All Dean Positions Filled

The campus was buzzing recently with four dean searches in full swing. All searches ended successfully and SU welcomes its newest leaders.

Dr. Timothy G. O’Rourke, the Teresa M. Fisher Professor in Citizen Education at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, will take the helm of the Fulton School of Liberal Arts. O’Rourke has held a joint appointment to the Division of Education Leadership and Policy Studies in the College of Education and the Department of Political Science in the College of Arts and Sciences at UMSL.

The Perdue School of Business’ new dean, Dr. William M. Moore, last served as dean of the College of Business Administration at Valparaiso University in Indiana. Moore, who earned his Ph.D. in business administration from Ohio State University, has held joint appointments as dean and professor of management at Valparaiso since 1998.

Professor and founding director of the College of Education at Florida Gulf Coast University, Dr. Dennis Pataniczek, will soon be leading the Seidel School of Education and Professional Studies. In 1996 Pataniczek joined FGCU, which opened a year later, to develop the initial vision for its College of Education, providing the leadership in the recruitment of a team of student-focused faculty committed to the use of technology and active learning strategies.

Dr. Alice Harrison Bahr, director of the library at Spring Hill College in Mobile, AL, was recently named dean of libraries and instructional services. Bahr, who has been the library director at Spring Hill for 13 years, was editor-in-chief of College & Undergraduate Libraries, a commercial, peer-reviewed professional journal published by The Haworth Press, Inc.

For more information on the deans, visit SU’s news and events site www.salisbury.edu/newsevents.

A Time to Laugh

“Life is too important to be taken seriously,” said Oscar Wilde. Humor can create healthy perspectives, make or break reputations, puncture pretentiousness. Some believe laughter can save lives. In spring 2002 SU hosted a series of events that not only provoked laughter but also thoughts about why we’re laughing.

Humor, from the visual to the political, with classic pratfalls and high-tech clowning, took center stage when the Box of Light Theatre came to clown around and Chaplin-esque entertainer Dan Kamin brought illusion to SU. In addition, Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Henry Taylor shared his humorous verse and cartoonist Robb Armstrong (of “Jumpstart” fame) “drew” crowds.

Every semester SU sponsors a cultural events series. For the latest in events happenings visit www.salisbury.edu.

Greenhouse Added To Science Building

With the shadow of Henson Science Hall now looming large on the campus landscape, this soon to be opened state-of-the-art facility received an added boost with the establishment of the Marshall Family Endowment Fund with a $25,000 pledge to the SU Foundation, Inc., by Richard and Elizabeth (’58) Marshall. The fund will provide continuing support for botanical research to be conducted in a 2,000 square-foot greenhouse as part of facility. Henson Hall will celebrate its grand opening on Thursday, September 5.