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New Community Service Center Opens in Seminole

Area residents have a new community service center thanks to the Seminole State College Educational Foundation.

A ribbon cutting was held on Wednesday, Sept. 22, at 10:30 a.m. for the center located at 229 North Second Street in Seminole.

The facility, located across the street from the Seminole Post Office, houses the partnership of East Central Workforce Development, *Workforce Oklahoma* and the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission, as well as the SSC Employment Readiness Program.

The location is designed to be a "one-stop-shop" for area residents needing assistance of job placement, unemployment services, training and education.

In May, the SSC Educational Foundation approved the purchase of the building in order to create the central location and authorized the leasing of the building to the service organizations.

"This was a unique opportunity for the Seminole State College Educational Foundation to serve the needs of the community and the College's students enrolled through the Employment Readiness Program," noted Sue Snodgrass, SSC Educational Foundation Chair.

SSC President Dr. Jim Utterback commended the Foundation's decision to purchase the building.

"The Foundation Trustees should be commended for their resolve and dedication in purchasing the facility for the community service center. With the creation of the service center, their commitment to helping SSC students in the College's Employment



A ribbon cutting was held in September for a new community service center located in Seminole. The SSC Educational Foundation purchased the building for the facility which will be a "one-stop-shop" for area residents needing employment assistance.

Readiness Program will also benefit the citizens of Seminole and the surrounding community who use these services as well," Utterback said.

Each of the offices has full-time staff members on location to serve clients.

East Central Workforce Development, the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission and *Workforce Oklahoma* partner together to provide free assistance in job searching, as well as help employers recruit potential employees.

Other services, such as interviewing, resumé writing, and career decision making, are also be provided free of charge.

The partnership helps administer programs and services under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) in order to provide a smooth transition to self-sufficiency and

economic stability.

"Our goal is to help displaced employees find new jobs or receive the education and training they need to re-enter the workforce," noted East Central Oklahoma Workforce Development, Inc., Executive Director Richard Brown.

"We have had tremendous success with 'one-stop-shop' service centers across the state of Oklahoma. By partnering with other service organizations, we are better able to meet the needs of the community and the people we serve," Brown said.

The Employment Readiness Program, ER for short, is designed to help educate Department of Human Services (DHS) welfare recipients and place them in productive jobs.

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SSC Hosts Response Seminar

In September, Seminole State College partnered with Louisiana State University, the Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security and the Oklahoma State Department of Health to educate area emergency personnel on the threat of biological terrorism.

SSC was one of only two locations in Oklahoma to host "Emergency Response to Domestic Biological Incidents" biomedical research and training academy.

Over 20 local emergency personnel attended the special academy.

"The academy provided valuable information to area emergency responders and local government officials so they may develop a plan of action to deal with potential bioterrorism in their communities," noted 1st Lt. Jeff Griffith, State of Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security Training Coordinator.

Griffith noted that participants received information regarding the nature of a biological attack, their potential for destruction and how to deal with such attacks.

"The course provided area officials with a balanced view of the risks and threats of biological attacks, as well as highlighted current strategies to counter the problem," he said.

Griffith stated that this was the first time the academy used distance learning technology to provide course information to rural locations across the nation. Each location was linked to live conferences via satellite throughout the week.

"Seminole State College's Enoch Kelly



Seminole State College Police Department Coordinator Dan Factor and Seminole County Sheriff Joe Craig took part in the "Emergency Response to Domestic Biological Incidents" academy held at Seminole State College. The College worked with Louisiana State University, the Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security and the Oklahoma State Department of Health to educate area emergency personnel on biological terrorism.

Center was the perfect location for the academy," Griffith noted. "The College's technology is on the cutting edge to facilitate this type of distance learning and training for the community."

Attendees were also able to participate in two interactive exercises that allowed them to work through a community response to bioterrorist incidents.

The SSC program was coordinated and

executed by the SSC Business and Industry Training and Management and Information Systems offices, under the direction of Business and Industry Training Coordinator Carol Hartman.

"We were honored to be a participating location in this unique program," noted SSC Associate Vice President of Business and

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SSC Student Groups Sponsor Mental Health Awareness Seminar

Seminole State College's Psi Beta Student Honor Society and Student Government Association teamed up with the National Alliance for the Mentally III (NAMI) to offer a Regional Mental Health Awareness Seminar, "In Our Own Voice" recently.

The free seminar was held in Foundation Hall of the Enoch Kelly Haney Center. The public was invited to attend.

The event covered mental health issues affecting the surrounding region and state.

Speakers for the event included Jeff Tallent, executive director of the Oklahoma Chapter of NAMI and Michelle Crocheron, NAMI Oklahoma Chapter Coordinator for "In Our Own Voice."

Moderating the event was Stepping Stones, Inc., Executive Director Karrie Utterback. Utterback also serves as the President of the NAMI Oklahoma Chapter. In 2002, she was inducted into the National Psi Beta Honor Organization for her contributions to the field of Psychology.

The NAMI Oklahoma Chapter works to improve the quality of life for children, adults and their families who are afflicted with a mental illness by providing support, education and advocacy services.



Stepping Stones, Inc., Executive Director and NAMI Oklahoma Chapter President Karrie Utterback served as moderator for the "In Our Own Voice" Regional Mental Health Awareness Seminar. The event was sponsored by SSC Psi Beta and Student Government Association.

SSC's Psi Beta sponsors several programs and activities on campus, and participates in community service projects throughout the academic year. Psi Beta is a

member of the Association of College Honor Societies and is an affiliate of the American Psychological Association and the American Psychological Society.

SSC Sponsors Area Services Fair



Seminole State College employees scooped ice cream at the College's eleventh annual "Area Services Fair."

Each year, the fair provides SSC students and faculty a chance to learn about goods and services available in the community and provides area businesses the opportunity to promote their products and services. As part of the "back-to-school" event, SSC faculty and staff serve free ice cream sundaes to SSC students.

Pictured: (*l-r*) Child Development Scholar Coordinator Carol Parker, Employment Readiness Instructor Teresa Bartosh, Science Instructor Lori Ellis-Eberhart and Admissions Counselor Cynthia Yerby,

Photo by Isaac Pearce

Long-Time SSC Employee Sue Carpenter Retires After 25 Years

SSC may stand for Seminole State College, but according to her friends, it can also stand for "Sweet Sue Carpenter."

On Sept. 30, the lady known as Sweet Sue, SSC switchboard and library clerk, gave a fond retirement farewell to a Seminole State, after more than a quarter of a century of service.

Carpenter started working at SSC more than 25 years ago as the secretary in the College special services program, an office similar to today's TRIO programs. Since that time, she has worn many hats for the College and has been located in almost every building on campus.

She has worked as financial aid secretary, bookstore clerk, communications clerk and now serves as the switchboard and library clerk. She has been housed in the Tanner Hall Administration Building, Raymond Harber Fieldhouse, Milt Phillips Music Building, E.T. Dunlap Student Union and the David L. Boren Library.

"I have worked in so many buildings across campus that my friends would often tease me," she said jokingly. "They'd say, 'Sue, before you know it, you'll be located in the Pavilion outside!'

"But it never bothered me. I have enjoyed working in the variety of offices on campus and working with different people. I have made lots of memories and friends here.

"Working at Seminole State College has been an enjoyable experience for me," Over the years, I have not met anyone I couldn't get along with. The people will be what I'll miss the most," she said.

Today, Carpenter works in the Library

and is usually the first voice callers hear when they dial the College's main line, 405-382-9950. She also distributes the College's mail and helps with library services.

"Leaving here will be bitter-sweet," she said. "I have worked so long with the goal of retiring that it is unbelievable that the time has finally come.

"There have been lots of changes to the campus over the years and I am proud to have been a part of the College's growth and expansion. I know I will see many of my friends in the community, plus I will finally get the chance to travel some with my husband, Frank,"

Carpenter and her husband of 31 years, Frank, plan to travel throughout the country, including Louisiana, Tennessee and then on to Alaska. They also plan to spend time with their daughters Kerri, 27, a teacher at Strother Elementary School, and Tricia, 25, a teacher at Wewoka Elementary School.

Traveling will be a new adventure for Carpenter who has lived in the Seminole area most all of her life. She was born Sue Franks, the only girl of six children. Her brothers are Jack Franks of Nashville, Tenn., the late Charles Franks of Denver, Colo., Dean Franks of Broken Arrow, Okla., Melvin Franks of Hennessey, Okla., and David Austin Franks, also of Hennessey.

She graduated from Vamoosa High School and attended Seminole "Junior" College before accepting her first position in special services.

She is a member of the Methodist Church in Konawa and has attended Highway Baptist Church north of Seminole.

"Sue will be greatly missed," noted SSC



Sue Carpenter

President Dr. Jim Utterback. "She has become a special part of Seminole State College campus.

"In her position as switchboard and library clerk, she has come in contact with almost every employee and student on campus. We will miss her fun-loving spirit and we wish her well in her future endeavors."

Carpenter has received several honors during her years at SSC. She was honored as the Seminole Chamber of Commerce Classified Staff Member of the Month and has served as the treasurer of the SSC Classified Staff Association. In April, she was recognized for her 25-years of service at the College's annual recognition banquet.

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Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) recipients enroll in classes and receive "employment readiness" training.

The Seminole State office provides

assistance in career training, mentoring and job-matching for SSC students who are eligible to participate.

The College has participated in the nationwide program since the summer of 1997.

For more information about the

Oklahoma Employment Security Commission and Workforce Oklahoma Seminole offices, contact 405-382-4670.

For more information about the SSC Employment Readiness Program, contact 405-382-9523.

SSC Students Recognized on Summer Honor Roll ———

Seminole State College has released the names of honor roll students for the 2004 summer semester. Two separate honor rolls recognize students for their academic achievements.

The President's Honor Roll is comprised of students who maintain a perfect 4.0 grade-point-average.

Students named to the Vice President's Honor Roll must have a 3.5 grade-point-average or better and no grade below a "C".

Students named to the President's Honor Roll include (listed by hometowns):

Ada: Sheila Miller Asher: Patrick Waldroup

Bowlegs: Elizabeth Haws; Keisha Mainord

Chandler: Jami Schevetto

Holdenville: Victoria Bowden; Janie Brewer; Robert Edmiston; Deborah Jefferson;

Dusti Upton; Jerry Wakeley Macomb: Candace White McLoud: Ronald Roberts Okemah: Justin Clanton Oklahoma City: Laura Bell Paden: B.Kirk Fipps

Prague: Kyle Fridrich; Sara Hessman; Lottie

Wann

Sasakwa: David Ellis

Seminole: Angel Adams; Dana Bateman; Janetta Berry; Jennifer Bond; Ryan Bunyan; Kristen Chandler; Carolyn Crenshaw; Cynthia Elizares; Daphne Harris; Chia Lee; Susan Mustafin; Patricia Nix; Melissa Pack; Dillon Pryor; Shayla Robertson; Tameria Rogers; Judy Scott; Alethea Shrum; Harold Sims; Susie Smith; Stephani Starr; Alison Templeton; Jeremy Tucker; Jaime Vanlandingham; Matthew Webb; William Williams; Timothy Yahola; Curtis Young

Shawnee: Brian Buchanan; Eric Davis; Barbara Decosier; Amber Green; Catherine Griffith; Nancy Johnson; Rebecca Redfield; Alisha Reynolds; Angela Seebeck; Carrie Stokes; Robert Stokes

Sparks: Colette Neely Stillwater: Kelly Shields

Tecumseh: Billy Buchanan; Amanda Holland; Jenny O'Dell; Lance Phelps; Rhonda Stafford; Matthew Vandeberghe

Wanette: Peggy Henderson Wellston: Rainy Odom Wetumka: Melissa Poole

Wewoka: Mary Barnett; Clyde James; Cindy Mitchell; Wanda Moyer; Lisa Phillips Students named to the Vice President's Honor Roll include (listed by hometowns):

Asher: Devon Saxon Chandler: Nicole Clark

Contagem, Brazil: Germana Hilario

Henryetta: Loretta Arnhart

Holdenville: Jessica Allen; Martha Long; Casey Martin; Jon Paslay; Joyce Watson;

Maud: Temple Carnes Mcloud: Tiffany Brochu Newalla: Angela Rose Okemah: Robin Smith

Prague: Amy Hancock; Saundra Streets; Joshua White

Seminole: Ashleigh Bartosh; Janis Belshe; Jeremy Foster; Jennifer Hale; Jennifer Kecskemety; Paula Mariott; Michelle Rice; Imogene Thomas; Steven Welch

Shawnee: Nathaniel Buchanan; Crystal Cole; Jaclyn Davis; Anthony Devilbiss; Charles Griffith; Jessica Jacobs; Hillary Lareau; Patricia Lee; Erin Lowrance; Debra Tucker; Tamalya Willoughby

Tecumseh: Jillian Hatley; Christina Irwin; Christy Sumlin

Wetumka: Jennifer Osborn

Wewoka: Kimberly Brown; Kim-Anh Le; Tristen Ross; Cynthia Tebe

SSC Featured on OETA Television Program



Seminole State College was featured on the OETA (Channel 13) Television Program "Candid Campus" on Monday, Sept. 20.

"Candid Campus" is a revitalized series featuring Oklahoma's public higher education institutions. The program is coordinated by the Higher Education Alumni Council of Oklahoma (HEACO).

SSC was featured in the "Institutional Partnerships" episode. The show highlighted the College's cooperative effort with the Seminole Economic Development Council and the Kiamichi Development Company to create the business incubator site for 4C OneNet Call Center in the Enoch Kelly Haney Center. Featured on the program were SSC President Dr. Jim Utterback (right) and Oklahoma Senator Harry Coates (left).

SSC Foreign Studies Trip to England, Ireland and Wales Planned

The Seminole State College Foreign Studies Program returned from a successful trip to Italy this summer and is preparing for the 2005 Trip to England, Ireland and Wales.

The 2005 trip to England, Ireland and Wales is set for June 18, 2005 and will last eleven days. The cost for the trip varies from \$2,366 to \$2635, depending on age and sleeping arrangements.

The cost of the trip includes all transportation, the tour, transfers, tips, two meals a day, tuition and fees. Participants will be 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.

The 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. Those under 18 can participate in the trip if accompanied by a parent.

The program will take a maximum of 34 people to London, Oxford, Stratford, North Wales and Dublin. Already 12 people have signed up for the 2005 trip.

The 2005 trip will be the program's eighth 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." The trips are designed to give participants a hands-on understanding of



2004 SSC Foreign Studies participants pose for a picture in Italy. The 2005 trip will travel to England, Ireland and Wales.

cultures, art and history. Past trips visited Mexico, Italy, Greece, France, Scotland and England.

SSC Language Arts and Humanities Division Chair Kelly Kirk noted the 2004 trip to Italy was a success. The program took 38 travelers, a record number of participants, to Italy for 12 days.

Participants toured "The Best of Italy," including the cities of Rome, Florence, Venice, Assisi, and Pompeii, as well as the island of Capri.

"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."

"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."

For additional 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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Community Relations Lana Reynolds. "As a community college, we strive to provide educational and training opportunities to our service area.

"The knowledge gained through this academy will benefit the surrounding community for years to come."

The academy was coordinated by the National Center for Biomedical Research and Training (NCBRT), a component of the Louisiana State University system.

The NCBRT includes elements from the Academy of Counter-Terrorist Education, LSU School of Veterinary Medicine, and the LSU Health Science Centers

The NCBRT is also a primary component of the LSU National Center for Security Research and Training, which is made up of the Anti-Terrorism Assistance Program, the Law Enforcement Training Program, the Fire and Emergency Training Institute and Law Enforcement Online.

Seminole was selected for participation in the program through the efforts of Rick Matthews with LSU.

Mathews, formerly of Seminole, now serves as an assistant director at the NCBRT.

SSC Baseball Alumni Return for Annual Reunion

Current and former members of the Seminole State College baseball team gathered in Seminole on Sept. 24 and 25, to kick off the Trojans' annual alumni festivities. The event was moved up a month from past years to avoid bad weather conditions that curtailed ballgames and contests.

The annual alumni weekend featured a number of activities such as baseball scrimmages, an open golf tournament and a homerun contest. Festivities concluded on Saturday evening with the traditional "Trojan Baseball Alumni Banquet" at the Enoch Kelly Haney Center.

Trojan alumni activities began on Friday with the 17th Annual Trojan Open Golf Tournament. The tournament was held at the Jimmie Austin Golf Course in Seminole.

Proceeds from the tournament benefit the SSC Baseball Booster Club.

Hole sponsorships were available for the golf tournament. Hole sponsors for the event included: Clausings Feed Store; Columbus Oil; First United Bank; State Farm Insurance, Neil Craig; Jim & Donna Hardin; Hooten Oil; Mills Well Service; Ronnie Allison Trucking; Oklahoma Liquified Gas; National Petrochem; Tiger Trucks; L&L Awards & Trophies; James McAlvain; Phil Neill, CPA; Phelps Title; Lana Reynolds; Security State Bank; Seminole Ford; and Dr. James Utterback

At 2 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, alumni squared off against the 2004-2005 SSC players.

On Saturday, a "Kids of Alumni" Hitting Contest began at noon and an alumni homerun-hitting contest was held at 1 p.m. The public was admitted to both games and the contest without charge.

The weekend festivities concluded with the banquet, which featured special speaker Lloyd "Zero" Simmons. Simmons served as the SSC Trojans Head Coach for more than a quarter of a century before retiring in 2001.





Several 2003-04 Baseball players received recognition during the Trojan Baseball Alumni Reunion. Cody Merrell (left) was recognized as an All-American and Bryant Beavers received the "Big Stick" award for having the highest batting average at the National "JUCO" World Series. The awards were presented by SSC Head Baseball Coach Eric Myers.



Former SSC Head Baseball Coach Lloyd "Zero" Simmons was a special speaker at the 2004 Trojan Baseball Alumni Reunion. Simmons retired from SSC in 2001.

SEMINOLE STATE COLLEGE

New Classes Starting Soon!

SEMINOLE STATE COLLEGE is offering several short-term and weekend courses starting in October, November and December. Now is your chance to earn college credit in a shorter period of time. The following courses are offered at a variety of times and in several different divisions. *To enroll, contact the Seminole State College Office of Admissions at 405-382-9950.*

8 Week Courses

Anthropology

American Multiculturalism through Film ANTH 2103 01 1 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., T/TH, Oct. 12-Dec. 13 MUS 104

Instructor: Pam Koenig

Health, Physical Education and Recreation

Wellness and Human Development HPER 1012 09 Noon – 1:50 p.m., MWF, Oct. 13-Dec. 13 Roesler Instructor: Staff

Humanities

American Multiculturalism through Film HUM 2103 01 1 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., T/TH, Oct. 12-Dec. 13 MUS 104

Instructor: Pam Koenig

Psychology

General Psychology PSY 1113 02 1 p.m. – 4 p.m., MW, Oct. 12-Dec. 13 MUS 101 Instructor: Tracy Jacomo

Sociology

Introduction to Sociology SOC 1113 09 1 p.m. – 4 p.m., T/TH, Oct. 12-Dec. 13 MUS 101 Instructor: Tracy Jacomo

Business and Industry and Weekend Courses

Art

Art History – Survey I ART 1153 03 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 6, 13, 20, Dec. 4, 11 Boren Library 100 Instructor: John Bartos

Business Administration

Business Mathematics BA 1733 05 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 6, 13, 20, Dec. 4, 11 Colclazier 105 Instructor: Dana Taylor

Business Communications
BA 2233 01
8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 6, 13, 20,
Dec. 4, 11
Coclazier 101
Instructor: Joy Epperley

<u>Child Development</u> Observing & Recording

CD 2551 6 p.m -10 p.m., TH, Oct. 14, 21, 28, Nov. 4 Tanner Hall 101 Instructor: Denny Debter

Planning a Safe Environment CD 2541 6 p.m.-10 p.m., TH, Nov. 11, 18, Dec. 2, 9 Tanner Hall 101 Instructor: Denny Debter

Computer Training

MS Excel BI 1091 6 p.m.-9:30 p.m., MW, Nov. 1, 3, 8, 10 Haney Center 117 Instructor: Edna Bhatti

MS Outlook

BI 1151 6 p.m.-9:30 p.m., MW, Oct. 18, 20, 25, 27 Haney Center 117 Instructor: Edna Bhatti

Office 2000 Advanced Level BI 1141 6 p.m.-9:30 p.m., MW, Nov. 29, Dec. 1, 6, 8 Haney Center 117 Instructor: Edna Bhatti

Criminal Justice

Crime Scene Investigation CJ 2441 8 a.m.-5 p.m., MT, Nov. 8, 9 Haney Center Lecture Hall Instructor: Doug Parker

History

American History from 1965-Present HIST 1493 08 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 6, 13, 20, Dec. 4, 11 Haney Center 102 Instructor: Joe Meinhart

Special Interest

Parents, Children & Divorce 6 p.m.-9 p.m., Thursday, Oct 28 Haney Center 205 Instructor: Kathye Easley

Parents, Children & Divorce 6 p.m.-9 p.m., TH, Dec. 9 Haney Center 205 Instructor: Kathye Easley