

# CAMPUS NEWS



## Biology Grad Lectures at SU

Alumna Diane Auer Jones '86 knows the importance of science and technology. A molecular biologist and past U.S. assistant secretary for postsecondary education, she returned to campus to discuss "Science and Technology Policy: Stimulating Innovation and Ensuring Prosperity."

Jones is currently president and CEO of The Washington Campus, which provides comprehensive educational programs to help executives (and future leaders) understand how Washington really works, what issues are being debated and who holds decisive power at each step of the policy making process.

Jones graduated summa cum laude from SU with a B.S. in biology before earning her M.S. in applied molecular biology from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

Jones served the Bush Administration in increasingly senior positions. In 2005, she worked in the Office of Science and Technology Policy, before being selected by President Bush to help lead the higher education division of the U.S. Department of Education. She was the principal policy advisor to the secretary on such issues as higher education accreditation and Federal student financial aid programs.

Before her work in the White House, Jones ran Princeton University's Office of Government Affairs. She also was a program officer at the National Science Foundation and helped shape science policy while working for the science committee of the U.S. House of Representatives during the 107th Congress.



## Music, Theatre, Dance ... Feast!

Students of the Music Department and new Theatre and Dance Department brought the Renaissance to SU this winter at the University's inaugural Madrigal Feast. Jesters, musicians, dancers and more entertained guests during a seven-course dinner, recreating a traditional Renaissance holiday feast.

Featured entertainers included the SU Chamber Choir, the Herald Brass, a string ensemble, and some 40 SU dance and theatre students portraying Lord and Lady Merrick and their court under the direction of SU senior Emily Jablonski. Other entertainers included commedia dell'Arte troupe members directed by Robert Smith of the Theatre and Dance Department, dancing ladies, wandering minstrels and jugglers.

The culminating event in the University's Renaissance cultural celebration, music, theatre and dance students spent the semester studying their craft to present a festive end to the much-enjoyed series.



## Bishop Malooly Visits SU

Recently installed as the ninth bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington, Francis Malooly visited President Janet Dudley-Eshbach and students from Catholic Campus Ministries during the fall. During his first month in the new position, Malooly traveled to a number of venues on the Lower Shore, including local college campuses and St. Francis de Sales Roman Catholic Church and school in Salisbury. The new bishop has SU ties—he was a classmate with Dr. Francis Kane of the SU Philosophy Department at St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore. Some of the SU students had met Malooly previously: He confirmed them as an auxiliary bishop in the Baltimore Archdiocese.



Bishop Francis Malooly visited President Janet Dudley-Eshbach

## ROTC Returns to Campus

After an absence of nearly a decade, the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) has returned to SU. The program is directed by SU alumnus David Engelman '05, a 1st lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

"ROTC greatly enhanced my understanding of military tactics and leadership," said Engelman, who participated for two years while earning his B.A. in political science. Engelman has served as platoon leader for the Bravo Company 1-175th Infantry Regiment in White Oak, MD. He organized and led more than 50 combat missions during Operation Iraqi Freedom.



Twelve students enrolled in SU's returning ROTC program

## Kim, Morrison Earn Distinguished Faculty Awards

One of the Peninsula's favorite artists and a professor known for expanding her students' knowledge of literature through hands-on learning are SU's most recent Distinguished Faculty Award winners. The 2008 honorees were Jinchul Kim of the Art Department and Dr. Lucy Morrison of the English Department and Bellavance Honors Program.

Kim, a recipient of the 2008 University System of Maryland Regents Award for Excellence, came to SU in 1996. He has since built an impressive reputation for himself and for the Art Department. His works have appeared in exhibitions throughout the world, including his native South Korea.

Kim became a full-time lecturer in drawing and painting in 2001. At that time, the number of students in the painting track had dwindled. Today, painting and advanced drawing classes are packed, thanks in part to the popularity of Kim's courses.

"I found his Web site through the University, saw his artwork, read his artist statement and teaching philosophy, and I was sold on transferring to SU where I had him as my advanced painting instructor," said SU alumna Jessica Cross Davis '04, one of several of Kim's students accepted into master's programs in painting in the past three years.

From the classic novels of Mary Shelley to the poetry of John Keats, Morrison has written and taught about many literary figures by going outside the traditional bounds of academia.



Jinchul Kim



Dr. Lucy Morrison

While teaching the works of Jane Austen, for example, she not only had students read the 19th century author's books, but introduced them to the world of 19th century dance, which is so pronounced in those pieces.

The recipient of SU's Outstanding Research Mentor and Student Government Faculty Appreciation awards in 2007, Morrison has been a strong proponent of undergraduate research. She assisted with the 22nd National Conference on Undergraduate Research at SU and has encouraged many students to present their research at this and other national and regional conferences. She also has brought new speakers to campus by continuing the Honors Program's monthly Mind Shrapnel 'n' Cookies lecture series. Last semester she led students in a British literature study abroad trip to England, SU's first course with a Spring Break experiential learning component.

"Dr. Morrison uses a student-centered approach," said former student Rachel Geiger '05. "She designs questions that lead students to discover key concepts through their own close readings. I find nothing more intellectually satisfying than participating in a well-structured discussion with my peers and colleagues. Dr. Morrison orchestrates such environments gracefully."

## Bardzell Earns Mathematics Teaching Award

Dr. Mike Bardzell of SU's Department of Mathematics and Computer Science is known for engaging students with lighthearted humor coupled with in-depth exploration of research topics.

For such efforts, he has been recognized with the Mathematical Association of America's (MAA's) top teaching honor: the prestigious Deborah and Franklin Tepper Haimo Award for Distinguished College or University Teaching of Mathematics. Bardzell is one of only three educators in the nation chosen to receive the award this year.

"It was quite a surprise," he said. "My colleagues in my department have been my inspiration. I'm very proud of the students I've had, especially my research students, who have gone on to some wonderful things."

Two of those students, SU alumnae Val Laurushchyk '08 and Nicole Juersivich '01, have high praise for their former professor and mentor.

"He is an amazing educator, a very caring teacher with a great sense of humor and super-friendly personality," said Laurushchyk, now

attending graduate school at Texas Technical University. In true mathematical fashion, she added that Bardzell taught "63 percent of my mathematics courses at SU."

Juersivich called Bardzell an "enthusiastic teacher who inspires and encourages his students to realize their potential in mathematics and anything they are passionate about," adding, "If it weren't for him and other great mathematics professors at Salisbury, I wouldn't have gone on to work for my own Ph.D. in mathematics education [at the University of Virginia], in hopes to be as inspiring and effective as they were."

During his 12 years at SU, Bardzell has taught some 24 courses at all levels of curriculum. He strongly encourages undergraduate research, assisting students in exploring subjects from physics and engineering to pure mathematics and group theory. Almost every year, he has had a student present at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) and numerous students speak locally.

In collaboration with colleagues, Bardzell also has successfully obtained two National Science Foundation grants for curriculum development and support of undergraduate research. A recipient of SU's Distinguished Faculty Award in 2001, he has played an integral role in the establishment of Undergraduate Research Conference on campus.

This is not the first time the MAA has honored him. In 2007 he received the association's Award for Distinguished College or University Teaching of Mathematics for the Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C. region.



Dr. Mike Bardzell

## A 'Fun Day' for All at SU

Salisbury University's student population increased nearly 50 percent in a single day last fall. Of course, most of the students hadn't yet graduated from elementary school, let alone high school. The occasion? Fun Day: Explore SU, a family-oriented education festival that drew some 4,000 local children with unique opportunities like meeting living reptiles face-to-face and learning sports fundamentals from a variety of Sea Gull athletes.

"We wanted Fun Day to appeal to a wide variety of interests," said Betsy Rodier, Fun Day coordinator. "Families never knew what they'd



find moving from building to building. One room might have had a candy sushi-making demonstration courtesy of University Dining Services, while right next door children may have been learning to write their names in Chinese calligraphy."

In addition to highlighting the best of SU's faculty, staff and students, special events were offered—reflecting the cultural theme of the semester. Last September's event featured two stunt shows by champion mountain biker Mike Steidley, a Renaissance-themed section complete with two live jousts and tours of the new Teacher Education and Technology Center. Other highlights included an inflatable moon bounce and obstacle course, arts and crafts, games, free prizes, and much more.

By design, the festival offered an



interactive environment where children experienced things they have never tried before. "The activities kept the focus on education while sending a strong message that learning can be fun," said Rodier.

## Saudi Arabia Delegation Visits SU

When officials with Saudi Oger, Ltd. sought to begin work on a new university in Saudi Arabia—King Abdullah University of Science and Technology—they came to SU seeking inspiration.



Former SU capital projects manager Jamal Baassiri, now with the Saudi Oger's construction division, brought representatives from the firm's operating and maintenance division to campus to gain information on campus operations including maintenance, catering, duplication services, temperature control, mail collection and student recreation. While in the United States, officials visited only three other campuses: Johns Hopkins, Boston and Georgetown universities.

## Students and Proud Citizens

Building on the University values of community and civic engagement, it is no surprise that SU students are leading the way in volunteering in the region.

In addition, to numerous community outreach programs—including mentoring projects, charitable fundraisers, food drives and clothing drives, to name just a few—SU students came together this fall to make a simple yet powerful statement: "We Love Salisbury."

Students spent a Saturday afternoon performing yard work at homes adjacent to the University during the first "We Love Salisbury" event, sponsored by the Student Government Association (SGA).



"We want to show the community that there are so many SU students who are responsible adults, and we take pride in the city of Salisbury," said SGA Vice President of External Affairs Patrick Gotham. "We are encouraging residents to work with the students to complete yard work and form a bond."

Following a day of hard work, all students and residents participating in the event were treated to a cookout on the Holloway Hall Lawn.

"I'm very proud of our student leaders and their efforts toward providing positive interaction and community relations with University neighbors," said Dr. Ellen Neufeldt, vice president of student affairs. "They are role models for all of our students."



# New Residence Hall Planned

For the first time since 1990, SU is planning a new residence hall on its main campus. SU plans to build an approximately 600-bed residence hall and retail complex on what is currently the Allenwood Shopping Center. An adjacent University lot currently used for Motor Pool parking will also be available to the developer. Plans call for the new residence hall, which would serve upperclass-men and women, to open by summer 2011—the same year as the new home for the Franklin P. Perdue School of Business.

The “Main Street” style mixed-use development would have commercial retail space on the ground level, with apartment units above. According to Dr. Ellen Neufeldt, vice president of student affairs, it would be similar to a successful student housing project at Johns Hopkins University mixing commercial and residential spaces.

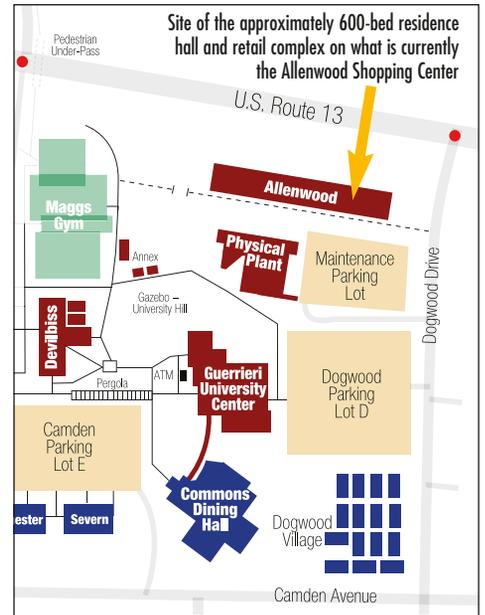
Like the University Park complex bordering SU’s East Campus, the new residence hall would be a public-private partnership, built and

operated by a private developer on land leased from the University. Although the University’s Residence Life Office would oversee the residence life aspects of the new facility, the apartments and the retail space would be operated and managed by the developer.

According to Neufeldt, the new project will numerically place SU in an enviable spot for on-campus housing. Currently, SU has 10 campus residence halls with 1,730 beds accommodating approximately 25 percent of its undergraduates. University Park, the University’s only public-private partnership to date and a few blocks away from Allenwood across Route 13, provides an additional 888 beds. With some 600 beds at Allenwood, the University would house 40 percent of its undergraduates, she said, a healthy percentage nationally.

Neufeldt is hopeful that the commercial space will appeal to both students and area residents attracting retail outlets like a coffee house, book store, restaurants and other eateries.

Construction is expected to begin sometime



after July 2009. The up to \$45 million housing portion of the project already has approval from the University System of Maryland Board of Regents.

## New M.B.A. Director Looking for Alums

It’s an exciting time for the Franklin P. Perdue School of Business and the M.B.A. program. Plans are well underway for a new Perdue School building scheduled for completion during the summer of 2011, the Perdue School is currently searching for a new dean and the M.B.A. program has recently undergone a major change in curriculum delivery.



In addition to all that is happening, there is a new M.B.A. program director, Sharon Harrington '02, M'05. Harrington comes to the Perdue



School after 17 years in the healthcare field, having worked in strategic planning, business development, customer service and satisfaction, and fundraising. She received both her Bachelor of Science in management as well as her M.B.A. from SU.

With all that’s happening, Harrington is interested in reconnecting with alumni to keep everyone “in the know.” If you haven’t already signed up and would like to be a part of an eDistribution list to receive the latest news about the Perdue School of Business as well as information on local employers looking for M.B.A. graduates, please e-mail [sharrington@salisbury.edu](mailto:sharrington@salisbury.edu). Be sure to provide your name, current mailing address, current job title, current employer and e-mail address.



## An SU M.B.A. Near You

Want to get an SU M.B.A., but not able to come back to Salisbury? SU’s Perdue School of Business has created a new part-time satellite M.B.A. program at the Eastern Shore Higher Education Center (ESHEC) located on the campus of Chesapeake College in Wye Mills. Graduate classes are offered two nights a week, giving students the opportunity to complete an M.B.A. in just over two years. The degree is a general track M.B.A. with courses ranging from managerial accounting and finance to management, marketing and information decision systems. It is designed to provide a well-rounded managerial education allowing graduates to move forward with confidence into leadership positions.

For more information on application and foundation course requirements visit <http://mba.salisbury.edu> or call 410-548-3983.

