PhI THETA KAPPA BOOK DRIVE

CSC’s Mu Chi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa held a book drive during the last three weeks of the fall semester. According to Ms. Jolene Armstrong, chapter sponsor, the drive was “an overwhelming success.”

Over 72 boxes of used textbooks, paperbacks, and novels were donated at the CSC campuses. Before Christmas, 39 boxes were packed and shipped to a company that pays PTK fifty cents per book and then donates a portion of their commission to buy books for schools in Africa. The other 38 boxes are now ready to be shipped.

Another book drive will be underway this semester, so look for the donation boxes at the three campuses.

PTK will also be sponsoring Valentine candy grams. The candy grams will cost $1.50 and include a message, candy, and delivery. To purchase a candy gram or for more information, see PTK members or campus librarians at Warner or the Downtown Muskogee campus.

Phi Theta Kappa is an honor society of two year colleges that recognizes academic excellence and community involvement. The Mu Chi chapter will soon be sending invitations to students who qualify. Orientations will also be held for those who are interested but would like more information.
Muskogee Downtown Campus

Each semester more than half of the enrolled CSC students attend classes at the Muskogee Downtown campus. Built in approximately 1889, this building is registered on the National Register of Historic Places as the “Railway Exchange Building.”

The Downtown Campus, best known as the Haskell Building, has housed a federal courthouse, law offices, railroad company offices, Veterans’ Administration, and the Muskogee Department of Human Services.

In the 1940s, when cotton was “king” in this part of Oklahoma, a cotton buying business used one whole floor of the building. Also in the 1950s, Oklahoma City was attempting to move the Veterans’ Administration to the City. The Veterans’ Administration stated that they would stay in Muskogee if more office space was made available. The city of Muskogee purchased the eight story Railway Exchange Building and the V.A. stayed in Muskogee.

In 1992 the building was deeded by the city of Muskogee to Connors.

At the first home basketball game on January 12th, the Sisco’s Shining Stars from Muskogee performed at halftime of the women’s game. The Stars are under the direction of Kiley Williams, CSC cheerleader, and range in age from five to seven.

March 6th—Deadline
Graduation Applications
Alumni Spotlight—Robert Rushing

An Aggie major from Oklahoma City, Robert Rushing has many lasting memories from his time spent at Connors. Some of the memories he lists are yelling until he was “hoarse” at the men’s basketball games (they won the national championship his freshman year), playing “capture the flag,” listening to Doc Harding “dispense his wisdom,” painting the dorm rooms brown, and cleaning the bull test barn and greenhouse.

However, Rushing, a 1991 graduate of CSC, believes that meeting new people and making lifelong friends is the best memory.

After graduating from CSC, Robert attended OSU where he received his undergraduate and graduate degrees. In 1997 he was hired by the U.S. Air Force as a community planner. After several moves and promotions which included base planner at Ramstein Air Base in Germany, he was hired by Headquarter U.S. Air Forces in Europe as the Command Community Planner. He is presently the Asset Management Flight Chief at Randolph AFB.

Rushing is married to Kathy, and they have two children, Erik and Amber. He states that when he is not working, he likes to “piddle around with cars.” He also still owns the Falcon that he drove when he was a student at Connors, a car that he had to repurchase.

Rushing states, “Connors was a blessing in so many ways but in general it let a poor kid afford to go to school.”

Aggie Coronation—2009

Aggie Court 2009

Queen Valerie Jones, Roland, and King Taylor Lang, Beatrice, NE

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Both the Cowgirl and Cowboy basketball teams have increased the intensity as they complete conference play and head to the NJCAA Region 2 playoffs in March.

One of the most exciting highlights for both teams was the recent sweep of the University of Arkansas-Ft. Smith at Ft. Smith. It was the first wins for both teams in Stubblefield Arena.

The Cowgirls are currently ranked number five in the NJCAA poll.