

“Egg-stra” Curriculars



Members of the Seminole State College women's volleyball and basketball teams volunteered to help the Jasmine Moran Children's Museum with a community service project this week. The ladies stuffed over 8,000 eggs in preparation for "Jazzy's Egg Run" on April 1, at noon at the Children's Museum.

Fall Class Schedules Are Now On-line!

Visit the Web site at: www.sscok.edu



Fall schedule books will arrive on campus soon.

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Signs of Springtime at SSC...



Canadian geese enjoy the water fountains at Seminole State College's campus pond as temperatures returned to Spring-like weather in the area.

Basketball Players, Coach Honored After Outstanding Seasons



2005-2006 Basketball Season Honors

Jamie Graham
*NJCAA Region II All-Region
 First Team Bi-State West*

Brittiany Clonch
Second Team Bi-State West

Katie Vanderhyden
Second Team Bi-State West

Kandyes Jimcoily
Honorable Mention Bi-State West

Robert Lee
*NJCAA Region II First Team All-Region
 First Team Bi-State West*

Robert Jarvis
Second Team Bi-State West

Dr. Thomas Mills
Region II Coach of the Year

Baseball & Softball Schedules

Visit the Web site for the updated schedules.



Softball and baseball action photos courtesy of Steve Boots.

SHOWERS

SSC Hosts Congressional Aides Luncheon



Representatives from the U.S. Congressional offices of Oklahoma delegation members met with Seminole State College officials during a "Congressional Aide Luncheon" held Thursday in the Enoch Kelly Haney Center on the SSC campus. Attending were (left to right): Josh Brecheen, Field Representative for Senator Tom Coburn; Ron Massey, Field Representative for Senator Jim Inhofe; John Collison, State Director for Senator Jim Inhofe; Larry Smith, Director of the SSC Business and Resources Center; Steve Jones, Senior Policy and Transportation Director for Congressman Ernest Istook; Dr. Jim Utterback, SSC President; Jarod Morris, Field Representative for Congressman Ernest Istook; Lana Reynolds, SSC Vice President for Institutional Advancement; and Blake Martin, Field Representative for Congressman Dan Boren.

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Phi Theta Kappa Inducts New Members

Forty-one SSC students were recently inducted into the Alpha Theta Nu Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society for two-year colleges.

Students are selected based on their scholarship, leadership and service qualities. The chapter provides programs, activities and participation in community service projects.

Requirements for membership at SSC include: enrollment at an accredited two-year college with a Phi Theta Kappa chapter, overall GPA of 3.5 in a minimum of 12 credit hours.

SSC Social Science Division Chairperson Pam Koenig was the special guest speaker at the ceremony. Seminole State College President Dr. James Utterback, SSC Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Rebecca Kennedy and SSC social sciences instructor Tracy Jacomo were inducted as honorary PTK members. Marta Osby and Jacomo serve as the organization's faculty advisers.



Seminole State College's Alpha Theta Nu chapter inducted 41 new



Seminole State College's Phi Theta Kappa officers pose with the chapter's honorary members. BACK ROW (l to r): Micah Hamilton, Marta Osby FRONT ROW (l to r): Joy Myers, Amanda Ramirez, Tracy Jacomo, Dr. James

SSC students inducted in the ceremony were: Jami Pate, Claremore; Russell Hadland, Earlsboro; Jerri White, Earlsboro; Tammie Specht, of Francis; Alison Yirsa, Grove; Terran Keeney, Holdenville; Matthew Yerby, Maud; Mikala Hacker, Macomb; Andrea Kitchen, Newall; Phillis Moore, Prague; Kelsie Shannon, Purcell; Matthew Harper, Sasakwa; Gene Copanic, Seminole; Tyron Goldsmith, Oklahoma City; Nicole Leahy, Seminole; Tray Lindemann, Seminole; Tiffany Parson, Seminole; Sally Sullivan, Seminole; Amber Tilley, Seminole; Teresa Wood, Seminole; Deborah Arnold, Shawnee; David Bales, Shawnee; Jessica Cranmore, Shawnee; Robin Garrison, Shawnee; Julian Gonzales, Jr., Shawnee; Jessica Impson, Shawnee; Jenifer Klimkowski, Shawnee; Randa McGuffin, Shawnee; Alecia Rawls, Shawnee; Brandy Snider, Shawnee; Heather Tapp, Shawnee; Debra Tucker, Shawnee; Chris Winkler, Shawnee; Kevin Wiser, Shawnee; Leah Hayes, Stroud; Katherine Crook, Tecumseh; Jessica Spurlin, Tecumseh; Jennifer Rush, Tulsa; Kacy Ward, Tulsa; Ryan Logan, Wetumka; and Angela Blanton, Wewoka.

GEAR UP Goes Fishin' for Education

The Seminole State College GEAR UP program went fishin' when they recently sponsored a trip for area educators to Chicago, Ill. The educational seminar focused on the *FISH! Philosophy for Schools*.

FISH! Philosophy for Schools is a kindergarten through 12th grade staff development and student leadership curriculum based on the popular *FISH! Philosophy*.

According to the *FISH! Philosophy* literature, "The curriculum inspires individuals to become excited and engaged in whatever work they do."

Embracing new ideas and fresh thinking, as well as changing school learning environments, motivating students and helping teachers rediscover their love of teaching were key areas discussed in the workshop.

GEAR UP is a federal grant program funded by the U.S. Department of Education. The program is designed to increase the number of students who are prepared to enter and succeed in post-secondary education. Parent workshops and professional development for educators are also components of the program.

SSC's GEAR UP program currently serves 540 fifth and sixth grade students in nine school districts: Bowlegs, Butner, Justice, New Lima, Paden, Sasakwa, Seminole, Strother and Varnum. Educators attending the conference included: Chris Bryan and Ginger Bryan of Justice; Donna Marley and Starsha Drive of Bowlegs; Diana White of Paden; Terry Byerly and Kyle Wilson of Sasakwa; Kay Azlin of New Lima; Carol Buchanan and Nancy Johnson of Varnum; and Debbie Daugamah and Dianna O'Connell of Seminole State College GEAR UP.

For more information about GEAR UP, or *FISH! Philosophy for Schools*, contact Dianna O'Connell at (405) 382-9719.



The Seminole State College GEAR UP delegation poses with Andy Halper, National Education Director at Chart House Learning, and John Christensen, creator of the FISH! Philosophy.

SSC Hosts Regional Science Fair

Area students were presented with project awards for their entries in the 33rd Annual East Central Oklahoma Region Science Fair in a ceremony held Saturday, March 11, in the Raymond Harber Field House at Seminole State College.

The "Best of Fair" winner was Kahla White of Latta. Her project was chosen by the judges as the most worthy of international competition. Krista Pfeifer of Latta received "Best of Fair Runner-Up." As a result of their "Best of Fair" finishes, both students will compete in the International Science and Engineering Fair to be held May 7-13 in Indianapolis, Ind.

The school participation award, calculated on weighted system according to individual placing, went to Latta Schools and teacher Susie Stevens.

The blue ribbon winners in the junior high and high school divisions qualified for entry in the Oklahoma State Science Fair, which will be held at East Central University in Ada, Okla.

According to Beverly Williams, SSC science instructor and director of the event, approximately 144 exhibits were entered in the competition by science students from schools in the Seminole area. To enter, exhibits must have won their respected local science fairs.

SSC Hosts Area Educators' Breakfast

Seminole State College offered area school officials the opportunity to learn more about the state OHLAP scholarship program and concurrent enrollment for high school students.

Representatives from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, including OHLAP Scholarship Coordinator Carol Alexander, visited the SSC campus for a breakfast meeting on Thursday, March 30. The workshop was held from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in the Enoch Kelly Haney Center.

Bryce Fair and Carol Alexander from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education served as the speakers for the event.

Fair currently serves as the Associate Vice Chancellor for Scholarships and Grants for OSRHE. He was worked for the State Regents since 1991. Prior to that, Fair was employed as a fiscal analyst for the appropriations Committee of the Oklahoma State Senate from 1986 to 1991. Fair holds degrees from Oklahoma Baptist University and Vanderbilt University.

Alexander has been with the Oklahoma's Promise - OHLAP program since January 1996 and is currently serving as the scholarship coordinator. She has previously worked in restaurant management, in Accounting and Compliance with the Guaranteed Student Loan Program and in the Academic and Chancellor's offices as the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. She holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Kansas State University.

The event was sponsored by Seminole State College Student Services and Public Relations offices.



Approximately 70 area educators attended the annual Educators' Breakfast hosted by Seminole State College.

Hide and Seek

Can You Find the Hidden Word?

Congratulations to Edie Cathey of the SSC Business Office for finding the hidden word in the March COLLEGIAN!

The word SHOWERS is hidden 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 April 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!!!



March COLLEGIAN "Hide and Seek" winner, Edie Cathey Cathey

SSC Regents Hold March Meeting

At their March meeting, the Seminole State College Board of Regents approved an increase in room and board charges, an architectural contract with Meyers Architecture Plus, and a retirement incentive program for FY 2007.

During the President's Report to the Regents, Dr. James W. Utterback updated the board on campus activities and student recognitions.

He informed the board that he met with Seminole Mayor Dr. Chayne Fisher and City Manager Steve Saxon on March 6 regarding the college's possible use of the softball fields being planned for the City's Magnolia Creek project. The college has plans to construct fields on campus as part of the Higher Education Bond Issue.

Utterback said recommendations from a campus and community building committee, reinforced the college's need to continue with current plans to build on campus in order to meet the needs of the collegiate softball program. However, the college may be able to utilize the Magnolia Creek fields for practice and for tournaments.

"I very much appreciated the overture made by the City to include us in their project. We discussed several positive ways that we can work together on future projects of this nature," Utterback said.

Utterback told the board about SSC's presentation to the State Board of Nursing regarding a partnership program with the International University of Nursing. He shared statistics from the State Board presentation with the Board that demonstrated the high success rate of SSC graduates.

In updating the board about the college's plans to construct new student housing, Utterback explained that several financing options were being explored. He said one viable option being considered is tax-exempt funding through the Oklahoma Development Finance Authority.

Utterback also mentioned that the 34th annual interscholastic meet was held on the SSC campus on March 1. Thirty-two area schools were in attendance, and over 1,000 students competed in the event.

The Phi Theta Kappa honor society inducted 40 new members in March. Honorary inductees included Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Rebecca Kennedy; President Dr. James Utterback; and Social Sciences Instructor Tracy Jacomo.

Utterback informed the Regents of several upcoming events including, the college's annual Spring Recognition Banquet on Thursday, May 4, and the commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 13.

Under the first item of business, the Regents approved an increase in room and board charges, effective for Fall, 2006. The current room and board rates are \$2,266 per semester for the Roesler Residential Learning Center and \$2,095 for the Sarkeys Residence Hall. The approved proposal will allow the rates to increase to \$2,470 per semester for Roesler and \$2,200 for Sarkeys.

"We are recommending these increases due to the rise of mandatory costs, such as food and utilities," Utterback said. Utterback also informed the board that an increase of five percent in Sarkeys and nine percent in Roesler would allow SSC's rates to remain competitive with other colleges in the state.

Next, the Regents approved a contract with Meyers Architecture Plus, LLC of Oklahoma. The board previously approved the selection of the firm to develop campus capital projects being funded through the Higher Education Bond Issue.

The Regents then approved the purchase of 1,300 copies of a customized reader for use by students enrolled in English Composition I and II. The customized text is developed by SSC faculty.

Next, the board approved a retirement incentive payment program for the FY 07 year. The incentive payment program consists of 25 percent of the each eligible employee's FY 06 annual salary. The purpose of the plan is to help stabilize institutional finances through the potential net savings in personnel costs. This program mirrors programs approved by the board in previous years.

The board then voted to delete the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Division Activity course requirement from the college's general education curriculum. The general education curriculum will continue to include a two-hour wellness course requirement. Activity courses will still be required in HPER degree programs and will continue to be offered as electives to all students.

In their final order of business, the Regents approved the purchase of a finishing mower from Seminole Ford-Mercury. The cost of the mower is \$13,493. This amount is below the state contract amount of \$13,882.44.

SSC Board members present at the March meeting were: Derrill Cody, David Wilson, William Harrison, Jr., Roger Nansel, Jon Flowers, Bill Huser and Marci Donaho.

The next meeting is scheduled for: Wednesday, May 17, 2006.