Connors is nearing its 100 year anniversary. There have been many changes in those years, but one thing that has been a part of Connors almost from the very beginning is the Classroom Building. Connors opened in February 1909 in the Warner Public School building with 35 students and only four faculty. In 1911, Connors moved to its present location and into the newly constructed Administration Building later known as the Classroom Building.

A description of the new building is given in the 1912 Fifth Annual Catalog under the simple heading of “Building.” “The State has just completed a commodious [pleasantly spacious] central building which will accommodate more than 300 students. Each department has rooms in this building for its special use—dairy laboratory, soil physics and farm corps, carpentry, blacksmithing, domestic economy (cooking and sewing), general academic work, are all provided for, and in addition to these a library room, offices and a large auditorium. The building is steam heated throughout, and is thoroughly sanitary in all its equipment.”

The 1915 catalog added that the building not only was steam heated throughout but “has electric lights, a good water system and is modern and sanitary.” The 1936 catalog gives information about the addition to the building. “The auditorium and classroom addition is a three story, fireproof structure with architecture and brick matching the Administration building. The auditorium is well equipped and has a seating capacity of 600.” This “new” addition is the north end of the present building beginning at the double doors on the basement floor.

In the early 50s the library was moved to the Jacob Johnson Building which not only housed the library but the sciences. In the 60s the administrative offices were moved to the newly constructed Administration/Classroom Building (now the Education Building), and the auditorium was moved to the Fine Arts Building (formerly the gymnasium) in the 70s.

In the mid 80s a computerized bell tower was installed in the uppermost room of the Classroom Building. The bells were purchased and installed as a memorial to Miss Anna Belle Gatlin, an employee of CSC from 1943 to 1983. Miss Gatlin came to Connors as a student and worked as a student employee and later full-time employee at CSC. At various times she was the registrar, chief clerk and business officer, and eventually business manager.

The bells today are silent due to technical problems but the rumor is that the bells may toll again at Connors State College.

As you walk the halls and sit in the rooms of the Classroom Building, listen for the voices of the past. These very walls and halls have existed for almost 100 years, and many, many CSC students have learned, laughed, and cried throughout these years in this very building.
Daniel Schmidt is the CSC Student Senate president. He is from Broken Arrow and is a sophomore at Connors. His major is agriculture education and his future plans include attending OSU and upon graduation becoming an ag teacher.

Cambra Soukup is the vice-president of the senate. She is from Pryor and is a member of the softball team. Her major is physical education. Her future plans are to continue her career in softball at a university and someday coach at the college level.

Secretary of the student senate is Natasha McIntosh. A sophomore, she is married to Elijah McIntosh, the former senate president, and has one daughter, Diana. She is a pre-education major and plans to further her education at NSU and someday work in early childhood development.

Kristi Goins is the senate treasurer. She is from Bokoshe and is also a member of the softball team. Her major is psychology and her future plans include transferring to a university to play softball. She hopes to become a marriage and family counselor.

Senate meetings are every Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. in EDB 207.

The officers would like to invite and encourage anyone who is interested to attend. You do not have to be a member of any club or organization to be involved in the senate. You can just be a member of CSC Student Senate.

Mr. Stan Cowan, instructor of sociology and psychology, graduated from Webber Falls High School. He attended CSC, NSU, and OU for his undergraduate and graduate work.

Mr. Cowan is married to Jan Cowan and has four children. He has worked in every field of social work, such as working with the elderly, therapeutic foster care, home health, and hospice. Today, besides teaching at CSC, he is working on his PhD from Capella University in Minnesota and also has his own private practice.

A little known fact about Mr. Cowan is that he is Mopar fanatic. He loves anything “hemi” powered. He also enjoys Harley Davidsons, rock & roll, and the blues.

CSC has been and continues to be a mini “melting pot” of many cultures. Connors has attracted many students over the years from many states and countries around the world.

This past year CSC has had students from 21 states and 18 countries attend. Some of these counties include Vietnam, Austria, and Canada to name a few. In addition, over twenty tribes of Native Americans attend CSC. (The Westbrook Library Learning Center displays flags of the students’ nationalities who are attending CSC.)

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The Collegian inquiring reporter was out again asking students for their favorite quotations. These students from the Muskogee campus had these responses:

Amberley Carlton
“Don’t walk behind me; I may not lead. Don’t walk in front of me; I may not follow. Just walk beside me and be my friend.” The quote is a constant reminder to me that I have amazing friends and that there will never be a need to question their loyalty or friendship to me.

Jennifer Medlock
“Everything in life happens for a reason.” The reason

Dallas Davis
“Show me your friends, and I will show you your future.” - a quote from my friend, Taylor Morgan

Eamon Darbandi
“Imagination is more important than knowledge.” - Albert Einstein

Rhonda Heidelberger
“As a man thinketh, so goes his life.” - The Bible

This quote reminds me to think positive and consciously stop negative thoughts. Thoughts are like seeds in a garden which will bear fruit. So think happy!

This same question was asked in the Feb. 22, 1961 issue of the Collegian with these responses:

Mary Needham-  “He prayeth best, who loveth best all things great and small, for the dear God who loveth us, He made and loveth all.”- from “Rime of the Ancient Mariner”

Dean Childress-  “Learn to labor and to wait”. - Longfellow

Georgia Fillmore- “Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” - Bible, Hebrews 11:1

Kay Christenberry- “They also serve who only stand and wait.” - Milton-On his blindness

In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness month, CSC cheerleaders hosted a booth in the student union lobby on the Warner campus. There was also an Inspiration & Memory Wall for people to sign in memory of those who have lost their battle with the disease or are currently fighting it.

Honors to Two Nursing Instructors

The Tulsa Kaplan Center recently reported the top Kaplan instructors in our region (Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, Arkansas, and Louisiana.) Two of these were our very own Sue Evans and Robbi Cowan. The survey evaluates instructors on overall excellence, knowledge in the classroom, engagement in the classroom, and care for students.

Congratulations to Sue Evans and Robbi Cowan!!

Important Dates:

- Fri. Nov. 3 - Last day to withdraw from a single 16-week class
- Fri. Nov. 17 - Last day to withdraw from a single 8-week course
- Nov. 22, 23, 24 - Thanksgiving Break
- Fri. Dec. 1 - Last day to totally withdraw from all classes
What do football, boxing, wrestling, track, and tennis all have in common with Connors State College? Although now they are merely chapters in the history books, all of the above were once competitive sports offered at CSC.

As evident by the long-standing stadium bleachers located behind the Fine Arts building, football was once a prominent sport at CSC. Certainly, it was a highly favored sport around Connors during its time, even with the halt that occurred in 1942 due to World War II. In the 1939 Conagri (CSC annual) this statement is made about football. “Football seasons have alternately been bright and dark in the years this rugged sport has summoned the loyal sons of Connors into the moleskins to do battle for the sake of the Alma Mater.”

Perhaps one of the most unique sports at Connors was boxing. Although the “Fighting Farmers” held a short rein at Connors, they were relatively successful. Started in 1939, the team had little experience but did include some war veterans with earlier training in the sport. Fortunately, the team members were able to obtain both individual and team bouts of victory.

Men’s track started in 1933 and according to the 1939 annual was “and should always be, one of the major sports at Connors.”

Finally, men’s wrestling and women’s tennis were also sports at CSC. Unfortunately, for whatever reason, they too seized to exist.

Obviously, though, baseball, softball, and basketball have captured a spot at Connors and are still outstanding, successful teams today. The previously offered athletics such as football and boxing, however, are certainly an interesting section in CSC history.