

# Grand Opening for South Lake Center on Dec. 11

Lake Sumter Community College would like to invite the South Lake community to the dedication of the Lake-Sumter Community College South Lake Campus' Phase I building and the groundbreaking ceremonies of Phase II, on Saturday, Dec. 11, 1999.

The LSCC Jazz Band will entertain, with ceremonies beginning at 10 a.m. at the new Clermont campus, located at North Hancock Road and S.R. 50.

Light refreshments will be served afterwards and everyone is invited to tour the beautiful new facility.

September 20 marked the first day of classes for the new South Lake Campus and the culmination of efforts between Lake-Sumter Community College and the entire South Lake community.

The impressive two-story, 25,000 square foot multi-purpose building is Phase I of the planned educational complex.

The first of three facilities, it contains classrooms, labs, a temporary library, offices, community room and observation deck.

"Three-hundred students have

enrolled for fall classes," says South Lake Director Bonnie Finsley-Satterfield. "And even with the initial delays in the start of the term, the enthusiasm has been overwhelming.

"The new campus will initially offer the first two years of general study toward a four-year degree, as well as two-year associate degrees in business administration, computer information technology and nursing. Sports training and hospitality management degrees will be added to the class roster at a later date.

Phase II, a 60,000 square foot building, is already on the drawing board with the hopes of being completed by the spring of 2001.

A partnership between Lake-Sumter Community College and University of Central Florida, Phase II will offer students the opportunity to earn four-year degrees at this one location. Phase III is projected to include a library, with a completion date after 2002.

"The new campus is an exciting moment for South Lake citizens," says Dr. Robert Westrick, LSCC President. "For the first time, there is a permanent base

for higher education."

Dr. Westrick was one of the visionaries who stood on the hill-top overlooking what used to be cattle pastures and saw the possibilities of an educational institution which would have an impact on Central Florida for years to come.

South Lake community lead-

ers, the LSCC Board of Trustees, past Board Chairmen, Glenn Wade and Cecil Shumacker and Maury and Daryl Carter, who donated the first 40 acres of the planned 127-acre complex, were all part of the tireless effort which culminated with the official Phase I groundbreaking in June of 1998.

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