**Class Notes**

**Information received prior to June 17, 2004**

**Prior to 1970**

**Franklin P. Perdue ‘41** was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award at Salisbury University’s December commencement. The award was given by the SU Alumni Association.

**Ann Sterling-Sutkowski ‘62 & ‘75** has been appointed by Maryland Governor Robert Erlich Jr. to the Board of Election Supervisors of Wicomico County. Ann currently serves as vice-president of the Friends of Salisbury Zoo and is also a docent at the Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art.

**William T. McComb Sr. ‘63 & ‘76** was recently awarded the 2004 Citizen of the Year by the president of the Chincoteague (VA) Chamber of Commerce.

**Beverly Bryan Blades ‘65** was named 2003’s top listing and sales producer at Callaway, Farnell and Moore in Seaford, DE. She has been a real estate agent for 24 years, 17 of which she has been associated with Callaway, Farnell and Moore.

**Linda Hastings Quillen ‘68** earned a National Board Certification in Early Adolescent Mathematics.

**Dr. Vera D. Torrence ‘68** was awarded the Fulbright Administrator Exchange for the 2004-2005 school year. The purpose of the Administrator Exchange Program is to help promote mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries through educational exchange. Torrence will travel to England for six weeks to work with a head mistress and the head master will travel to Maryland to work with Torrence for six weeks.

**Larry Cassell ‘69** was recently selected for 2003’s *The Washington Post* Distinguished Educational Leadership Award in Frederick County, MD. He has been principal of Ballenger Creek Elementary School since it opened in 1990.

**1970s**

**Calvin R. Dize Jr. ‘70** was recently appointed at Crisfield’s (MD) city manager.

**Eleanor LeViness Stump ‘71** recently celebrated her 27th year as a holistic practitioner at Delmarva Health Centre.

**Ann Fontaine Lewis ‘72 & ‘91** was recently elected to serve on the board of directors for Coastal Hospice and Home Health.

**Martha P. Dembeck ‘73** is currently completing her 31st year in the Baltimore County School System. She is an assistant principal at Victory Villa Elementary School in Middle River, MD.

**Thomas J. Mumford III ‘73** has written *Tea and Nay of Smooterville*, a book for children that teaches that success or failure come from within. He is the department chair of social sciences for Delaware Technical and Community College in Georgetown.

**George E. Scheack ‘73** was recently appointed to the Seaford Federal Credit Union nine-member volunteer board of directors.

**Susan A. Grudis ‘74** is the Teacher of the Year for Washington High School in Somerset County, MD. She has taught physical education and health for 30 years.

**Dr. Michael A. Triglia ‘74** (below) was among the select few chiropractors who attended the 12th Annual Fitness Conference with Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in March 2004. He is a chiropractor for Peninsula Chiropractic Center in Delaware.

**Jesse (Tommy) Bennington Jr. ‘75** was recently ordained as a minister with the Universal Life Church in Modesto, CA.

**Patricia Jefferson Blevins ‘75 & ‘84** was promoted to the new position of reading coordinator K-8 by the Wicomico County Board of Education. She will work with teachers and schools throughout the county to improve students’ reading achievement.

**Deborah (Debbie) Shockley Abbott ‘76** was recently presented with the Annual Community Service Award at Peninsula Bank. Debbie is a senior vice president and regional officer at Peninsula Bank.

**Richard Bernstein ‘76 & ‘86** (right), president and CEO of BAI Aerosystems, Inc., was honored in Jerusalem on January 14, 2004, with the Albert Einstein Aerospace Technology Award recognizing his leadership in the microwave communications and Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) industries.

**Pamela Winters Dolle ‘76** was presented with the Alumni Service Award at the December commencement by the Alumni Association. Pam served on the Alumni Association’s board of directors from 1997 to 2001. She was president from 2001-2003.

**Joseph Howard Leonard ‘76** is currently serving as the chairperson of the Governor’s Advisory Council for the Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. He is the executive director of the Deaf Independent Living Association, Inc.

**Judy Harris Davis ‘77** earned the prestigious national certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. Her national certification is in early childhood through young adulthood/exceptional needs specialist.

**Dr. Judith M. Stribling ‘77**, professor of biological sciences at SU, has been selected to receive the Frances H. Flanigan Environmental Leadership Award for her leadership in raising awareness of the issues concerning the Chesapeake Bay and watershed protection.

**Cathy Littleton Townsend ‘77** was recently named Maryland’s Middle School Principal of the Year. She is the principal at Salisbury Middle School.


**Brian Spiering ‘79** is currently principal of North Caroline High School in Ridgely, MD. His wife, **Susan Cowen Spiering ‘81**, works for the Child Protection Unit of Social Services in Denton, MD. They reside in Goldsboro, MD, with their two children, Emily (18) and Jacob (13).

**1980s**

**Keith R. Bennie ‘81**, and his fellow crewmembers, recently received the Navy’s Retention Excellence Award for 2003. The Retention Excellence Award, also known as the Golden Anchor, recognizes a command’s ability to meet or exceed its annual goals for sailor retention.
**1990s**

**Michael G. Abercrombie Jr.** ‘90 has been appointed to the Bay National Bank’s Salisbury Advisory Board.

**Richard Baskas** ‘90 served 12 years honorably in the U.S. Air Force as a firefighter. He became a certified middle/high school biology teacher in Hillsborough County, FL. He had his first genealogical book published, *The Ancestry and Life of Cornelius Melyn: Third Patron of Staton Island,* in 2003. He is now working on *Cornelius Melyn: His Descendants and Pioneers of Caster County, Montana and Leavenworth, Kansas.*

**Dr. Leslie Stofft Knight** ‘90 is a family physician on the teaching staff at the Family Medicine Residency of the University of Nebraska and Offutt Air Force Base.

**Jennette Alvater Mears** ‘90, ‘91 & ‘93 is currently president of the Eastern Shore Reading Council for 2004-2005. She is also a CASA volunteer for the tri-county area.

**Elena A. Russo** ‘90 recently earned a master’s degree in mass communications at Towson University.

**April Riggins Tyler** ‘90 & ‘99 was named Somerset County’s, MD, Teacher of the Year. She was also named Somerset County’s Primary and Elementary School Teacher of the Year.

**Emily Johnson Florence** ‘91 was chosen as the 2004 Teacher of the Year for the city of Falls Church, VA. She was also awarded *The Washington Post*’s Agnes Meyer Teacher of the Year Award for the Falls Church school system.

**Penny Justice Makuchal** ‘91 & ‘97 has advanced from the Maryland School Nurse of the Year to one of six finalists for the National School Nurse of the Year title. She is a teacher and nurse at the Worcester County Technology and Career Center. She is the school nurse consultant for all 14 of Worcester County’s public schools. Penny also teaches school health at SU.

**Tracy Adams Palmer** ‘91 & ‘01, an allied health occupations instructor, was recently selected as the Worcester Career and Technology Center’s Teacher of the Year. She has been teaching at the center for five years.

**Elizabeth A. Melhorn** ‘92 was the first female to become a career firefighter in the 108-year history of the Paterson (NJ) Fire Department.

**Kathleen Elliott Robins** ‘92, CPA, was recently promoted to manager at Pigg, Kralh, Stern, & Co. to manager in the firm’s accounting and auditing department.

**Paul M. Becker** ‘93 was named Chincoteague Elementary School’s Teacher of the Year.

**Donald Cline** ‘93 recently received the first Community Relations Officer of the Year award in Annapolis, MD.

**Anthony F. Grosso Jr.** ‘94 has joined Progressive Vision Institute as partner. He will serve as a board-certified ophthalmologist and surgeon.

**Ruth Malone** ‘94, principal of Wicomico High School, was named supervisor of English language arts/foreign language K-12 by the Wicomico County Board of Education.

**Dr. Janine Kushner** ‘95 started as a consultant pharmacist with PPD Medical Communications in Durham, NC.

**Michael W. Mowery** ‘95 recently completed the M.B.A. program at the University of Phoenix.

**William J. Schneider Jr.** ‘95 received a master’s degree in policy sciences from the University of Maryland Baltimore County in December 2003. He is currently the director of institutional research and planning for Chesapeake College in Wye Mills, MD. He is a member of the Association for Institutional Research.

**Daniel M. O’Connell II** ‘96, CPA, CVA, was recently promoted to manager at Pigg, Kralh, Stern, & Co. He is a manager for the firm’s accounting and auditing department.

**Jeffrey Pontius** ‘96 and his wife, Amy Garst Pontius ‘97, have been living in China for the past two years. Jeff works for Intel Corporation as a finance manager in Shanghai. Amy works for an international relocation company in the city.

**Kristine Schlotzhauer George** ‘97 was recently promoted to special sections editor at The Star Democrat.

**Ryan Green** ‘97, **Marco Mastrangelo** ‘02 and **Greg Penczek** ‘96 & ‘01 (below) are athletic training students at Louisiana State University.
Kimberly Lockfaw King ’97 has recently been chosen as the Teacher of the Year at Pocomoke Elementary School, MD. She has taught there since 1996. She is a member of the Worcester County Teachers’ Association, Maryland State Teachers’ Association and the National Education Association.

Dr. Susan Scanlan Lester ’97 recently received a doctorate in education in Innovation and Leadership from Wilmington College.

Mark Truszkowski ’97 (below) has successfully completed his first year as assistant principal at his alma mater, Overlea High School in Baltimore County, MD, joining SU Alum James F. Thanner ’76 who is principal.

Patricia Adkins ’98 was recently named Maryland’s 2004 Assistant Principal of the Year by the Maryland Association for Secondary School Principals.

Harold B. Gordy III ’98 recently joined Merrill Lynch as a financial adviser.

George O. Mayer IV ’98 has recently become the newest commissioner of the Diamond Football League. He was a player on the team for four years and an owner of the team for two years prior to becoming the commissioner.

Kimberly T. Thomas ’98 successfully completed the CPA exam in November 2003. She is a Certified Public Accountant for Trice Geary & Myers, LLC.

Joan Littleton Wharton ’98 was recently nominated for the Outstanding Young Marylander Award by the Salisbury Jaycees chapter.

Brian Raygar ’99 was named the 2004-2005 Wicomico County (MD) Teacher of the Year. Brian teaches biology at James M. Bennett High School.

Scott B. Scholze ’99, a systems technician at Inacom, has completed a Fundamentals of Cisco Router Configuration Workshop. The workshops were established as a lab-based environment for technical staff to have first-hand experience with Cisco equipment configuration and installation.

2000s

Eric W. Hammond ’00 received a Governor’s Citation in recognition of his service in support of the Governor’s Commission on Minority Business Enterprise Reform. He is the video services coordinator at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

Tracy A. Simpson-Hansford ’00 was recently promoted at Go-Getters to house manager in the peer connection program.

Karl S. Bystrak ’01, a network engineer for Inacom, recently completed a Fundamentals of Cisco Router Configuration Workshop.

Christina Forsythe ’01 is beginning the Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine Program at the Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine in Arizona. It’s a four-year medical program. The program focuses on a holistic approach to medicine. She will learn traditional medicine, but also naturopathic manipulation, botanical medicine, acupuncture and other techniques to treat the body with natural substances.

Erin E. Sowers ’01 recently received her master’s degree in teaching from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. She currently works as an art instructor at Bennett High School in Salisbury.

Nancy M. Stewart ’01 was recently promoted to executive director at Maryland Capital Enterprises, Inc. Nancy has worked for the organization since 1999.

Carrie L. Wright ’01 received her paralegal certificate from the University of Maryland and accepted a position at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

Blair A. Robbins ’02 passed the Certified Public Accounting exam in November 2003. He is currently working for Twilley, Rommel & Stephens, PA.

Dennis Urban ’02 recently received a master’s degree in social studies education from Columbia University. He is currently teaching American history and government at John F. Kennedy High School, NY.

Linda Wright ’02 has accepted the position of executive director with the St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce in Port St. Lucie, FL. She left her position as executive director of the Ocean City Chamber of Commerce in February 2004.

Brian E. Holland ’03 successfully completed the CPA exam in November 2003. He is a Certified Public Accountant for Trice Geary & Myers, LLC.

Jonathan A. Laskiewicz ’03, a Coast Guard Fireman, recently graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, NJ.

Jamie L. McCoy ’03 recently joined the staff of The Star Democrat as the new community editor.

MARRIAGES

Dr. Scott B. Harrison ’84 – Maria Patricia Cortez

Sara F. Seidel ’85 – Dr. Michael Sivelman

Kurt Wulff ’86 – Rachel Pfanner

Theresa R. Baysee ’88 – Stuart Baldwin

Susan L. Maddox ’88 – Daniel M. Landis

David V. Smullen ’89 – Merri M. Moore

Kathleen Sullivan ’91 – Andrew Van de Castle

Michael R. Lowery ’92 – Lee Buswell

Amy E. Black ’94 – Shawn Metcalfe

Stacey L. Domon ’94 – Gerald D. Smith

James R. Romans ’94 – Wendy Chaillet

Mary E. Bernal ’96 – Edward D. Clark

Nicole Bethke ’96 – Eric Ramsey

Yancy W. Lowe ’97 – Kenna Brigham ’99

Randall B. Owens ’97 – Kandal A. Williams

Susan M. Rains ’97 – Wayne Bell

Jennifer Adams deWindt ’00 – Kenneth L. Fitzgerald

Ryan T. Pusey ’00 – Katheryn E. Threwitts

Jessica Simone ’00 – Kevin Smith

Vincent C. Urbanico ’00 – Milagros Fontenla

Chad P. Weiner ’00 – Rachel M. Dempsey

Julie K. Cross ’01 – Ian McColley

BIRTHS

Steve Hyun Lee ’01 – Erin E. Waggner ’02

Christopher P. McCabe ’02 – Sarah M. Hetherington ’03

Christina M. Robinson ’02 – Steven E. Dickerson

Melinda Studey ’02 – Shawn Bays

Tara R. Webster ’03 – Christopher M. Jones

Joe Talbott ’85 & Kelly Talbott – Daughter: Nora Elizabeth

John Beall ’89 & Debbie Beall – Daughter: Juliana Catherine

Amy Smith Farmer ’91 & Gregory Farmer – Son: Benjamin Victor
Lori Shockley Peters '89 & John R. Peters '01 – Daughter: Riley Madeline
April Meilhammer Brilliant '91 & Denis Brilliant – Son: Donovan Bernard
Rhonda Hall Livingston '92 & Richard Livingstone – Daughter: Alicyn Nicole
Eric McLauchlin '92 & Tracey McLauchlin – Daughter: Caitlin Elizabeth

Victoria (Tory) West Estabrook '92 & Jason Estabrook – Son: Julian Padraig Oisin Zidane
Michelle Gatter Christensen ’93 & Scott Christensen – Son: Matthew Scott
Nicole Bleech Mumford ’93 & Jack Mumford III – Daughter: Alexis Grace
Jill Briley Peacher ’93 & Keith Peacher – Daughter: Briley Grace
Melissa Palmer Truffer ’94 & Brad Truffer – Daughter: Ashley Elizabeth
Kimberly Hoopengardner Williams ’94 & Trevor Williams – Son: Jacob Titan
Daniel E. Wheeler ’94 & Lisa Sanchez Wheeler – Son: Fernando Elijah
Burton R. Cashman ’95 & Kristin Heath Cashman ’98 – Daughter: Cassidy Jean
Laura Habicht Greenlee ’95 & Eric Greenlee – Son: Austin James

Chad Kemler ’95 & Meghan Kemler – Son: James Patrick
Kevin M. Rich ’95 & Kellie Rich – Son: Ryan Michael
Deborah Bean Fuhr ’96 & Neil Fuhr – Son: Sean
Ginger Massey Hall ’96 & Kevin Hall – Son: Ryan Edward
Dr. Sarah Rogers Haines ’98 & Thomas Haines – Son: Adam Thomas
Kimberly Parkany Nurmi ’98 & Gabriel P. Nurmi ’98 – Daughter: Samantha Leigh
Kelly M. Luffman ’00 & Pete Bozick – Daughter: Dana Gabrielle

DEATHS
Helen Maye Boyce Reier ’26 – May 17, 2004
Hilda Riley Shockley ’27 – December 16, 2003
Mildred Beauchamp Burdette ’28 – February 24, 2004
Louise Brittingham Taylor ’28 – April 18, 2004
Marguerite Shores Brewington ’30 – February 2, 2004
Constance Clark Cooper ’30 – December 20, 2003
Bertha Graham Long ’32 – February 9, 2004
Hilda M. Todd ’35 – February 13, 2004
Sara Lynch Biscoe ’39 – April 11, 2004
Shirley Powell Kirby ’41 – June 13, 2004
Owen Richard McNeel ’41 – March 20, 2004
Jeanette Rencher Insley ’42 – January 10, 2004
Lorraine S. Bloodsworth ’43 – April 23, 2004
Marian M. Koster ’43 – May 3, 2004
Jane Wheatley Oliphant ’43 – June 4, 2004
Edith Farlow Messick ’44 – March 13, 2004
Sara Timmons White ’44 – March 25, 2004
June Totten Mair ’45 – January 22, 2004
Hilda Baker Eskridge ’46 – February 29, 2004
Jean W. Staubs ’47 – January 9, 2004
Frances Jester Turner ’50 – January 16, 2004
Herbert Gladstone Ball ’56 – January 17, 2004
Betty Wharton Dashiell ’59 – February 25, 2004
William E. Hitchens ’59 – February 26, 2004
Jay D. Callin ’65 – November 8, 2003
Lana Roe Williams ’66 – March 8, 2004
Effie Dean Young Lewis ’69 & ’79 – November 3, 2003
John H. Merritt ’71 – March 24, 2004
Charles Steven Harman ’74 – February 25, 2004
Eddie L. Smith ’74 – March 18, 2004
Jerry Edwin Tiller ’76 – December 2, 2003
Lorna Loveless Bennett ’78 – June 1, 2004
Beth Waldis Elzy ’82 – January 5, 2004
Flora T. Townsend ’88 – April 6, 2004
Cindy M. Dutton ’97 – April 23, 2004
Joanne C. Dobson ’98 – June 9, 2004
Joy Patricia Hayward ’02 – February 12, 2004
Kimberly Bonita Myrick ’02 – November 1, 2003
Sue M. Brittingham – April 9, 2004

Sue Brittingham was a public relations specialist for Salisbury University for 16 years. She was a skilled ambassador to all media, promoting the life and reputation of the University and bringing good humor and good will to all those she encountered. During her years at the University, she touched the lives of thousands of students, faculty and staff through her efforts to share the good news about SU.