Henderson Family Donates Bus to Seminole State

It wasn’t a winning lottery ticket, or a lucky entry in a sweepstakes contest, but Seminole State College did win big recently when Kenneth Henderson handed over the keys to his 22-passenger bus to the College.

The donation from Kenneth and Rose Henderson was made through the Seminole State College Educational Foundation in support of its Capital Campaign.

Dr. Jim Utterback, SSC President, said the gift is a great addition to the College’s transportation fleet. “With increased enrollment and the new programs which have been added over the last few years, we have struggled to be able to provide our students and staff with enough vehicles to meet our needs,” Utterback said.

In addition to addressing Title IX issues through the creation of new sports programs and reinstating several discontinued sports programs, the College has increased its number of federal programs through competitive grant applications. These federal programs provide a number of educational experiences for area high school students that involve travel. Also, a growing student population has increased the number of students involved in organizations and activities which require travel.

Many academic programs also use college vehicles. From use by nursing students who travel to area hospitals for clinical experiences to sociology, criminal justice and art students who travel to enhance their classroom experiences, there has been a dramatic increase in the need for school vehicles.

Dorothy Forth, Chair of the SSC Educational Foundation, said that Foundation is pleased to be able to assist the College in this area. “We are so thankful to the Hendersons for this donation to our Capital Campaign. The purpose of our organization is to assist students with their education and aid the institution in meeting its mission. Anytime we can help facilitate public-private partnerships to improve the great work going on at the College, we are thrilled to do so,” Forth said.

Henderson said this donation was a tangible way he and his wife felt they could help with the growth and development of SSC. “Rose and I are so proud of everything that is happening at Seminole State College. The College is such an important and vital part of this community. We hope that this gift will be used to enhance the educational experiences of students,” he said.

According to Utterback, the Hendersons have already established

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SSC and MACU partner to offer a bachelor’s in teacher education on SSC campus

(Seated left to right) Dr. Dr. John D. Fozard, president of Mid-America Christian University and Dr. Jim Utterback, president of Seminole State College, sign documents to approve the articulation agreement between their respective institutions on November 26. (Standing right to left) Vice Presidents for Academic Affairs, Dr. Ron Roddy (MACU) and Dr. Rebecca Kennedy (SSC) were also on-hand for the event.

Original release from the MACU Office of Public Relations

Adult and traditional students can now complete a teacher education degree on the campus of Seminole State College.

Thanks to an innovative partnership, Mid-America Christian University classes are broadcast by interactive educational television from MACU’s main campus in Oklahoma City to Seminole. SSC students will participate fully in classroom discussion with professors and students at MACU and other locations.

This program is designed for students who have earned or are close to earning an associate’s degree. This allows students to take only the core educational requirements through MACU. Students can enroll now for the Spring 2008 semester.

Prospective students can attend informational sessions on Dec. 5 and Dec. 13 in Tanner 101 on the Seminole campus. On those days, current SSC students can receive one-on-one assistance at come-and-go sessions from 2 to 5 p.m. Anyone interested in the program is welcome at a 6 p.m. informational presentation.

Adult students may reserve a time with a counselor by calling (888) 888-2341 or (405) 692-3200. “At MACU, we teach a high-quality educational degree program from a Christian perspective,” MACU President Dr. John Fozard said. “Our classes emphasize workplace and personal ethics. Teachers play a vital role in educating and preparing the next generation for a lifetime of learning, and we are proud to equip these much-needed professionals.”

“I am delighted we are able to establish this program with Mid-America Christian University to present this opportunity for area students,” SSC President Dr. James Utterback said. “Our agreement with Mid-America creates exciting possibilities for students in the surrounding communities who want to continue their studies in an area that is vital to the development of not only our state, but the nation. Now, with this agreement, students with associate degrees will have the opportunity to follow their career goals and remain in the area while completing their courses.”

Because of the state’s shortage in elementary teachers, The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education offers incentives and scholarships to encourage teacher candidates to finish their degrees. MACU also accepts federal financial aid and military benefits, as well as employer and tribal assistance. MACU counselors can explain how to apply for assistance.

To enroll or to find out more, contact Cheryl McBride Schoenberger toll-free at (888) 888-2341 or e-mail her at cmebride@macu.edu.

What the latest news about SSC? Visit us on the web at www.sscok.edu
Two Seminole State College employees were honored for their outstanding dedication and work during the Nov. 8 Chamber of Commerce monthly Forum. Tracy Jacomo, social sciences instructor, and Patty Bland, TriO Office Manager, were recognized as “Faculty of the Month” and “Staff Member of the Month,” respectively.

The Seminole Chamber of Commerce recognizes SSC employees during Forum several times 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.

Jacomo is serving her 19th year as a member of the SSC staff. During her first 10 years at SSC, she served in several positions: cheerleading sponsor, recruiter, American with Disabilities Act compliance counselor and an academic advisor.

She spent five years serving as the title III coordinator before becoming a full-time criminal justice and sociology instructor—a position she has held for four years.

Jacomo currently serves on the Faculty Advisement Counsel for the Chancellor’s Office of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and is a co-sponsor of the College’s chapter of Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society. She also serves on the Seminole County Post Adjudication Review Board, a group charged with reviewing court cases involving children who have been deprived and neglected.

Jacomo is a past president of the SSC Faculty Senate President and Seminole Lions Club.

She and her husband, Ray, are the parents of a daughter, Katie.

Jacomo received her bachelor’s in science and industrial technology and a master’s of science and human resource counseling from East Central University. She has also completed some postgraduate hours in special education and sociology.

Bland has been employed full-time at Seminole State College since 2004. She came to SSC after retiring from the Department of Rehabilitation Services after 29 years of service.

She is a graduate of Maud High School and attended Seminole Junior College.

Bland is the mother of two daughters, Ashley Johnson of Moore and Brandi Strayhorn of Shawnee.
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Keynote Speaker
Lakota actor Michael Spears

Crowd performers the Friendship Dance

Volunteers

President Utterback and visiting high school students and guests
Ten Inducted into National Psychology Honor Society

Ten Seminole State College students were inducted into the Psi Beta National Psychology Honor Society on November 5.

Students inducted were: Sharon Denton of Konawa, Amber Echols of Prague, Annette Gibbs of Seminole, Michelle Johnson of Shawnee, Dustin Kerley of Seminole, Anna Miklaucic of Shawnee, Sarah Rooney of Shawnee, Trina Rose of Tecumseh, Gina Smith of Meeker, and Justin Sylsberry of Wewoka.

Guest speaker for the event was Diana Lynd. Lynd is the Childhood Development Coordinator as well as a co-sponsor of Psi Beta.

To become members of the honor society, the students must have had an overall GPA of 3.0 and at least a “B” average in psychology. They must also have completed at least 12 semester hours including one semester of a psychology or a psychology-based course.

SSC Sponsors for the organization are Carol Parker, Scholars for Excellence Coordinator; Diana Lynd, Child Development Coordinator; and Kendall Rogers, Psychology Instructor.

The organization provides opportunities to present research papers at regional meetings, attend national meetings and compete for national awards. Psi Beta chapters also sponsor programs, activities and participation in community service projects.

Psi Beta is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies and is an affiliate of the American Psychological Association and the American Psychological Society.

SSC Celebrates Oklahoma’s Statehood with Will Rogers

In observance of Oklahoma’s Centennial Celebration, Seminole State College welcomed Will Rogers, portrayed by Dr. Doug Watson, to the campus. On November 8, Watson presented a morning program in the Jeff Johnston Fine Arts Auditorium for students, faculty and staff.

Dr. Watson, who recently retired from Oklahoma Baptist University after a career of teaching English for over 35 years, has been portraying Oklahoma’s favorite son in a historical characterization in Chautauquas, at conferences and in a variety of other venues across the country for the past decade.

An abbreviated version of the program was presented at the Seminole Chamber Forum luncheon later that afternoon.

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Natural Tips to Prevent Spreading Germs

During this time of the year, many people are concerned about catching a cold, the flu and other not-so-appealing viruses. The recent concerns about MRSA (Superbug) — or methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus — has many concerned maintaining their health. Although there is no natural cure to prevent all the aforementioned, the number one suggestion listed on WebMD to help shield you from germs is to simply wash your hands.

Most cold and flu viruses are spread by direct contact. Someone who has the flu sneezes onto their hand, and then touches the telephone, the keyboard, a kitchen glass. The germs can live for hours -- in some cases weeks -- only to be picked up by the next person who touches the same object. So wash your hands often. Careful hand washing remains your best defense against germs. Scrub hands briskly for at least 15 seconds, then dry them with a disposable towel and use another towel to turn off the faucet. Carry a small bottle of hand sanitizer containing at least 62 percent alcohol for times when you don’t have access to soap and water. If no sink is available, rub your hands together very hard for a minute or so. That also helps break up most of the cold germs.

Here are a few additional suggestions to help prevent MRSA:

* Keep personal items personal. Avoid sharing personal items such as towels, sheets, razors, clothing and athletic equipment. MRSA spreads on contaminated objects as well as through direct contact.

* Keep wounds covered. Keep cuts and abrasions clean and covered with sterile, dry bandages until they heal. The pus from infected sores may contain MRSA, and keeping wounds covered will help keep the bacteria from spreading.

* Shower after athletic games or practices. Shower immediately after each game or practice. Use soap and water. Don’t share towels. If you have a wound that’s draining or appears infected — for example is red, swollen, warm to the touch or tender — consider sitting out athletic games or practices until the wound has healed.

* Sanitize linens. If you have a cut or sore, wash towels and bed linens in a washing machine set to the “hot” water setting (with added bleach, if possible) and dry them in a hot dryer. Wash gym and athletic clothes after each wearing.
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2007 FALL SEMESTER TEST SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 11, 12, 13, 14

Finals MUST MEET as scheduled

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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 Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2007. Classes, which meet on Tuesday and Thursday, are to be given semester tests during the regular class period on Thursday, Dec. 13, 2007. Classes, which meet one night per week, will be tested during their regular class meeting time and day from Dec. 10 through Dec. 14, 2007.

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.