

# MSL Caucus

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## MSL Alumna Appointed to General Assembly

### *Haddaway Joins Maryland's House of Delegates*

By Ken Shepherd  
University of Maryland, College Park, Class of 2001

Here at the *Caucus*, we like to catch up with MSL alumni in each issue to see what they're up to these days. Another feature we've been considering adding regularly is an interview with a delegate or senator where we can delve some into their views on the upcoming or current legislative session along with a few questions about key state races.

These two features came together serendipitously for this issue when I caught up with MSL alumna (Salisbury State University, 1999) and freshman Del. Jeannie Haddaway (R-District 37B). Haddaway was named in August by the Governor to fill the seat vacated by Ken Schisler, who now sits on the state Public Service Commission. She's since opened a district office in Easton hasn't yet sat in. Haddaway's first legislative session commences on January 14, 2004, a day she is eagerly awaiting.

I started off by asking Del. Haddaway how her involvement in MSL piqued her interest in political action.

**MSL Caucus:** How did your involvement in the Maryland Student Legislature during your tenure at Salisbury State contribute to your interest in political activism?

**Delegate Haddaway:** My tenure in the Maryland Student Legislature definitely got me

interested in political activism, but beyond that, it gave me some really important skills. Learning how bills becomes law, skills of debate and Roberts Rules are all extremely important to the political process.



*Pictured: Del. Jeannie Haddaway*

#### **MSL Caucus:**

You were appointed in August by the Governor to fill the seat vacated by former Del. Ken Schisler. Your first legislative session begins in January. What are the key issues for your constituents and can you give us a preview of bills you intend to author or co-sponsor?

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## *Notes from the Chairman of the Board of Directors*

**A**s a student I remember how impressed I was with members of the General Assembly. I actually joined the Maryland Student Legislature because I wanted to be President one day and I figured State Government might be a good place to start. My career hopes have changed since entering College and I can't even imagine going through what elected officials have to go through to first get elected and then to keep their seats. Even though I no longer want to join their ranks, my respect and admiration for them, and my interest in their issues, is as strong as ever.

With the next Session of the Maryland General Assembly starting in mid-January, I'd like to encourage Alumni both in Maryland and outside to take the time to meet your local Delegate or Senator and mention the Maryland Student Legislature to him or her. We are brimming with pride over MSL alumna Jeanne Haddaway's recent appointment by Governor Ehrlich to replace her local Delegate as he joined the Administration. Although I hope she learned a lot as a member of the Maryland Student Legislature, I know that her civic involvement did not stop after graduation day.

I encourage all of you to get involved in the political process. You may even want to send a bill you wrote for an Interim Council (now called Interim Assembly) to a Delegate or Senator to urge them to introduce the bill. Our elected officials introduce over 7,000 pieces of legislation during the three months that they are in legislative session, and need all the fresh ideas and assistance they can get to help address the issues facing the State of Maryland.

Please consider joining us at MSL's 2004 Legislative Reception (the exact date will be announced in the next issue of this newsletter and on <http://www.msl.org>). If you already have a relationship with your local representatives, let us put you in contact with students from their district. The Maryland Student Legislature continues to strive to become the think tank for the Maryland General Assembly and we need your help to finally make it there.

Susan McConkey,  
Chairman

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## *A Message from the President of the Alumni Association* **Alumni in Action**

**W**e have talked *ad nauseum* about the benefits that participation in the Maryland Student Legislature provides to students in our program. However, from time to time, it's valuable to take stock and assess the fruits of this organizations work. Perhaps the best indicator of the relevance and value of MSL can be found in how our alumni putting their MSL experience to work.

Alumni of the Maryland Student Legislature are making progress in fields across the spectrum. For example, Delegate Jeannie Haddaway (R-37B; see feature on page 1) recently became the first MSL Alumnus to serve in the Maryland General Assembly. MSL Board Member Dan Zubairi and Kevin Bruening also ran for seats in Maryland's House of Delegates during the 2002 election season. Other alumni work in the field of issue advocacy. Ken Shepherd (UMCP, '01) works for the Media Research Center. Elisabeth Nelson (FSU '01) is the Political Director for the Maryland League of Conservation Voters.

The point of this brief list is not to list *ad hominem* the accomplishments of MSL alumni, but to highlight the diversity of our experiences. All of us, as alumni of the Maryland Student Legislature, bring a wealth and a diversity of experiences to the table. Each on of us can give back to the organization and impact the lives of our students and fellow alumni by sharing our knowledge and experiences.

In our next edition of the Caucus we will be celebrating MSL's 15th Anniversary. As part of that celebration, we want to hear from you. What are you doing? Where are you working? How has MSL influenced your life? What collective or memorable moments from MSL past do you still think about today? All of us make up the collective fabric of the first fifteen years of the Maryland Student Legislature. Each one of us has had a special part in MSL history, and each one of us can have a hand in MSL's future.

I ask all of you to let us know where you are, what you're doing, how MSL has influenced you, and your most memorable moment or moments from your MSL experiences. You can e-mail them to me at [briancgriffiths@yahoo.com](mailto:briancgriffiths@yahoo.com) or by regular mail to:

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Please share your stories with us as we celebrate MSL's 15th Anniversary.

Yours,

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President, MSL Alumni Association

## Alumni Profile

JEFF DE CAGNA (JHU '90)

### **What are you doing these days?**

Since graduating in the early 1990s, I've been working in the non-profit membership association community in Washington, DC. I've held a number of different jobs in various organizations, most recently as the vice president of education for a professional organization in the library field. In February 2002, I founded my own company, Principled Innovation LLC ([www.principledinnovation.com](http://www.principledinnovation.com)), to help associations with the challenges of crafting strategy, organizing for innovation and leveraging knowledge in a turbulent and uncertain world. In my nearly two years out on my own, I've worked with many associations on some very interesting projects and it has been an extraordinarily powerful learning experience for me. I am also working on a book on innovation in associations that I hope will be out in the 2004, assuming that I can find the time to write it!

### **Have you been active in politics?**

To be honest, I have not really maintained an active involvement in politics. I volunteered for President Clinton in 1991-1992 and a little bit in 1996, but that is about it. This year, I am uncertain which Democratic presidential candidate I will support, but I don't expect to be very involved in the campaign. But even though I'm not involved, I still have a deep interest in politics and I still follow closely what's happening in our country and around the world. Unfortunately these days, I am frequently dismayed by what I hear and what I see, but that's a story for another day.

### **How did MSL help prepare you for life after graduation?**

I think my involvement in MSL helped make tangible for me something that I was taught at an early age: there is always more than one point of view to consider. In the heat of a political battle, it is easy to lose sight of other perspectives or to consider them irrelevant or even stupid. And as I listen to some of today's political debate, I find myself falling back into that trap from time to time. But if we're ever going to raise the level of the dialogue around the challenges and opportunities that we face in this country, we need to start hearing and understanding the ideas and viewpoints of others, including those with which we disagree. My MSL experience inspired me to see that and to try to live up to that ideal.

### **What advice do you have for MSL's current students?**

My advice to current MSL students is to lead interesting lives. That may not have much to do with politics so much as it does with happiness. Reflect deeply on what animates you and then pursue that pathway with vigor, for that is how you lead an interesting life. For years, the only thing I wanted to do was be in politics. I was politically active in high school, and was speaker of the house of the New Jersey Model Congress as a high school senior. In college at Johns Hopkins, I was involved in Young Democrats of Maryland, Student Council and, of course, MSL. I interned for Senator Bill Bradley during my senior year and, by the time I graduated, I was all set to find a job on the Hill. But I didn't and then my life plans gradually began to change.

Now I'm involved in work that is completely something other than where I started. In the decade plus since I left JHU and MSL, I've had many incredible opportunities to contribute to the lives of others, I earned a master's degree in education, I have received recognition from my colleagues for those efforts and now I am running my own one-man show and loving every minute of it. I may not have fulfilled my earlier ambitions to serve in elective office, but I've more than fulfilled my desire to give back to others in my work because that is what animates me.

**MSL****News Briefs**

The Fall 2003 semester can be considered nothing short of a success for the student members of the Maryland Student Legislature. The Fall Leadership Training Institute (LTI) and Interim Assembly (IA) both went off without a hitch and boasted healthy membership and educational speakers. Also, a new position on the Council of State, Comptroller, was implemented and elections were held, electing Mr. Craig Reynolds from Anne Arundel Community College.

**Fall LTI**

The Fall 2003 LTI was attended by approximately 65 people and was held at the University of Maryland at Baltimore County. Training sessions included introduction to parliamentary procedure, advanced parliamentary procedure, bill writing, and leadership of MSL. Additionally, the caucuses met for the first time this legislative year and established caucus leaders. The election of Comptroller was held and Delegate Justin Ross (D-22) spoke to the body about the need to support higher education in Maryland and his experiences as a younger delegate. The students debated 2 pieces of legislation; one that dealt with the prohibition of hand-held cell phones and another that mandated that English be the official language of the United States. Several new members stated that they had learned a great deal from the event, and from this reaction, the event can be judged an achievement for the organization.

**Fall IA**

This Fall 2003 Interim Assembly (IA) was at held at University of Maryland in College Park

(UMCP) on Saturday, November 15th and Sunday, November 16th. With approximately 80 members in attendance from the Anne Arundel Community College, College of Notre Dame, Hood College, Frostburg State University, Johns Hopkins University, McDaniel College, Towson University, University of Maryland at Baltimore County (UMBC), UMCP, and Washington College delegations, IA was typical in its diverse makeup of student opinions and backgrounds. The body was nearly equal in its partisan makeup among the caucuses. There were 45 Tories, 42 Federalists, and 18 Independents registered.

The Assembly debated 2 amendments to the MSL Constitution, and several pieces of legislation (which can be accessed online at <http://msl.org/legislation/2003-2004/index.html>). The Assembly approved for legislative pieces: 1 constitutional amendment, and 3 joint resolutions concerning the constitutionality of states' firearms laws, an extension of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) to the free trade area of the Americas, and a ban on partial birth abortion. Of these, however, the Governor vetoed the resolution concerning the extension of NAFTA and the Assembly's attempt to overturn her veto failed. In addition to the other legislation, a simple resolution expressing gratitude to MSL member Adam Canterbury and his military service to his country was signed by the Governor.

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*Haddaway Joins MD Legislature (from p. 1)*

**Delegate Haddaway:** My assignment to the Economic Matters committee leaves me with a really exciting opportunity to work on issues related to business regulations, technology, work force development, etc. These issues are key to the future of the Eastern Shore and are key to bringing business back to Maryland.

Additionally, I will be working with the farmers and watermen. They are so important to our economy and our culture.

**MSL Caucus:** Your General Assembly bio speaks to your credentials as a pro-environment Republican. You are a member of Republicans for Environmental Protection and work as a Development Officer and webmaster for the National Audubon Society's Maryland-DC State Office. You are also seated on the House Economic Matters Committee, which deals with economic development and corporate regulation issues. Do you see any potential conflicts between your views on the environment and the Ehrlich Administration's agenda, or do you expect that the Governor will strike the right balance between economic development and environmental protection, especially with regards to your constituency on the Eastern Shore?

**Delegate Haddaway:** The Governor has set a wonderful example in balancing economic development with environmental protection, so I see no potential for conflict. He has created an unprecedented opportunity to rid the Bay of harmful nitrogen pollution through sewer upgrades. In my District, every sewer treatment plant was rated "needs improvement" or "unacceptable." I thank the Governor for taking the lead on this because it will make a significant difference in the water quality.

**MSL Caucus:** The General Assembly is typically a part-time job for most legislators. You work as a Communications Specialist for Audubon. What exactly does that entail?

**Delegate Haddaway:** I first joined the National Audubon Society as a Development Officer for their Maryland-DC State Office. My primary responsibilities were fundraising and public relations. Since my appointment, my title has changed to Communications Specialist. I am doing graphic design and web site-related projects for them.

**MSL Caucus:** Campaigning for office these days seems to be a never-ending process. Have you started focusing in any way on your 2006 reelection campaign?

**Delegate Haddaway:** During the appointment process, I developed a reelection plan that I am slowly implementing over time. Right now, I am focused on getting settled into the position, working on constituent issues, attending as many events as possible and getting ready for Legislative Session.

**MSL Caucus:** A fellow Republican state legislator from the Eastern Shore, Senator E.J. Pipkin, has tossed his hat in the ring for the U.S. Senate race against incumbent Barbara Mikulski. Do you expect to be actively campaigning for Senator Pipkin?

**Delegate Haddaway:** I will definitely support Republican challengers to Senator Mikulski.

**MSL Caucus:** Finally, what if any legislative proposals do you think could help enhance awareness of and bipartisan political support for the Maryland Student Legislature?

**Delegate Haddaway:** Because your members, and potential members, are college students, the tuition hikes could be a huge issue for you. There are rumors in the halls of the General Assembly about legislation to cap the rate at which University's can raise their tuition. I think the MSL should watch this issue carefully as it has a direct effect on your lives and could drum up interest from both sides of the aisle.✧

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In addition to the normal proceedings of the day, a reception was held in College Park's grand ball room. Thanks to Delegate Chair Person Kelley Harris and her very creative mom, the meal was very elegant, yet relatively inexpensive.

Delegate Terry Gilleland (R-32), former Governor Tim Daly (2002-2003) and current Governor Nash offered remarks on remaining friends while remaining at odds politically, leadership and MSL, and the importance of diversity within the organization. A special thank you is due to the Directors who were able to attend IA. Their continued support is indeed appreciated by more than they know.

While no semester of MSL operations ever turns out to be perfect, the Fall semester was an overall success for the students. Next semester, the students will be stressed to increase membership and improve Annual Session. These stresses are not new to the "programmatic side", yet the students must find new ways to address them. This, naturally, is where the alumni support becomes crucial. The students continuously rely on the alumni to ensure the same mistakes aren't made again. Often innovation is inspired by the combination of past lessons learned and fresh approaches to old problems.

### **MSL 15th Anniversary Campaign Update**

The *Tomorrow's Leaders Today* Campaign to mark MSL's 15th anniversary is now well underway. The campaign already has generated an impressive response from alumni members who are interested in supporting the future strength and growth of the MSL program. Through the *TLT* campaign, MSL has also begun to build relationships with the Maryland business and higher education communities. On behalf of the Board of Directors, the Alumni Association, and the student program, we would like to express our gratitude to all those who have made a contribution to the campaign. Thank you!!

### **Five Year Plan Outlined Presented to Board**

The Board of Directors approved an outline of MSL, Inc.'s next five year plan in October 2003. The *Five Year Strategic Action Plan* will communicate sound goals supported by concrete objectives and performance measures. This strategic plan format will be a departure from past plans' general and more philosophical tones. Vice Chairman Kelly calls the *Five Year Strategic Action Plan* a "clear and refreshing approach for MSL that leaves no ambiguity or offers any excuses about what we need to achieve to take this organization to the next level."

The *Five Year Strategic Action Plan* will provide a roadmap for MSL from 2004-2009. The Plan will establish four goals: 1) building a strong educational program, 2) institutionalize the MSL program, 3) achieve effective and efficient corporate operation, and 4) create sustainable financing. The Plan highlights specific objectives, methods of implementation and performance targets, and identifies three phases in which MSL expects to reach the goals. These phases will focus on reforming corporate operations and infrastructure (2004-2005), development and organizational growth/enhancement (2006-2008), and developing a sound fundraising model leading up to MSL's 20th Anniversary (2009).

The Board approved Vice Chairman Kelly's request to create an ad hoc committee to meet and deliberate on the performance measures of the Plan, in hopes that consensus can be built on reasonable and achievable outcomes for the next five years. The committee is scheduled to begin work on the Plan in early January with the expectation that a detailed Plan will be completed and subsequently presented to the Board of Directors during the Spring of 2004. ✧

## *Opinion and Commentary*

*Editor's Note: The views expressed herein are those of the authors, and do not necessarily reflect the views of the MSL Alumni Association, its officers, or the members of the Board of Directors of MSL, Inc.*

### **Turf Wars: O'Malley-Duncan Sparring Will be an Epic Struggle in Microcosm**

By Brian C. Griffiths (Western Maryland College, Class of 2000)

**B**altimore Mayor Martin O'Malley recently blasted the long-delayed construction of the Inter-County Connector in Montgomery County as a project that takes money away from projects in Baltimore. One consultant called his remarks, "parochial and divisive."

Also recently, Montgomery County Executive Doug Duncan held a fundraiser in Baltimore, sponsored by Orioles owner (and O'Malley rival) Peter Angelos. The event attracted many Baltimore area business and political leaders. O'Malley's campaign lashed out with harsh criticism directed at those sponsoring the event in the Mayor's backyard.

With O'Malley and Duncan both likely to run for the Democratic nomination for Governor in 2006, these are merely the opening salvos in what will likely be a very long, very drawn out primary campaign. But what the campaign signifies is much more than posturing amongst Democratic political rivals. It is something much more regional, more parochial than that.

It is Baltimore against Washington. Maryland has had a growing issue developing between its two population centers. There are social differences of this divide to be sure; white-collar Washington and blue-collar Baltimore, Ravens and Redskins, etc. But it is the political implications that will truly define our state for decades to come. The battle for control in Annapolis between Baltimore and Washington is deep, and it is widening. The fact of the matter is that Washington is winning out.

The reasons are obvious. The population of Montgomery County and Prince George's County continue to rise while Baltimore's population continues to shrink. With that shift in population, the apportionment process has given more representation to the Washington area. If this population imbalance continues, that trend will continue.

Further shifting the balance of power has been political factors in the General Assembly. Before the 2002 elections, most committee chairmanships were in the hands of Democrats sympathetic to the needs of Baltimore. But the defeat of two powerful Senate committee chairs and Speaker of the House Casper Taylor has put more liberal Washington area-legislators in control of the agenda. Legislators from suburban Washington are now in control of the Senate Budget and Taxation, Senate Judicial Proceedings, and most major House Committees. This control gives the Washington area leaders significant power and influence over the entire state. With the recent passing of Baltimore legend, Delegate Howard "Pete" Rawlings, Baltimore's interests will remain at risk

What the future holds for the Baltimore-Washington rivalry remains uncertain. In political terms what is certain is that Baltimore, long the center of political power and influence, is losing its pull in Annapolis. Why else would Peter Angelos look to Montgomery County for political help?

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## *Opinion and Commentary (cont'd)*

While Baltimore may remain the state's largest and most important city, its political importance is losing down Interstate 95. Baltimore cannot be forgotten; a decrepit Baltimore would create far-reaching problems even for the DC suburbs. How legislators from suburban Washington deal with Baltimore's problems in the next three years will go a long way in determining how the relationship stands and what, if any, influence it will have on the Gubernatorial election in 2006.

### **Medicare Bill Is An Expensive Band-Aid**

By Jeremiah Kelly (Western Maryland College, Class of 2001)

On November 25, 2003, the United States Congress passed the Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003, placing an expensive band-aid on the problem of increasing prescription drug costs. This bill, costing the American tax payers \$400 billion dollars over its first decade, effectively shifts the burden of expensive drugs from seniors to the Medicare program without addressing the high costs paid for prescription drugs by Americans (and now the Federal government) compared to those paid by citizen's of other nations.

The price of drugs for the American consumer is substantially higher than consumers of those same drugs elsewhere in the world. Last year, the best selling drugs in the world cost 77% more in the U.S. than they did in Canada or Europe.<sup>1</sup> In May 2003, the U.S. market represented 51% of the global sales of pharmaceutical drugs.<sup>2</sup> One-fifth of American's cannot take at least one of the prescription drugs they are prescribed by a doctor (a figure that is close to 40% among the poor and elderly).<sup>3</sup> With that demand and need at such a high cost, there is understandable concern over the disparity. It may seem that the higher U.S. cost and percentage of drug sales results from our high demand, however, the real cause are the pricing strategies of the drug companies.

The reasons that U.S. consumers pay more for prescription drugs than anywhere else in the world are the price controls that limit the sale of prescription drugs in other nations, including Canada and the European nations. This practice keeps the price of drugs lower for their citizens. Coupled with the high U.S. demand, price controls allow the industry to increase its profit margin by gouging U.S. consumers. Dr. Alan Sager, Ph.D. and professor of Public Health from Boston University, notes "the manufacturers' willingness to accept restraints on their revenues in other nations by their ability to raise prices on hapless Americans, the world's shock absorber."<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> "Rx: Price Controls" in Accumen: Journal of Life Sciences, Business, Economics, and Policy. Vol 1 (3). Pg. 64.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid, p. 62.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid.

## *Opinion and Commentary (cont'd)*

The Medicare bill does take the financial burden off our seniors with its Prescription Drug Benefit, set to begin in 2006, a program that will cover 75% of drug costs for seniors up to \$2,250 after a \$250 deductible and a cap of \$3,600, over which close to 100% of costs are covered (interim discount drug card with provide seniors with an immediate 10-12% off prescription drugs)<sup>5</sup>. With whatever good this brings, the bill fails to address the issue of price gouging.

The most contentious deliberation on the bill was over allowing Medicare to utilize its bargaining power to negotiate the costs of prescription drugs down for participants. In the end, the Medicare bill specifically prohibited Medicare from exercising such power. Opponents of the provision argued that this would be the equivalent of a price control and would negatively affect the research and development incentives for U.S. pharmaceutical companies. Testimony before the House Government Reform Committee this year, however, reveals that pharmaceutical companies assign about 11% of after tax revenue to R&D, while 19% are profits, and 29% are assigned to marketing. The most valid reason I find behind this prohibition is the instability the U.S. economy may experience during the renegotiation of prices at whatever intervals are chosen.

Proponents of the Medicare bargaining power provision favor this quasi-price control strategy because it would actually lower the prices of the drugs themselves. The bargaining power of the nation's largest entitlement program would bring the costs down to affordable levels for seniors. Also, many proponents argue that the price elasticity of these drugs (how much consumer demand responds to the changing price of a product) will offset any revenue loss than may occur because of this lower negotiated price. For example, revenue from fewer customers buying at higher prices should come close to revenue from more customers buying at a lower price. The reluctance of our nation's Members of Congress to implement any sort of quasi-price control strategy to actually lower the costs of prescription drugs is fueled by their stronger desire to protect the free market.

Right or wrong, the problem is not solved. The price of prescription drugs must be lower. The bill has only shifted the burden from seniors to taxpayers. It is now the Federal government that will pay those high prices. While the bill includes a provision to limit the "stay" on brand-name patents to a single 30-day period, thus bringing generic drugs to the market faster, the FDA had already instituted this regulation close to eight months ago. Any effort must to address the price of drugs must make further efforts to expedite the arrival of generics to the market, thus creating competition with the brand name manufacturers and lowering prices. The more you evaluate the solutions to this issue, it should become clear that this is an international trade issue. The real solution is to demand our U.S. Trade Representatives to bring grievances against other nations for unfair price controls that place a higher burden on U.S. consumers. Creating competition and eradicating international price controls on drugs is the only way to stop the bleeding. Congress's Medicare "fix" was just an expensive band-aid.

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<sup>5</sup>"Tauzin Hails House Passage of Landmark Medicare Bill." Statement by Chairman W.J. "Billy" Tauzin, House Energy and Commerce Committee. 11/22/03.

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