

College plans explained at Kiwanis Club meeting

Dr. Robert W. Westrick, president of Lake-Sumter Community College, discussed the college's plans for South Lake County with the Kiwanis Club of Clermont at their luncheon meeting.

The new site will be at Hancock Road and State Road 50.

The Maury Carter family previously donated a 40-acre tract to the college, which would have been sufficient, except L-SCC entered into an arrangement with the University of Central Florida to share a branch campus.

This required a commitment for a larger parcel of land. With the help of the South Lake Hospital Board, the two schools have arranged a swap for the 40-acre parcel and the purchase of additional land so that the now have a 127-acre parcel on the west side of Hancock road. This will allow them to move forward with both schools on that location.

As soon as the closing takes place (probably this month), local architect Nick Jones will begin the plans. College officials expect to hold

their first classes in fall 1999.

They hope to be able to work with the local hospitality industry in setting up an extensive hospitality program.

They also will work closely with the hospital, which will be next door, to set up a nursing education program.

They expect to be able to accommodate 350 students.

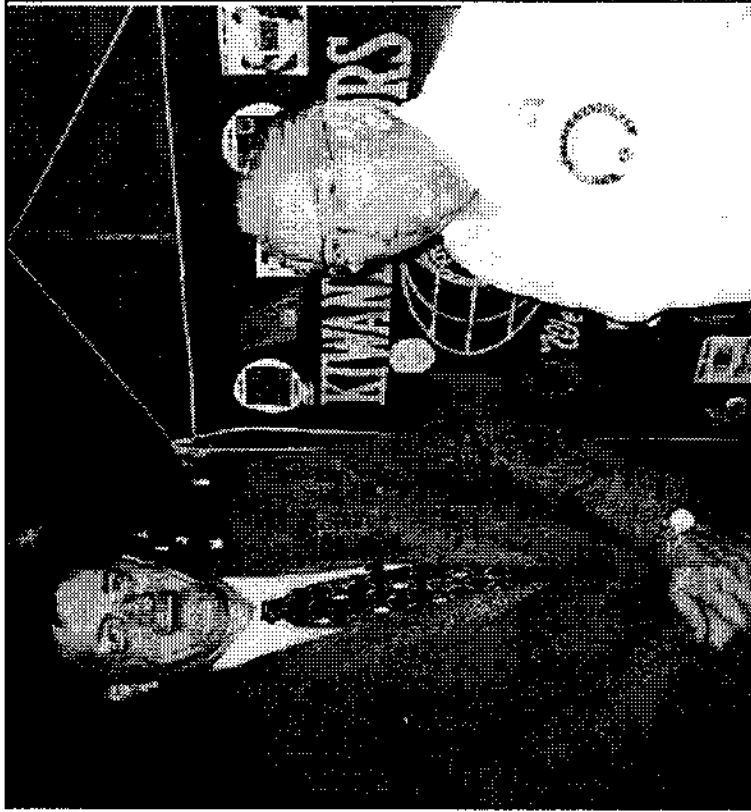
About two years after L-SCC's campus opens, the University of Central Florida will open its doors at that location.

Initially, they will attempt to reach an agreement with Cooper Memorial Library to provide services to the community college.

This will allow the library to expand its collection, which will be available to the public, and will also provide a better research section for school children of South Lake.

Westrick received his Doctorate in Education at the University of Alabama.

He became the president of Lake-Sumter Community College in May



Lake-Sumter president Bob Westrick spoke to Kiwanians recently.

1993 after serving as the Associate Vice President and Campus Director at the University of Central Florida's Brevard Campus for 12 years.

He is married to Merrell and they have two sons, Rob Jr. and Todd, and a daughter, Lara.

