SSU Breaks Ground On $37 Million Science Building

Before a festive audience of friends of the University and members of the campus community, Maryland Gov. Parris N. Glendening broke ground recently on Salisbury State University’s new $37 million science building.

At 145,500 square feet, the new science hall will be the largest academic facility on campus and one of the largest science buildings in the state.

The three-story brick structure will house the Richard A. Henson School of Science and Technology, endowed by the Maryland aviation pioneer who lives in Salisbury, and also the Guerrieri Laboratory Center, endowed by the Guerrieri Family Foundation of Ocean City, supplemented by the State of Maryland’s Private Donation Incentive Program.

The new state-of-the-art science hall will house biology/environmental health, chemistry, physics and engineering, mathematics and computer science, and geography and geosciences.

It will hold 12 classrooms of various sizes including a tiered auditorium, 32 teaching laboratories and 22 research laboratories. Salisbury State and the Henson School are recognized nationally as leaders in the undergraduate research movement and its alumni have gone on to such institutions as the University of Maryland College Park, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, National Institutes of Health and Duke University, among others. The 22 undergraduate research labs will allow for highly motivated students to work with faculty on self-directed projects. The smart classrooms and labs will also be wired for the Internet and computer-projection systems. In addition, the building will have student study areas, conference rooms and 95 faculty/staff offices.

The science building is expected to open for classes in fall 2002.

Maryland Gov. Glendening (far right) grabbed a shovel to help campus and community leaders break ground on SSU’s new science building.

SSU graduate and Delaware Teacher of the Year Julia Harper (left) works with one of her eighth-grade students.

Educating Excellent Teachers

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Grant Submissions

SSU Facts

• SSU’s grounds are registered with the American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboretas.

• SSU acquired the Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art, valued at $8.5 million, in 2000.

• SSU has over 25,808 alumni in all 50 states.

• The Sea Gull Century, sponsored by Campus Recreation, attracts over 7,000 cyclists annually, the biggest ride of its kind on the East Coast.

• SSU was the first college or university in the country to build and completely finance a home through Habitat for Humanity.

SSU Grants Today

In 1999-2000, Salisbury State enjoyed an unprecedented increase in grant application submissions, a steady increase in the dollar amount of grant awards and an impressive increase in the number of faculty involved in the grant process. With 93 grant proposals and contracts submitted by faculty and administration, the University submitted requests for over $9 million.

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Sea Gulls Celebrate Unprecedented Fall Athletics Success

The most successful fall sports season in school history capped an incredible 2000 calendar year for Salisbury athletics. The Sea Gulls won five of six possible Capital Athletic Conference championships during the recent fall season, and placed an all-time best four teams in NCAA Tournament competition.

Conference champions were men’s and women’s soccer, field hockey, volleyball and men’s cross country. The field hockey team advanced to the NCAA final four, the women’s soccer team to the NCAA elite eight, the men’s soccer team to the NCAA second round and the volleyball team to the NCAA first round. Additionally, the football team capped its season with a victory in the annual Regents Cup game at historic RFK Stadium.

Since the start of the new millennium, the Sea Gulls have won 10 conference titles and had 12 of 19 teams qualify for the NCAA Tournament. In addition, 12 players have earned all-America honors and six coaches have been tabbed as CAC coaches of the year.

In the fifth annual Sears Directors Cup rankings for intercollegiate sports, released at the end of the 1999-2000 academic year, Salisbury finished 18th overall, its highest placement ever. That places SSU in the top 5 percent from among the nearly 400 member institutions that compete in NCAA Division III athletics. Sea Gulls are ranked fifth in the most recent rankings for the 2000-01 academic year, released in December.

127 student-athletes earned all-conference academic honors with grade point averages of 3.2 or higher for the full 1999-2000 academic year.

Year 2000 Athletics Highlights

Conference championships . . .

- Women’s basketball, baseball, softball, men’s lacrosse, women’s lacrosse, field hockey, men’s soccer, women’s soccer, men’s cross country, volleyball

NCAA Tournament qualifiers . . .

- Women’s basketball, baseball, softball, men’s lacrosse, women’s lacrosse, men’s tennis, women’s track & field, field hockey, men’s soccer, women’s soccer, men’s cross country, volleyball

Among the NCAA teams, one finished as the national runner-up (men’s lacrosse); two were national semifinalists (women’s lacrosse, field hockey), one advanced to the “elite eight” (women’s soccer) and two were regional finalists (baseball and softball).

Student-athletes earning all-America honors . . .

- Women’s Lacrosse: Jen Mezzadra (1st team), Annie Sappington (2nd team), Jen Ice (3rd team)
- Men’s Lacrosse: Joe High (1st team), Chris Turner (1st team), Tim Parks (1st team), Dave DiPapa (2nd team), Hirbod Azmi (2nd team), Mark Breier (Hon. mention)
- Field Hockey: Joanna Fenske (1st team), Tara Webster (2nd team), Jill Cressor (3rd team)

Among these, Turner was the national Division III men’s lacrosse player of the year.

Six coaches were also recognized as conference Coach of the Year winners . . .

- Robb Disbennett (baseball)
- Margie Knight (softball)
- Bridget Benshadler (women’s basketball)
- Dawn Chamberlin (field hockey)
- Gerry DiBartolo (men’s soccer)
- Jill Jones (men’s cross country)