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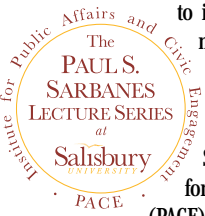
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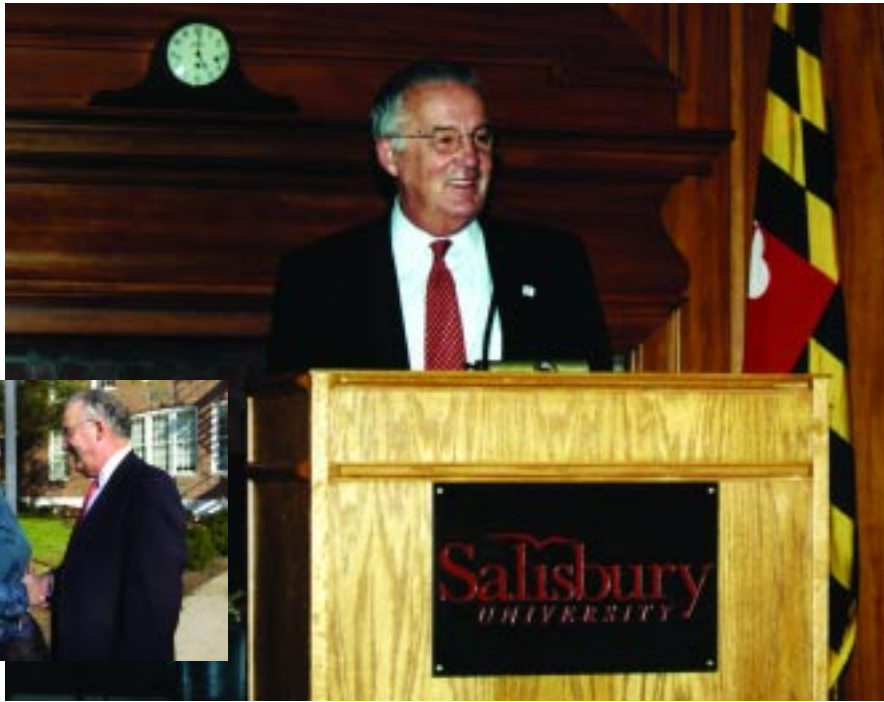
Sarbanes Lecture Series Inaugurated

Amid growing evidence of student dissatisfaction with politics and low voter turnout, Salisbury University recently inaugurated a unique Maryland initiative: "The Paul S. Sarbanes Lecture Series" that will bring to its campus some of the most prominent and influential public figures in the country.



This new program, a cooperative endeavor between U.S. Senator Paul Sarbanes and the University's Institute for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement (PACE), will seek to counter the often stereotyped images young people have about politics and politicians. "We want students, and the community, to have an opportunity to meet some of the people who create today's headlines," said Dr. Harry Basehart, co-director of PACE, "and we think that they will be surprised at the depth of insight and the level of commitment of our very best public servants."

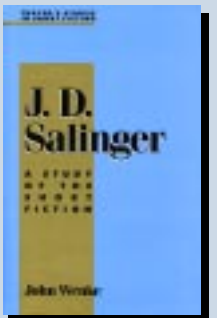
The yearly series was kicked off by a special lecture by Senator Sarbanes himself with a spring lecture to follow by a distinguished public official.



NEWS WORTHY

Wenke on Salinger

Dr. John Wenke, SU professor of English, was a featured guest on the nationally syndicated public radio show, "To the Best of Our Knowledge." The program looked at the life of famed fiction writer J.D. Salinger and his legacy to American culture. Also interviewed with Wenke were Garrison Keillor and Margaret Salinger, daughter of J.D. Salinger. Wenke is a nationally recognized Salinger scholar and author of the book, *J.D. Salinger, A Study of the Short Fiction*.



Fabulous Fall Sports

An outstanding fall sports season yielded three conference championships, three NCAA Tournament appearances and one Final Four berth for the Sea Gulls. SU claimed Capital Athletic Conference championships in field hockey, men's soccer and men's cross country. In addition, the football team earned its first NCAA playoff invitation in 16 years and the field hockey team returned to the NCAA's Final Four for the sixth time overall and second time in three years. In the December Director's Cup Standings, SU ranked 20th, placing the Gulls in the top 5 percent of Division III schools.



Seidel Challenge Met

With the recent successful completion of the Seidel Challenge Campaign, officially launched a little over a year ago, the Samuel W. and Marilyn C. Seidel School Education and Professional Studies now enjoys an endowment of some \$2.5 million—on par with the founding endowments

of its sisters schools: the Perdue School of Business, the Fulton School of Liberal Arts and the Henson School of Science and Technology.

More than half of the million dollars raised is earmarked for scholarships, which are particularly important to the Seidels. "The real goal of the endowment is to get good people into education," said the late Sam Seidel when he and his wife endowed the school in 1997. In addition, funds were also designated for library acquisitions, equipment, and faculty recruitment and research.

The Seidel family's hope of attracting the best into education comes at a critical time. By next year, over 50 percent of Maryland's teachers become eligible for retirement and the teacher shortage has prompted national headlines on hiring efforts by desperate school systems.



\$1.3 Million TESOL Grant Awarded

Immersion of non-English speaking students into Delmarva classrooms has created challenges for students and teachers. The passage of the "No Child Left Behind" act will put added pressure with a mandate of 100 percent pass rate on statewide standardized tests. In response to this need, SU has secured a \$1.3 million five-year federal grant to create the Accelerated Career Enhancement (ACE) M.A./Teaching English as a Second Language (TESOL) program at SU. "The ACE model aims to increase the quality and quantity of trained graduate degree-holding ESOL professionals on the Eastern Shore," said Dr. Anjali Pandey, who wrote the grant.



SU Is Tops

Salisbury University has vaulted into the Top Tier rankings of the *U.S. News & World Report's* 2003 "America's Best Colleges." This marks the first time Salisbury has earned this Top Tier status. SU is ranked

in the Best Universities—Master's category—North region, which includes both public and private universities.

The recognition from *U.S. News*' "America's Best Colleges," the most popular of the annual college ranking publications, comes on the heels of similar

kudos from other guide books and magazines in recent weeks. *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* magazine, *The Princeton Review's Best 345 Colleges* and Kaplan's Publishing's *320 Most Interesting Colleges* all ranked SU among the nation's best universities, public and private.



SU Welcomes Mfume

Kweisi Mfume, president and chief executive officer of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), discussed "Political Empowerment and the Civil Rights Agenda" at SU this fall. His visit was sponsored by the University's Hargreaves Civic Engagement Fund, Union of African-American Students, the student chapter of the NAACP, the offices of Vice President of Student Affairs and Multiethnic Student Services, and the Fulton School of Liberal Arts.



SU NAACP Chapter President Tiffany Guest and Past-President Darren Jackson welcome Mfume to SU.