



Adventures In Ideas

Sponsored by the Fulton School of Liberal Arts, the Alumni Association and the Whaley Family Foundation, SU's "Adventures in Ideas" humanities series invites alumni and the community to join distinguished SU faculty members for stimulating, intellectual discussion, designed to replicate the college learning experience without papers, grades or tests. For the last academic year, the topics included re-evaluating an era, folklore and classic theatre. Dr. Harry Basehart (Political Science), Donald Whaley (History) and Dr. John Kalb (English) opened the series with "The 1960s at 50," a look back at the historical and cultural significance of the decade with some new perspectives. Dr. Polly Stewart, English, continued the series with "An Island of the Mind: Eastern Shore Folklore in Continuity and Transition," discussing the speech, customs, material culture and habits of mind associated with being an Eastern Shoreman. The series concluded with a unique behind-the-scenes look at SU's Bobbi Biron Theatre's production of Aristophanes' *Lysistrata*. Dr. Ray Thompson (History) provided a presentation on ancient Greece, and following a matinee performance, Dr. T. Paul Pfeiffer, director of the play, lead the cast and designers in a discussion of the production.



Saving Lives One Relay At A Time

Dr. Rosemary M. Thomas, vice president of advancement and executive director of the SU Foundation, Inc., takes a national leading role in the American Cancer Society (ACS). She was appointed to the ACS's Nationwide Leadership Training Team (NLTT) and its South Atlantic Division Board of Directors. Since 2006, Thomas has served as an ACS community ambassador for



Region 12, covering Delaware and the Delmarva Peninsula. She also has been a part of the leadership council for ACS's Tri-County Leadership Team since 2003. For many years, Thomas has been active with the society's Relay For Life program. She was a member of the Relay For Life Mid-Atlantic Task Force from 1996-2000 and has served on Relay committees in Maryland, including SU, and her



native West Virginia. SU's Relay is consistently ranked among the top collegiate Relays in the nation, having raised more than \$780,000 since its inception in 2002. This year, some 97 teams of more than 1,250 students, faculty, staff and families participated in

SU's 10th Relay For Life. During opening ceremonies, co-chairs thanked SU President Janet Dudley-Eshbach for supporting the student-driven initiative that made SU one of a growing number of smoke-free campuses

Three Join Foundation Board

The SU Foundation, Inc. welcomed three new members to its board of directors. Anne Hollowell Miller (left) is a longtime supporter and alumna who earned her M.Ed. from SU in 1981. An active member of the Alumni Association board for eight years, she chaired several committees and was an eager advocate for the development of the Alumni House. Carol J. Baker-Jones (center) is a fifth generation Eastern Shore native with more than 25 years of real estate experience. In 2004, she founded Baker Land Company, an independent firm in Cambridge, and for 13 years, she owned and operated The Woodlands Sporting Clays. Donald M. Whaley (right) taught in SU's History Department for 34 years, specializing in the history of the South, 19th century America, and U.S. society and culture. In 2002, he received the Alumni Association board's Faculty Appreciation Award.



nationwide. Thomas also was honored during the ceremonies for her dedication to the annual event. Salisbury 6-year-old Brooke Mulford (top), who has battled neuroblastoma, helped lead a survivors lap. As a member of the NLTT, Thomas helps spread the ACS' messages at the national, divisional and regional levels. For the team, the society seeks volunteers who are strong communicators with proven facilitation, presentation, coaching and training skills, as well as a general knowledge of the ACS mission and in-depth knowledge of its Relay For Life program.



Sea Gull Century

Sunny skies, minimal winds and temperatures in the 70s added up to perfect weather for SU's 22nd annual Sea Gull Century. The 2010 ride attracted over 8,100 riders on bicycles of all shapes and sizes, from recumbent to tandem to even unicyclists braving the miles. Responding to the growing number of participants, organizers added a third route, 100 miles through historic Snow Hill and scenic Worcester County. The youngest registered rider was 6-year-old Tyler Lewis of Bethesda, MD; the oldest was 88-year-old Scott Brewer of Gaithersburg, MD. Sophia



Franklin, a high school counselor from Germantown, MD, and a competitor on the TV show *The Biggest Loser* said she had a good time doing part of the metric route. Thirty-eight states were represented, including Hawaii, Texas and California, as well as Canada and the Virgin Islands. The Sea Gull Century has become a popular fundraiser for several charities, including the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Team in Training, Alzheimer's Association's ALZ

Stars and American Cancer Society's DetermiNation. The ride has been called a "Best Bicycling in America" event and also was named among the top 10 century rides in the nation by *Bicycling* magazine. The *Ride Magazine* called it "one of the prettiest big rides in America." Not only is it Wicomico County's largest one-day tourism event, but the Perdue School of Business has estimated its annual economic impact on the Lower Shore at \$2.5 million.



Promoting A Healthy U

Area residents of all ages are benefiting from SU's Healthy U of Delmarva. Through its HUEYs, the group annually awards \$6,000 to local community members and groups for promoting healthy choices. The winners for 2010 were: Peninsula Regional Medical Center for the corporation category, Calvin B. Taylor Bank's Berlin branch for small business, James M. Bennett High School for education, Salisbury resident Kim Nutter for individual, and Trinity United Methodist Church for house of worship. K & L Microwave won Most Outstanding. "The HUEY awards are just one way Healthy U of Delmarva encourages residents of the Lower Eastern Shore to make healthy lifestyle changes," said Mitzi Perdue, who founded the organization in 2002. Healthy U also hosts three summer programs for children ages 5-10. Healthy U Camp, held at the University, explores the six components of wellness. Moving learning to the neighboring beach communities, Healthy U partners with Delaware's Freeman Stage to present "Operation Art" and "Project Earth." All camps promote an appreciation for knowledge, creativity and teamwork.

