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Seminole Career Resource Office Opens in the Enoch Kelly Haney Center

Seminole State College and Workforce Oklahoma are partnering together to offer a temporary, career resource center for employees displaced by the VF Jeanswear (Wrangler) plant closing in Seminole.

The Seminole Re-Employment Center opened its doors on Monday, Sept. 22 in Room 104 of Enoch Kelly Haney Center on the SSC campus. The Re-Employment Center is located on the south side of the Haney Center's main lobby and is open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday.

At the center, displaced Wrangler employees will be able to receive free assistance in job searching, interviewing, resumé writing, and career decision making.

According to Kimberly Belles, Workforce Oklahoma Career Development Specialist, the center will also offer career assessment and training assessment needs.

"Our goal is to help displaced Wrangler employees find new jobs or receive the education and training they need to re-enter the workforce.

"We will help the employees evaluate their current job skills to determine the positions they are most qualified for. They may have skills that are transferable to a different job in a new field. We will also help determine what their educational and relocation needs are in order to successfully enter into a new job," Belles said.

Belles noted that although the center will focus on the former Wrangler employees, its services will be available to everyone.



The Seminole Re-Employment Center opened its doors on Monday, Sept. 22 in Room 104 of Enoch Kelly Haney Center on the SSC campus. The center's staff includes (l-r) Customer Service Representative Michelle Mullen, Customer Service Representative William Green, Career Development Specialist Kimberly Belles, and Administrative Technician Artavius Bogan. Not pictured is Facilitator Eddie Wood and Office Assistant Greg Cavillo.



Brian Haws of Bowlegs receives assistance from Seminole Re-Employment Center Customer Service Rep Michelle Mullen and Administrative Technician Artavius Bogan.

**See Re-Employment
Center, page 8**

SSC Foreign Studies Trip to Italy Planned

The Seminole State College Foreign Studies Program returned from a successful trip to England this summer and is preparing for the 2004 Trip to Italy.

The Foreign Studies Program is open to members of the general public and SSC students who are 18 years of age or older and are interested in a convenient, economical and educational way to travel. It is designed to give participants a hands-on understanding of cultures, art and history.

The program will take a maximum of 34 travelers to Rome, Florence, Venice, Pompeii and the island of Capri. So far, 25 people have signed up for the trip.

"Touring other countries is one of the best forms of education you can experience. You can't even compare seeing St. Paul's Cathedral in person to looking at a picture of it in a book. It's amazing," noted SSC Language Arts and Humanities Chair and Foreign Studies Program Director Kelly Kirk.

The 2004 trip to Italy will be the program's seventh trip since its inception in 1998. The program is based in SSC's art department and emphasizes travel as a means to experience "the art of living." Past trips visited Mexico, Italy, Greece, France, Scotland and England.

"The program has been a tremendous success," noted Kirk. "Each year, we have more and more students and members of the general public traveling with the College. It is an excellent form of global education."

During the program's summer trip to



The SSC Foreign Studies Program gives participants a hands-on understanding of cultures, art and history by visiting other countries. This past summer, the participants had the opportunity to travel "From London to Edinburg." In 2004, the SSC program will travel to Italy.

London and Edinburg, participants toured the city of London, St. Paul's Cathedral, Trafalgar Square, the city of Bath, Oxford, Stratford on Avon and Stonehenge.

The travelers also had the opportunity to visit the city of Edinburg, Edinburg Castle, Sterling Castle, Glasgow, the William Wallace and Rob Roy museums, as well as attend a traditional feast, the Scottish Ceilidh.

"Participants in the College's Foreign Studies Program have a unique opportunity to not only learn about the historical significance of the sites, but also to visit the beautiful locations," Kirk said.

The 2004 trip is set for June 2004 and will last eleven days. The cost varies depending

on age and sleeping arrangements. Double room occupancy is less expensive than single room occupancy.

The cost of the trip includes all transportation, room-and-board, the tour, transfers, tips, two meals a day, tuition, fees and a limited health insurance policy. Participants are responsible for the occasional lunch, optional trips and souvenirs.

As with past trips, participants can take the College course for credit or audit the course.

For more information on the College's Foreign Studies Program, or to schedule a slide presentation for a club or organization, contact Kirk at (405) 382-9251.

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SSC's Boren and Reynolds Selected for Leadership Oklahoma

Five area residents, including two individuals associated with Seminole State College, have been selected for membership in Class XVII of Leadership Oklahoma.

SSC Foundation President and State Representative Dan Boren (D-Seminole) and SSC Associate Vice President for Business and Community Relations Lana Reynolds join other area residents First Lady of Oklahoma Kim Henry of Shawnee, President of St. Gregory's University Rev. Lawrence Stasyszen, O.S.B., and the President and CEO of Shawnee's Unity Health Center Chuck Skillings in the statewide leadership program.

Each year, Leadership Oklahoma brings together approximately 50 leaders from across the state for 10 issues-oriented sessions that address critical challenges facing Oklahoma. The goal is to tap the energies of those leaders to initiate positive change for the benefit of all Oklahomans.

According to LOK Executive Director Nancy Leonard, participants are chosen through a rigorous application process and selected from across the state to represent Oklahoma's professional, geographical, and cultural diversity.

"The organization was founded in 1986 to create a dynamic network of leaders whose increased awareness and commitment to service will energize Oklahomans to shape the state's future. Each person must demonstrate a dedication to Oklahoma's progress and the ability to exercise leadership in recognizing and resolving issues of statewide significance," Leonard said.

The class program for Leadership Oklahoma involves a ten-month educational experience held in communities throughout the state. Class XVII began their activities with an orientation session on August 17, held in the Senate Chambers at the Oklahoma State Capitol.

A three-day retreat followed in late August at St. Crispin's Lodge in Seminole. During the retreat, participants studied leadership skills as well as Oklahoma history and culture.

In October, the class will visit Lawton for a three-day stay at Fort Sill. Other classes



Dan Boren

will be held on corrections in McAlester, education in Stillwater, state government in Oklahoma, energy and tourism in Bartlesville, health care and the arts in Tulsa, agriculture and multiculturalism in Guymon, and rural economic development in Broken Bow.

Other members of this year's Leadership Oklahoma class include: Scott Andrews, First Bank & Trust Co. of Ardmore; Jeff Applekamp, PSO of Oklahoma City; Steve Baggerly, Bank of the Panhandle in Guymon; Gary Banz, Civic Volunteer in Midwest City; Aaron Brownlee, Digital Convergence, Inc., of Enid; Ken Busby, Arts and Humanities Council of Tulsa; Lou Christian, AXA Advisors of Oklahoma City; Jim Cochran, Robson Properties of Claremore; Paul Cornell, SpiritBank of Bristow; Somerlyn Cothran, Cothran Development Strategies of Ada; Ros Crenshaw, Boenig of Tulsa; Craig Cummins, Superintendent of Sapulpa Public School; Patrice Douglas, Air Spiral Manufacturing of Oklahoma City; Becky Felts, OEA Vice President of Oklahoma City; Mark Graham, BlueCross & Blue Shield of Tulsa; Representative Todd Hiatt of Oklahoma City; David Holden, Tulsa Attorney; Rob Hudson, District Attorney from Stillwater; Clayton Johnson, Ponca City Chief of Police; Judy Johnson, Johnsons of Kingfisher; Sherrel Jones, Just Delicious! Of Enid; Bill Kellough,



Lana Reynolds

Tulsa Attorney; Sheila Lee, Lawton – Fort Sill Chamber; Shawn Lepard, ProAg of Guymon; David Lindley, Exim Group of Oklahoma City; Marsha Lindsey, Oklahoma President of SBC; Richard Little, McElroy Manufacturing of Tulsa; Keith Manion, Miami Civic Volunteer; Jim McAuley, First American Bank of Purcell; Terry Mosley, Executive Director of Quartz Mountain; Rodney Myers, Latigo Petroleum, Tulsa; Brad Naifeh, Central Liquor Co. of Oklahoma City; Leslie Paris, Bank of Oklahoma in Tulsa; Janis Reeser, Oklahoma Bankers Association of Oklahoma City; Cathryn Render, Render, Vanderslice & Associates of Tulsa; Steve Rhines, Noble Foundation of Ardmore; Chandra Rickey, Whippoorwill Lodge of Broken Bow; Senator Nancy Riley of Oklahoma City; Les Risser, Edmond Civic Volunteer; Susan Shields, Hartzog, Conger, et. al. in Oklahoma City; Stan Sieg, Federal Aviation Association in Oklahoma City; Chris Skoog, ONEOK Energy of Tulsa; Kathy Taylor, Oklahoma Department of Commerce in Oklahoma City; Phillip Thompson, CITGO Petroleum in Tulsa; Ann Warn, Lawton Ophthalmologist; Chris White, McAlester-Democrat Publisher; and Bob Winchester, BancFirst of Tulsa.

For more information about Leadership Oklahoma, visit the organization's website at: www.leadershipoklahoma.com.

8 WEEK CLASS SCHEDULE

CLASSES START OCTOBER 14, 2003

Seminole State College is offering several three-hour credit courses in an eight-week period. These courses are required in a number of degrees listed by the SSC College Catalog. The courses are offered at a variety of times and in several different divisions. They include:

ORIENTATION

Orientation

IS 1401 11
9 a.m. - 5 p.m. SATURDAY, OCT 11
ADM 506
Instructor - Birdwell, L

ACCOUNTING

General College Accounting

ACCT 1413 07
11:45 a.m. - 2:15 p.m. T/TH
HANEY CENTER 121
Instructor - Remington, R

BUSINESS

Introduction to Business

BA 1123 06
2:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. T/TH
CCLZ 101
Instructor - Hamilton, D

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Introduction to Microcomputers

CS 1103 17
8 a.m. - 3 p.m. SATURDAYS, OCT 25,
NOV 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 DEC 6, 13
CCLZ 106

Introduction to Microcomputers

CS 1103 12
TBA
ON-LINE
Instructor - Cokeley, P

ENGLISH

Fundamentals of English

ENG 0123 04
9:25 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. T/TH
ADM 101
Instructor - Johnson, D

Basic Grammar

ENG 0113 06
8 a.m. - 10 a.m. MWF
CCLZ 101
Instructor - Langford, G

Fundamentals of English

ENG 0123 09
2 p.m. - 4 p.m. MWF
ADM 102
Instructor - McBride, K

Principles of English Comp I

ENG 1113 21
8 a.m. - 10:40 a.m. T/TH
ADM 104
Instructor - Isaacs, J

Introduction to Sign Language I

ENG 2343 02
9:25 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. T/TH
CCLZ 103
Instructor - Bishop, M

English as a Second Language

ENG 0103 02
10 a.m. - 11:50 a.m. MWF
CCLZ 103
Instructor - Jackson, R

HEALTH, PHYSICAL ED/ RECREATION

Wellness Human Development

HPER 1012 09
Noon - 1:50 p.m. MWF
ROESLER
Instructor - Staff

HUMANITIES

Multiculturalism through Film

ANTH 2103 01
1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. T/TH
MUSIC 104
Instructor - Walck, B

MATHEMATICS

Elementary Algebra

MATH 0113 10
11 a.m. - 12:50 p.m. MWF
ADM 104
Instructor - Rutledge, P

Elementary Algebra

MATH 0113 02
11 a.m. - 12:50 p.m. MWF
ADM 103
Instructor - Schornick, P

PSYCHOLOGY

General Psychology

PSY 1113 07
1:40 p.m. - 4:20 p.m. T/TH
MUSIC 103
Instructor - Copeland, W

READING

Basic College Reading

READ 0113 08
5 p.m. - 8 p.m. T/TH
ADM 202
Instructor - Staff

Fundamentals of Reading

READ 0123 07
ZAP# 2702
5 p.m. - 8 p.m. T/TH
ADM 202
Instructor - Staff

Reading Improvement

READ 1103 08
5 p.m. - 8 p.m. T/TH
ADM 202
Instructor - Staff

SPEECH

Introduction to Communication I

SPCH 1143 18
2 p.m. - 4 p.m. MWF
ADM 101
Instructor - McGee, C

SSC Encourages Student Voter Registration

In an effort to encourage civic involvement, Seminole State College is promoting student voter registration and encouraging students to become politically active.

Last year, as part of a national effort to promote civic engagement, the SSC Student Government Association initiated a campaign to register students to vote.

In anticipation of the 2004 Presidential elections, as well as state and local elections, the Student Services office is joining the Student Government Association in providing opportunities on campus this fall for students to register.

As part of the orientation program for the College's residential students, approximately 120 students were provided voter registration forms.

Following the close of enrollment for the fall term, the College's general student population, were notified that forms were available in the Counseling and Student Affairs area on campus.

Interested individuals may complete the forms on-site. Student Services employees Cynthia Yerby and Deedra Eldredge will serve as contacts for those wishing to register to vote.

In cooperation with the Seminole County Election Board, SSC forwards the completed forms to the Election Board's Wewoka office.



Seminole State College freshman Ryan Sutton of Pryor, completes a voter registration form during an orientation session to be able to participate in upcoming national, state and local elections as a resident of Seminole.

Officials with the Election Board are working with State Election Board officials to distribute the registration forms to the appropriate County offices.

Therefore, students who live in surrounding towns and communities, as well as in Seminole, are able to register at the

College for their home voting precincts.

For more information about the voter registration program at SSC, contact Associate Vice President for Business and Community Relations Lana Reynolds at 405-382-9218, or the Seminole County Election Board at 405-257-2786.

SSC's SKD Elects New Officers

The Seminole State College English Honor Society, Sigma Kappa Delta, recently elected new officers for the local chapter, Upsilon Alpha.

Ryan Horton of Meeker will serve as honor society's president. Steve Bajema of Purcell will serve as vice president, Jake Brock of Cushing will serve as secretary, Leslie Goddard of Paden as Student Government Association representative and Kevin Schilling of

Meeker will serve as historian.

All members and officers must have completed 12 hours of college credit, have earned at least a 3.3 grade-point-average, and received at least a grade of "B" in English composition or literature.

This year, SKD plans to raise funds in order to attend the national English Honor Society convention in Daytona Beach, Fla.

The organization's fundraising plans include selling popcorn and

"Human-i-Tees" items. The group also plans to attend the Red Dirt Book Festival at Oklahoma Baptist University on Oct. 17-18 and the regional Sigma Tau Delta Convention at Oklahoma City University on Nov. 7-9.

Anyone interested in joining Seminole State College's SKD honor society is encourage to contact SSC English Instructor and faculty sponsor Jessica Isaacs at (405) 382-9209.

SSC to Participate in National Forum on College-Level Learning Pilot Project

Seminole State College students, along with students from all colleges and universities in Oklahoma, will be participating in a pilot project sponsored by the Pew Charitable Trusts and the National Forum on College-Level Learning during the week of October 20-24.

This project, designed to assess college-level student learning for purposes of national benchmarking, involves a series of tests and a survey designed by ACT.

SSC students who are required to participate in this project have been notified by Dr. Rebecca Kennedy, Vice President for Academic Affairs and are currently reserving test dates and times.

Kennedy said she encourages students to put forth their best efforts on this test.

"The results can assist students when they seek employment, and they can help demonstrate academic success of Seminole State College students," she said.

Results of the pilot project will be used

by Seminole State College as part of the college's academic assessment process. Each student will receive a personal, confidential report on his/her performance level that can be provided to employers to verify the skills the student has attained.

Kennedy also pointed out that the test is of no charge to the students. The pilot project is expected to provide a great deal of information to the state's knowledge about college-level learning.

Students will be taking the ACT WorkKeys test which was developed to assess student learning in Applied Mathematics, Reading for Information, Locating Information, and Business Writing. These tests target skills that employers have identified as necessary for people to be successful in a wide range of jobs.

In addition to the WorkKeys test, students will complete the Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE) which will assist colleges across the nation

improve the educational experience for their students.

Colleges and universities in Kentucky, Illinois, South Carolina, and Nevada will also be testing students for this project. When completed, results will be reported in Measuring Up 2004 with the anticipation that the same data will be collected in all 50 states by 2006.

For the convenience of the students, testing dates and times are scheduled during both the day and evening hours and will be administered in the Testing Center located in Boren Library.

Larry Vickers, Assessment of Student Learning Coordinator, is directing the project in conjunction with Dr. Kennedy and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. Testing Center Coordinator Teresa Bartosh is responsible for scheduling the sessions and monitoring the tests.

Interested individuals may contact Vickers at 382-9239 or Bartosh at 382-9232.

Accrediting Agencies Schedule Site Visits with SSC Nursing Program

The National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC), Inc., and the Oklahoma Board of Nursing have scheduled site visits with the Seminole State College Nursing Program as part of their standard accreditation processes.

Both organizations serve as accrediting and approval agencies for the SSC Nursing Program and will be on the College's campus beginning Oct. 21.

The NLNAC has scheduled their continuing accreditation visit for Tuesday, Oct. 21, through Thursday, Oct. 23. In conjunction with the NLNAC visit, the Oklahoma Board of Nursing will be on campus Tuesday, Oct. 21 through Wednesday, Oct. 22 for their program approval visit.

The NLNAC last site visit to the SSC campus was held in September, 1995 when

the organization granted the SSC Nursing Program its maximum accreditation of eight years.

The Oklahoma Board of Nursing was last on campus in 1998. The College received the organization's maximum continuing approval of five years.

"Since we received both accrediting agencies' maximum approval during their last site visits, we have the unique opportunity to have them both on campus at the same time," explained SSC Nursing Division Chair Nina Kirk.

"We are looking forward to the accreditation process and to showing both agencies the exciting things that are happening in the Nursing Program and the steps we have taken to further improve our program for the betterment of our students. We are also looking forward to hearing their ideas of how we

can continue to enhance the program," Kirk said.

As part of the accreditation process, the public is invited to comment on the SSC Nursing Program. Written comments can be mailed to:

Nina K. Kirk, RN, MS, Division Chair, Seminole State College Nursing Division, P.O. Box 351, Seminole, OK 74868; or to the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, Inc., 61 Broadway, New York City, NY 10006.

All written comments will be shared with the program administrator and NLNAC accreditation visitors.

The public is also invited to meet the NLNAC accreditation team and the Oklahoma Board of Nursing representative on Wednesday, Oct. 22, at 3:30 p.m. in the Enoch Kelly Haney Center.



Trojans & Belles Basketball Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Location	Women	Men
Sat.	Nov. 1	Carl Albert State	Seminole	6:00	8:00
Mon.	Nov. 3	Eastern Oklahoma State	Wilburton	6:00	8:00
Fri.	Nov. 7-8	Seward County Classic	Liberal, KS	TBA	----
Sat.	Nov. 8	Frank Phillips	Seminole	----	4:00
Fri.-Sat.	Nov. 14-15	Fort Scott Classic	Fort Scott, KS	----	TBA
Sat.	Nov. 15	Oklahoma Baptist Univ. JV	Seminole	2:00	----
Mon.	Nov. 17	Connors State	Seminole	6:00	8:00
Fri.-Sun.	Nov. 21-23	Seminole State Classic	Seminole		
	Fri.	Women's Game - Murray State vs. Rose State		4:00	----
		Men's Game - Murray State vs. Rose State		----	6:00
		Women's Game - Seminole State vs. OCU JV		8:00	----
	Sat.	Women's Game - Murray State vs. OCU JV		4:00	----
		Men's Game - Seminole State vs. OBU JV		----	6:00
		Men's Game - Murray State vs. Independence, KS		----	8:00
	Sun.	Women's Game - Seminole State vs. Rose State		1:00	----
		Men's Game - Seminole State vs. Independence		----	3:00
Tues.	Nov. 25	Univ. of Arkansas-Fort Smith	Seminole	6:00	8:00
Fri.-Sat.	Nov. 28-29	Independence Classic	Independence, KS	TBA	TBA
Tues.	Dec. 2	Carl Albert State	Poteau	6:00	8:00
Thurs.	Dec. 4	Northeastern Oklahoma A&M	Miami	6:00	8:00
Sat.	Dec. 6	Oklahoma City Univ. JV	Oklahoma City	----	1:00
Fri.	Dec. 12	Oklahoma Christian Univ. JV	Oklahoma City	----	6:00
Mon.	Jan. 12	Connors State	Warner	6:00	8:00
Sat.	Jan. 17	Northeastern Oklahoma A&M	Seminole	TBA	TBA
Mon.	Jan. 19	Univ. of Arkansas-Fort Smith	Fort Smith, AR	6:00	8:00
Thurs.	Jan. 22	Eastern Oklahoma State	Seminole	6:00	8:00
Mon.	Jan. 26	*Western Oklahoma State	Altus	6:00	8:00
Thurs.	Jan. 29	*Northern Oklahoma-Tonkawa	Seminole	6:00	8:00
Mon.	Feb. 2	*Murray State	Seminole	6:00	8:00
Thurs.	Feb. 5	*Northern Oklahoma-Enid	Enid	6:00	8:00
Mon.	Feb. 9	*Redlands Community College	El Reno	6:00	8:00
Fri.	Feb. 13	*Western Oklahoma State	Seminole	6:00	8:00
Mon.	Feb. 16	*Northern Oklahoma-Tonkawa	Tonkawa	6:00	8:00
Wed.	Feb. 18	*Murray State	Tishomingo	6:00	8:00
Mon.	Feb. 23	*Northern Oklahoma-Enid	Seminole	6:00	8:00
Wed.	Feb. 25	*Redlands Community College	Seminole	6:00	8:00

March 4-8, 2004

NJCAA Region II Tournament

Shawnee, OK

March 16-20, 2004

NJCAA National Tournaments

Men: Hutchinson, Kansas

Women: Salina, Kansas

*Bi-State Western Division Conference Game

Gate Admission: \$4 - Adults, \$2 - Students

Trojan Tennis Takes on Kansas Teams

The Seminole State College Men's Tennis team took on the Kansas teams of Cowley Community College and Independence Community College, losing to one and defeating the other.

In their first competition, the Trojan team fell to Cowley by 3-6, however, several individual Trojan players won their matches.

In doubles, Trojans Josh Paz and Jared

Haley defeated Cowley's Jim Manders and Darren Cobble 8-6.

In singles, Paz defeated Carlos Fernandez, 6-1, 6-2 and Trojan Bobby Howard defeated Jimmy Manders 3-6, 6-4, 10-5.

In their second competition, the Trojans rallied back to defeat Independence by 7-2.

In doubles, Paz and Haley defeated Independence players Andre Nagueira and Jesus

Ramirez, 8-5. Trojans Steve Bajema and Zach Searl defeated Jeff Radcliff and Neal Daugherty 8-1.

In the singles competition, Paz defeated Marro Herrera, 6-3, 2-6, 10-5; Trojan Peter Davis defeated Nagueira 4-6, 6-4, 10-7; Haley beat Ramirez 7-5, 6-1; Bajema defeated Radcliff 6-2, 6-0 and Trojan Mike Motely beat Eddie Swearingen 6-2, 6-1.

Re-Employment Center, from page 1

According to Facilitator Eddie Wood, the Seminole Re-Employment Center is modeled after a state-of-the art facility at Florida State University.

"Florida State University has one of the leading career centers in the nation and has created procedures to develop an ideal service for those seeking employment," Wood noted. "We are fortunate to have the opportunity to tailor these procedures to meet the needs of people in the area," he said.

Woods stated the center's goal is three-fold: to assess customers' employment strengths and weaknesses, to provide information about the labor market and what services are available for their situation.

To achieve this goal, those needing the service will be able to do job searches, create resumes, and learn interviewing skills. The center is fully-staffed with a variety of resources, including up-to-date computers and software. The displaced employees will be able to use the center with or without an appointment.

"Our staff members have received special training to help the former employees access computer databases for all types of jobs. We will help them learn to use the computer for searches as well as help them develop resumes and learn interviewing skills," Belles said.

Belles will split her time between the new Re-Employment Center and the

Workforce Oklahoma One-Stop Center in Seminole. Also joining the Re-Employment Center is Customer Service Representative Michelle Mullen, Customer Service Representative William Green, Administrative Technician Artavius Bogan, Facilitator Eddie Wood and Office Assistant Greg Calvillo.

SSC Associate Vice President for Business and Industry Relations Lana Reynolds noted the Enoch Kelly Haney Center is the ideal location for the new Re-Employment Center.

"At Seminole State College, we are striving to help the community address the economic crisis created by the massive lay-off announcement," Reynolds said.

"As a community college, a key part of our mission and focus has always been to enhance economic development efforts. In many ways, the College has served as a focal point for area agencies and organizations to work with the affected employees.

"We designed the Enoch Kelly Haney Center to be state-of-the-art in order to facilitate training and education in the surrounding community. Such a place is needed now, more than ever. We welcome the Seminole Re-Employment Center and are committed to helping the displaced workers receive the training and education they need to be successful in today's workforce," Reynolds said.

Reynolds noted that the College's Division Chairs and faculty have created a schedule of mid-term courses to aid the former Wrangler employees. She added that the

SSC Business and Industry Training Program has also developed short-term classes, and cooperative efforts with other educational and training entities.

This past summer, the East Central Workforce Development secured a Workforce Investment Act National Emergency Grant to provide free re-training services to dislocated workers from any of the area Wrangler plants.

The grant can pay for tuition, books and fees for a wide variety of WIA approved programs. Over \$500,000 has been set aside to provide these services to area citizens affected by layoffs and plant closings.

Seminole State College, along with area vocational technology centers, has been designated as a service provider for the grant.

Eligible participants in the grant program may enroll in the special mid-term courses, as well as in short-term courses offered by the College's Business and Industry Program throughout the year.

Eligibility is restricted to those who have been laid off, and not recalled to work, at area VF Jeanswear Plants. The grant will be effective through June 30, 2005.

The Workforce Oklahoma offices in Seminole, Okfuskee, Hughes, Pottawatomie and Lincoln Counties can provide information about how to take advantage of the educational grant money. The Workforce Oklahoma offices can also assist those interested in looking for jobs, preparing resumés, and other similar services.

For more information about the Seminole Re-Employment Center, contact (405) 382-5848.



PTK to Spread Word of SSC Assessment of Student Learning Program

PTK members discuss the SSC Assessment of Student Learning Program with Dr. Rebecca Kennedy, Vice President for Academic Affairs.

As a service project, PTK will take a leadership role in educating other students about the assessment program. Left, students are participating in a PowerPoint presentation given by Dr. Kennedy that explains the assessment program in depth.