Varsity Club Boosts Athletics

The SSU Varsity Club is a volunteer booster organization dedicated to enhancing the SSU athletic program through membership and special events.

In the classroom and on the field, the 1999-2000 season was very successful for Sea Gull teams:

- Our 19 varsity sports had a combined winning percentage of 68 percent.
- Nine teams competed in national tournaments.
- SSU earned the Capital Conference All-Sports Trophy for the second consecutive year.
- Eleven student-athletes were named All-Americans.
- Academically, 211 of our 425 student-athletes earned a GPA of 3.0 or higher in the spring 1999 semester.
- Six coaches were recognized as conference Coach of the Year winners: Robb Disbennett (baseball); Margie Knight (softball); Bridget Benshetler (women's basketball); Dawn Chamberlin (field hockey); Gerry DiBartolo (men's soccer); Jim Jones (men’s cross country)
- 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 over 400 member institutions that compete in NCAA Division III athletics.

If you are interested in joining the Varsity Club or would like more information, contact Ralph Murray, Varsity Club director, at 410-677-5099 or remurray@ssu.edu.

All-American Reunion

The four All-Americans in Salisbury men's soccer history were recently reunited with the man who had coached all four players. SSU concluded the 2000 season with a 17-3 record while winning its second straight Capital Athletic Conference championship and earning its second NCAA Tournament berth.

Pictured (from left) are goalie Mike Svehla, 1999 AA; forward Mike Giuffrida, 1998 AA; Head Coach Gerry DiBartolo; back Sandor Fodor, 1981 AA; and forward Matt Tirschmann, 1995 AA.

Hall of Fame Adds Three

Salisbury State added three new members to its Athletics Hall of Fame during Homecoming Weekend festivities in October. The 2000 inductees are Kathy Schuyler ’72, Joe Mammano ’85 and Terri Sharpless ’90.

Schuyler was a three-sport star in field hockey, basketball and lacrosse, and a MVP in all three sports during her senior year. She was captain on the lacrosse team as a junior and senior and captain of the field hockey team as a senior. She also earned postseason all-star honors in field hockey as a junior and senior.

One of the most prolific offensive linemen to play for the Sea Gull football team, Mammano was a four-year starter at guard who paved the way for some of the most successful runners in team history. He earned first team all-America honors as a senior in 1984.

An overpowering pitcher on the softball team who finished with a 31-12 record during her four seasons, Sharpless ranks second in team history with 251 career strikeouts while also ranking among the all-time leaders in wins, innings pitched, complete games and earned run average.

The Hall of Fame was initiated in 1985 to honor those who have made outstanding contributions to Salisbury State's athletic heritage. The addition of these three inductees brings the Hall's membership to 70.

Selection for the Hall of Fame is the highest honor that the University can bestow upon one of its former student-athletes. To be eligible, an individual must have graduated from the University at least 10 years earlier or be retired as a coach.

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