

PACE ANNUAL REPORT

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

After three and a half years of operation, we believe that PACE has “hit its stride” and has established its identity in the community and in the university. With the undisputed success of programs such as the Paul S. Sarbanes Lecture Series, the John R. Hargreaves Distinguished Legislative Fellow Program, the Eastern Correctional Institute Discussion group program, our survey research, our student interns and faculty-student research teams, PACE is fast becoming a well known and trusted entity in the community and an indispensable arm of University’s outreach program.

The most notable, certainly the most visible, program sponsored by PACE last year was the Paul S. Sarbanes Lecture Series. The turnout from the university and community was remarkable, over 400 for the inaugural, Fall lecture by Senator Sarbanes, and over 700 for the second, Spring lecture by Senator Richard Lugar. To host two senior United States Senators on the same day was surely a coup for the University.

Although PACE did not initiate the Eastern Correctional Institute Discussion group program—that well deserved credit goes to Philosophy students and faculty—we did assume responsibility and coordination for the program and nominated it for the Maryland Association of Higher Education’s Outstanding Program Award. We justly felt proud, then, when we were notified in July of this year that the ECI program had been selected to receive the award.

Our second awarding of the John R. Hargreaves Distinguished Legislator Award to Maryland Delegate Howard P. Rawlings for his lifetime of public service was the fitting capstone to a highly successful Salisbury University Day at Annapolis. The President’s awarding him the plaque and his kind remarks about our University left everyone with the sense that, despite the difficult financial times, our connections with the State legislators was growing ever stronger.

In the community, our faculty-student research teams on housing in Salisbury, on the revenue cap in Wicomico County and for the Maryland Coastal Bays Program helped solidify our reputation in the community for service excellence. In addition, our survey research arm, involving 7 projects and 28 students, and our 16 student interns scattered throughout the Eastern Shore demonstrates PACE’s indispensable role in the community.

Our new partnerships with the nationally known Harwood Institute and the influential local group, the Greater Salisbury Committee, and our continuing partnerships with the League of Women Voters and various environmental groups are further evidence that we are increasingly recognized as an important player in issues involving public and governmental policy.

Our Thomas E. Bellavance intern, Ron Cirillo, did an outstanding job coordinating many of our most visible programs and his work on the Government Relations Committee was highly praised by its chair, Ellen Zinner. He has been awarded a scholarship to study Economics in International Intelligence and Strategic Studies at the University of Wales, Aberystwyth.

We would be remiss if we did not mention, in conclusion, the great concerns we have about the future of PACE. Our Kerr funding will run out sometime in the summer of 2004 and we do not have, as yet, any firm financial commitments to ensure the future of PACE. We are active on a number of fronts: we continue to look for a PIN position for our Managing Director and are seeking funding support for some of our programs like the Paul S. Sarbanes Lecture Series and the Faculty-Student Research teams. Our newly established Advisory Board should be a great help to us also. While we remain hopeful, we are aware that this coming year may be PACE's last year of operation.

DETAILED ACCOUNT

ORGANIZATION

- *PACE'S ADVISORY BOARD*
PACE staff solicited suggestions and then selected members for our Advisory Board. Our first meeting was held November 18, 2003.

Greg Bassett - The Daily Times
Brad Bellacicco - Salisbury Chamber of Commerce
Elizabeth Bellavance –Salisbury University
Delegate Talmadge Branch - Maryland House of Delegates
Jerry Bruno - Political Consultant (retired)
Delegate Norman Conway - Maryland House of Delegates
Delegate Adelaide Eckardt - Maryland House of Delegates
Len Foxwell – Greater Washington Board of Trade
Delegate Jeannie Haddaway – Maryland House of Delegates
Barbara Hawk - Institute for Governmental Services (retired)
Marion Keenan - Maryland Coastal Hospice
Daniel Kuennen - University of Maryland, Eastern Shore
Richard Pollitt - Fruitland, Maryland City Manager
Alan Rosenthal - Eagleton Institute of Politics
Senator Paul Sarbanes - United States Senator
Anthony Sarbanes - Wicomico County Council
Barrie Tilghman - Salisbury, Maryland Mayor

PROGRAMS

- *PAUL S. SARBANES LECTURE SERIES*

The inaugural lecture, "The Crisis in Corporate America: The Legislative Response," was given by Senator Paul Sarbanes on October 22, 2002, in the Wicomico Room.

The lecture dealt with the corporate scandals that rocked Wall Street and the Sarbanes-Oxley Bill, which responded to the crisis.

Over 400 people attended.

The new program began with a press conference announcing the new series and presentation of plaque to the Senator by President Dudley-Eshbach.

Following the press conference, the Senator conducted a seminar with 8 students selected by PACE on political leadership.

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

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

The second lecture in the series was given on March 14, 2003, by Senator Richard Lugar. The lecture, titled "The Changing World" dealt with events leading up to the crisis in Iraq.

Senator Paul Sarbanes introduced his old friend Senator Richard Lugar and spent the entire day with him at the University.

Over 700 people attended the talk on a Friday afternoon, which was covered by the press including a Japanese television station.

Following his lecture, the Senator conducted a seminar with 16 students on political life.

A dinner was held in his honor with President Dudley-Eshbach and PACE staff attending along with faculty, students and community representatives.

Next year's lecture will be in the spring semester, 2004.

- *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 second in the program, was Delegate Howard P. Rawlings of the Maryland Assembly.

President Janet Dudley-Eshbach gave the award to Delegate Rawlings on January 23, 2003 in Annapolis, Salisbury University's day at Annapolis.

Because of his schedule and illness, the Delegate had to postpone his visit to campus until the fall of 2003.

- *EASTERN CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION DISCUSSION GROUP PROGRAM*

This program coordinates the activities of 15 students, under faculty supervision, who lead book discussion groups at the Eastern Correctional Institution. This year Dr.

James Hatley and Dr. Grace Clement of the Philosophy Department coordinated and supervised the program.

Two groups were run in the fall, 5 more in the spring and 2 in the summer. The program is run in cooperation with the continuing education program at the facility.

In June, PACE nominated this program for the Maryland Association of Higher Education Association's Outstanding Programs Award and it was announced later in the summer that the ECI program won the award for 2003.

- *CIVIC ENGAGEMENT SEMINAR* (Previously the Public Policy Research Course)
Each seminar is designed around a different public policy issue.
PACE selected from among 4 applications, Dr. Michael Lewis of the history department, to teach the second course in this program during the Spring 2004.
His seminar will develop an oral history of environmental issues facing the region.
- *YOUR VOTE, YOUR VOICE INITIATIVE*
This program was a continuation of PACE's annual voter registration drive that started with the 2000 presidential election.
202 voter registration forms and 418 absentee ballot applications were completed and mailed from PACE's office. Dr. Basehart and a team of 8 students (led by Ron Cirillo, the 2002 - 2003 Thomas E. Bellavance Intern) organized and carried out the drive as part of the Service Learning course. Nine volunteer students also participated.
- *THE CIVIC AND GOVERNMENTAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY*
This new initiative, which PACE is co-partnering with the Greater Salisbury Committee and the League of Women Voters, will be an academy for interested citizens who wish to become engaged with the public life of the community.
Target date is spring of 2004.

FACULTY-STUDENT RESEARCH TEAMS

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

- *Salisbury Housing Research Project*
A student team (Sara Chaconas, Derek Tully, Christy Weisner) led by Ruth Baker, a government policy consultant, conducted research on rental and housing issues dealing with town gown issues. Their recommendations were made to Salisbury's Housing Task Force, who had commissioned the study. At its final meeting, the task force lavishly praised the team, commending the students for their hard work and balanced report.
- *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. Gehnrich is working 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.
PACE received a \$25,000 grant from DNR and NOAA for this project.

SURVEY RESEARCH

PACE was involved in 7 research projects, employing 28 students on an individual basis.

- *Lower Shore Workforce Alliance Survey Project*
Ms. Gehnrich directed this telephone follow-up study of program participants with the assistance of a two students.
- *Information Technology, Salisbury University Survey Project*
A student developed and coordinated a survey under the direction of Jerry Waldron of the Information Technology Department of SU.
- *Perdue Farms, Incorporated Middle Manager Survey Project*
Dr. Basehart and two students developed, analyzed a survey on opinions of middle managers.
- *Town of Vienna Citizen Opinion Survey Project*
Dr. Basehart and a team of 6 students developed and analyzed a survey on opinions of the town's residents.
- *Talbot County Ambassador Program Survey Project*
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 the Ambassador Program participants. Dr. Basehart and team of 4 students worked on this project.
- *Three County Alcohol Survey - Survey of 18 - 20 year olds*
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 18 to 20 year olds who live in Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester counties with regards to alcohol use. Dr. Basehart and team of 11 students worked on this project.
- *Perdue Farms, Incorporated Producer Survey Project*
Dr. Basehart and two students analyzed a survey on opinions of producers.

STUDENT INTERNSHIPS

PACE offered 16 diverse internships for 18 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 second year honoree was Ronald Cirillo. Mr. Cirillo 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. Mr. Cirillo has been accepted to a Master's program in Economics in International Intelligence and Strategic Studies at the University of Wales, Aberystwyth, for next year.

- *City and Town Internships*
Salisbury Traffic Project Intern: student Ashley Daniels assisted on a project examining the traffic problems in the Pinehurst area.

Fruitland Intern: student Haley Hurson assisted with their examination of their zoning codes.

- *Political Internships*
Robert Ehrlich's Eastern Shore Office Intern: student Brad Miller assisted with his gubernatorial campaign.

Kathleen Kennedy Townsend's Eastern Shore Office Intern: student Tyler Patton assisted with her gubernatorial campaign.

U. S. Senator Thomas Carper's Office Intern: student Heather Pepper assisted in his office.

Summer internship at Governor's office: James Dragos.

- *Community Internships*
Salisbury Chamber of Commerce Intern: student Matt Doarnberger monitored upcoming legislation that might affect industries in the Salisbury area.

Tri-County League of Women Voters - student Jen Ward worked with their Board.

Maryland Coastal Bays Program Intern: student Linda Bowe assisted in the development of a plan to market the program to minorities.

Nanticoke Watershed Alliance Intern: student DeAnna Felix assisted in the development of educational materials for the program.

Salisbury University, Wetlands Research Project, Biology Department Intern: student Alice Wilkerson worked on the policy aspects of a wetlands biology project.

- *Legal Internships*

Wicomico Bar Association Intern: student Richard Hostetter assisted with the development of a web site.

Law Firm of Hearne and Bailey Intern: students Laura Devine and Cynthia Marrufo assisted with the work of the law firm.

Law Firm of Laws and Robertson Intern: student Kathryn Elmore assisted with the work of the law firm.

Law Firm of Frank Benvenuto Intern: student Megan Wood assisted with the work of the law firm.

- *PACE Internships*

PACE , Salisbury University: students Cyndee Davis and Jill Cressor wrote press releases.

FORUMS AND LECTURES

- *Paleochannel Forum* (February 11)

PACE co-sponsored this forum on the area's drinking water with the Tri-County League of Women Voters, the Friends of the Nanticoke River, the Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce, the Nanticoke Watershed Alliance and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

- *“Justifying the Use of Armed Force: The Just War Idea and the Iraq Debate”* (April 16)

Lecture by James Turner Johnson as part of the University’s Program Board’s Spring Series: “Peace and Conflict.”

- *What Is A Good Citizen?* (May 2)

PACE co-sponsored the annual Philosophy Spring Symposium with the Philosophy Department, The Honors Program and the Fulton School of Liberal Arts.

Featured speakers were Elaine Scarry, Harvard University, and Dana Villa, University of California, Santa Barbara.

Over 100 people attended the day long event.

PARTNERSHIPS

- *League of Women Voters*
Legislative Tea (December 1) - Eastern Shore Delegates invited to a 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 political situation.
Dr. Kane attended special session of Harwood Institute's media analysis seminar.
- *Women's Law Center*
Supervised two students who assisted with gathering data from court records.
- *Shriver Center, U. of Md, B. C.*
Coordinated application process for Governor's Summer Internship Program.

PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES BY DIRECTORS

- Dr. Basehart attended the Mid-West Political Science Meeting in Chicago (April 3 - 6); the Kent State University "Democracy" conference (April 26 - 30); the 2003 Vietnam Symposium in Washington, D.C. (May 13).
- Dr. Kane gave a half day workshop on Ethics across the Curriculum to the faculty of Wor-Wic Community College (May)
- Ms. Gehrlich attended the Maryland Municipal League Convention, with PACE as an exhibitor (June 23 - 25).

PUBLICITY

- Articles appeared in local newspapers on U. S. Senator Paul S. Sarbanes and U. S. Senator Richard G. Lugar's visits to campus, on the Thomas E. Bellavance Internship Award and on two political science students who work with PACE.
- Articles appeared in the "Fulton Exchange" on U. S. Senator Paul S. Sarbanes and U. S. Senator Richard G. Lugar's visits to campus.
- Article appeared in the Salisbury University Alumni Association's "In Touch" magazine on Senator Paul S. Sarbane's visit to campus.
- Japanese Television covered Senator Lugar's lecture.
- PACE published its first newsletter (June 2003).

PLANNING

- Discussions with the Dean about future funding of PACE
- Searched for additional sources of funding from grants, endowments and university support.