruggiero on the set of *The Early Show* with *The Hangover* star Bradley Cooper.

people who may be accompanying the guests, but who won't necessarily appear on air. The "hit list" is similar in that it also is based on a running list of guests, but instead of transportation matters, that list helps producers organize which show anchor will interview which guest and what time each segment is scheduled to "hit" the air.

In addition to those duties, Ruggiero's daily activities could include anything from locating footage and photos to purchasing items for on-air use or visiting other studios for "on-loan" assignments. So far she has seen the inside of not only CBS, but also ABC, Fox, MTV and BET.

Yet with all that, her proudest moment came when she was assigned the seemingly simple task of picking up some documents from a New York City courthouse. The assignment happened to come on the same day President Obama was in the vicinity, and getting to the building took an hour and a half by itself. By the time she got there, most of the offices were closed. She kept knocking on doors until she found a sympathetic employee who helped her get the information she needed.

"When I got back to the newsroom and handed my producer my findings, she said, 'Oh my God, this is awesome! You could have just come back and said they were closed, but thank you so, so much!'" Ruggiero said. "I had all of my bosses in the same day tell me how great I was doing and that I'd caught on extremely fast."

Her time at SU made a behind-the-scenes career seem just as appealing. She credits Drs. Jody Morrison and Haven Simmons in the Communication Arts Department for helping her along the way.

Oh, and that initial encounter with Dolly Parton? One thing it didn't foreshadow was Ruggiero's work schedule. Parton may have had a hit singing about "9 to 5," but Ruggiero's workday can last from noon-3 a.m.

But for this SU alumna, working 15-hour days is just part of doing the job she loves... and doing it well.

Editor's Note: Lindsay Ruggiero '08 was recently promoted to administrative assistant to Early Show anchor Maggie Rodriguez.

Living the Dream in Nepal

By Katie Martin



Robbins interacts with locals while working in Nepal.

It was, perhaps, the best present Patrick Robbins '08 could have received.

On Christmas Eve, the recent graduate of SU's Conflict Analysis and Dispute Resolution Program was offered a job in Nepal with Peace Brigades International (PBI), a global grassroots organization that promotes nonviolence and protects human rights.

"I can certainly thank Santa this year," said Robbins, who is excited by the opportunity to live and work in the fledgling South Asian republic. His days will be spent shadowing human rights defenders who face corruption and are threatened by political violence.

"We act as witnesses to deter hostility and potential attacks," he said. "Our presence enables these activists to safely do their important work, which includes investigating and pursuing justice for wrongs that were committed against civilians during the country's 10-year civil war between the Maoists and government security forces."

In February, Robbins traveled to Spain where he was trained in using non-violent

methods during such potentially dangerous situations. Once in Nepal, in March, he learned more of the Nepali language, and then began supporting members of the Advocacy Forum, the Conflict Victims Committee and the Dalit Feminist Uplift Organization.

"PBI has a strict non-partisan, non-participatory role," he said. "We are just there to ensure these groups are able to work without harm to help those who suffered abuses during the conflict."

Originally from Wisconsin, Robbins transferred to SU from Montana in 2005 after talking with Dr. Brian Polkinghorn, director of the Center for Conflict Resolution, and deciding that SU's program was perfect preparation for a career in international conflict resolution.

Robbins was first exposed to the work of PBI through the class "Sociology of Conflict and Non-Violence" with Dr. Shawn McEntee of SU's Sociology Department. During a semester abroad in Nepal, he researched and wrote his undergraduate thesis on the country's grassroots peace-building organizations.



He also studied the nonviolent work of Mahatma Gandhi in India.

"This job is a bull's eye for me," he said. "My experiences and education served as excellent preparation. This is exactly what I wish to be doing and I am grateful to SU for helping me to pursue my goals."

Since 1981, PBI has worked in nine countries on four continents. In addition to Nepal, other current field projects include Colombia, Guatemala, Indonesia and Mexico.

"In our field, it's a dream job," Polkinghorn said. "It's the perfect entry into a successful career for Patrick and it's good to know that, in some small way, SU assisted him on this journey."

Finding an Opportunity for Peace

by Jason Rhodes

Dr. Brian Polkinghorn, executive director of SU's Center for Conflict Resolution, traveled to Nepal last year to help the United Nations establish a master's program in conflict, peace and development studies at Tribhuvan University.

Little did he know that his presence in the country would lead to meetings with high-level officials, including Maoist (communist party of Nepal) Prime Minister Prachanda, in an effort to develop a roadmap for peace.

Nepal is an Asian country with a population of some 32 million. It is riddled with conflict due, in large part, to its many political parties and social castes, Polkinghorn said. "There are things happening there that would be unfathomable in the United States," such as rampant gender discrimination and Maoist confiscation of land without restitution, he added.

While there, he witnessed a one-day government shutdown, with protests in the streets, initiated by student government

organizations backed by political parties. He also saw what he called "the abrogation of the rights guaranteed to all the people of Nepal" when the ruling Maoist government refused to return private land taken by the government, as it had promised to do within 100 days after being elected to office. With this action, several million of Nepal's residents remained refugees.

One influential figure Polkinghorn met, former Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba, was no stranger to conflict assistance from Americans. Placed under house arrest by Nepalese King Gyanendra Bir Bikram Shah Dev during his time in office, Deuba eventually was released following pressure from U.S. leaders, including then-Senator Joe Biden. Deuba gave Polkinghorn letters to deliver to members of the Bush White House, Biden and Barack Obama (who was at that time president-elect) upon his return to the United States.

Though Polkinghorn has turned his attention to other parts of the world—he is currently working on conflict intervention projects with the office of Israeli President Shimon Peres while teaching at Tel Aviv University as a Fulbright Scholar—he is still hoping to have an impact on the Asian nation. The Washington, D.C.-based Institute for Multi-Track Diplomacy, which he serves as president and a member of its board of directors, is working on a new pact it hopes will help resolve some of the country's conflicts.

When all is said and done, however, the decision to end conflict likely will need to come from the country itself, he said: "You don't need a revolution for peace to happen. You just need an opportunity."



While in Nepal, Polkinghorn met the current Prime Minister as well as with former Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba (left of Polkinghorn).

SU Unveils A Greener Tomorrow in its Climate Action Plan

By Jason Rhodes



SU is seeking ways to reach zero net greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 through a comprehensive Climate Action Plan that addresses a lessening of all forms of pollution and greater sustainability efforts.

From small gestures like encouraging employees to turn off computers overnight to larger actions such as providing a portion of the campus' power via solar energy, Salisbury University is moving toward climate neutrality.

In a plan released as part of the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment, signed in 2007 by SU President Janet Dudley-Eshbach, the University unveiled the steps it plans to take to reach a goal of zero net greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

Many of the efforts build on SU's ongoing sustainability commitment, including its 2006 partnership with Pepco Energy Services, Inc. on campus-wide energy conservation measures expected to total more than \$5.3 million in savings by 2021—a plan lauded by the Maryland Board of Public Works. Through the partnership, Pepco replaced many of SU's lighting, plumbing and HVAC fixtures with more energy-efficient models.

According to a study conducted by students in SU's Perdue School of Business, in connection with the Small Business Development Center, more than half of SU's carbon emissions currently come from purchased electricity. The Pepco partnership is estimated to save electricity sufficient to power 1,600 homes, reducing emissions equal to removing 1,571 cars from the road or planting 2,145 acres of trees.

The Climate Action Plan is a roadmap for the campus community to achieve a net of zero greenhouse gas emissions. It is also a living document that will be regularly revisited and updated to reflect stakeholder recommendations, achievements and current best practices. The journey to zero greenhouse gas emissions will be an important learning experience for the campus community and provide an opportunity for SU to lead by example.

The Actions Behind the Plan

As the University implements the Climate Action Plan, there are many exciting new developments and progressive plans for the future, including:

- The Teacher Education and Technology Center (TETC) became SU's first building certified LEED Silver by the U.S. Green Building Council.
- All future campus buildings are being designed with LEED Silver certification as a minimum goal.
- The Perdue School building, currently under construction, will aim for LEED Gold certification.
- Several older buildings, including residence halls in the Quad (see page 11), are being renovated in an effort to also meet LEED certification standards.
- SU is considering the purchase of renewable energy such as solar power produced locally, adding software to help reduce the amount of energy used by campus computer servers and purchasing carbon offsets.
- SU is looking to reduce carbon emissions from the second largest producer, vehicle travel, by encouraging faculty and staff to consider attending conferences digitally via satellite and computer uplinks and, in the future, possibly even telecommuting to work when appropriate.
- SU will continue adding hybrid and flex-fueled vehicles, which may use either traditional gasoline or ethanol, to its motor pool.
- Other recommended actions include an incentive system for schools, departments and offices meeting set carbon reduction goals, as well as the continuation and expansion of the University's recycling and composting initiatives.



New Opportunities in a Sister City

By Katie Martin

Salisbury University has established a new study abroad program with the University of Tartu (UT), one of the most prestigious centers of learning in northern Europe. Ranked as one of the world's top 600 universities, UT is a robust research institution with a beautiful and historic campus dating back to the 1600s.

Starting in fall 2010, "Salisbury Abroad: Estonia" will allow SU students to live in Tartu and explore European studies and business at UT for the same cost as in-state tuition and housing in Salisbury. Located on the banks of the Emajõgi River, Tartu is known as a city of young people with a rich heritage and culture.

"SU is committed to creating opportunities for all students to have an international experience, especially those who have not been able to afford it in the past," said Brian Stiegler, SU's director of international education. "The University of Tartu is a world-class institution in a beautiful setting where SU students can have a first-rate European experience."

The new initiative follows the fall 2009 launch of "Salisbury Abroad: Ecuador," a similar Latin American program which gives students the opportunity to spend a semester in South America for the same cost as studying on SU's campus.

Estonia has partnered with the State of Maryland since it emerged from the Soviet Union and gained independence in 1991. Since then, the Maryland National Guard has worked with Estonian colleagues on a variety of development projects. Maryland has more Sister City International relationships in Estonia than with any other nation in the world, including the City of Salisbury's formal partnership with Tartu. SU's involvement with UT will enhance

ongoing collaboration with Estonia's education, civic, business and government organizations.

SU faculty and administrators have traveled to Estonia, and Tartu leaders have visited Salisbury repeatedly over the past two decades. The Perdue School of Business took the first group of SU students to UT in summer 2008.

"Salisbury Abroad: Estonia" was made possible after two years of negotiations and a visit to UT in November 2009 by Stiegler; Dr. Dennis Pataniczek, dean of the Seidel School of Education and Professional Studies; Dr. Karen Olmstead, dean of the Henson School of Science and Technology; and Dr. Maarten Pereboom, dean of the Fulton School of Liberal Arts.

Both universities hope to expand their partnership. Potential future initiatives include study abroad programs for SU students in education, science, technology and mathematics, as well as exchange programs for faculty, and for Estonian students to study in Salisbury.



About Salisbury Abroad: Estonia

Estonia is located on the edge of the Baltic Sea in northeast Europe. The Baltic region is a growing economic powerhouse in Northeastern Europe enjoying vibrant democracies and high standards of living. The historical and cultural meeting of Europe and the West with Russia and the East make Estonia a fascinating destination for a semester abroad. The University of Tartu (UT) was founded in 1632 by the King of Sweden Gustav II Adolph. It is the largest and most comprehensive university in Estonia, producing more than 70 percent of the Ph.D.s in the country. Ranked as one of the top 600 universities in the world, UT is one of the most venerable centers of education and research in northern Europe.

Tartu, considered the cultural and intellectual center of the nation, is the second largest city in Estonia, with a population of just over 100,000.



Pictured (from left) are Maarten Pereboom, Fulton School dean; Karen Olmstead, Henson School dean; Birute Klass, vice-rector for Academic Affairs at Tartu University; and Brian Stiegler, director of SU's Center for International Education, during a recent visit to the Estonian campus.

Student Housing Version 2010

By Jason Rhodes



Housing and Residence Life Director Dave Gutoskey stands in front of the new entrance to Pocomoke Hall, the first traditional residence hall to receive a face lift at SU.

For more than four decades, thousands of students have called SU's Pocomoke Residence Hall home. Today, however, most of them probably would not recognize the place.

Students moved into the building for the spring 2010 semester following a \$7.1 million renovation that turned the hall into one of the most environmentally friendly structures on campus.

The changes literally began at the front door, with a new entryway constructed where the hall's outside steps had been since the building's 1966 opening. Cameras were added indoors and out as part of a new security feature that eventually will allow SU officials to visually monitor the entire Quad—the open area between Pocomoke and three other residence halls.

Inside, a new elevator helps make the building ADA compliant. The elevator is programmable so only students with disabilities may be granted access.

Throughout the building, crews replaced pre-existing tile and floor coverings with carpet produced by Tandus, a Georgia-based company that includes recycled materials in its products. The new

carpet can be cleaned in a more environmentally friendly manner, said Dave Gutoskey, SU director of housing and residence life.

In what used to be the hall's basement is now a 27-student classroom, complete with screen and data port for PowerPoint presentations. This is the first in-residence-hall classroom at SU, for use mainly by the University's Living Learning Communities where students who share common interests—such as sustainability—live together on the same floor and attend classes in their field.

Next to the classroom—which doubles as a study area at night—is a new common area for socializing, complete with a 55-inch flat screen TV and pool table. The new lower level also includes snack machines, a full kitchen and a laundry room filled with environmentally friendly washers and dryers as part of SU's ongoing agreement with Mac-Gray Corp.

In the renovation, SU officials sought to make the most of the building's space, converting former attic storage into six new rooms. Offset hallways and the addition of bathrooms helped to create unique, suite-



style spaces. Impact resistant drywall and drop-tile ceilings replaced former concrete blocks, which should absorb noise. Room lights have two settings so students may choose to use less electricity. On the outside, the building's traditional academic architecture remains intact.

The hall was renovated in accordance with U.S. Green Building Council guidelines. SU officials hope to earn LEED Silver certification at the minimum—the same designation as the University's Teacher Education and Technology Center, which last year became SU's first LEED-certified building.

The Geography of Traveling

By Steve Merrow '09

When I think back on the past year, it seems surreal that it all started with a question: "I am about to graduate, now what?" I felt myself slowly moving toward a sedentary lifestyle and job that I was nowhere near ready for. In my last class at Salisbury, Dr. [Michael] Scott and Dr. [Brent] Zaprowski took a dozen geography students to Death Valley, CA. This trip had a profound impact on the direction my life was headed. I was so blown away by the Western landscape that I decided to find an outdoor adventure job. I was eventually hired by Chilkat Guides, a river guide company based out of Southeast Alaska. Not knowing anyone in the company or even how to raft, I packed up all the rain gear I had and flew across country in late April. After a very long two days of flying, I touched down in Skagway, AK, my home base for the summer.

My first impressions did not disappoint; imagine yourself set into a narrow valley where half a dozen 6,000 foot peaks with snow-capped glaciers are staring down at you. One of the great things about majoring in geography is you can enter a place like Alaska and immediately start to identify land features. Skagway is on the edge of a fjord; a glacially carved valley that has filled in with seawater. The surrounding mountains contain hanging valleys, hanging glaciers, cirque glaciers, nunataks; it was like living inside one of Dr. Z's slide shows.

Skagway is an old gold rush town that has become one of the top cruise ship ports in Alaska. My job is to drive a van down to the docks and fight through 3,000 confused people stepping onto land for the first time in days: "Excuse me, which way is town?"

"Just follow the signs with the arrows that say 'town,'" I reply politely. After wrangling up my 10 people, I give a brief history of Skagway and head into the national forest. While hiking and rafting through the temperate rain forest we can see several species of salmon, both brown and black bears, and dozens of bald eagles. I was lucky enough to get within 10 feet of



Merrow enjoys the amazing geography and people of Southeast Alaska. (Below top) Merrow and his fellow students on the Death Valley, CA, trip that changed the direction of Merrow's life.

a 500-hundred pound brown bear; thankfully it was from a raft.

The best way to appreciate Southeast Alaska is to hike around on a day off. Trails can take you to 6,000-foot peaks, lower lying glaciers, hidden mountain lakes and acres of wild blueberries (just make sure you have bear mace with you at all times). I also use my days off to e-mail Coach [Gerry] DiBartolo and check on my former team. While there is no experience like playing soccer for Salisbury, playing for our company softball team, the Wet Sox, is a close second.

When September arrived my summer in Alaska ended, but my travels were far from over. Three other co-workers and I decided to travel to Central America during the month of December. We touched down in San Jose, Costa Rica, and made our way north. The highlights of the trip included a hike up the active volcanic island of Omotepe in Nicaragua and our visit to Atitlan in Guatemala. Atitlan was once a super volcano that has since collapsed forming a massive lake. Several volcanoes still surround the lake and we were able to observe one spewing ash.



There was never much of a question about where I would end up this coming summer. Planning my return trip to Skagway, I am most excited about the endless possibilities that lay ahead and not knowing where my travels will lead me next.



ALUMNI NEWS

Dear Fellow Alumni,

It has been almost 10 years since I walked across the stage and earned my degree at Salisbury (then State) University. We have all gone through some changes in the past decade, and SU is no exception. If you live in the area or have visited lately, you know that our Alma Mater has gone through a lot more than just a name change in recent years. It is an exciting time for SU, and there is plenty to make us proud! I am honored to represent you as Alumni Association president.



Class of 1999 and 2004 alumni celebrate at Brew River during Homecoming

Last October, I had the opportunity to stop by many of the alumni reunions that took place during Homecoming weekend. It truly was an exciting weekend with alumni from all over returning “home” to SU and sharing fond memories with friends, faculty and staff. Many couldn’t believe all of the change the campus has gone through and agreed that it was indeed



an exciting time for SU. The completion of the TETC building, the brand new parking garage on the east side of campus and the new Perdue School of Business construction now under way are just a few examples of how the campus is changing. If that isn’t enough, the traditional residence halls are undergoing makeovers and there is an amazing new residence hall on the way as well.

Although the new buildings and construction on campus are certainly fascinating, nothing is more impressive than the academic and athletic excellence of the current student population. SU was again ranked by a national publication as among the top 50 best value colleges. Our sports teams continue to excel on and off the field, achieving national recognition all while maintaining high grades.

These are just a few of the many reasons that I am proud to have chosen Salisbury University for my college experience. I hope your memories of Salisbury are as fond as mine and have been a launching pad for your successes now and in the future. I welcome all of the December 2009 and May 2010 graduates to the over 35,000 alumni who share a piece of Salisbury University with them and wish for them all the success they have earned. Please keep in touch with us and your other friends from SU by visiting the SU alumni social network at <http://alumni.salisbury.edu>.

I look forward to leading the Alumni Association through these exciting times for our Alma Mater.

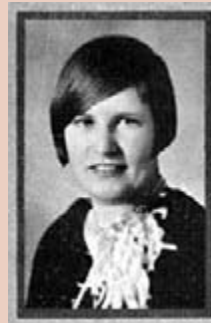
Respectfully,

Robert T. Schultheis '00
Alumni Association Board President



Celebrating a Century

Naomi Smith Morris '28 still recalls Ms. Ruth Powell, SU's social director and professor of home economics, not allowing the girls to leave their dorms with chewing gum in their mouths. Mrs. Morris grew up



in Delaware and decided to attend Maryland State Normal School at Salisbury, now known as Salisbury University, at the age of 16. After graduating from Salisbury, Mrs. Morris started teaching elementary students in Millville, DE. She married in the middle of her first year of teaching. At that time, women were not allowed to be married and work, so she and her husband decided not to tell anyone. Mrs. Morris finished her first year of teaching and moved to Elizabethtown, PA, where her husband worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad. Since then, Mrs. Morris has raised three children, two sons and a daughter, and is a proud grandmother, great-grandmother



Mrs. Morris with SU Alumni Director Jason Curtin '98

and great-great-grandmother. In her most recent accomplishment, Mrs. Morris celebrated her 100th birthday. She is in excellent health and currently lives in an independent living facility in Pennsylvania.



Call for Nominations

Faculty Appreciation Awards

Was there a faculty member who was influential in making a positive impression on you while at SU or one whose teachings have further enriched your professional or personal life? Nominations are now being taken for Faculty Appreciation Awards to be presented by the Salisbury University Alumni Association at the December 2010 Commencement ceremony. The Alumni Association will honor one faculty member from each of the four schools who has made a lasting impression on alumni.

Nomination Guidelines

1. Have served on the SU faculty full time for at least 10 years.
2. Efforts have had a lasting impression on students.
3. Have provided dynamic classroom instruction.
4. Exhibit attributes graduates can take with them into their careers.
5. Have "made a difference" in the lives of their students.
6. Have influenced their students to make a beneficial contribution to their community.

For a complete list of eligible faculty members, go to <http://alumni.salisbury.edu>



(From left) Alumni Association President Robert Schultheis, Drs. Wayne Ackerson, Robert Settle, Homer Austin, Nomsa Geleta and Alumni Director Jason Curtin

Previous Recipients

Fulton School of Liberal Arts

- Charles Cipolla – 2001
- Donald Whaley – 2002
- Jerry Miller – 2003
- Harry Basehart – 2004
- Tony Whall – 2005
- Frances Kendall – 2006
- G. Ray Thompson – 2007
- Allan Pappas – 2008
- Wayne Ackerson – 2009

Perdue School of Business

- Gerald DiBartolo – 2001
- Joseph Quinn – 2002
- Douglas Marshall – 2003
- Kashi Khazeh – 2004
- Fatollah Salimian – 2005
- Memo Diriker – 2006
- Susan Cabral – 2007
- Robert F. Dombrowski – 2008
- Robert Settle – 2009

Henson School of Science and Technology

- John Molenda – 2001
- Edward Senkbeil – 2002
- Augustine DiGiovanna – 2003
- Donald Cathcart – 2004
- Lee May – 2005
- Mark Holland – 2006
- Harry Womack – 2007
- Lisa Seldomridge – 2008
- Homer Austin – 2009

Seidel School of Education and Professional Studies

- Geraldine Rossi – 2001
- Keith Conners – 2002
- John Wolinski – 2003
- Carolyn Bowden – 2004
- Patricia Richards – 2005
- Bob Long – 2006
- Marvin Tassey – 2007
- John Bing – 2008
- Nomsa Geleta – 2009

Fulton School of Liberal Arts 2009 Honoree: DR. WAYNE ACKERSON – HISTORY

"He really knows how to make history vivid and real as well as easy to learn. While his classes were challenging, Dr. Ackerson also encouraged his students to expand their interests and participate in campus activities and events."



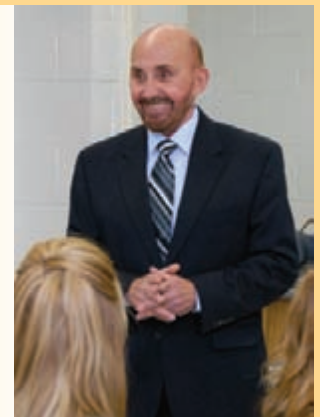
Henson School of Science and Technology 2009 Honoree: DR. HOMER AUSTIN – MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

"Dr. Austin is one of the most approachable, understanding and enthusiastic professors and advisors. He can make statistics come alive and that is truly a remarkable feat. The difference Homer made in my life was the reinforcement of persistence ... don't give up!"



Perdue School of Business 2009 Honoree: DR. ROBERT SETTLE – MANAGEMENT AND MARKETING

"His instruction and mentorship have carved a lasting impression that has helped propel me toward my goals in life, both business and personal ... He was one of my only professors who brought 'real-world' experience to the classroom with some of his research projects he conducted as well as other pursuits."



Seidel School of Education and Professional Studies 2009 Honoree: DR. NOMSA GELETA – EDUCATION SPECIALTIES

"She was so dedicated to her students that she traveled to New Zealand to observe me teach. I am a better teacher now because she supported me during student teaching. Dr. Geleta has gone above and beyond to teach about diversity and culture. With her compassion and direction, I have been able to excel in the field of higher education."



2009 HOMECOMING

1: Loma Murray '39 & Laura Parsons Elzey '39 celebrated their 70th year reunion during Homecoming.

2: PGH School of Nursing celebrated its 50th reunion (front, from left) Frances Wood Malcolm, Gertrude Bozman, Carolyn Fitzgerald, Isabelle White (top, from left) Jean Martin, Charlotte Fitzgerald Brown, Patricia Malone & Charlotte Causey.

3: President Janet Dudley-Eshbach with Dorothy Lewis '29 and son Ken Lewis. Mrs. Lewis celebrated her 80th year reunion from SU.

4: Reunion Luncheon (from left) Marshall Moore '48, Lloyd Fry '53, Dennie Bloodsworth '49, (seated, from left) Kathleen Fry '54 & Leta Trice Brown '44.

5: Class of 1959 celebrated their 50th reunion (front, from left) Joyce Moore Benson, Doris Shaneor, Rosalie Baker Gordy, Ruth Swindell, Stanley Bozman, (back, from left) Jim Fox, Sam Brannock, Reida Bowden Butler & Jack Potter.

6: Reunion Luncheon (standing, from left) Sonya Brittingham '62, Connie Mears Humphreys '60, Robert Fitzgerald '61, (seated, from left) June Smith '60 & Helen Ellis Chamblin '60.

7: Class of 1964 celebrated their 45th reunion at the Alumni House and members of the Class of '63 and '65 were invited to attend (seated, from left) Donna Sheets Towers '65, Patricia Morgan Evans '65, Mary Sklar Murray '65, (standing, from left) Wayne Towers '63, Lois Dill Dunn '64 & Ralph Murray Jr. '64.

8: Class of 1984 reunion at Black Diamond Lodge in Fruitland, MD (from left) Cynthia Eichelberg Cocchairo, Janice Kuehl Justice & Lance Hill.

9: Emeriti Luncheon (from left) Dr. Jack Wulff, Dr. Norman Crawford, Garnette Crawford, Dr. Charlie Smith & Dr. Jessie Fleming.

10: Athletics Hall of Fame Inductees (from left) Megan Hopper Block '99, Michael Giuffrida '99, Amy Cooke '99, Kyle Jefferson '96 & Hunter Smith.

11: Class of 1989 reunion at Black Diamond Lodge in Fruitland, MD, (from left) Jennifer Harmon Whaley & Nona Harmon.

12: Class of 1969 celebrated their 40th reunion at the Alumni House (front, from left) Mary Klingner Logan, Ann Orem Campbell, Phyllis Mason Brian, Nancy McNeice Murphy (middle, from left) Virginia Birely Helsel, Louise B. Ward, Diane Calvert Strick, (top, from left) Donna Miller Streagle, Gail Humphreys Phillips & Sharon Smith Vinson.

13: Homecoming Queen Rachel Tavick & King David Morse.

14: Class of 1994 celebrated their 15th reunion at the Scarborough Student Leadership Center (standing, from left) Dr. Rosemary M. Thomas, Maggie Souris '95, Teal Clayton Chance '94, Karen Stricker-Manspeaker '94, Bridget Brohawn Ketcham '94, Kara Towers Atkinson '94, (front, from left) John Herweh '97, Teresa Fluharty McKaig '94, Dixie Furr Herweh '94, Stephanie Seaman Quintero '94 & Melinda Khazeh.

15: Members of SU's current student radio station (WXSU) staff along with alumni attended a meet-and-greet session held at the station during Homecoming weekend.

16: ROTC Reunion held on Sunday at Alumni House (from left) Dr. Tom Jones, Jon Black '91, Sean Hiber '91 & General Jim Adkins.

17: Varsity Club Golf Outing at Nutters Crossing (from left) Jeff Barnes '91, Ray Taranto, Sammy, Honda Handy '75 & Andre Foreman '92.

18: SU Geography Alumni Alliance held its first Homecoming weekend barbecue near the Eastern Shore Regional GIS Cooperative Building.



Young Alumni Achievement Award

SU's 2010 Young Alumni Achievement Award is presented to Stephen Reilly '96.

In 2001, Reilly founded Global Experiences (GE), Inc., which is the premier provider of international internships, practical work experience and English teaching programs abroad. Having lived, studied and worked abroad for many years after leaving SU, Reilly decided to start the company to help young people experience some of what he had internationally but with the expertise of an organization to help open the door and support them throughout their time abroad.

Expanding from 20 participants going to one country during its first year to well over 600 participants going to over 20 countries in 2009, the company continues to open more global opportunities to professional development and personal enrichment for university students and recent graduates each year. GE's programs



bridge the gap between academic experience and the professional world, affording hands-on experience in a broad range of career fields in a wealth of exciting international destinations.

"I am honored and humbled to receive the Young Alumni Achievement Award from my alma mater. I loved going to school at Salisbury and still speak often of my time there. I have been fortunate to see and do many exciting things since graduating thanks in large measure to the doors that Salisbury and my education opened for me. This award is especially meaningful given that it recognizes many years of hard work creating an organization that now opens doors for over 500 people annually to live, study and work abroad. We aim to inspire them to be extraordinary and push themselves to achieve, much like Salisbury did for me," said Reilly.

Reilly, who has traveled to 43 countries and lived on four continents, currently resides in his hometown of Annapolis with his wife, Emily (an Australian who helped found the company), and their three children, Jared, Brendan and Charlotte.



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Upcoming Alumni Events

- Saturday, May 8**
War on the Shore: SU Men's Lacrosse vs. Washington College
 Sea Gull Stadium
- Thursday, May 27**
Liquid Assets
 Ocean City, MD
- Saturday, June 12**
SU Night at Camden Yards: Baltimore Orioles vs. New York Mets
 Baltimore, MD
- Thursday, June 17**
Pusher's Caribbean Grille
 Annapolis, MD
- Thursday, September 16**
Yellow Fin Steak and Fish House
 Edgewater, MD
- September 24-26**
Family Weekend
- Saturday, October 9**
Sea Gull Century

■ October 15-17 HOMECOMING WEEKEND

Learn more, register and stay connected with SU's online alumni community

<http://alumni.salisbury.edu>



SU Networking in Colorado - Wynkoop Brewery, Denver, CO • November 19, 2009
 (From left) Jayme Block '97, Robert Julian '89, Tracy Ebelein '92, Derek Murphy '94, Brian Harvey '98, Tom Kuhne '94, Katy Roberts '01 & Bill Parrish '01



Southern Maryland Blue Crabs Baseball Game, Waldorf, MD • September 13, 2009
 (From left) Keri Lawlor Cavanaugh '98, Steve Cavanaugh '99 & Patricia Lyles '80

Microbrew Tour - Clipper City Brewing, Halethorpe, MD • September 12, 2009



Men's Soccer Alumni Game at SU • August 29, 2009



The National Zoo, Washington, DC • July 11, 2009
 (From left) Brandon Brown '08, Kimberly Chambers Brown '08, Ashley Hill '08, Emma Curtin '27 & Jason Curtin '98



Volleyball Alumni Game at SU • September 19, 2009



Field Hockey Alumni Game at SU • August 29, 2009



Men's Lacrosse Alumni Game at SU • October 24, 2009



Women's Basketball Alumni Game at SU • January 23, 2010



Women's Soccer Alumni Game at SU • August 29, 2009



Men's Basketball Alumni Game at SU • February 13, 2010



MAKE IT OR BREAK IT

By Dave Whigham • SU Graduate Student

I take a glimpse back. It is July 2, 2009, on a warm, baseball-spirited night at Cohen Stadium in El Paso, TX. I am the starting pitcher for the El Paso Diablos in the last game of a three-game series against the Grand Prairie Air Hogs. The first three innings go by scoreless as I hold the Air Hogs hitless through the first 11 in the lineup. I was getting my pitches over with masterful control and the movement was just as I wanted it. I can remember early in the game standing on the mound and taking in a deep breath of air, cherishing the feeling.

The fourth inning comes around and the game remains scoreless. I threw my typical five warm-up pitches to the catcher as I concentrated on throwing my fastball through the glove, just like I had done my entire life. The lead-off batter would gain a hard-earned walk on a full count before the reigning Player of the Week and the league leader in RBIs, Cesar Nicolas, would step up to the plate. It was the moment of judgment, and although I did not know it at the time, I was about to be faced with the single moment that changed my life forever.

As Nicolas stepped to the plate and dug into the box,

I peered to our catcher for the sign. The call was for a fastball on the outside part of the plate and I came to a set position. After one glance to first base, I fired the ball to the plate just like I had done a million times before. Before I could even blink, Nicholas had turned on the ball and sent it right back up the middle—straight at my head. The ball, which doctors estimated to be traveling at 140 miles per hour, would strike me directly in the temple, two inches above my right ear.

The hit knocked me immediately onto the ground and I looked around desperately to find the ball. Since my skull had taken the full blunt of the force, the ball was just three feet to my right. Seeing the ball, I got up, took two steps, and collapsed back onto the ground. The race to finish the no-hitter was the least of my concerns as blood flowed into the back of my throat—I was in a battle for my life. What was to follow were three weeks of surgeries, prayer and the beginning of a long road to recovery.

The impact of the line drive fractured my skull and triggered an epidural hematoma. The combination was extremely deadly, even to the point where an emergency

surgery had to be performed to remove a part of my skull. After I regained full consciousness days later, the doctors were quick to inform me of how serious a situation I was in. They explained that my season was over and there was a good chance I had thrown the last baseball of my career. The bitter news continued to get worse as the following day someone explained to me that the Cincinnati Reds had been on their way to sign me to their low-A affiliate in Dayton, OH, before hearing of the injury.

Devastation was an understatement.

Depression lingered inside of me for a long time before I finally came to my senses. There were many times I would find myself on the floor, head buried into my hands and crying my eyes out, asking God why he allowed something like this to happen to me. This behavior, I soon realized, was not something that was beneficial to my overall wellbeing. Then the entire situation finally clicked; this was either going to make me or break me. This is when I understood that this was now the steppingstone toward a positive and healthy future. I had been through too much in my life to let it break me.



Player Profile: Dave Whigham

Year	Age	Level/Team
2000-2003	13-17	High School Stephen Decatur
2003-2006	17-20	College Guilford College
2006-2007	20-22	College Virginia Wesleyan College
2007	22	Professional (NYSL) Herkimer Trailbusters
2007	22	Professional (Can-Am) New Haven County Cutters
2008	23	Professional (American Association) El Paso Diablos
2009	24	Professional (American Association) El Paso Diablos
2010	24	Professional (VBL) Essendon Bombers

I reflected on the dreams that I had as young child. The dream to be a big league baseball player took root when I was four years old in the backyard of an apartment complex on Eighth Street in my hometown of Ocean City, MD. It was the dreams I had as a child that helped propel me through my days with Berlin Little League and into Stephen Decatur High School. These dreams helped define me in my freshman year at Guilford College and through the trials and tribulations I faced at Virginia Wesleyan College. It was these very dreams that I hung onto as I was cut from three different tryouts following college.

As I thought about those days this past August, I remember smiling and thinking to myself, it's time to get back to business. It wasn't time to give up.

Although the doctors told me to take it easy, lying around has never been in my character. Days after the doctors released me to go home, I went on a two-week vacation through the Southwest to clear my mind and get back on target. It was when I hiked a mile down a vigorous trail on my vacation to the Grand Canyon that I knew this comeback was something real.

Time passed and I began to eat better, work out harder and dream bigger. Thanks in part to three great people in Bob Hammond (Atlantic Physical Therapy), Martin Furst (Ocean City Health and Racquetball Club) and Dick Smith (High Heat Baseball Club), I was granted free access to a trio of great facilities. It was at these three places that I worked hard to overcome my weakness, finding time to have my atrophied muscles stretched and strengthened, swimming laps until close at the gym, and throwing bullpens with my best friend inside a chicken house in the late hours of the night.

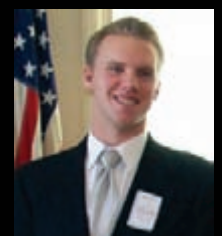
Those days have certainly paid off.

Fast forward to the present and it's almost seven months since that devastating day in July. As I write to you today, I find myself in the initial days of a three-month stay in Melbourne, Australia. In late November, I signed on with the Essendon Bombers of the Victoria Baseball League. The days of dreaming of making a comeback are long over as the first steps at making it back have now become a reality. I have re-signed with El Paso and am set

to continue on with my fourth season of professional baseball in April.

I'd like to leave all of you with a few things that I have learned from this injury. The things that you often want the most are often the most difficult to achieve. My journey throughout baseball and life in general has not always been easy or fun. It was the resiliency and hunger to achieve big things that pushed me to fight through such adversity. I think that whoever can continue pushing at a goal will eventually have something good come out of it. If you love it, you will certainly fight for it.

Editor's Note: Dave Whigham was a graduate assistant in SU's Sports Information Department while he pursued an M.Ed. in post-secondary education. He left the program to play baseball in Australia.



CAMPUS NEWS

Branch Named Distinguished Legislative Fellow

Maryland Delegate Talmadge Branch '80 is SU's 2010 John R. Hargreaves Distinguished Legislative Fellow.

Designed to recognize outstanding legislators for effective and honorable public service, the award was presented by SU President Janet Dudley-Eshbach during a ceremony at the Lowe House Office Building in Annapolis.

"Delegate Talmadge Branch's lifelong commitment to public service and his leadership in the Maryland House of Delegates epitomize the civic engagement we encourage among our students," Dudley-Eshbach said. "As majority whip, he is a strong advocate for the citizens of Maryland, especially in the areas of welfare reform and education. I'm particularly pleased that Delegate Branch is an SU alumnus, a role model with whom students can identify, inspiring them to become engaged in their communities."

Branch serves the 45th Legislative District. A House member since 1995, he works on many committees including the House Appropriations Committee, Legislative Policy Committee and the Special Joint Committee on Pensions, and is the House chair of the Joint Committee on Welfare Reform. He also has chaired the Maryland Legislative Black Caucus.



(From left) SU President Janet Dudley-Eshbach, Maryland House Speaker Michael Busch, Delegate Talmadge Branch and Maryland Senate President Thomas V. "Mike" Miller.



Mayor Shows Gull Pride

When Salisbury mayor and SU alumnus Jim Ireton '92 appeared live on CNBC's *Squawk on the Street* to discuss the impact of the recession on his city, he was prepared for any questions the interviewers might throw at him—including those about SU's men's lacrosse.

Near the close of the interview, *Squawk* co-host Mark Haines asked Ireton what he thought Salisbury's chances were at winning another NCAA Division III championship in 2010.

In response, the mayor held up a 2009 SU Homecoming T-shirt with the phrase "This Is Why I Squawk"—invoking not only his Sea Gull pride, but the name of the program, as well. He also noted SU's recent national "Best Value" rankings in *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* and *The Princeton Review*.

Haines responded by letting the audience know that "Salisbury is a perennial Division III lacrosse powerhouse." His *Squawk* co-host, Erin Burnett, is no stranger to Salisbury either, having grown up in nearby Mardela Springs, MD.

Ireton's full interview is available online: www.cnbc.com/id/15840232?video=1391078949&play=1

One-Stop Volunteering

Community service has long been a hallmark of an SU education. Students now have an easier way to learn about volunteer opportunities.

SU recently created a Student Volunteer Center (SVC), where community groups may register for student assistance. The center also offers information about organizations, on campus and off, that provide volunteer opportunities for students. The SVC has enjoyed collaborative ties with the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore's Shore CAN Volunteer Center.

"We wanted a place where students could easily learn about volunteering," said Dr. Rebecca Emery, director of SU's Career Services Office. "It's a win-win for the students and for the community."

So far, 432 students have volunteered through the SVC. Some 40 community partners are currently seeking volunteers for more than 50 projects.

Area non-profit organizations may sign up to post listings through the center's Web site. Students may also check the Web site for up-to-date volunteer listings.

For more information or to sign up, visit the center's Web site at: www.salisbury.edu/volunteer



New Perdue School Dean

SU's Perdue School of Business welcomes Dr. Bob Wood as its dean beginning July 1.

Wood's previous position was associate dean of the College of Business at Tennessee Tech University. He brings with him experience in curriculum development, international programs, development of internship opportunities, and accreditation. Professionally, he has published and presented nationally and internationally. In 2006, Wood was presented the Excellence in Service Award by the Tennessee Tech University College of Business Board of Trustees, and in 2005, he received the Board of Trustees Curtis Kinslow Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Wood earned a B.S. in biology and an M.B.A. from Arkansas State University. He earned a Ph.D. in finance from Louisiana State University. Before becoming associate dean, he served as assistant dean in the College of Business and professor of finance. Prior to entering higher education, Wood worked for Dean Witter Reynolds, The Upjohn Company and Abbott Laboratories. He is a member of Phi Kappa Phi and Beta Gamma Sigma honor societies.



Allen Becomes New SU Provost

Dr. Diane D. Allen took the helm as SU's provost and senior vice president of academic affairs in fall 2009.

As the second-ranking administrator at SU, the new provost and senior vice president of academic affairs oversees areas including academic policy and budgeting, planning, curriculum, faculty development, grants and assessment. Along with the President, the provost provides leadership and vision to help take SU to new heights.

Allen comes to SU from Southeastern Louisiana University, where she served for five years as dean of the College of Education and Human Development. One of her greatest accomplishments was implementing its first doctoral program, an Ed.D. in educational leadership. She also obtained reaccreditations for multiple education programs, established a five-year strategic plan and co-chaired a diversity task force.

From 1997-2004, Allen was an associate dean for the College of Education at the University of North Texas. There she

increased the college's external funding from \$3.6 million to \$10.7 million in three years and wrote a proposal for a math and science teacher academy that became the university's first congressional earmark. She also established its first outreach plan and education living community, and was active in its faculty senate.

A native of Memphis, TN, Allen earned her bachelor's degree in English from the University of Memphis and her doctoral and master's degrees in curriculum and instruction from Oklahoma State University.

For 12 years she was a K-12 public school teacher in North Carolina and Oklahoma. A reading and literacy specialist, she also brings some 20 years teaching experience in higher education.



Behind the Buy More

SU's Hollywood connections recently paid off when writer and producer Jeremy Dayton '97 spent a day on the set of NBC's *Chuck* with one of its stars, Scott Krinsky '90, filming the adventure and producing a mini-feature for alumni to enjoy.

A Los Angeles-based performer, Krinsky currently plays the role of "Jeff Barnes" on *Chuck*. Krinsky's character works at the Buy More, a mega electronics store, on the "nerd herd" team. To give alums a taste of life on the Buy More set, Krinsky and Dayton take you behind the scenes, showing you the perks (craft services' food) and pitfalls (the set bathrooms are fake) of making a network television show.

Visit www.salisbury.edu/visualize to see this insider's view of *Chuck* along with other videos of interest to friends of SU.

Family Weekend

SU parents are encouraged to mark their calendar now for Family Weekend 2010: September 24-26. Family Weekend is a special time to return to the Salisbury campus and see it through the eyes of the students. Take in a class taught by SU's outstanding faculty. Experience the social opportunities planned specifically for students and families. Attend a faculty lecture. Meet with the president. Cheer on Sea Gull student-athletes at a variety of sporting events. Visit www.salisbury.edu/parents/familyweekend as the date approaches for specific details on this fun, Family Weekend.



Veterans Web Site Launched

SU recently launched a Web site to serve the special needs of veterans. This site is designed to provide information and links to resources, on and off campus, that help veterans navigate the various aspects of participation in the University. Visit www.salisbury.edu/veterans to see all that the site has to offer.

SU has been named a Military Friendly School by *G.I. Jobs* magazine. Honored among the top 15 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools nationwide, SU will be included in 2010 *Guide to Military Friendly Schools*, published in September. Welcoming service members, SU recently announced its participation in the Yellow Ribbon Program, an optional component of the new Post-9/11 G.I. Bill for veterans. Through this supplemental program, universities pay up to half the difference in tuition beyond the amount covered by the federal government. The new bill adds a \$1,000 stipend for books and provides more than \$1,300 a month for housing for up to 36 months.

In fall 2008, SU also brought its Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program back to campus, following a student-driven demand for its re-establishment.

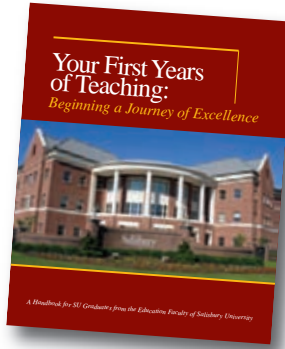
Record Snow Falls

Salisbury was not immune to the numerous snow storms that blanketed the East Coast this winter. With back-to-back blizzards, Salisbury University was forced to close for three days in two weeks for the safety of its students, faculty and staff. Students' spirits weren't dampened by the extreme weather. They made the most of this rare break from classes to climb the 5-foot-high snowdrifts and re-create Sammy the Sea Gull in snow in front of Holloway Hall.



Teach Them Well

Last summer, education faculty in the Seidel School compiled their thoughts on teaching together to create the book *Your First Years of Teaching: Beginning a Journey of Excellence*. Given as a gift to new graduates, the book includes a range of articles reflective of both the courses students have taken and the professors who teach them. A valuable resource to graduates in teaching, the following are a few of the words of sage advice that can be found between the covers of this labor of love from education faculty to their students.



“Your words alone can make or break the spirit of a child. A kind word can be carried in the heart of a child for years to come. Your words may be the ones a child holds dear and may be what guides him or her to make a right choice rather than a wrong one.”

— Patricia K. Dean, Ph.D.

“Think of all of the ways you can ‘build on the known’ of your students. Much of teaching is helping students make connection between what they have learned previously and what they are learning today.”

— W. Dorsey Hammond, Ph.D.



“What would I want you as teaching candidates to take away from your experience at Salisbury University, particularly from my children’s literature course? A love of story, a joy in the pleasure of good word craft, the will to understand the transactions between child and text, awe in the face of all the wonderful narratives for children, and excitement at the potentials of visual and media literacies.”

— Ernest L. Bond, Ph.D.

“As I think about the possibilities for the future, I envision a day when education is grounded on a foundation of relationships and where every person recognizes that he/she is an internally empowered agent of change. As I envision this future, I remain steadfast and cling to my belief that we, who make up the educational establishment, must work tirelessly to ground the teaching/learning process on relationships that are both intellectual and personal and employ our powers to transform what ‘is’ into that which can be.”

— Claudia R. Burgess, Ph.D.



“In a setting that encourages children to ‘imagine wonderful things,’ existing science knowledge takes on a role of setting a grounding for plausibility—stepping stones that give inspiration a platform from which to begin its journey aloft.”

— Edward C. Robeck, Ph.D.

A Gift: A Legacy — Blackwell Library

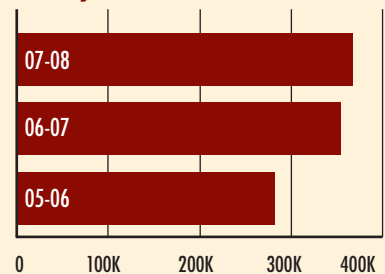
SU’s Blackwell Library prides itself as a focal point of learning, scholarship, interaction and invention. Statistics indicate it is successful. Library use is up by 31 percent in the last three years, and instruction in using library resources has increased 75 percent. Between 10 and 20 percent of registered borrowers are citizens of Wicomico, Somerset, Worcester and Dorchester counties.

This expanded reach calls for an expansion of resources offered by Blackwell Library. Every book added to the collection increases opportunities for learning and discovery. Currently, efforts are underway to craft endowments to support specific subject area collections as well as specialized resources such as databases and media offerings.

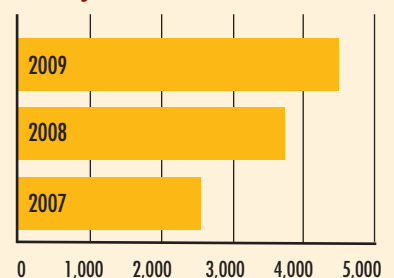
Today’s libraries are much more than the card catalogs of yesterday. SU is proud of the strides we are taking to enhance the holdings of Blackwell, yet we look forward to the next generation of “library” on our campus. The recently updated Facilities Master Plan and Strategic Plan for the University cite a dire need for a larger and more advanced space to house the academic heart of our campus.

To learn how you can become involved with the growth and development of Blackwell Library, contact Kim R. Nechay, director of development, at 410-543-6175 or krnechay@salisbury.edu to discuss your interests.

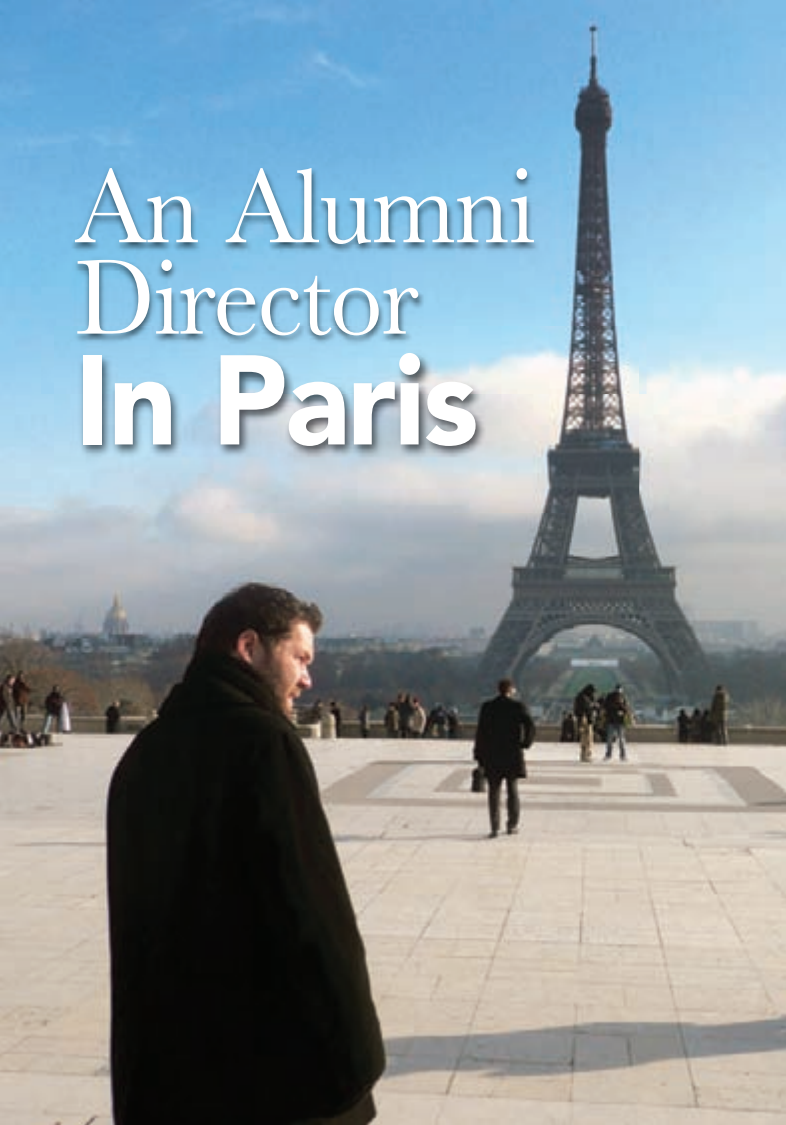
Library Use Increases 31%



Library Instruction Increases 75%



An Alumni Director In Paris



By Jason E. Curtin '98, Director of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving

This past January, I had the opportunity to travel to Grenoble, France, to co-host an alumni reunion with our Center for International Education and the Perdue School of Business. I was also able to visit with our current students studying abroad for winter term at the Grenoble Ecole de Management. Joining me on the trip were Agata Liszkowska '89, M'03, associate director for the Center for International Education, and Richard Hoffman, interim dean of the Perdue School. Faculty members Memo Diriker, Bob Dombrowski and Julie Gittelman were leading the winter term session and joined us as well.

I had been looking forward to this event since it was first proposed early last year. Not only was I going to be able to meet some of our international alumni who live in Europe, but it was going to be my first trip off the North American continent. The extent of my travels thus far in life had been restricted to the U.S., Canada and parts of the Caribbean, so this was an opportunity to truly cut my teeth on trans-Atlantic travel.

Some interesting things I learned in my adventures...

- The Swiss take their airport security very seriously. Both arriving and departing was nothing less than an adventure—a very secure adventure, which included my first “pat down.” Geneva is a very beautiful and an interesting city, to say the least.

- “Je parle un peu Francais” (translation: “I speak some French”) got me nowhere. I’ve known this phrase since my seventh grade French class, my one and only French class mind you. However, I learned that in France, this is a mere opening to a much quicker and more robust conversation that I could never fully follow. I did a lot of nodding and pointing. It made me wish that I had continued studying this beautiful language.
- The international alumni and the American-born alumni living in Europe that joined us at the reunion are nothing short of amazing. I had so many wonderful conversations with them, hearing about their lives and passion for SU. Even 4,000 miles away, their love for SU is inspiring.
- If you are nice enough to the flight attendant, they will return the kindness with two bottles of wine. Those who know me personally, know my fear of flying. I loathe airplanes. I had assumed all international flights still included free drinks to make my flight more “tolerable.” I was wrong. But befriending a flight attendant early on sure helped to make my fears disappear and my traveling companions happy!
- You can truly survive in France on red wine, bread and cheese. I did enjoy other excellent cuisine, but I think I could have spent a week just consuming those three things. I did learn that there is a huge difference between andouillette and andouille. Similar word, similar sausage? Nope, one is a chitterling sausage. My taste buds were definitely not prepared for that encounter.
- Grenoble is a charming city. The history and culture were lovely. Paris is even more amazing than what you see and read. To experience the Louvre and the Musée d’Orsay is simply overwhelming, but worth the anticipation. I need to thank two alumnae, Pauline Duburquoy '07 and Elodie Weytens '07, for being such gracious hosts while I was in Paris.

This experience helped me to realize that Salisbury University alumni, no matter where they end up after graduation, share a similar bond—a love for their Alma Mater. I heard so many great stories and fond memories of our University. It brought a smile to my face. Even across the globe, for so many graduates, it’s a place that they will always call home.



The second annual European Union (EU) alumni reception held January 16-17 at the Hotel Suisse and Bordeaux in Grenoble, France. Pictured (standing, from left) Karin Hoffman '08, Richard Hoffman, Elodie Weytens '07, Veit Voges '07, Timo Troge, Agata Liszkowska '89 & M'03, Diane Folletet '08, Hubert Haran '01, Mathilde Antras '09, Justyna Kuzmicz '09, DeAnna Orwig '09, Eli Bulla '09, Jason Curtin '98, Carrie Maase Heath '04 and daughter Colette, (kneeling, from left) Bob Dombrowski, Antoniya Lyubomirova '08, Memo Diriker, Carole Boscher '98, Vincent Pichard '07, Pauline Duburquoy '07, John Heath '05 and daughter Riley

CLASSNOTES

Information received prior to December 31, 2009

M = Master's Degree

H = Honorary Degree

Before 1960s

Naomi Smith Morris '28 celebrated her 100th birthday and lives in Cornwall, PA, in an independent apartment. (See article on page 13)

Edna Schmick Warren '44 has three daughters, nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Her oldest grandson and wife are architects and are traveling to Tanzania, Africa, for three years to build a university.

Shirley Bowdle Truitt '55 retired after 50 years of teaching.

1960s

Richard McNeal '68 attended the 2008 Oxford Education Round Table Seminar in Oxford, England, and the 2009 International Educational Leadership Seminar in Beijing, China.

Charlie Bounds '69 retired as assistant superintendent of Administrative Services for Wicomico County Board of Education.

1970s

Terry F. Koppke '76 was the 2009 Teacher of the Year for the Cape Henlopen (DE) School District.

Allan Williams '76 became an Accredited Marine Surveyor with the Society of Accredited Marine Surveyors in February 2009. He received his USCG Master 100-ton Captain's License in July 2009 and his American Sailing Association Instructor Certification in August 2009. Williams also was elected to the West Nottingham Academy Board of Trustees in October 2009.

Don Fentress '77 was the top insurance producer in November 2009 for the Atlantic/Smith, Cropper & Deeley Firm in Willards, MD.

Joseph Frisbee '77 is proud to announce the birth of his third granddaughter Kendall Frisbee on August 9, 2009. His first two grandchildren are Charlotte and Elizabeth DuBois, daughters of **Jennifer Frisbee DuBois '99**.

Constantina C.D. Hodnett '77 authored *Thinking with Poetry*, which is available in Barnes and Nobles stores internationally.

Elizabeth Brightman '79 is a salesperson for Long & Foster Real Estate, Inc. in Salisbury, MD.

Brian Spiering '79 & Susan Cowan Spiering '81 live in Goldsboro, MD; their son Jacob is attending the U.S. Air Force Academy and their daughter Emily is a second-year law student at University of Baltimore.

1980s

Pam Wood '81 (see photo below) won a contest sponsored by the Westfield Annapolis Mall and spent an afternoon learning and dancing with Latin ballroom dance champion and *Dancing with the Stars* regular Maksim Chmerkovskiy.



Brett Carter '85 is one of the founding members of Next Generation Financial Services, a Division of 1st Mariner Bank, and has been elected president of the Maryland Mortgage Bankers Association.

Lisa Griffith Smith '85 is a faculty member at Indian River State College in Fort Pierce, FL. Smith earned a M.S.N./E.D. in 2006 from the University of Phoenix and is currently enrolled in the Ph.D. nursing program at Barry University.

Bob Thomas '85 is the associate sports information director for football at Florida State University.

Jennifer Quinn Hodshon '86 is the manager of operations and administration for the Health Services Department at Brown University.

John Molster Jr. '86 is the vice president and chief investment officer of the WSFS Bank Wealth Strategies group for WSFS Financial Corporation.

Dr. Michael Owens M'86 serves as associate secretary of education for the Delaware Department of Education. Owens is a member of the secretary of education's senior leadership team and supervises a variety of departments including Career/Technical and Adult Education, the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association, Title I Programs, and both Informational and Educational Technology initiatives.

Colleen Sosnicki Smith '86 earned an M.S. from Slippery Rock University in natural resource management in 2007 and is teaching online ecology and environmental science courses.

Dawn Chamberlin M'87 was named the Dita/National Field Hockey Coaches Association Division III coach of the year.

William 'Bill' Larkin '87 is the head football and weightlifting coach for Eustis (FL) High School. Larkin also teaches special education classes.

Craig Shreeves '87 is the manager for The Chicks, one of five semi-pro baseball teams on the Eastern Shore.

Mary Galbraith M'88 retired as the director of Lewes Senior Citizen's Center, Inc. after 17 years and now enjoys being an artist and musician and is active at St. Jude the Apostle Church as cantor and choir director in Lewes, DE.

John Beall '89 is the director of sales and marketing at Victor Graphics, Inc. in Baltimore, MD.

1990s

Richard Baskas '90 is co-authoring a socio-scientific issues article, "Ethical Issues in Using Live Animals in Laboratory Research." The article is planned to be published in *The Science Teacher Journal*. Baskas graduates from the University of South Florida in May 2010 with a M.A.T. in science education.

Mary Beth D'Amico '90 is the director of critical care services at Peninsula Regional Medical Center and was selected to receive a 2010 Circle of Excellence Award for the American Association of Critical Care Nurses.

Amy Tilghman Miller '90 & M'94 is a Salisbury University Foundation board member and is a managing director for Sperry Van Ness.

Jim Nestor '90 is the Salisbury University's head women's lacrosse coach and women's soccer coach and was named Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association Division III South Atlantic Region Coach of the Year for 2009.

Andrew Sachs '90 & M'92 is the head men's basketball coach at Bethany College in West Virginia.

Tony Sposato '90 is a Salisbury University Foundation board member and is the owner and president of Sposato Landscape Company, Inc. in Delaware.

Heather Bender '91 is a master teacher for the University of Wyoming Art Museum. As a master teacher, Bender works with faculty and teachers statewide to integrate coursework goals and school benchmarks, using the museum as a primary resource for a variety of disciplines.

Karen Fahres Walsh '91 is a documentation specialist for the mission systems migration project for the Army Environmental Command's move from Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD, to Fort Sam Houston, TX.

Rick Berkman '92 & M'93 is married to Jessica Clifford Berkman and has two sons Tyler (3) and Parker (1 1/2). (See photo below)



Amy VandePutte Brewer '93 is certified in Maryland as a Family and Consumer Science Teacher and is teaching financial literacy at Francis Scott Key High School in Carroll County.

Kathleen Haber '94 became a certified public accountant in February 2009.

Susan Ledger '94 is a therapeutic recreator at the Holly Center in Salisbury, MD, and was recognized as November's Employee of the Month for 2009.

James McCormick '94 & M'02 is the head coach for the North Carolina varsity football team in Ridgely, MD, and was named the Ravens' High School Coach of the Week for the second week of the 2009 season.

Clarence Thomas' '94 & M'04 son Jerome Thomas was a national finalist in the 7-10-year-old Primary Division at the Inaugural National Bible Bee Contest on November 4-6, 2009. The bee was held at the J.W. Marriott Hotel in Washington, D.C., and was sponsored by the Shelby Kennedy Foundation.

Vito Tinelli '94 is the president of Queen Anne's (MD) County Board of Education, which is a six-year term that began in 2008.

Susan Cullen '95 was selected as the 2009-2010 Teacher of the Year for Wicomico County, MD.

William D. Bramble '96 has returned to the U.S. after being deployed overseas in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Bramble is a military intelligence officer for the 15th Psychological Operations Battalion based in Cincinnati, OH.

John DeRichie '97 is a project architect for SOSH Architects in Atlantic City, NJ.

Elizabeth Pagel-Hogan '97 met with fellow alums during an annual family gathering. (See photo on right)

Michael Muldoon '97 is the screenwriter for *Remembering Rachel*, a fictional film shot throughout Kentucky. (See article on page 3)

Daniel Joseph Davis '98 & M'02 was selected as the 2009-2010 Teacher of the Year for Talbot County, MD.

Christopher Major '98 (right) is partner with the law firm Robinson & Cole. Major is a member of the firm's Business Litigation Group and represents clients in a variety of commercial and real estate disputes in federal and state courts.



Erin McKenna Martin '98 completed her M.S.N. in 2001 and became a family nurse practitioner in 2009. She is currently employed at Carteret Ob-Gyn Associates in North Carolina.

Gia Weddle Parker '99 graduated with a doctorate in clinical psychology in August 2009 from Argosy University.

Byron Patrick '99 is the CEO and co-founder of Hosted Solution, Inc. and was named by the *CPA Technology Advisor*, the leading technology publication and digital content provider for the tax and accounting profession, to the annual 40 under 40 awards.

2000

Sam Atkinson '00 was honored by the American Volleyball Coaches Association with the 2009 Grant Burger Media Award for NCAA Division III women's volleyball coverage in the mid-Atlantic region.

Nicole Day '00 is a receptionist for *The Daily Times* in Salisbury, MD.

Larry Dodd '00 & M'04 is a member of the Wicomico County Board of Education and is a lieutenant firefighter and paramedic for the Salisbury Fire Department.

Leonard Mueller '00 & M'03 was selected as the 2009-2010 Teacher of the Year for Dorchester County, MD.

Steve Soliday '00 & M'04 was the top insurance producer in May 2009 for the Atlantic/Smith, Cropper & Deeley Firm in Willards, MD.

Sherry Stick '00 was the first woman finisher in the 2009 Way Station Turkey Trot 5K in Frederick, MD. Stick is a fitness aquatics instructor at the Carroll Lutheran Village retirement community.

Kenneth Fisher '01 was awarded a Master of Public Administration in August 2009 from Waldron University.

David Fleming '01 is the coordinator of residence education at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, VA.

Nicole Miller Juersivich '01 earned a Ph.D. in mathematics education from the University of Virginia in August 2009 and is currently an assistant professor in the Mathematics Department at Nazareth College.

Tamara Krauch Mills '01 & M'07 is the assistant principal and extended day administrator for Berlin Intermediate School in Berlin, MD.

Sean Griffin '02 & M'03 is an audit supervisor for Councilor, Buchanan & Mitchell Accounting Firm in Bethesda, MD.

Clarence Jackson '02 has authored two books, *What Is the Truth about Christmas?* and *Was Jesus a Poor Man?* More information about his books can be found at <http://clarencejacksonjr.vpweb.com>.

Rosalee Potter '02 was elected as the first African-American councilwoman for Trappe, MD.

Elizabeth Wood '02 is the town planner for Windham, MA. As town planner, Wood is responsible for reviewing plans, code enforcement and assisting the Planning Board with site review cases.



1990s Reunion: (front, from left) Elizabeth Pagel-Hogan '97 and son Dylan, Caroline Rolker Delosso '99 and son John, Rebecca Bell Main '97 and daughter Sabina, Kerri Murphy Morse '97 and daughter Abby, Lori Frei Govar '98, Jennifer Tessier Purgason '99 and daughter Claire, (back, from left) Edward Hogan and son Michael, Frank Delosso '97 and son Frankie, Bryan Main and daughter Claire, Rob Morse '97 and daughter Avery, Justin Govar and son Ethan, Jeff Purgason '97 and daughter Emily.

Zachary Richards '03 received a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Tennessee in August 2009.

Eric Martin '04 is one of 40 players for the 2010 U.S. Men's Lacrosse National Training Team.

Bryan Shone '04 received his Ph.D. in economics from the University of Tennessee.

Jacqueline Tolan '04 was named as the Cambridge Who's Who Professional of the Year in Elementary Education for 2009. Tolan is a third grade teacher for Montgomery County (MD) Public Schools.

Patrick Walsh '04 received his Ph.D. in economics from the University of Central Florida.

David Dobbins M'05 is the assistant coach for the Ohio State men's lacrosse team.

Louis Jones '05 received a Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy in Baltimore.

Jeffrey Auxer '06 opened Jeffrey Auxer Designs gallery in Berlin, MD, featuring Auxer's glasswork, including a variety of blown glass, from bowls to goblets. Auxer offers glass-blowing classes and demonstrations. Visit www.jeffreyauxer.com.

Megan Ellyz '06 is working for the United States Olympic committee in Lake Placid, NY.

Julius Jones '06 & M'09 is an administrative specialist for the Federal Career Internship Program for FEMA in Washington, D.C.

Byron Westbrook '06 is a cornerback for the Washington Redskins football team.

Emily Rantz '07 is the manager for the Mar-Va Theater Performing Arts Center in Pocomoke City, MD.

Bryan White '07 is the interim head athletic trainer for Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, AR.

Alison Giska M'08 was selected as the 2009-2010 Teacher of the Year for Worcester County, MD.

Kyle Hartzell '08 is a second-year defenseman for the Washington Stealth lacrosse team, and he provided lacrosse instruction at the North Sound Youth Clinic at Hawthorne Elementary School in North Everett, WA, in October 2009.

Donald R. Herring '08 graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX.

Matthew Heim '08 is working with the Nanticoke Watershed Alliance and is responsible for overseeing the Nanticoke Creekwatchers Citizen Monitoring Program. He is developing a team of outreach

volunteers and facilitating restoration and cleanup activities throughout the year.

Daniel Zimmer '08 was awarded the Dean's Academic Promise Award to attend Rutgers Law School in Camden, NJ. The award recognizes outstanding scores on the Law School Admissions Test.

Richard Littlefield '09 is a second lieutenant for the U.S. Marine Corps.

Delannie Spriggs Jr. '09 has been added to the training camp roster for the Baltimore Mariners American Indoor Football Team in December 2009.

Lisa LeBeau '00 & Christopher Lombardi
(See photo below)

Josh Deuel '01 & Danielle Brysett
(See photo on next page)

Adam Knoll '01 & Danielle McCann '01
(See photo on next page)

Kelly Power '02 & M'07 & Dave McKenzie '03
(See photo on next page)

Ashley Daniels '03 & Michael Schall
(See photo on next page)

Andrew Doyle '03 & Lauren Capotosto '04
(See photo on next page)

Joseph Evans '03 & Sarah Moore '05

Jessica Wright '03 & Isaac Smith
(See photo on next page)

Kimberly Neutze '04 & Christopher Heaney
(See photo on next page)

David Gebhardt '05 & Kelly Steiner
(See photo on next page)

Sarah Farlow '05 & David Debenham

Michael Silva '05 & Emily Betz '06
(See photo on next page)

Alyssa Twilley '05 & Scott Haldeman

Brett Bowen '06 & M'07 & Courtney Gough Bowen '06

Jesse Trout '06 & Tara Bent '07

Allison Atkins '07 & Stephen Raab

Constance Jackson M'08 & Ryan Clopper

MARRIAGES

Matt McGinnis '97 & Lauren Paige Harman '97
(See photo below)

Paul Krome '99 & Kristine Brooks '99
(See photo below)



McGinnis '97 & Harman '97 Wedding



Krome '99 & Brooks '99 Wedding: (from left) Paul Ohanian, Tim Smith, Paul Krome '99, Kristine Brooks Krome '99, Kenna Brigham Lowe '99, Yancy Lowe '98, Jessica Christovich Sanderson '98 and Ralph Lusby '00



LeBeau '00 & Lombardi Wedding (top, from left) Brendan Gale '99, Tony LePore '01, Kevin Grace '01, Eric Distin '99, Glen Doss '99, Alfonso Munoz '99, Ryan McKenzie '01, (bottom, from left) Megan Hughes Pugh '01, Shanon Smith Gale, Tricia Johnson Griffis '00, Christopher Lombardi, Lisa LeBeau Lombardi '00, Nicole Schimpf Doss '00, Annie Sappington Munoz and Mandy Heagy '00



Deuel '01 Wedding



Knoll '01 & McCann '01 Wedding



Daniels '03 & Schall Wedding: Pictured are (from left) Matthew Ripa '04, Ashley Daniels '03, Kristina Lawall Baxter '03



Power '02 & M'07 & McKenzie '03 Wedding (back, from left) Chris Haddon '02, Sara Paterni '02, Pat Donaldson '02, Dave McKenzie '03, Bryan O'Hare '01, Pat Turner '04, Jay Lappen '99, Claire Handy '02, Bill Butler '01, (middle, from left) Kelly Power McKenzie '02 & M'04, Jen Green Grimes '01, Ben Grimes '00, Cristin Riley '02, Jenn Skarbek '02, Stacey Zurenko Butler '02, Chad Swiderski '02, Tina Stevens '02 (front, from left) Ryan McKenzie '01, Billy Staples '00 & M'08, Joe Fleischmann '01, Kristin Droppa Staples '01, Nick Waldner '01, Nancy Valery Bartling '01, Pete Bartling '99



Wright '03 & Smith Wedding (from left) Kellie Watson '03, Kathy Livingston '03, Kristin Samm Miller '03, Jessica Wright Smith '03, Kate Klingman '03, Beth Crenco '03, Tania Chapasko '03



Doyle '03 & Capotosto '04 Wedding (alumni pictured from left) Ashley Powell '04, Cheryl Frohlich '03, Raphael Mazzone '03



Neutze '04 & Heaney Wedding



Silva '05 & Betz '06 Wedding (from left) Shane Lawler '05, Anthony Silva, Christian Polyak, Jason Shipley '03, Stephen Kansler '05, Jonathan Silva, David Ferrini, Emily Betz Silva '06, Michael Silva '05, Rachel Denton, Stephanie Silva, Amanda Armour '07, Jesse Coe Tapscott '06, Krista Jackson, Jessica Whelan '06, Justin Girken



Gebhardt '05 & Steiner Wedding



Belcher '01 Baby



Borcik '00 Baby



Davis '01 Baby



Edwards '91 Baby



Fleming '01 & '02 & M'09 Baby



Lauf '01 Baby



Lodato '07 Baby



McGuire '95 Baby



Panduwawala '08 Baby



Plotts '06 Baby



Proescher '00 & '01 Baby



Stoeberl '98 Daughters Ava Marie (2) & Farrah Grace (3 months)

BIRTHS

Kimberly Reisinger Edwards '91 & Thomas Edwards – Daughter: Kady Rose
(See photo above)

John McGuire '95 & Carmel McGuire – Daughter: Riley Ella (See photo above)

Michael Lodato '07 & Amber Lodato – Son: Peyton Michael (See photo above)

Lynne Freed DiGregorio '98 & Mark DiGregorio – Son: Jack William

Toby LaBarbera '98 & Elizabeth LaBarbera – Daughter: Sofia Grace

James Stoeberl '98 & Angee Taylor Stoeberl '98 – Daughter: Farrah Grace (See photo above)

Jennifer Connelly Borcik '00 & Christopher Borcik – Son: Adam Christopher
(See photo above)

Amanda Sawyer Parrish '00 & Drew Parrish – Son: Quinn

Nicholas Proescher '00 & Tammi Norris Proescher '01 – Son: Calvin Anthony (See photo above)

Susan Siniscalchi Belcher '01 & William Belcher – Son: Ryan James (See photo above)

Erin Sowers Davis '01 & Billy Davis – Son: Peyton Jon (See photo above)

David Fleming '01 & Lisa Whittles Fleming '02 & M '09 – Son: Joshua David (See photo above)

Melisa Benfield Lauf '01 & Ian Lauf – Daughter: Arianne Victoria (See photo above)

Seth Sherwood '02 & Amanda Hall Sherwood – Son: Lucas Christian

Peter Davidovich '03 & Eileen Waldron Davidovich '05 – Daughter: Laura Lynne

David Plotts '06 & Ashlee Plotts – Son: Liam Thomas (See photo above)

Manik Panduwawala '08 – Son: Nathan Migara (See photo above)

DEATHS

Katie C. Jenkins '27 - November 4, 2009

Mary Jane Wood Fogg '44 – May 31, 2009

Grace E. Moyer '46 – November 14, 2009

Roy E. Esiason '52 – May 22, 2009

Richard E. Martin '68 – October 2, 2008

James R. Bicking '69 – August 1, 2009

Joan M. Farrow '69 – November 10, 2009

Anita S. Moore '73 – May 27, 2009

Gary W. Outten '74 – November 4, 2009

Jack W. Burton '75 & M'89 – July 31, 2009

Carol Summers Stubbs '78 – December 1, 2009

David Miles Price '79 – June 5, 2009

Virginia D. Greene '82 – May 15, 2009

Julia E. Cotton '85 – September 16, 2009

Vernon W. Brown III '95 – November 13, 2009

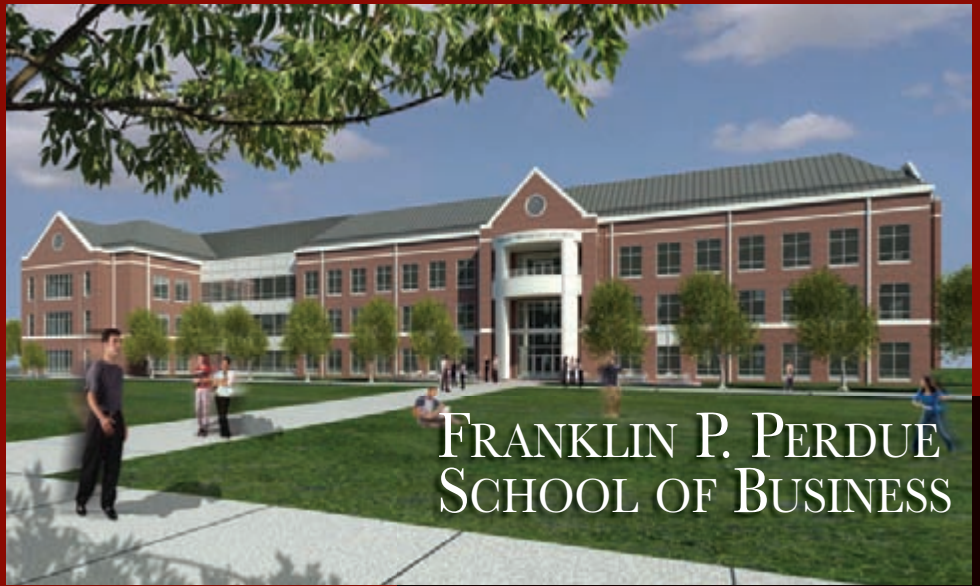
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