SU students pursuing a career in engineering received a boost when representatives from K&L Microwave, Inc. presented the SU Foundation, Inc. $30,000 to help fund lab equipment and scholarships. The contribution was the third installment of a $150,000 endowment from K&L. The endowment will create an opportunity for students from the Eastern Shore to pursue degrees in engineering at SU through programs in the Physics Department. The endowment will allow SU to offer a new $2,500 scholarship, the K&L Microwave Engineering Scholarship, starting in fall 2006. The contributions also help buy necessary equipment, including network analyzers, function generators and oscilloscopes, for the University’s K&L Microwave Engineering Laboratory. Founded in 1971, K&L is a pioneer in the microwave filter industry.

The first collaboration of its kind between the two institutions, the medical facility will contribute $20,000 a year for three years toward the salary of a respiratory therapy clinical instructor. The impact of the money is immediate. Because of regulations that limit the number of students in clinical study, the department had a previous cap of 20 new students a year. Last fall, thanks to the instructorship, 33 students have been admitted to the program—a more than 50 percent increase and the largest entering class in the department’s history.

Past president of Poland Lech Walesa spoke before a large and enthusiastic crowd at SU’s Maggs Center this spring. There were a record-setting some 1,600 people in attendance, believed to be the largest audience for a single cultural event in SU’s history. A part of the Center for Conflict Resolution’s One Person Can Make a Difference Lecture Series, Walesa epitomizes the theme of the series perfectly. In 1980, Walesa led the 10 million-member Solidarity Labor Movement that inspired fear in the hearts of communist leadership and hope in the hearts of those starved for freedom. Despite the crackdown of martial law and repeated imprisonment, Walesa prevailed to see the end of communist rule in Poland and Eastern Europe. For his heroic efforts, Walesa won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1983.

Peninsula Regional Medical Center (PRMC) and SU established the PRMC Clinical Instructorship at SU. For the first time PRMC will fund a faculty position in the Department of Health Sciences’ Program in Respiratory Therapy. This support will allow student enrollment to dramatically expand and address a critical shortage of respiratory therapists in the region.

K&L Supports Future Engineers

Nursing Outreach In Africa

University nursing students and faculty recently used the skills taught at SU to teach residents of a small African village about AIDS and other diseases that plague that area. SU volunteers traveled with Global Service Corps - Tanzania to teach awareness classes in villages around the city of Arusha for about two weeks, experiencing a vastly different culture.

In addition to teaching AIDS awareness and prevention classes, the group also visited hospitals and clinics in Tanzania to get a first-hand look at the healthcare system in place there. While in Tanzania, students learned of the generosity of the Tanzanian people and their willingness to share what they had.

Dr. Jeffrey Schoyen joined the Salisbury Symphony Orchestra (SSO) last fall as its new conductor. Schoyen graduated with distinction from the New England Conservatory of Music, completed an M.F.A. at Carnegie Mellon University and earned a D.M.A. at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. He also received a Frank Huntington Beebe Grant to study in London with William Pleeth and is a Tanglewood Gustav Golden Award recipient.

In addition to conducting, Schoyen is an accomplished cellist who has performed internationally.

Respiratory Partnership Announced
SU Profs Earn Regents Awards

Three SU professors received the highest faculty honor given by the University System of Maryland: the Regents Award for Excellence.

The Regents recognized Marie Cavallaro of the Art Department for public service, Dr. Jerry Miller of the Philosophy Department for teaching and Dr. E. Eugene Williams of the Biological Sciences Department for mentoring.

With only 15 awards being given, that three faculty—the most from any USM institution—from Salisbury University were so honored speaks highly of the quality and dedication of SU’s faculty.

Wood Honored As Friend of Education

Sherman Wood ’83, head coach of the SU football program and an outstanding mentor and supporter of Wicomico students and schools, received a Friend of Education Award at the 2006 Wicomico County Teacher of the Year Banquet.

SU Day At The Legislature

SU students, faculty, staff, friends and alumni made their annual winter pilgrimage to Annapolis to thank legislators for their support and ask for their continued commitment to Salisbury University. Heading up the SU crew this year was Len Foxwell ’92, SU’s new assistant to the president for government and community relations.

Wood models a commitment to community involvement for his football players. He regularly dedicates time to speak at high school sports banquets and to motivate students prior to them taking Maryland School Assessments.

Last year Wood and his players motivated students during TV Turnoff Weeks in seven elementary schools. They mentored at-risk youth in elementary and middle schools and participated in Read Across America at Fruitland Intermediate. At Bennett Middle, they participated in the Career Fair. At Pinehurst Elementary, they supported the PTA by helping with the “Seuss on the Loose” activity that promotes parent participation.

New Building Construction Begins

Construction begins late summer on the new Teacher Education and Technology Complex (TETC). The complex will be a three-story, 165,000 square-foot facility that houses SU’s Seidel School of Education and Professional Studies and several departments within the Fulton School of Liberal Arts.

Scheduled for completion in summer 2008, the TETC will be located on the northeast corner of Salisbury’s main campus, near the intersection of U.S. Route 13 and College Avenue.

The TETC will provide the University with the modern facilities necessary to accommodate enrollment growth and sustain its growing national reputation for teacher education and workforce development. The TETC will include tiered classrooms with seating capacities of 60, 80 and 120 seats, respectively; a “mega-computer lab” with over 120 stations; teaching methods labs; a Distance Learning Center; a multi-media Reading and Resource Center; and an Adult Education Clinic. Students in the communication arts program will have access to an integrated media center that includes video and audio production studios and editing facilities, a multi-media lab and a photography center.

By virtue of its placement on one of the Eastern Shore’s busiest thoroughfares, the TETC will finally provide Salisbury University with a distinctive visual identity for regional and interstate travelers, and it will serve as a more welcoming entrance to the main campus.

Best School, Great Value

Accolades continue to stream in for Salisbury University.

Kiplinger’s Personal Finance magazine named SU one of its 2006 100 Best Values in Public Colleges. The University is ranked one of the top 10 public institutions in the North among its peers by U.S. News & World Report and one of the “Best 361 Colleges” by The Princeton Review. SU also is one of the “367 Most Interesting Schools” listed in Newsweek-Kaplan’s America’s Hottest Colleges.