With one of her students to graduate in the spring of 2008 with a degree in landscape architecture from Oklahoma State University, Ms. Debbie Golden’s horticulture program continues to look promising.

Ms. Golden first began her employment at CSC in the fall semester of 2002. Since that date she has continually strived to build a competitive and thriving horticulture program. Currently she teaches a total of ten classes ranging from turf grass management to floral design and introduction to horticulture to residential home landscaping.

Not only is the course line-up continually growing, but the facilities that offer hands-on learning for her students is as well. In the summer of 2003, the construction of the first greenhouse was completed, with the anticipation of a second one by the winter of 2007. The head house, which is a relatively new addition and stands alongside of the greenhouse, was finished in the fall of 2005. The head house is now home to several classes taught by Ms. Golden, allowing her students to spend quality time in and around the greenhouse.

With this added convenience, Ms. Golden says her favorite part of teaching at Connors is the hands-on experience her students gain by working with the materials and carrying on long term projects throughout the semester.

Currently, with spring in the air, several projects are being undertaken in the horticulture department. A new nursery is being added in order to host and nurture young plants, and several landscaping projects are taking place, including the addition of a small garden area.

Additionally, Mrs. Golden has started a new series of night classes. She says that it is great to see the interest these classes have generated. Also she states that as her students grow older and become home owners, they really become interested in acquiring landscaping skills, causing much of the class interest to develop in adults from the community and from surrounding areas.

If you would like to inquire more about certain classes or the program in general, contact Ms. Golden in the Education Building, Warner campus.
Called to Serve You: The Connors BCM

The Baptist Collegiate Ministry is an organization that was founded in order to promote ministry on college campuses.

The Connors BCM on the Warner campus is open Tuesday through Friday for students to come, have fun, do homework, or even play a competitive game of ping pong. Every Tuesday night, Bible study begins at 9 p.m., and Noon Day luncheons are every Wednesday at 11:15 and again at 12:15.

Rowdy Morris is the new director of the Baptist Collegiate Ministry. Prior to his calling as a minister to college students, Rowdy served a tenure as the manager of Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. Although Rowdy enjoyed being a successful manager of one of the world’s largest stores, he always felt that God had another calling on his life, a piece that was missing from the puzzle. That missing piece was the BCM.

Rowdy says that he most enjoys being a BCM director because he loves to interact with college students. His most memorable experience since being involved with student ministry was climbing Mt. Baldy at the National Student Conference which is held yearly in Glorietta, New Mexico.

In addition to the BCM activities in Warner, plans are now being made for future activities to be held also on the Muskogee downtown campus.

An upcoming event for the BCM is the BCM State Basketball Tournament, March 30-31 at UCO in Edmond. For further information you can stop by the BCM building or contact Rowdy Morris on Facebook or myspace.com

Application for Degree:

Sophomores, time is running out if you plan to receive your diploma in May! Formal application for the degree must be filed in the Admissions Office no later than Friday, March 16th and the applicant must be enrolled or have completed Outcomes Assessment.

FACT: YOU MUST APPLY FOR GRADUATION TO RECEIVE YOUR DIPLOMA!

Dates to Remember

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President’s Leadership Class

PLC and Student Senate attended Higher Education Day at the Capitol on February 27th. The students who attended were Jeremy Bennett, Brent Womack, Brandon Womack, Brent Smith, Daniel Schmidt, Jessilyn Inbody, Nadia Escalona, and Jennifer Koziol.

Students attended a session in the House of Representatives and spoke with legislators about topics such as OHLAP and the Student Privacy Act.
CSC Hall of Fame Recipient

On April 28th the Connors State Alumni Banquet will be held in the school cafeteria. At that time Mr. William T. Johnson will be inducted into the CSC Hall of Fame.

Tom Johnson was not only a student and football player at Connors, but he also served as football coach, book store manager, and Assistant Finance Officer.

After graduating from Connors and Northeastern in Tahlequah, Tom began teaching and coaching in 1937 at Pitcher Schools. He returned to the Connors campus in 1946 as coach, instructor, and later administrative officer until 1965. He retired from Warner Public Schools in 1977, a career in education that spanned 40 years.

In an interview in the Muskogee Phoenix in 1934, Tom Johnson was described as “one of the finest linemen to ever play on an Aggies’ team as well as being one of the best guards in the state junior college conference.” They went on to say that he was not only a football star but a basketball and baseball athlete as well.

In the 1967 issue of the Connors Collegian, Mr. Johnson was interviewed while serving as the book store manager. Two things he seemed most proud of at that time were his family and his seven pound bass caught near Warner.

Leonard Wood, President of CSC Alumni & Friends said, “In my opinion, Tom Johnson is an outstanding educator.” He pointed to his long career in education and also his two years in the military during World War II. Mr. Wood continued, “We at CSC are proud of Mr. Johnson and we congratulate him on a job well done.”

2nd SEMESTER BRINGS STORM—College Closed For Week By Ice

Since the recent ice storm that struck most of the nation, students at Connors now realize the conditions that their grandparents had to endure.

The ice and sleet started about the same time as the second semester. In fact, enrollment for the new semester was interrupted by the sudden downfall of snow and sleet.

When the students and instructors started to their classes, they found a four-inch ice-cap on the campus. The limbs of the trees in front of the Administration Building were touching the ground and splitting from their heavy load of ice.

The telephone and electric wires were broken many times between the college and Warner. Connors was practically isolated: no lights, no telephones, and just a trickle of water.

At 8:30 a.m., January 26, President Jacob Johnson announced that classes would be dismissed until Monday, January 31.

WAIT A MINUTE! President Johnson and not President Nero? Didn’t the storm hit earlier in January?

The above headline and story was found in the February 15, 1949 issue of the Collegian. The “Twilight Zone like” similarities between this ice storm of 1949 at Connors and the ice storm of 2007 are absolutely amazing.

However, apparently almost all of the students in 1949 not only lived on the Warner campus but were already on campus when the storm hit. Fortunately for us, most of the students who live on campus were not here when the 2007 storm hit. Exceptions were the basketball teams, judgers returning from a contest, and a few other students.

The boys and girls basketball teams stayed in a motel in Sallisaw during most of the week that school was out. The judgers went to Stillwater and waited out the ice problems with former CSC judgers.

Apparently, history not only repeats itself but does so identically.

The following continuing ed courses can be taken for one credit hour and can be added up to the day the class starts:

A Day With Emily Dickinson
ENGL2301 M01 (Downtown Campus)
Tues. Mar. 13th-8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
S. Greenmyer - Cost $92 - One Credit Hour

Children Dealing With Crisis
CHDV2301 M01 (Downtown Campus)
Fri. Mar. 30th-8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
J. Cowan - Cost $92 - One Credit Hour

SPRING BREAK
March 19-23
No classes, offices open
The CSC Cowboys and Cowgirls have been practicing and gearing up for the upcoming rodeos despite the earlier frigid temperatures. Thanks to an inside practice arena, the team hasn’t missed a beat. According to Mr. Fred Williams, rodeo coach, the arena is a fortunate aspect to the program especially considering this year’s harsh winter conditions.

With the NIRA quickly approaching, there are a few cowboys at CSC who should make a run for a title. These are Kyle Hash, a sophomore from Broken Arrow in calf roping, Brad Shrum, a sophomore from Checotah in team roping, Justin Reed, a sophomore from Shawnee in team roping, Robert Gassaway, a freshman from Tahlequah in calf and team roping, and Cody Rose, a freshman from Joplin in team roping.

Brad Shrum not only won the team roping event at the Pratt Rodeo, but he and Kyle Hash are in the running for academic achievements for maintaining a 3.0 GPA or higher.

Interestingly, the hard work that rodeo members put in cannot only be repaid with titles but also with monetary rewards for winning. Unlike other sports, in rodeo there is no such thing as being an amateur, and students can be paid with no penalties. However, just as the students may be paid, they must also round up their own money for travel, entry fees, and expenses. That expense is in addition to owning a horse, which in some cases can cost as much as a hundred thousand dollars.

 Students do receive scholarships which attract students from states such as Iowa, Oregon, Nebraska, Illinois, and Oklahoma.

There will be tryouts for new rodeo members on March 27th at noon. Tryouts have become a growing event at CSC as many faculty and students attend. Coaches Fred Williams and Jake Lawson invite everyone to come and watch this year’s tryouts.