

SCSU economics summit brings together national experts

The booming economy is a hot topic across the country. It's the subject of everything from special news reports to the presidential race.

SCSU added its own insight to the growing debate on the so-called "new economy" during its 38th Annual Economic Education Winter Institute.

The program began with a feature presentation from Kevin Murphy, the George P. Schultz Professor of Business Economics and Industrial Relations at the University of Chicago. In 1997, Murphy was the recipient of the prestigious John Bates Clark Medal, awarded every two years by the American Economics Association to the most distinguished young economist in the U.S.

Chris Farrell, the second feature presenter, is co-host of the nationally syndicated public radio program *Sound Money* and nationally syndicated public television show *Right on the Money*. He is contributing economics editor at *Business Week*.

In its 38-year history, the Winter Institute has brought together leaders in the economic industry. Past presenters include Federal Reserve Chair Alan Greenspan, Nobel Prize winner Milton Friedman, and Alice Rivlin, former director of the U.S. Congressional Budget Office and former director of the Office of Management and Budget in the Clinton Administration.