IMPROVEMENTS IN PROGRESS

Renovations and the stench of hot tar have been prominent lately. Obviously, changes are taking place and in return, questions are rising.

Recently, Connors received a capital bond from the state of Oklahoma in the form of seven million dollars. This newfound wealth is and will be invested into current and future projects that will help update and upgrade many aspects of the school. Although many of these revisions in progress are apparent, many of them are concealed within the walls of the college buildings.

Among the most evident are the repairs being made to the roofs of many of the buildings on the Warner campus, including the Education Building. According to Dr. Nero, much of the resurfacing is due to variables such as hail damage and deferred maintenance.

Also, the plan to renovate Gaitlin Hall, which at one time was dormitory housing, is underway. Soon Gaitlin will be home to financial aid, administration, and advisers. Dr. Nero considers this a convenient central location that will allow students to make one stop when enrolling. Dr. Nero believes that upon utilizing the vacant Gaitlin Hall, the unoccupied space of the newly moved offices offers abundant potential for developing and expanding other services around campus.

In addition to these changes, many buildings are receiving internal facelifts. Not only will the Fine Arts Building soon obtain a new sound and lighting system, which will certainly assist the drama department, but also an upgraded heating and cooling system will be installed. Further plans for the Fine Arts Building consist of the addition of new restrooms located at the front of the building and handicap accessibility for the entrances. Also, the Jacob Johnson Building will soon be freed of all lab areas in order to house all nursing courses. The science labs will then be moved to the second floor of the Education Building where newly built lab areas will soon be completed.

The Warner Campus, however, is not the only campus receiving advancements. Both sites in Muskogee will soon obtain upgrades in technology, improvements in the heating and cooling systems, and new carpeting and furniture.

Although the current renovations and construction are still underway, many of the projects are nearing completion. Dr. Nero hopes that the new developments on all three campuses will aid in the longevity and integrity of Connors for many years to come.

NEW FACES, AND OLD FACES IN NEW PLACES

Seeing new faces?

There are many new additions to CSC along with some people in new places.

The Vice-President of Student Services at CSC is Mr. Brett Bright. His office is at Millers Crossing. Laura Hazen is the newly hired Coordinator of Student Life, and Sonya Baker is our new Registrar. Robert Stone is the new academic advisor at the Warner Campus, and Jami Elrod is the advisor at the Muskogee Campus.

The new Director for the Muskogee Campus is Leslie Fish. The new Executive Director of CSC Development Foundation is Sue Floyd.

There are four new faculty members: Heather Camp-Lester, Developmental Math, Jana Martin and Donna Anderson, Nursing, and Dr. Ronald Spence, Math.
EMILY SCOTT, VICE-PRESIDENT OF FISCAL SERVICES

The Vice-President of Fiscal Services, Ms. Emily Scott, will be retiring in December after more than eleven years of service to Connors State College.

Before coming to Connors, Ms. Scott worked for an accounting firm, Hewitt and Treadwell, in Muskogee as a Certified Public Accountant (CPA).

The Aggie Club recently elected officers for 2006-07. President-Joey Zamudio Vice-President-Daniel Schmidt Secretary-Katelynn Cotton Treasurer-Jennifer Koziel Reporter-Amanda Brandyberry Activities Director-Lara Moore Sophomore Student Council Representative-Hope Engelke Representative-Jeremy Bennett Freshman Student Council Representative-Brent Smith

FROM AUSTRIA TO WARNER, OK

Livia-Nina Gosnell probably never dreamed as she broke her colts in her home in Austria that one day she’d be attending classes in Warner, OK. However, here she is!

Livia-Nina was born and raised in Braunau Am Inn, Austria, which is on the border of Austria and only a bridge away from Germany. As a young girl, she admired horses, and finally at the age of ten began to ride and break colts which eventually prepared her to be a trainer in her home town.

Later Livia-Nina met her husband who was in the U.S. Army and stationed in Germany. After two years of marriage and after being discharged from the army, they moved to her husband’s home in Tulsa, OK.

Livia obtained a job in Tulsa working at a mall clothing store and into the newly constructed Administration Building (now the Classroom Building).

Connors became a two-year college in 1927, and in 1941 Connors came under the umbrella of the State System of Higher Education. In 1944, Connors was included in the group of colleges that came under the newly formed Board of Regents for all Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges.
CSC FACULTY: **What Lesson from College Impacted Your Life the Most?**

**Dr. F. Redding:**
Always be open to new ideas and academic opportunities. During my sophomore year at Indiana University, one of my political science professors asked me if I had ever considered a teaching career at the college level. From that day on, I began to prepare for a career in teaching. The 2006-07 academic year is my 40th year in American higher education. There is no greater professional joy than teaching college undergraduates.

**Mr. B. Nelson:**
Livestock judging in college showed me how hard work and commitment can pay off.

**Ms. Jessie Young:**
Anything worth doing is worth doing to the best of your ability—doing it right. You’ll get the results you wanted that can not only impact you, but others also. Working hard and being diligent in your efforts will bring about rewards down the line.

**Ms. C. Nicholson:**
Since I am originally from a very small town in the Midwest, going to the University of Minnesota, which is a large college in a large city, showed me a whole new world. Attending this college introduced me to people from other countries whose cultures and religions were far different from those I had known. Throughout the rest of my life this has helped me to be more understanding and less critical of people whose viewpoints, attitudes, and religions were different than my own.

**Coach E. Kite:**
I learned in college that hard work and discipline could help me achieve my goals.

CSC SECURITY

Connors security officers have the duty of keeping CSC safe and secure.

The security officers are employed by a contracted agency, Wackenhut, who has been CSC’s security employer since July 17, 2005.

Wackenhut employs six security guards for our peace and protection. Each of the security guards is licensed by CLEET (Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training) and has some basic first aid training.

Security guard duties include securing buildings, writing parking tickets, regulating the cafeteria, and pulling fire alarms for drills. They also have the ability to arrest.

The Warner campus security office is located at Holloway Hall, and on weekends, at Millers Crossing Clubhouse. The security officers are John White, Shirley Holmes, and John Ward. Muskogee Downtown security office is located on the first floor across the hall from the bookstore, and the guards are Norman Puckett and David McCorn. The Three Rivers Port Campus has its security office in Room 9 and Richard Brooks is the officer in charge.

According to one security guard, CSC campuses are “pretty quiet” with very few disturbances.

**GOT TALENT?**

CSC Drama students will be hosting a talent show on Wednesday, September 27th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Melvin Self Field House, Multipurpose Room.

All students, faculty, staff, and alumni of CSC are invited to participate.

Pick up forms from Ms. Beaver, RM 104, or Ms. Hayes, RM 301, Classroom Bld.

**Announcements**

- Students can get grades, financial aid info, unofficial transcripts, schedules and classes offered by CSC on-line at www.connorsstate.edu. For more information contact Student Services or Anthony Carr at ext. 6223 or e-mail at www.anthogc@connorsstate.edu.
- Residual ACT Test-Tues., Sept. 12, 8 a.m., Warner Campus; Library Auditorium and Tues., Sept. 19, 6 p.m., Downtown Campus, Room 803. See Registrar for more information.
- The Office of Admissions and the Registrar are now accepting applications for graduation from perspective Dec. graduates-Sept. 5, 2006-Nov. 17, 2006. See admissions staff, Mr. Stone, or Ms. Elrod for more information.
- Important Aggie Club Dates-Sept. 6-Extravaganza and Tournament of Champs-Oct. 18-Aggie Club Cookout at South Ranch
- If you are a CSC student and do not have your CSC e-mail address, visit the HELP DESK, call the HELP DESK at 463-6223, or visit Brian Johnson’s office located in Holloway Hall, Office 15, next door to Human Resources.
- If your club or organization would like an announcement posted, please e-mail www.hendris@connorsstate.edu
The Cowboys were beaten 3-1 at the World Series by Walter State from Tennessee, but Walter State went on to win the National Championship. It was an experience to remember forever for CSC players, fans, and especially Coach Perry Keith, who spent the night before the game in the hospital due to a kidney stone.

CONGRATULATIONS, Cowboys!

The 2006 CSC baseball team not only won Region 2 and the South Central District championships this past May, but they also made a trip to the JUCO World Series.

Connors beat Missouri’s Meramec Community College twice on Saturday, May 20th, to win the right to travel to the JUCO World Series in Grand Junction, Colorado.