Message from the Alumni Association President

Dear Fellow Alumni,

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer. The spring semester was very busy for the Alumni Association. It was great to see so many of you at the various events, including the NCAA Division III Men’s Lacrosse National Championship game.

On behalf of the Alumni Association, I would like to welcome all the May 2004 graduates. It was exciting to see so many new alumni at the annual ConGRADulations Celebration. Hosted by the Alumni Association, the 2004 ConGRADulations Celebration had a record attendance. Please be sure to keep in touch with the Alumni Association and let us know what you are doing after graduation.

Fellow alumni often approach me and ask what SU still has to offer them. The feature article, “The Top 10 Things SU Can Do For You,” provides the answer. I hope you will take time to read this article and consider how you can take advantage of the many offerings at SU. Regional alumni chapters and the Internet make it even easier for SU alumni to take advantage of all that SU can do for you.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming summer and fall events. Please mark your calendars now for 2004 Homecoming Weekend, October 15-16. Be sure to watch your e-mail or mailbox for information about events at SU and chapter events in your area.

Sincerely,

Sara Wolff Lewis ’98
President, SU Alumni Association
A bulked-up right bicep from slinging a backpack over your shoulder and across campus for four years; some silly Polaroids from spring break; some residual sand in your shoes; and, oh yeah, a diploma. You probably left SU with quite a few things to show for your time here.

Now, long after all those things atrophied, faded or were dispersed or filed, you should still have some fond memories and a top-drawer education to remind you of all SU did for you. But you probably have nothing to remind you of all that SU can still do for you.

Here then, Esteemed Alumni, is a list—a top 10 list—of the things SU can do for you.
1 PRIDE
Whether you graduated recently or decades ago, each alumnus benefits from the University’s increasing prestige. Whenever you hear of SU’s growing academic prestige, numerous sports titles, or community activism, you can feel proud of your Alma Mater. Each passing year brings more and more value of your Salisbury diploma.

2 LEARNING
Sure, you’ve already put in your time and earned your diploma. You never know, however, when you might want to brush up on your skills or pursue a graduate degree. Think SU first. Consistently ranked among the best universities in U.S. News & World Report, Kiplinger’s and The Princeton Review’s The Best 351 Colleges, SU offers a top-notch education and best-buy reassurance.

3 SCHOLARSHIPS
Now that you have graduated and embarked upon careers, many of you have begun families of your own. When your kids begin looking for colleges, be sure to think of Salisbury University.

In addition to Salisbury’s first-rate education, each year the Alumni Association offers a $1,000 per semester scholarship to the daughter or son of an SU graduate.

4 COMMUNITY
When you crossed that stage on graduation day, you not only walked away with a degree, but also joined a 30,000-member strong group of alumni. Always stay connected through the Alumni Association’s publications, e-mail updates and chapter events.

5 NETWORKING
SU offers alumni a vast network of easily accessible friends, colleagues, and potential employers and employees. SU’s Work Information Network (WIN) provides alumni, as well as students, with a powerful, yet easy-to-use online tool for getting in touch with each other and for developing professional career contacts.

6 OPPORTUNITY
Salisbury University offers many opportunities for you to contribute to the life-altering, world-changing process that is education. You can find a way to contribute that matches your resources, interests and financial goals.

Of course, we recognize that some of the best gifts aren’t preceded by a dollar sign. The Alumni
Association provides a number of opportunities for you to donate your time and talents to SU, such as participating in the annual Alumni in the Classroom program or by volunteering to be an online career resource for SU students.

8 RESOURCES
As an SU alumnus, you’re also eligible for certain discounts, special offers and programs that benefit your alumni association. For example, when you use your Salisbury University credit card to charge purchases, MBNA America Bank makes a contribution to the Association—an easy and convenient way for you to support SU. You can contact the Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving for more information.

We offer ever-changing exhibits of fine art, frequent musical and dance performances, and numerous theatrical productions.

9 CULTURE
Return visits to Salisbury University yield rich rewards in the way of cultural events and attractions.

10 FUN
Every semester SU hosts numerous comedians, bands, lecturers and performing groups. Special events such as Fun Day (see Campus News for details) also provide an opportunity to bring alumni, students and the community together. Plus, don’t forget to check with your local alumni chapter’s calendar of events. You can count on your friends at SU to bring you exciting and engaging events all year long.