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SSC Welcomes Students Back to School

Parking lots overflowing with cars are a sure sign that school is back in session at Seminole State College. On Aug. 26, SSC welcomed both old and new students for the new academic year.

New students aren't the only new faces roaming the halls. The College has welcomed a new Regent and has also hired new faculty and staff members.

Wewoka Attorney William Huser will serve as a new member on the Seminole State College Board of Regents. Huser was named to serve on the Board by Oklahoma Governor Brad Henry this spring. Huser succeeds Dale Nichols, whose term expired in June. Huser's seven-year term will expire in June 2011.

Terrie Kiker joins the College's Nursing Division as a new instructor. Kiker, a 1989 nursing graduate of Seminole State College, went on to earn her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Bartlesville Wesleyan College in 2000. She joins the SSC faculty after serving over eleven years as a Nurse Manager of the Intensive Care Departments at Mission Hill Hospital and Unity Health Center in Shawnee.

Dr. Katherine Rowe was hired as the new Child Development Program Director. Rowe comes to SSC from Independence Community College where she was the Education/Early Childhood Program Educator. Rowe holds a master's degree and a Ph.D. in Family Relations/Child Development from Oklahoma State University.

Annette Troglin joins the SSC faculty as a developmental math instructor. Troglin has served as an adjunct math instructor since 1997 and has taught math at Bowlegs and Holdenville High Schools. She earned an associate's degree from Seminole State College in 1984 and a bachelor's degree



Seminole State College students hurry to class on the first day of fall classes.

from East Central University in 1987. She went on to earn a master's degree from ECU in 1992.

Tammy Kasterke joins the SSC professional staff as the new Academic and Financial Aid Advisor. Kasterke comes to SSC from St. Gregory's University in Shawnee, where she served as the financial aid director. She earned associate of science degrees from Seminole State College in 1988 and from St. Gregory's in 1993. She went on to earn a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Oklahoma Baptist University in 1994.

Several current SSC faculty members are taking on new roles in the coming year.

Patricia Cokeley, who has been a faculty member in the College's Business and Information Systems Division for 19 years, will serve as the Division's new chair. Over the years, Cokeley has served as the assistant division chair and director of the Computer Science program. Cokeley earned her asso-

ciate of arts degree from Seminole Junior College in 1979. She went on to earn a bachelor of science in Accounting degree from East Central University in 1982 and a Master of Business Administration degree from Central State University in 1990.

SSC Business and Information Systems instructor Dawna Hamm will assume the role of the Division's assistant chair. Hamm earned a Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Oklahoma in 1986 and a Master of Business Administration Degree from Oklahoma City University in 1991. Hamm has been an instructor of the College's Business and Information Systems Division since 1991.

SSC Title III Director Tracy Wood Jacomo joins the College's Social Sciences Division as a psychology and criminal justice instructor. Jacomo has been with the College since 1989. For the past five years,

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SSC Regents Convene for July Meeting

At their July meeting, the Seminole State College Board of Regents swore in a new Regent, elected new officers and gave a fond farewell to SSC Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Sean Fox.

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During his report to the Board, SSC President Dr. Jim Utterback updated the Regents on personnel, the Residential Learning Center, Technical-Occupational Program, the Business and Industry Training Program, SSC Athletic Academic Performance and the recent recognition of Former SSC Trojan Eric Gagne.

Utterback informed the Regents of the SSC Educational Foundation's efforts to purchase the Avonlea Cottage in Seminole for use as a Residential Learning Center for SSC students. Utterback told the Regents that the plan to purchase the building did not materialize due to the owners finding other buyers while the College was securing financing and finalizing the real estate transaction. The College plans to continue to utilize the existing Sarkeys Dormitory for the fall term.

Next, Utterback informed the Regents of four employee resignations, including Nursing Instructor Cathy Buchanan, Developmental Math Instructor Paula Schornick, Business and Information Systems Instruc-



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tor Deanna Hamilton and Upward Bound Academic Coordinator Kay Scarberry.

He also informed the Board of the hiring of a new Academic and Financial Aid Advisor Tammy Kasterke.

Utterback also informed the Regents of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education's approval of last spring's external review of two of the College's Associate of Applied Science degree programs. An external evaluation team of consultants recommended with "unqualified continuation" for the maximum five-year period for the College's AAS in Business and Information Systems and AAS in Applied Technology

programs.

Next, the President updated the Regents on the College's Business and Industry Training Program. He presented the regents with a 2003-2004 annual report of the program's growth and enrollment. Utterback informed the Board that the program began approximately five years ago to better serve area businesses through specialized training services.

The program's headcount enrollment and credit hours generated have increased dramatically and have been accelerated by hav-

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SSC Vice President Heads to St. Kitts

If you were to call Seminole State College Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Sean Fox a “Parrothead,” he wouldn’t think that you were calling him a bird brain. Instead, he would know that you were referring to his love of Jimmy Buffett music, his laid back style and his dream to escape to the Caribbean.

Fox will soon realize his dream and, in the words of Buffett, “...will be headin’ south...where it’s warm,” as the administrative leader of student affairs at Ross University on the island of St. Kitts in the Caribbean.

Before his departure, the College held a special “bon voyage” reception for the Fox family in Foundation Hall in the Enoch Kelly Haney Center on July 29.

“My wife Ann and I have truly valued our time at Seminole State College and the community of Seminole,” Fox said. “We weren’t looking to leave the place we have called home for the past seven years. But, after lengthy discussions, we felt this was an opportunity we couldn’t afford to miss.

“During our time in Seminole, we have made so many friends and have added to our family two wonderful children, Joey and Julia. We will take many cherished memories with us as we start this new chapter in our lives.”

Since coming on board the SSC administrative team, Fox has not only led the College’s student affairs division, he has also played several instrumental roles in the College’s development, including increasing student enrollment, writing successful grants for the College’s TRIO and Title III programs, and constructing two new buildings, the Roesler Residential Learning Center and the Enoch Kelly Haney Center.

“It has been a privilege to serve the SSC community,” Fox said. “Under the leadership of President Jim Utterback, Seminole State College has taken great strides. It has been an honor to assist the College in achieving several significant milestones.”

In addition to helping advance the educational mission of the College, Fox, and his wife Ann, have also worked toward the improvement of education in the Seminole community and the state of Oklahoma.

Fox serves as a board member of the



Seminole State College President Dr. Jim Utterback presents Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Sean Fox with a farewell present on behalf of the College. In July, Fox resigned from SSC after serving seven years to accept a position at Ross University School of Medicine on the island of St. Kitts in the Caribbean. Fox will oversee the Student Affairs area at Ross University.

Seminole Chamber of Commerce and the Workforce Oklahoma Youth Council. He currently chairs the Chamber’s Legislative Committee. He is a member of the Seminole Lions Club and serves on the Executive Committee of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Student Affairs Council. He has also worked as a grant evaluator for the U.S. Department of Education and as a student affairs consultant for other colleges and universities across the nation.

Ann serves as the chair of the Seminole Public Library Board and as a board member for Stepping Stones, Inc. She serves as the vice president of the Wewoka Public Schools Co-op Head Start Policy Committee. She also is a member of the Pleasant Grove Head Start Parent Committee and Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.

“We hope to find the same welcoming spirit of family and community at Ross University as we have found at Seminole State College,” said Fox.

Ross University is a school of veterinary medicine primarily composed of students

from the United States. Students attend Ross University for seven semesters before doing their clinical residency programs in the United States. Approximately 20 veterinary colleges across the United States, including Oklahoma State University, participate in the Ross University residency program.

Fox noted the student affairs position at Ross University promises to offer several rewarding challenges, including the establishment of a first-time residence hall.

“I feel my education and experience to this point have helped prepare me for the exciting challenges at Ross University. My family and I look forward to the new adventure.”

Before joining the SSC staff, Fox served as the Dean of Students at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration in 1982 and a Master of Education in guidance and Counseling in 1984 from Montana State University. He

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SSC Host Engineering Summer Academy

This summer, Seminole State College hosted the second "Peek Into Engineering" (P.I.E.) Academy.

Over 40 junior and senior high school students from across the state participated in the event.

The week-long academy was one of only 22 such academies funded by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education at various higher education institutions across the state. SSC's math, science and multidisciplinary PIE Academy was the first underway this summer.

Under the direction of the College's Math, Science and Engineering Division, the P.I.E. Academy demonstrated what it takes to be an engineer during a five-day residential camp.

As a part of the academy, students worked in teams of three to design electric cars, catapults, rockets, and a remote-operated underwater vehicle capable of finding and retrieving metallic objects. Competitions were held for each project and prizes were given at an awards ceremony for various ingenious and efficient designs.

Participants also took part in field trips to the Federal Aviation Administration, the East Central University Observatory and the University of Oklahoma's College of Engineering, where they participated in the "Authentic Teaching Alliance" project to build a miniature amusement park.

"We wanted the students to have fun while learning important aspects of engineering and at the same time, strengthening their math and science skills," said Richard Walcott, SSC Math, Science and Engineering instructor and P.I.E. director.

"The students apply what they learned in order to receive a hands-on learning experience. We also wanted to give them a chance to visit important Oklahoma engineering industries in an effort to bridge the gap between industry and the classroom," he said.

The students received personal attention from several faculty members including Walcott, SSC Math and Science Instructor Larry Birdwell, Gordon Cooper Pre-Engineering Instructor Sarah Everett, and Central Oklahoma Technology Consortium Coordinator Dale Donaho.



Over 40 junior and high school students participated in SSC's P.I.E. Academy. During the week-long academy, students received hands-on training in several engineering aspects to help bridge the gap between industry and the classroom. The academy was one of only 22 such academies funded by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education at various higher education institutions across the state.

The group also had the opportunity to hear from special guest speakers in the field of engineering including OU Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science John Fagan who created and has raced the internationally known OU electrical car. The car has been featured in OG+E television commercials.

Guest speakers also included mechanical, aeronautical, project and process engineers from Tinker Air Force Base and FAA.

"We were very fortunate to have such knowledgeable and diverse speakers at the academy," Walcott said. "By relating their experiences to the students, they have shared a wealth of knowledge to future generations."

SSC President Dr. Jim Utterback noted that the PIE academy provided students a unique opportunity to learn about Engineering.

"The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education summer academies grant program provides a wonderful opportunity for Seminole State College to make a positive impact on the youth of our state," Utterback said.

"This summer program was a huge undertaking. Mr. Walcott and his colleagues

did an excellent job in planning and conducting this week-long program," he said.

The students were chosen to be a part of the academy based on academic merit and involvement in similar science and engineering projects. They also have expressed desire to pursue an engineering career.

Walcott noted that the students are among Oklahoma's best and brightest future engineers.

Out of 84 applicants, only 42 were selected. Several of the students have composite ACT scores of 28 and above and will be attending Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics.

The students participating in the academy represented 30 schools from across the state.

The schools included: Bishop Kelley, Bowlegs, Burns Flat/Dill City, Byng, Casady, Cheyenne, Edmond North, Family of Faith, Holland Hall, Jarman, Luther High, Macomb, Moore high, Noble Middle School, Norman High, Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics, Owasso, Piedmont, Plainview, Ponca City High, Prague, Preston, Pryor High, Seminole, Shawnee, St. Philip Neri, Stillwater, Sulphur, Warner and WestMoore.

U.S. Congressman Brad Carson Visits SSC

U.S. Congressman, and candidate for Senate, Brad Carson and Seminole State College President Dr. Jim Utterback, visit with Dan Slifer of 4CNet in the company's business incubator location at SSC.

While Carson was in Seminole, he spoke at a SSC faculty in-service meeting and at the Seminole Chamber of Commerce August Forum.



Campus Information

Psi Beta Membership Drive

The SSC PSI Beta honor society is sponsoring a membership drive for students interested in Psychology and Psychology-related areas.

To qualify, SSC students need to have completed 12 hours of college credit, have an overall grade-point-average of 3.0 (B) or better, have completed one Psychology course with a grade of B or better and have an interest in Psychology or a related field.

Students who would like to become members of the National and SSC PSI Beta honor organization are encouraged to take a copy of their transcripts to PSI Beta Faculty Sponsor Dr. Jacqueline Steward or Social Sciences Division Secretary Teresa Norman in the Milt Phillips Music Building. For more information about the organization, contact SSC PSI Beta President Jami Schevetto at (405) 258-8567.

Snack Bar Give-A-Ways

The Seminole State College Student Union Snack is looking forward to "meeting and feeding" SSC students in the coming year.

According to Snack Bar Manager Emily Sims, the Snack Bar is sponsoring special give-a-ways to SSC students. Every Monday and Tuesday, SSC students can receive a free courtesy drink and are eligible to register for a drawing for a free food basket of their choice. Winners will be posted at the SSC snack bar.

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went on to earn a Doctor of Philosophy degree in College Student Personnel Administration in 1992 from the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, Colorado.

"Dr. Fox's wisdom and leadership will be greatly missed," noted SSC President Dr. Jim Utterback. "He has been an integral part of the growth and development of Seminole State College during the past seven years.

"I have had the privilege of knowing Dr.

Fox as a friend and colleague for nearly 20 years. Dr. Fox is insightful, visionary and competent. He is an excellent college administrator who could assume the role of president at any time. I wish him well in this new endeavor," Utterback said.

SSC Trojans Place Third in World Series, Two Selected for All-Tournament Team

The Seminole State College Trojans finished the NJCAA "Juco" World Series third in the nation, with two players taking home top honors.

Cory Williamson of Seminole and Bryant Beaver of Henryetta were chosen as All-Tournament Team members in the 2004 Alpine Bank Junior College World Series.

Williamson was one of four outfielders selected for the All-Tourney outfielder.

Beaver was one of five infielders to be selected to the All-Tourney team.

Beaver also received the prestigious "Big Stick Award." The honor is given to the player with the highest batting average throughout the tournament who has a minimum 15 at bats. Beaver averaged .688, 11 of 16 at bats.

The Trojans' final match-up in the World Series came against Dixie State College of Utah. After nine complete innings, the Trojans lost to Dixie State, 12-9.

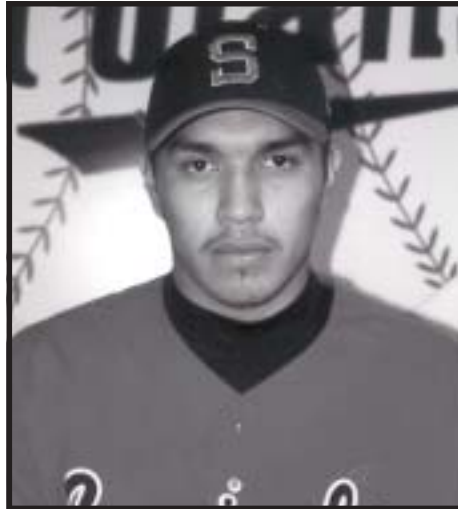
The Trojans were battling back through the loser's bracket after a heartbreaking 5-8 loss to San Jacinto College of North Texas in their first game of the Series.

The players rallied together as a team for a dramatic and exciting comeback, winning three straight games by run-rule decision.

The team defeated Grayson County College of Texas by 10-2, Potomac State College of West Virginia by 10-1 and Pensacola Junior College of Florida by 11-3.

The Trojans went undefeated in the Region II Tournament in Bartlesville and in the South Central District Series in Kansas City, Mo., to earn a trip to the World Series.

Along the way, SSC Head Coach Eric Myers picked up his second "Region II Coach of the Year" award.



Bryant Beaver



Cory Williamson



The 2004 SSC Trojan Baseball Team took home top honors as the Region II and South Central District Champions. The Trojans won the right to play in the NJCAA JUCO World Series in Grand Junction, Colo., where they placed third in the nation.

Congratulations Trojans!






Seminole State Volleyball


Fall 2004 Schedule

Date	Day	Opponent	Location	Time
Aug. 27-28	Fri. - Sat.	North Central Texas Tournament	Gainesville, TX	10:30
Sept. 1	Wed.	Northeastern Oklahoma	Miami, OK	6:00
Sept. 3	Fri.	Triangular Pratt vs. Richland	Seminole	12:30
		Univ. of AR vs. Richland		2:00
		Seminole vs. Pratt		3:30
		Univ. of AR vs. Pratt		4:00
		Richland vs. Seminole		5:30
Sept. 8	Mon.	U of Arkansas - Fort Smith	Fort Smith, AR	6:00
Sept. 10-11	Fri. - Sat.	Cowley County Tournament	Arkansas City, KS	TBA
Sept. 15	Wed.	Northern Oklahoma - Enid	Seminole	6:00
Sept. 18	Sat.	Triangular Independence vs. Grayson	Seminole	12:00
		Seminole vs. Independence		1:30
		Grayson vs. Seminole		3:00
Sept. 20	Mon.	Mid-America University	Moore	7:00
Sept. 23	Thurs.	Redlands Community College	Seminole	6:00
Sept. 25	Sat.	Triangular Seminole vs. Northern-Enid	Enid	11:00
		Northern-Enid vs. Frank Phillips		12:30
		Seminole vs. Frank Phillips		2:00
Sept. 27	Mon.	Independence CC	Independence, KS	6:30
Sept. 29	Wed.	U of Arkansas - Fort Smith	Fort Smith, AR	6:30
Oct. 2	Sat.	Grayson County CC	Denison, TX	2:00
Oct. 4	Mon.	Neosho County CC	Chanute, KS	6:00
Oct. 6	Wed.	U of Arkansas - Fort Smith	Seminole	6:00
Oct. 12	Tues.	Mid-America University	Seminole	6:00
Oct. 15-16	Fri. - Sat.	Florida Community College	Jacksonville, FL	TBA
Oct. 20	Wed.	Northern Oklahoma	Enid	6:00
Oct. 23	Sat.	Quadrangular Pratt Community College	Pratt, KS	TBA
		Longview College		
Oct. 25	Mon.	Northeastern Oklahoma A&M	Seminole	6:00
Oct. 28	Thurs.	Redlands Community College	El Reno	5:00
Nov. 5-6	Fri. - Sat.	Regional Tournament	Seminole	TBA
Nov. 22-24	Mon.-Wed.	NJCAA National Tournament	SWMO-West Plains	

Bold indicates conference match



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she has worked as the director of Title III, prior to that appointment she served as an academic counselor in the College's Admissions Office. Jacomo earned a bachelor of science from East Central University in 1985 and went on to earn a master's degree from ECU in 1987.

Brenda Cates, who has worked as a Student Support Services Advisor in the College's Federal TRIO Program since 1997 will serve as a counselor in the SSC Admissions area. Cates earned bachelor's and master's degrees in 2000 and 2002, respectively, from ECU.

Students who attend SSC continue to receive a quality education from outstanding instructors and exceptional academic programs.

Several of the College's faculty and staff members were honored in 2003-2004 by "Who's Who Among America's Teachers." To receive recognition, a teacher must be

nominated by former students who have been cited for academic excellence themselves in *Who's Who in American Junior Colleges* and *The National Dean's List*.

Who's Who Among America's Teachers 2004 honored only five percent of the nation's teachers.

SSC instructors and staff members honored in the publication included Science Instructor Larry Birdwell, Veterans Upward Bound Advisor Norma Gillespie, Social Sciences Instructor Pam Koenig, Chemistry Instructor Gerhard Laule, Associate Vice President for Business and Community Relations Lana Reynolds, Psychology Instructor Dr. Jacqueline Stewart, Social Sciences Division Chair Brad Walck and Social Sciences Instructor Dr. Richard Wood.

Two of the College's exceptional academic programs received top accreditation this past year.

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Science degree programs. An external evaluation team of consultants recommended with "unqualified continuation" for the maximum five-year period for the College's AAS in Business and Information Systems and AAS in Applied Technology programs.

The National League of Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC), Inc., and the Oklahoma Board of Nursing recommended their maximum accreditation to the Seminole State College Nursing Program following a site visit last year.

Although the fall term is underway and enrollment for regular semester classes has ended, the College will continue to offer mid-term and short-term courses throughout the coming months. The courses will be offered at times to accommodate working adults. The offerings will be announced throughout the semester.

For more information about SSC courses, contact the College's Admissions Office at (405) 382-9950 or view the College's website at www.ssc.cc.ok.us.

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ing the Enoch Kelly Haney Center available for classes and seminars.

This year, a goal was set for the program to provide 1,200 credit hours of instruction during the academic year. The goal was surpassed with an accumulation of 1,400 credit hours. The program's courses and seminars are coordinated by SSC Business and Industry Training Coordinator Carol Hartman.

Next, Utterback updated the Board on two sports recognitions. The SSC student-athletes collectively had a 3.15 grade-point-average, topping SSC's overall GPA of 2.82. The SSC Lady Trojan Softball team was recently recognized as the NJCAA's "Softball Academic Team of the Year" for their cumulative GPA of 3.57.

Utterback also noted that former SSC Trojan pitcher Eric Gagne, now with the Los Angeles Dodgers, was nominated for two ESPY Awards presented by ESPN. The awards were televised on Sunday, July 14, from Hollywood. Gagne won the "Best Record-Breaking Performance" category for his streak of consecutive "saves" in 84 performances. He was also nominated in the "Best

Major League Baseball Player" category, an honor won by Barry Bonds. Gagne, who was the recipient of the Cy Young Award in 2003, has become known as one of the most dominant closers in major league baseball.

Under the first item of business, the Regents elected new officers for the coming year. Ben Walkingstick of Chandler was elected chair; Derrill Cody of Norman as vice chair and David Wilson of Seminole as secretary. Cody presided over the meeting in Walkingstick's absence.

Next, the Regents approved a letter of engagement from BKD, LLP of Tulsa for the FY05 internal audit. BKD currently serves as the College's auditing firm. The approval will allow the College to continue services for the FY05 Internal Audit with BKD.

Next, the Board approved the purchase of student athletic insurance for the 2004-2005 academic year from two separate companies. Thirteen requests for proposals were sent out, but only three proposals were received.

Student Athletic Protection, Inc. was the lowest bid proposal for athletic injury insurance in the amount of \$73,000, with a \$500 disappearing deductible.

J. David Group of Companies Insurance Services was the lowest bid for Lifetime

Catastrophic Athletic Insurance in the amount of \$834, with a \$25,000 deductible.

The athletic insurance will be purchased by utilizing funds from Auxiliary and Educational/General accounts.

On the Consent Agenda, the Regents renewed an annual contract with Ramona Munsell & Associates, L.L.C. and accepted the resignation of Dr. N. Sean Fox, Vice President for Student Affairs. Fox leaves the College to accept a position with Ross University on the island of St. Kitt's in the Caribbean.

Before adjourning, Utterback recognized Fox for his contributions to the College.

"Dr. Fox's tenure at Seminole State College has accompanied tremendous growth and development of the institution. He has been an integral part of making good things happen at SSC. His leadership will be great missed."

Regent Cody echoed Utterback's comments. "We are going to miss you. From my perspective, you have done a wonderful job here. Their gain is our loss."

Members present at the July meeting were: Cody, Wilson, Jon Flowers, Roger Nansel and Huser. The next meeting is scheduled for: Aug. 26, 2004.