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## Questions for SU President After Facebook Posts



Salisbury University President Dr. Janet Dudley-Eshbach's Facebook profile

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**SALISBURY**, Md.- The president of Salisbury University faces questions after posting photographs on a social networking Web site.

SU President Dr. Janet Dudley-Eshbach posted several pictures on her Facebook profile.

Among those was a picture of Dudley-Eshbach pointing a stick toward her daughter and a Hispanic man.



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Another picture shows an animal, a tapir, and has a caption referring to the large size of the animal's genitalia.

**WBOC** recently found out about the photos, and after asking the president about her profile and the pictures, she took down her Facebook.com profile.

After making calls about the story on Monday at 3:45 p.m., Dudley-Eshbach removed the two controversial pictures by 5 p.m.

By the end of the day, she had removed the entire profile, but only after leaving them up and open to the public for more than eight months.

Facebook.com makes an automatic time stamp when a user posts a picture. Dudley-Eshbach put her albums up on Feb. 3, 2007.

They were available for anyone in "The Salisbury Maryland Network" to look at, including people who have nothing to do with the university.

Many students say even though the president deleted the profile, they are still upset.

Freshman Jovan Turner said, "Personally I'm offended and I'm not even that nationality. It's not something I would expect the university president to say."

Melissa Holt, also a student, said, "I don't think it's very professional of her. She's representing Salisbury and by going out and having a Facebook, she's known as the Salisbury [University] president. She needs to be respectful as of everybody's opinions and backgrounds."

What all those students want to know now is why she posted the pictures in the first place.

The president refused to talk to **WBOC** on camera but issued a statement through the SU media relations department.

In part, it reads, "Many of us are learning about the positives and negatives of public networking sites such as Facebook. I regret that some of these family vacation photos, with captions that were only intended to be humorous, were included on Facebook."

You can read the president's full statement on our Web site.

Dudley-Eschbach is accountable to the University System of Maryland's Board of Regents.

**WBOC** requested to speak with the board's chancellor.

Anne Moultrie, the associate vice chancellor for communications, sent an e-mail late Monday afternoon that read "Still no availability at this time," but **WBOC** will continue to seek comment from both the chancellor and from Dudley-Eshbach.

Dudley-Eshbach has been the university's president since 2000. The school had 7,581 registered students in the fall of 2006.



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