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President's Message

The energy and anticipation of a new academic year is upon us as we welcome over 10,000 graduate and undergraduate students to a bustling Salem State College campus, one that is being physically transformed into a place of higher learning that will last well into the future.

An exciting library/learning facility on Central Campus awaited students and plans are underway for an additional Central Campus residence hall to house 490 students. When completed in fall 2010, it will take us one step closer to our goal of a 50-percent residential population. Meanwhile, through the generosity of alumnus Henry Bertolon '74 and his wife Donna, the college is in the process of acquiring the Weir property across the street from Central Campus and is formulating plans for retail and office space there.

As I embark on my second year as president, I can sense a renewed energy throughout the college's five campuses. Salem State is building for the future, and is doing so on the foundation of its distinguished past.

Part of the college's legacy has been its service to the community. As we move forward, it is even more incumbent upon us to ensure that our students understand the importance of community engagement and learn of the value it imparts to an educated citizenry seeking ways to give back.

At Salem State, we have the opportunity to lead the way by providing our students with a hands-on education that includes community service. By so doing, we prepare them for lives that are full and complete, and educate them to become the administrators, mayors, nurses, teachers, and scientists of tomorrow. To strengthen this college's commitment to community service and build upon our long legacy of giving back to those in whose neighborhoods we live and work, we are establishing a Center for Civic Engagement at Salem State College.

As a college, we bear yet another responsibility: to ensure that first-year students are comfortable in their new learning environment and to see that they do not become frustrated with their studies or lose their way. At Salem State, we want each of our first-year students to succeed — and complete their studies at Salem State. To that end, we are launching the Foundations of Excellence initiative. Its goal is to identify the intentions of first-year students and determine whether their academic pursuits are purposeful. We want first-year students to enter Salem State with aspirations and dreams and we are putting into place measures that will make their studies more meaningful and significant.

As part of the Foundations of Excellence initiative, we are implementing Passion Courses. These will be academically challenging seminars taught by faculty in areas beyond the purview of their traditional discipline. We believe this will inspire intellectual inquiry on the part of both the faculty who teach them and the students who participate in them. Another component of the initiative is the First-Year Reading Experience (FYRE), which fosters a sense of community through the joy of reading and discussion.

Offered to every first-year student, the Foundations of Excellence initiative is committed to ensuring that each student takes full advantage of all that Salem State has to offer.

Your alma mater has earned an excellent reputation as a provider of well-educated men and women prepared to contribute to the betterment of society. Here, within the pages of Salem Statement, is just a small sampling of that excellence.

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Editor's Note

Hello again! It's been three months since *Salem Statement* arrived in your mailbox with coverage of the inauguration of President Patricia Maguire Meservey. Here it is again, this time with a new look, the result of an across-campus effort to better communicate the Salem State story to all constituents. It all started six years ago with the Giant Glass owner Dennis Drinkwater '67 issue. In between that first *Statement* and the one you received in June, there were 13 magazines, with the content and packaging of each progressively better than the previous.

The common thread of each issue has been the presentation of a college on the move. Today – with plans for a

new library, for another Central Campus residence hall and for campus expansion across Loring Avenue — this college is moving forward faster than ever. So here, with a new design, is a presentation of the latest and greatest things happening at your alma mater – not to mention a Salem State perspective on November's presidential election. Our cover story features political consultant and recently-anointed 2008 Distinguished Alumnus Michael Goldman '73 squaring off against Executive Director of the Massachusetts ROP Rob Willington '03 in a point-counterpoint on who the next president of the United States should be.

Their views from the left and the right are reflective of the theme of this issue —involvement – involvement in politics; involvement in the business community (David Liscio's story on Salem State's downtown Salem connection); involvement in the environment (Liscio's story on geology research); and involvement in our local schools (Samantha Lewis' story on the assistant superintendent of Salem schools).

One final note; Anna Wisstran Wolfe joins us from Wheaton College to support our marketing efforts and to oversee a new initiative – the online *Salem Statement* viewable at salemstate.edu/statementonline. The next online issue will arrive in your electronic mailboxes this fall. If you aren't signed up to receive *Salem Statement* online, you can do so at the website.

Letters to the Editor

Can't Wait To See New Baseball Field

I am really looking forward to seeing the new baseball field. Is it named yet? How about Dean Lowrey Field? He was the AD when I was at Salem State. I believe Dean Lawrence Lowrey was an All-American football player at Holy Cross. He was a character, but really a wonderful man who cared a great deal about Salem and the success of the athletic program while he was there. I believe he had a very long tenure. He was also the baseball coach before George Blackwell took over for him my freshman year in 1961.

BILL MYERS '65

Deeply Moved By Article

I write to tell you how wonderful the article *Suzanne's Story* was in the recent SSC alumni magazine. You

did a fantastic job on a story that is so powerful. You had me in tears over breakfast. I needed to tell you that.

FAYE RAYNARD '88

Profile in Courage

Editor's note:

Salem Statement recently featured a Maggie Steele '08 story about a book by Bernie Balsler '66. Tim Schnabel '66 wrote a letter to Bernie in response to that story, and gave us permission to re-print excerpts here.

Dear Bernie,

Reading the piece about you in the *Salem Statement* was both inspiring and healing for me. I am moved by your courage. As a fellow alumnus of the class of '66, we did not take classes together, but when I brought out my slightly mildewed Clipper and saw your picture, I remembered you.

I am moved that you found a way to mostly heal the multiple trauma from father and football, trauma that you carried privately as we passed each other between classes so many years ago. If you are a purveyor of your book, I ask that you let me know what the charge would be to have an autographed copy of *Twenty Hillcrest Road* shipped here. I shall be happy to send you a check beforehand.

I also like your moxie, to use an old New England expression and I am impressed with *Salem Statement* that it would showcase you, your humanity and story, for you are a true profile in courage. I am warmed by such a helpful focus of our alumni association. No question others will be moved as well. Warm regards,

TIM SCHNABEL '66



Professor Sandy Fowler, the driving force behind the establishment of a communications major at Salem State, succumbed to cancer this year.

Alive in Spirit

Mentor continues to define author's character

EXHAUSTED FROM MY VOYAGE AS A NON-TRADITIONAL EVENING STUDENT, I DECIDED TO RATCHET MY EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY TO WARP SPEED. I WAS OLDER AND WANTED TO START MY NEW CAREER, SO I HATCHED A PLAN.

This plan was completely unorthodox and discouraged by academic advisors, so I charged to the top. It was then I was directed to the chair of the Communications Department. This was the day I met Dr. Sandra Fowler. This day changed the course of my life.

I sat down with Sandy and I liked her instantly. Her phone rang off the hook as she floated in a sea of unfinished flow sheets, but she stayed present with me. I liked how she looked me in the eye, all the while obviously sizing me up. Mostly, I liked

By Julie Danahy '04

that I had found a woman who loved to take on an "unorthodox" project.

I proposed my plan: to complete my major in one year, switching from part-time nights to full-time days, and to graduate in May of that year. She warned that the workload would be overwhelming, and that she would have to go to bat for me (a relative stranger) in order to get permission to take courses out of sequence. It was mere minutes into our meeting before she accepted the challenge, taking on my battle as if it



were her own. “We” were on a mission and, at that moment, a process that once seemed ominous became manageable.

I entered the world of daytime classes with Sandy as my first mate. She laughed when I complained about my course load and when I told her I felt like an old lady. I awoke twice a week that semester to Sandy’s famous 8 a.m.

“As life tends to do, I was thrown a curve ball while I was on a roll.”

writing courses. No special privileges were given based on camaraderie. She edited papers with a sword, pushing us based on what she knew we were made of. We would turn in good, but she would request great. Perfect was better.

As life tends to do, I was thrown a curve ball while I was on a roll. Feeling distraught with my personal life, I felt I had no choice but to put college on hold and heal my wounds. I met with Sandy to tell her I was leaving, at least temporarily. We left campus for a sandwich, but I couldn’t eat. Sandy never had that trouble. Always the multi-tasker, petite Sandy listened to me as I cried, all the while eyeing my food. I could see in her eyes that her heart broke for me yet she gathered herself and advised as only she could. “Of course you can leave, but when May comes, and life is still here, do you want the degree

you earned that no one can take away, or do you want to have all these same issues and an unfinished education.” This was the only notion that resonated with me. At a time when everything went dark, it was Sandy, not my most loved family and friends, who woke me from my daze.

Sandy reignited the fire I had for my studies, but more than that, she saw the fight and light in me when I couldn’t see them for myself. Soon after this tough conversation we became real friends. We had dinners, caught a drink after work, saw a show, and really talked. She asked me the questions that other friends were afraid to broach. Was I happy with career, life and love? If not, how and when was I going to change it? Never heavy-handed with her direction, every conversation began or ended with a hug and was full of belly laughter or a challenge of self-deprecating one-upmanship. We shared the same brand of comedy, bonded by frankness and eventually, food.

I graduated as planned in 2004. It is to date one of the sweetest days I have known. When my name was called, I consciously paused and took a moment where I shared my prize with my supportive family, friends and my mentor Sandy.

On Sunday, January 5, of this year, Dr. Robert Brown, my beloved professor and dear friend of Sandy’s, informed me of her passing. My mind raced. This was impossible. She was too strong. She had fought cancer before, she could do it again. So much left for me to do, to show to her, to make her proud. Sandy, I wanted to invite you to my wedding; I found love as you always told me I would. I wanted to stroll a baby carriage by your corner office in Meier Hall and tell you I was a mother. I wanted to call you from the desk of my dream job and announce I had arrived!

None of these blessings are upon me yet, but I feel ready, and Sandy was inspirational in that.

So much about who Sandy Fowler was impressed me. Sandy was quietly a Harvard University graduate. She held a doctorate, but wanted to be called Sandy. “Dr. Fowler” was for the classroom. She started funny stories and didn’t always finish them; she held quiriness and humor in the highest regard. With a devil-may-care attitude, Sandy would remind you she was “raised in the Bronx” when called on her sauciness.

In our last email correspondences, I started referring to her as “little bird.” She seemed somehow smaller, if not weary from her battle, yet always capable of flight.

When I attended Sandy’s beautiful memorial, I learned so much. I arrived at the church secretly feeling I was so special. I wasn’t. Everyone there was special just for knowing her. Everyone had a story that set them apart, while quietly bonding us all together. The power of the service made me want to do something monumental.

She is still inspiring.

If Sandy were here I would send her this piece and ask her for a legendary no-holds barred edit.

Goodbye, sweet friend. Thank you seems small, but thank you.

Julie Danahy graduated with a degree in communications in 2004. A member of the Development Office in Events and Donor Relations at Salem State, she reminds us that donations to support a scholarship in memory of Sandy Fowler can be made to the SSC Foundation. Checks can be mailed to the Communications Department, Salem State College, 352 Lafayette Street, Salem, MA 01970.

Creative and Performing Arts



FALL 2008 SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 2 Art Exhibition Kim Beckmann: Place Making
Sept. 2-Oct. 2
Winfisky Gallery,
Ellison Campus Center
Reception: Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2-3 pm
free

SEPTEMBER 15 New England Light Opera Master Class
11-12:15 pm
Sara Mitchell, Mark Morgan
and Joseph Stroup
Recital Hall, Central Campus, free

SEPTEMBER 25 Bill Coyle and Chris Fauske: Scandinavian Translations
7:30 pm
Martin Luther King Jr. Room,
Ellison Campus Center, free

SEPTEMBER 28 Gilbert and Sullivan Radio Hour: New England Light Opera
3 pm
Recital Hall, Central Campus
\$20 general/\$15 students
seniors/free w/SSC student ID

SEPTEMBER 29 Boston Ballet II Master Class: Beginning Ballet
Recital Hall, Central Campus
Dance Studio, O’Keefe Center, free

OCTOBER 2 African Dance (Strong Root), Latin Dance (Sweet Fruit)
Greg Coles, Master Class
11-12:15 pm
Main Gym, O’Keefe Center, free

OCTOBER 7 Art Exhibition Gabrielle Keller: Within Reach
Oct. 7-Nov. 6
Reception: Tuesday
Oct. 14, 2-3 pm
Winfisky Gallery,
Ellison Campus Center, free

OCTOBER 16 Proof by David Auburn
Oct. 16, 18, 23, 24, 25
Callan Studio Theatre

\$15 general/\$10 students
seniors/free w/SSC student ID

NOVEMBER 20 Robert Honeysucker, Baritone
7:30 pm
\$15 general/\$10 students
seniors/free w/SSC student ID

NOVEMBER 20 Gabrielle Keller, Artist’s Talk: Redefining Photography
11 am
Winfisky Gallery,
Ellison Campus Center, free

NOVEMBER 25 Dancing Zombies: Learn Michael Jackson’s Thriller Dance
1 pm
O’Keefe Center Gym
\$10 general/\$5 students
children under 12, free

NOVEMBER 3 Phil Swanson and Guests
7:30 pm
Recital Hall
\$10 general/\$5 students
seniors/free w/SSC student ID

NOVEMBER 3 Works In Progress: Viewing the Creative Process
11-12:15 pm
Dance Studio, O’Keefe Center

NOVEMBER 12 The 2008 Salem State College Art Department Faculty Exhibition
Nov. 12-Dec. 11
Winfisky Gallery,
Ellison Campus Center, free

NOVEMBER 13 Claire Keyes, Poetry Reading
7:30 pm
Martin Luther King Jr. Room,
Ellison Campus Center, free

NOVEMBER 17 Joanne Lukitsch: Art and Technology: A New Unity of Modern Life at the Bauhaus
11 am
Martin Luther King Jr. Room,
Ellison Campus Center, free

NOVEMBER 20 The Tempest by William Shakespeare
Nov. 20, 21, 22/Dec. 4, 5, 6
8:00 pm
Dec. 7 at 2:00 pm
Mainstage Theatre \$15 general/\$10 students and seniors/free w/SSC student ID

NOVEMBER 22 Creative Collaborations: Fall Dance Concert
7:30 pm
Multipurpose Gym,
O’Keefe Center
\$7/\$5 students
seniors/free w/SSC student ID

NOVEMBER 24 New England Light Opera Master Class Musical Storytelling with Peter A. Carey
11-12:15 pm
Recital Hall, free

DECEMBER 1 Percussion and World Music Ensembles
5 pm
Recital Hall, Central Campus, free

DECEMBER 4 SSC Jazz Band: Just Jazz
7:30 pm
Recital Hall, Central Campus
\$10 general/\$5 students
seniors/free w/SSC student ID

DECEMBER 5 Instrumental Chamber Ensembles
5 pm
Recital Hall, Central Campus, free

DECEMBER 9 SSC Concert Band and Wind Ensemble
8 pm
Recital Hall, Central Campus
\$10 general/\$5 students
seniors/free w/SSC student ID

DECEMBER 10 An Evening of Choral Music: SSC Choral Groups
8 pm
\$10 general/\$5 students
seniors/free w/SSC student ID



“
 MAKING A DECISION
 THAT IMPACTS THE
 EDUCATION
 OF CHILDREN
 IS THE HARDEST
 THING IN THE
 WORLD TO DO.”

—ALYCE DAVIS '75

Weighty Words

A professor's question inspired an educator's focus on "teaching children"

POSING A PARTING QUESTION TO STUDENTS IN HIS PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION CLASS, PROFESSOR J. RICHARD BATH ASKED SOON-TO-BE 1975 GRADS WHAT THEY WERE GOING TO TEACH WHEN THEY LEFT SALEM STATE. JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL MATH WERE QUICKLY MENTIONED. SO WERE ENGLISH AND SOCIAL STUDIES.

Dr. Bath then wondered aloud. "Isn't anyone going to teach children?"

"I started my career with those words in mind," says Alyce Davis '75, one of the students sitting in Dr. Bath's class that day and now the assistant superintendent of schools in Salem. Davis took those words and a degree in Junior High Social Studies away from Salem State in 1975 and proceeded to "teach children" for over 20 years before moving out of the classroom and into the front office. Today her responsibilities encompass curriculum, instruction, assessment and a budget crisis that became national news last year.

With help from the community, including a \$20,000 donation from Salem State College, the Salem schools survived a severe and controversial 2007-2008 budget shortfall yet "managed to squeeze by," states Davis. Recognizing the stresses that lie ahead in the planning of this year's budget, she remains poised and speaks with confidence. "Making a decision that impacts the education of children is the hardest thing in the world to do. I feel that public education has such an important role to play in forming society and in forming a populous that is educated and can make good decisions."

A member of the Salem State College Alumni Association Board of Directors, Davis remains a proud and active alumna for the college while co-chairing the City of Salem Schools Building Committee, chairing the school's finance committee, and pursuing her doctoral degree in educational leadership. It's a heavy schedule on top of an already stressful job, but Davis is convincingly sincere when she adds, "I can't say that I find anything frustrating. I enjoy the level of communication that I have."

Her words flow effortlessly while discussing the day's hectic schedule — reviewing course material, analyzing the budget, attending meetings, and communicating via email — and it is surprising to discover that she never aspired to leadership. She was actually very happy as a classroom teacher before colleagues encouraged her to apply for an assistant principal position in 1998. From there she became principal at the Witchcraft Heights Elementary School in 2000 and then assistant superintendent

By Samantha Lewis '09



in 2006. She is currently working on a plan to expand classes at the Saltonstall Elementary School while putting considerable time into the high school renovation project.

Despite those initiatives and a budget crisis, she is right at home in her office where the candy bowl is always out.

Dr. Bath then wondered aloud. "Isn't anyone going to teach children?"

"My office is here in the school and my former students often come by to visit." And that student contact is fitting for Alyce Davis, whose emphasis clearly remains on "teaching the children."

Samantha Lewis '09 is majoring in English at Salem State College.

In THE News

The Boston Globe reported on **Coach Bill Belichick's** appearance at the Salem State Series last April. Commenting on his sold-out appearance, the Globe highlighted his counsel to students, which was, "I think the best advice I can give you based on my experience and all the people I've worked with is follow your heart - do what you love, take a shot at it, and give it a chance to work out."

The Salem News ran a story about a Salem State student from Osaka, Japan, who recently served as a trainer and interpreter for the Japanese national gymnastics team. **Shunsuke Takami** is a junior in the Sport and Movement Science Program, with a concentration in athletic training. He said in the article, "Baseball is my first love, so that's something I would like to do. Then, if an athlete wanted to come to America to play (baseball), it would be the perfect situation for me to serve as both a trainer and interpreter (for him). But I really want to help all athletes with injuries, and I have been fortunate to get very good training. For that I am most thankful."

The Salem Gazette featured Salem State psychology professor **Patrice Miller**, who was selected as the 2008 recipient of Massachusetts' Counselor Educator of the Year award. The honor is presented annually by the Massachusetts Mental Health Counselors Association to an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the education and training of mental health counselors in the commonwealth of Massachusetts. Miller was cited for her "consistent, dedicated, creative, and energetic efforts toward the education of mental health counselors."

The Boston Globe ran a story about the economy and called upon **Massoud Farahbakhsh**, a professor of management and international business. The story addressed how the "sinking economy has forced many to make amends for spending sins of the past," but also highlighted those who have been "penny pinchers" all along. Farahbakhsh said in the article, "My wife and I never borrowed money. We buy our cars in cash and we keep them for at least 10 years."

Perry Glasser, an associate professor of English and coordinator of the professional writing program, wrote an OpEd that ran in both *The Boston Globe* and *The International Herald Tribune*. He wrote about the "buzz of today's youth" and said, "My reflexes no longer fit the times. My students assume constant electronic proximity. They call; I schlepp. Like the dance of the bees, they share a hive mentality: the

reflexive, instinctive, communication of everything about everybody to everyone at every moment."

Salem State College junior **Jared Hopkins** won a Department of State scholarship to study Arabic in Amman, Jordan, for nine weeks. The Salem Gazette featured Hopkins, a native of Miami, Fla., who said, "It's pretty competitive, and the majority of the scholarship winners seem to come from highly ranked universities throughout the country, so I'm particularly pleased to be able to represent Salem State."

The Salem News ran a page-one story on junior **Danielle Lannan**, a Sport and Movement Science junior who is a New England Patriots cheerleader. "I never would have expected this (a trip to the Super Bowl) when I tried out," she told reporter Alan Burke.

When an errant U.S. spy satellite with toxic fuel on board was falling out of its orbit, the Salem News ran a page-one story quoting Salem State political science professor **Kanishkan Sathasivam** on the prospects of shooting down the space craft.

The Boston Globe ran a story about professor **Michelle Pierce** and her trip to Chile as a 2008 recipient of the academic world's most prestigious honor, the Fulbright Scholarship grant for international educational exchange. An associate professor in the college's education department, she was part of an ESL mission called English Opens Doors. "My view is that it should not solely be about what is practical," she said. "It's a gesture of courtesy and understanding, one that helps put across the idea that Americans, despite our image abroad, are not overwhelmingly ethnocentric."

MTV filmed its popular *Made* reality show on the campus of Salem State College, featuring SSC alumnus **Jon Pollard '03** as the coach of a Saugus High student who wanted to be "made" into a baseball player.

Channel 5 news anchor David Brown filed a report on Salem State's green efforts. His TV report featured an interview with Interim Vice President of Administration and Finance **Joe Donovan** at the college's Central Campus and with biology professor **Joe Buttner** at the college's aquaculture facility at Cat Cove.

Radio personality Jacky Ankeles interviewed **Dr. Patricia Maguire Meservey** on her role as

the president of Salem State and followed up with an interview with biology professor **Joe Buttner** on the cultivating of baby clams at Cat Cove. Both interviews aired on NorthShore 104.9's "North Shore Now" weekend program.


The Daily Item of Lynn ran a front-page story on research being conducted by Salem State College geology professor **Brad Hubeny** and student **Nicole Ritch** at Sluice Pond in Lynn. "Sluice Pond is probably the best site in the region because it's so small and deep," explained Hubeny. "When a lake turns over, if it's deep enough, the bottom water stays stagnant. That's important when you're taking core samples."

Boston.com reporter Wendy Killeen reported on **Michael Goldman '73** as the recipient of Salem State College's Distinguished Alumnus Award for 2008. Killeen wrote, "He (Goldman) is ranked among the 10 most powerful people in town in the current issue of Boston Magazine."

DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Recent donations from **Rob Lutts** of Cabot Money Management and his wife, **Rachel '98**, brought the Bertolon School of Business campaign for a prestigious international accreditation closer to its goal. The financial support will help the business school attain accreditation from The Association to Advance Collegiate Business Schools (AACSB), placing it among the world's most elite business schools. Cabot Money Management is also a sponsor of the Salem State College Series. Lutts also serves on the Salem State College Foundation Board.

John Burns '81, whose insight at a recent business school function caught the attention of fellow alumni and Bertolon School faculty, has agreed to share his successful business experiences with Bertolon students at one of four Agganis Business Forums to be presented this academic year. His presentation will be held on Monday, Nov. 10, in the Recital Hall on Central Campus. The Agganis Business Forum provides opportunities for the college's 1,300 business students to hear from successful alumni. Burns also donated two luxury box tickets to a New England Patriots game to the college's annual Honors Golf Tournament where they were auctioned for \$2,000. The tournament raises more than \$30,000 each year for the college's Commonwealth Honors Program.



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By Michael Goldman '73

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Why Barack Obama Should—And Will—Win in November

Barack Obama wants you to think the race for president is about change. It's not. The 2008 race for president is about a return to normalcy. If you think you've heard that expression before, you have. "Return to normalcy" was the catch phrase of the Warren G. Harding presidential campaign of 1920. I can already hear some Republicans out there cackling that they hope I'm not predicting an Obama presidency as corrupt or inept as was the presidency of Harding. I obviously am not.

What I am saying is that the 2008 race is about more than the fundamental policy changes from a conservative Republican to a progressive Democrat. On health care and housing; on education and global warming; on stem cells and nature conservancy; on taxation and on foreign policy and transparency, the differences between Barack Obama and John McCain could not be clearer.

There are, of course, plenty of reasons for someone not to vote for Barack Obama. For example, you may be among the remaining 18 percent of Americans who, in the most recent Harris survey, said they believed the country is going in the right direction. If you are in that small and shrinking group, then John McCain is your man. You may also believe that women should not continue to enjoy the right to choose in matters pertaining to reproduction, or that it makes sense to drill for oil in areas near our most productive fishing zones. If you do, then John McCain is the candidate for you.

You may believe that the war in Iraq ought to continue as is, and that its cost in lives, dollars, and loss of international standing for this country has been a small price to pay because in return the war has made America and the world safer. If you are one of those folks, then you clearly stand with John McCain, who also shares that world view. Finally, you may believe that oil companies should not be subject to a windfall tax on their billions in obscene profits. You may also feel that rolling back the eight years of massive tax cuts to the richest one percent of citizens is bad economic policy for the nation. If you do, then get yourself a bumper sticker, a yard sign, and kick in a buck or two for John McCain, the candidate who without a doubt best represents you.

If, however, you don't find yourself agreeing with "the world according to John McCain," there is a Democratic alternative for you to consider. All the aforementioned issues aside, there are other compelling reasons why Barack Obama can, should and will win in 2008.

America desperately wants a return to normalcy. Americans love their country and desperately want others to love it, too. The world thinks the America they have watched during the past eight years is some sort of anomaly, a fiction passing as reality. The America the world loves—and that Americans love—is one which rejects political strategies that justify pre-emptive strikes on other countries. In 1960

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By Rob Willington '03

Rob Willington, executive director of the Massachusetts GOP, received a degree in political science from Salem State College in 2003.

McCain Has What it Takes to Lead America Through Difficult Times

Most Americans find character, experience, and a candidate's stance on major issues to be the three primary criteria they consider when making their choice for the next U.S. president. John McCain is the only candidate in the upcoming election who excels in all three areas.

Senator McCain's character is unquestionable. A graduate of the United States Naval Academy, he has demonstrated his commitment to America and his commitment to service time and time again. His distinguished naval service, which included 22 years as a naval aviator, was recognized with the highest awards this country can bestow: the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Legion of Merit, Purple Heart, and the Distinguished Flying Cross. That same sense of duty remained following military service. Elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1983 and the U.S. Senate in 1986, he currently serves as a four-term United States senator. This impressive history not only demonstrates Senator McCain's strength of character, but is a testament to his vast experience as a public servant.

But certainly it is more than the mere number of years McCain has served that makes him such an impressive leader. It is the legislation he has passed and supported during those years that truly speak to his beliefs and leadership qualities.

While serving his constituents, Senator McCain has successfully led the fight to reform Washington, eliminate wasteful government spending, and strengthen our nation's armed forces. He has served on the Armed Services Committee and as chairman of the Commerce Committee. He led efforts against soft-money spending that resulted in the landmark McCain-Feingold Act. He has taken steps to strengthen America's security following the horrific September 11 attacks by sponsoring the Aviation and Transportation Security Act. Though these are only a few of McCain's many accomplishments, it is clear that the senator has an unrivaled level of experience in all areas of public policy. This is a reality that was quickly embraced by his constituents when, in 2004, he was re-elected with an unheard-of 76 percent of the vote.

McCain's solid record of accomplishment is indisputable, but why is McCain the right choice for America now?

Recent polls indicate that American citizens are most concerned about the economy and the war in Iraq. When considering Senator McCain's ample experience on both issues and his detailed proposals for each, it becomes obvious that he is the only candidate who can allay voters' fears and lead America in the right direction.


In terms of the economy, McCain has proposed tangible steps to bring immediate relief to Americans facing hardships. He has advocated domestic oil drilling to ease our dependence on foreign oil and lower astronomical gas prices. He understands that this will not solve our energy crisis instantly, but believes it will lead us in the right direction. While boosting domestic oil production, Senator McCain also wants to

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during the greatest threat of nuclear disaster in the history of the world, President John F. Kennedy refused the advice of his top generals, who exhorted him to initiate a pre-emptive strike on Cuba. In doing so he explained that “Americans would never accept such an act from its government or its President.”

A return to normalcy under Barack Obama would mean a return to a nation that fights only wars of necessity, not wars of choice; a nation that does not act until absolutely certain that there is overwhelming, indisputable evidence that those actions are necessary for the safety of the nation or of the world.

The America the world loves — and that Americans love — is one that embraces the values of the Geneva Accords to protect the rights of combatants from every nation. A return to normalcy under Barack

Obama would mean a return to a complete re-affirmation of the values of the Geneva Accords, as well as a total rejection and public repudiation of any justification for illegal torture by us or any other nation of the world. Americans know and believe what Senator Robert Kennedy said in a 1968 speech at the University of Kansas, that “past error is no excuse for its own perpetuation...the only sin is pride.”

The America the world loves — and that Americans love — is one that celebrates the balance of power between its three branches of government.

A return to normalcy under Barack Obama would mean a rejection of any philosophy which propagates the myth that its president is de facto king for four years as un-American, and that his word, and not the Constitution, decides the rule of law.

Finally, the America the world loves — and that Americans love — is one that leads in science, in medicine, and in the preservation of our environment.

A return to normalcy under Barack Obama would mean a return to a time when scientific decisions, medical decisions, and environmental decisions were made by independent thinkers, not those instructed to modify or reshape their conclusions to fit the preconceived beliefs of the Bush administration.

Are all these Obama goals a change from the policies of the past eight years? Yes.

More importantly, however, are they a return to an America that Americans, and the world, believe has made us unique for 224 of the past 232 years?

Yes.

Normalcy in foreign policy, normalcy in international law, normalcy in the rule of government, and normalcy in scientific research: This is what Americans want and what America deserves. The election of Barack Obama in 2008 will make it so.

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invest in green technology. His plan is to commit \$2 billion annually to advance clean coal technologies, construct 45 new nuclear power plants by 2030, and to set a long-term goal of constructing 100 new plants. France is the world's largest net exporter of electric power and nearly 80 percent of its electricity comes from nuclear power.

Well, here is one opportunity for Massachusetts liberals to make America more like France.

McCain promises change as well as real solutions to real issues.

As for the war in Iraq, there is no better man to assume the position of commander-in-chief. Although Senator McCain was one of just a few American leaders who advocated the unpopular troop surge so many months ago, that surge has proven instrumental in the recent decrease in violence there. As both a veteran and a scholar of military conflicts and management, McCain is the only person equipped to lead American troops. With his unique experience and perspective guiding our military, victory will be within reach.

It is Senator McCain's same thoughtful perspective that will be called upon should a vacancy emerge on the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court is far too delicate to be treated as a political issue. McCain has publicly stated that he will nominate judges who have proven themselves worthy of our trust, “judges who can be relied upon to respect the values of the people whose rights, laws and property they are sworn to defend.” Judges are sworn to protect the Constitution, not to rewrite it. Senator McCain understands that their role is to officiate, not legislate. He respects this. Although the line between politics and the judiciary grows increasingly blurred, McCain's moderate approach will prevent the politicization of this independent

branch of our American government.

Senator McCain has angered a lot of politicians — both Democrats and Republicans—during his years in our nation's capital. He is a rare breed, and often out of place among typical Washington elites as he remains committed to his cause of dedicated public service. John McCain is perhaps the last of the great statesmen in the mold of our founding fathers. He is the only candidate in this race who can truly claim the mantle of reform, as time and time again he has shed partisan politics to create public policy that benefits the American people.

The very definition of grace under fire, he lives to serve, particularly when the going gets tough. The American people should not be willing to accept anything less from a future president of the United States.



Diamond Dogs

COACH KEN PERRONE DOES NOT ASK FOR MUCH FROM HIS BASEBALL PLAYERS.

If you're a pitcher, throw strikes. If you're a hitter, put the ball in play. If you play in the field, catch the ball and hit the intended target when you throw it. And, rake the dirt in the infield, remove water from huge puddles behind home plate and pull weeds in the outfield.

That's how I remember my four-year tenure as a player in Perrone's program where Palmer Cove, our home tucked away at the end of Leavitt Street off Route 114, was no Camden Yards. The infield looked like craters on the moon and outfielders had to avoid ditches when chasing down fly balls. Plus, it was a mile away from the college. When you're a freshman toting a bag of baseball equipment, and you don't have a car, that's a problem.

Sometimes, Salem High School players would kick us off the field. They had every right to. It was their field.

That was 10 years ago. Today, life is better for Perrone and his proud Salem State College baseball team. This spring marked the inaugural season of a \$3 million home field on Central Campus off Loring Avenue. Here, the grass smells so good it's almost edible, and the infield is perfect, the kind of image you'd see if you Googled "baseball paradise."

"I really do feel like I've died and gone to heaven," Perrone said.

At 72, Perrone has waited 26 years for this field and yet, one can't help but wonder if it even matters to him. With Palmer Cove as their home, Perrone's Vikings never experienced a losing season. He brought three teams to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) tournament and has guided 13 teams into the Eastern

New baseball field showcases an old work ethic

By Dom NiCastro '00



The Vikings host New England College on their new field.

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Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC) tourney. In 2006, the team won 34 games, tying a school record. For Salem State, it has always been nine guys on a baseball field – doesn't matter if it cost \$3 million or \$3.

It's the simple, yet profound values that are important to Perrone – you earn what you get. And we worked – rake, shovel, weed-whackers and all.

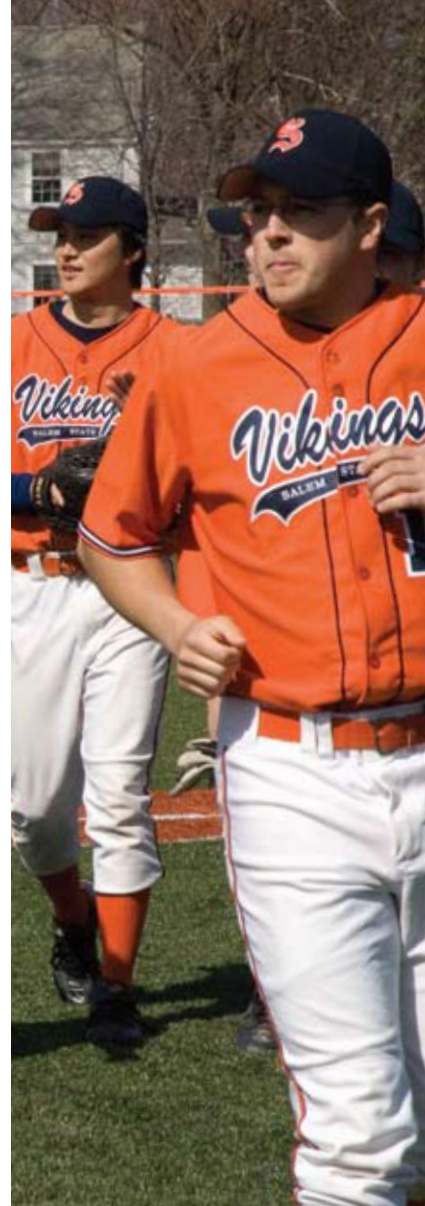
“The beginning of the season was always the worst,” remembers Chris DeWolfe '00, a former pitcher and teammate in the 1999 team that won a Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference (MASCAC) title. “When we got back from spring training in Florida, it became our ritual to landscape the Palmer Cove Field. One year it snowed while we were gone and we had to use tons of Speedy Dry. It took two hours to

get the field ready just to practice.”

The story of Perrone's program is the quintessential parable for the college today. Here is Salem State, on the verge of becoming a university, with a developing Central Campus that features a 450-room dormitory, an Enterprise Center and a business school/cafeteria/concert hall that debuted in 2003. Now the largest state college in Massachusetts, Salem State is seeking approval to add doctoral programs in nursing and teacher education.

None of this happened overnight, just like with the baseball program.

“We had a lot of blue-collar kids who just worked hard and dedicated themselves to making the program better,” Perrone says. “We had to get off the field by 3:15 p.m. because of the high school. The players went



Before arriving at their new on-campus baseball field this year, above, the Vikings and coach Ken Perrone, below, spent many years playing their home games at a dilapidated Palmer Cove Field.



through so many hardships, but so many stayed with it when they could have transferred.”

It's precisely the attitude the college needs now more than ever. Students and faculty have always carried the figurative rake and shovel for years. Even with the university name — and a new baseball field — it will still be the same fight, the same drive needed to make the college even better.

It's still nine players on the diamond. We still have to lobby the state for more investment in education. We still have to be active alumni and give back in any way we can. We still must check in with old professors who inspired us.

How many college professors, after you have not seen them for five years, give you a big bear hug? It happened to me two years ago at a Communications Honor Society event with Professor Sandra Fowler. May God rest her soul.

“People come here, and they stay here,” Perrone said. “I know people who have stayed here for more than 25 years, and it's because of the people. It's really like a family. It's a home away from home.”

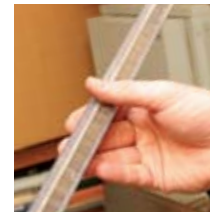
Now Perrone, his baseball team and Salem State have a new home. It's a beautiful new home and we've earned it.

Dom NiCastro graduated from Salem State College in 2000. A former editor of the college newspaper, *The Log*, he is a senior managing editor at HCPro Inc., a healthcare publishing firm in Marblehead.



Baseball Facts

- ◆ The college's first varsity game was played on May 1, 1937 when Salem Teachers College hosted Gorham Normal School (the current University of Southern Maine) at the city of Salem's Forest River Park.
- ◆ The team posted its best win-loss record in 1985 when it went 34-6, a winning percentage of .850.
- ◆ Catcher Jim Hounam '89 became the first Viking to attain All-America status in 1986.
- ◆ Salem State's first and only major league draft pick is pitcher Scott Kimball who was selected in the 10th round of the 1987 draft by the Milwaukee Brewers.
- ◆ The team's first NCAA tournament appearance took place in 1983.
- ◆ Salem State's first NCAA tournament victory didn't happen until May 17, 2006 when the Vikes defeated the University of Southern Maine, 8-5, at Whitehouse Field, Harwich, Mass.



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and right into the Valley of Fire, just an hour's drive from Las Vegas, Nev. The study of earth science at Salem State can take a student to well-known or not-so-well-known reaches of the globe — or to nearby Lynn, where one geology student is conducting research from cores drawn from the deepest part of Sluice Pond. While several geology students at Salem State are conducting climate research all around the country and beyond, senior Nicole Ritch is focused on the core sampling at Sluice Pond, a local project aimed at understanding climate change by discovering what the immediate environment was like about 16,000 years ago when the glacial ice sheets first began to melt.

“Sluice Pond is probably the best site in the region because it’s so deep and small,” explained Brad Hubeny, a Bates College graduate who started teaching at Salem State two years ago. “When a lake turns over, if it’s deep enough, the very bottom water stays stagnant. And since there’s no oxygen at that level, it prohibits clams and worms from moving around in the sediment. That’s important when you’re taking core samples, which can include a series of light and dark rings, called varves, similar to the annual rings of a tree. To get them, you want the sediment to be undisturbed.”

According to Hubeny, the field studies have not yet determined whether Sluice Pond contains varves in its bottom sediment, but the body of water holds the best chance of any on the North Shore for obtaining such evidence. During the spring

Geology students travel near and far to complete semester-long projects

By David Liscio

Rock-Solid Research

Geology professor Brad Hubeny, center, works with students to draw coring samples from Sluice Pond in Lynn.



Professors Brad Hubeny and Lindley Hanson use the lab in Meier Hall to analyze Hubeny's coring samples.

semester, geology students will again be aboard an anchored pontoon boat that Hubeny donated to the program, ready to extract more core samples.

Meanwhile, six Salem State geology students – Ritch, Michael Reddin, Timothy Vaillancourt, James Randall, David Chiaradonna and Jocelyn Brotherton – presented their research findings in March at a regional conference of the Geological Society of America in Buffalo, N.Y.

All SSC geology majors must complete a semester-long research project during their senior year.

While Ritch reported on geological history and patterns in past climates revealed from her Sluice Pond project, Vaillancourt presented the findings of studying lead contamination in the Forest River Estuary in Salem. Randall's

research included a geophysical survey of Chesapeake Bay off the shores of Maryland and Virginia to confirm and analyze changing sea levels. Reddin reconstructed lake sediments to draw conclusions on precipitation variability in the northeast United States.

"This was all independent work they did while under faculty advising," said Hubeny, 33, who grew up in Hingham, earned a bachelor's degree in geology from Bates College and completed his doctorate in geological oceanography at the University of Rhode Island in 2006. He and Reddin presented the results of their research at the International Geological Society of America meeting in Denver earlier this year.

All SSC geology majors must complete a semester-long research project during their senior year. The field camps, geologic mapping sessions, core samplings and other activities are part of a growing body of research in the college's Geological Sciences Department, which includes six full-time professors and two adjunct instructors.

Peter Sablock, the department chairman, put it this way: "While Brad Hubeny unravels the past, faculty colleague Doug Allen works on solutions

to today's problem of climate change."

According to Sablock, the U.S. Department of Energy flies Allen to the agency's Pittsburgh facility as often as possible so that he can work with their scientists. When not jetting off to share his expertise, Allen involves his students in local research of the North River in Salem. "Basically, Doug is exploring ways to pump carbon dioxide back into the earth, into inert geological formations, and hold it there," said Sablock. "It's called carbon sequestration and is very cutting edge."

"I stumbled into geology," said Hubeny, recalling the influence of Michael Retelle, his faculty advisor at Bates College and a 1976 alumnus of the Salem State earth science program. "We met playing hockey. He was this down-to-earth guy who was just passionate about earth science."

In 1996, Hubeny joined Retelle for a field research project in the Canadian Arctic and he was hooked. As a graduate student in 2004, Hubeny was part of a funded drilling and research project on a lake in Ghana, Africa, and his enthusiasm for such work has carried over to his teaching at SSC.

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Campus Connectivity

WHEN PEOPLE REFER TO A COLLEGE TOWN, IT TYPICALLY CONJURES UP IMAGES OF STUDENTS EATING, DRINKING, SHOPPING AND PARTICIPATING IN LOCAL ACTIVITIES TO SUCH AN EXTENT THEY BECOME AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE COMMUNITY'S SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC FABRIC.

Students and alumni sparking local economy with a presence in downtown Salem

By David Liscio



In Salem, the meshing of students, alumni, business owners and municipal officers in key positions has never been stronger. It's a growing trend that city and Salem State College administrators believe will continue and be further strengthened as the college seeks to become a university.

A tour of the city reveals many businesses owned by Salem State graduates and an alumni affairs office that works to connect the community to the college. Part of that effort is accomplished by erecting signs and banners that literally point the way to college-sponsored events, whether they're reunion weekends or a celebrity appearance at the Salem State College Series.

While undergraduates do their part by patronizing local businesses and volunteering their skills at non-profit organizations, their predecessors with Salem State College diplomas contribute

in long-term, deep-rooted ways. Some help run the city. Kimberley Driscoll '89 is Salem's mayor; Robert St. Pierre '76 is the chief of police; Paul Tucker '87 is captain of detectives on the police force and a dozen other alumni are Salem police officers; Alyce Davis '75 is assistant superintendent of schools, while Beatrice Thibedeau '79 serves as vice president of North Shore Medical Center.

Many more are local business owners. Joan Sweeney Brennan, a 1981 graduate who majored in business, has owned and operated Witch Tees for the past 14 years in the Museum Place Mall. "I always try to give back to the college," she said, noting that her shop donates hundreds of T-shirts for Salem State's annual spring party in June.

Witch Tees sells T-shirts, sweat-shirts and tourist-related paraphernalia. "When the Salem State kids come in, they automatically get 10 percent off," Brennan said. "And during the Halloween season, I usually have

six or seven of the kids working here part-time."

Mike Allen '76, owner of the landmark Red Lion Smoke Shop on Washington Street, has been part of the downtown commercial district for nearly 30 years. "I worked full time while I was going to college," he said, recalling it was while attending Salem State that he discovered a passion and skill for table tennis. In an effort to merge his mathematics degree with his love for the sport, Allen opened a table tennis

"I get a sense that a lot more students are going into the downtown and not just staying on campus."

business, but ultimately took over the newsstand and tobacco shop founded by his family. Over the years, he has been a member of the city's Conservation Commission, served on numerous boards, and remains a member of the Salem School Committee. "I stay involved," he said.

While these alumni continue to leave their mark on the city, today's Salem State students are doing likewise in a different way, by patronizing local stores, pubs and restaurants, which brings the downtown business district to life. Students living off campus shop for food and household supplies at supermarkets and hardware stores. When their cars break down or require maintenance, they find services at the many automotive repair shops. Students also make their presence felt in the community through participation in environmental, public health and social advocacy groups such as Salem Sound, HealthLink and MassPIRG, calling attention to air and water pollution, toys that are dangerous for children, unfair labor laws and consumer protection issues.

Jennifer Bell, manager of the Salem office of the national Main Streets program, said today's college students tend to impact a host community differently than previous generations. "I get a sense that a lot more students are going into the downtown and not just staying on campus," she said. "Students love to have something to do. The pubs have always been an attraction, but recently I've seen more students — the laptop crowd — hanging around the tea and coffee shops, candy shops and the bookstores," said Bell, naming places like Jaho on Derby Street, Harbor Sweets owned by 1982 grad Phyllis LeBlanc, the Gulu Gulu Café on Essex Street and The

Rose Medallion. "These are great places to study and relax. Most of them have wireless Internet and the students are taking advantage of it."

Bell said Salem has many unusual or specialty stores that appeal to the students, such as the Army Barracks military surplus, Samantha's Costumes, Bead Works, Salem Cycle, and several high-fashion boutiques like J Mode. "Several of the store owners are Salem State alumni. There's a real network in this town," she said.

"Salem State isn't simply selling an isolated educational experience."

"Salem State students are also volunteering to staff a seasonal downtown public information booth, serve as city guides, work at soup kitchens and charity missions, teach swim and craft classes, and help out at organizations like the Boys and Girls Club," said Bell. "The students are a big part of what goes on, so through the Chamber of Commerce we're trying to offer more back-to-school promotions and student discounts. If there's an event bringing Salem State alumni to town, we want to offer greater incentives. The city is on the ocean. It has lots of historical attractions, boating, an active waterfront, great restaurants, hotels that employ a lot of the students, and the world-class Peabody Essex Museum."

Like most colleges, Salem State isn't simply selling an isolated educational experience. Rather, enrolling at the college is to become part of a larger whole, to have a role in the community. "It's value added," said Bell.

To demonstrate that connectivity, Bell cited the city's recent \$4 million budget shortfall which threatened the jobs of many public schoolteachers. "The college gave \$20,000 to save a teacher's job," she said.

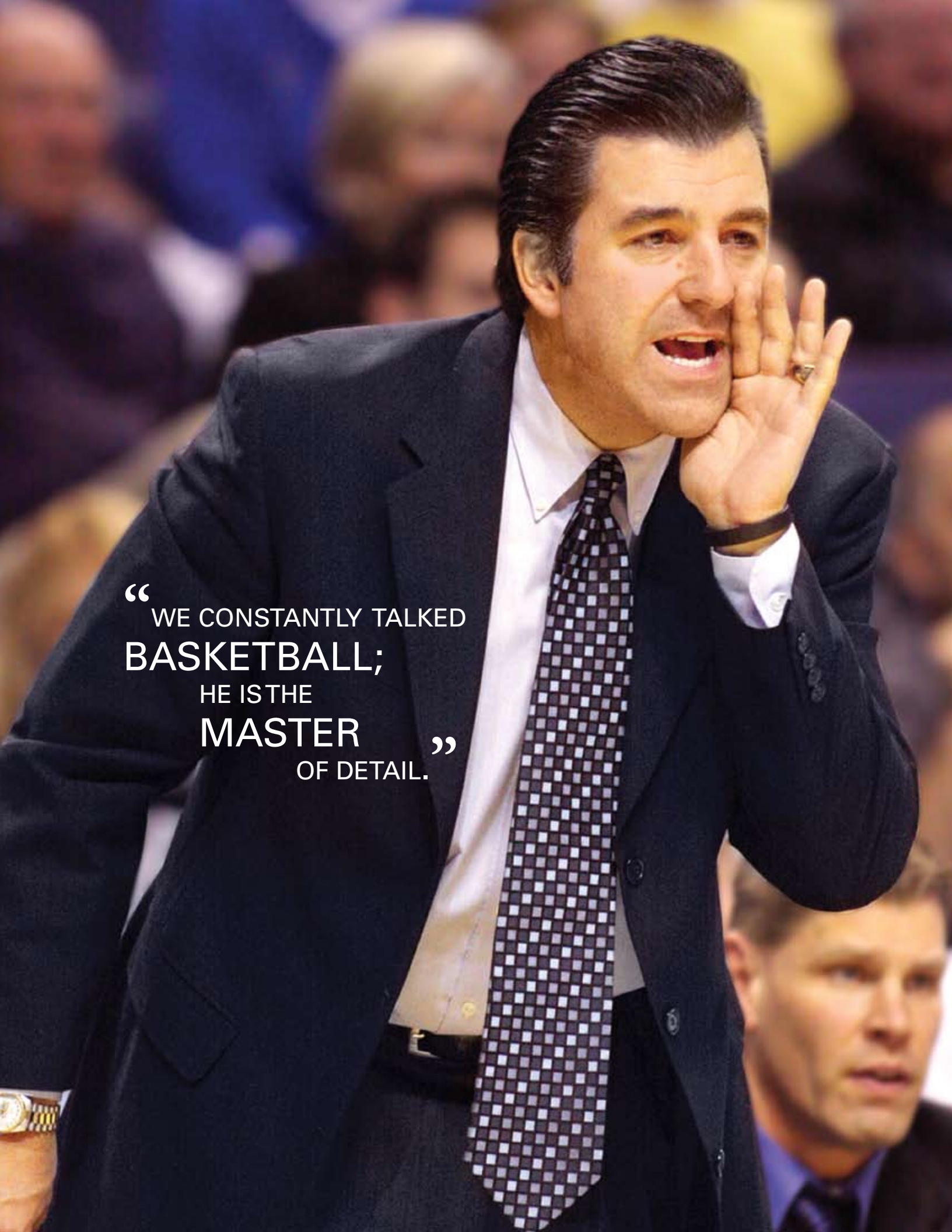
The college and its students also infuse the community with art, in both evocative public displays and in galleries. City officials recognize and support this presence. During warm weather, the Salem Arts Association takes up residence in an unheated, city-owned building between Essex and Derby streets called Artist Row. Studio space is provided free. Occupants include artists from Salem State's glassworks studio.

"It's just wonderful to come down here and see all the beautiful exhibits and items on display and watch the artists to their work," said Bell. "It reminds people of the artist community at the college, so it's a great partnership."

Salem State's Enterprise Center and its Bertolon School of Business serve as feeders to strengthen the local economy, training students in the world of commerce while helping fledgling entrepreneurs gain a foothold by taking advantage of the business incubator's many resources.

Eileen O'Brien, Salem State's director of Alumni Affairs and a member of the class of 2001, supports what is certainly evident regarding the college's economic impact on the city and its immediate surroundings.

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“ WE CONSTANTLY TALKED BASKETBALL; HE IS THE MASTER OF DETAIL. ”

Take It to the Limit

Paul Biancardi '85 rose to the highest level of collegiate competition, then moved on to ESPN

DURING THREE SEASONS (2003 TO 2006) AS HEAD BASKETBALL COACH

AT DIVISION I WRIGHT STATE IN DAYTON, OHIO, SALEM STATE ALUMNUS

PAUL BIANCARDI '85, MADE A POINT OF INVITING OTHER COACHES TO

HIS PRACTICES.

Don Donoher, legendary head coach of nearby University of Dayton from 1964 to 1989, was a regular visitor. Through Donoher, Biancardi met Rick Majerus, the University of Utah's long-time coach and the man who led Utah to the NCAA title game in 1998. Majerus stepped down during the 2003-04 season for health reasons and began working for ESPN as a commentator. It was during a trip to Dayton to visit Donoher that he stopped by a practice session to see Biancardi, who was then the Horizon League's coach of the year.

Majerus was impressed, so much so that when he returned to the sidelines last season as the head coach at Saint Louis, a Division I member of the Atlantic 10 Conference, he hired Biancardi as an assistant. “We constantly talked basketball,” Biancardi said. “He is the master of detail.”

In the first conference game of the past season, Saint Louis scored just seven points in the first half of a game at George Washington. As players ran off the court at halftime, Biancardi gave them encouraging hand slaps. The Billikens ended up losing 49-20, scoring the fewest points in a Division I men's game since the NCAA introduced the shot clock during the 1985-86 season. Biancardi said Majerus and the coaching staff spoke with players for nearly 40 minutes after the loss. “We just talked about how we could be better than we were,” Biancardi said. “The confidence has to come from the player himself. The attitude became upbeat and positive.”

Less than 48 hours later, Saint Louis, playing at home, went into overtime before losing to nationally-ranked Dayton. The improvement was evident, and by mid-January, Saint Louis was over the .500 mark at 9-7.

Biancardi, 45, planted the seeds of his basketball coaching career at Salem State, where he was a walk-on for the 1981-82 season, developing into a team captain by his senior year. That year (1984-85) he played for coach Tom Thibodeau, another Salem State graduate who is now the associate coach of the Boston Celtics. His fellow tri-captains were Dave Fazio '88, a recent inductee into the Salem State Hall of Fame and the head hoop coach at Andover High School and Nate Bryant, now the director of admissions at Salem State.

By David Driver



Biancardi began his coaching career as an assistant at Salem State for the 1985-86 season, later becoming assistant coach at Suffolk University (1987-89), Boston University (1989-90), Boston College (1990-97), and Ohio State (1997-2003). While working as a teacher in the Boston public school system, he was also a volunteer at Boston University.

Settling in suburban St. Louis with his wife, Theresa, and two daughters, Biancardi returned to the sidelines in 2007 after nearly a year with ESPN. During the off season, he made the decision to leave the sidelines and pursue a new challenge as the national director of high school and college basketball recruiting at ESPN's Scouts, Inc.

Selected for the James Twohig Award for outstanding character, sportsmanship and dedication at Salem State, Biancardi was also inducted into the Athletics Hall of Fame at Pope John XXIII High School in Everett. “I am proud to be a Salem State alum,” he said.

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CLASS Notes

'51

Sports in the Pulp magazines by **JOHN DINAN** of Topsfield is being republished as a paperback this fall by McFarland Publishers, Inc.



Players shake hands after a match during the Alumni Tennis Tournament.

'67

BARBARA LANZILLO of Wilmington is retiring from the Lynnfield Public Schools after 41 years of service. She began her career as a math teacher at the age of 21 and worked in the school district since that time. Barbara is the head of the math department and balances her administrative duties with teaching math courses to eighth graders. Once retired, Barbara plans to travel, work on her golf game, volunteer, and spend time with her grandson.

'72

ROBERT MARCOUS of Altamonte Springs, Fla., recently accepted a position as hockey coach for Totempo

I.K. in the Danish Elite Ice Hockey League in Europe. After leaving Salem State College, he worked as a professional hockey player and coach in Europe for 15 years. For the past 10 years, Robert has been a manager and hockey and ice skating coach at the RDV Sportplex in Orlando, Fla.

'73

JIM KEARNS of Charlestown is retiring from Lynnfield High School after 18 years of service. Jim taught in the Hopedale and Arlington public schools before becoming head of the math department at Lynnfield High School. Jim coached freshmen boys' baseball as well as girls' junior varsity softball during his tenure at the school.

'74

MARK M. MICHALSKI has taken a position as a Realtor at Helen Adams Realty in Charlotte, N.C. He was awarded the Quality Service Certification for real estate professionals and received the Relocation Specialist Designation. He previously owned an accounting, tax, and financial planning practice in New Hampshire.

'76

BETSY GUNZELMANN of Manchester, N.H., has published *Hidden Dangers: Subtle Signs of Failing Schools*. She is the chair of psychology at Southern New Hampshire University.

'80

PATRICIA BULLARD of Melrose is the new administrator of special education in Peabody. She was formerly the Individualized Education Program (IEP) team chairperson at the Higgins Middle School and has been in the Peabody public schools for eight years.

'87

MARY-ALICE DOYLE of Georgetown received the William C. O'Malley Prosecutor of the Year award from the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association. Mary-Alice was named deputy first assistant district attorney and chief of district court operations in 2003. She trains assistant district attorneys and other law enforcement and civilian personnel regarding criminal justice issues, including domestic violence and the rules of criminal procedure.



Kevin Welch '03 renews some good ol' Salem State conversation at the Grand Reception.

'88

ANDREW HOOD of New York, N.Y., has been promoted to vice president of the strategic marketing team for National Consumer Cooperative Bank. Andrew previously was the vice president of the Residential Real Estate Group.



Ed Curtin '60 is joined by eight of his 10 grandchildren after singing the national anthem on Grandparent's Day at Fenway Park in September, 2006.

Inspirational Impact

Retired educator Ed Curtin '60 took Salem State influence into Salem public schools and on to Fenway

ED CURTIN '60 IS MR. SALEM. HE WAS BORN HERE, WENT TO HIGH SCHOOL

HERE, RECEIVED A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN JUNIOR HIGH SOCIAL STUDIES AT

SALEM STATE, AND BECAME ONE OF THE CITY'S MOST ACCOMPLISHED AND

RESPECTED SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.

Even in his retirement, he remains one of the most recognized people in town. Looking back, the former social studies teacher and principal of Salem High said his success was keyed by the influences of educators. "You take different things from different people and form your own way," he said. "I tried to take from each the best they had to offer."

As the city of Salem's superintendent from 1988 to 1996, Curtin was instrumental in the ideological conception and creation of a year-round program at the Saltonstall Elementary School in 1995. He also guided the implementation of one of the first full-day kindergarten programs on the North Shore in 1989.

A self-described "die-hard Red Sox fan," Curtin is an official ambassador for the Sox. Utilizing his genial personality and exceptional people skills, he does his part in supporting Red Sox Nation by greeting fans at Fenway Park during the season. One of 25 hired from a pool of 4,000 applicants, he has held the job since 2002.

"I love going to work," he said. "The truth of the matter is that everyone [there] knows you by name."

While recovering at Salem Hospital from emergency triple-bypass surgery in

By Nicholas G. Porter '07

2006, Red Sox TV announcers Don Orsillo and Jerry Remy broadcast a get-well message to Curtin while slugger Manny Ramirez took the plate during a Red Sox-Yankees game. He then received a personal phone call from Red Sox CEO Larry Lucchino.

Even with that kind of respect, Curtin maintains that the most rewarding aspect of his work has always been the time spent with young people. "It's an amazing feeling knowing you have had an impact on their lives," he said.

What goes around, comes around.

'89

COLLEEN MCBRIDE of Stoneham is the new principal at the South School in Andover. She previously served as the principal of McKeown Elementary School in Beverly since 2000.



Rita (Collyer) Barbieri and Cecilia (Kelley) Driscoll pose for a photographer during the Class of '58's 50th reunion.

'90

KEITH KNIGHT of Los Angeles, Calif., is a cartoonist whose daily comic strip *The Knight Life* recently debuted in the Boston Herald. Keith has earned national syndication with his award-winning weekly strip, *The K Chronicles*, which has run in a number of alternative weeklies for the past 15 years, including Boston's *Weekly Dig*. Keith is also involved with music and is a rapper, writer, and self-proclaimed dictator in a "semi-conscious" hip-hop group called the Marginal Prophets, which blended rap and rock before it became a trend.

FRANTZ PRENELUS of Randolph was honored as Big Brother of the Year by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Massachusetts Bay. Frantz is an investigator for the state Department of Social Services.



Cynthia McGurran '83 presents the 2008 Distinguished Alumnus Award to the first and only political science graduate of 1973, Michael Goldman.

'92

JAMES JETTE of Salem has been named principal at Pierce Middle School in Milton. James was previously the school's assistant principal since 2000. He came to Milton schools in 1996 as a guidance counselor. He has been a leader of the Title I program for elementary and middle schools, the director of the summer enrichment program for all grade levels and, for one year, was the district's director of transportation.

PAMELA SARTORELLI of Revere is engaged to be married to Stephen Doherty. Pamela is employed with the law firm of Moschella & Winston, LLP in Somerville and serves as a member of the Salem State College Alumni Association Board of Directors. An October wedding is planned.

PETER ZACHARI of Peabody was involved as both a lead actor and a director for Summer Theatre at Salem State College this year. Peter starred as Pseudolus in the classical musical comedy *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* and was the director for *Grease*. A member of the Actor's Equity Association, Peter is an actor, writer, and director.

'93

ROBERT CLEARY of Stoneham is the new principal at Lynnfield High School. Prior to this position, Robert served as the assistant principal of the school.

'96

BRIAN BRADY of Medford is engaged to be married to Brigid Meghan. Brian is a customer relationship management representative for Safety Insurance of Boston. A December wedding is planned.

LAURIE LEAHY of North Chelmsford was recently hired at the Lowell Cooperative Bank as an assistant vice president and commercial lender. She brings more than 25 years of related banking experience, most recently at Avidia Bank in Hudson.



Jeremy Flynn '94 and Kerri Leblang '97 enjoy an alumni reunion in Los Angeles.

'97

JESSICA BRAYDEN of Danvers is the new executive director for RESPOND, Inc., New England's first domestic violence agency. Jessica brings over 15 years of not-for-profit management experience to the agency. She oversees all aspects of programs and management

to ensure efficiency, fiscal and service accountability, and the organization's creative and innovative growth. Most recently, she served as the director of programs and operations for Morgan Memorial Goodwill Industries of Salem.

'98

CHARLEEN FROST of Peabody has been named director of dining services at Brooksby Village. Prior to this position, she was assistant director of dining services and has worked at Brooksby Village for three and a half years. Charleen has worked in the long-term care industry for 16 years.

THUY DIEM LE of Lynn recently celebrated four years since the opening of her Vietnamese family restaurant Pho Lynn in Lynn. Thuy Diem owns and operates Pho Lynn with her parents, who arrived in American in 1992.

'99

PATRICK BURKE of Swampscott was recently promoted to master sergeant in the U.S. Air Force Reserve. Patrick is with the 85th Aerial Port Squadron at Hanscom Air Force Base and has served in the U.S. Air Force for 13 years. He is an air transportation technician with the aerial port's air terminal operations center.

'00

JESSICA GRADY and **MICHAEL DOUCETTE** were married on October 14, 2007 in Windham, N.H.

CHRISTOPHER KITOSKI of Swampscott is a 2008 graduate of Suffolk University Law School and will now be working

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Tom Thibodeau '81 shouts defensive instructions to the Celtics.

Going Green

Yes, that's Salem State alumnus Tom Thibodeau '81 coaching defense for the world-champion Boston Celtics. A former SSC player who was an assistant coach with the Vikings from 1981 to 1983, and head coach in 1984, signed on with the Celtics at the start of the 2007-2008 season.

Considered a hot prospect for a head coaching position in the NBA, Thibodeau helped the Celtics go from having the worst record in the league in 2006-2007, to the best record and an NBA title in 2008. He was the subject of a story in the L.A. Times in June when the Lakers were facing the Celtics in the playoffs. The Lakers' Kobe Bryant, league MVP, said in that story that the Celtics had a secret weapon – Tom Thibodeau.

It was a smothering Celtics defense that is widely considered to be the key to their recent success — their 17th NBA championship — and Thibodeau is the man behind scenes. "He is a complete student of the game," praises Salem State Sports Information Director Tom Roundy, who roomed with Thibodeau when he was coaching here.

A 16-year veteran of the NBA, Thibodeau has also coached with the New York Knicks and Houston Rockets.



ANSWER THE CALL FROM A STUDENT

Kayla Brancaleone '10, a criminal justice major, is one of several students who will take part in the Annual Fund Phonathon this fall. "I enjoy talking to alumni and hearing about their experiences here. So much has changed over the years," said Kayla, who actually received a summer job offer while conducting calls last year. The Salem State phonathon raises over \$100,000 each year to fund scholarships, programs, smart classrooms and improved facilities. "I love talking to alumni who were callers, just like me. They helped pave the way for me, and I know I am doing the same to help other students."

WANT TO KNOW MORE? ANSWER THE PHONE THIS FALL!

A MESSAGE FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

By Tim Goehlert '04

Serving on the Alumni Association Board of Directors is both an honor and a privilege, and affords me the opportunity to assist Salem State College in its various advancement efforts. My motivation is both a thank you (for the sheer enjoyment I had as a business major at Salem State) and a desire to ensure that current and future students are afforded the same positive learning experience I had.

The Alumni Association Board is a perfect fit for me, allowing me to volunteer on behalf of my alma mater while continuing to develop great relationships with the alumni and faculty who share my passions. All of us are enthusiastic about making Salem State the best college it can be.

As part of my board membership, I served on the student events subcommittee, which initiated a successful student movie night. Bowditch Hall students chose the movie and we served pizza and soda. Our goal was to give students a way to socialize and have a good time in a relaxed atmosphere. I've also worked on a student scavenger hunt where teams of new students explored the campus collecting items and answering questions. Teams were awarded points for everything they collected and the team with the most points won some very cool prizes.

I am enjoying my time on the board and highly encourage anyone who wants to give back to Salem State to join us!

Tim Goehlert '04 is the finance coordinator for Digitas, a marketing firm located in Boston. He also is co-owner of the Fitness Together personal training franchise in Swampscott with his fiancée, Rhiannon Amor '05.

UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS

Wednesday, Sept. 24
Social Work Professional Development
Hawthorne Hotel, Salem

Saturday, Sept. 27
Waterfire Reception
Café 101 in Providence, RI

Friday, Oct. 3
Athletic Hall of Fame
Veterans Hall, North Campus

Saturday, Oct. 4
Family and Friends Weekend Barbecue
Sponsored by the Alumni Association

Sunday, Oct. 5
Retired Educators trip to Showboat
North Shore Music Theatre, Beverly

Thursday, Oct. 16
Criminal Justice 25th Anniversary
Celebration
Danversport Yacht Club, Danvers

October 19 - 31
Alumni Travel
China and Yangtze River Cruise

Monday, Oct. 6 at 11 a.m.
Catherine Latham '98

Monday, Nov. 10 at 11 a.m.
John Burns '81

Monday, Feb. 9 at 11 a.m.

Friday, Nov. 7
Multicultural Alumni Soiree
Elephant & Castle, Boston

Friday, Dec. 5
Alumni Holiday Grand Reception
Sheraton Colonial, Wakefield

December TBD
Alumni Night at Black Nativity
Converse Hall, Tremont Temple, Boston

March 6-14, 2009
Alumni Travel
Bavaria

March 15
Alumni Day and St. Patrick's Day Parade
Naples, Fla.

April (TBD)
Social Work Professional Development
Workshop
Hawthorne Hotel, Salem

TBD: Alumni Night at the Celtics

TBD: Alumni Night at the Red Sox

5TH ANNUAL AGGANIS BUSINESS FORUM

Dr. Mark Girard '86G

Monday, March 2 at 11 a.m.
Bankers Forum — Bob Mitchell '83,
Mark O'Connell '83, Ed Merrit '81 and
Mary Papazian '88

IN MEMORIAM

Dorothy R. Foster '30
Irene A. Bagnulo '32
Beatrice H. Edmondson '34
Carolyn E. MacDonald '35
Audrey T. Hayes (Burnham) '36
Sophie D. Kopiecki (Zmijewska) '36
Alice M. Veator (Perry) '36
Barbara C. Hickey '37
Anna M. Dalton (Gleason) '38
Jacquelyn A. Bourne (Carver) '51
Helen M. Soucy (Murphy) '51
Frederick C. Zani '54
Ann-Marie T. Vernon (Bethge) '56
George R. Duggan '58
Roberta P. Banfield (Rotondi) '60
Eleanore V. Birmingham (Cecelski) '62, '77G
Lena Greenbaum (Tenebaum) '62G
Georgia D. Lewis (Dresios) '62G
Peter H. O'Connor '63, '68
Lillian F. Atkinson (McMurtrie) '64G
Reverend Gerard E. Gagne '65G
Alice A. Planta (Watson) '65G
Paula J. Campbell '70, '72G
Stephen D. Giroux '73
Demi J. Tzortzis (Metropolis) '81
Teresa A. Noone (Muisse) '83
Robert A. Carroll '84
Raffaello M. Pagano '84G
Barry N. Finn '85
Catherine M. Reinhart '87
Dean C. Boutwell '89
James W. Knight '89
Terence P. O'Keefe '89
Sean P. McGill '92

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for the United States Department of Labor.

BRENDAN O'BRIEN of Peabody is engaged to be married to Nicole Bassila. Brendan is employed by the City of Peabody. A November 15 wedding is planned.

'02

LILA MOUKALLED of East Bridgewater is engaged to be married to Brendon Boates. Lila is the owner of From The Top Dance Center in Reading

and teaches dance and fitness classes for children and adults. A November wedding is planned at Primavera in Millis.

'03

STEFANIE DION of Townsend was recently promoted to Navy Seaman upon her graduation from training at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Ill. Stefanie received the early promotion for outstanding performance during all the phases of the training cycle, which included classroom study

and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety.

'05

JAMIE MANFRA of Malden is engaged to be married to Christina Pascuccio. Jamie is a teacher at the Crossroads School for Children and is pursuing a master's degree in school psychology. A 2009 wedding is planned.

COREY JOHN WATER has been awarded the Award of Excellence by The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. Corey will attend Tulane University in Louisiana this fall to pursue a Master's of Art degree.

'07

MICHELLE FIELDS of Stoneham is engaged to be married to Michael D'Agostino. Michelle is employed by Supercuts. A September wedding is planned.



Carla Guarnieri '75 and Andrea Liftman '75 present a bouquet of flowers to President Meservey at the brunch during Alumni Weekend.

NICOLE GLENNON and Daniel Koziski are engaged to be married in October. Nicole is employed at Eastern Bank. Daniel is a legislative aide for Massachusetts State Senator Frederick Berry.

AMY WESSELLS of Salem is engaged to be married to William Van de Water. Amy is employed at Targets Analytics in Cambridge. A September wedding in Lunenburg is planned.



Beth O'Grady '82 at the finish line of the 2004 New York City Marathon.

Goodwill Running

Competing in marathons in memory of her brother, alumna also sets winning pace as a volunteer and donor

BETH O'GRADY '82 KNOWS FROM EXPERIENCE THAT THE LIFE OF A VOLUNTEER CAN BE A BUSY ONE. A CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING MANAGER AT THE BOSTON HERALD "WITH A BOOK IN ME SOMEWHERE," O'GRADY BEGAN VOLUNTEERING WHEN SHE WAS A COLLEGE STUDENT MAJORING IN ENGLISH.

Hoping to become a reporter, she complemented her English major with a double minor in communications and psychology, all while holding down a work-study position in Salem State's office of academic affairs.

Despite her heavy college load, O'Grady found the time to mentor a young girl as a Big Sister during school. Volunteerism continued to be a way of life for O'Grady when she entered the working world, but it wasn't until tragedy struck that she would come to understand its true significance.

In early 1999 Beth was living with her brother Stephen when she was diagnosed with breast cancer, and "during those few months [of recovery], we reconnected." It was a time for which she would later be grateful. Later that year, Stephen O'Grady had his life cut short by a drunk driver. "He had a warm personality," she fondly recalls, "a dry sense of humor and a willingness to go above and beyond to lend a hand to a friend. Now, I'm almost thankful for that diagnosis."

Following the death of her brother, O'Grady began volunteering at the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Salem, where Stephen had served as executive director. A former board president, she currently serves as a board member and continues to volunteer to help children reach their full potential.

She continues to celebrate her brother's legacy in various ways: through the Stephen O'Grady Foundation; through a website she maintains in her brother's name; and through marathons in which she participates to raise money in his memory. By the 10th anniversary of his death in 2009, Beth O'Grady hopes to have completed 10 marathons.

"It wasn't until the death of my brother," she notes, "that I truly understood

By Jenny Maher '05

the impact each of us can have in our communities. I truly believe that most people want to help but they don't try because they don't think they can make a big enough difference.

"All of our efforts together, though, can bring amazing results. You just have to start somewhere and see where it takes you."

When not working, volunteering, or running with the Wicked Running Club of Salem, O'Grady—a donor to the college and a member of the Sullivan Society—enjoys spending time with her fiancé, Doug Bollen, her older brother, Paul, and her mother, Theresa.

A marathoner since 2002, O'Grady just completed her ninth Boston Marathon in April.

Jenny Maher received a bachelor's degree in mathematics in 2005. She was the student speaker at Salem State's commencement in 2004.

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