$1.3 Million TESOL Grant Awarded

Immersion of non-English speaking students into Delmarva classrooms has created challenges for students and teachers. The passage of the "No Child Left Behind" act will put added pressure with a mandate of 100 percent pass rate on statewide standardized tests. In response to this need, SU has secured a $1.3 million, five-year federal grant to create the Accelerated Career Enhancement (ACE) M.A./Teaching English as a Second Language (TESOL) at SU. "The ACE model aims to increase the quality and quantity of trained graduate degree-holding ESOL professionals on the Eastern Shore," said Dr. Anjali Pandey, who wrote the grant.

Peace and Conflict Cultural Series

"We make war that we may live in peace," said Aristotle. This tenuous balance between peace and conflict is made all the more relevant in our post-9/11 culture where aspirations for peace are offset by the reality of terrorism and war. At SU this balance is the primary teaching, research and practical focus of the Center for Conflict Resolution. Illuminating these issues, the Cultural Affairs Council sponsors a semester-long series of events that will address such questions as: "What role does protest play?" and "Is force ever justified?" Fleshing out the relationship between peace and conflict are several events including visits from the grandson of Mahatma Gandhi and the executive director of the Hague Appeal for Peace and a lecture providing historical context for U.S. conflict as a means of expansion. For a complete listing of events visit www.salisbury.edu.

Sarbanes Lecture Series Inaugurated

Amid growing evidence of student dissatisfaction with politics and low voter turnout, SU recently inaugurated a unique Maryland initiative: "The Paul S. Sarbanes Lecture Series" that will bring to campus some of the most prominent and influential public figures in the country.

This new program, a cooperative endeavor between U.S. Senator Sarbanes and the University's Institute for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement (PACE), will seek to counter the often stereotyped images young people have about politics and politicians. "We want students, and the community, to have an opportunity to meet some of the people who create today's headlines," said Dr. Harry Basehart, co-director of PACE, "and we think that they will be surprised at the depth of insight and the level of commitment of our very best public servants."

The yearly series was kicked off by a special lecture by Senator Sarbanes himself with a spring lecture to follow by a distinguished public official.

Wenke on Salinger

Dr. John Wenke, SU professor of English, was a featured guest on the nationally syndicated public radio show, "To the Best of Our Knowledge." The program looked at the life of famed fiction writer J.D. Salinger and his legacy to American culture. Also interviewed with Wenke were Garrison Keillor and Margaret Salinger, daughter of J.D. Salinger. Wenke is a nationally recognized Salinger scholar and author of the book, J.D. Salinger, A Study of the Short Fiction.
SU Students Meet The Fed Challenge
A team of five SU students imparted economic advice to Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan and members of the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) in November. The presentation won the sixth annual College Fed Challenge, a competition that involves researching and analyzing data on current and near-term economic conditions to recommend whether to raise, lower or maintain interest rates. The participating teams included 10 universities and colleges from the Federal Reserve District of Richmond.

In their presentation, the students advised that the federal funds rate should remain unchanged for the near future and discussed their concerns over a potential war with Iraq. They also considered the important consequences of changes in consumer confidence, oil prices and the financial markets.

Harrington Earns Fulbright
Dr. Gary Harrington is the recipient of a Fulbright Distinguished Chair in American Literature award and taught at the Maria-Curie-Slodowska University in Lublin, Poland, in fall 2002. Harrington is the fourth member of the English Department to receive a Fulbright award.

SU Welcomes Kweisi Mfume
Kweisi Mfume, president and chief executive officer of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), discussed “Political Empowerment and the Civil Rights Agenda” at SU last fall. His visit was sponsored by the University’s Hargreaves Civic Engagement Fund, the Union of African-American Students, the student chapter of the NAACP, the offices of Vice President of Student Affairs and Multicultural Student Services, and the Fulton School of Liberal Arts.

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Seidel Challenge Succeeds
With the recent successful completion of the Seidel Challenge Campaign, officially launched a little over a year ago, the Samuel W. and Marilyn C. Seidel School of Education and Professional Studies now enjoys an endowment of some $2.5 million—on par with the founding endowments of its sisters schools: the Perdue School of Business, the Fulton School of Liberal Arts and the Henson School of Science and Technology.

More than half of the million dollars raised is earmarked for scholarships, which were particularly important to the Seidels. “The real goal of the endowment is to get good people into education,” said the late Sam Seidel when he and his wife endowed the school in 1997. In addition, funds were also designated for library acquisitions, equipment, and faculty recruitment and research.

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