On January 14th students returned to class for the spring semester. Students were welcomed back to all three campuses with a variety of activities.

The activities actually kicked off on Sunday night at Millers Crossing Clubhouse with Shirley-Palooza, an opportunity for students to meet and greet the resident manager and spend time with fellow CSC students. On the following afternoon, Student Activities hosted popcorn and giveaways in the Student Union Lobby followed by the Cowboys’ basketball game against Redlands.

At the Downtown Campus on Monday, students enjoyed cake to celebrate Martin Luther King’s birthday.

On Tuesday and Thursday, all three campuses enjoyed free giveaways—gift certificates from the bookstore at Warner and free folders at Muskogee. Also on Thursday students at Warner enjoyed a scavenger hunt to win prizes.

On Wednesday evening students at Warner tested their abilities at the karaoke and pizza party where everyone from the basketball team to rodeo team had their turn at the microphone.

Free hot chocolate and CSC ice scrapers were also given to students on all the campuses during the week.

**Keith inducted in NJCAA Hall of Fame**

Head baseball coach, Perry Keith, will be inducted into the NJCAA Baseball Hall of Fame on May 23rd in Grand Junction, Colorado.

Called one of the most consistent coaches in NJCAA baseball history, Keith has amassed a record of 1,146 wins and just 318 losses in 23 years as head coach.

Coach Keith played for Connors from 1981-82 and currently ranks first in wins among active NJCAA baseball coaches.
CSC Student in Costa Rica

The CSC Committee for Global Education sponsored a lecture presented by Ms. Amanda Sasser on Monday, November 26th.

Amanda traveled to Costa Rica during the summer as a humanities credit with the Oklahoma Global Education Committee study tours.

Her presentation was informative covering everything from the history of Costa Rica to the medicinal purposes of the Baldi Hot Springs.

One of her most unique experiences was being attacked by a monkey in the rain forest trying to get her fresh fruit.

Amanda also was able to attend an art auction and go sightseeing through Costa Rica’s diverse landscape. She was able to see the Poas Crater, La Selva Biological Station:Tropical Rainforest Research Center, La Fortuna Waterfall, the Arenal Volcano, Cahuita National Park (home of 500 species of fish), and the banana farms in Sarapiqui.

The trip was organized by Ms. Dianne Haralson and Dr. Forest Redding.

Super Tuesday—Your Voice Does Count

What is Super Tuesday?

Super Tuesday, February 5th, was the biggest day in the Presidential primary schedule. Approximately twenty-four states including Oklahoma held primaries or caucuses on this day making it extremely significant in deciding who will be the Democratic and Republican candidate.

Perhaps you missed Super Tuesday because you weren’t registered to vote. However, it is not too late to register to vote for the November election. If you want to register, you can go to your local County Election Board, post office, tag agency, or library, or you can go online:

<www.state.ok.us/~elections/votereg.html>

To register you must be 18 years of age, a US citizen, and a resident of the state in which you plan to vote. Remember, your voice does count!

Spring Trips—2008

Student Support Services are offering trips for the spring semester students. The schedule is as follows:

February 5th- Bowling Green Country Lanes, Muskogee, OK Leave Warner-4:30 p.m. Bowling at 5 p.m.

February 13th- TRIO Day, OKC State Capital Leave Warner—TBA

March 13th- OSU Stillwater Tour, Stillwater, OK Leave Warner and Muskogee—TBA

April (TBA)- NSU Transfer Day and Tour, Tahlequah, OK Leave Warner- 10 a.m. Leave Muskogee-10:20 a.m.

Sign-up sheets are in Warner and Muskogee offices. For more information about Student Support Services, contact Matt Hopkins or Jared Webster.

As a new year kicks off, so do the resolutions.

Dr. Nero, CSC President, has issued the challenge to all CSC faculty and staff. The Hottest Loser Contest (CSC’s version of the Biggest Loser) is underway. Competing CSC faculty and staff have until May to lose the most pounds. Participants will weigh in each Friday.

Who will the winner be?

Watch for details in coming issues!
PAST CSC GRADUATES—CALVIN AND JUDY MOORE

Calvin and Judy Moore are no strangers to Connors. They are both alumni and are part of a family with a long history with the school. According to Judy, her great-grandfather, Charlie Ross, was a bus driver for Connors when it was still a high school. She believes it was in 1935 or 36, but is unsure because she only heard family stories.

Both Calvin and Judy are graduates of CSC. Both eventually became teachers and Calvin was also a principal and basketball coach for Kinta Schools. Judy went back to CSC later in life and she says that “her girls graduated about the same time” as she did. She then graduated from NSU and wound up back at Connors teaching English and speech.

“The beginning that I had at Connors, that my dad had, that my kids had, and that my granddaughter will have is a fantastic beginning for learning and for an education,” Ms. Moore states. One instructor she recalls was Mr. Montgomery, an English instructor. She said, “When I went into the classroom to teach, what came out of my mouth was hopefully what Mr. Montgomery taught me at Connors.”

Ms. Moore goes on to say, “Just the atmosphere at Connors was really conducive to learning.” She believes one of the biggest things she did at Connors was interview Presidential candidate, Jimmy Carter, for the Collegian in 1976. Later Calvin and Judy were able to visit with the Carters in Georgia.

Calvin played baseball for CSC and today teaches the upstart program in the summer.

For the Moores, Connors is a part of their family tradition and they have nothing but praise for our school, Connors State College.

What is your New Year’s Resolution?

Robyn Watson—“To be a better mother, wife, friend, and Christian.”

Jessica Brooke—“To come out of my shell a little more.”

Brittany Franklin—“To start eating healthier.”

Jared Collins—“To spend as much time with my girlfriend as is possible.”

Brittany Fulton—“To be on time.”

Traci Hatch—“To start going to the gym.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sophomores—If you will be graduating in May or unsure whether you have successfully completed the program requirements for graduation, stop by the Admission Office today! Deadline for applications for graduation is March 3rd. Graduation is not automatic. You must apply to receive your diploma.

All candidates for graduation must:
- Successfully complete all degree requirements as outlined in the CSC course catalogue with a 2.0 or greater
- Complete a final degree check in the Admissions Office
- Complete Outcomes Assessment

PICK UP EXTRA HOURS-
- BUSN2301 - Conflict Resolution - Feb. 16
- CHDV2301 - Windows to Learning in Early Childhood - Feb. 16
- ENGL2301 - Jane Austen: Sense and Sensibility - Feb. 16 and Mar. 8
- NURS2301 - Pharmacology Update - Feb. 16
- PSYC2301 - Discovering Your Personality Strengths - Feb. 16

Contact Pete Roberts at 918-687-6747 or the Admissions Office to enroll.
The Connors State College men’s and women’s basketball teams have traveled different paths to this point in the season, but both are better off than last year’s counterparts as they head into the most important games of the season.

Both teams were around the .500 mark a year ago and facing uphill battles to make the NJCAA Region playoffs. It’s different this time around. Both are in the thick of the battle for top rankings in the post-season tournament in Shawnee.

The CSC Cowgirls have only lost two games and are ranked 13th in the NJCAA poll. Coach Eddie Kite contributes the success of the team to “unselfish play.” “We do not have starters and reserves. We have two units that compliment each other.”

Likewise, the CSC Cowboys have the potential to be an upper-echelon club. “We’ve got good athletes up and down our bench, Coach Bill Muse said. “We’ve got some good shooters and a solid game.”

The Cowboys have only lost six games and upset No. 10 nationally ranked University of Arkansas-Ft. Smith on January 29th.

Excitement is building with the team and fans as the two teams successfully move closer to post season play.

CSC Livestock Judgers Compete at National Western

The CSC Judging Team competed at the National Western Livestock Show in Denver, Colorado, January 18th and 19th.

“The three week show is the largest cattle show in the world,” says Blake Nelson, Director of Farm Operations and Bull Test Manager at CSC. The show not only includes cattle competing for the blue, but hogs, horses, sheep, and other livestock. The judging team placed 4th high team overall. Thirty junior colleges competed at the National Western, and the CSC judgers had no time to spare on the road to competition. While they traveled to Denver, they endured cold weather and ice flurries stopping at various ranches along the way to practice.

“CSC is the only team in the country to finish in the top ten in every division at every contest,” states Scott Clawson,