

Seminole State College
CAMPUS MEMO
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MIRROR ROOM RENOVATION

For years, we have faced challenges in trying to make the E.T. Dunlap Student Union Mirror Room accessible in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Numerous options have been explored and discussed at College retreats and administrative meetings on campus. As you are probably aware, a large number of campus and community meetings are held in this area throughout the year.

If you have been in the Student Union in the last day or so, you have noticed a construction curtain and the sounds of demolition. We are currently tearing out the raised stage area of the Mirror Room with plans to enclose a meeting room on the same floor level as the rest of the Student Union. This project is part of our campus capital improvements funded through the recent Higher Educational Capital Bond Program. It is exciting to see this project come to fruition. Please bear with us during the coming weeks through any inconveniences caused by this renovation.

BUSINESS INCUBATOR PROGRESS

Efforts are progressing to renovate the old Nichols Grocery Store, located at 600 W. Strother in Seminole for a new home for the AmeriContact Call Center located in the Haney Center. The SSC Educational Foundation is spearheading this project, in cooperation with our economic development grant programs through Rural Enterprises of Oklahoma (REI), the Central Oklahoma Economic Development District (COEDD) and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (OSRHE).

Initial demolition has begun on the building. Bids have been solicited and received, and positive reconstruction is underway. This major project will take several months to complete. It is an exciting venture that will result in as many as 500 jobs for this community. As you drive by the facility, I hope you will take pride in the important role Seminole State College plays in our service area.

Best wishes to each of you as the Spring semester moves swiftly along. I look forward to seeing you at many of the meetings and special events scheduled in the coming months.