It is hard to fathom that PACE co-founder Dr. Harry Basehart is retiring after 37 years of teaching political science. During his tenure at SU, he has mentored thousands of students, many of whom are now leaders and public servants in their own right. With Dr. Fran Kane, he co-founded the Institute in 1999, spearheading civic engagement and voter registration projects, securing dynamic national speakers, and placing students in internships in Annapolis and on the Eastern Shore.

On April 4, Basehart was honored by the Maryland General Assembly with a House and a Senate Resolution for his service to Salisbury University. “Harry Basehart represents the best of what Salisbury University aspires to be: in his teaching, in his scholarship and especially in his dedication to our core value of civic engagement,” said President Janet Dudley-Eshbach. “He will be missed, but we hope he will stay around in some capacity to continue the excellent work of PACE.”

Basehart won numerous teaching awards including co-recipient with Kane of the Wilson H. Elkins Professorship Award, given by the University System of Maryland for leadership and achievement, in 2005 and 2006. This award has helped support PACE’s programs, in particular the Presidential Citizen Scholar Program. Basehart has inspired students to embark on careers in public service at the local, state and national levels.
Long Is New PACE Co-Director

PACE is honored to announce that Dr. Creston Long, associate professor in the Department of History, is the Institute’s new co-director. “We will miss Harry Basehart tremendously for his leadership and civic commitment, but we are confident that Creston Long will bring the same intellectual vigor and enthusiasm to PACE,” said Dr. Fran Kane, co-director.

Long has already worked with several PACE initiatives, including voter registration and the Presidential Citizen Scholar program, which teaches college students good citizenship tools through classes and public forums. Long has epitomized scholarship and community involvement at Salisbury University. He’s been active in the Edward H. Nabb Research Center for Delmarva History and Culture, the Pemberton Hall Foundation, and served as the program chair of the successful National Conference of Undergraduate Research (NCUR), held on campus in April 2008.

Long is pleased to be a part of the Institute: “Since I began teaching at SU, I have admired the work that PACE does for the University and the larger community. Now I look forward to being a part of the PACE team, especially as we develop new ways to instill in students a strong sense of lifelong active citizenship.”

Dr. Creston Long, PACE’s new co-director

Hargreaves Award Winner

Speaker Michael Busch, MD House of Representatives

An elected official known for building consensus in Maryland’s House of Delegates, Speaker Michael E. Busch was honored as Salisbury University’s 2008 John R. Hargreaves Distinguished Legislative Fellow during a ceremony held in the State House on January 31. The presentation was a part of SU’s annual Day at the Legislature. The Hargreaves award, co-sponsored by the President’s Office and PACE, is given to state legislators who have distinguished themselves for their outstanding public record and who serve as models of public leadership.

In announcing this year’s award, SU President Janet Dudley-Eshbach said: “Speaker Busch’s record of legislative leadership exemplifies the qualities of political leaders that this program honors: a dedication to the public good, an enthusiasm for representative government, and a commitment to civic education.”

Speaker Busch was chosen for his tireless efforts to improve the quality of health care and education for Maryland residents, and for his ability to reach across the aisle to solve problems. “There is no more noble profession than public service,” said Busch. “The PACE program is one of the premier government leadership institutes. I am honored to be recognized for working for the citizens of our great state and to be able to share my experiences with the students of Salisbury University.”

Previous Hargreaves Award honorees have been State Sen. Thomas V. “Mike” Miller, the late Howard “Pete” Rawlings, Del. Norman Conway, Sen. J. Lowell Stotzflies, Del. Sheila Hixson and State Sen. Brian Frosh.

The funding for the Hargreaves Award was made possible by contributions to Salisbury University in memory of John R. Hargreaves, a member of the Maryland General Assembly from Caroline County. As part of the fellowship program, Speaker Busch met with a group of PACE students during the legislative session and afterward came for his first official visit to SU’s campus to speak to our students.

Delegate Norm Conway, Katie Kerner, Jennifer Slaughter, Maryland Speaker Michael Busch, Lili Afkhami and Kiya Amajioyi

Drs. Fran Kane and Harry Basehart, co-directors of PACE; President Janet Dudley-Eshbach and Maryland Speaker Michael E. Busch
PACE Sponsors Top-Level Experts

Senator Tom Carper
U.S. Senator Tom Carper (D-DE) visited SU on March 7, speaking to a group of political science and environmental studies students about his work representing Delaware in the U.S. Senate. In 2005, Senator Carper established an inaugural internship for SU students in his office to allow students to get a unique look into the political process. As a senator, Carper has earned the reputation for being a tireless fighter to protect the environment and for his strong advocacy for education.

His genuine interest in educating students about policy issues was clear from the time Senator Carper spent with students engaging them in discussion. Students were enthusiastic about his lecture. “During his talk, Senator Carper discussed issues related to agriculture and global warming,” said student Alicia Czananze. “I enjoyed attending his talk because Senator Carper was very personable and based most of his discussion on questions we had and what students wanted to talk about … Lectures such as these are an important part of civic engagement.” Student Emily Cole was impressed by how in tune Senator Carper was to the concerns and interests of college students: “I really enjoyed how the Senator structured the lecture … he started off by opening the discussion to students to suggest topics that are affecting us and topics we are concerned about.”

The Washington Post’s columnist David Broder calls Carper “a notably effective and non-partisan leader, admired and trusted on both sides of the aisle.” Senator Carper served the State of Delaware five terms in the U.S. House of Representatives, served two terms as Delaware’s 78th governor and was elected Senator in 2001. This was Senator Carper’s third PACE-sponsored visit to the SU campus. We hope he will come back again soon to share his knowledge and expertise with students and the University community.

Congressman Wayne Gilchrest
Drawing from a recent trip to Iraq, U.S. Congressman Wayne Gilchrest (R-MD) shared his observations about the war on November 29, 2007, at Salisbury University.

Shima Daneshpour, Kasey Wright, Dr. Creston Long, Congressman Wayne Gilchrest, David Davenport, Ginie Lynch, Dr. Harry Basehart and Dr. Fran Kane Gilchrest, elected to represent Maryland’s 1st Congressional District for the past nine terms, discussed “Iraq and Back: Congressman Gilchrest Shares Perspectives on the War in Iraq.” Held in SU’s Commons, a packed audience of students, faculty and community members were on hand to listen to Congressman Gilchrest and ask questions about the current status in Iraq.

Gilchrest co-founded the House Dialogue Caucus, where he has led efforts to bring together members of both parties to reach consensus on policy issues involving Iraq and the Middle East. He visited Iraq and the Middle East three times since the war began, and he returned from his latest visit in October 2007.

Democratic Candidates Forum
The three Democratic candidates running for the House of Representatives in Maryland’s 1st Congressional District—Steve Harper, Frank Kratovil and Christopher Robinson—spoke at a forum co-sponsored by PACE and the College Democrats, in which each candidate was given time to discuss his platform and then answer questions from the audience.

Harper, a former foreign service officer from Broadneck, MD, serves as vice president for international affairs at Petters Group Worldwide. Kratovil is the state’s attorney for Queen Anne’s County and worked previously as an assistant state’s attorney in both Prince George’s and Queen Anne’s counties. Robinson, a Cambridge resident, is an attorney in private practice dealing with criminal law, domestic relations and estates.

(Editors Note: Frank Kratovil won the Democratic primary in February 2008 and is now running against Dr. Andy Harris, who defeated Wayne Gilchrest in the Republican primary.)

Youth Voting Trends in the 2008 Election Year

In this election year, an invigorated voter turnout among young adults might just determine the outcome of the presidential election. To raise awareness about the impact youth voters will have this fall, PACE sponsored a dynamic lecture by an expert on generational politics, civic engagement and youth activism.

“Young Adults: What Do They Value? Will They Vote?” was the topic Dr. Molly Andolina, a DePaul University political science professor, discussed on campus April 15. Andolina spoke specifically on how Americans under 30 are reshaping today’s political landscape by contrasting their opinions with other age groups.

SU students were enthusiastic about the lecture. “Her presentation was wonderful,” said Melissa Bauswell. “This topic crosses generational lines and should interest everyone, regardless of age; to ask themselves how engaged they are.” Kayleigh Toth agreed. “It was a very informative lecture,” she said.

“Dr. Andolina showed me ways in which I can extend my citizenship to others and encourage others to participate more within various levels of government, politics and the community. It was the best lecture I attended … because it was directed at my generation.”

Molly Andolina is a co-author of a fascinating book A New Engagement? Political Participation, Civic Life and the Changing American Citizen. A native Marylander, Andolina is a former research director of the Pew Research Center for the People and the Press, a non-partisan group that studies the public’s attitudes and behavior. Andolina also served as a former poll analyst for NBC News in the 2000, 2002 and 2004 elections.

“Today’s young adults, especially college students, seemed really tuned in to this year’s presidential race and are excited about voting. We were thrilled to bring someone of Dr. Andolina’s stature to SU,” said Dr. Fran Kane, PACE co-director.
Dr. Harry Basehart: PACE Co-Founder Retires

Student Reflections
Mike Hawkins, SU Graduate
During the first semester of my freshman year, I had my first advising appointment with Dr. Basehart. I could not foresee the impact he would have on my life while I was a student. Dr. Basehart was immediately friendly and showed an interest in my course selections. He was a terrific advisor. I stopped by his office regularly for his counsel. I oftentimes attended the PACE functions he oversaw. Dr. Basehart became a real mentor to me. He was always willing to discuss my choices, and he guided my decisions on where to go next with my college career. His advice was realistic and he told the truth. I admired him for that.

Dr. Basehart helped me with an internship in the Maryland General Assembly, where I was placed in Delegate Norman H. Conway's office, who also became a great mentor. The Annapolis internship was a tremendous learning experience—by far the best of my educational career—and it gave me the opportunity to work with Dr. Basehart through the internship seminar.

Dr. Basehart has touched and enriched the lives of countless students. In Annapolis, his name is well known and respected. His influence reaches far beyond the walls of Salisbury University and the borders of the Eastern Shore. Dr. Basehart's dedication to students has been a real treasure for the University, the region and the State. I'm glad I had him as an advisor. His dedication to me will have a lasting effect on my life, long after graduation.

Kasey Wright, SU graduate
Dr. Basehart is the perfect embodiment of the two elements that matter most in a university: a passion for the subjects he teaches and a genuine interest in his students. Dr. Basehart was quick to utilize every resource he had to help a student—whether it was looking for an internship, assisting with a paper, advising for classes, or researching and job opportunities. Dr. Basehart guided me through all of these and more.

It was also a pleasure to work with Dr. Basehart at PACE. Through my experience at the Institute, I've gained a deeper understanding of his dedication to resource he had to help a student—whether it was looking for an internship, assisting with a paper, advising for classes, or researching and job opportunities. Dr. Basehart guided me through all of these and more.

A Tribute to Harry Basehart*

By Francis Kane, Co-Founder & Co-Director, PACE (*From Remarks at PACE's Reception, May 1, 2008)

From the moment he arrived at Salisbury University, Harry Basehart has enlightened students, faculty and fellow Eastern Shore citizens not just about the workings of state government but its pre-eminent place in our public lives. Continually sought as a commentator on everything from state elections to the intricacies of state government, Harry dispenses knowledge with astounding impartiality. While keenly aware of the foibles of state government, Harry has never lost his respect, dare we say reverence, for that august institution.

Dr. Fran Kane, Basehart, Priscilla Basehart and Dr. Marvin Tossey at PACE reception

Next year we celebrate our 10th anniversary; during those years PACE has been the element where Harry has lived and expressed his being. Our purpose was to help make our students more civically aware by making a difference in the community. Our intent was a modest one; we simply wanted to make a small difference in the lives of students and for them to leave SU prepared to be active citizens. Harry especially succeeded in doing just that.

What attracted Harry to PACE was the mission of civic engagement to our students and to the community. But I suspect that something more deeply personal also motivated him. As we grow older, there is the temptation (as they say) to rest on our laurels. Heaven knows, Harry had plenty to rest on before PACE. But I suspect he wanted another challenge, something to grab his imagination and to spark his energy. Rather, his time with us reminds me of that memorable line from T.S. Eliot: “Old men ought to be explorers.”

Thank you, Harry, on behalf of PACE, your students and your community for taking us into exciting, unchartered territory. It has been an honor to serve with you.
Maryland Greenways Class
By Sally Paz y Mino

I am very glad that the PACE Presidential Citizen Scholar program required us to take an academic component, and that I selected the Maryland Greenways class.

Before taking this class, the environment was not really my forte. Through this class, I have learned to appreciate the dedication of people working to protect Maryland’s Eastern Shore, which made my appreciation for conservation grow. I now understand the fragility of this area and how easy it would be for the Eastern Shore to disappear forever. It has happened in so many other areas, through pollution and failure to plan, and it would be so easy for Wicomico County to slip through the cracks, too. I came to this class with very little knowledge about the “nitty gritty” of environmental conservation and especially of green infrastructure.

Visiting a greenway infrastructure area was a meaningful thing to have the class do. Hardy anyone of our class was from the Eastern Shore, and going to college here does not mean that we have seen nature in Wicomico County. The area that I went to was so beautiful; it was a large wooded area surrounding a lake or large pond. I know that if the Eastern Shore continues to be developed without planning, that this area would turn into more gas stations, shops or strip malls. That would be a shame.

I am thankful for this course for making me want to get involved with the environmental issues both in my community and on the Eastern Shore. There is so much to lose and only a few people who are fighting to keep things the way they are.

At the recycling symposium I went to on Earth Day, I learned that only 5 percent of the 28,000 Salisbury residents recycle. Between the lack of environmental awareness and the demand to build on the Shore, the face of this area could change dramatically over the next few years. This class has made a handful of more people who (hopefully) will become part of the group that wants to stop this. I am one of those people. Few classes have this impact, and I feel lucky that I took this course.

This Spring’s 2000 PACE class was taught by Dr. Joan Maloof.

Your Voice, Your Vote!

With the 2008 presidential election approaching, PACE is working with students, faculty and administrators to take voter registration directly into SU classrooms. Dr. Harry Basehart will lead a one-credit voter registration seminar this fall. In this class, students will receive training as voter registration volunteers and then register other students to vote.

Based on past PACE voter registration drives, students respond best to their peers when it comes to learning about the importance of becoming active, informed voters. In their presentations in the classrooms, PACE students explain why they believe electoral choices matter and then distribute registration forms. A designated PACE staffer will deliver the completed forms to the Wicomico County Board of Elections.

PACE volunteers will also host a Student Voter Assistance Day in early October to help SU students fill out registration forms and absentee ballot applications. Check our Web site, www.salisbury.edu/pace, for the date.

Over the summer PACE developed a virtual Student Voter Toolkit, which is now linked on the PACE Web site! On it, SU students will find links to state elections boards, absentee voting procedures and deadlines, links to campaign and party Web sites, and general information on voting rights.

Don’t forget to vote!

Left: Kasey Wright works with Dr. Creston Long on voter registration
Right: Dr. Creston Long teaching a voter registration class

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research, academics, and student engagement in politics and the community.

Dr. Basehart had a way of providing students with honesty in every situation while expressing the confidence he had in them to succeed. I could not imagine a professor more dedicated to the classroom and his students. I don’t know how it was possible, but somehow, Dr. Basehart made time in his life and room in his heart for every student who expressed an interest in learning. Thank you, Dr. Basehart, you will be missed!
Students in Local Internships Spring 2008

PACE supported a number of local internships this year in which students received three hours of credit in SOSC 300, Social Science Internship.

- Ronald E. Andrew  
  History Major, Town of Hurlock
- Josh D. Cherriman  
  Political Science Major, Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce, Salisbury
- David T. Davenport and Matthew J. Manning  
  Political Science Majors, Deputy State’s Attorney Office, Circuit Court Division, Worcester County
- Hunter J. Emory  
  Political Science Major, Office of Senator Thomas R. Carper, Georgetown, DE
- Danielle Hal  
  Political Science Major, Deaf Independent Living Association, Inc., Salisbury
- Nicholas G. Madiou  
  Philosophy Major, The Honorable Theodore R. Eschenburg, Circuit Court, Worcester County Court House, Snow Hill
- Kimberly A. Rowan  
  Political Science Major, The Honorable Richard M. Pollitt Jr., County Executive, Wicomico County
- David J. Spielman  
  Political Science Major, Maryland Coastal Bays Program, Ocean City

Student News

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT CLASSES
In fall 2007, Dr. Creston Long (history) taught a Voter Registration class for PACE. In spring 2008, Dr. Haven Simmons (communication arts) taught a class on Bloggers and Salisbury Politics, and Dr. Joan Maloof (biology) taught a course on Maryland Greenways.

SURVEY RESEARCH
Last fall, PACE conducted a Family Needs Assessment Survey of Kent County residents. This survey was a part of a larger study of Kent County social programs conducted by SU’s Center for Family and Community Life. The principal investigator for the project was Dr. Marvin Tossey from the SU Social Work Department. PACE was pleased to partner in these efforts.

PACE STUDENTS
We say goodbye to two political science majors who worked with us this year and graduated: Kasey Wright and Jessi Bedell. Best of luck in your career endeavors!

Artists Sheryl Oring with SU student

Messages for the Next President of the United States

Got a message for the next president of the United States? Profiled by The New York Times and ABC News, traveling artist and author Sheryl Oring visited SU last spring to pose the following question to students and the community: “If I were president, what would you wish to say to me?”

Oring came to our campus to take dictation on her portable, public office—her manual typewriter. She typed the messages onto cards that will be transcribed into a book for the next president of the United States. Her stop at Salisbury University is one of many as Oring travels the nation listening to the American people. The event, which PACE sponsored with the Electronic Gallery at SU and the Student Art Club, was held in the Guerrieri University Center where students, faculty and community members arrived with questions in hand. Comments included:

Dear Ms. President,
“I hope you have the insight to know what this country needs and to know where it needs to go … to instill unity as opposed to division. I hope you truly care for the reputation this country has in the rest of the world.” Thomas Mitchell

Dear Madame President,
“Thanks for making women’s suffrage worth it … Good luck.” Jennifer Naradzay

Dear Mr. or Mrs. President,
“…You hold the hope for the future …” Dwayne Ravello

To read what others have said, check out: http://iwishtosay.blogspot.com/search/label/Salisbury University
PAGS Events and People

President Janet Dudley-Eshbach with Presidential Citizen Scholar student Ryan Hunt at the PACE Scholars ceremony in May 2008

State Senator J. Lowell Stoltzfus speaking to SU alums at the Annapolis reception honoring Dr. Harry Basehart

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Fall 2008 Calendar

Thursday, Sept. 25  
Constitution Day Speaker  
MD State Senator Jamie Raskin  
Commons, Worcester Room, 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 26  
First Presidential Debate, 9 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 30  
1st District Congressional Debate  
Holloway Hall Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Sept. 29–Oct. 10  
PACE Voter Registration Drive

Thursday, Oct. 2  
Vice Presidential Debate, “Debate Watch”  
Teacher Education & Technology Center, Rm. 153, 9 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 2  
MD Congressman John Sarbanes Lecture  
Holloway Hall Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 7  
Second Presidential Debate, “Debate Watch”  
Teacher Education & Technology Center, Rm. 153, 9 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 14  
Voter Registration Application Deadline for MD Election Boards

Wednesday, Oct. 15  
Third Presidential Debate  
9 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 16  
Presidential Election Speaker  
Dotty Lynch, CBS News Commentator  
Guerrieri Center, Wicomico Room  
7 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 28  
General Election Absentee Ballots Due

Wednesday, Oct. 29  
SU Faculty Discuss Candidates and Issues  
Caruthers Hall Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 4  
General Election Day
Help Support PACE!

At PACE, we sponsor lectures that bring national leaders to campus; conduct policy and survey research; seek ways for faculty and students to be active in community life of the Shore, and act as a resource center for local government, nonprofits and public groups. If you would like to learn more about our nonpartisan Institute and how you can get involved, please contact us at 410-677-5045. If you would like to help us continue to thrive, please contribute to PACE at Salisbury University by completing and returning this form. Donations to PACE are tax deductible and administered by the Salisbury University Foundation, Inc. For specific information on how to contribute to PACE, please contact the Salisbury University Foundation, Inc. at 410-543-6175. Please note: donations of $1,000 or more entitle you to membership in the University's President's Club.

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