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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In the year, 2003-2004, PACE continued to offer its now familiar buffet of faculty-student research teams, internships, PACE seminars and survey research projects. As in every preceding year, the number of offerings and students involved has modestly increased. As usual, the PACE house continues to be a hub of activities with students working upstairs on our survey research projects, milling downstairs before and after our PACE seminars, or just stopping in to see what's going on.

The most dramatic events, perhaps, involved Legislators on the national and state scene. Under the auspices of Senator Sarbanes and his staff, we were able to bring onto campus the noted civil rights leader and Georgia legislator, John Lewis. Mr. Lewis captivated, electrified and left spellbound an audience of well over 500 people in Holloway Hall on March 29th. In the reception afterwards, the comment we heard most from faculty, students and community members was: "How will you ever top this?" Earlier in the year, we had honored Delegate Norman Conway as PACE's third recipient of the John R. Hargreaves Distinguished Legislative Fellow Award. In a moving ceremony in the Maryland House, President Janet Dudley-Eshbach presented an obviously touched Delegate Conway with the award at our annual "Day in Annapolis." In other events in the series, the Delegate warmly welcomed PACE students to his office later in the session and after the 2004 legislative session he visited the SU campus where he gave an informative "insider's account" of what happened and why.

Another noteworthy event was the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) awarding of one of its 2003 outstanding programs to the ECI Discussion Group Program. Drs. Hatley and Kane and student Pat Holden went to Villa Julie College in Baltimore to accept the award.

More specifically, our faculty-student research teams on the revenue cap in Wicomico County, on College Student Voting, for the Maryland Coastal Bays Program and the Holly Community, Inc. continue to give our students an excellent experience in civic learning and engagement. Our survey research arm, involving 5 projects and 20 students, and our 10 student interns scattered throughout the Eastern Shore demonstrate the increasingly indispensable role PACE plays in our community.

Our Thomas E. Bellavance intern, Brian Young, was the third recipient of this generous award from the Bellavance family. Brian was a senior political science and history double major from Bel Air, Maryland. Active in his community since the age of six, Young has been involved in numerous facets of civic engagement, ranging from his service as an Eagle Scout to his work in the offices of Congressman Wayne Gilchrest and Delegate Barry Glassman. He brought considerable energy to his appointment and helped

PACE in nearly every one of its programs; most notably the initiatives with legislators and voting.

One partnering project that involved a great deal of our time and energies but, we believe, paid off handsomely was the Civic and Government Leadership Academy. Working with the Greater Salisbury Committee, we developed an intensive 7 week (one night a week) course for citizens interested in becoming involved in government. Our first academy enrolled about 30 students and we drew on speakers and discussion leaders from local experts to national ones. Feedback was very positive and, should funding and time permit, we would like to offer another one in the spring of 2006.

In our planning efforts, we are hoping to develop funding for programs that would involve a significantly greater number of our students and also to seek ways to impact the campus with additional civic engagement opportunities. We would not be honest if we did not point out that PACE's financial situation at the end of the year is quite precarious. With the Kerr funds nearly exhausted and revenues all but modest, it would be difficult for us to continue our work without an infusion of funds or, perhaps more importantly, an acquisition of a PIN line for the Managing Director. The latter support would allow PACE to continue to exist even if in a modest way.

DETAILED ACCOUNT

ORGANIZATION

- *PACE'S ADVISORY BOARD*

Our annual meeting was held on October 28, 2003.

Attendees:

Advisory Board

Brad Bellacicco - Salisbury Chamber of Commerce
Elizabeth Bellavance – Community Representative
Delegate Talmadge Branch - Maryland House of Delegates
Marion Keenan - Maryland Coastal Hospice

Staff:

Dr. Harry Basehart, Co-Director
Dr. Francis Kane, Co-Director
Pauline Gehrich, Managing Director

Student Interns:

Michele Vinbury, PACE Intern
Brian Young, Bellavance Intern

Guests:

Dr. David Buchanan, Provost
Dr. Timothy O'Rourke, Dean of Fulton School

The main topic of discussion centered on the initiatives that PACE might take to receive more funding for the Institute in general and specific programs. Suggestions from the Board were very helpful. It was suggested that PACE should seek out both governmental and private monies.

PROGRAMS

- *PAUL S. SARBANES LECTURE SERIES*

The third (now annual) lecture was given by Representative John Lewis on March 29, 2004, in Holloway Hall. Over 500 people attended. The audience was attentive, even spellbound, as the well-known and highly respected civil rights leader told the story of his rise from humble roots in Georgia to standing alongside Martin Luther King to becoming Atlanta's nine term congressman in the House of Representatives.

The program began with an afternoon press conference where President Janet Dudley-Eshbach welcomed Representative Lewis. The highlight of the conference was Mr. Lewis' warm interaction with the twenty-four students from Ann Wilmer's journalism class.

Following the press conference, the Congressman conducted an informal seminar with eleven selected students on political leadership. Again, the Congressman's warmth and humor won our students over to his message of commitment to public life.

Prior to the lecture, a dinner was held in the Congressman's honor attended by University and PACE administrators, faculty and community representatives, and students.

Students, particularly PACE's Bellavance Intern, helped plan and facilitate the event.

- *JOHN R. HARGREAVES DISTINGUISHED LEGISLATIVE FELLOW PROGRAM*
This program recognizes the accomplishments of an outstanding legislator in the Maryland General Assembly and brings the honoree on campus for our students to have the opportunity to interact with the honoree.
This year's honoree, our third in the program, was Eastern Shore Delegate Norman H. Conway, chair of the Maryland House's Appropriation Committee.
At Salisbury University's annual "Day at Annapolis" (January 28), President Janet Dudley-Eshbach presented the award to Delegate Conway. Clearly moved by the honor, Delegate Conway spoke of his long connection to the Eastern Shore and the University.
On March 11, a group of students led by Dr. Harry Basehart and Dr. Francis Kane traveled to Annapolis for the day. They attended a committee meeting, had a tour of the legislative buildings, and met with Delegate Conway. He spent nearly an hour with the students discussing in a candid way the joys and difficulties of being a legislative leader.
Finally, Del. Conway visited SU on April 21, 2004. A dinner was held in his honor in the Founders Room and the delegate gave a lecture to the students, faculty and community. His talk was entitled, "A Session to Remember: 2004 and Gambling on Our Future?"
- *EASTERN CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION DISCUSSION GROUP PROGRAM*
The Maryland Association of Higher Education (MAHE) awarded The ECI Discussion Group one of its three Outstanding Programs of 2003. Dr. Kane accompanied Dr. Hatley, student Patrick Holden, and ECI librarian June Brittingham to Villa Julie College for the award ceremony. In the lunch afterwards, we were all kept busy by many MAHE members who wanted further information on this exciting program. This program coordinates the activities of 21 students, under faculty supervision, who lead book discussion groups at the Eastern Correctional Institution. Dr. James Hatley and Dr. Grace Clement of the Philosophy Department are coordinators and supervisors of the program. This year the program expanded to 14 groups and 177 inmates attended the sessions.
- *CIVIC ENGAGEMENT SEMINAR* (Previously the Public Policy Research Course)
Each seminar is designed around a different public policy issue.
This spring, Dr. Michael Lewis of the history department taught the second course in this program that explored agricultural transformation in Wicomico County from 1880 to the present and 11 students took the class.
- *YOUR VOTE, YOUR VOICE INITIATIVE*
This program was a continuation of PACE's annual voter registration drive that started with the 2000 presidential election.

91 voter registration forms and 5 absentee ballot applications were completed and mailed from PACE's office. Dr. Basehart and a team of 2 students (led by Brian Young, the 2003 - 2004 Thomas E. Bellavance Intern) organized and carried out the drive.

- *THE CIVIC AND GOVERNMENTAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY*
This new initiative, which PACE is co-partnering with the Greater Salisbury Committee and the Tri-County League of Women Voters, was held for 2 hrs/night on seven consecutive Tuesday evenings (February 17 – March 30, 2004). It is an academy for interested citizens who wish to become engaged with the public life of the community. Donations totaling \$9,425 funded this academy.

FACULTY-STUDENT RESEARCH TEAMS

4 students with a credit hour production of 9 credits have worked on these projects.

- *Wicomico County Revenue Cap Study*
A team of one student (Lauren Hauck), a consultant (Amy Liebman) and Dr. Basehart worked on developing a plan for how to analyze the impact of Wicomico County's Revenue Cap.
The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore funded a grant of \$3,471 to develop this plan.
- *Maryland Coastal Bays Aquatic Sensitive Areas Initiative*
Ms. Gehrlich worked on a project for the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and the MCBP facilitating the development of a Maryland Coastal Bays Aquatic Sensitive Areas Management Plan. She was assisted by PACE student intern, Michele Vinbury.
PACE received a \$25,000 grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association and a \$5,000 grant from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources for this project.
- *Democracy and College Student Voting Report Revision*
Dr. Michael O'Loughlin, Political Science department, worked with a student, Michelle Weiler, on updating a PACE report he and another student had written several years before. That report, available on our website, has received a good deal of national attention.
- *Focus Groups for Holly Community Inc.*
Dr. Chrys Egan, Communication/Theater Arts department, worked with a student, Nicole Hoffman, training Holly Community Inc. staff to conduct focus groups and analyzed the results for them. PACE received \$500 for this project.

SURVEY RESEARCH

PACE was involved in 5 research projects, employing 20 students on an individual basis.

- *Caroline County*
Dr. Marvin Tossey, Social Work department and Center for Family and Community Development, contracted with PACE to conduct telephone interviews to study the opinions of families in Caroline County. Dr. Basehart and a team of 10 students worked on this project. PACE received \$6,908 for this project.
- *Democratic Central Committee of Worcester County*
Dr. Basehart and a team of 11 students developed and analyzed a survey on opinions of registered Democrats in Worcester County. PACE received \$6,936 for this project.
- *Wicomico County*
Dr. Marvin Tossey, Social Work department and Center for Family and Community Development, contracted with PACE to conduct telephone interviews to study the opinions of Wicomico County residents who have children at home under the age of 18. Dr. Basehart and a team of 13 students worked on this project. PACE received \$11,544 for this project.
- *Salisbury University Library*
Dean Alice Bahr contracted with PACE to analyze the data from a survey the Library had conducted. Dr. Basehart and a student worked on this project. PACE received \$165 for this project.
- *Salisbury University American Marketing Association*
Dr. Debby Easterling, Marketing department, and the SU student American Marketing Association contracted with PACE to assist them in conducting a survey of Wicomico County residents. PACE received \$250 for this project.

STUDENT INTERNSHIPS

PACE offered 10 diverse internships for 10 students.

- *The Thomas E. Bellavance Internship*
Recognizes the contribution of a distinguished student to public service and offers the student honoree a \$2,500 stipend and the opportunity to work with PACE on public policy issues. The stipend is made possible by a generous donation from the Bellavance family.
The third year honoree was Brian Young. Mr. Young was involved with the staff in developing, organizing, and running PACE programs. He was particularly involved with the fall voter registration program and bringing speakers to campus.

- *City and Town Internships*
Salisbury Intern: student Brad Diver
Fruitland Intern: student Joseph Purcell
Fruitland Intern: student Justin Huebner
- *Political Internships*
Congressman Gilchrest's Office Intern: student Stacey Godfrey

Summer internship at Governor's office: student Owen Jarvis
Salisbury City Council: student Lindsay Simmons
- *Community Internships*
Salisbury Chamber of Commerce Intern: student Sondra Dietz.

Maryland Coastal Bays Program Intern: student Melissa Martin
Maryland Coastal Bays Program Intern: student Michele Vinbury
- *Legal Internships*
Law Firm of Hearne and Bailey: student Cara Wynne.

FORUMS AND LECTURES

- *City Council Candidates Debate*
PACE co-sponsored with the League of Women Voters and Public Access Channel 26 the Salisbury Election Debate for city council positions (Oct. 20). The debate was carried live on Channel 26 and rerun extensively in the days leading up to the election.

PARTNERSHIPS

- *Tri-County League of Women Voters*
Legislative Tea (Nov. 30). Eastern Shore Delegates were invited to annual citizens' forum.
- *Harwood Institute's "New Patriotism Project"*
Dr. Kane served on the executive committee that initiated, planned and operated the "New Patriotism" program that brought together civic leaders from Wicomico County to analyze and re-invigorate the local political scene.
- *Shriver Center, University of Maryland, Baltimore County*
PACE coordinated, with them, the application process for the Governor's Summer Internship Program.

PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES BY DIRECTORS

- Dr. Basehart attended the Mid-West Political Science Meeting in Chicago (April 15 - 17) and the Kent State University "Laboratories of Democracy: Public Policy in the American States" (April 30- May 1).
- Ms. Gehrlich and Brian Young (PACE's Bellavance Intern) attended the Southern Consortium of University Public Service Organizations (SCUPSO) Conference in Wilmington, DE (April 15).

PUBLICITY

- Articles appeared in local newspapers on U. S. Congressman John Lewis's visit to campus, on Maryland Delegate Norman H. Conway's visit to campus, on the awarding of the John R. Hargreaves Distinguished Legislative Fellow Award, on the Thomas E. Bellavance Internship Award, on the Civic and Government Leadership Academy, and on the City Council Candidates Debate.
- Articles appeared in the "Fulton Exchange" on U. S. Congressman John Lewis's visit to campus, on Maryland Delegate Norman H. Conway's visit to campus, on our Civic Engagement Seminar, on the Civic and Government Leadership Academy, on SU's recipient of the Governor's Summer Internship Award, on the Bellavance Internship, on the Maryland Coastal Bays Grant Project, and on our Voter Registration Drive.
- Articles appeared in the SU News on U. S. Congressman John Lewis's visit to campus, on Maryland Delegate Norman H. Conway's visit to campus and the awarding of the John R. Hargreaves Distinguished Legislative Fellow Award, on the ECI Discussion Group Program, and on SU's recipient of the Governor's Summer Internship Award.
- Articles appeared in the Salisbury University Flyer on the Bellavance Internship, on the City Council Candidates Debate, on the ECI Discussion Group Program, on Maryland Delegate Norman H. Conway's visit to campus and the awarding of the John R. Hargreaves Distinguished Legislative Fellow Award.
- An article appeared in the Salisbury University Alumni Association's "In Touch" magazine on Maryland Delegate Norman H. Conway being awarded the John R. Hargreaves Distinguished Legislative Fellow Award.
- An announcement appeared in Salisbury University's Panorama Magazine on the Paul S. Sarbanes Lecture Series.
- An announcement appeared in the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore's Newsletter, the *Pillar*, on the grant we received from them for our Wicomico Revenue Cap Study.

- An announcement appeared in Salisbury University's eSU News on the City Council Candidates Debate, on U. S. Congressman John Lewis's visit to campus, and on Maryland Delegate Norman H. Conway's visit to campus.
- PACE published its second and third newsletters (December 2003 and June 2004).
- An article appeared on the ECI Book Discussion Group in the *Baltimore Sun*.

PLANNING

- Discussions with the Dean and Provost about future funding of PACE
- Search for additional sources of funding from grants, endowments and university support.
- Look to increase the involvement of students in the program and to get PACE more directly involved with the curriculum.

BUDGET AND FINANCES (2003 – 2004)

Foundation Account - June 2003	\$109,135
Md DNR Grant Account (July - Dec 2003)	<u>\$21,825</u>
	\$130,960
INCOME	
Donations - Civic and Govt. Leadership Acad.	\$9,425
ECI Discussion Program	\$125
PACE Operations	\$10
ECI Income - book sales	\$460
Interest	\$0
Kerr Fund Gift	\$50,000
Survey Research Program Fees *	\$13,130
Civic and Govt. Leadership Acad. Program Fee	\$5,754
University Allocation (to PACE)	\$4,500
University Allocation (to PACE)	\$57,689
Fulton Sch. - Reassigned Time	\$15,166
Summer '04 Stipends	\$3,000
Md DNR - Coastal Bays Grant (Jan - Feb. 2004)	<u>\$5,000</u>
Total Income	\$164,259
EXPENSES	
Operations	
Staff Salaries - Mg. Dir & Secr.	\$61,489
Co-Directors - Reassigned time	\$15,166
Summer '03 Stipends	\$5,000
Summer '04 Stipends	\$5,000
Operations Costs	\$4,516
Advisory Board Meeting	\$87
Foundation Yearly Fee	\$1,278
Programs	
Bellavance Internship Program	\$2,505
Survey Research Program	\$25,619
Civic Engagement Seminar	\$3,000
ECI Discussion Group Program	\$1,952
Hargreaves Legislative Fellow Program	\$775
Lectures and Forums Program	\$295
Sarbanes Lecture Series	\$4,226
College Student Voting Program	\$64
Civic And Government Leadership Academy	\$6,359
Grants	
Md DNR Grant Expenses	<u>\$3,537</u>
Total Expenses	\$140,868
Foundation Account - June 2004	\$154,351

* Survey Research Program Fees – this figure is the amount we received between July 1, 2003 and June 30, 2004. At the end of June 2004, we were owed \$13,866, which we have since received.