Dear Fellow Alumni,

Greetings from your Alumni Association! It is my pleasure to serve as your president for the next two years. At our most recent board meeting, I had the opportunity to address the board that will be your liaisons, your voice and your connections to your Alma Mater, and I challenged each of them to bring something to the board that could better this University.

Twenty-four years ago I set foot on this campus not knowing anyone. I remember moving into Wicomico Hall Room 22 when I was greeted by many people. People like Carlos Mir and Joey Farro. I soon met others like Pete Roskovich, Larry Wright and Henry Eure. I tell you this because each of those people had an effect on my life. Whether through friendship, work or philanthropy, it's hard to believe how much the campus has changed over the past 24 years because of the people who have passed through the halls. And it is because of visionary alumni like you today that Salisbury University has grown into A Maryland University of National Distinction.

My challenge to the board was to find people (alumni and friends) of the University to continue this momentum. When I arrived at SSC (Salisbury State College) I thought the University couldn't get any better and was I mistaken! It is an institution that we can all be proud of with more degree offerings than ever. SU is a great neighbor to the community and continues to “wow” us each day. I challenge each of you to bring to the table your contribution that can continue to make our Alma Mater even better. Your new board is ready to serve you in any capacity. We look forward to hearing from you.

Finally, one of my goals as board president is to help move us in the direction of improved athletic facilities. If you haven’t heard, SU athletes continue to rank high each year in all sports. We need to identify those alumni who would like to see this dream become a reality. While we will look for financial support for this large endeavor, we also will be looking for active people who want to see this become a reality. If interested, please contact me personally or Jason Curtin ’98, director of alumni relations and annual giving.

We look forward to seeing and welcoming you to your campus and look forward to sharing in your accomplishments with the SU community. I leave you with a quote that I saw recently that I think can apply to us all:

“We cannot have a better life without improving our community. To that end each of us must share the responsibility for all of our citizens. Our particular duty is to do those things that we are capable of doing.”

— Anonymous

Sincerely,

Alumni Association President

Student Alumni Council Update
by Amy Gilbert ’11

The Student Alumni Council is a newly formed student organization and I am the current president of the club. The idea originally started with support from the Alumni Association to gain student connections on campus.

This has been a great experience for me. The activities that we are involved in help the students, the alumni, the campus and the community. We have a number of events that we have participated in such as Homecoming and cancer awareness programs. We also helped to promote the Varsity Club and Alumni Association at the 2007 Regents Cup football game.

This semester we plan to participate in SU’s Relay For Life. Our theme is “How to Lose Cancer In 10 Days,” and we are very excited to start fundraising and serving our community. I think that this club is beneficial to all students because the networking bonds that we build are irreplaceable.

I am glad that I have already started to be involved with the alumni—this helps to draw our campus community closer together and makes me feel more involved and important on campus.

Alumni Humanities Seminars Continue

In fall 2007, Salisbury University inaugurated the Alumni Humanities Seminars. A joint project of the Alumni Association and the Fulton School of Liberal Arts, and funded in part by the Whaley Family Foundation, the seminars feature professors that alumni have identified as among their favorites and deal with topics of moral, social and cultural importance.

Alumni came from the Eastern Shore and from across the Chesapeake Bay to hear Jerry Miller, Tony Whall, Don Whaley and John Wenke discuss topics ranging from the philosophy of spirituality to the cultural history of adventure to the novels of J.D. Salinger. Seminars, which were also open to the local Salisbury community, included a lunch for participants, and everyone agreed that one of the best parts of the experience was the lunch conversation that continued discussions that had begun in the classroom.

The seminars resume in fall 2008. If you have suggestions for upcoming professors and topics, contact the Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving at alumni@salisbury.edu.
The Salisbury University campus was host to parents, stepparents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and siblings for an exciting Family Weekend, September 27-29.

Events, including a golf challenge (the winners William and Jeff King ’10 of Clark, NJ, qualified for the National Collegiate Golf Championship in Las Vegas and won their division at the NGCC later in November); faculty academic presentations and student life presentations; several home athletic events; brunch with the SU president, provost, vice presidents and many of the deans; and a post-football game ice cream social sponsored by the Parents and Family Association and the Alumni Association. There also was great entertainment including Mentalist Robert Channing, our own student showcase of talent and a Jazz Brunch. It was a truly exceptional weekend for all of those who attended.

Family Weekend 2008 is set for October 31-November 2. Planning is currently underway so mark your calendars now—events will include the “Route 13 Rivalry” football game as SU hosts Wesley College from Dover. This will be a weekend not to be missed. Visit the Family Weekend Web site at www.salisbury.edu/parents/familyweekend to see updates as the planning unfolds.

The Parents and Family Association is open to the parents and family members of SU students. This new program designed to better engage, inform and involve the families of our students will play roles in many aspects of student development including: developing and improving our internship and career mentoring programs, shaping parental experiences during orientation and move-in, and creating a Parents Advisory Board, just to name a few. If you are interested in joining the PFA, please contact Paul Cantrell at 410-677-5069 or via e-mail at pecantrell@salisbury.edu. The PFA Web site is www.salisbury.edu/pfa.

Four New Alumni Board Members

The Salisbury University Alumni Association welcomes four new members to its board of directors: Len Foxwell, Jan Hastings Conway, Shauna Donahue Van Buren and Lori Ward.

Foxwell is a 1992 graduate of SU with a B.A. in political science. The deputy comptroller of Maryland, Foxwell previously served the SU community as assistant to the president for government and community relations. He also has been director of government relations for the Greater Washington Board of Trade and director of Washington-area transit programs for the Maryland Department of Transportation, and served as press secretary for the successful re-election campaign of Governor Parris Glendenning and Lt. Governor Kathleen Kennedy-Townsend. Foxwell is a past member of SU’s Board of Visitors and remains an advisory board member for the University’s Institute for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement (FACE). He lives in Easton with his wife, Kerry, and two children, Colleen and Darren.

The principal of Glen Avenue Elementary School in Salisbury, Conway earned her B.S. in elementary education from SU in 1965 and her Master of Education in 1973. She began her teaching career in Dover, DE, in 1966 before moving to the Wicomico County Public School System in 1966, where she has remained since. The wife of Maryland Delegate Norman H. Conway, she applauded SU’s years of service to the county: “SU has served my husband and me throughout our careers, and we recognize its position of leadership in our community and the lives of the youth of the state of Maryland.”

Earning her B.A. in political science from SU in 1999, Van Buren is the airport services manager for the U.S.O. of Metropolitan Washington, managing the daily operations of U.S.O. lounges at Andrews Air Force Base, Reagan National Airport and Baltimore/Washington Thurgood Marshall International Airport. She also has served as a research analyst for the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce and worked for the Las Vegas Valley Water District. While at SU, she interned with Delegate Conway in the Maryland General Assembly, fueling her passion for public policy, research and communications.

Ward earned her B.A. in social work from SU in 1996 and her Master of Social Work in 2003. The lead patient care coordinator and department head with the McCreary Health Services Foundation, she also has performed social work for Peninsula Renal Care, the Deers Head Center and Waterview Healthcare Center in Salisbury, as well as the Somerset County Health Department in Westover, MD, and Alice B. Tawes Nursing Home in Crisfield. She has been an active member of the SU community since her graduation, attending social work and theatre reunions, as well as Homecoming activities.

The Alumni Association board also welcomes its new executive officers. President Dwight “Duke” Marshall Jr. ’88 is the owner and president of Marshall’s Nationwide Insurance, Inc. in Pocomoke, MD. Vice President Robert T. Shultheis ’00 is a marketing associate with Lankford SYSCO Food Services in Pocomoke, MD. Secretary Michael W. Mowery ’95 is a corporate trainer with Papa John’s in Deptford, NJ. At large executive officers include Cynthia Kratz Phillips ’88, a fifth grade teacher at Pemberton Elementary in Salisbury, and Julie Duer Clayton ’84, a senior account executive with Delmarva 47 News and WBSM in Salisbury. Past president is Eric E. McLauchlin ’92 who is partner and attorney with Gessner, Snee, Mahoney & Lutche, P.A. in Bel Air, MD.
SU Honors Exceptional Alumni

Two of Maryland’s most respected legislators and an SU alumnus whose foundation is changing the world for children with terminal illnesses were honored during Salisbury University’s 82nd year Winter Commencement.

Delegate Norman Conway received the Lifetime Achievement Award, while Maryland Senator J. Lowell Stoltzfus received the Service to Society Award. Casey Cares Foundation founder Casey Baynes is bestowed the Young Alumna Award.

A lifelong resident of Salisbury, Conway received his B.S. in elementary education in 1965 and his M.Ed. in 1970. He has served as a teacher and administrator in the Wicomico County school system for 37 years. Conway has always believed in two very important values: first, family and friends are the most important things in the world, and second, giving back to one’s community helps ensure that community will remain vibrant.

His commitment to public service began at an early age. He was elected to the Salisbury City Council in 1974, where he served for 13 years, the last five as president. He won a seat in the Maryland House of Delegates in 1986, where he is still serving the residents of the Lower Eastern Shore.

In the Maryland legislature, Conway has served on two of the most important commissions in the state: The Larson Commission, which made major recommendations for the University System of Maryland, and the Thornton Commission, which recommended major changes in state school funding on the basis of equity and adequacy for all public schools in the state. He holds senior leadership positions on two House committees with critical importance to the Eastern Shore and to SU: chair of the Capital Budget Sub-Committee and the powerful Appropriations Committee. These positions led directly to Conway’s selection as House Chair of the Joint Committee on Spending Affordability—the committee of delegates and senators charged with setting the spending limit for the state budget. His reputation for responsibility and fairness earned him the chairmanship of the Eastern Shore Delegation from 1997-2002 and as chairman of the House Appropriations Committee.

Born in Pottstown, PA, and receiving his B.A. in English and sociology in 1973, Stoltzfus represents District 38 comprising of Wicomico, Somerset and Worcester counties. A member of the Maryland Senate since 1992, he serves on the Budget and Taxation Committee, Chesapeake Bay Commission, Tri-County Council for the Lower Shore, and Aquaculture Advisory Committee. He also served six years as Minority Leader and four years as the Senate Minority Whip.

His previous positions with the State of Maryland include serving as a member of the House of Delegates and on committees including the Maryland Tourism Development Board, Commission to Save the Lighthouses, Special Committee to Study Issues Related to Class-Size Reduction, Study Panel to Review Economic Development Financing Programs, Task Force on Tobacco Crop Conversion, Governor’s Task Force on Eastern Shore Economic Development, Joint Audit Committee, Forum for Rural Maryland and Area Agency on Aging.

The inaugural Young Alumna Award is presented to Casey Baynes (see the related article). Taking classes at Harford Community College, Baynes had obtained her Associate of Arts degree by the time she graduated high school. In 1996, she earned a B.A. degree from SU and in 1998, at age 21, became Towson University’s youngest master’s degree recipient.

In 2000, beginning with five families, she founded the Casey Cares Foundation. While raising three children under the age of 6, she has provided programs for critically ill children and their families in six states throughout the mid-Atlantic region. The foundation is dedicated to providing uplifting and heartwarming programs to enhance the lives of critically ill children and their families. It continues to receive accolades from families and hospitals alike.

Mark Your Calendar
Homecoming Weekend
October 17-19, 2008
This fall all the Sea Gulls are invited to fly home for a weekend of good times and good friends.
Follow the planning online at http://alumni.salisbury.edu.
Little Things Mean A Lot to Critically Ill Children

by Eric McLauchlin ’92

If you contact the Casey Cares Foundation and have the fortune of being placed on hold to be connected with its founder, Casey Baynes ’96, you will have the privilege of hearing directly from the children whose lives the foundation has enriched. Although for them the typical little league games and pajama parties have been replaced by bone marrow transplants and chemotherapy, they will describe for you in their own voices how Casey Cares has provided them with unrivaled happiness despite critical illness.

The Casey Cares Foundation is dedicated to providing uplifting, personalized programs for critically ill children and their families. It was founded by Casey Baynes ’96 in 2000, beginning with five families. She has remained dedicated to the Foundation and its mission ever since. Casey Cares now provides programs in six states throughout the mid-Atlantic region and serves over 300 children and families.

When asked what philosophies drive her dedication to the Foundation, Baynes described how she regularly asks herself: “Are we doing enough?” She explained how she would like to do more for the children and for the donors who make the foundation’s work possible. Surprisingly, she also noted that for some children, “enough” can be as simple as the cost of a disposable camera, a bouquet of balloons, or a strategically anonymous flower delivery. “It is truly the little pleasures in life that can make a big impact on families who must make everyday count.”

Sometimes, the test of whether or not we are doing enough or truly making a difference can come in surprising ways. In June 2007, that test came for Baynes and her foundation when the foundation building burned to the ground.

Within hours of the blaze, still standing in the glow of the fire, Baynes was approached by parents whose lives she had touched and who simply wanted to know what they could do to help carry on the mission. In the days that followed, children whose lives had been touched presented the foundation with hundreds of dollars raised through emergency lemonade sales. No wonder Baynes never lost faith in her mission. “Even with the fire, we have never denied the request of a critically ill child for services,” said Baynes.

It is therefore no surprise that the inaugural Young Alumna Award was presented to Casey at the December 2007 commencement ceremonies. The award is presented annually to recognize future leaders based on achievement early in one’s chosen career or profession, leadership capability, potential for distinction and commitment to the service of others.

Alum should be proud to know that there are two other SU graduates dedicated to the foundation, staff member Erin Webb Ritter ’99 and board member Amanda Valcik ’98. Those interested in sharing in the experience of Casey Cares can contact the foundation about internship opportunities. Learn more at www.caseycaresfoundation.org.

Alumni Annual Fund Reaches High

by Kerrie Bunting ’92

This year, we have realized alumni support, the likes of which we have never enjoyed before! We are set to exceed 16 percent alumni participation this year, and we thank all of our most generous alumni. Whether it’s through our student-run phonathon, mailings, or brick and license plate sales, our alumni have proven their pride and loyalty to their Alma Mater.

In May, we graduate the largest class ever! As you can imagine, each year the classes get larger and larger and that means more people to keep track of as they embark on the world. One of our most difficult tasks is keeping track of alumni through addresses, e-mails and phone numbers. As technology grows, there is a huge shift where people are completely getting rid of their home phones and only using cell phones. And how much snail mail do you receive versus the amount of e-mail every day? It is essential that we collect e-mail addresses as well as cell phone numbers from our alumni to keep up with your ever-changing world.

Please update your information on our online community or by dropping us an e-mail. Yes, we do ask for money from time to time, but we also keep everyone involved by mailing out wonderful publications such as this one. We do monthly e-mail updates about your local chapter events as well. So, stay connected and come by whenever you can. We’d love to see you in your Alumni House!

Be sure to check out our new Alumni Online Community and register as a member at http://alumni.salisbury.edu.
Competing in the 2007 Homecoming Varsity Club Golf Tournament are (from left) Brian Good ’00, Christopher “Kit” Stone ’00, Glenn LaForce ’02 and James Gorman ’01.

Presenting Past Alumni Association President Eric McLauchlin ’92 (left) a watercolor of Holloway Hall are Alumni Relations and Annual Giving Director Jason Curtin ’98 and Dr. Rosemary Thomas, vice president for University advancement.

Enjoying a round of golf during the Easton/Cambridge chapter outing at the River Marsh Golf Club are chapter chair Virgil Tyler ’98, Carol Seandel Norton ’91, Wayne Tewes ’63 and Jason Curtin ’98.

Alumni attending the 2007 Regents Cup game at the Naval Academy Stadium in Annapolis included (from left) Julie Kirkpatrick ’04, Sarah Patterson ’05, Matthew Dewhurst ’04, Sean Harris, Matt McCall ’04, and (kneeling) Atlas Jones ’06.

Upcoming Alumni Events

- **Tuesday, June 3**
  Ocean City Area Alumni American Cancer Society Night at the Greene Turtle
  11601 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 5:30 p.m.

- **Thursday, June 5**
  “First Thursday” Delmarva Area Alumni Event
  Adam’s Ribs, Fruitland, 5:30 p.m.

- **Saturday, June 8**
  Dallas/Ft. Worth Area Alumni Event
  Sneaky Pete’s, 2 p.m.

- **Saturday, June 14**
  SU Night at Camden Yards
  Baltimore Orioles vs. Pittsburgh Pirates, 7:05 p.m.
  Tickets: $32 per person
  (includes game ticket and pre-game bullpen party)

- **Saturday, June 21**
  Dogfish Head Microbrewery Tour
  Milton, DE, 3 p.m.

- **Thursday, July 3**
  “First Thursday” Delmarva Area Alumni Event
  Adam’s Ribs, Fruitland, 5:30 p.m.

- **Saturday, July 12**
  Habitat for Humanity Project
  Salisbury, Maryland

- **Sunday, July 20**
  Crab Feast at Suicide Bridge Restaurant
  Hurlock, Maryland, 1-4 p.m.

- **Thursday, August 7**
  “First Thursday” Delmarva Area Alumni Event
  Adam’s Ribs, Fruitland, 5:30 p.m.

- **Thursday, August 14**
  SU Night at Nationals Park
  Washington Nationals vs. New York Mets, 7:10 p.m.
  Tickets: $40 per person
  (includes game ticket and food voucher)

- **Thursday, September 4**
  “First Thursday” Delmarva Area Alumni Event
  Adam’s Ribs, Fruitland, 5:30 p.m.

- **Saturday, September 20**
  SU Fun Day Family Festival
  SU Campus, 11 a.m. 3 p.m.

- **Thursday, October 2**
  “First Thursday” Delmarva Area Alumni Event
  Adam’s Ribs, Fruitland, 5:30 p.m.

- **Saturday, October 4**
  Sea Gull Century Cycling Event
  Begins and ends at SU • www.seagullcentury.org

Learn more, register and stay connected with SU’s online alumni community http://alumni.salisbury.edu
Say Thanks!

Faculty Appreciation Awards

Every spring commencement the Salisbury University Alumni Association honors one faculty member from each school who has made a lasting impression on alumni. Nominating alumni are asked to submit a few sentences explaining why they think their favorite professor should receive the honor. For 2007’s nominees, you had a lot of good things to say and we share with you just a sample of the accolades these top teachers have garnered.

Do you have kind words to share about a favorite professor for the 2008 awards? Find the guidelines for eligible faculty, a listing of eligible faculty and make your nomination online at http://alumni.salisbury.edu.

2007 Faculty Appreciation Award Honorees

(From left) Dr. Harry Womack, Dr. G. Ray Thompson and Dr. Marvin Tossey (Not pictured: Dr. Susan Cabral)

Previous Recipients

Fulton School of Liberal Arts
- Charles Cipolla – 2001
- Donald Whaley – 2002
- Jerry Miller – 2003
- Harry Beshart – 2004
- Tony Whall – 2005
- Frances Kendall – 2006
- G. Ray Thompson – 2007

Henson School of Science and Technology
- John Molenda – 2001
- Edward Senkbeil – 2002
- Augustine DiGiovanna – 2003
- Donald Cahnport – 2004
- Lee May – 2005
- Mark Holland – 2006
- Harry Womack – 2007

Perdue School of Business
- Gerald DiBartolo – 2001
- Joseph Quinn – 2002
- Kashi Khazeh – 2005
- Fatollah Salimian – 2006
- Memo Diriker – 2006
- Susan Cabral – 2007

Seidel School of Education and Professional Studies
- Geraldine Rossi – 2001
- Keith Connors – 2002
- John Wolinski – 2003
- Carolyn Bowden – 2004
- Patricia Richards – 2005
- Bob Long – 2006
- Marvin Tossey – 2007

Fulton School of Liberal Arts:
DR. G. RAY THOMPSON – HISTORY
“I have many fond memories of Dr. G. Ray Thompson’s ‘World Civ.’ classes. I remember his wit and his ability to keep us all engaged and thinking during lectures. I remember his ability to make us look at historical events from many different perspectives ... Dr. Thompson soon made this freshman realize that this class would be work, but it would be work that I would enjoy.”

Henson School of Science and Technology:
DR. HARRY WOMACK – BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
“Harry is by far one of the greatest characters this institution has ever seen. He is not only a learned professor and approachable problem solver; he is a loyal SU supporter, whether it be athletics, volunteering for events or financially. Always available to his students and simplistic in his explanations, he is a tremendous fount of knowledge. Harry exemplifies true Sea Gull spirit and will be sorely missed by future generations upon his retirement.”

Perdue School of Business:
DR. SUSAN CABRAL – ACCOUNTING AND LEGAL STUDIES
“Dr. Cabral taught “critical thinking” skills that are indelible for business decisions later in life. In light of the recent events in corporate boardrooms and on Wall Street, some of these folks we are reading about on the cover of the Wall Street Journal should have taken Dr. Cabral’s classes (philosophy, critical thinking, ethics/law) in their schooling.”

Seidel School of Education and Professional Studies:
DR. MARVIN TOSSEY – SOCIAL WORK
“Dr. Tossey made a lasting impression on both my husband and I during our college career internships. He taught the importance of community service and volunteerism in one’s life and we were able to take that and apply it to our own lives then and now.”