

SU Student Goes For Glaciology

Senior geography major Sarah Burton at the Matanuska Glacier. She was one of six students selected nationally for a



coveted National Science Foundation award for six weeks in the Alaskan wilds.

Alumni Leaders in Education

Maryland's most highly regarded education organizations have honored SU graduates as the best in their fields this year.

Salisbury Middle School computer science teacher Aaron Deal (B.A. 1993) became the first instructor in a decade from SU's home county of Wicomico to earn the

2004 Maryland Teacher of the Year Award. The alumnus received the award while pursuing his M.Ed. at SU. Of the 24 teachers nominated for the state honor, one-fourth call SU their Alma Mater.

Patricia Adkins (M.Ed. 1991) has been named **Maryland's 2004 Assistant Principal of the Year.** The former Wicomico County teacher has been honored by the Association for Secondary School Principals for her dedication as the vice principal at James M. Bennett High School.

The museum's holdings include decoy types from across America, many crafted by its namesake artists, nationally renowned Maryland carvers Lem and Steve Ward. The museum is a tireless promoter of the decoy carving tradition both locally and nationally, sponsoring the nation's largest carving competition and exhibition each spring in Ocean City, MD.

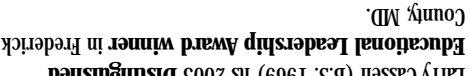
Through its partnership with *Maryland Traditions*, the museum is part of the NEA's Folk and Traditional Arts Infrastructure Initiative. The Ward Museum will also be a featured partner with the Smithsonian Institution during the annual National Folklife Festival held on the Mall in Washington, D.C., this summer.

To learn more about the Ward Museum visit www.wardmuseum.org

All three state honorees are contenders for national honors in their fields this year.

An authority outside Maryland saluted yet another SU education graduate when *The Washington Post* named Ballenger Creek Elementary School Principal Larry Cassell (B.S. 1969) its **2003 Distinguished Educational Leadership Award winner** in Frederick County, MD.

Teacher of the Year Aaron Deal (left) with Wicomico Board of Education President George Whitehead



Mallard Family (ca. 1920) by Ira D. Hudson, Chincoteague, VA.



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From Decoy to Decorative: These three mallard decoys illustrate the evolution of carving from simple decoys to pieces of art. (1) This handsome gunning stool (1951) is typical of the Ward Brothers' working decoys. (2) Winner of the 1948 National Decoy Makers Contest, this sleeping mallard by Lem Ward showcases the sculptural aspects of decoy carving. (3) The standing mallard by Lem Ward (1952) takes the full leap into a decorative art form.

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The inspiration for the Ward Museum's logo - Canada Goose (1965), Lem Ward



On the cover: Preening Wigeon Drake (1964), Lem Ward

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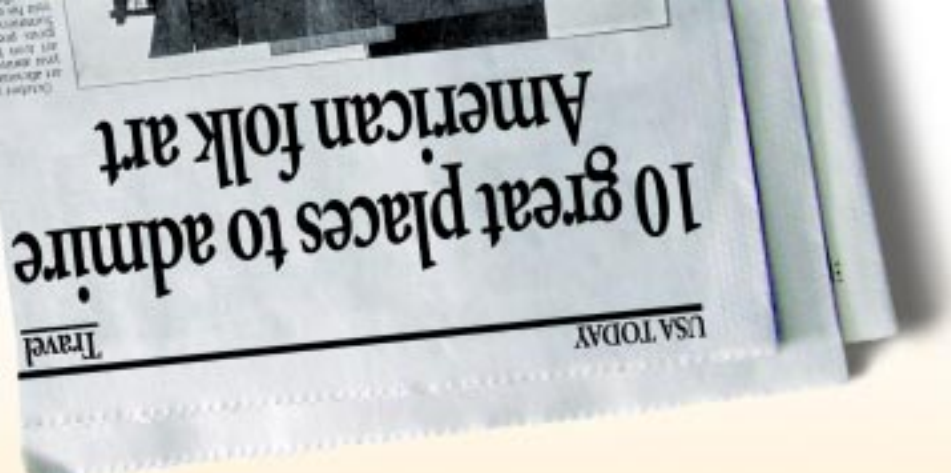
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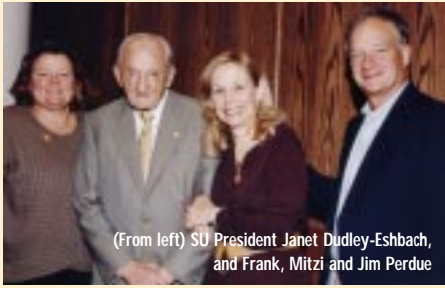
Fabulous Folk Art

USA Today: Ward Museum One of Nation's Best



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(From left) SU President Janet Dudley-Eshbach, Frank, Mitzi and Jim Perdue

The Perdue Tradition Continues

Frank Perdue enjoys an international reputation as a shrewd businessman and dedicated philanthropist. His generous endowment of the Franklin P. Perdue School of Business brought not only substantial resources but also a highly regarded name to SU.

This year, the campus community honored him as an alumnus and thanked him for his years of service as he retired from the SU Foundation Board. At December Commencement ceremonies, Perdue was given the SU Alumni Association's Lifetime Achievement Award.

In 1986, he endowed the School of Business with a multi-million dollar gift. His vote of confidence led to other major bequests to the University. In a little over a decade all four of SU's schools were endowed, a rarity among public institutions.

The Perdue family will continue to participate in the life of SU. Jim Perdue, chairman of Perdue Farms Inc. and Frank Perdue's son, is the newest member of the SU Foundation Board of Directors.

SU Tops in Rankings

For the second consecutive year, SU was named a Top-Tier institution in academic rankings—fourth among the top public Master's universities in the North—by *U.S. News & World Report*. Also for the second consecutive year, SU was featured in Kaplan's *The Unofficial, Unbiased Insider's Guide to the 328 Most Interesting Colleges*, which praises the University's undergraduate research and service learning programs. In October's *Kiplinger's Personal Finance*, SU was among the 100 best values in higher education. And for the fifth straight year, SU was in *The Princeton Review's Best 351 Colleges*. *The Princeton Review* also placed SU in the top 20 percent of most technologically advanced campuses.

MAHE Praises Prison Program

The Maryland Association For Higher Education recently ranked SU's Eastern Correctional Institution Book Discussion Program as one of the best in higher education, bestowing it with a 2003 Distinguished Program Award.

Through the program SU philosophy students meet weekly with enrolled inmates at the state correctional facility to discuss the works of philosophers from Plato and Nietzsche to Frederick Douglass, W.E.B. DuBois and Gandhi.

In a front page story, *The (Baltimore) Sun* called it "one of the bolder town-gown ventures a college has ever tried."

Alum is NYC Hero... Again

Lauded as a hero for his volunteer work in New York following the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, SU graduate Tim Kane was back in the spotlight for his role in keeping New Yorkers safe during last summer's massive blackout.

A logistics specialist for the New York City Office of Emergency Management, Kane worked for 35 hours with almost no sleep during the blackout, acquiring generators and fuel for medical facilities and generating maps to ensure life-saving emergency medical equipment got to where it was needed.

New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg honored Kane during ceremonies after the crisis.



Mayor Michael Bloomberg, Tim Kane, OEM's John Odermatt.

Landmark Scholarship Aids Students With Disabilities

Students with disabilities have a new source of access to SU: a graduate scholarship program. Bayne Richmond "Rick" Dudley visited SU to see his cousin inducted as the University's eighth president. President Janet Dudley-Eshbach's vision for the institution – and its wheelchair-friendly facilities – inspired Dudley to create the program.

Dudley was born with cerebral palsy. He was impressed by SU's level campus, wheelchair-friendly pedestrian mall and buildings and recognized that SU is ideal for persons with disabilities like his. Further inspiration came from President Dudley-Eshbach's vision for a diverse campus community. However, funding for such assistance in the area was limited. Dudley set out to change that.

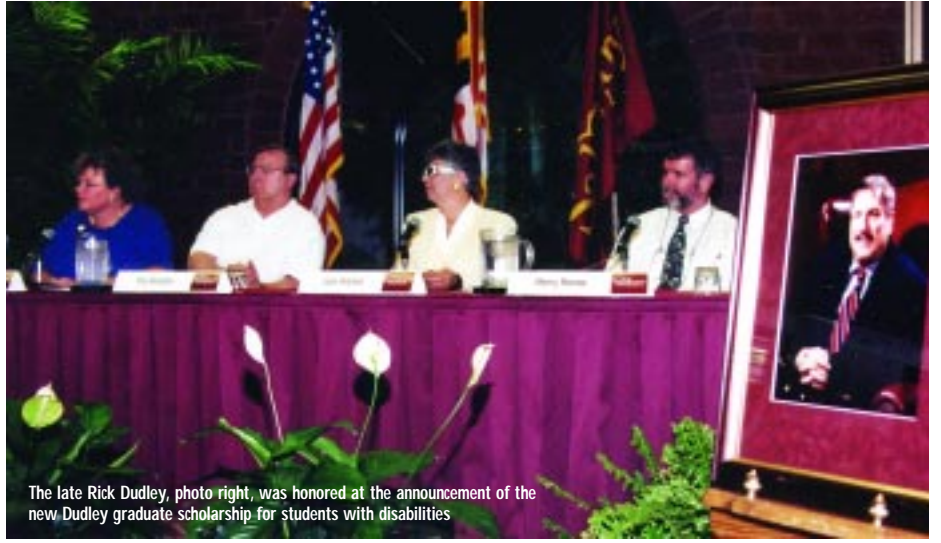
Upon his death in 2001 at age 53, Dudley willed nearly \$400,000 to the SU Foundation to establish the first endowment fund for graduate students with disabilities in the University System of Maryland. An advocate of education all his life, Dudley originally considered the scholarship for his alma mater, Towson University. However, he saw a greater need in Salisbury and an even greater need still at the graduate level, where such funding is very limited. He served as an advocate for persons with disabilities under three Maryland governors.

"People with disabilities can go to college and get jobs. Now it's a matter of going as far as you can in your career," he said, prior to his passing. "This scholarship will allow people who have proven themselves to develop their careers."

Dudley-Eshbach announced the scholarship's availability last summer.

"I was fortunate to have a cousin like Rick," she said. "He was an extremely intelligent, fun-loving, and caring individual. I am most grateful for his generous legacy gift which will benefit Salisbury University students for many years to come."

The award provides recipients up to \$5,000 annually.



The late Rick Dudley, photo right, was honored at the announcement of the new Dudley graduate scholarship for students with disabilities

Conflict Resolution Center Launches National Conference

Gathering some of the nation's leading academics in the field, SU's Center for Conflict Resolution recently launched its inaugural national conference in Greenbelt, MD.

Covering higher education trends in conflict resolution, the conference helped further the concept in the region and provided SU students with firsthand knowledge of the issues surrounding conflict resolution across the country.

The home of SU's academic program, the Center

for Conflict Resolution offers dispute resolution services nationally and abroad. For example, the Center is currently assisting the Croatian government in setting up a nationwide conflict resolution program. The program is expected to help eliminate a backlog of 2 million open judicial cases in that country and, in essence, restructure the Croatian court system.

In the United States, SU is one of only 300 campuses offering undergraduate majors or minors in conflict resolution and peace studies.

Fed Funds Support SU Education Programs

Recognizing SU as a leader in filling education needs, two federal agencies have shown support for the University's programs with new and increased grant funding.

SU's Accelerated Career Enhancement (ACE) Master's in English/Teaching English as a Second Language (TESOL) was presented as a national model during the Office of English Language Acquisition National Summit for federal language programs in Washington, D.C., this December after receiving a \$127,375 federal grant increase over 2004 projected funding.

The program helps teachers learn how to instruct English-limited students, a growing area of interest across the country. SU's \$1.3 million five-year program serves a rural area with a growing number of English-limited students.



2003 ACE M.A./TESOL Program participants

Science Hall Earns Design Honors

When SU unveiled its new Henson Science Hall in 2002, it was recognized as one of the most state-of-the-art buildings of its kind in Maryland. Henson Science Hall has also proven to be one of the state's best-designed new buildings, according to the Maryland Society chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

The chapter named Henson Science Hall a 2003 Honor Award winner, one of four selected from 75 designs submitted for consideration.



National Champs!

The Sea Gull field hockey team put the exclamation point on a great fall season for Salisbury Athletics, winning the NCAA Championship with a 4-1 victory over Middlebury in the title game. The Sea Gulls, who finished the year with 11 straight wins and a final 20-1 record, claimed their second field hockey national championship and first since 1986. The men's soccer team won its fourth conference championship and advanced to the final eight of the NCAA Tournament, finishing with a 16-3-3 record. The men's cross country team registered a conference championship in the fall as well, while the volleyball (26-7) and football (7-2) teams also enjoyed outstanding seasons.

SU Brings Folklife School to MD

SU teamed with the Library of Congress this summer to place the small fishing village of Crisfield, MD, in the national spotlight.

University officials brought the Library of Congress' annual Folklife Field School to Maryland for the first time, allowing some 15 students from across the country to learn the art of folklife recording and preservation on the Chesapeake Bay. Students spent a week interviewing watermen and other residents in Crisfield to understand more about the area as a maritime community in transition—in this case from the self-appointed "Seafood Capital of the World" of the early 20th century to a town reaching for a more tourism-based economy today.

Research results were sent to the Smithsonian Institution for inclusion in the 2004 National Folklife Festival on the Mall in Washington, D.C. Results were also kept on file at SU for use by local historical and cultural researchers.