

THE YEAR 2000-01 proved to be one of the most memorable and meaningful in the history of the University. We

welcomed a new leader, Dr. Janet Dudley-Eshbach, our eighth president and first woman at the top of the organizational chart, to begin the year and closed it with a new name, Salisbury University. In between we celebrated our 75th anniversary, broke ground on a new science building, announced an aggressive plan to foster more diversity on campus, more fully embraced shared governance and made major strides toward ending inequitable pay and benefits for many of our employees.

Governor Parris Glendening, University System of Maryland Chancellor Donald Langenberg and Board of Regents Chairman Nathan Chapman joined a festive campus community at the Investiture of President Dudley-Eshbach in historic Holloway Hall. In her speech, "Hotfutures.com," the new president said, "In a world that is growing ever smaller and becoming increasingly integrated through technology, my plans for Salisbury University include a renewed commitment to the liberal arts and sciences, and greater emphasis on globalization and diversity issues."



President Dudley-Eshbach with Governor Parris N. Glendening

The president would subsequently outline her vision for "Diversity and Inclusiveness on the SU Campus" at a February press conference that would receive front page coverage in *The (Baltimore) Sun* and plaudits from Gov. Glendening, Senate President Mike Miller and others.

Freshman Class Fall 2000 Profile

- There were 930 first-time freshmen.
- SU freshmen SATs were above the national average. Within the 25th percentile SU scored a combined 1030 (national 830), and within the 75th percentile SU scored a combined 1200 (national 1170).
- Of the first-time freshman applicant pool, 4.4 percent were from Wicomico County (our home county), 67.8 percent were from other Maryland counties and 27.3 percent were from out-of-state (but not international). The acceptance pool was similarly proportioned, while the enrollment yield of Wicomico County freshmen was virtually double that of its proportion of the acceptance pool.
- African-Americans, Asians and Hispanics made up 8.6 percent, 2.6 percent and 2.1 percent of the applicant pool, respectively. These same groups made up 5.5 percent, 2.4 percent and 1.6 percent of the acceptance pool, respectively, and 3.3 percent, 1.3 percent and 1.2 percent of the enrollment yield, respectively.

