

ALUMNI NEWS

Dear Fellow Alumni,

Twenty years ago (yes, 20 years ago!) I had the opportunity to walk across the stage and receive my diploma. I was in the first graduating class to receive the diploma with "Salisbury State University" on it. When I received my diploma, I thought about what that piece of paper meant: four years at SSC and many fun days in Wicomico Hall Room 22. My roommate was Larry Wright and many may remember his



voice as the announcer at sporting events including basketball and football. I still keep in touch with him today. During my years at SSC, many friendships such as this were formed.

At SU, as with many schools, Greek life is a vibrant part of the campus community. I had the privilege of joining Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE) and was a very active member all through college. Jim Finneran, John Batzer, Henry Eure, Dave Lupi, Rob Coleman and John Aukward are a few alumni who had great influence on my life and with whom I'm still in contact. Many of the people with whom I've kept a life-long contact were members of the Greek community. We shared a bond that continues today. When we

were in college we did many philanthropic activities to showcase SSC in a good way. Today, those same people continue their helping ways in their respective communities, giving back and assisting others throughout the country.

In my first letter to the alumni I shared with you a vision of supporting our Alma Mater, either with participation, financial gifts or just showing up at SU events. I believe when you reunite with Salisbury you will be pleased with the many changes you find—I know I am.

This fall at Homecoming when I see many of my classmates from 1988, we may have a little less hair or grey hair, put on a few more pounds around the middle, have a few children at our side, but the joy of seeing friends and acquaintances at this Homecoming will be awesome! Awesome because we celebrate our Alma Mater and celebrate the joy of coming back "home" to see our friends.

My hope is to see many of the alumni of SAE at our homecoming celebration as well as my classmates of 1988. I look forward to reconnecting with many of you and hope that you connect with SU.

Sincerely,

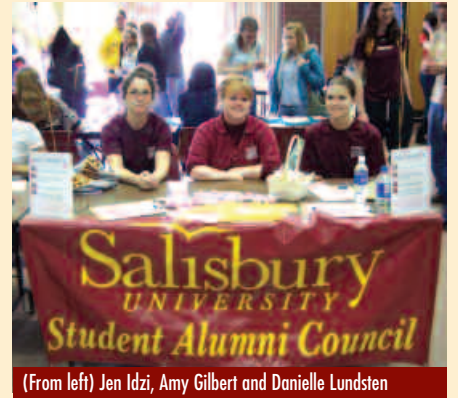
*Dwight "Duke" W. Marshall Jr. '88
Alumni Association President*



Student Alumni Council Update

How many of our alumni graduate without realizing that SU had an Alumni House (for those of you who graduated after 1996) or that SU even had an Alumni Association? As college students, it is difficult to imagine that one day you will actually graduate from this University and join the ranks of Sea Gull alumni.

To start our students and future alumni on the path of Sea Gull pride, loyalty and tradition, the University created the Student Alumni Council (SAC) in fall 2007. Many of SU's best student leaders have already joined the organization. SAC is a student organization assisted by the Alumni Association which helps with the many



(From left) Jen Idzi, Amy Gilbert and Danielle Lundsten

events it participates in each year. Homecoming, Sea Gull Century, Fun Day, Relay For Life and the Regents Cup football game have all been enhanced now that SAC members have joined in the activity. It is through their Sea Gull pride that these members inspire their fellow students to become campus leaders who will in turn be loyal alumni leaders!

SAC President Amy Gilbert '11 attended a Student Leadership Conference this summer in Salt Lake City and is looking forward to putting into place all of the innovative ideas she has brought back. In recognition of SAC members' hard work this year, the Office of Student Activities, Organizations and Leadership awarded SAC the "Outstanding New Registered Student Organization" award for 2007-2008. Congratulations SAC!

For more information visit the Student Alumni Council Web site at www.salisbury.edu/giving/classgift/studentalumnicouncil.html.

Block Returns to Help Build SU

SU's Advancement Division proudly welcomes back alumnus **Jayme Block '97, M'99**. Jayme joins the staff as the Capital Campaign Major Gifts Officer responsible for fundraising opportunities for both the new Teacher Education and Technology Center and the upcoming Perdue School of Business building. Jayme returns to Salisbury after a seven-year stint as head men's lacrosse coach at St. Mary's College in Maryland.

"I am very excited to come back to Salisbury and work for the Advancement

Division to assist with the Capital Campaign. When I saw the opportunity to work at the University that [my wife] **Megan (Hopper '99, M'01)** and I had so many fond memories of and where we still have many friends, it was a very easy decision to come back to SU," said Block.



Jayme Block '97

Roommates Become SU Leaders

This fall, Ed Thomas, chair of the Salisbury University Foundation Board, and Bruce DiCintio, president of the Salisbury University Varsity Club Board, will be stepping down from their respective leadership posts. Having overseen tremendous growth to help raise both awareness and financial support of Salisbury University programs, scholarships and athletics, both of these volunteers will be sorely missed.

However, a little known fact is that they were roommates at the University of North Carolina. So how did Ed and Bruce end up back in Salisbury as volunteer leaders of the Foundation Board and Varsity Club? You'd have to go back to the days of them roaming the Chapel Hill campus to get the full story.

"I was at Clemson and decided to transfer to UNC after two years. I lived with Bruce



Bruce DiCintio Ed Thomas

and some other guys off campus," said Thomas, "we were all sports fans and very competitive." There were plenty of college memories that were shared including wiffle ball games in the street with the local children, impromptu touch football games on the Tar Heel practice fields, pig roasts, road trips and one holiday hitch-hiking story from Chapel Hill to Buffalo that will remain unpublished.

After graduating, Thomas came back to his native Salisbury to work in banking, eventually becoming president of The Bank of Delmarva. DiCintio remained in North Carolina and after 10 years started to work

his way back north. "I was looking to relocate back closer to my home in New York, but just not that far. Ed mentioned that his bank was hiring in Salisbury, so I took a job and have been here ever since" says DiCintio, now a commercial production manager with Valuescape in Salisbury.

Both were drawn to Salisbury University in their return to the area because of its presence in the community. "The university is such a great resource for the area and the economic, educational, cultural and athletic impact it has had on the Eastern Shore should be supported by both the community and businesses that reside here," said Thomas.

Over the years, they have gotten involved in many aspects of Salisbury University and are proud of what they've helped to accomplish. "Raising the visibility and viability of the Varsity Club for both Salisbury and the SU community is something that I'm very proud of. There's a long way to go and we have unlimited potential, but at least we got something started," said DiCintio.

Thomas looked back on his tenure as chairman of the Foundation Board: "I'm proud to be associated with the University and Foundation which are on the rise in so many ways. My role has been easy because of the excellent staff at the Foundation. Although Bruce and I are diehard Tar Heel fans, we both are nearly as close to Salisbury University."



Thomas, third from the right, and DiCintio, second from the left, join friends at a wedding reception circa 1970.

Annual Fund Update

Salisbury University's new fiscal year began on July 1, 2008. We are excited for the new year as last year proved to be quite successful for the Annual Fund.

The goal for alumni participation was surpassed and 17 percent of you supported your Alma Mater financially. That percentage puts SU among the leaders in the University System of Maryland for alumni participation!

As the Annual Fund is Salisbury's yearly fundraising effort, it may seem odd that we speak only of participation percentages. This key indicator plays an important factor to

national publications that rank higher education institutions. The idea is the more alumni who support their school, the more they must value and appreciate the education they gained while there. So, when you give back to Salisbury, you are not only making a financial gift, you are announcing to the world that you value the lessons taught and wish to help others experience the same.

In an effort to reduce mailing and phoning costs, Annual Fund organizers ask all loyal supporters and future supporters to express their appreciation early this year. SU's secure online donation site, <http://alumni.salisbury.edu/donations/> is active 24/7, ready to accept credit cards, or

you can locate the envelope enclosed in this magazine to send your gift. Once you donate, you will not be asked again until the next fiscal year.

Show your Sea Gull Pride!



Flock of Alumni

After graduating in 2004, Matt Dewhurst, truly missed his Alma Mater and the camaraderie he enjoyed during his years at SU. So what was an out-of-town Sea Gull fan to do? Matt created his very own "traveling alumni chapter" he called "Flock of Alumni," after the well-known, wacky-haired '80s band Flock of Seagulls.

This band of Sea Gull enthusiasts gather at SU events ranging from varsity lacrosse to club hockey each year and all SU fans are welcome. Matt (or "Dewey" among the Flock) posts upcoming events on the group's MySpace and Facebook pages and sends out e-mails to let alumni know where and when to gather for reminiscing and rooting their favorite college team on to victory! In the fall, the big event that always draws a steady following of the Flock is the Regents Cup football game between SU and Frostburg. In the spring, it's the "War on the Shore" men's lacrosse game between SU and Washington College.

Back in Maryland after a stint in Florida, Matt hopes to get to more home games as well. He invites all to check out his newly renovated Web site, flockofalumni.com, and join in the Sea Gull spirit.



(From left) Jason Szech, Gabe Weigle '03, Lindsay Smith '04, Sarah Patterson '05, Julie Kirkpatrick '04, Matthew Dewhurst '04 and Sean Norris.



Ballroom Dance participants (front from left) Susan Carter '88, Shelly Hance-Deale '00, Shannon Boylan (back from left) Scott Bailey '73, Rick Deale '00, Rob Schultheis '00.



Members of the Delmarva Chapter take part in a Habitat for Humanity project in Salisbury (from left) Shannon Boylan, Rob Schultheis '00, Michael Blaher '81 and Bethany Miller.



American Cancer Society Night at the Greene Turtle participants (from left) Kathy Mathias '98, Katie Weber '05, Debbie White '86, Jason Curtin '98, Catherine Mast '98, Jennifer Malas '98, Dawne Pappas and Steve Pappas '78.

Upcoming Alumni Events

- **Thursday, September 4**
"First Thursday" Delmarva Area Alumni Event
Adam's Ribs, Fruitland, 5:30 p.m.
- **Saturday, September 20**
SU Fun Day Family Festival
SU Campus, 1-5 p.m.
- **Thursday, September 25**
D.C. Area Happy Hour
Penn Quarter Sports Tavern, 5 p.m.-8 p.m.
- **Tuesday, September 30**
New York City Area Networking Event
Murphy's Pub, 977 2nd Ave., 6 p.m.
- **September/October TBA**
Baltimore Area Winery Tour/Tasting
Location & Time TBA
- **Thursday, October 2**
"First Thursday" Delmarva Area Alumni Event
Adam's Ribs, Fruitland, 5:30 p.m.
- **Saturday, October 4**
Sea Gull Century Cycling Event
Begins and ends at SU • www.seagullcentury.org
- **Friday, October 31- Sunday, November 2**
Family Weekend • SU Campus
Learn more, register and stay connected with SU's online alumni community <http://alumni.salisbury.edu>

SU's New Giving Clubs

The SU Advancement Division recently revamped its Giving Clubs. Annual gift totals are compiled from the total of all gifts made within one fiscal year; however, the benefits gained by Presidents Club members last a full calendar year from the date the gift was received. Beginning with as little as \$100 you can become a member of our Century Club, at \$250 you are now within the Dean's Circle, \$500 elevates you to the Provost's Circle.

The President's Club honors those donors who have made leadership gifts to the University at the \$1,000 level and beyond annually. Support at this level strengthens SU's standards of excellence in teaching, research, athletic performance and student success. Members can designate their gifts to areas of personal interest at the University or provide general funds for SU's greatest needs.

The President's Club highlights the following three distinguished societies:

- **Bell Tower Society**
annual gifts of \$2,500-\$4,999
- **1925 Society**
annual gifts of \$5,000-\$9,999
- **Benefactor Society**
annual gifts of \$10,000 and beyond

For more information on giving opportunities, contact Amy H. Waters at 410-677-5416 or visit www.salisbury.edu/giving