

Seminole State College
CAMPUS MEMO

From Dr. Jim Utterback – President

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TILES, AND TABLES AND CHAIRS, OH MY!!!

I want to take a moment to express my appreciation to several people who worked hard over the holiday break to make numerous improvements on campus.

Vice Presidents **Katherine Benton** and **Dr. Brad Walck**, **Braden Brown**, **Mike Holder**, and **Tony Tiger** were on campus literally every day over the break trying to complete the renovation of the E.T. Dunlap Student Union and get the building ready to reopen. They unloaded boxes, mopped and cleaned tile and took out trash. Due to difficulty removing the nearly 40-year old tile, the maintenance crew had to pour a whole new concrete floor in the Student Union. The entire serving line was disassembled, moved, updated and put back. **Dr. Walck** and **Dr. Mark Ames** made a trip to Tulsa to get tile. **Katherine** and **Braden** coordinated the work of plumbers, electricians, drywall finishers, finish carpenters, concrete layers, tile layers, glass people and painters. **Cindy Guinn** added her “Martha Stewart” touch to decisions on the color schemes and décor for the dining hall and the meeting room of the Union.

While the Student Union renovation project was under way, the maintenance crew also tackled the job of replacing the old, broken-tile floor in the Life Science Lab in Tanner Hall Room 503. They had to unhook the lab tables and prop them up for the tile to be laid and remove the cove base. They then had to put it all back together and put down new cove base before our students returned to start the new semester. In addition to all of that, a new floor was installed in one wing of the Dan Boren Business Center downtown and new glass walls were installed in the TRiO area. It was a busy break time for SSC Maintenance Coordinator **Mike Hanson** and his crew.

This type of team spirit to go above and beyond the call of duty to get things done speaks volumes about the people we have at SSC. I am proud and appreciative of each of these people. When you see them, please join me in thanking them for their efforts.

The cooperation demonstrated in completing these projects is reflective of the team work I have seen on this campus throughout my years as President of Seminole State College. Later this month I will mark my 15th anniversary at SSC. It has been an incredible journey. I always recognize that the accomplishments made during this time are a result of many people working together for the common good of this institution. From community supporters to Regents, Foundation Trustees, administrators, faculty, staff and students – everyone has had a part in our successes. I appreciate the commitment and dedication of every person at Seminole State College – past and present. Thank you for your support. I look forward to another exciting semester. Best wishes to everyone for a wonderful 2012!