

## SSC Personnel Honored at Chamber Forum



**Larry Birdwell**



**Debbie Hammond**

Two Seminole State College employees were honored for their outstanding dedication and work during the Seminole Chamber of Commerce's November Forum. Larry Birdwell, SSC Science and Math Instructor, and Debbie Hammond, Admissions 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.

Birdwell was recognized as the "Educator of the Month" by the local Lions Club and Chamber of Commerce Education Committee.

Birdwell holds a bachelor's degree in math and physics from East Central University. He completed his master's degree in math in 1972 from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater.

An eight-year employee of Seminole State College, Birdwell previously served as a geophysicist for 20 years with Oryx Energy Company. For the past two years, he has served as Director of the SANTA East Central Oklahoma Regional Science Fair. He has also served as Assistant Director and Chief Engineering for the "Peek Into Engineering" summer youth academy for the past three years.

His wife, Sandy, is a computer scientist in the missiles division at Tanker Air Force Base. The Birdwells have four children: Kama Medders, Shondra Tharp, Melissa Bennett and Kevin Birdwell. He is the proud grandfather of six grandchildren, with three more on the way.

Debbie Hammond 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.

Hammond has been employed at Seminole State College for the past 20 years. She served as the accounts payable clerk, working in the business office for 12 years. Currently, she is a clerk in the admissions and student service area.

She has served on several special event committees and task forces for the College. Hammond is a founding member of the SSC Classified Staff Association. She is a past member of Beta Sigma Phi sorority in Seminole.

Hammond and her husband, Bobby, make their home in Shawnee. They have one daughter, Candice Powell, who works in for Farmers' Insurance in Seminole.

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## SSC Students Selected for National 'Bridges' Biomedical Program

Five Seminole State College students have been selected to participate in the National Institutes of Health Bridges to the Baccalaureate Program for the 2005-2006 academic year.

SSC sophomores selected include Dusty Joplin of Seminole and Socony Iglesias of Tecumseh. Freshmen participants from SSC are Samantha Hurley of Shawnee; Tavia Tiffin of Tecumseh; and Justin Leach of Holdenville.

The NIH Bridges to the Baccalaureate

Program provides educational and financial opportunities for minority students at two-year colleges who are interested in pursuing a career in the biomedical sciences and plan to continue their education at a four-year institution. Participating students will attend colloquia presented by scientists in the biomedical field and take part in field trips to Oklahoma's biomedical facilities.

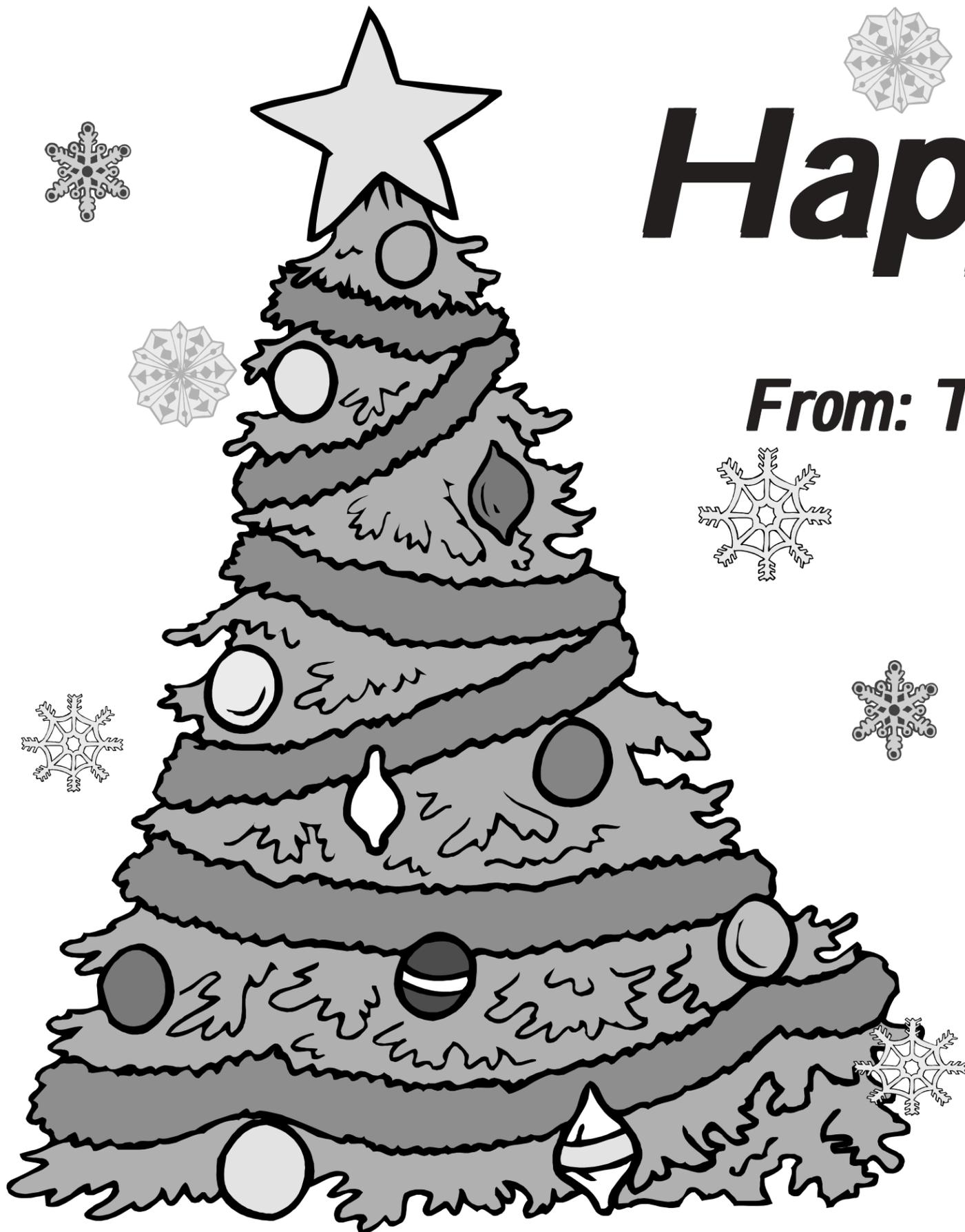
Students will also gain hands-on experience and training at molecular biology workshops as well as partici-

pate in a semester-long research project at SSC. Participants will also have the opportunity to participate in an eight-week summer research project at East Central University, which may lead to subsequent research opportunities at various research institutions.

Tony Yates, SSC life sciences instructor, is the campus coordinator for the program. For more information on the National Institutes of Health Bridges to the Baccalaureate Program, contact Yates at (405) 382-9276.



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# Happy Holidays!

*From: The Seminole State College Family*

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SSC Spring Course Schedules are available at

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# FREE Music!

## *Permanent Issue* Winter Concert

Chris Hoffmeier -- Guitar  
Jeremy Jackson -- Guitar  
Matt Yerby -- Drums  
Kyle Spears -- Bass Guitar  
Marcus Wright -- Keyboards



Michelle Ferguson -- Vocalist  
Kassy Mize -- Vocalist  
Jennifer Robinson -- Vocalist  
Kristen White -- Vocalist

Thursday, Dec. 8, 2005  
Jeff Johnston Fine Arts Center  
7 p.m.

Rock, Country & Alternative  
Rock Music

*FREE Admission  
Open to the Public*

## Trojan Volleyball Ends Season as NJCAA Region II Runner-Up



***The Seminole State Trojan Volleyball team completed the season with a 1-3 loss to the University of Arkansas Fort Smith in the finals of the NJCAA Region II Tournament. The team finished with a 29-11 overall record for the season. Trojans Kacia Sandburg and Andressa Martins were selected to the All-Tournament Team. Martins and Maryna Verbovetska were chosen as members of the All-Region Team.***

## SSC Sigma Kappa Delta Honor Society Inducts Thirteen New Members

Thirteen SSC students and one faculty member were recently inducted into the Upsilon Alpha chapter of the English Honor Society Sigma Kappa Delta. The organization also recognized the contributors to the English department's ACTIVE VOICES publication.

Students must have completed 12 hours of college credit, have earned at least a 3.3 grade-point-average, and received at least a grade of "B" in English composition or literature to be eligible for membership.

Officers for the organization include: President Lisa Fox; Vice President Debra Tucker; and Secretary Jamie Miller. SSC English instructor Jessica Isaacs serves as the organization's faculty adviser.

Individuals inducted in the ceremony were: Michael Pierre of Seminole; Brandon Cook of Wewoka; Debra Tucker of Shawnee; James Johnson of Wetumka; Jessica Welt of Seminole;



***Seminole State College Sigma Kappa Delta Secretary Jamie Miller, reads the history of the organization during the SKD Fall***

Shyla McGraw of Tecumseh; Jamie Miller of Prague; David McKenzie of Chandler; Kennedy Robertson of Seminole; Christina Whitson of Paden; SSC

English instructor Kelli McBride of Seminole; Chad Teeters of Castle; and Angela Blanton of Wewoka.

## SSC Spring Schedules Now Available

Class schedules detailing Seminole State College's Winter 2005 Intersession, Spring 2006 Semester and May 2006 Intersession course offerings are now available at the college's Office of Admissions in the Tanner Hall administration building.

Courses can also be viewed on the college's Web site at [www.sscok.edu](http://www.sscok.edu)

Winter Intersession courses begin Dec. 15, 2005, and conclude Jan. 6, 2006. Area residents and students can take advantage of an open enrollment period through Dec. 14 without penalty. The final day to enroll in Winter Intersession coursework is Dec. 15.

Spring courses are set to begin Monday, Jan. 9. Students and area residents can take advantage of open enrollment through Friday, Jan. 6.

The College will also offer a variety of short-term, specialized courses through the SSC Business and Industry Division. A list of courses is available on the SSC Web site. For more information, contact Business and Industry Coordinator Carol Hartman at (405) 382-9246.

May Intersession courses will begin on Monday, May 15. Open enrollment for May coursework begins Wednesday, April 5, and students can enroll through Friday, May 12, without penalty for late enrollment.

SSC students can receive Associate degrees in 20 major fields of study, including concentrations in art, behavioral science, business, criminal justice, communications, computer science, elementary education, general studies, health occupations, health, physical education and recreation, language arts, life science, mathematics, physical science, pre-engineering and social studies.

Many courses allow students receive hands-on instruction and one-on-one attention. SSC also gives students and community members the opportunity to travel the world for global education.

For additional information about Seminole State College's enrollment, please call the college's Office of Admissions at (405) 382-9950.

# SSC Trojan Tennis Coach Represents U.S. in ITF Team Championship



**SSC Trojan Tennis Coach Bill Davis**

Seminole State College Men's Tennis Coach, Bill Davis, represented the United States and finished second in world in doubles competition during the International Tennis Federation

Team Championships. The tournament was held in Antalya, Turkey.

Davis and his partner, Chuck DeVoe from Indianapolis, Indiana, are ranked No. 1 in the nation in doubles.

The pair won the national indoor championships in Houston, Texas, in January. The pair also won the world finals held in Philadelphia, Pa. earlier this year.

"Players are selected on how they played the year before," said Davis. "The tournament is divided into age brackets in five-year increments for individuals ages 55-90. I compete in the 75 age category."

Davis and DeVoe lost in the doubles finals to finish second in the world. They beat Brazil, Argentina, South Africa and Great Britain to advance to the final round, before falling to Canada.

Four members made up a team in each age category. The team played two singles matches and a doubles event.

The International Tennis Federation's tournament was a two-week competition. The first week was the team championships. Individual championships take place during the second week of play. The International Tennis Federation is headquartered in London, England.

## Hide and Seek

### Can You Find the Hidden Word?

Congratulations to Katy Hall from Valley Food Services for finding the hidden word in the November COLLEGIAN! She is pictured with the new SSC travel mug.

The word SANTA is hidden in a story somewhere in this publication. The first person to report his/her findings in person, will receive a FREE 20 oz. Seminole State College insulated car mug from the SSC Bookstore. The mug can be continually refilled in the SSC food court for a discounted rate of 50 cents!

Participants must report their findings to the SSC Media Relations Office, in person, on the first floor of the SSC Haney Center. The winner will also be pictured in the January COLLEGIAN.

All readers are eligible. Participants are limited to one win per semester. The type of contest is subject to change every month. Good luck, SSC Fans!!!



**November COLLEGIAN "Hide and Seek" winner, Katy Hall**

## Seminole State College 2005 FALL SEMESTER TEST SCHEDULE DECEMBER 9, 12, 13, AND 14

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2005

#### Regular Class Meets

9:25 a.m. T R  
12:15 p.m. T R  
3:05 p.m. T R

#### Test Schedule

9:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.  
12 noon – 1:30 p.m.  
1:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2005

#### Regular Class Meets

8:00 a.m. M W F  
10:00 a.m. M W F  
12:00 noon M W F  
2:00 p.m. M W F  
3:00 p.m. M W F

#### Test Schedule

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.  
9:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.  
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.  
3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2005

#### Regular Class Meets

7:30 a.m. T R  
8:00 a.m. T R  
10:50 a.m. T R  
1:40 p.m. T R

#### Test Schedule

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.  
8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.  
9:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.  
1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2005

#### Regular Class Meets

9:00 a.m. M W F  
11:00 a.m. M W F  
1:00 p.m. M W F

#### Test Schedule

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.  
9:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.  
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

### EVENING CLASS TEST SCHEDULE

**All semester tests in evening classes will be given during the regular class meeting time.** Classes, which meet on Monday and Wednesday, are to be given semester tests during the regular class period on Monday, December 12, 2005. Classes, which meet on Tuesday and Thursday, are to be given semester tests during the regular class period on Tuesday, December 13, 2005. Classes, which meet one night per week, will be tested during their regular class meeting time and day from December 8 through December 14, 2005.

**NOTICE: Finals are to be taken according to this schedule. If an early final is unavoidable, written permission from the Vice President for Academic Affairs is required.**