The students voted and Mr. Brett Bright was declared the “winner.” On a beautiful day at noon amid some protests, he “kissed” the pig!

The competition was sponsored by the Ag Ambassadors to raise money for recruitment. The original “Kissing Candidates” were Dr. Nero, Dr. Ramming, Dr. Carlton, Brett Bright, Tammy Allen, Bridget Beaver, Norm Stauffer, Marcie Winkle, Meredith Recktenwald, Connie Nicholson, Laura Hazen, Kim Hayes, Angie Lane, and Robert Stone. After the first round of voting, the finalists were Meredith Recktenwald, Tammy Allen, Laura Hazen, Brett Bright, and Kim Hayes. Mr. Bright emerged the winner from this group.

The Ag Ambassadors, sponsored by Debby Golden and Blake Nelson, are Daniel Schmidt, Jeremy Bennett, Mika Osborn, Magan Osborn, Brent Womack, Brandon Womack, Kory Ridley, Brent Smith, Chris Smith, and Jessie McBride. Along with recruiting, this group will be sponsoring a Greenhand Written Quiz Contest on October 16 for high school freshmen.
Present and past art students have left their mark on CSC. Some do not even realize the lasting effect that a piece of paper with color and design can have on the atmosphere. Muskogee Port Campus offers the enjoyment of artwork by fellow students in the form of charcoal, oil paints, acrylic paints, and numerous pieces showcasing the art department.

There are several art classes that teach from the basic steps to advanced courses. Examples from the different styles and techniques can be seen on the wall outside of Studio 10, Port Campus. Ms. Diane Haralson teaches one studio class a year. If interested, talk to an advisor and enroll. Also Ms. Haralson says there is always a need for models.

Good art is never forgotten, and Connors State art is priceless.

Traveling Students

Carole is from Red Oak, Oklahoma. She has been attending CSC since spring 2006. She has three children ages eleven, nine, and eight. Her plans after Connors involve going to work and eventually getting her bachelor’s degree. But for now she is pursuing her degree in applied science.

Velda is from Van Buren, Arkansas. She has been attending CSC since fall 2005. She has two children and has been married for 32 years. Her plans after graduating from Connors involve pursuing her bachelor’s degree immediately.

Velda and Carole both travel the distance because of the reputation and the prestigious honor of graduating from the CSC Nursing Program. Carole said, “Connors wasn’t close to where I live but it had the best reputation.” Velda added that she felt a comfort level not achieved by the last educational institution she attended.

When asked about advice for students interested in the program, both agreed that the student had to be willing and dedicated. Both also agreed that nursing is a career much in demand. As Velda commented, “As an RN, the doors are open.”

Cafeteria Country/Blues Show

On Wednesday, Sept. 19, students dining in the Warner cafeteria were treated not only to a “Fiesta” but to a musical show.

The band consisted of Latrena Conway on drums, Gary Bloxom on steel guitar and tenor sax, Jake Lawson on bass guitar, Pat Gore on lead guitar, and Norm Stauffer on piano.

Singing were Lacie McKee, Shardae Goudeau, Jake Walker, and Jake Lawson.
STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT - JEREMY BENNETT

Coming to Connors from Yukon, OK, Jeremy Bennett is the 2007-08 CSC Student Body President. He is currently a sophomore at Connors.

Jeremy holds numerous leadership positions such as the president of the Ag Ambassadors, co-president of the Aggie Club, and treasurer of the Math/Science Club, and he also serves on the Student Advisor Board for the Board of Regents for Higher Ed. In addition, Jeremy is also on the Livestock Judging Team.

Double majoring in ag education and ag business with options in pre-law, Jeremy wants to teach agriculture. “I was born and raised with livestock around me, and I would like to teach kids about that.” He also intends to be a lobbyist for the Department of Agriculture.

As president, Jeremy announces a new policy that the student government, under the advisement of Laura Hazen, is implementing. All organizations and clubs have to submit their activities to be approved by Ms. Hazen and the student senate.

GET INVOLVED - CSC

Following are a list of some of the active clubs and organizations along with their sponsors and future activities:

Aggie Club - The sponsors are Jake Walker and Scott Clawson. The Aggie Club meets on Mondays, 3 p.m., in CLB 102, Warner. They are sponsoring a competition for 8th, 9th, and 10th grade students on Oct. 30, a cattle show on Nov. 3, and goat show on Nov. 4. They are also planning a cookout in Oct. and working the state fairs in Oklahoma and Arkansas.

Ecology Club - The sponsor is Dr. Stuart Woods. The club was designed originally to raise money to help an environmental issue in the state. This year the club is helping to save Lake Atoka. This has been successful as OK City has agreed to not log the lake. The club will be selling candles in mid-October and on Nov. 1 will be ushering at the Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame concert. In the middle of February, they will go on a bird watching trip.

Business Club - This club is in the organizational stage. To join, you only must fill out a form and pay dues of $20 a year and $15 a semester. You do not have to be a business major to join. If interested, see John Malley or Mauni Shammugamani.

Phi Theta Kappa - This is an honor society organization. The sponsors are Stan Cowen and Denna Wheeler. They meet on the Warner campus the 1st Thursday of the month at 3 p.m. and the 2nd Thursday of the month in Muskogee at 3 p.m. (Places are still to be determined.) The sponsors encourage all current members to get in touch with them to update membership.

Student Nursing Association - The sponsor is Robbie Cowan. The freshmen nursing students in September constructed a memory garden at Grace Living Center.

Math & Science Club - The sponsor is Dr. Ryan Carlton.

Behavioral Science Club - The sponsors are Jessie Young and Matt Hopkins.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

One Hour Credit Courses

Team Building & Leadership Oct. 2 & 4
Diversity in the Workplace Oct. 13
Pharmacology Update Oct. 13
Jane Austen: Persuasion Oct. 5 & 26
Accounting for Child Care Oct. 23
Robert Frost: Country Poet Oct. 30 & Nov. 1

Non-Credit Courses

Weight Management Consultant Oct. 5
Personal Trainer Certification Oct. 6
Developing a Healthy Lifestyle Oct. 22
CSC LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM

The livestock judging team at CSC is back and ready for competition. Hours upon hours of hard work and intense training is required of each CSC livestock judger. Judgers spend approximately 15 hours every Thursday and Saturday traveling and practicing their expertise. The team also meets every Monday and Wednesday evening and attends study hall every Tuesday to ensure that each member is doing his or her part in the classroom.

Judging Coach Scott Clawson has several high expectations and goals for this year’s team. “I feel as good about this year as any other year I’ve been a coach at Connors,” said Clawson. Sophomore judgers are aiming to win three national contests and three Academic All-Americans. The freshmen have high hopes of winning the three contests within the next three weeks.

Recruitment and promotion of the CSC Livestock Judging Team has several goals as well. However, recruitment comes naturally as a result of each team member’s dedication and effort. Through broadcasting results, phone calls, letters, and livestock shows and contests, the team has a high reputation for recruiting new judges every year. The team mainly, though, has recruits through “word of mouth,” Clawson acknowledges.

This year’s judging team members are Jeremy Bennett, Tanner Bennett, Justin Crosswhite, Nick Hofschulte, Dustin Keith, Tyler Lohman, Kate Miller, Brent Smith, Chris Smith, Brandon Womack, Brent Womack, Kayla Swanson, Brianna Smith, Raelynn Elsworth, Rachael Clement, Meghan Frazier, Jordan Jackson, Kelsey Pfeiffer, Riley Godwin, Matt Howeth, Josh Cribbs, Darin Annuenschat, Jake Mullens, Ben Scott, Austin Taylor, Nick Pope, Tyler Spencer, and Cody Green.

ADVICE FOR FRESHMEN

Jeslyln Saldoby - “Don’t be afraid to get involved on campus, join clubs, or participate in student activities. This will make the college experience more exciting.”

Corrina Smith - “Don’t slack off.”

Daniel Schmidt - “Make sure you go to class.”

Samantha Atchison - “College is fun, but you should take it seriously and do go to class sometimes.”

Sierra Re Foster - “Don’t be afraid to ask your professors for help. They will help you. You just have to make the first move.”

Curtis Forbes - “Don’t give up on your education and always have a back-up plan.”

Lisa Williams - “Make sure that you make the right decisions and know what’s important in life.”

James Lewis - “If you don’t know what is going on, don’t be afraid to ask someone.”

Dylan Gilliam - “Go to class!”

Chrisy Beatty - “Show up for class!”

Marcus Logan, Jr. - “Study hard and reach every goal you make.”

Jennifer Howard - “Hang in there and don’t give up.”

Nicole Nowlin - “Nursing students, study your N-CLEX book.”

Jamie Killingsworth - “Prepare for class.”

Dallas Davis - “Show me your friends, and I will show you your future.”

Aaron Harris - “If you plan on dropping a class, do not hesitate. If you wait too long, it could hurt your GPA.”