For a majority of the Connors State College Rodeo Team when it comes to rodeo, they have “always done it.” CSC has 36 rodeo team members coming from all over the United States and even one member from Venezuela. Oregon, Iowa, and New York are just a few of the states students have traveled to attend CSC and compete on the rodeo team. “I was interested in training horses and I liked the equine program here,” stated Chris Borjon, CSC rodeo team member from Okmulgee, OK when asked why he chose to attend CSC. Tryouts are usually held around March after spring break. This past March around 30 students tried out for the team. However, several were accepted for the team outside of the tryouts because of their need to travel a long distance. “There are a great number [rodeo members] and talent,” said Jake Lawson, Assistant Rodeo Coach, as he compared this year’s team to previous.

Rodeo team members practice Monday through Thursday to get ready for the ten college rodeos in which they must compete. “Being around the other ropers has helped me,” said Borjon.
Muskogee Campus Director—Ms. Leslie Fish

Leslie Fish, the director of the Muskogee campuses, has been at CSC since July 1, 2006.

She received her A.S. from Seminole State College and continued her education at East Central University in Ada where she received her B.A. in Human Service Counseling. From there she went to OU to receive her Master of Human Relations degree.

Before coming to CSC, Ms. Fish was a program counselor for Tulsa Community College with a grant-funded program. Her experience before working at state institutions was in private career colleges as a school director.

Some of the changes this coming semester, according to Ms. Fish, are more Saturday continuing ed classes and a new coordinator/instructor for the FOCUS program.

The Coffee Lady—Victoria Walker

Students, faculty, and staff at the Muskogee downtown campus know that “the coffee lady” makes the best coffee drinks in town.

Victoria Walker (the coffee lady) manages The Court Street Café and came to Oklahoma six years ago with her husband to be closer to his father.

Victoria grew up in Coffman, TX, a small town about 45 minutes from Dallas. She has two married daughters and seven grandchildren.

The Court Street Café is open on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Tuesday and Thursday from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The menu includes various coffee drinks along with tea, hot chocolate, and food such as hot dogs, nachos, muffins, and popcorn.

Spring enrollment is going on now! See an advisor.

Ecology Club Sells Candles

The Ecology Club candle sale went well but not quite as successfully as in years past. To add to the fund, the Ecology Club sold pizza on Oct 17th at the Port campus.

The money raised will go to an in-state environmental issue which at the time is undecided.
What Are You Thankful For?

Andrew Meadows-
“Copenhagen, my family and friends.”

Tommy Jackson-
“Another chance to go back to school and my family.”

Sarah Bates-
“My family, friends, and my ipod.”

Matisha Pearce-
“Everything that I have . . . my friends and my family.”

Miranda Farley-
“Grey’s Anatomy”

Kyle Martin-
“The time spent with friends and family.”

Austin Goodson-
“I’m thankful for McDonalds in Warner.”

Michelle Buckner-
“My family, and friend, Dandies.”

Joseph Nguyen-
“My siblings and my dog.”

Libby Yochum-
“My family.”

Contribute to Cancer Research

Pink was the fashion for the month of October as the whole nation honored Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and CSC cheerleaders did their part to help find a cure. During October each faculty/staff member was encouraged to wear pink. Anyone caught wearing pink by a cheerleader was entered into a drawing for the end of the month. The prize for the drawing was a basket full of breast cancer awareness items. All the proceeds from the drawing went to breast cancer research.

The cheerleaders and Cowgirl basketball team also hosted a scrimmage on October 26 against Bacone women’s basketball team. Both teams wore shades of pink, and the dollar donations also went to the cancer foundation.

Congratulations to Connors State College student body for winning 3rd place in the 5th Annual VOICE Voter Registration Contest. CSC registered 71 students which is 4.5 percent of our student body!!

CSC had the most successful blood drive to date with the Oklahoma Blood Institute!

Warner Campus- 64 donors
Muskogee Campus- 40 donors

Thanksgiving Break
November 21, 22, & 23
Members of the CSC women’s basketball team include (left to right): Assistant Coach Sam Clark, Rischanda Bickham, AshLeigh Franilin, Magen Roth, Precious Wilson, Racie Jackson, Stephanie Smith, Gabriella Rosiijl, Taylor Humphrey, Kameisha Johnson, Chelsey Roth, Candice Bayliss, Kristen Dixon, Renesha Davis, Student Assistant Coach Shardae Goudeau, and Head Coach Eddie Kite.

Members of the CSC men’s basketball team include (left to right): Assistant Coach Jeff Johnson, Gerry Allen, Brody Jarnagin, Mister Carney, Traveion Finister, Rakeem Couch, Marcus Logan, Justin Butler, Cameron Henderson, LeKeith Russell, Aaron Clanton, Stephon Weaver, Dylan Gilliam, Jonathan Alford, ball boy Bill Muse, Jr., and Head Coach Bill Muse.

After graduating most of the team that made the Region Two playoffs last year, it would seem logical that CSC Coach Eddie Kite would have some concerns as he begins his fifth venture at the helm of the Cowgirls. But that’s not the case. The veteran mentor has recruited a talented bunch of players that has created a tone of optimism.

“I have a lot of confidence in our players,” Kite said. “Our freshman class is energetic and talented. We just need court-time together to gain experience and confidence.”

Only two players who had a lot of playing time return from last year’s 15-14 team—post player Stephanie Smith and guard Precious Wilson. Latrena Conway also returns, but the Haskell product was used sparingly last season.

The only other sophomore is a transfer, but Kite says, “Our sophomore class may be small but they’ll compete with lots of passion.”

The freshman class, though, is large in more than one way. “This group brings good quickness, height and athleticism to the floor,” according to Kite. “We have All-Staters on the roster from three different states.”

The CSC Cowboys were inconsistent last season with a lack of inside depth the biggest culprit.

This season Coach Bill Muse looked high and low for inside help and came up with several prospects. However, an unforeseen physical condition has sidelined one of his returnees and that has left the Cowboys a man short under the basket. That leaves Connors with only Cameron Henderson, 6’7”, as the only returnee inside. The sophomore is a dandy, though, averaging almost 11 points a game last year with nine boards.

“We’re going to have to go with what we have,” Muse said. “Our new players are just going to have to step-up and play in a hurry.”

Returning guards are a plenty. Back are Traveion Finister, Dylan Gilliam, and Mister Carney. Combined the trio averaged 35 points a game for the Cowboys with Gilliam the top scorer with a 14 point average.

“I feel we are going to get good play from outside people,” Muse said. “Our returnees are all good shooters and we’ve got some good-looking freshmen to compliment them.”