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SSC receives grant for Book Rental Program

Seminole State College received a \$300,000 federal grant to implement a new textbook rental program that kicked off in 2010. Out of the 30 grants funded nationwide, SSC was one of six who received the full amount and the only institution in the state of Oklahoma to receive the grant.

SSC plans to use the FIPSE (Funding for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education) grant to provide students with another option when it comes to textbook expenses.

“Our goal is to make the book rental program a permanent part of the SSC Bookstore operations. We are thrilled that a portion of the money could be used to hire a coordinator to head the program,” said Katherine Benton, Vice-President for Fiscal Affairs.

Angelina Wind has been hired

as the Seminole State College Textbook Rental Coordinator to lead the book rental program. Wind graduated with a degree in business administration from Seminole State College in 1999 and received a bachelor of science degree in marketing from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater in 2002.

She has extensive work experience in retail sales management. Since 2006, she has been employed as an advertising representative for *The Seminole Producer*.

According to Benton, students will be able to rent textbooks cheaper than buying used books.

This will help cut down expenses



Angelina Wind, SSC Textbook Rental Coordinator

es for students and give them an extra option when shopping for their books. Students can generally rent a textbook for approximately one-third the cost of a new textbook.

“This program will be starting off slowly, as recommended, and will first incorporate the general education courses that all the students take,” said Benton.

New Student Services Center Open for Spring Enrollment



Seminole State College's new Student Services Center located near the southeast edge of campus on the site of the former tennis courts was open for enrollment following the holiday break.

The new 16,600 square-foot Student Services Building at Seminole State College, designed as a one-stop enrollment center, opened to serve students enrolling for the Spring, 2010 term on Jan. 4

Open Enrollment for the spring semester at Seminole State College will continue until Jan. 15.

Class schedules detailing course offerings are available on the College's website at www.sscok.edu.

Seminole State College Enrollment reaches an all-time record

The Seminole State College Board of Regents learned that the College has reached an all-time high in enrollment this fall when they convened for their December meeting.

During his President's Report, Dr. Jim Utterback informed the Board that enrollment has reached an all-time high of 2,443 – a 20 percent increase over fall of 2008.

Utterback also gave the board updates about the college's new textbook rental program, the recent Higher Learning Commission visit, campus construction and discussed 2010 board meeting dates.

Utterback reported that the College had received the highest possible recommendations from the Higher Learning Commission of North Central Colleges consultant-evaluators who visited the campus in late October.

"We had a glowing visit. The team said that what they saw going on here was unprecedented at any small college in the nation that they have visited," he said.

The President informed the Board that the college received the official "certificate of occupancy" for the newly constructed Student

As their first action item, the Regents reviewed and approved the College's contract with Suzie Brewster & Associates for consulting services in Washington, D.C. Utterback told the Board that Brewster & Associates has been successful over the last several years working on the College's behalf to secure supplemental federal funding.

The next action item addressed a revision to Board Policy II-4-16 regarding retirement.

The policy was revised in March,

2009 to include information on the institution's retirement incentive. Utterback explained that since that time, the question has arisen about the need to specify minimum years of service at Seminole State College before an employee can take advantage of this policy. After soliciting input on this matter from the Faculty Senate, Professional Staff Council and Classified Staff Association, the President said he was proposing the addition of a requirement of at least nine and one-half years of service at Seminole State College, before an employee may take advantage of the retirement incentive. The revision was approved by the Board.

Members present at the meeting were Jon Flowers, Chair; Bill Huser, Marci Donaho, Jeff Miller, David Wilson and Marilyn Bradford.

Seminole State College Talent Show winners named



Pictured from l-r is Roderick Ward, from Weleetka; Nick Johnson, from Heneryetta; Addisun Austin, from McCloud; and Paige Hannabass, from Okemah.

From dancing Lady Trojans to singers and comics, the Seminole State College Student Government

Association Talent Show featured a variety of acts and talent.

Held Dec. 7, in the Enoch Kelly Haney Center, the contest awarded first through third place cash prizes in the form of gift cards from local merchants.

Taking first place in the competition was Paige Hannabass, from Okemah, signing vocals with guitar. Addisun Austin, from McCloud, and Nick Johnson, from Heneryetta, placed second with a vocal duet. Roderick Ward, from Weleetka, placed third with a vocal, guitar and harmonica set.

The Seminole State College Elite Dance Team and Dr. Paul Gasparro, Vice President for Academic Affairs provided special entertainment for the event. SGA collected canned food donations from attendees to give to the Salvation Army. This event was sponsored by the SSC Student Government Association and SSC Leadership Development Class.

Holiday Food Drive

Students in Seminole State College's Leadership Development Class and representatives from the Student Government Association joined forces to collect food items for the Salvation Army during a Holiday Food Drive. SGA President Autumn Wiles (center) and other students presented the items to Salvation Army Board Chair Pam Robinson (left of center) and Major Lori Barnhouse (right of center).



Christmas Parade

Members of Seminole State College English Honor Society Sigma Kappa Delta (l-r) Tonio Catero, Brandon Bratcher, Autumn Wiles, Annie Daniels and Vallon Williams participated in the Seminole Christmas Parade, sponsored by the Seminole Chamber of Commerce on Thursday night.



Finals Eve Breakfast

Students were able to get a hot late-night meal Wednesday, Dec. 9. SSC administration, faculty, and staff served students taking a study break at the annual "Finals Eve Breakfast" in the Student Union.



PTK helps non-profit organizations

Members of Seminole State College Phi Theta Kappa organized two fundraisers to help raise money for local non-profit organizations- American Red Cross and American Cancer Society. Jake Peters with the American Red Cross poses with Autumn Wiles, PTK Vice President of Leadership; Ashley Laws, PTK Publication Officer; PTK Sponsor Marta Osby, Social Science Division Chair; and PTK Sponsor Tracy Jacomo, Sociology Instructor. For the Great American Smoke-Out 2009, the chapter members sold BBQ sandwiches, with all profits going to the American Cancer Society.



Foundation Holiday Party a Success!

Faculty, staff and friends of the College turned out to celebrate the holiday season and support the SSC Educational Foundation on the evening of Dec. 9 at the Shawnee Country Club. Over \$20,000 was raised at the event from corporate sponsorships and individual donations.

Top- (l-r) Dale Donaho, Pamela Sutcliffe, Jeff Shafer, Scott Sutcliffe, Rita Story-Schell and Marci Donaho enjoyed the fellowship and food at the Holiday Party.

Bottom- (l-r) Mary Gasparro, Dr. Paul Gasparro and Dr. Brad Walck enjoyed the entertainment provided.



Santa's Workshop

Members of the Seminole State College Trojan and Belles basketball teams wrapped gifts for the annual community Christmas Day Dinner sponsored by the Seminole Rotary Club. The club serves hundreds of area residents at the Senior Citizen's Center, 210 College, and through deliveries to those who are homebound. The annual event was held at 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 25.





Santa's Helpers

Members of Seminole State College Classified Staff Association organized "Fostering Little Angels" through the Seminole County Foster Care Association for their 2009 holiday project. The college organization started out with eight angels and due to overwhelming campus community support of the project ended up sponsoring 18 angels. Donations were received from various offices and individuals on campus. As an organization holiday project, the CSA also sent a Wii Fit to the Veteran's Retirement Home in Sulphur, OK.

Permanent Issue Concert

Seminole State College's band, Permanent Issue, entertained the public with a free concert on, Tuesday, Dec. 8.

The free concert began at 7 p.m. in the Jeff Johnston Fine Arts Center on the SSC campus. All ten members of the group participated in the event featuring music ranging from rock & roll to contemporary country.

Five vocalists were featured in Permanent Issue: Zach Davis of Wewoka, Hillary Barnett of Tecumseh, Kailyn Parker of Cromwell, Kendell Kincade of Strother and Scott Miles of Prague. Five other members play musical instruments: Robby Deere of Okemah plays lead and rhythm guitar, Josh Hudson of Wolf plays lead and rhythm guitar, Nathan Hawkins of Prague plays Bass Guitar, Coltan Arms of Chandler plays Drums and Ryan Hulin of Tecumseh plays Keyboards.

Permanent Issue performs as a public relations tool for the college and supplies entertainment at SSC campus events and civic events, and tours local schools.

Math Instructor Travis Qualls serves as sponsor for the group.



Back row: (Left to right) Colton Arms, Ryan Hulin, Josh Hudson, Zach Davis, Scott Miles, Nathan Hawkins, and Robby Deere Front Row: (Left to right) Hillary Barnett, Kendell Kincade, and Kailyn Parker

Seminole Chamber Honors Seminole State College Personnel



Karla Beavers and Malinda Browning accept their "Staff Member of the Month" and "Educator of the Month" awards at the Seminole Chamber of Commerce Forum Dec. 10.

Two Seminole State College employees were honored for their outstanding dedication and work during the monthly Chamber of Commerce Forum Thursday, Dec. 10. GEAR UP Secretary Karla Beavers and Medical Laboratory Technology Instructor Malinda Browning were recognized as "Staff Member of the Month" and "Educator of the Month," respectively.

The Seminole Chamber of

Commerce Education Committee, along with the Lions Club and Blue Ribbon Realty recognizes SSC employees several times during Forum 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.

Beavers has worked at SSC for one year as the GEAR UP Secretary. She graduated from Mus-

tang High School and worked as the secretary at the 9th grade school in Mustang before coming to SSC.

She and her husband, Harold, enjoy spending time with their boys Karl, David and Michael. She is the leader of the Women's Ministries and Children's Church at Open Door Church of God in Shawnee.

Browning, who is a Medical Laboratory Technology Instructor, began working at the college part-time 18 years ago in her current position and has taken on a full time position in the last year and a half.

Browning received her Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology Degree from Indiana University and her Master of Public Health from the University of Oklahoma.

She and her husband Bill have three children: Meghan, Katie and Benjamin. Her two daughters are attending Southwestern University in Weatherford, OK.

Browning is very active in the Moore High School Swimming Booster Club, is the Moore Youth Basketball Assistant Coach and enjoys gardening.

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Seminole State College employees spent the morning of Dec. 3 enjoying some food, fun, and fellowship during a holiday “Coffee with the President.”



Seminole State College Students Featured in Who’s Who

The 2010 edition of Who’s Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges will include the names of 51 students from Seminole State College who have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continues success.

They join an elite group of students from more than 1,900 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was first published in 1966. Students named this year from Seminole State College are:

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| <u>Ada</u>
Katelyne Campbell | <u>Holdenville</u>
Aaron Merriman
Jonathan Valdez
Ronald Wiseman | <u>McAlester</u>
Chelsea Smith | <u>Sanger</u>
Katie Sanderson | Allison Reed
Jeremiah Reed |
| <u>Altus</u>
Kimberly Cushner | <u>Konawa</u>
Laura Kuestersteffen | <u>McCloud</u>
Deborah Solinger | <u>Seminole</u>
April Allison
Brooke Bells
Lincoln Dearing
Brett Gowdy
Jenny Pearson
Kennedy Robertson
Amanda Scheer
Calli Wood | <u>Tecumseh</u>
Amber Brandon
Eric Buchamam
Mandi Hatcher
Tiffany Tiffin |
| <u>Chandler</u>
Shirley Taylor | <u>Krum, Texas</u>
Danielle Wojciak | <u>Mill Creek</u>
Jacey Ford | <u>Shawnee</u>
Tara Benfield
Jessica Brownen
Jennifer Dawson
Janice Moore
Ashley Owens
Martina Perry | <u>Wewoka</u>
Zachary Davis
Roberta Harris
Semary Hill |
| <u>Dustin</u>
Robyn Hutchins | <u>Okemah</u>
Tamara Nelson | <u>Nicoma Park</u>
Kristenn Kennedy | <u>Wetumka</u>
Shalan Tyra | <u>Wilburton</u>
Dani Trueblood |
| <u>Earlsboro</u>
Billie Byrum
Jessica Rutledge | <u>Oklahoma City</u>
Dallas Belshe | <u>Paden</u>
Lora Fipps
Jessica Forehand
Sellena Ramsey | | |
| <u>England</u>
Joe Ikhinmwin | <u>Ontario, Canada</u>
Daniel Difrancesco | <u>Prague</u>
Rebekah Smith
Katherine Sheppard Smith
Allyssa Wright | | |



Seminole State College Women's Basketball 2009-2010 Regular Season Schedule

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Mon	1/11	Murray*	Tishomingo	6 pm
Thurs	1/14	Northern - Enid*	Enid	6 pm
Mon	1/18	Northern - Tonkawa*	Seminole	6 pm
Thurs	1/21	Connors*	Warner	6 pm
Mon	1/25	Carl Albert*	Seminole	6 pm
Thurs	1/28	NEO*	Miami	6 pm
Mon	2/1	Eastern*	Wilburton	6 pm
Thurs	2/4	Western*	Seminole	6 pm
Mon	2/8	Redlands*	El Reno	6 pm
Thurs	2/11	Murray*	Seminole	6 pm
Mon	2/15	Northern - Enid*	Seminole	6 pm
Thurs	2/18	Northern - Tonkawa*	Tonkawa	6 pm
Mon	2/22	Connors*	Seminole	6 pm
Thurs	2/25	Carl Albert*	Poteau	6 pm

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