Seminole Nation has announced a $250,000 pledge to assist with the College’s Capital Campaign to assist with the completion and furnishing of a new 150-bed residence hall being constructed on campus.

Representatives of Seminole Nation, Seminole State College and the Seminole State College Educational Foundation were present Oct. 16 for a ceremonial check presentation of the first $50,000 payment of the pledge.

The gift, approved earlier this fall by the Tribal Council of Seminole Nation, is viewed as “seed money in our investment in the future,” according to Chief Kelly Haney.

“We are committed to helping the youth of our tribe reach their educational goals. Our support of Seminole State College and the great things happening on the campus is a tangible way in which we can affect their future opportunities,” Haney said.

Haney added that one of the goals of the Seminole Nation is to give back to the community. “We are the largest employer in Seminole County and a lot of the services we provide serve more than just our tribal members. We want to continue to provide assistance for important projects in our community such as this state-of-the-art new facility,” he said.

As a member of the SSC Educational Foundation Board of Trustees, Chief Haney has also pledged his support in helping the Foundation raise an additional $250,000 for the Capital Campaign, more than doubling the size of the gift from Seminole Nation. The Foundation is well on the way to achieving this goal, according to SSC President Dr. Jim Utterback.

Terry Spencer, Chairman of the Education Task Force and member of the Seminole Nation Tribal Council, said the Nation is setting both short-term and long-term goals in regard to educating students. “The first step is to encourage and ensure that tribal members complete their high school education. This gift is in support of the next step – which is to influence the College going rate and eventually increase the number of students who move on to four-year schools and complete their professional degrees.

“We want them to set higher goals for themselves. Those who live on campus do better in college. They are generally more successful in their pursuit of academic degrees,” Spencer said.

Dr. Jim Utterback, President of Seminole State College, commented that the College has been very successful in attracting Native American students and plans to increase its recruitment efforts in this area.

Utterback said, “Over the past several years, our Native American enrollment has grown to over 20 percent of our student population. This statistic places Seminole (continued on next page)
State College among the highest percentage in the nation of public institutions serving Native American students.

“We have a long-standing partnership with Seminole Nation to assist them with workforce training and other educational programs. They have been great supporters of many of our fund raising efforts and events. This gift is an incredible boost to our Capital Campaign – and a testament to the tribe’s commitment to the education of their youth. We are extremely appreciative of Chief Haney and the members of the Tribal Council for their financial assistance with the new residence hall project.”

The 56,000 square-foot residence hall is being constructed to the northeast of the Roesler Residential Learning Center on the Seminole State College campus. The approximately $8 million facility is being funded through capital bond proceeds and private donations.

Last spring, the SSC Educational Foundation, kicked off a Capital Campaign to raise money for partial construction costs, furnishings and landscaping of the new facility. Originally scheduled to open at the beginning of the fall term, unseasonable and torrential rainfall delayed progress on construction. The facility is slated to be open for the Spring, 2008 term.

Utterback said this partnership effort between Seminole State College and Seminole Nation is reflective of a progressive community. “This generous act of philanthropy is just a part of many fantastic things going on in our community. We know that large businesses and corporations can spend their money in a lot of ways. We are so pleased that the visionary leaders of the Seminole Nation have chosen to support this project.”

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Inducts New Members

At the Oct. 29 Thirty 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.

Oklahoma State Senator Harry Coates (R-Seminole) was the special guest speaker at the ceremony. Marta Osby and Tracy Jacomo, social sciences instructors, serve as the organization’s faculty advisers.

SSC students inducted in the ceremony were:

- **Earlsboro**- Whitney Megehee
- **Holdenville**- April Gentry
- **Kirbyville**- Morgan Whitmire
- **Konawa**- Sharon Denton, Shelia Reeves
- **Maud**- Katherine Love
- **Okemah**- Glendon Gunter, Kenya Titsworth
- **Prague**- Erlir Majko, Sandra Moore, Stephen Mullins
- **Seminole**- April Allison, Brooke Belles, Angela Burton, Brett Gowdy, Lydia Hormenoo, Paula Kemp-Pearson
- **Shawnee**- Vicky Bryan, Martina Perry, John Shoemaker, Melissa Watts, Sara Whitesides
- **Tecumseh**- Sean Binau, Virgie Cochran, Tiffany Fowler, Kristen Jones, Jonathan Strickland, Tina Treat, Stella White
- **Wewoka**- Justin Sylsberry

Thirty students were inducted into the Alpha Theta Nu chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.
College Recognized as Employer of the Year by B&PW

The Seminole County Business and Professional Women’s Association honored its “Woman of the Year” and recognized an “Employer of the Year” on Monday, Oct. 15.

Seminole State College was recognized for “Making Positive Differences in the Lives of Working Women” by encouraging internal promotions, professional development opportunities and the pursuit of educational degrees for its female employees.

Within the organization, women have been hired or internally promoted to a number of administrative positions on campus. Five of the six academic divisions at the College are now chaired by women. Three of the four vice presidents of the institution are women.

Lana Reynolds, Seminole State College Vice President for Institutional Advancement, accepted the award for the College.

“We are pleased to have the College recognized for its support and promotion of women in the workforce,” noted Reynolds.

“During the past decade, under the leadership of President Jim Utterback, there have been concentrated efforts to encourage female employees to pursue their educational degrees and seek advancement in our organization. Members of the College’s Board of Regents have been equally supportive of these initiatives. We are honored to receive the “Employer of the Year” award from the Seminole County Business and Professional Women for “Making Positive Differences in the Lives of Working Women,” Reynolds said.

The Seminole County Business and Professional Women has been an active organization for 58 years. BPW/USA was founded in 1919 to promote equity for all women in the workplace through advocacy, education and information. A special emphasis is placed on legislation that affects working women and educates its members to become involved.

BPW was the first women’s organization to endorse the Equal Rights Amendment in 1937 and throughout its existence has been a leader in seeking passage of key legislation affecting working women. Each year legislative platforms on both state and national levels are designed to address concerns in economic, health and acknowledge the contributions of working women.

Liz Estes of Seminole was honored as the organization’s Woman of the Year.

For more information about the Seminole County B&PW contact the organization’s president Nancy Horn at 405.382.0731.

Will Rogers Set to Visit SSC Campus on November 8

The special guest speaker for the November 8, 2007 Seminole Chamber of Commerce Forum will be Will Rogers (well, really - Dr. Doug Watson). 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.

In observance of Oklahoma’s Centennial Celebration, Seminole State College will be presenting Dr. Watson’s program at 11:00 a.m. that morning in the Jeff Johnston Fine Arts Auditorium. Students, faculty and staff are invited to attend. There will be no charge for the program. If you would like to bring a class to this program, please contact Lana Reynolds at Ext. 218 (l.reynolds@sscok.edu), so that we can arrange for adequate seating.

An abbreviated version of the program will be presented at the Forum luncheon, scheduled for noon in the Haney Center. Cost for Forum is $8 - payable to the Chamber of Commerce at the door.
At their October meeting Wednesday, Oct. 17, the Seminole State College Board of Regents approved a design for the Student One-Stop-Shop, acknowledged a substantial monetary donation from the Seminole Nation and in recognition of their continuous support, approved to name the new residential housing facility in the Tribe’s honor.

In his “President’s Report” to the Board, Dr. Jim Utterback, provided information about recent personnel changes on campus. He informed the Board that Christy Abbott-France has been hired as an Advisor in the federally-funded GEAR UP program. She attended Seminole “Junior” College and received a bachelor of science in elementary education from Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee. Abbott-France was a public school teacher in the Walters school system in Walters, Oklahoma from 1999 until she moved to Shawnee this past summer.

Utterback also updated the Board on campus construction and reminded them of some upcoming college events.

Under the first item of business, the regents accepted an annual external audit for the college. Representatives from Cole & Reed of Oklahoma City conducted the audit and were present at the meeting to present their findings to the board. SSC received a clean, or unqualified, audit. The report will be submitted to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education later this month.

Under the next item of business, the board approved a final design for the college’s new Student One-Stop Shop, another campus project being funded through the 2005 Higher Education Bond Issue. “We believe this design will create a great ‘front door’ to our campus and help better facilitate the student enrollment process,” said President Utterback. The new student services and enrollment center will be located near the southeast edge of campus on the site of the current tennis courts.

The Board then approved the official naming of the new residential learning facility. President Utterback informed the audience that the Seminole Nation has pledged a major financial gift to the Seminole State College Educational Foundation’s 2007-2010 Capital Campaign. The Tribe has pledged a total of $250,000 as an investment in the residence hall currently under construction.

In appreciation for this gift, the Board voted to name the new 150-bed facility, which is scheduled to be completed for the Spring, 2008 term, the “Seminole Nation Residential Learning Center.”

Prior to consideration of the Consent Agenda, President Utterback informed the Board that Dr. Bill Pennington, the President of Murray State College, was killed in a car accident last Saturday evening. The Board voted to send a formal expression of condolence to the faculty and staff of Murray State from the Seminole State College campus.

Under the Consent Agenda, the regents approved the college’s 2008 Academic Plan and Three-Year Plan, annual reports submitted to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education; as well as a master lease reimbursement resolution. The master lease reimbursement resolution is a document required under federal guidelines, which allows master lease proceeds to be used for reimbursement of expenditures on capital projects.

Members present at the October meeting were: Chairman William Harrison, Jr., Roger Nansel, Jon Flowers, Bill Huser, Marci Donaho, Jeff Miller and David Wilson.

The next meeting of the SSC Board of Regents is scheduled for Dec. 13.
SSC News Tidbits......

Also ranked in singles for
the Trojans are Andres Nunez at
#10, James Vinkis at #16, and Brett
Little at #47.

In doubles, the NJCAA ITA
Champ team of Andres Nunez and
James Vinkis gained the ranking of
#1 in the nation for the fall, as well
as Brett Little/Armando Morales
at #16, and Aaron Goode/Andrew
carter at #28. SSC is one of only
four teams in the nation to have all
three of their doubles teams ranked
in the nation, along with Tyler,
Laredo, and Collin.

Monday, Oct. 22, students in the
President’s Leadership Program
traveled to Oklahoma City to tour the
State Regents for Higher Education
Facilities and visit with Chancellor
Glen Johnson. Students also visited
the Oklahoma History Museum.

Seminole State
College’s chapter
of the national
honor society in
psychology for
community and
junior college,
 Psi Beta, as
well as General
Psychology
and Social
Psychology students recently
volunteered at the building of
Boomtown Playground over fall
break.

Pictured above are PSI Beta
members and Social Psychology
students (top) Sarah Rooney and TJ
Vanzant, (right) General Psychology
student Joe Zehren, and PSI Beta
member and Social Psychology student
Dustin Kerley.
CAAP Test Was Offered at SSC on November 6 and 7

The annual ACT Collegiate Assessment of Academic Performance (CAAP) Test was offered on Tuesday, Nov. 6 and Wednesday, Nov. 7.

“This nationally recognized test is a very important part of the general education assessment process at Seminole State College and provides valuable data which the College uses to enhance the educational experience for its students” said Larry Vickers, Assessment of Student Learning Coordinator.

Test participants have been selected from a list of students who are likely to have completed 45 or more credit hours by the end of the fall semester. Questions about the test may be directed to Vickers at 405-382-9239 or l.vickers@sscok.edu.

International Cuisine Planned for Church Food Festival

Swedish meatballs, German sausages, Italian pasta, Mexican tacos, French pastry…

Representatives of the local Catholic church are planning an international food festival to raise money for church bells and are searching for input from anyone who knows about the food of another culture.

“International students, transplants, expatriates, even people who just love exotic food are being sought to consult on this project,” said Karen Anson, president of the Altar Society of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and chairman of the fundraising committee.

The festival is being planned to coincide with Seminole’s Christmas Parade on Dec. 6. Hours and location are still being decided.

“The idea came because we are such a diverse parish,” Anson said. “We have members with Mexican, Pakistani, Lebanese backgrounds. Naturally we have the Irish Ansons and Minihans, and, of course, despite her last name, Marie Dawson is pretty Italian,” Anson said, joking about a popular SSC teacher.

The group plans to organize a dozen or so cooks, each to come up with a dish or two from a given country. Each cook will need consultants, helpers and servers. Set up and clean up help will also be needed.

“If we’re lucky enough to find people who actually live or have lived in other countries, we’d love to have them at the festival to chat informally with visitors about their food and culture,” Anson said.

“And it might help them to get to know people in our community.”

The money will go to help buy bells for the church, located on SH 9 about a mile east of the college.

“I have had the idea for church bells ever since traveling in Europe and South America,” Anson said. “I loved waking up to the sound of bells calling people to worship. It was like a prayer that floated over the whole city. The sound of church bells can remind people of all faiths of the need to be thankful and prayerful in a busy world.”

She said she hopes the bells can be heard as far away as the college.

The church plans to raise about $10,000 in various upcoming fundraisers and welcomes ideas for those, too. Anyone with ideas, tips or a little time to volunteer is asked to call her at 405-382-7410, or Vice President Becky Anson, 405-303-2656.
Regent Donaho Receives Top Award at Governor’s Conference

Marci Donaho, Executive Director of the Jasmine Moran Children’s Museum, and her organization brought home two of the top awards from the Governor’s Conference on Tourism this week.

Donaho, SSC Board of Regents member, was selected as “Tourism Professional of the Year” and the Museum was awarded the designation of “Outstanding Attraction” during the presentation of the 2007 RedBud Awards at the Renaissance Hotel in Tulsa on Monday evening. The awards gala was held in conjunction with a two-day conference featuring a trade show, educational programs, networking opportunities and industry recognition of the state’s best tourism efforts.

The RedBud Awards recognize Oklahoma’s tourism attractions, destination marketing organizations and travel writers for their outstanding efforts to serve and promote Oklahoma’s tourism industry. The honors are given by the Oklahoma Travel Industry Association and the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department.

“The RedBud Awards represent the highest honor given in recognition of tourism excellence in Oklahoma,” said Hardy Watkins, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department. “These awards showcase the best of our state and reward our industry partners for their outstanding efforts operating and promoting world-class attractions.”

Donaho, who has served as Executive Director of the Children’s Museum for the past 11 years. She is a director for the Frontier Country marketing Association and president of the Oklahoma Museums Association. She is a member, and past president, of the Seminole Chamber of Commerce and was named Seminole’s “Citizen of the Year” for 2002. Donaho has been nominated three times as “Woman of the Year” as recognized by the Journal Record. She was appointed by Governor Brad Henry to serve as a Regent for Seminole State College.

The mission and purpose of the Jasmine Moran Children’s Museum is to provide a fun, safe and creative environment “where children play to learn and adults learn to play” in age-appropriate exhibits that focus on career opportunities.

The Museum attracts an increasingly diverse number of regional and national visitors as an entertainment, tourist and educational attraction. Annual visitors number between 50,000 and 60,000. Approximately 30,000 school students visit the Museum each year on field trips. Youngsters from day care centers and nursery schools, as well as family groups, also attend. During the week of Spring Break, 2007, a record number of visitors – 4,444 – traveled to the Children’s Museum.

Since opening in 1993, over 700,000 visitors have come to the Museum, representing virtually all Oklahoma communities, 50 states and 79 nations.

Donaho accepted the RedBud awards from Oklahoma Lieutenant Governor Jari Askins and Executive Director of the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department Hardy Watkins.

Other representatives of the Museum on hand to celebrate the state recognition in Tulsa Monday were: Co-Founders Melvin and Jasmine Moran; President of the Museum’s Board of Trustees Amie Colclazier; Past-President Lana Reynolds; and Board Member Dale Donaho.

For more information about the Children’s Museum, visit the website at: www.jasminemoran.com, or contact the Museum office at 382-0950.
## Seminole State College 2007-2008 Basketball Schedule

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Day</th>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Opponent</th>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Women</th>
<th>Men</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Thurs.</td>
<td>Nov. 1</td>
<td>Oklahoma City University JV</td>
<td>Seminole</td>
<td>6:00</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Oklahoma Christian University JV</td>
<td>Seminole</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>8:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sat.</td>
<td>Nov. 3</td>
<td>Independence C.C.</td>
<td>Seminole</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>3:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nov. 9-10</td>
<td></td>
<td>Hutchinson Classic</td>
<td>Hutchinson, KS</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fri.</td>
<td></td>
<td>Hutchinson C.C.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>7:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sat.</td>
<td></td>
<td>Seward County C.C.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>3:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nov. 9-10</td>
<td></td>
<td>Frank Phillips Classic</td>
<td>Borger, TX</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fri.</td>
<td></td>
<td>Frank Phillips College</td>
<td></td>
<td>7:00</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sat.</td>
<td></td>
<td>Clarendon College</td>
<td></td>
<td>2:00</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tues.</td>
<td>Nov. 13</td>
<td>Oklahoma Baptist University JV</td>
<td>Seminole</td>
<td>6:00</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thurs.</td>
<td>Nov. 15</td>
<td>Connors State</td>
<td>Seminole</td>
<td>6:00</td>
<td>8:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mon.</td>
<td>Nov. 19</td>
<td>Northeastern Oklahoma A&amp;M</td>
<td>Miami</td>
<td>6:00</td>
<td>8:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nov. 23-24</td>
<td></td>
<td>Collin County Classic</td>
<td>Plano, TX</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tues.</td>
<td>Nov. 27</td>
<td>Carl Albert State</td>
<td>Seminole</td>
<td>6:00</td>
<td>8:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fri.</td>
<td>Nov. 30</td>
<td>Collin County C.C.</td>
<td>Seminole</td>
<td>6:00</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sun.</td>
<td>Dec. 2</td>
<td>Eastern Oklahoma State</td>
<td>Seminole</td>
<td>2:00</td>
<td>4:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thurs.</td>
<td>Dec. 6</td>
<td>Independence C.C.</td>
<td>Independence, KS</td>
<td></td>
<td>7:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sun.</td>
<td>Dec. 9</td>
<td>Univ. of Arkansas-Ft. Smith</td>
<td>Ft. Smith, AR</td>
<td>2:00</td>
<td>4:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sat.</td>
<td>Dec. 15</td>
<td>Cedar Valley</td>
<td>Lancaster, TX</td>
<td></td>
<td>2:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jan. 3-5</td>
<td></td>
<td>West Plains Classic</td>
<td>West Plains, MO</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thurs.</td>
<td></td>
<td>North Lake</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>5:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fri.</td>
<td></td>
<td>NW Mississippi</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>5:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sat.</td>
<td></td>
<td>MSU - West Plains</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>7:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tues.</td>
<td>Jan. 8</td>
<td>Connors State</td>
<td>Warner</td>
<td>6:00</td>
<td>8:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thurs.</td>
<td>Jan. 10</td>
<td>Northeastern Oklahoma A&amp;M</td>
<td>Seminole</td>
<td>6:00</td>
<td>8:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mon.</td>
<td>Jan. 14</td>
<td>Carl Albert State</td>
<td>Poteau</td>
<td>6:00</td>
<td>8:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tues.</td>
<td>Jan. 22</td>
<td>Eastern Oklahoma State</td>
<td>Wilburton</td>
<td>6:00</td>
<td>8:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thurs.</td>
<td>Jan. 24</td>
<td>Univ. of Arkansas-Ft. Smith</td>
<td>Seminole</td>
<td>6:00</td>
<td>8:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mon.</td>
<td>Jan. 28</td>
<td>Northern Oklahoma - Enid*</td>
<td>Seminole</td>
<td>6:00</td>
<td>8:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thurs.</td>
<td>Jan. 31</td>
<td>Western Oklahoma State*</td>
<td>Altus</td>
<td>6:00</td>
<td>8:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mon.</td>
<td>Feb. 4</td>
<td>Redlands C.C.*</td>
<td>El Reno</td>
<td>6:00</td>
<td>8:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thurs.</td>
<td>Feb. 7</td>
<td>Northern Oklahoma - Tonkawa*</td>
<td>Seminole</td>
<td>6:00</td>
<td>8:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mon.</td>
<td>Feb. 11</td>
<td>Murray State*</td>
<td>Tishomingo</td>
<td>6:00</td>
<td>8:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thurs.</td>
<td>Feb. 14</td>
<td>Northern Oklahoma - Enid*</td>
<td>Enid</td>
<td>6:00</td>
<td>8:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mon.</td>
<td>Feb. 18</td>
<td>Western Oklahoma State*</td>
<td>Seminole</td>
<td>6:00</td>
<td>8:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thurs.</td>
<td>Feb. 21</td>
<td>Redlands C.C.*</td>
<td>Seminole</td>
<td>6:00</td>
<td>8:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mon.</td>
<td>Feb. 25</td>
<td>Northern Oklahoma - Tonkawa*</td>
<td>Tonkawa</td>
<td>6:00</td>
<td>8:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wed.</td>
<td>Feb. 27</td>
<td>Murray State*</td>
<td>Seminole</td>
<td>6:00</td>
<td>8:00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>March 7-9</td>
<td></td>
<td>NJCAA Region II Tournament</td>
<td>Shawnee</td>
<td>TBA</td>
<td>TBA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>March 18-22</td>
<td></td>
<td>NJCAA National Tournament</td>
<td>(Men):Hutchinson, KS (Women):Salina, KS</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Men’s games may tip off 20 minutes after completion of Women’s games

*Bi-State Western Division Conference Game

Gate Admission: $5 - Adults, $2 - Students