President Nero Welcomes Students

Dr. Donnie Nero extends his welcome to all CSC students, both returning and new. “We look for the returning students to be mentors for the new students coming in. It’s always good to see new faces and students excited,” commented Dr. Nero.

Could part of the excitement be the celebration of our own centennial along with the state’s? Dr. Nero mentioned that there is a centennial book in the works for CSC along with other exciting future plans. Although Connors did not hold classes until 1909, it was authorized as an institution by the Oklahoma legislature in the spring of 1908.

Other exciting changes this year at CSC are continued renovations which began last year. Gatlin Hall in Warner is now the one-stop enrollment center which has provided more space to utilize for other CSC opportunities. Plans are now underway for the development of more agriculture departments with the newly acquired space.

Another renovation project is the Fine Arts Building at Warner. The heating and air conditioning units are being restored. Originally a gymnasium, it is now receiving upgrades and amenities for modern times.

The excitement also continues with the proposed move in Muskogee to the NSU campus. While the contract is still in discussion and more funding is needed, the projected time frame for the move is two years. However, there are some business classes being held there this fall.

The continued success of many of CSC programs are another cause for excitement. One new program Dr. Nero mentioned is the highly successful horticulture program under the direction of Ms. Debbie Golden. Of course, there are others such as agriculture and nursing that bring students to CSC.

“We continue to want to be the school of choice for the students in the area,” Dr. Nero emphasized. “We can’t lose sight of why we’re here. We’re here to serve the students.”

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One of the most apparent changes at CSC in Warner this semester is the opening of Gatlin Hall as a one-stop enrollment center. Before this, students had to travel from office to office to enroll and make any other financial or enrollment decisions. The offices moving to Gatlin Hall “keep you from roaming around campus aimlessly,” said Cody Glover, member of the CSC rodeo team. Now students can walk into the newly remodeled Gatlin Hall and truly learn the ease of the “one-stop enrollment.” “Student response seems very positive,” stated Sonja Baker, head registrar at CSC.

However, the students are not the only ones benefiting from the move. All of the office officials who have moved their services to Gatlin have noticed a positive change. Not only are business transactions made faster, but everyone in the office gets to “learn more about the functions of each office,” said Baker.

Once serving as the girls’ dormitory, Gatlin Hall has been transformed into a beautiful office building with several striking architectural features. Freshly painted, Gatlin Hall is ready for this fall semester and will continue to be a great asset to Connors.

In the 1955 school year, Winnie Mae Campbell, now Bowman, was honored by being selected Honorary Cadet by the Connors ROTC. Selection was much like the selection of a basketball or homecoming queen today.

In the 1955 ConRah! (the CSC yearbook), Ms. Bowman was called Winsome Winnie. When asked about her nickname, she responded that the name was given by a teacher.

Ms. Bowman is also an active member of the CSC Alumni Association and has been for the past four years. She says she was glad to discover that many of the members attended Connors around the time she did, but she adds that the Alumni Association would love to see more young people join.

Mrs. Bowman is proud to have been a CSC student and is very happy to see Connors growing and expanding the way it is now.
**STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES**

Need help with your homework or maintaining grades? CSC has the solution!

Student Support Services is a federally funded TRIO program and is open to 175 applying students that must meet one of three requirements: neither parent a graduate from a 4-year college, family taxable income no more than 150% of the poverty level amount, or a documented disability.

An interview is required for applicants and an application must be filled out. Applications are available in the Academic Advisement area of the Muskogee campus or the Student Support Services newly located in Gatlin Hall.

Along with student academic help, the Student Support Services at Gatlin Hall has a computer lounge and recreational area available for students. On the Muskogee campus, an academic advisor is available at the Port campus on Monday and Wednesday evening to tutor students in math. Students involved in the program also reap the advantages of experiencing cultural and academic trips.

For more information, you can contact an advisor or log on the newly constructed myspace page.

www.myspace.com/sss CSC

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**Nursing Students**

The deadline for pre-nursing students to apply for January admission is October 1st. In addition to submitting an application, applicants must take a basic math test and a Nelson-Denny reading test. The reading test will be given Sept. 11 at 10 a.m. in Warner and 6 p.m. in Muskogee. It will be given again on Sept. 26 at 10 a.m. in Warner and 2 p.m. in Muskogee. Students must go to the library to pre-register at least one week in advance. The math test can be scheduled by calling 463-6208.

Also there is a misconception that students must have all support courses completed before applying. While it is true that those with more points will have a better chance of being admitted, there is no policy stating that all courses must be completed to be considered for acceptance.

Applications are available in the nursing department or can be downloaded from the website at www.connorsstate.edu/nursing. To speak with an advisor, call 463-6208.

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**Announcements**

**September Continuing Education Classes -**

- Personal Fitness Trainer Certification
- How to Quit Smoking
- Financial Workshop for Individual Investors
- ACT-Standardized Test Prep
- Report Writing for CLEET
- Guide to Dealing with Spirited Children (Credit)
- English for Academic Purpose (Listening Comprehension)
- Beginning Hebrew
- Weight Management Consultant Certification

*A Creek Nation Tribal Vocational & Incentive Grant is available to students who meet the following requirements:*  
- Enrolled as a Creek citizen
- Enrolled at a community or junior college
- Enrolled in an Associate of Applied Science program

For more information contact Krista Stalnaker, Financial Aid.

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**Kiss a Pig!!!**

The CSC Aggie Ambassadors are hosting a Kiss the Pig contest in order to raise money. Voting will take place the first two weeks of September. The faculty member with the most votes will kiss the pig on Sept. 19th at noon in front of the Warner Student Union.
Welcome Back Week

Students enjoyed many activities welcoming them to Connors during the week of August 13-17.

At Warner Monday students enjoyed popcorn and freebies, Tuesday was the Summer Splash Pool Party, and Wednesday was Connors All Access Day with a Beyond the Wall art and poster sale. On Thursday evening a free movie was shown “under the stars,” and Friday was a scavenger hunt.

Both Muskogee campuses also celebrated the first week with a scavenger hunt, freebies, and a free lunch.

CSC Cheerleaders

They pep us up, bring the games to life, and have grown in numbers. CSC cheerleading is back and ready for the new school year.

“The girls are eager to make a good impression for the school,” said Laura Hazen, coach of the CSC cheerleaders and CSC Student Activities coordinator. The team plans on traveling to more away games and is excited about working to get CSC students involved at games and other school activities.

One of the goals set by the team is to support National Breast Cancer Month in October. The girls have plans to hand out pink ribbons and information about breast cancer. More information on the activities will be posted by the team in October.
