SU Students Stay at SU

For the 16th consecutive year, SU has the highest four-year graduation rate in the University System of Maryland. SU also boasts the System’s highest five-year graduation rate for the 11th consecutive year and the highest six-year graduation rate for the eighth straight year. SU’s six-year graduation rate is 15.5 percentage points higher than the 2001 national average.

Aiding in the high retention rate is SU’s student advising program, which ranks among the top three in Maryland, according to a recent report from the Maryland Higher Education Commission Student Advisory Council.

Bernstein Winner Named

Janet Lynne Wilson ’03 was awarded the Bernstein Achievement Award for Excellence recently for her proposed business, StripeTech. Wilson’s company will custom paint logos and stripes onto automobiles.

Richard Bernstein established this monetary award to recognize students who put together well-researched and potentially successful business proposals.

Ed. Tech. Complex Gets Go-Ahead

Planning funds in the amount of $1.25 million have been included in the FY 2004 capital budget for SU’s new Teacher Education and Technology Complex. These funds will allow SU to hire an architectural/engineering firm to begin the 21-month process of studying the needs of the campus for this new facility. Plans no longer call for building on the footprint of Caruthers Hall but rather on the corner of College and Route 13, standing as evidence of both SU’s historical link to teacher education and its growth as a modern, nationally-recognized University. Construction is tentatively planned to start in summer 2005 and be completed late 2007.

Lit/Film Turns 30

The University recently celebrated the 30th anniversary of one of the most respected film journals in the United States, *Literature/Film Quarterly*. Honored at the reception were its founders and editors, Dr. James Welsh and Dr. Thomas Erskine of the English Department, and business manager Anne Welsh. The publication began at a time when universities nationwide were beginning to boost film programs, and huge information databases such as the Internet were still decades away.

Throughout its history, *Literature/Film Quarterly* has provided each new generation of SU graduate and undergraduate students opportunities to learn about film studies and journal publishing through internships in its office.

Maryland Honors SU Faculty Excellence

Three SU professors have received the highest honor given to faculty by the University System of Maryland, the Regents’ Faculty Award for Excellence. The USM Board of Regents recognized Dr. Memo Diriker, marketing, Dr. Kimberly Hunter, biology, and Dr. Judith Stribling, biology, for their outstanding contributions.

“These educators ... are an example for every person in higher education,” said Clifford M. Kendall, chairman of the Board. “Through their hard work, dedication and creative endeavors, they have shown that for teachers and students alike, real learning knows no boundaries.”