Important Dates

**Fall Break**
Thursday and Friday
October 18-19

**Thanksgiving Holiday**
Wednesday- Friday
November 21-23

**Final Examinations**
Monday, December 10 -
Thursday, December 13
Dr. Mills named SSC Dean of Instructional Compliance

Seminole State College announced that Dr. Thomas Mills, head men’s basketball coach, has been named the new SSC Dean of Instructional Compliance.

Mills will take over the position replacing Pam Koenig. Koenig is returning to her former position of Social Science Instructor that she held for 15 years at SSC.

Mills will provide leadership and management for both internal and external academic programs including faculty professional development, as well as student and academic assessment. He will act as the Higher Learning Commission Accreditation Liaison Officer.

The Dean of Instructional Compliance collaborates in the development and successful deployment of strategic planning initiatives to ensure the academic mission of the institution is implemented efficiently and effectively.

Dr. Melanie Croy, Vice President for Academic Affairs, said she looks forward to working with Mills in his new position. “I am impressed with Dr. Mills’ academic background and student-oriented philosophy. I believe he will bring integrity, professionalism and leadership to our instructional compliance area,” she said.

Mills academic background consists of a bachelor’s degree in Biology from the University of Central Oklahoma and a Ph.D. in Biochemistry from the University of Houston. He is a graduate of the American Association of Community College’s Future Leaders Institute, which he attended in Newport Beach, Calif., in the summer of 2010.

During his time as the head basketball coach, he led the Trojans to two national tournament appearances in 2005 and 2007. The sophomore graduation rates of his student-athletes during that period was above 90 percent. His 2007 team that placed 5th in the nation had six Academic All-Americans. His teams won the Bi-State

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Seminole State College Welcomes Presidential Leadership Class VI

Seminole State College has chosen 20 students for Class VI of the SSC Presidential Leadership program. PLC is a two-year scholarship program created to help students develop leadership skills and provide personal and professional growth opportunities.

“The Presidential Leadership Class provides students with unique opportunities to foster their leadership skills while developing academic growth,” said Seminole State College President, Dr. James Utterback who instituted the program in 2007.

“We look forward to working with these outstanding students. They will have some great opportunities throughout the year to meet with state leaders, learn about state government and philanthropy, study leadership styles and volunteer their time,” he said.

The program was established to provide educational classroom and extracurricular activities to enhance leadership skills of students. Responsibilities of PLC members include volunteering for campus service programs and campus events.

Students selected for the PLC program receive scholarships to assist with their attendance. School officials throughout the college’s service area of Seminole, Lincoln, Pottawatomie, Hughes and Okfuskee counties are invited by SSC President Utterback to nominate high school seniors as candidates for the scholarship program each year. Participants are selected based on ACT scores, academic performance in high school and demonstrated leadership ability.

Members of the Presidential Leadership Class VI include: Monica Belles, Varnum; Dylan Helms, Eufaula; Shelby Hobia, Shawnee; Paige McAlvain, (continued on page 6)
Constitution Day Observance
In observance of Constitution Day, Seminole State College hosted a “What the Constitution means to Me” open mic event Monday, Sept. 17 in the E.T. Dunlap Student Union Meeting Room. SSC Assistant Professor of Government Jeffrey Christiansen (pictured at the podium) organized the event and opened the program with a brief history of the Constitution. Social Science Division Chair Marta Osby and Associate Professor of History Dr. Steve Bolin assisted with the observance.

Campus Hosted Service Fair
Seminole State College students and faculty learned about goods and services available in the community during the college’s 19th annual “Area Services Fair” held in conjunction with the annual “Back-to-School Ice Cream Social” on the SSC campus Sept. 19.

6th Annual Halloween Costume Dance
Sponsored by the Student Government Association
October 25, 2012 @ 8 pm – 10 pm
Enoch Kelly Haney Center
*Prizes awarded for the best couple, most unique and best overall costume!!
Seminole State Scrambles

Crossword courtesy of mirroreyes.com

ACROSS

1. Fashionable
2. Italian resort
3. Not under
4. Close
5. Ancient ascetic
6. Dozed
7. Vagabond
8. Any minute
9. Sex
10. Subsequently
11. Bing, bang or boom
12. Adolescents
13. $5 5 5 21. Cooking fat
25. A daring exploit
26. Magma
27. Wickedness
28. Pigeonhole
29. Sugar and aspartame
30. Trap
31. Cab
34. Purposes
36. Fifty-three in Roman numerals
37. A river in Spain
38. Caught in the act
40. Chocolate cookie 45. Louver
42. Clan
43. Adjust
44. Goddess of discord
46. Dreadful
47. Dirt
49. Small wound
51. Asteroid
52. Ancient Roman magistrate
53. Moon of Saturn
54. In shape
57. Verbal
58. It smells
59. Where a bird lives
60. Not tricked by
61. ___-friendly
62. Arid
63. Ritual
64. Press laundry
65. Packed
66. Winged
67. Lack of difficulty
68. Aromatic compound
69. Focusing glass
70. Sleigh
71. Shop65. A religious cult

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alert annual brisk brothers contract diner exist flies forge fraud fraught future hanger hire illegal income opal prison project punished pyramid receive returns rules savings scheme sparks squad teen tour track untrue world

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
Mills Named New Dean at SSC

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Conference championships in 2006 and 2008.

As Athletic Director, he provided leadership and administrative oversight of the operation of nine NJCAA athletic programs, including baseball, softball, men’s and women’s basketball, men’s and women’s golf and tennis, volleyball and a dance team.

Mills said that he takes great pride in the SSC athletic department graduation rates of 84 percent and 85 percent the last two years.

He said, “I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the young men in our basketball program for the past nine years. The campus has been unbelievably supportive of our mission. However, every opportunity in life comes with a cost. In this case, the tremendous opportunity to broaden the scope of my leadership responsibilities and experience won out over continuing my career in athletics.

“I am focusing on the future, but, I will never forget the wonderful people and experience in my past. I plan to prove myself on a daily basis to be deserving of the support I received from across campus during this process,” Mills said.

Mills is a member of the Seminole Lions Club, Oklahoma Coaches Association, Oklahoma Basketball Coaches Association and the Seminole Humane Society.

He and his wife Jamie, who is a math instructor at SSC, have three children. Kendall is a junior at the University of Houston. Brandon is a senior and Kirby is a junior at Seminole High School. The family makes their home in Seminole.
Leadership Class VI Welcomed
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Seminole; Jessica Wilson, Hartshorne; Allen Blankenship, Vanoss; Mariah Bollinger, Seminole; Tanner Brady, Tecumseh; Kelia Harjo, Maud; Brian Hatcher, Tecumseh; Conner Keen, Seminole; Clayton Powell, Stroud; Nicholas Vassaur, Tecumseh; Randee Walk, Dale; Jerry Alexander, Hartshorne; Braleigh Barkus, Dale; Erin Bonner, Shawnee; Kaitlin Hisaw, Latta; Kaliann Kincade, Wewoka; and Trisha Kingsbury, Prague.

Sophomore members of PLC (Class V) who are returning for their second year in the program include: McKenze Debter, Seminole; Colton Eeds, Seminole; Peyton Fletcher, Seminole; Brooke Gamble, Seminole; Chelsea Gillum, Konawa; Taylor Holt, Seminole; Hayden Johnson, Stroud; Callie Kirk, Meeker; Haley Perry, Davenport; Jade Riley, Davenport; Chelsea Smith, Seminole; Jane Toungtong, Konawa; Sara Utterback, Seminole; Ryan Williams, Byng; Brenna Williamson, Byng; Julie Wilson, Meeker; and Josh Worley, Seminole.

Last month, the students had the opportunity to meet with U.S. Senator Jim Inhofe during a Congressional Update on campus. The freshmen travelled to Lake Arcadia to participate in a Ropes Challenge Course. Both classes visited the Oklahoma City Bombing Memorial. During the fall semester, they will be traveling to the Oklahoma Penitentiary in McAlester to learn about the Oklahoma Corrections system. They will also host an Election Night Watch Party on campus on Nov. 6, volunteer at the Oklahoma Food Bank, and attend a Tribal leadership program at East Central University.

For more information about the PLC, contact SSC Vice President for Institutional Advancement Lana Reynolds, who serves as coordinator and sponsor of the program, at 405-382-9218 or at l.reynolds@sscok.edu.

Softball Players Volunteer for GEAR UP Project…
Members of Seminole State College's Trojan's Softball team led by Coach Amber Flores teamed up with the SSC GEAR UP program to prepare 500 graphic calculators for distribution to area schools. GEAR UP is a federally-funded program serving a cohort of students from 8th through 12th grades, parents, and teachers in 15 schools. The mission of GEAR UP is to prepare students for college through workshops, cultural and educational field trips and professional development for teachers and educational supplies.

SSC offers Therapy Dog Training
Seminole State College will be offering a therapy dog training program on Monday evenings beginning Oct. 8.

The program will be taught by Michelle Traw for six weeks, concluding on Nov. 12, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Enoch Kelly Haney Center Room 104.

According to Traw, therapy dog training is the most rewarding work that can be done with a dog. “It affords both you and your dog an opportunity to share your love with the people in the community who need it most,” Traw said.

In order to participate in the training, dogs must meet the requirements of having an even temperament and be eager and willing to meet new people, be at least one year old, be up-to-date on all vaccinations, and have basic manners.

Cost of the course is $49 per student. Pre-registration is required by Oct. 4.

For additional information about the course, contact Carol Hartman at (405) 382-9246.
SSC Invitational Golf Tournament a Success

Seminole State College’s Educational Foundation Golf Tournament held Sept. 14 at the Jimmie Austin Golf Course in Seminole raised money for scholarships and other capital projects at the College. Over $25,000 was added to the Foundation’s “Shaping the Future” capital campaign through the event.
Seminole State names Jones Assistant Athletic Director

Sadiaa Jones

Seminole State College has named Sadiaa Jones as the new Assistant Athletic Director. She will oversee the day-to-day operations of the department including supervising personnel and compliance issues.

Sadiaa Jones is a native of Elk City, Okla. is a graduate of SSC where she was a member of the Belles Basketball Team. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Physical Education and Recreation with a minor in Communications from Southeastern Oklahoma State in Durant. She did post-graduate work at the University of Illinois in Chicago and is working towards completion of her Master’s in Sports Administration at Southeastern.

“We are very excited about having Sadiaa as a member of the Seminole State College family. With her experience and background she will do an excellent job overseeing mandatory compliance issues and day-to-day operations,” said Brad Walck, Vice President for Student Affairs. “I know she will be a tremendous asset for the College as well as the community.”

Jones was hired as the Community Development Coordinator of the GEAR UP program this summer. Before being hired at SSC she was the assistant basketball coach at Fresno State in Fresno, CA for six years where her primary responsibilities include working with the post players and serving as the recruiting coordinator.

Prior to working at Fresno, Jones served as an assistant coach at Georgia Tech for two years. Jones was responsible for the development of the team’s forwards during her tenure at Georgia Tech. In addition, she supervised the offseason strength and conditioning program and served as the team’s academic liaison. Prior to Georgia Tech, Jones served two stints at South Florida and another at Illinois-Chicago. During her appointment as an assistant coach at USF in 2005, Jones was responsible for recruiting, game preparation and breakdown, team community service and was also the academic liaison.

“I am beyond excited to be back at Seminole and grateful for such a wonderful opportunity. As a former Belle, I am not only grateful but proud to be a part of SSC Athletics again. This is an exciting time for SSC. With the return of Coach Lloyd Simmons and the additions of enthusiastic coaches like Amber Flores, Ryan Quinn and Doug Byrd, I can’t help but be excited about where the athletic program is headed,” said Jones.

Jones can be reached at 405-382-9683.

Seminole State College Trojan Open

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, November 2, 2012

9:00 a.m. - Shotgun Start
Jimmie Austin Municipal Golf Course
Seminole, Oklahoma

(Lunch Available on the Course)

Two-Man Scramble - $80 Per Person Entry Fee
Includes Green Fees and Cart

HOLE SPONSORSHIPS - $100 EACH

To register for tournament, or for more information, contact:

Seminole State College
Trojan Baseball Alumni Association Member
KEVIN RIGGS at 405-382-3365

Please Make Checks Payable to Seminole State College
Mail to: Coach Lloyd Simmons, P.O. Box 351, Seminole, OK 74818

Following Golf Tournament...

Evening After-Party for Alumni at the Home of Curtis Morgan

Saturday, November 3, 2012
1:00 p.m. – Homerun Hitting Contest
2:00 p.m. – Alumni Baseball Game