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Local group attends Higher Ed Day

A large delegation of campus and community leaders representing Seminole State College attended "Higher Education Day" at the State Capitol, Tuesday, March 9.

The event, sponsored by the Higher Education Alumni Council of Oklahoma and the Oklahoma Student Government Association, is held annually to express support for Higher Education funding.

The theme for this year's event was "An Investment in Higher Education is an Investment in the State of Oklahoma."

A morning session was held in the chamber of the Oklahoma House of Representatives. Speakers included Oklahoma Governor Brad Henry, Representative Bill Nations, Representative Larry Adair, Senator Cal Hobson, and President of the Higher Education Alumni Council of Oklahoma Dr. Carlos Johnson.

The Higher Education Day activities included a luncheon, allowing the participants an opportunity to visit with their state legislators.

Left to right:

(front row) Neil Molleur Leadership Scholar Holly Moore of Shawnee;

(second row) SSC Student Government Association President Ellinda McKinney-Jones of Shawnee, SSC Nursing Instructor Pam Jackson;

(third row) Representative Dan Boren, SSC Nursing Instructor Donna Chambers;

(fourth row) Neil Molleur Leadership Scholar Leslie Goddard of Seminole; SSC Belles Basketball Player and Neil Molleur Leadership Scholar Brooke Kinslow of Prague; SSC President Dr. Jim Utterback, SSC Admissions Counselor Cynthia Yerby;

(fifth row) SSC Business and Community Relations Secretary Cindy Guinn, Student Government Association Officer Sheralyn Stewart of Shawnee, SSC Belles Basketball Player and Neil Molleur Leadership Scholar Valerie Boothe of McAlester, Seminole Nation Chief Ken Chambers;

(sixth row) SSC Regent and BancFirst



President Roger Nansel, Jasmine Moran Children's Museum Executive Director Marci Donaho; Phi Theta Kappa Honor Student Kiley Alzin of Seminole, SSC Nursing Instructor Valerie Watts, SSC Science Instructor and Faculty Senate President Richard Walcott, SSC Student Government and Phi Chi Sigma Epsilon Veteran's Association President David Voyles;

(seventh row) Seminole County Treasurer Jim Hardin; SSC Language Arts and Humanities Division Chair Kelly Kirk, SSC Nursing Division Chair Nina Kirk; Kiamichi Development Company Chief Operating Officer Charles Cayton, Stepping Stones Executive Director Karrie Utterback;

(eighth row) Canadian Valley Electric Co-Op Power Marketing Manager Bob

Weaver, SSC Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Sean Fox, SSC Vice President for Fiscal Affairs Katherine Benton, Rural Enterprises, Inc., Director Dr. Barbara Rackley, ClassRoll.com Consultant Kay Walck;

(ninth row) Central Oklahoma Technology Consortium Coordinator Dale Donaho, Seminole Economic Development Council Representative Jenny Morgan; TS&H Shirt Company Owner and SSC Educational Foundation Chair Sue Snodgrass, Stepping Stones Medical Services Coordinator Lisa Schoaps, Landers & Musgrove Oil Contractor Philip Landers, SSC Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Rebecca Kennedy, SSC Associate Vice President for Business and Community Relations Lana Reynolds and SSC Social Sciences Division Chair Brad Walck.

Regents Convene for March Meeting

At their March meeting, the Seminole State College Board of Regents approved an increase in room and board charges, an internal audit report, and the purchase of computers using a federal grant.

During the President's Report to the Regents, Dr. James W. Utterback updated the Board on Legislative issues, student recognitions, conference presentations and upcoming activities.

Utterback informed the Regents of a recent article written by Oklahoma Senator Harry Coates. The article ran in the Seminole Producer and as a guest editorial in the Shawnee News-Star. The article highlighted the Senator's visit with College representatives during Higher Education Day at the Capitol and noted the College's efforts to bring new businesses to Seminole.

He also told the Board that the state's general appropriations bill has been passed and signed by governor. The College is expected to receive relatively the same level of funding as last year.

Utterback also informed the Regents about the possible \$500 million Higher Education Construction Bond Issue to be used to renovate the state's higher education institution's aging infrastructure. If approved, SSC could receive \$6.5 million for campus improvements and renovations.

The president also informed the Regents of recent student recognitions. Utterback reported to the Board that the College's chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society was named a "5 Star Chap-

ter," the highest rating for any chapter.

Several SSC students, who are involved with the PTK organization, also received honors at the organization's Oklahoma/Arkansas Regional Convention held in Little Rock, Ark. Dionne Tedrick, a sophomore from Earlsboro, Okla., received "Outstanding Chapter President" honors; Sarah Crouch, a sophomore from Bethel received the "Vice President of Fellowship" award; and Eddie Kirkendall, a sophomore from Ada received "Outstanding Chapter Officer" award.

Crouch and Kirkendall were also honored at the Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges Conference in early March as part of the All-Oklahoma Academic Team.

Other student honors included Kristen Dossey, a freshman from Shawnee, who was selected for the Nigh Institute Leadership Academy held at the Capitol in late February.

Members of the men's and women's basketball teams received honors at the NJCAA Region II Tournament. Trojan Kelly Smith of Oklahoma City received All-Conference Bi-State West First Team and All-Region Second Team honors. Trojan Darold Crow of Lubbock, Texas was named to the Second Team Bi-State West and Belle basketball player Tamala Turner of West Memphis, Ark., received All-Conference Bi-State West First Team, All-Region Second Team and Region II All-Tournament Team honors.

Utterback also informed the Regents of several conference presentations made by SSC employees.

Utterback and Associate Vice President of Business and Community Relations Lana Reynolds recently were asked to give a presentation in San Francisco, Calif., on the "Role of Two-Year Colleges in Economic Development."

English Instructor Rachel Jackson presented at the OACC Conference in Poteau, Okla., on "Modeling Democracy in the Classroom and Liberating Students to Participate in their Educations."

Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Rebecca Kennedy, Assessment of Student Learning Coordinator Larry Vickers and Social Sciences Instructor Pam Koenig will make a presentation on "Developing and Sustaining a Culture of Assessment – How Do We Know It's a Three-Pound Ham?" at the national conference in the North Central Association Higher Learning Commission in Chicago.

Utterback also informed the Regents of several upcoming events including the Boren-Coates Invitational Golf Tournament to be held on Friday, April 23, the College's annual Spring Recognition Banquet on Tuesday, May 4 and the annual graduation exercises on Saturday, May 15.

Under the first item of Business, the Regents approved an increase in room and board charges, effective for Fall, 2004. The current room and board rates are \$2055 per semester for the Roesler Residential Learning Center and \$1900 for the Sarkey's Resi-

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Utterback, Reynolds Speak on Economic Development

Seminole State College officials were invited to speak about "The Role of Two-Year Colleges in Economic Development" at a national conference last month in San Francisco.

Dr. Jim Utterback, President and Lana Reynolds, Associate Vice President for Business and Community Relations, made the presentation at the "Innovations 2004" conference sponsored by the League of Innovation. The League, an international consortium of more than 700 institutions, works to improve community colleges through innovation, experimentation and institutional transformation.

The workshop presentation by Utterback and Reynolds highlighted Seminole State College's activities in the area of economic development and business training. With economic development as a key function in SSC's mission, as approved by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, the College began developing a Business and Industry Training Program four years ago. Efforts in this area were expanded with the completion of a new training and community facility - the Enoch Kelly Haney Center - in 2002.

Utterback and Reynolds also discussed the College's response to the announcement of the layoffs at Seminole's Wrangler/VF Jeanswear plants last fall. Included in the response were a series of special events and workshops hosted at the College to assist the displaced workers. A Town Hall Meeting, "Services Fair," "Job Fair" and "Service of Hope" were among the major events held in the Haney Center for the Wrangler employees.

Additionally, the College partnered with other educational and service agencies to present entrepreneurial seminars and specialized training workshops.

Conference attendees were also told about the establishment of a temporary re-employment center at SSC, as well as the College's role in recruiting and providing temporary incubator space for a new call center business.



Dr. Jim Utterback



Lana Reynolds

Reynolds said, "The College has been able to coordinate the efforts by agencies and organizations offering assistance to the workers affected by the recent layoffs. We also have played an instrumental role in bringing jobs to Seminole. Many communities across the nation can identify with our story of a rural community facing economic challenges due to the loss of manufacturing jobs.

"There were many questions and much interest in our presentation from conference attendees from California to North Carolina, as well as from Canada. This conference was a great opportunity for all of us to share ideas on how our colleges can better provide training and services to improve the economic climate of our respective areas," she said.

According to Utterback, interest in the rural economic development topic was heightened due to President George Bush's 2004 "State of the Union" comments concerning the importance of utilizing community colleges in economic development efforts.

He added that Governor Brad Henry's recent EDGE (Economic Development Generating Excellence) project has focused statewide attention on partnerships between the Oklahoma Department of Commerce and

Higher Education designed to improve the economic climate of the state.

Utterback added, "Time and again, we have worked with the City, the Chamber and the Seminole Economic Development Council, in visiting with prospective businesses and offering our resources to build existing businesses. As a college, we are proud to be a part of these efforts - both on the local and state levels."

Utterback, who is beginning his eighth year as President of Seminole State College, has presented at national and international conferences speaking on subjects related to student development, campus violence and legal issues in higher education.

He has established a strong record of civic involvement and community service having served as President of the Seminole Chamber of Commerce, on the executive board of the Jasmine Moran Children's Museum, as a member of the Seminole Rotary Club, and as a founding member of the Seminole Economic Development Council.

Utterback's involvement in economic

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Chamber Honors SSC Personnel

Two Seminole State College employees were honored for their outstanding dedication and work during April's Chamber of Commerce Monthly Forum. Marta Osby, Social Sciences Instructor, and Mary Higgins, Accounts Payable Clerk, were recognized as "Educator and Staff Member" of the month.

The Seminole Chamber of Commerce recognizes SSC employees during Forum twice each year. Individuals are nominated from across the campus and chosen by SSC administrators, chairpersons and other directors of campus services to receive the honor.

Marta Osby was recognized as the "Educator of the Month." The award is sponsored by the local Lions Club and Chamber of Commerce Education Committee.

Osby earned a Bachelor of Science in Education degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1993. She went on to earn a Master of Arts in Education with honors from the University of Central Oklahoma in 1995.

Osby began teaching in 1997 as an adjunct history instructor for Seminole State College and Oklahoma City Community College. In 2000, she joined the SSC faculty full-time.

For the College, Osby teaches "American History to the Civil War" and "American National Government." She also serves as a sponsor for the SSC Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. Under her direction, the SSC organization recently won Hallmark awards in Leadership and Fellowship at a



Marta Osby

regional conference.

She was recently honored as "Who's Who Among America's Teachers 2004."

Osby is a member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Oklahoma City, where she is a Sunday school teacher and member of the financial and administrative committees. She is the daughter of Harold and Georgann Osby of Oklahoma City.

Mary Higgins was selected as the College's "Staff Member of the Month." The award is presented as a joint project of the Chamber's Education Committee and Century 21 Blue Ribbon Realty of Seminole.

Higgins earned her Associate of Applied Science in Accounting degree from Seminole



Mary Higgins

State College in May, 2000.

In September, 2000, she began working for the College in the Business Office as an accounting clerk coordinating purchase orders and travel reimbursements. Recently, she was promoted to Accounts Payable Clerk, and is responsible for coordinating payments to vendors. She also serves as the treasurer for the College's Classified Staff Association.

Higgins is a member of the First Baptist Church of Tecumseh. She and her husband Wesley make their home in Tecumseh. They have two children: a son, Matthew, a senior at the University of Oklahoma, and a daughter, Sarah, a junior at OU.

SSC Students Selected for USAA Honors

The United States Achievement Academy recognized the academic achievements of nine Seminole State College students in the Collegiate All-American Scholar Awards Program.

SSC students, Cindy Daily of Hominy, Darletta Hinds of Maud, Virginia Little of Seminole, Lilah

Newkirk of Seminole, Mistin Ray of Prague, Jami Schevetto of Chandler, Lee Travis of Holdenville, Crystal Wattles of Shawnee and Lisa Wisbauer of Ada, will be included in the Academy's Collegiate All-American Scholar yearbook and will be eligible to apply for an USAA non-profit scholarship grant totaling up to \$1,500 to

be used toward their education.

The students were nominated by SSC Psychology Instructor Dr. Jacqueline Stewart. To be accepted into the awards program, the students must have at least a 3.3 grade-point-average and exhibit a well-balanced schedule of academics and extracurricular activities.

SSC Students Inducted Into Psi Beta National Honor Society

Sixteen Seminole State College students were inducted into the Psi Beta National Psychology Honor Society recently.

Students inducted were:

Cinda Dailey of Hominy, Leslie Goddard of Seminole, Sarah Hausner of Cushing, Darletta Hinds of Maud,

Carrol Hoover of Holdenville, James Johnson of Wetumka, Virginia Little of Seminole, Lilah Newkirk of Seminole,

Mistin Ray of Prague, Jami Schevetto of Chandler, Kevin Schilling of Meeker, Kristee Seele of Wetumka, Amber Teafatiller of Tecumseh, Lee Travis of Holdenville,

Crystal Wattles of Shawnee, and Lisa Wisbauer of Ada.

To become members of the honor society, the students must have had an overall GPA of 3.0 and at least a "B" average in psychology. They must also have completed at least 12 semester hours including one semester of a psychology or a psychology-based course.

Dr. Jacqueline Stewart, SSC psychology instructor, currently serves as the faculty advisor to the chapter.

The organization provides opportunities to present research papers at regional meetings, attend national meetings and compete for national awards. Psi Beta chapters



Sixteen Seminole State College students were inducted into the National Psi Beta Honor Society. Attending the induction ceremony included: (Front row, l-r) Cinda Dailey of Hominy, Virginia Little of Seminole, Lilah Newkirk of Seminole, Lisa Wisbauer of Ada and SSC Psychology Instructor Dr. Jacqueline Stewart. (Back row, l-r) Mistin Ray of Prague, Crystal Wattles of Shawnee, Darletta Hinds of Maud, Lee Travis of Shawnee, Jamie Schevetto of Chandler and SSC Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Sean Fox. Photo by Isaac Pearce.

also sponsor programs, activities and participation in community service projects.

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.



Picture Perfect...

Charles Johnston rehanges the photograph of son Jeff Johnston in the Jeff Johnston Fine Arts Center after having the frame refurbished. The Fine Arts Center is named after the late Jeff Johnston of Seminole who died in a car accident in 1982. Jeff Johnston served in the Oklahoma House of Representatives from 1974-1978 and the Oklahoma Senate from 1978-1982. The Jeff Johnston Fine Arts Center, completed in 1984, features two classrooms, a large stage and an audience seating area.

SSC's PTK Wins Awards

Seminole State College's Alpha Theta Nu chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society recently brought home several chapter and individual awards from the Oklahoma/Arkansas Regional Convention held in Little Rock, Ark.

Out of a possible 38 chapters who entered, SSC's Alpha Theta Nu was awarded second in the Leadership Hallmark and third in the Fellowship Hallmark. The chapter also received recognition as a five star chapter for participation in all four PTK Hallmarks.

Individual PTK members also received recognition as one of the top five in their categories, in the region. SSC sophomore Dionne Tedrick of Earlsboro took home an award for Outstanding Chapter President; SSC sophomore Sarah Crouch of Bethel won the Vice President of Fellowship award; SSC sophomore Eddie Kirkendall of Ada received the Outstanding Chapter Officer award and SSC Social Sciences Instructor Pam Koenig was recognized for her seven years of service as Chapter Advisor. Koenig is retiring as advisor at the end of the Hallmark year. SSC Instructors Rachel Jackson and Marta Osby will serve as the chapter's advisors.

The international organization's four areas of chapter concentration are the Hallmarks of Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Fellowship. At the regional level, five chapter awards are granted in each of these four categories, based on chapter activities and award entry presentations.

The leadership category recognizes the involvement of officers and members in leadership roles not only in their own chapters, but in the college and community. The fellowship category emphasizes the relationship between the chapter and other Phi Theta Kappa chapters and the importance of fostering a sense of fellowship on their own campus.

The College's chapter leadership and fellowship activities for the year included a campus-wide project to inform the student body about the importance of assessment.

Members and officers also collected food and monetary donations for a fellow student whose home was destroyed by fire and gathered toys to send to children in impover-



SSC sophomore Dionne Tedrick of Earlsboro (pictured right) took home an award for Outstanding Chapter President.



SSC sophomore Eddie Kirkendall of Ada (pictured right) received the Outstanding Chapter Officer award.



SSC sophomore Sarah Crouch of Bethel (pictured right) won the Vice President of Fellowship award.



SSC Social Sciences Instructor Pam Koenig (pictured right) was recognized for her seven years of service as Chapter Advisor.

ished countries for Operation Christmas Child.

The chapter also collected, signed and mailed Christmas cards to U.S. military personnel serving around the world for Operation Christmas Card. The chapter hosted a viewing of the Phi Theta Kappa Satellite Seminar, "Heads v. Feds," which focused on the current Honors Study Topic, "Dimensions and Directions of Health."

During the past year, the chapter continued its commitment to the International

Service Project, the American Cancer Society. The group participated in several cancer-awareness activities, including the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, as well as distributed QuitKits and other smoking cessation information. Members also distributed breast cancer awareness flyers and hosted a cancer awareness forum.

For more information about the SSC PTK honor society, contact chapter advisors Osby at (405) 382-9206 and Jackson at (405) 382-274.

SSC Basketball Players Receive Region II Honors



Tamala Turner

Members of the men's and women's basketball teams received honors at the NJCAA Region II Tournament in March.

Trojan Kelly Smith of Oklahoma City received All-Conference Bi-State West First Team and All-Region Second Team honors.

Trojan Darold Crow of Lubbock, Texas was named to the Second Team Bi-State West.

Belle basketball player Tamala Turner of West Memphis, Ark., received All-Conference Bi-State West First Team, All-Region Second Team and Region II All-Tournament Team honors.



Kelly Smith



Darold Crow

Check Out SSC Softball Home Games!

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Tues.	Apr. 20	Northern	2:00 & 4:00 pm
Thurs.	Apr. 22	NEO	2:00 & 4:00 pm
Sat.	Apr. 24	Connors	2:00 & 4:00 pm
Tues.	Apr. 27	Eastern	2:00 & 4:00 pm

May 7-9	Region II Tournament	McAlester	TBA
May 20-22	National Tournament	Clermont, FL	TBA

Trojan Baseball... Rounding the Bases



Seminole State College Trojan Baseball Player Bryant Beaver of Henryetta, Okla., makes a trip around the bases at a recent home game. The Trojans stand at 18-12 for the season. *Photos by Isaac Pearce.*

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dence Hall. The approved proposal will allow the rates to increase to \$2158 per semester for Roesler and \$1995 for Sarkey's.

"We are recommending these increases due to the rise of mandatory costs, such as food and utilities," Utterback told the Board. Utterback also informed the board that the five percent increase in rates will remain com-

petitive with other colleges in the state.

Next, the Regents approved an internal audit report by BKD, LLD. The College received a positive review of miscellaneous claims and credit card purchases.

The Regents then approved the purchase of thirteen computers for the Nursing and Health Sciences Division utilizing funds from federal nursing grants. Nine computers will be purchased through the

Workforce Development Grant at a cost of \$9,891. The remaining four computers will be purchased through the Fast Track Nursing Grant at a cost of \$4,063.

SSC Board members present at the March meeting were Chair Dale Nichols, Jon Flowers, Roger Nansel, Ben Walkingstick, and David Wilson.

The next meeting is scheduled for: May 18, 2004.

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development efforts includes his work in Kansas while he was Dean of Students at Dodge Community College. He served on the Legislative Committee of the Chamber of Commerce and was a member of the Board of the Dodge City / Ford County Economic Development Corporation and the local Business-Education Roundtable.

He is active in state higher education organization and has served as Co-chair of the Council of Presidents' Legislative Committee. He currently serves as Chair of the Council of Two-Year College Presidents, and Secretary-Treasurer of the Council of Presidents

for the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education.

Having been connected to SSC for the past two decades, Reynolds' responsibilities at the College include oversight of the Public Relations area and the Business and Industry Training Program – a Division she helped create in 1998.

Active in various community, civic and professional organizations, she is a Past President of the Seminole Chamber of Commerce and Seminole Rotary Club. She Chairs the Seminole Tourism Council, and is on the Board of Directors for the Mid-Central Oklahoma Chapter of the American Red Cross. Reynolds is a founding Board member of the

Jasmine Moran Children's Museum in Seminole, and currently serves as President of the Museum's governing board. She is also on the Board of the Oklahoma Christian University Foundation.

Reynolds is Past Chair of the Oklahoma State Regents Communicators Council and Past President of the Oklahoma College Public Relations Association. She is a member of the Oklahoma State Regents Economic Development Council and Leadership Oklahoma. She was selected in 1991 as Seminole's "Citizen of the Year" and in 2000 was named one of the Journal Record's "50 Women Making a Difference" in the state of Oklahoma.

SSC Hosts First Americans, First Oklahomans Exhibit

Seminole State College hosted the traveling exhibit *First Americans, First Oklahomans: Indian Peoples* during March. The exhibit was featured in the Enoch Kelly Haney Center on the SSC campus.

The *First Americans* exhibit included photographic images, reproductions of paintings, and documents from major collections, including the Oklahoma Historical Society, University of Oklahoma Western History Collections, the National Museum of the American Indian, the National Museum of American Art and other Smithsonian museums.

The *First Americans* exhibit travels the state as part of TRACKS traveling exhibits. TRACKS is a project of the Oklahoma Humanities Council, funded with support from Sonic, America's Drive-In, the Union Pacific Foundation, the Kirkpatrick Family Fund and the National Endowment for the Humanities. The SSC Title III Program is sponsored the exhibit at the SSC campus.



SSC Social Sciences Instructor Pam Koenig and members of her Western Civilization class Lindsay Hardin of Seminole, Susan Hudgins of Tecumseh, Kiley Azlin of Seminole and Lee Travis of Shawnee helped assemble the "First Americans, First Oklahomans: Indian Peoples" exhibit. The First Americans exhibit was on display in the SSC Enoch Kelly Haney Center in March.