

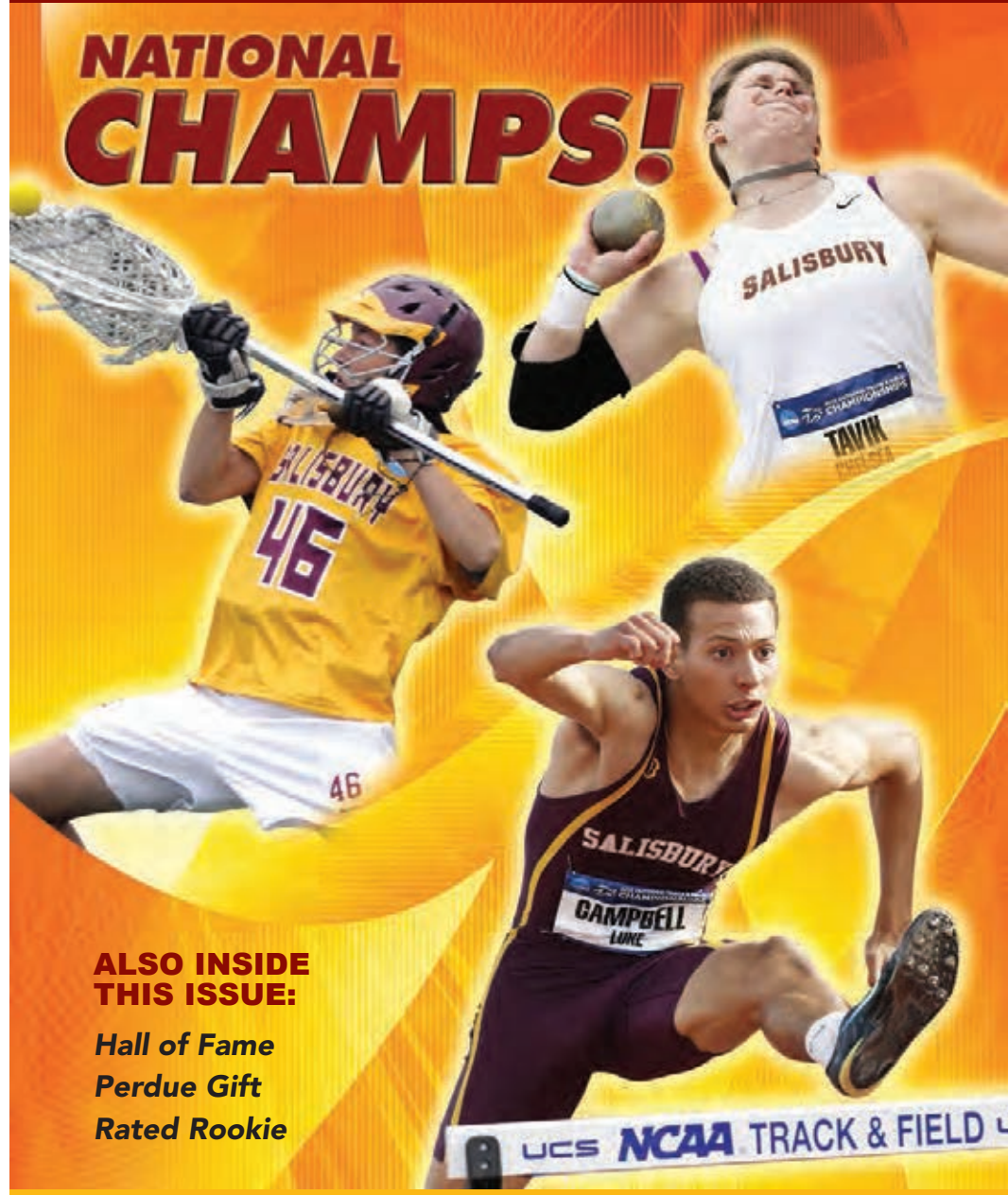
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For over 80 years Salisbury University athletics have played an integral part in campus life. The University's exemplary student-athletes and outstanding coaches have created a legacy of excellence that places SU's 21 NCAA Division III teams among the top programs in the nation. The Sea Gulls have been ranked in the top 10 percent of the Learfield Sports Directors' Cup standings for 11 consecutive years and earned 142 Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) championships, 10 CAC All-Sports Awards and 17 NCAA Division III national team championships. To learn more about the Sea Gull traditions of excellence visit [www.suseagulls.com](http://www.suseagulls.com).



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Summer 2013

## 365 DAYS TO REDEMPTION!

For the Salisbury University women's lacrosse team, the 2013 season began on May 20, 2012 – the day the Sea Gulls lost to Trinity (CT) College in the national championship game. On the bus that afternoon, the players were already looking ahead to redeeming themselves.

As the runner-up in the tournament, Salisbury began the season No. 2 in the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association poll and stayed behind an unbeaten Trinity team throughout the 2013 season.

Salisbury was rarely threatened during the regular season, never trailing at halftime and falling behind in only a handful of games. Along the way, the Sea Gulls set the NCAA Division III record for most consecutive conference wins, when they topped Wesley College on April 9 for the program's 69th straight regular-season Capital Athletic Conference victory.

On April 20, senior attack Katie Bollhorst set the program record for career assists as she dished out her 151st helper, surpassing Sue Ackermann, who had held the mark since 2008.

Salisbury kept the CAC run going through a 13-5 win in the conference championship game against York (PA) College, gaining the



program's 11th straight CAC crown.

The team was rewarded with six first-team All-CAC selections, as Bollhorst claimed the Player of the Year award for the second straight season and Head Coach Jim Nestor was named the Coach of the Year for the ninth time.

The win springboarded the Gulls into the NCAA tournament, where they rolled through the first two rounds before running into their closest game of the season in the national quarterfinals.

Salisbury found itself in a position it had not been in all year, tied at halftime, 3-3, with Franklin & Marshall College. The Sea Gulls scored three times in the first 10 minutes of the second half on their way to an 8-6 win and another nail-biter in the national semifinals.

SU trailed Middlebury College, 5-3, at halftime, but outscored the Panthers, 5-2, in the second half to claim an 8-7 win in front of a career-high 12 saves by junior goalkeeper Ashton Wheatley, setting up the rematch the Gulls were looking for – Trinity – in the national championship game.

SU came out on fire, scoring four times in the first 12 minutes for a 4-0 lead. The Bantams cut that lead down to two goals on one occasion, but could get no closer, as Salisbury won the title game 12-5.

Wheatley was named the championship's Most Outstanding Player, and four others were named to the All-Tournament Team.

The win was the 23rd for Salisbury in the perfect season, setting the program record for wins in a season and, most importantly, gaining that sweet redemption.



## Closing Out in Style

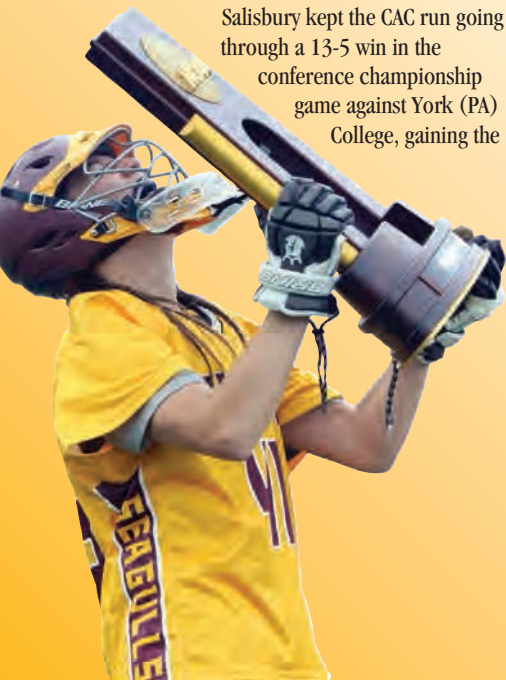
Just hours after her final collegiate competition, Chelsea Tavik got emotional discussing what her career as a Salisbury University track & field athlete meant. She closed out her career, the way anyone would want to, with a national championship.

Earlier in the day, Tavik had not only won her second national title, but did so in incredible fashion. As one of the favorites in the event, her first effort of the day traveled 48' 11", which would have been good enough to win, as none of the other 21 competitors could match the distance. But the number was not was Tavik was gunning for – she wanted 50 feet.

On her third of six tries, Tavik sent a heave out 50' 2", becoming just the seventh Division III woman to ever clear that mark. Two tries later, she had a throw of 50' 3.25", which is the fifth-best distance in Division III history.

The championship was Tavik's second and her fifth All-American honor, combining indoor and outdoor awards, as she has qualified for the past six NCAA Indoor and Outdoor National Championship meets.

With two national titles, the only individual female national championships in school history, the All-American awards and five CAC Indoor and Outdoor Athlete of the Year awards, Tavik leaves Salisbury as the most decorated student-athlete in program history.



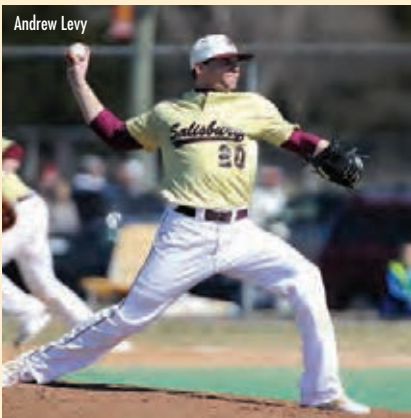




All-CAC first team member Anna Hackett scored 444 points for the Gulls this season.

## \$540K Perdue Gift

Having played women's basketball at then-Salisbury State Teachers College, Madeline Godfrey Perdue had a soft spot in her heart for the program. The Madeline G. Perdue Foundation announced women's basketball as the beneficiary of two gifts that combine for \$540,000. Some \$200,000, permanently endowing the program, may be used for operating expenses. The remaining \$340,000 is earmarked for the eventual construction of a new athletics facility with a dedicated team locker room and gathering place.



Andrew Levy

## CAC Milestones

SU baseball made its 14th straight NCAA tournament appearance, one of two teams with such a streak currently intact. It was SU's 19th overall NCAA tournament bid, following the program's 11th Capital Athletic Conference championship. Top-seed SU went 11-4 in the CAC regular season, before winning four straight in the tournament to claim the crown. SU placed seven on the All-CAC first team and three on the second team, combining for a program record. Head Coach Doug Fleetwood was named CAC Coach of the Year for the second straight year and 10th time since 2001.



Natalie Savage

## Record Winning Streak

Women's tennis put together the longest winning streak in program history, with a run of 20 consecutive victories. SU also saw numerous individual streaks, including Natalie Savage, who won 18 straight singles matches at No. 1 and 2, and 18 straight doubles matches, with partners Jillian Poppe and Roxanne Alban, all in the No. 1 position. With her outstanding inaugural season, Savage claimed the CAC's Rookie of the Year Award, the first for a Salisbury player since Poppe garnered the honor four years ago, and just the third in program history.

## Freshman Phenom Leads Track & Field

Most collegiate student-athletes, particularly in an individual sport, are hoping to contend on a national scale by the time their four-year career comes to an end. Very few have the chance to be on the national stage at the first possible opportunity. Freshman Luke Campbell showed in his very first collegiate meet that he belonged, and by the end of his freshman campaign, he was among the best hurdlers in the nation.

In that initial meet, he finished 10th out of 34 competitors in the 60-meter hurdles. He won the



Luke Campbell

event the next time he ran it – and four months later, he was not only a three-time All-American, but also a national champion.

Campbell found himself near the top of the field in each indoor meet he ran and qualified for the NCAA Indoor Championships, placing seventh for his first All-American honor. His time of 8.20 seconds was a program record.

His success did not end at the indoor championships, as he carried on to the outdoor season with even more accolades. In his first outdoor meet, against mainly Division I competition,

Campbell placed fifth out of 40 runners in the 110-meter hurdles and had wins throughout the regular season in both the 110- and 400-meter hurdles, qualifying for the NCAA Outdoor Championships in both events.

Despite being seeded outside the top eight event, Campbell had an incredible week, qualifying for both finals, placing third in the 400 and leaning to a .01-second win in the 110 hurdles for his first national championship.

Campbell became just the second student-athlete in Salisbury track & field history to claim three All-American honors in one indoor/outdoor season.



Eric Spangler

## Banner Rookie Season

Freshman Eric Spangler played nearly every tennis match at No. 2 singles, posting a 13-7 record, while adding another win at No. 1, ending the season on a six-game winning streak. His record was even better in doubles, paired with sophomore Daniel Albers at No. 1. The duo ended the year with a 17-5 record and was named first-team All-CAC for their doubles performance. Spangler was named second-team All-CAC in singles and earned the program's seventh Rookie of the Year award, the fifth in the past seven seasons.

## Pitch Perfect

Salisbury softball found itself as one of the final three teams standing in the nation in 2013. With strong pitching, stellar defense and outstanding offense throughout the year, the Sea Gulls made their way through the season, culminating in the program's seventh World Series.

For the first time in program history, Salisbury had two National Fastpitch Coaches Association Players of the Week, as senior shortstop Hannah Mills earned the award on April 3 and sophomore pitcher Rachel Johnson picked up the accolade two weeks later. Johnson and her senior battery-mate Michelle Gravdahl became just the fourth pair of teammates named first-team All-Americans in the same year, and the Gulls reached the No. 1 ranking in the nation.

Salisbury entered the NCAA tournament with that ranking and rolled through the Salem, VA, NCAA Regional with an unblemished record to qualify for the World Series for the first time since 2009. Despite taking a loss in the opening



Rachel Johnson

contest, the Gulls battled back to the final day of the event before being eliminated by the eventual national runner-up.



Jim Berkman

## Call to the Hall

Salisbury men's lacrosse Head Coach Jim Berkman has been one of the leading names in the game for years. In 25 seasons at the helm of SU's team, Berkman has piloted it or his players to the NCAA tournament in every campaign. He became the all-time winningest coach in Division III lacrosse and the winningest coach in all of men's lacrosse, throughout all divisions. This spring, it was announced that he would be inducted into the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame.

While 2013 saw struggles, Berkman led his squad through ups and downs to make a run, mostly on the road, to the NCAA semifinal round.

## Overtime Thrillers

Men's basketball closed the regular season on a five-game winning streak. The 19 victories were the most since 1996-97. The final three regular-season games all went to overtime, including a one-point thriller over St. Mary's (MD) College. Following a double-overtime win against Wesley College, SU hosted its first CAC tournament since 2001. The Sea Gulls won the first-round game, the first home tournament win in 13 seasons, before falling to Wesley in the CAC semifinals. SU was rewarded for its best season in over 15 years with two players on the all-CAC teams for the first time since 2001 and saw Travon Vann named the D3hoops.com All-Region Team.



Travon Vann

## Swimming Coach of the Year

With a strong showing at the CAC championships, men's swimming placed 13 on the All-CAC squad, the most the program has seen since 2006-07. The Gulls were paced by Chris Franklin and Will Gough, who each earned three honors in the 200-free relay, the 200-medley relay and the 400-free relay. The women placed fifth in the CAC championships, with two fifth-place relay finishes. The men were edged in the final event of the day, just missing a third-place finish at the championships. The Sea Gulls placed fourth as Head Coach Jill Stephenson was named the Men's CAC Coach of the Year. It marked the second Coach of the Year award for Stephenson and the first on the men's side.



Will Gough

### WINTER/SPRING TEAMS AT A GLANCE

WINTER SPORTS	RECORD	HIGHLIGHT
Men's Basketball	19-8	CAC semifinals
Women's Basketball	15-12	CAC semifinals
Men's Swimming	3-7	CAC 4th place
Women's Swimming	2-8	CAC 5th place
SPRING SPORTS	RECORD	HIGHLIGHT
Baseball	33-9	NCAA regional finalist CAC champion
Men's Lacrosse	17-6	NCAA semifinals
Women's Lacrosse	23-0	NCAA champion CAC champion
Softball	42-4	NCAA DIII World Series, CAC champion
Men's Tennis	14-10	CAC finalist
Women's Tennis	20-3	CAC finalist
Men's Track & Field	--	CAC champion Campbell claims NCAA title in 110-meter hurdles
Women's Track & Field	--	CAC champion Tavik claims 2nd NCAA title in shot put