From Classroom To The Jungle

From promoting student research and advocating the importance of good writing to producing groundbreaking economic studies about de-forestation in the Amazon, Dr. Jill Caviglia-Harris has been a creative, dynamic member of the Economics and Finance Department. The recipient of grants, fellowships and other accolades, she now has been recognized by her peers with their highest honor, the Distinguished Faculty Award. Caviglia-Harris has helped SU become a nationally recognized leader in undergraduate research, students praise her classroom performance, and colleagues say her discoveries of motives and trends in small farm deforestation in the Amazon have caused experts to rethink conventional wisdom.

Turning The Tide Of Water Quality

Maryland environmental officials are using research by two SU professors as a keystone in helping turn around the state’s water quality. SU’s Bacterial Source Tracking (BST) Laboratory, the only one of its kind in Maryland and one of the few in the country, helps determine the source of fecal matter polluting waters throughout the state. Scientists and environmentalists use this information to devise strategies for curtailing waste entering waterways in the future. Drs. Mark Frana and Elichia Venso, directors of the lab, have gained recognition nationally for their work.

Waters Judges National Book Awards

Dr. Michael Waters, English professor, recently shared the podium with host Garrison Keillor at the 55th National Book Awards. Waters chaired the poetry panel, which did the rewarding, if intense, work of reading, evaluating and winnowing. Each member of the committee read all 200 volumes and committee members were engaged in conversations over several months. According to National Book Foundation rules, they were not allowed to select the winner, however, until a private luncheon the afternoon of the ceremony—a safeguard for confidentiality.

Symphony Celebration:

More than 100 turned out to Savor the Symphony during the Salisbury Symphony Orchestra fund raiser hosted by the SU Foundation Saturday, February 19. Pictured, from left, are SSO supporters Judy and Peter Jackson, President Janet Dudley-Eshbach, Kimberly Roemer-Granger and Savor Chair Amy Miller ’90

SU Day At The Legislature

SU alumni, students, faculty, staff and friends shared the Sea Gull spirit throughout Annapolis in February at SU Day at the Legislature 2005, spreading the good word about Salisbury University in the process. As a special gift, legislators were presented a customized land-use map of their district prepared by SU students, working under faculty supervision as part of an internship with the Eastern Shore Regional GIS Cooperative, a partnership of the Tri-County Council of the Lower Eastern Shore, the Mid-Shore Regional Council and Salisbury University. While in Annapolis, SU’s 2004 NCAA Division III champion field hockey team was recognized by the legislature for its outstanding accomplishment.

Sen. John Giannetti receives map from student Allie Norley and Seidel Dean Dennis Potamiez

Alumni Association representatives (from left) Rob Schultheis ’00, Sara Wolff Lewis M’98 and Jason Curtin ’98

PACE representatives Dr. Harry Bashart and Pauline Gehmirich M’93 with (right) SU’s Hargreaves Fellow Sen. Lowell Stoltzfus ’74