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2011-12 Women's Basketball Schedule

November

3	6:00PM	@	Cowley (KS)
12	2:00PM	vs.	Cowley (KS)
15	8:00PM	vs.	Bacone College
21	6:00PM	vs.	Eastern Oklahoma
25		@	TBA
<i>Collin County Classic - Nov. 25-26</i>			
* 29	6:00PM	vs.	Northern Oklahoma - Tonkawa

December

2	5:30PM	@	Lamar (CO)
<i>Lamar Classic, Lamar, CO - Dec. 2-3</i>			
3	1:30PM	vs.	Otero Junior College
<i>Lamar Classic, Lamar, CO - Dec. 2-3</i>			

January

*9	6:00PM	@	Western Oklahoma
*12	6:00PM	@	Connors
*16	6:00PM	@	Murray
*19	6:00PM	vs.	Carl Albert
*23	6:00PM	@	Redlands
*26	6:00PM	vs.	Northeastern Oklahoma A&M
*30	6:00PM	@	Eastern Oklahoma

February

*1	6:00PM	@	Northern Oklahoma - Tonkawa
*6	6:00PM	vs.	Northern Oklahoma - Enid
*9	6:00PM	vs.	Western Oklahoma
*13	6:00PM	vs.	Connors
*18	2:00PM	@	Northern Oklahoma - Enid
*20	6:00PM	vs.	Murray
*23	6:00PM	@	Carl Albert
*27	6:00PM	vs.	Redlands

March

*1	6:00PM	@	Northeastern Oklahoma A&M
8		vs.	TBA
<i>NJCAA Region II Tournament, Shawnee, OK - March 8-11, 2012</i>			
20		vs.	TBA
<i>NJCAA National Tournament, Salina, KS - March 20-24, 2012</i>			

2011-12 Men's Basketball Schedule

November

1	7:00PM	vs.	God's Academy
3	8:00PM	@	Cowley (KS)
5	6:00PM	vs.	Paris (TX)
<i>Oklahoma-Texas Challenge at SWOSU, Weatherford, OK</i>			
6	2:00PM	vs.	Midland (TX)
12	4:00PM	vs.	Cowley (KS)
15	6:00PM	vs.	North Lake (TX)
21	8:00PM	vs.	Eastern Oklahoma
*29	8:00PM	vs.	Northern Oklahoma - Tonkawa

December

<i>Elite 8 Tournament, Coffeyville, KS - Dec. 1-3</i>			
10	2:00PM	@	Richland (TX)

January

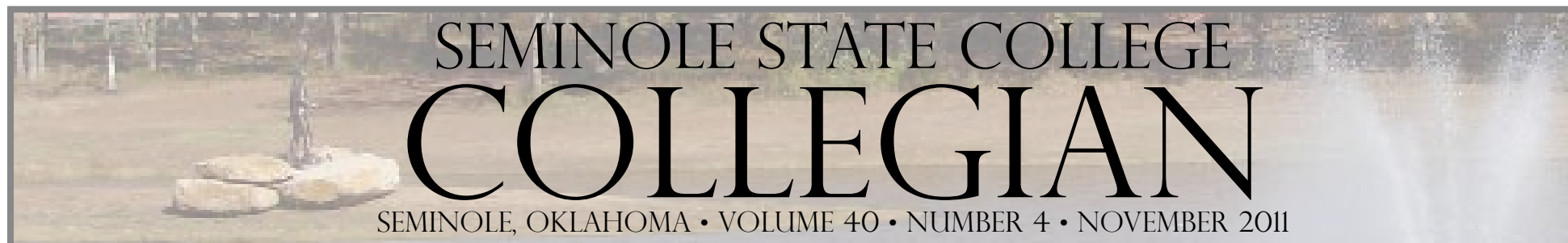
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Accrediting Agency Visits SSC Nursing Program: Recommends Maximum

The National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC), Inc. recently visited the Seminole State College Nursing Program as part of their standard accreditation processes.

The NLNAC recommended the maximum of eight years "Continuing Accreditation" for the SSC Nursing Program.

"Months of planning and preparation went into this project," noted SSC President Dr. Jim Utterback. "On behalf of the College, I want to thank Nursing and Health Sciences Division Chair Donna Chambers and everyone in the Division for their diligent work in building a first-rate program.

"Everyone associated with Seminole State College can take

great pride in our outstanding nursing program," Utterback said.

As part of the accreditation process, campus faculty, as well as the public were invited to meet the NLNAC accreditation team and the Oklahoma Board of Nursing representatives in the Enoch Kelly Haney Center.

"We are extremely excited to be recommended for maximum accreditation from the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission.

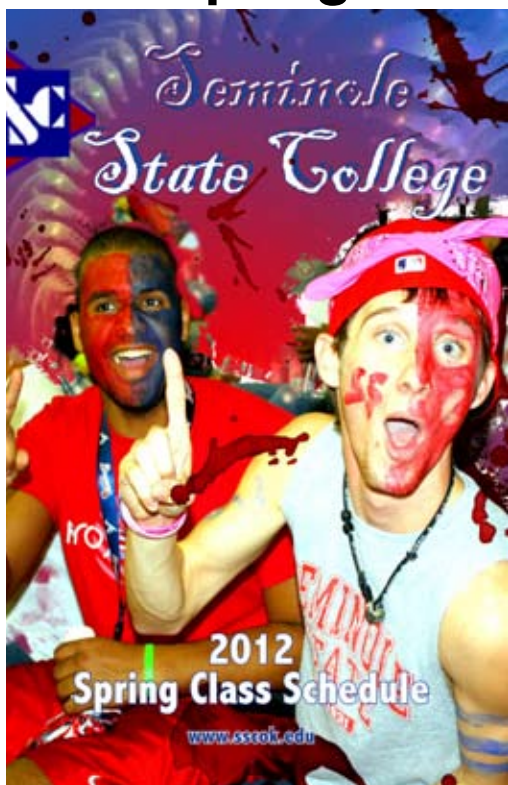
"We are also every appreciative of the outpouring of support from the community and the SSC campus community that is always shown to our program," said Chambers.

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Community members and supporters attended a reception hosted (NLNAC). Pictured front row (l-r) is Cecil Sullivan, Dr. Joyce Barra (NLNAC Team), Brenda Hudson and Dr. Wendi Palermo (NLNAC Team). Back row (l-r) Jerry Sullivan, Melvin Moran, Lisa Schoaps, Karrie Utterback, Donna Chambers, Harrell Kennedy and Marci Donaho.

SSC Spring Schedules Available; Dec. Intersession Classes Offered



Class schedules detailing Seminole State College's Spring 2012 Semester and May Intersession course offerings are now available at the college's Ben and Bonnie Walkingstick Student Services Center.

Courses can also be viewed on the college's website at www.sscok.edu.

Spring classes are set to begin Wednesday, Jan. 11. Students and area residents can take advantage of open enrollment beginning Monday, Nov. 7, 2011 through Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2012. Although classes will be underway, students may enroll late without special permission through Wednesday, Jan. 18.

Online enrollment is available for those students who qualify. All

first-time students are required to come to the Admissions office in person for enrollment. Returning students, who have cleared any academic deficiencies, may contact an SSC counselor to be released to enroll online. Contact with counselors may be done in person in the Student Services Center or by phone or email at: 405-382-9297; 405-382-9729; b.cates@sscok.edu; or d.eldredge@sscok.edu.

Enrollment is also ongoing for the December-January Intersession which begins December 12, 2011 and ends January 6, 2012. Students may take a 3-hour course during this Intersession.

Intersession classes offered this term are anthropology, business administration, computer science, english, government, health

and physical ed recreation, history, humanities, nursing, religion, sociology and speech.

SSC students can receive associate degrees in 16 major fields of study, including concentrations in art, behavioral science, business, child development, criminal justice, computer science, elementary education, general studies, health occupations, health, physical education and recreation, language arts, life science, mathematics, physical science, pre-engineering and social studies.

SSC also offers certifications for occupation majors that range from medical lab technology, nursing, business and information systems, applied technology and child development.

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Nursing Accreditation Receives Max

(continued from cover) Representatives commented that the Seminole State College Nursing Program is producing articulate and knowledgeable nursing graduates. Through our program, we are not only addressing the national nursing shortage, but we are also producing exceptional nurses for the 21st Century," Chambers said.

The NLNAC will convene in March for final approval of the recommendation of the site visit team. For more information contact (405) 382-9586.

Spring Schedules Available Now

(continued from cover) Many courses allow students to receive hands-on instruction and one-on-one attention. SSC also gives students and community members the opportunity to travel the world for global education.

Special spring enrollment hours for the SSC Office of Admissions, Business Office and Bookstore are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12 through Thursday, Dec. 15; 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3 through Thursday, Jan. 5; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6; and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9. The Admissions office will be closed Monday Dec. 19 through Jan. 2.

Students may pay tuition and fee charges online at www.sscok.edu through "eCashier."

For additional information about SSC's enrollment, please call the college's Office of Admissions at (405) 382-9950 or visit www.sscok.edu.



Global Studies in Ireland and England

Seminole State College's Global Studies program recently returned from a trip to Ireland and England. Pictured left to right are the eight SSC students, faculty and community members who participated. Kelly Kirk, Judy Vervack, William Malouf, Kay North, Ashley Neel, Taryn North, Dr. Donna and Kerri Williams posed for a picture standing in front of Trinity College in Dublin. The eight-day trip, took place Oct. 13 through 21, and directed travelers through Dublin, North Whales and London with a stop at the birthplace of Shakespeare. SSC Art Instructor Kelly Kirk who helps coordinating the global studies trips encourages community members to participate in these trips. "You need not be a SSC student to enjoy those trips," he said.

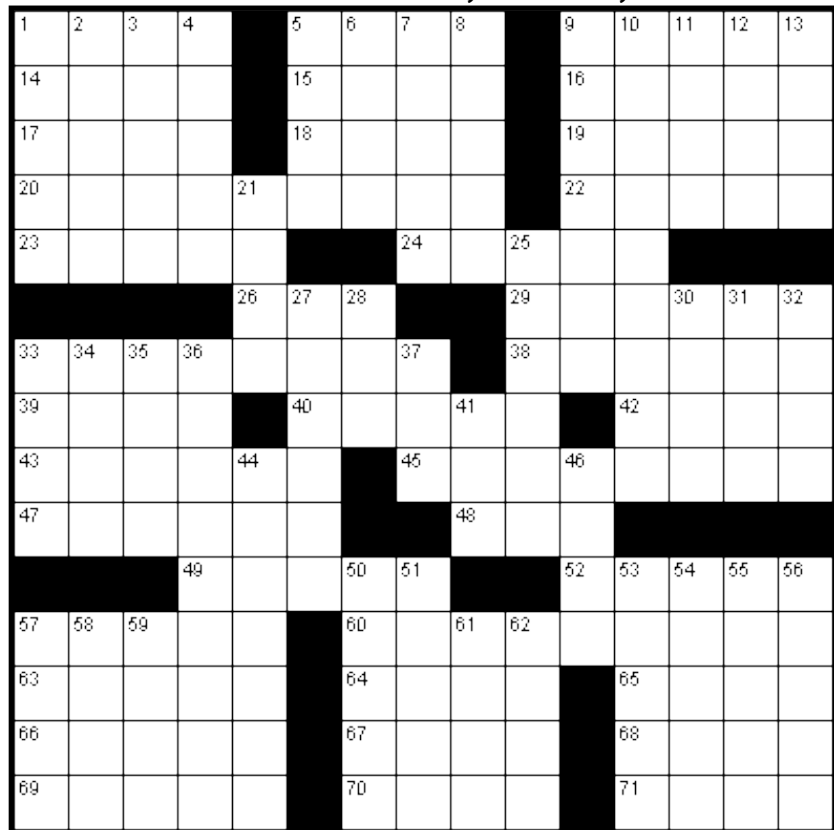
Important Dates

- ~ Thanksgiving Break Nov 23-25
- ~ Final Exams Dec. 6-10
- ~ Offices closed Dec. 19- Jan. 2



Seminole State Scrambles

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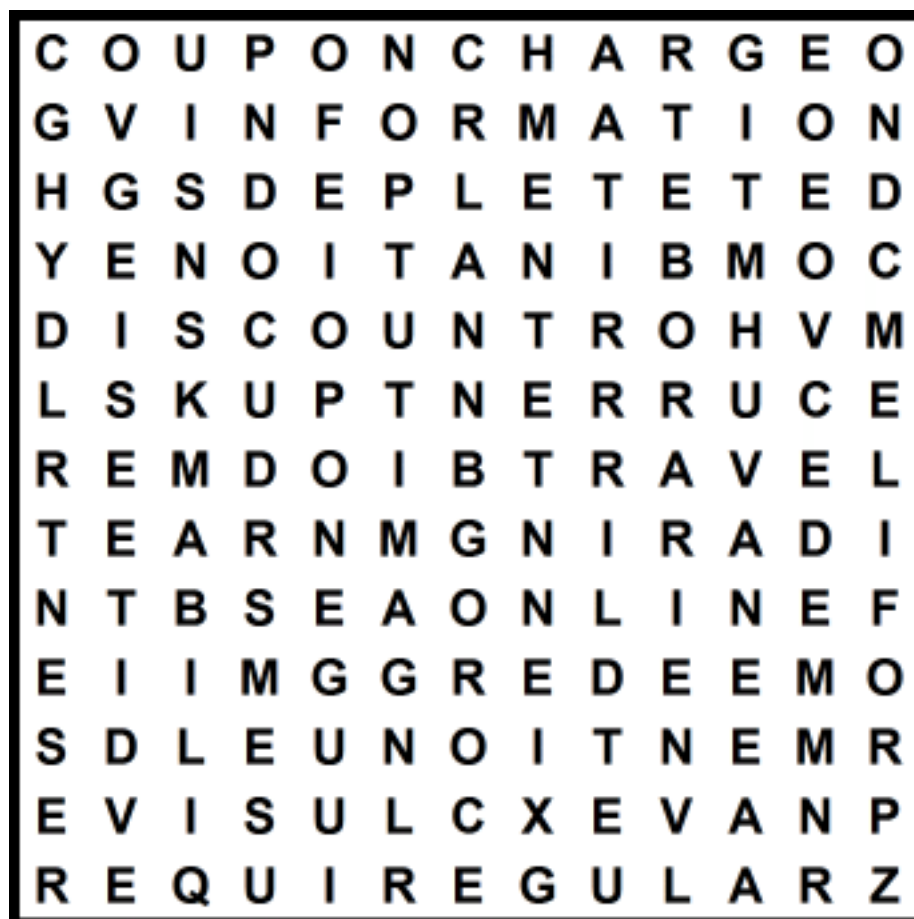
ACROSS

- 1. Donations
- 5. Scallion
- 9. Warning
- 14. Money lent
- 15. Pimples
- 16. Cowboy sport
- 17. Albacore or bluefin
- 18. At which time
- 19. Detecting by radio waves
- 20. Science of star-gazing
- 22. An electrode
- 23. Domain
- 24. Stories
- 26. Shade tree
- 29. Shocked
- 33. Chicago's state
- 38. Almost
- 39. Make a deep hollow sound
- 40. Pelvic
- 42. Smell
- 43. Charge
- 45. Concentration camp
- 47. Be in an agitated emotional state
- 48. Before
- 49. Moses' brother
- 52. Triangular formation
- 57. Sail supports
- 60. A wide street
- 63. A northern people
- 64. A river in Spain
- 65. Largest continent
- 66. Work out
- 67. Seaweed
- 68. Profound
- 69. Spoken for
- 70. Attention
- 71. Formerly (archaic)

DOWN

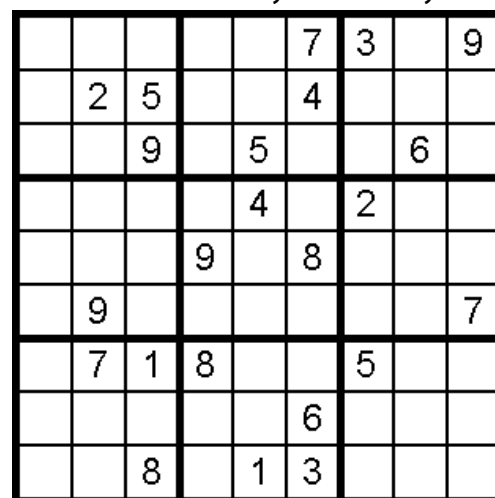
- 1. Communion table
- 2. A wingless parasitic insect
- 3. Devilfish
- 4. A vicious angry growl
- 5. Area of cut grass
- 6. Reflected sound
- 7. Foe
- 8. Country in Africa
- 9. Set up
- 10. Usurer
- 11. Cocoyam
- 12. Absorb written material
- 13. Ripped
- 21. Portent
- 25. Resentment
- 27. Hang around
- 28. One thousandth of an inch
- 30. Region
- 31. Sleigh
- 32. Kid
- 33. Nile bird
- 34. Solitary
- 35. Prospector's find
- 36. Not genuine
- 37. Female sib
- 41. Consumed food
- 44. Berate
- 46. Formally surrender
- 50. A religious cult
- 51. Majestic
- 53. Avoid
- 54. Powerful light beam
- 55. Attempts
- 56. Customize
- 57. Fog
- 58. Dwarf buffalo
- 59. Pout
- 61. Encourage
- 62. Burden

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| coupon | inside | profile | vane |
| current | lumber | redeem | |
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| discount | mortgage | resent | |
| exclusive | mouse | soot | tear |
| extend | nave | tees | |

Sudoku courtesy of mirroreyes.com



Sudoku is a number puzzle in which numbers must be fit into a 9x9 grid such that each numeral appears exactly once in each row, column and each of nine 3x3 blocks.

Answers



9	5	8	4	1	3	7	2	6
4	3	2	5	7	6	9	8	1
6	7	1	8	2	9	5	3	4
5	9	3	1	6	2	8	4	7
2	4	7	9	3	8	6	1	5
8	1	6	7	4	5	2	9	3
7	8	9	3	5	1	4	6	2
3	2	5	6	9	4	1	7	8
1	6	4	2	8	7	3	5	9

Utterback selected chair of OETA Board



Dr. Jim Utterback, President of Seminole State College, has been selected to serve as chair of the Oklahoma Educational Television Authority Board (OETA).

The mission of OETA is to make educational and public television services available to all Oklahoma citizens on a coordinated statewide basis, through various educational and cultural agencies under the direction and supervision of the Authority Board.

The Authority Board consists of thirteen members, including six ex-officios and seven appointed by the Governor with approval from the Senate. John McCarroll serves as Executive Director for OETA.

Other members of the Board are Jean Hendrickson, Suzanne Lair, Lisa Harbison, Brent Houston, Elaine Hobson, Clarke Stroud, Dr. Cindy Ross, Dr. Glen Johnson, Burns Hargis, David Boren, Mary Ann Ferguson and Dr. Janet Barresi.

Utterback is in his fifteenth

year as President at SSC. He came to Seminole after seven years at Dodge City Community College in Dodge City, Kan, where he served as Dean of Students.

Past Chair of both the Oklahoma State Regents Council of Presidents and the Council of Two-Year College Presidents, Dr. Utterback has been active in leadership roles across the state. He has chaired the legislative committee for the Council of Presidents and currently serves on the "Commission on Global Education" for the American Association of Community Colleges.

Utterback is a member of the Advisory Board for the Jasmine Moran Children's Museum, Past President of the Seminole Chamber of Commerce and was named Seminole's "Citizen of the Year" in 2004.

He is a member of the Seminole Rotary Club and an Advisor for the Seminole Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.



Front row: Wendy Dodson, Vice President; Sherri Bowen, Current President; Debbie Novak, Secretary Back row: Tria Bullard, Member-at-Large, Pacific Region; Mechell Downey, Member-at-Large for the Western Region;; Terri Grimes, Past President; Joan Tierney, Member-at-Large, Central Region; Wanda Brown, Member-at-Large, Southern Region

Downey named to Board at Congress

Mechell Downey, Administrative Assistant to the President at Seminole State College, has been selected to serve on the Professional Board Staff Network at the 42nd Annual Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) Leadership Congress held in Dallas, Texas recently.

Downey was nominated by the ACCT Board of Directors to represent the Western Region as a member-at-large on the Network's Board during a business meeting on Oct. 14. The organization serves as a national level resource for those who support governing boards at community colleges across the nation.

The goal of the ACCT Congress is to renew and rejuvenate the commitment to access, excellence and student success. During the four-day conference more than 2,000 community college trustees, presidents and leaders heard from six keynote speakers and had the opportunity to attend over 100 sessions.

PBSN provides board and presidential assistant's professional development and networking opportunities to improve their skills during the conference.

Downey will be responsible for the western region which is made up of Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, Manitoba, Northwest Territory, Nunavut Territory

and Saskatchewan. She will coordinate proposals and presentations for the annual ACCT congress forums, review and recommend revisions to PBSN bylaws for membership approval and help guide affairs of the organization.

Downey has served as secretary and assistant to SSC President Dr. Jim Utterback for the past 11 years. Prior to joining the SSC staff worked as a loan assistant at First United Bank of Seminole for seven years.

Downey is a Past President of the SSC Classified Staff Association and of the Seminole Chapter of Business and Professional Women. She serves on the Board of the Prague Round-up Club and is a member of the Seminole Planning Commission. Downey is President-Elect of the Northeast Oklahoma United States Air Force Academy Parents Club.

She and her husband Mike are owners of Central Sheet Metal of Seminole. They have two children: Stephen, who is employed at Central Sheet Metal, and Jessica, who is a sophomore at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.

The ACCT is a non-profit educational organization of governing boards, representing more than 6,500 elected and appointed trustees who govern over 1,200 community, technical and junior colleges in the United States, Canada and England.



Oklahoma Educational Television Authority Board Members are (L to R): Lisa Harbison, Brent Houston, Dr. Jim Utterback, Elaine Hobson, Clarke Stroud, Dr. Cindy Ross, Jean Hendrickson, Dr. Glen Johnson, Burns Hargis, John McCarroll (Executive Director) and Suzanne Lair. Not shown: David Boren, Mary Ann Ferguson and Dr. Janet Barresi.

Student Activities on Campus Salsa Dancing ~ Bongoball ~ Halloween Dance



SSC Students learn to Salsa sponsored by Campus Activities Board.



Bongoball Mania: Student teams challenged the Sodexo Food Service staff to a friendly game with a five-member team competition.



Halloween Dance Sponsored by Student Government Board

SSC Offers Seminar for Area Educators

Area high school officials had the opportunity to hear presentations on college admissions standards, updates on college programs and services, and legal issues in public education at Seminole State College workshop.

Mike Turpen, a private practice attorney and political commentator on the Oklahoma City television program "Flashpoint," addressed attendees at an opening breakfast for the event on Tuesday, Nov. 1. Turpen served as a past Chairman of the Oklahoma Democratic Party and as the Attorney General of Oklahoma from 1983 to 1987. He was appointed by Governor Brad Henry in 2009 to serve as member of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education for a nine-year term.

Following Turpen's presentation, a panel of SSC enrollment and aid specialists provided information on college programs and services.

Stephanie Mather, an attorney with the Center for Education Law in Oklahoma City served as the keynote speaker



Mike Turpen

for the workshop during a final session. The workshop will be held from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Enoch Kelly Haney Center.

Mather's presentation was over "Legal Issues in Public Education" and addressed issues facing counselors and administrators in the classroom, through extracurricular activities, and on public school campuses. Special attention was given to legal issues related to the use of social media. The session also included a question and answer segment.

The workshop was designed for counselors, principals and superintendents.

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



SSC students in the Leadership Development class prepare food collection boxes for the Thanksgiving Holiday Food Drive. Pictured (left to right) are: McKenzie Debter, Julie Wilson, Sara Utterback and Chelsea Smith.

Thanksgiving Holiday Food Drive

Seminole State College's Leadership Development Class is collecting canned food for the local Salvation Army during the Thanksgiving holiday season.

The food drive, which will run through Nov. 14, is a service-learning project for the class. Students have prepared and decorated collection boxes, distributed the boxes in buildings across campus, posted fliers advertising the drive, and worked with the college's media relations office to alert the community about their effort.

All non-perishable food items collected by the students will be distributed to families in Seminole County.

A member of the class Leandra

Wright, sophomore from Shawnee, said, "There are so many families locally who are in dire need of assistance. Every little bit helps. We would appreciate everyone donating canned or other non-perishable foods to the designated decorated boxes around campus."

"Leadership Development through the Classics" is a nationally-certified academic course offered each fall in the area of Humanities. The three-hour course examines leadership styles and skills through the study of classic literature, film and current writings. The class is taught by Social Science Instructor Marta Osby and Vice President for Institutional Advancement Lana Reynolds.



Pumpkins and Pansies

Seminole State College Groundskeeper Darryn Lewis makes sure that the fall blooms are on display for students, employees and campus guests. Colorful pansies, mums and pumpkins can be seen in front of the buildings and in the surrounding park areas.

IMPORTANT!!!
LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW
NOVEMBER 11, 2011

SSC accepting submissions for Creativity Symposium on Campus

The Language Arts and Humanities Division at Seminole State College are now accepting submissions for their Second Annual Howlers and Yawpers Creativity Symposium scheduled for April 27, 2012.

Submissions are open to the public from now until Dec. 9.

The symposium will showcase amateur and professional Oklahoma artists, musicians, actors, writers and dancers in the Jeff Johnston Fine Arts Center on the SSC campus. Students, faculty and community members will present a variety of musical performances, dances, creative writings, theatrical performances and artistic presentations.

The Howlers and Yawpers Creativity Symposium was estab-

lished by the faculty of the SSC Language Arts and Humanities Division in the Spring of 2011 as a free, fully accessible celebration of Oklahoma creative expression, in all of its diverse forms.

According to Division Chair Jessica Isaacs, "The Symposium was created to be a place where emerging, professional, academic, and non-academic writers, musicians, artists, actors and dancers can gather for a day to simply celebrate and share their creative, diverse expressions."

Isaacs said that the title of the Creativity Symposium, "Howlers and Yawpers," embodies ideals central to American creativity and Oklahoman creativity.

The term "Yawpers" was taken from a line in Walt Whitman's

poem, "Song of Myself": "I too am not a bit tamed, I too am untranslatable, I sound my barbaric yawp over the roofs of the world,"—Walt Whitman, "Song of Myself" from *Leaves of Grass*, according to Isaacs.

She added, "The term 'Howlers' is derived from Allen Ginsberg's famous poem 'Howl,' which asserted, like Whitman, the ideals of freedom of individual expression and creativity, which are central tenants of American democracy, again emphasizing the importance of accessibility of creativity and expression to all classes of people."

As part of the symposium, student organizations including the Student Government Association, Sigma Kappa Delta English

Honor Society, Native American Student Association and Phi Theta Kappa, will be selling breakfast items, baked goods, Indian tacos and hot dogs in the Cook Commons in the center of the campus. Vendors and art demonstrations will also be on display in the Cook Commons and gazebo areas.

"We hope this symposium will encourage all those who attend and participate to continue to find passion in their creative arts and appreciate the role the fine arts play in education," said Isaacs.

The event is scheduled for all day on Friday, April 27. Presentations will begin at 8 a.m. Visit <http://yawpers.kellimcbride.com> to access forms and more information about the event or call (405) 382-9274.

Seminole Chamber Honors SSC Personnel, Castle and Ridley

Two Seminole State College employees were honored for their outstanding dedication and work during the monthly Chamber of Commerce Forum Thursday, Oct. 13.

Maintenance Technician Dwayne Castle and Assistant Professor of Psychology Mona Ridley were recognized as "Staff Member of the Month" and "Educator of the Month," respectively.

The Seminole Chamber of Commerce Education Committee, along with the Lions Club and Blue Ribbon Realty recognize SSC employees several times during Forum each year. Individuals are nominated from across the campus and chosen by SSC administrators to receive the honor.

Castle began working at SSC in June, 2008 as part of the construction crew working on the Ben

and Bonnie Walkingstick Student Services Building. He began full-time in the maintenance department in December, 2009.

He is responsible for general building maintenance and handles the department's purchasing, invoicing and shipping. Previously, he was responsible for scheduling use of all campus vehicles for college-related trips.

Castle is a graduate of New Lima High School. He enjoys fishing, hunting and spending time with his wife Amber Castle and son Issac.

Ridley is a faculty member in the College's Social Science Division. She began her career at SSC as Coordinator of Media Relations in 1997. She left the College to work as Assistant Director of Alumni Affairs at the University of Oklahoma from 1998 to 2000.

She returned to the SSC Media Relations office in 2000 and later served as Director of Human Resources for the College before accepting a full-time position teaching psychology.

Ridley received her Bachelor of Arts with Academic Distinction from the University of Oklahoma and also holds a Master of Arts from the university. She is currently working on a Ph.D. in Psychology through NorthCentral University.

Ridley is active in active in the SSC Faculty Senate, currently serving as Chair of the Faculty Welfare Committee and is President-Elect of the organization.

Ridley enjoys reading, shopping, fishing and spending time with her husband of 16 years David Ridley and their three girls Emily, Abigail and Hannah.



Dwayne Castle



Mona Ridley

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Regents Convene for October Meeting; approve audit and policy changes

The Seminole State College Board of Regents convened Oct. 27 for their October meeting to review the College's external audit and revise several institutional policies.

During his President's Report, Dr. Jim Utterback informed the Regents of recent personnel changes on campus.

Utterback told the Board about a recent trip to Washington D.C. by College officials. During the trip, Utterback, Vice President for Institutional Advancement Lana Reynolds and Rural Business and Resources Center Director Larry Smith met with members of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation and staff members to discuss higher education and SSC educational programs.

Utterback told the Board that the SSC Educational Foundation's golf tournament held in September raised more than \$13,000. He also reported on a variety of student and campus activities.

As their first action item, the Regents reviewed and approved the FY11 external audit performed by representatives of Hinkle & Com-

pany, PLLC. Utterback informed the Board that the College received an unqualified (clean) opinion with no findings. The external audit will be submitted to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education later this month. Jim Hinkle, with Hinkle & Company, complimented the college administration and staff for their hard work and efficiency.

Audit Committee members Regent Marci Donaho and David Wilson commended Vice President for Fiscal Affairs Katherine Benton and her staff for their work in managing these areas and for the positive outcome of the audit.

The board reviewed and approved a revision of Policy II-4-1 with an addition to the "General Policies Regarding College Personnel" to provide guidelines for the awarding of emeritus status to retired faculty, administrators or professional staff members.

The next item approved was a revision to Policy II-4-19 updating and clarifying the section addressing "Leaves and Absences" for full-time employees.

Moving to the next business

item, the board approved an agreement for exchange of services with the Seminole State College Educational Foundation. This agreement is reviewed every two years by both the Board of Regents and the Foundation's Board of Trustees.

The board next heard and approved a request to dedicate 350 feet of a water main north of the intersection of State Highways 9 and 3 on the east side of the road to the City of Seminole Utilities Authority.

Utterback explained to the board that "This action is connected to a real estate transaction completed several years ago to square up property lines. The dedication of the line is being done in conjunction with the water meter being moved from our property to the property owned by the Community of Christ Church."

The final item of business was the approval and authorization for the college to refinance the 2002 Bond Issue. With interest rates being low, this action helps take advantage of reducing interest payments.

The board then retired into

executive session to discuss the search process for filling the position of Vice President for Academic Affairs. Also, in executive session, the Board discussed issues related to irregularities in the reading and scoring of a recent application for renewal of the College's GEAR UP federal grant. No action was taken on either item.

Following their return to open session, the Board approved a proposed plan of action regarding the Vice President for Academic Affairs search. The process will include the formation of a selection committee composed of campus-wide representation, primarily of faculty. The search committee will be asked to recommend their top three candidates to the President. The Board will be given the opportunity to interview the top candidates before a recommendation is made to hire the Vice President.

Members present at the meeting were: Chairman Marci Donaho, David Wilson, Marilyn Bradford, Kenneth Henderson, Leesa Adams and Bill Huser.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 15, 2011.

Campus hosted public Oklahoma Literature Presentation by Dr. Mish

Seminole State College hosted a public lecture on "Oklahoma Literature and the Oklahoma Voice" presented by publisher Jeanetta Calhoun Mish, Ph.D. on Nov. 1 at 6 p.m. in the Enoch Kelly Haney Center Lecture Hall.

During the public lecture and discussion Dr. Mish, publisher of Oklahoma Literature spoke to the public about contemporary Oklahoma literature. Following the lecture she read some of her own Oklahoma-infused poetry and held a public question and answer panel.

Dr. Mish is a writer, scholar, professor and editor of Mongrel Empire Press, an award winning regional publishing house. She earned her Ph.D. in American

Studies from Oklahoma University with an emphasis on contemporary American poetry and working class studies.

Her poetry collection, *Work is Love Made Visible*, won the Oklahoma Book Award, the Western Heritage Award and the WILLA award from Women Writing the West. Her first collection of poetry, *Tongue Tied Woman*, won the Edda Poetry Chapbook Competition for Women in 2002.

She is a founding member of the Woody Guthrie Poets she has performed at the Woody Guthrie Free Folk Festival, The Taos Poetry Circus Invitational Reading, Red Dirt Book Festival, Scissortail Creative Writing Festival, C.W. Post Poetry Center at LIU, New

York State Writers Institute Community Voices Series and Readings *Against the End of the World*.

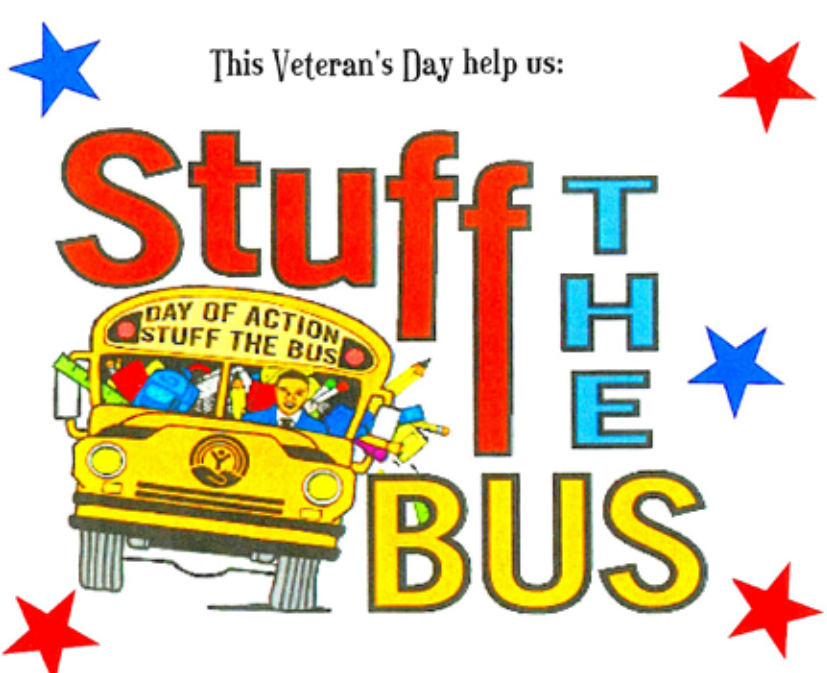
During her time at SSC Dr. Mish gave presentations to students in English Composition, Creative Writing and American Literature classes.

The "Oklahoma Literature and the Oklahoma Voice" presentation is sponsored by SSC Language Arts Division and funded in part by the Oklahoma Humanities Council (OHC) and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). Any views, findings, conclusions or recommendations expressed in this program did not necessarily represent those of OHC or NEH. For more information please contact j.isaacs@sscok.edu.



Dr. Jeanetta Calhoun Mish

This Veteran's Day help us:



Please help us support the families of military personnel stationed overseas and our wounded warriors by donating supplies.

Supplies needed: basic toiletries and household goods, non-perishable food items, clothes (adult and children), diapers (all sizes), and toys.

Bus locations:

- * Seminole State College on Nov. 8th from 9:00-12:00*
- Integris on Nov. 8th from 12:00-4:00
- Wewoka at the SN Tribal Complex on Nov. 10th from 2:00-5:00
- Seminole Walmart on Nov. 11th from 12:00-6:00

Also look for the drop off boxes!

For more information please contact:
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Seminole State College PLC IV and PLC V

(Front to Back, Left to Right) Shamara Baham, Chelsea Smith, Kate Blair, Kaleb Kiker, Julie Wilson, McKenzie Debter, Jane Toungtong, Carlye Tatum, Kristen (Jade) Riley, Brenna Williamson, Sara Utterback, Abby Harcrow, Haley Perry, Devon May, Alexandria Stambaugh, Peyton Fletcher, Callie Kirk, Brandii Robertson, Erin Riley, Taylor Holt, Shelby Lyon, Brooke Gamble, Chelsea Gillum, Brandon Streater, Kevin Fullingim, Kelsy Riley, Blake Nuckolls, Austin DeLaPorte, Tyler Morgan, Ryan Williams, Colton Eeds, DeAndre Smith, Riley Marquis, Trent Casey, Zach Megee, Dion Wild, Hayden Johnson, Josh Worley, Lonnie Smith, Joshua Benard, and Jordan Bumgarner.



On Oct. 19 the Trojan Volleyball team wore their pink jerseys in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness month and the crowd sported their pink as well cheering their team to victory against Redlands Community College. The Trojans are undefeated in conference and are 34-4 overall and will advance with a bye in the NJCAA Region II Volleyball Tournament that will be held November 4-5 in El Reno at Redlands Community College. Coach Angelik Byrd is please with the performance of her team, "We have played extremely well. I wanted the last time they would play a match at SSC for them to have a fun and a memorable experience on their home court. I think this shows we really have a solid all-around team and can get quality time from all 12 of our girls," Byrd said.



Members of the Middle Creek #2 Choir concluded the evening with a cultural demonstration singing hymns in the Seminole language.

Braided Paths

Conversations in Indian Country



Braided Paths *Conversations in Indian Country*

Thursday, Oct. 13, 2011

Reception at 6:00 p.m.

Program at 6:30 p.m.

Foundation Hall at Seminole State College's
Enoch Kelly Haney Center



Gena Timberman, Director of the American Indian Cultural Center and Museum and Dr. Jim Utterback, President of Seminole State College speak to the crowd of over 200 who attended the program.



Seminole Nation tribal member Lewis Johnson provided musical entertainment during a reception preceding the Braided Paths program.



Former Seminole resident Dr. Mary Jo Watson who now serves as the Director of the OU School of Art and Art History, visits with Seminole Nation Chief Leonard Harjo, Shelia Harjo and Stacey Halfmoon, Director of Community Outreach and Museum Programs at the American Indian Cultural Center and Museum.