

Seminole State College
CAMPUS MEMO

From Dr. Jim Utterback – President – January 30, 2007

10th ANNIVERSARY

January 21st marked my 10th anniversary as President of Seminole State College. It has been an incredible journey. During the past week, I have received numerous compliments and messages of congratulations – including accolades in the local newspaper. While I appreciate these comments, I always recognize that the accomplishments made during the past decade are a result of tremendous team work. From community supporters to Regents, Foundation Trustees, administrators, faculty, staff and students – everyone has had a part in these 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 an exciting future.

OUR SYMPATHY

Today we are mourning the death of former student **Bernice “Jody” Pack**, who passed away Monday afternoon following a long battle with cancer. As many of you know, Jody achieved her goal of completing her Associate’s degree at Seminole State College in December.

Last week, we were able to award her degree in a small graduation ceremony at her niece’s home. While celebrating students’ educational successes is always emotional, this was the most touching graduation ceremony that I have ever had the privilege to witness. This ceremony was the brainchild of our Business and Information Systems Division. My compliments to Division Chair **Patricia Cokeley**, Assistant Division Chair **Dawna Hamm**, **Fred Bunyan**, **Michael Schnell** and **Joy Epperley** for their special interest in, and support of this student. Several students also attended the ceremony to honor Mrs. Pack. Funeral services have been scheduled for Friday morning at 10 a.m. at the Temple of Praise in Seminole. We extend our condolences to the family and friends of Jody Pack.



SAYING GOODBYE

We wish to inform the campus community of two resignations we received this week. Coordinator of Media Relations, **Shannon Webb Denniston**, will be leaving Seminole State College at the end of February. Her husband has accepted a promotion within his company and will be transferring to Amarillo, Texas. SSC Bookstore Director of Operations **Danna Riffle** is resigning to accept a position with BancFirst of Seminole starting February 19th. Such changes are always bittersweet. We hate to lose good employees, but, we are thankful for the opportunities provided to them. I hope you will join me in congratulating them, and thanking them for their service to Seminole State College.