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Lecture Series Features Preeminent Speakers

SSU's celebration of its 75th anniversary continues this spring with a month-long lecture series featuring four of America's most thought provoking and challenging writers, culminating with a presentation by journalism icon Daniel Schorr.

Opening the series is Dr. William Dunham, nationally-known mathematical historian and author of *Journey Through Genius: The Great Theorems of Mathematics* and *The Mathematical Universe*, named Best Mathematics Book of 1994 by the American Association of Publishers. His talk is on Wednesday, February 28, at 7 p.m. in the Wicomico Room in the Guerrieri University Center.

Tim O'Brien, author of *In the Lake of the Woods* and National Book Award-winning *Going After Cacciato*, speaks on Wednesday, March 7, at 7 p.m. in the Wicomico Room. O'Brien is particularly renown for his moving essay in *The New York Times* about his return to Vietnam, "On a Rainy River."

Alfie Kohn, author of *Punished by Rewards: The Trouble with Gold Stars, Incentive Plan, A's, Praise and Other Bribes*, argues that the use of rewards is counterproductive in raising children, teaching students and managing workers. He will discuss those and other controversial topics on Tuesday, March 13, at 7:30 p.m. in Holloway Hall Auditorium.

Veteran newsman and senior analyst for National Public Radio Daniel Schorr completes the speaker series on Wednesday, March 28, at 7 p.m. in Holloway Hall Auditorium. He will become the second Presidential Lecturer at SSU, following Pulitzer and Noble prize-winning author Toni Morrison who initiated the Presidential Lecture Series last year.

All talks in the 75th anniversary lecture series at SSU are free and open to the public.

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(From left) Henson Dean Tom Jones, President Janet Dudley-Eshbach, Delegate Norm Conway '65 and Governor Glendening dig in.

SSU Breaks Ground on \$37 Million Science Building

Before a festive audience of friends of the University and members of the campus community, Maryland Gov. Parris Glendening broke ground this fall on Salisbury State's new \$37 million science building, the biggest capital project in the State of Maryland for this fiscal year.

At 145,500 square feet, the new science hall will be the largest academic facility on campus and one of the largest science buildings in the state.

The three-story brick structure will house the Henson School and also the Guerrieri Laboratory Center, endowed by the Guerrieri Family Foundation of Ocean City, supplemented by the State of Maryland's Private Donation Incentive Program.

The science building is expected to open for classes in fall 2002.

Chesapeake Bay Conference a Success

Salisbury State hosted a national conference, "Chesapeake 2000: The Chesapeake Bay in the 21st Century," this past October. Participants from across the nation as well as SSU faculty focused attention on the Bay and its rich history, its environmental and economic impact and consequences, tourism and social issues and the future development of the Bay Country.

With participants from across the nation, speakers for the conference included Tom Horton, author and environmental affairs writer and columnist for *The (Baltimore) Sun*; U.S. Congressman Wayne Gilchrest; and Jim Hightower, columnist and radio personality.



A FUNday Was Had by All: Despite rainy skies, some 2,000 people showed up to celebrate SSU's 75th birthday on FUNday (Festival for University Neighbors) this past September. With over 100 activities offered, community members enjoyed games, contests, sports, exhibitions, art, lectures, live music and children's activities.

SSU Helps Shore Residents Get Moving

Salisbury State University and its regional partners have been awarded over \$2 million from the State of Maryland and federal sources to promote the expansion of public transportation services on the Lower Eastern Shore.

The funding comes after more than a year of work by a diverse coalition of community leaders, including the Lower Shore Private Industry Council, SSU, Wicomico Transit, Worcester County Ride, Somerset County STRideS and the departments of Social Services of Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester counties. The project has been funded through the Maryland Mass Transit Administration, Maryland Department of Human Resources and Federal Transit Agency with the support of the Eastern Shore delegation and U.S. Senators Paul S. Sarbanes and Barbara A. Mikulski. The goal of the initiative is to create more public transportation options for citizens needing to travel to work, medical appointments, leisure activities and other critical destinations.

The new funding will allow the coalition to actually implement, on a pilot basis, expanded regional services and connections, as well as continue the transportation planning and consensus-building process.

Dean Bebee Resigns

Dr. Richard F. Bebee, dean of the Perdue School of Business since 1991, announced that he will be resigning from that position at the end of the current fiscal year (June 30, 2001).

"I have been considering pursuing new challenges for some time now," said Bebee, who has not ruled out the possibility of returning to SSU next fall in either a teaching or administrative capacity. "I've had a great run here at the Perdue School, we've accomplished a great deal in the past 10 years. The average tenure length for deans nationally is three years, and I've clearly exceeded that."

The search for a new dean is underway.



Bilingual Education Grant Awarded

The U.S. Department of Education recently awarded a \$735,984 grant to the Fulton School for the "Bilingual Education: Training for all Teachers" program. The program is a partnership effort between public schools in the eight Maryland and two Virginia counties on the Eastern Shore, as well as Chesapeake College and Eastern Shore Community College.

The purpose of the project is to increase the supply and quality of teachers prepared to serve limited English proficiency (LEP) students in the public schools in the 10 counties on the Eastern Shore of Maryland and Virginia, many of which are culturally homogeneous, isolated and lack funding.

New Graduate Program

Salisbury State announces the formation of a Master of Science in applied health physiology. The curriculum, which emphasizes both theory and practice in the preparation of administrators, technicians and supervisors, provides students with the opportunity to read, study and discuss a wide range of theories and ideas related to health and physiology as well as the opportunity to practice the technical, administrative and supervisory skills of a health care provider.



Show House Supports Exciting Symphony Season

The Salisbury Symphony Orchestra at Salisbury State University plays to packed houses for its concerts, but this October it filled a house of a different sort when it sponsored the Lower Shore's first ever Decorators Show House in Salisbury.

The former Allen House at the corner of Camden Avenue and Dogwood Drive was transformed for the Decorators Show House, which showcased the talents of local decorators and gave those who toured the house the opportunity to buy pieces of the house's decor and take home valuable design ideas. Thanks to the Show House proceeds of over \$23,000, the SSO is presenting its fullest season yet.



Century Is No. 1

SSU's 2000 Sea Gull Century bike ride was recently named the No. 1 League of American Bicyclists sponsored cycling event based on number of participants. The announcement was included in the February 2001 *Bicycling* magazine.

The Sea Gull Century is an annual event which attracts some 7,000 riders to the area and is the single largest one-day tourism event in Wicomico County with an economic impact of over \$1.5 million.

For more information on this year's Sea Gull Century, Saturday, October 13, contact the SSU Public Relations Office at 410-543-6030.