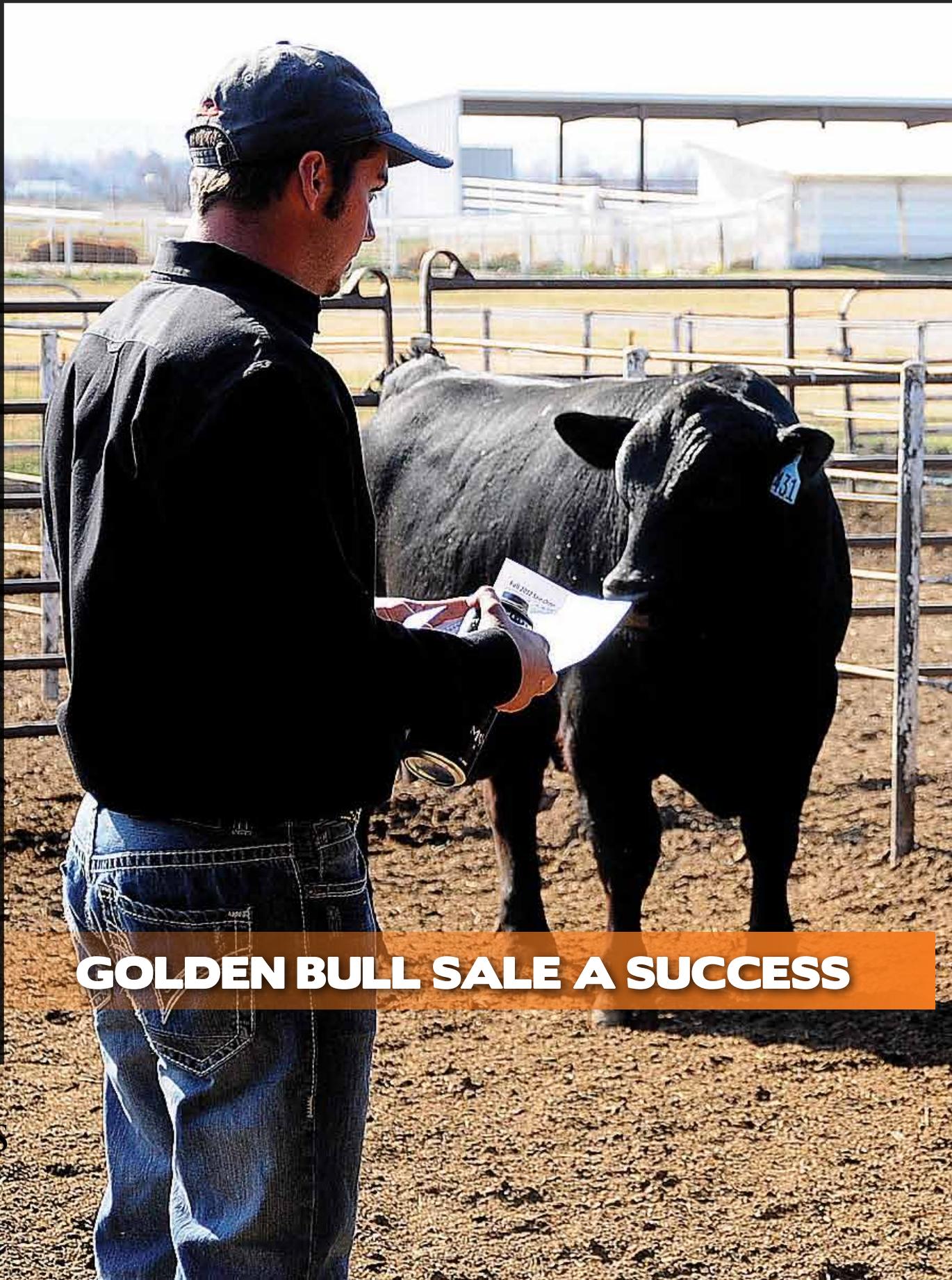


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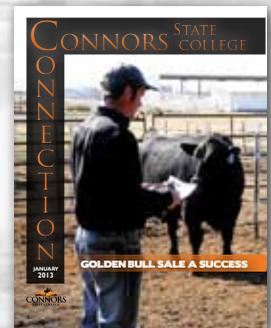
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ON THE COVER: Clayton Edgemon, CSC cattle show team member, checks information for a bull sale buyer. Photo by agricultural communications student Lynsey Meharg.



Faltyn To Take AIM At Muskogee's Future

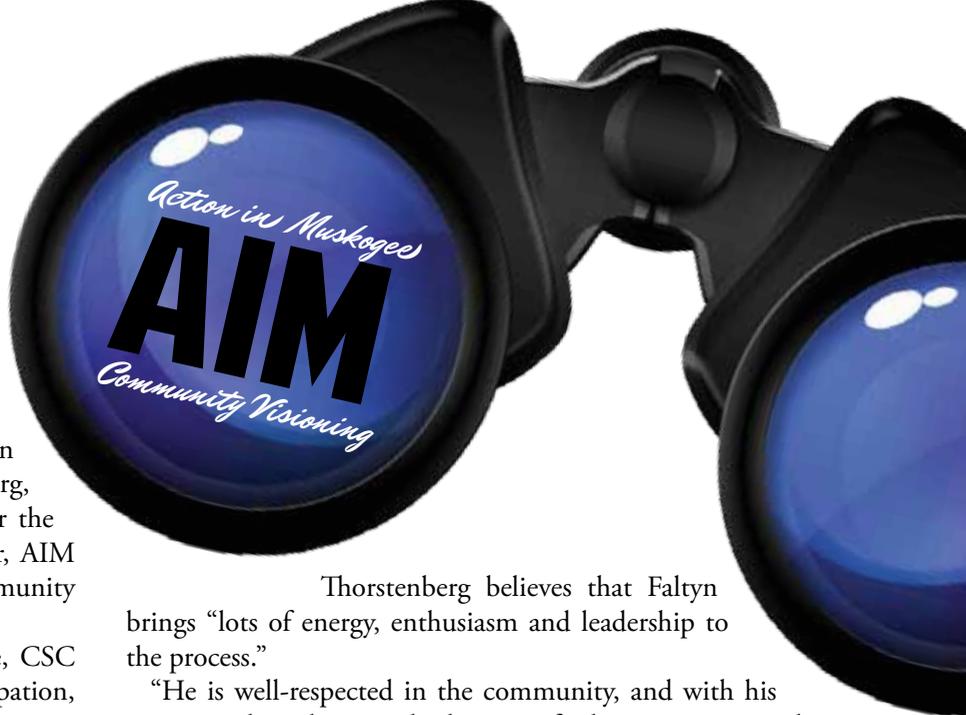
From the outside looking in, it is apparent that Connors State College (CSC) is on the move. From the inside looking out, it is encouraging for CSC officials to see the City of Muskogee taking a stand to catapult the city to the next level of success.

One of the first steps to make this happen – Action in Muskogee (AIM) – was organized by Brien Thorstenberg, Director of Business and Economic Development for the Muskogee Port Authority. Developed in the past year, AIM started with five sessions and an invitation for the community to provide input on ways to improve the city.

Fully involved from the beginning of the initiative, CSC President Dr. Tim Faltyn encouraged employee participation, as well.

The meetings showed great success with an average attendance of 181 diverse community members, made up of various ages, socioeconomic statuses and races. Regardless of the various backgrounds, the participants came together and identified nine initiatives crucial to the success of Muskogee. Initiatives ranged from education, to providing a safe and secure city, to creating a strong economy.

The next step in the process is to create committees to move all the initiatives forward. Appointed as the chairman of the AIM Steering Committee, Dr. Faltyn will help oversee all committees in the process moving ahead.



Thorstenberg believes that Faltyn brings “lots of energy, enthusiasm and leadership to the process.”

“He is well-respected in the community, and with his new arrival to the area, he brings a fresh perspective to the community,” said Thorstenberg.

AIM is an ongoing, long-term project. Those interested in getting involved may join the committee of their choice, as all are open to the public, as well as students. In fact, Thorstenberg encourages student involvement.

“The perspective of a student and being able to retain those students is important for the growth of Muskogee,” said Thorstenberg.

To get involved in the AIM process, call the Muskogee Port Authority at (918) 682-7887.



A New Year Brings New Changes

With the arrival of a new year, new services and facilities await Connors State College (CSC) students, faculty and staff in

Holloway Hall also is the home for Campus Security and the Student Success Center, offering tutoring, advising and academic support. Now in the heart of campus, the Security offices house the chief of police and security monitors.



both Warner and Muskogee.

For the first time, enrollment services are available on all three CSC campuses. A new one-stop enrollment center, staffed for advisement, admissions, financial aid, bursar, compass testing and enrollment, can be found at the Muskogee Port Campus.

“Student experience is a top priority at Connors State and by providing appropriate services at all of our campuses we are confident that this will help to support our student’s success,” said Dr. Tim Faltyn, CSC President.

On the Warner Campus, the freshly remodeled Holloway Hall now supports the college’s mission for a positive student experience. During winter break, the campus bookstore moved to its new digs in Holloway Hall, where it now boasts a new inventory system, modern fixtures and a fresh space. A grand opening reception was held January 10 to honor the move.

Above: Warner Campus bookstore now open in Holloway Hall.
Left: The new Port Campus one-stop enrollment center.

Dr. Woods Enjoys Teaching Students of All Ages

Anyone who has been a part of Connors State College (CSC) in the last three decades has certainly been introduced to Dr. Stuart Woods. Woods, who started his career in the CSC science department, has taught “nearly every class at one time or another.”

With a full teaching load, Woods still found time to organize a Summer Academy program. Fast forward from the first camp in 1990, and the College Summer Academy camps have brought more than 2,000 kids to campus and raised over \$1 million in grants.

Looking forward, Woods is most excited about the direction that the farm and south ranch are headed.

“We won the Governors Environmental Achievement Award for the farm,” said Woods. “Now, thanks to Dr. Faltyn’s vision, we are turning the ranch into something truly remarkable—helping it reach its potential.”

“When you’ve been anywhere as long as I have been here, you see many come and go,” Woods continued. “Some encourage you, some tolerate you and some motivate you. It’s the motivation that keeps you fired up and wanting to jump in and help.”

As a lifelong professor, “seeing the kids ‘get it’, watching them grow and graduate” is one of Woods’ greatest joys. Not only does he get to enjoy this positive growth with his college students but, as a vital part of the Summer Academy camps, Woods has the opportunity to have kids, parents and sponsors on campus for something positive.

“The camps provide physical, emotional, mental, positive role models and a support system, which are all things that young students desperately need,” said Woods.

Woods does not consider work, work. He enjoys spending his free time in “the sticks,” but says he gets bored if he has too much free time.

According to Woods, the most important thing in his life are his two children, J. Gabriel and London Wren.



Phillips Provides Yellow Brick Road to Success

“Getting Students to Follow the Yellow Brick Road to a Degree Destination” is an everyday task for Kim Phillips, Connors State College (CSC) ADA Coordinator and Academic Advisor. It’s also the title

of a presentation that she and Colleen Noble, CSC Retention Specialist, developed for presentation to their colleagues at colleges and universities across the United States.

Selected for presentation at the Oklahoma Academic Advising Association (OACADA) conference in September 2012 and the Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges (OACC) conference in November 2012, Phillips and Noble will be on point for presentation at the National Academic Advising Association’s (NACADA) Region 7 Conference in San Antonio, Texas, at the end of February.

Phillips, who has been with the college since 2004, says that because an advisor has direct contact with students, they have a great deal of influence on their college journey.

“My goal is for every student to have a wonderful advisor throughout their educational journey – they get that at Connors,” Phillips said. “So I thought, why not spread the knowledge and excitement we have for our students with other colleges.”

Phillips said that being able to work with students is one of her favorite things about her job.

“This job is very rewarding and I am thankful and blessed to do what I do,” said Phillips.

Outside of her work hours, Phillips, the mother of two, enjoys spending time with her family, watching basketball and shopping.

CSC Hosts Record Setting Legislative Luncheon

“We were honored to be the host for the 2013 Southeast Region Legislative Luncheon, which had the largest turnout in the history of this event,” said Dr. Tim Faltyn, Connors State College (CSC) President.

More than 90 people attended the luncheon, including presidents, administrators and students from seven colleges and universities in the southeast region, legislators, Chancellor Glen D. Johnson, and special guest T.W. Shannon, Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives.

With the demand for employees with certificates and degrees increasing, college completion has never been a higher priority in the state of Oklahoma than now. That was the message delivered by Chancellor Glen D. Johnson as he presented the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education’s FY 2014 legislative agenda on January 15, 2013, in Krebs, Oklahoma.

Representative Shannon praised Chancellor Johnson on being a great advocate for education and ensured the crowd that he does an exceptional job bringing important issues to the lawmaker’s attention.

“I think the Chancellor did an excellent job of presenting a compelling picture of the importance of higher education to Oklahoma’s current and future success,” said Faltyn.

The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (OSRHE) recently voted to request \$90.4 million in new state appropriations during the upcoming legislative session. The total budget request for FY 2014 was 9.47 percent higher than the current year’s appropriation.

To aid state colleges and universities in producing more college graduates, the Regents requested \$55 million for Complete College America performance funding needs. This would provide funding for additional course sections, full-time faculty and financial aid. This also would fund increased needs for information technology equipment, library resources and other operational needs to support near-record student enrollment.

While Oklahoma’s public colleges and universities continue to take steps to cut operational costs, a total of \$411 million in actual and projected cost savings were identified from 2010-14 in technology and energy consumption, as well as in personnel costs and supplies.

“Oklahoma’s system of higher education remains committed to producing a quality, educated workforce in order to prepare our students to compete globally,” said Johnson. “We believe that our budget request makes a very persuasive case for our policy leaders to further invest in higher education. These funds would assist our institutions in achieving our Complete College America degree completion goals and will help to ensure student access and success in college.”

College completion continues to be higher education’s

No. 1 priority. As such, the Regents sought \$2.5 million for online education and degree completion technology, to increase students’ ability to enroll in additional course sections and improve evaluation and transparency through software development and training.

OSHRE requested \$7.5 million to fund a grant program to enhance higher education institutions’ efforts to provide students with guidance in completion of their degrees. Funding would be directed to special services in career counseling, advisement, financial aid and efficiency in degree attainment.

Increased financial aid funding also is a priority for the Regents in the upcoming legislative session, to reduce the financial barriers that prevent students from attending college. OSHRE sought to increase funding by \$2.5 million for the concurrent enrollment program, which allows high school juniors and seniors to take credit-earning college courses.

The Regents also requested an additional \$540,000 for the Summer Academies program, \$1.3 million for the Oklahoma Tuition Aid and Oklahoma Tuition Equalization grants, \$200,000 for the Academic Scholars program and \$250,000 for an adult degree completion community scholarship match.

The total appropriation request for FY 2014 was \$1.05 billion.

In concordance with the Regents’ goals, Connors has begun adding programs that will prove beneficial to students and the community. In the past year, CSC teamed up with Muskogee’s Indian Capital Technology Center (ICTC) to provide new allied health programs, such as Radiology Technician. All of these new programs are being introduced in conjunction with the new Muskogee Difference Healthcare Scholarship (MDHS) – a program that eliminates tuition costs for healthcare students living within Muskogee County. This new scholarship hopes to remove any barriers that may obstruct a student from attending and/or completing college.



Top: Speaker of the House T.W. Shannon addresses the luncheon attendees. Above: CSC leadership and students with Regent Massey and Chancellor Johnson.



Golden Bull Sale Sets Records

Connors State College (CSC) hosted the 50th Anniversary Bull Test Sale on Thursday, November 29, 2012, at 1 p.m. The golden sale set records for both attendance numbers and the average price per bull. Having come a long way from the inaugural sale 50 years ago, the setting of which was a rented tent from a wintering circus in Hugo, Oklahoma, the sale has grown exponentially in recent years.

Ranchers, community members and buyers packed into the newly renovated bull sale facility on the Warner campus to observe 84 top-notch bulls run through the ring, and to grab lunch served by the CSC Aggie Club.

The CSC Bull Test has a long history of excellence, including being selected in the 1980s to conduct the National Limousin Bull Test for the first three years of its existence.

Buyers from



Gran Torino, bred by KiamichiLink Ranch, brought the highest bid at \$8,400.

Arkansas, Missouri, Texas, Kansas, Ohio and Oklahoma traveled to see and bid on this year's bull selection. All bulls were checked by a licensed veterinarian and determined to have satisfactory semen. The sale parameters stipulated that the bulls were sold as guaranteed breeders, if properly cared for. Buyers had their pick of performance-tested bulls from breeds including: Angus, Simmental, Charolais, Maine-Anjou, Red Angus, Lim-Flex, Shorthorn and Composite. The sale average per bull, conducted by auctioneer Bruce Brooks, was \$2,950.

The highest-selling bull, Gran Torino, an Angus from KiamichiLink Ranch, sold for \$8,400.

"This year's record-setting sale was definitely fitting to celebrate our 50th anniversary," said Blake Nelson, CSC Farm Manager.

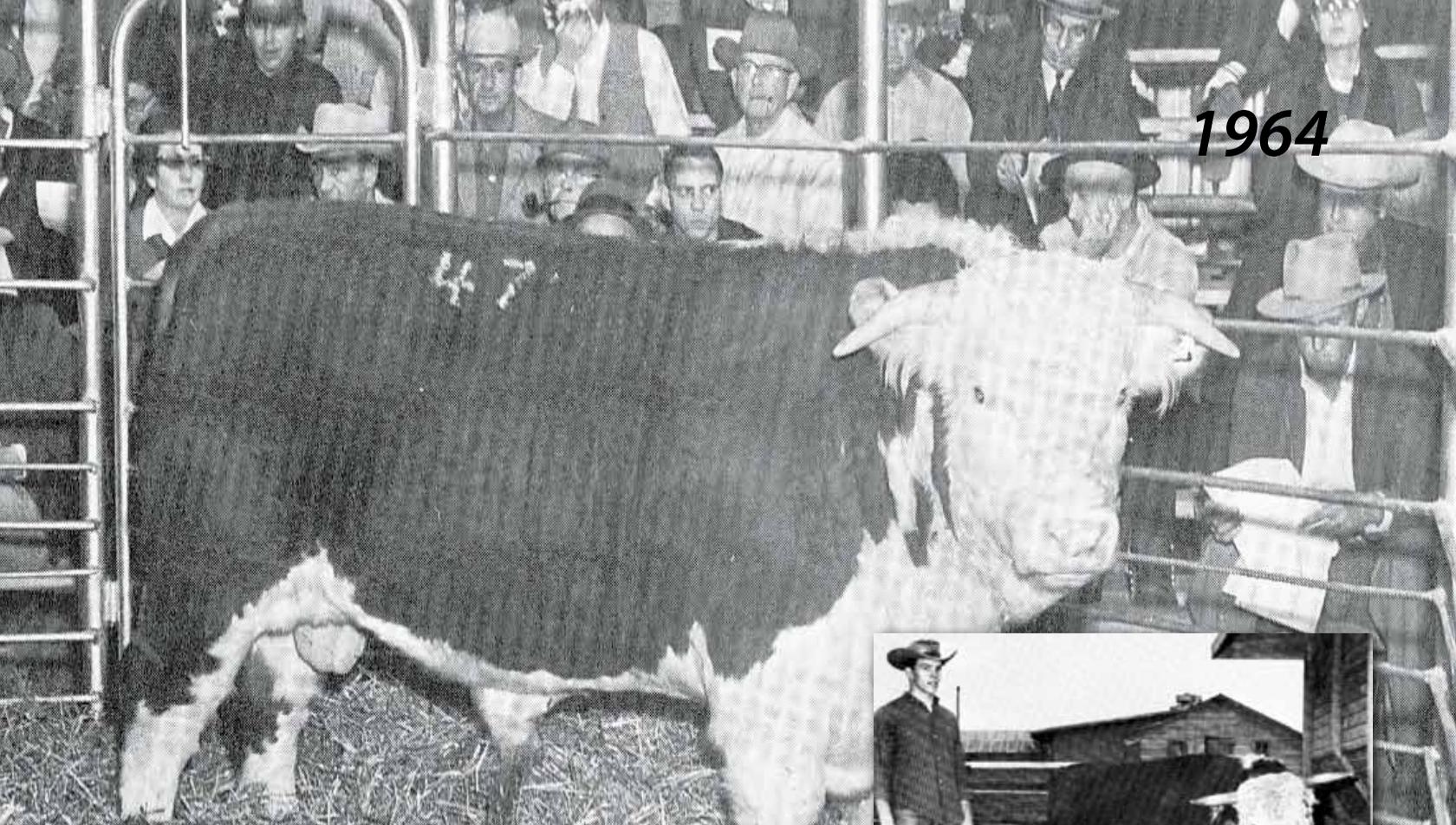
Nelson credited the sale's success to "a strong cattle market and an outstanding group of bulls that the consigners brought."

Throughout the CSC Bull Test's history, many people have left a mark. The story of the bull test and farm would be missing something, however, if Queenie, the farm's mascot, was not mentioned.

Abandoned near campus in the 1980s, Queenie quickly became a strategic part of operations. Gathering bulls and being the official campus "mouser" were her duties, while everyone on campus fell in love with her.

After being dognapped by a former student, search efforts ensued from Warner to Branson, Missouri. However, after

1964



Above: Agriculture major Gary Young with a horned Hereford bull, 1966. Below: Walter Hopkins and Queenie, 1981.

finding Queenie in the care of a young boy in Sallisaw, her “manager”, farm manager Walter Hopkins, decided to leave her with the boy. Queenie’s story left a mark on the Bull Test much like the producers and staff who make the sale happen today.

Students at CSC have the unique opportunity to learn from a Bull Test with such a storied past. From its beginning in a circus tent, to the brand new test center, this CSC tradition has left its brand on every student who has passed through the Division of Agriculture.

“With new westward expansion in our facility, allowing improved mobility for our bulls, we look forward to the next 50 years,” said Dale Pitchford, CSC assistant farm manager and show team coach. “The Bull Test can only grow and will offer better quality bulls and better service.”

Mark your calendars – the CSC Spring Bull Sale will be held April 11, 2013.

To learn more about the bull test’s history, purchase *The First Century: A Pictorial History of Connors State College*, which includes more than 200 images and 130-plus pages of written content. Contact the Connors Development Foundation at (918) 463-6343.

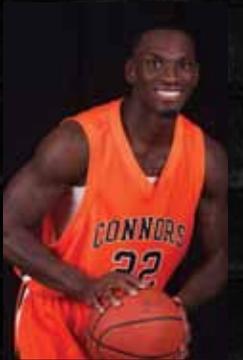
**“TO PUT DOLLARS IN YOUR JEANS,
BUY A BULL WITH DOLLARS IN HIS GENES.”**

– BULL TEST BROCHURE, 1972



BASKETBALL

CAMPUS UNITES TO REMEMBER STUDENT ATHLETE



On January 16, more than 200 Connors State College (CSC) students, coaches and staff came together for a candlelight vigil held in memory of student-athlete Anthony Hartfield, Jr. The college president, coaches, players and a church pastor

all spoke to the crowd about the impact that Hartfield, a 20-year-old general studies major and point guard for the Cowboy basketball team, had on everyone he came in contact with during his tenure at CSC.

DAKOTA GARRETT – SOPHOMORE GUARD

Dakota Garrett, 5-9 sophomore from Ketchum, Oklahoma, didn't receive a lot of college scholarship offers to play basketball, admitting that playing at a small school it's hard to be noticed.

But Connors State Cowgirls head coach Eddie Kite did notice the heart and hustle of the high school senior.

"Dakota is just a very positive, hardworking young lady," said Kite. "She brought a great work ethic to our program and gives everything she can give.

"Dakota is very coachable and is a great kid. She is going to have some great offers when she leaves here. Dakota has had a few schools inquire about her and I am sure she will move on to another school to play basketball," said Kite.

"I had a couple of offers, but coach Kite was the nicest and I really liked the campus at Connors," said Garrett.

The Ketchum product received offers from Northeastern Oklahoma A&M (NEO), and Southeastern State for basketball, and one for her to play shortstop in softball from Labette County Community College in Kansas.

Garrett's freshman season was a difficult one. It was a season filled with injury, something she had never experienced during her high school career.

"My freshman year was really tough, especially getting hurt (ankle) at the beginning of the season," said Garrett, who averaged 4.4 points in 23 games. "Sitting out the beginning of the season was an experience I had never gone through before. It was a major bump in the road."

She also admitted that the speed of the game and time restrictions were a big adjustment her first season in college.

In her second season as a Cowgirl, Garrett's road has been smooth sailing thus far. She is averaging 8 points a contest and the Cowgirls are improving each outing in their quest to reach the Region 2 Tournament.

"I have had my ups and downs this season, but every player does," said Garrett. "But this season has been much better over my freshman year. It has been really good."

"I have really enjoyed my experience at Connors; I wouldn't trade it for anything," said Garrett, who is majoring in general studies.

While her current goal is to help get the Cowgirls to that national tournament in Salina, Kansas, the personable Garrett is hoping to continue her playing career on the next level.

"I would like to continue to play, but it depends on the offers," said Garrett. "I know it couldn't be too far from home. I know my mom wouldn't like that. She likes to watch me play too much."



The Kirschner Foundation – Helping Connors Build Futures, One at a Time

of her step-father, E. P. Kirschner, “Connors was a unique little college in a little town. He was very active in Muskogee and the surrounding area and liked to support good things.”

E. P. Kirschner, an independent oil man, sold his production grounds and used the proceeds to create the first Kirschner Trusts.

“He was a civic booster, he helped acquire extra land for Honor Heights Park, and he wanted to help orphans and those with disabilities,” said Ms. Freedman.

E. P. Kirschner established three more trusts in his will and Ms. Freedman became chair of The Kirschner Trusts.

Over the years, Ms. Freedman and her husband, Ray, became increasingly involved with the college. Ray Freedman was very active in the Foundation, serving as a member and holding several offices. Ms. Freedman also served on the CDF Board, and continues her personal support of the college. In January 2012, Miriam Freedman endowed the Ray Freedman Business Scholarship at CSC in memory of her husband.

As chair of The Kirschner Foundation, Ms. Freedman is very proud of the financial support they are able to provide to Connors, as well as many other organizations in the area. This year, they provided support to Friends of Eddie Warrior, the Eastern Oklahoma Health Care Coalition, Jewish Children Regional Services, the Oklahoma School for the Blind and many others.

Connors State College extends a warm thank you to The Kirschner Foundation and Mrs. Miriam Freedman. Her generosity has helped build a legacy of excellence and her continued investment provides momentum in Connors’ second century.



The Kirschner Foundation, in Muskogee, has been a Connors State College (CSC) supporter for the past thirty years. The foundation’s generous contributions began in 1981 when E.P. and Roberta L. Kirschner provided their first gift of \$10,000 to establish the E. P. and Roberta L. Kirschner Scholarship, providing financial assistance to handicapped students studying at Connors. Last year, the scholarship was endowed by the Connors Development Foundation (CDF) at more than \$134,000.

In the 1990s, The Kirschner Foundation expanded its support of CSC and began providing grants for Dr. Stuart Woods’ Summer Academy camps, ensuring that local children have the opportunity to experience hands-on ecological education.

On January 3, 2013, its support grew a third time, and CSC endowed a \$10,500 gift from the Kirschner Foundation to create the Kirschner Nursing Scholars Endowed Book Scholarship to assist nursing students in purchasing textbooks.

Miriam Freedman, chair of The Kirschner Foundation, said

Connors Development Foundation

2012 was a momentous year for the Connors Development Foundation (CDF). In January, CDF endowed its largest scholarship gift in Connors’ history, and a few months later received an even larger gift from the Muskogee Foundation to create the Muskogee Difference Healthcare Scholarship. The Faculty and Staff Giving Campaign participation increased by 370 percent, while CDF secured more than \$100,000 in other assets and scholarship monies for students.

The Foundation is off to a good start in 2013, as well. On January 3, it endowed the Kirschner Nursing Scholars Endowed Book Scholarship through a gift from The Kirschner Foundation. Several other scholarship endowments are currently in development, as are other projects to build momentum.

An exciting new endeavor is the Connors State College (CSC) Alumni and Friends Campaign that begins this month. Through Facebook, publications, alumni events and more,

the goal is to reengage alumni with CSC. You can help in this endeavor by reaching out to former students and staff and encouraging them to check out the exciting things happening on campus. Current and former students are the foundation of the CSC legacy of excellence, and their engagement with the college provides momentum in Connors second century!

*Right: Employee Dedication
Plaque on a Port Campus Pillar.*





OETA to Feature CSC

local telecommunications providers can partner with OCAN to extend services to the private sector. Through these public-private partnerships, OCAN will provide opportunities for small businesses and spur economic growth in Oklahoma's rural communities.

The new network will connect 32 community anchor institutions, including state colleges, universities, hospitals and local libraries, to the state's existing networks. These connections will be vital to advancing economic development and improving educational, public health and safety services in Oklahoma's rural communities.

"This new project will serve as an equalizer for our institution," said CSC President Dr. Tim Faltyn. "We will have the same advantages as the rest of the college world with this new broadband."

"Our students will be able to access all they need from right here," added Faltyn.

Oklahoma Educational Television Authority (OETA) Reporter Cathy Tatom spent the afternoon on January 14 with Faltyn and Heath Hodges, CSC IT Director, interviewing and exploring the opportunities that the new broadband will bring to Connors.

The feature will air on OETA on Friday, January 18, at 7 p.m. If you miss the program, a link will be posted at www.connorsstate.edu the following week. Stay tuned!

A federal grant will help to bring high speed broadband to rural Oklahoma and Connors State College (CSC) will be an anchor institution for this project.

The Oklahoma Community Anchor Network (OCAN) is a partnership among the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (OSRHE), the Oklahoma Office of Management and Enterprise Services and the Oklahoma Department of Transportation. In August 2010, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, under the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program, awarded Oklahoma a \$74 million grant to fund the OCAN project and expand broadband services across the state.

Communities will access OCAN's expanded network through OneNet, a division of OSRHE and Oklahoma's only statewide Internet service provider. Educational institutions, health care providers, public services and nonprofits will have the opportunity to connect to the network through OneNet. In addition,

Diamond Cowboys and Cowgirls Prep for Spring Games

Perry Keith begins his 28th year as head baseball coach of the Connors Cowboys while Rick Carbone is in his 18th year to guide the Cowgirls. Both coaches believe 2013 is the year to advance to their respective College World Series.

The Cowboys kick off their season February 13 with the University of the Ozarks at Biff Thompson Field, while the Cowgirls are at home against Independence Community College on February 5 in their quest for national tournament play.

The softball College World Series will be played in St. George, Utah, in May. Carbone returns five players from last year's team, which posted a 26-28 record and reached the second round of the Region 2 tournament in Oklahoma City.

Cowgirls returning are third baseman Trinity Busby; outfielder, catcher Summer Cunningham; infielder Ashley Dunigan; catcher Blaine Matheson; and pitcher Jerelyn Long.

Joining Carbone's staff for the 2013 season is Michael Deese, who joins the Cowgirls from the University of Auburn.

Carbone is confident entering the new season, saying, "I really believe we will open the year hitting on all cylinders."

"This team plays very well together and that was displayed during the fall workouts. We have a very strong defense with a good offense at the plate and some pretty good pitching."

Carbone brought in 16 freshmen and feels it's a "very strong class" that will contribute immediately.

The baseball College World Series will be in Grand Junction, Colorado, in June. Cowboys' Keith is returning 18 players from last year's club which posted a 35-24 record and advanced to the championship round of the Region 2 tournament in Jenks.

Returning sophomores are infielder Dalton Daniels; outfielder and pitcher Eli Roundtree; first baseman Korey Keith; infielder and pitcher Caleb Banks; pitcher Colton Strother; infielder Victor Claudio; pitcher Daniel Concepcion; pitcher Abiecel Garcia; catcher Jiro Morales; pitcher Kelvin Rivas; pitcher Sawyer Barnard; pitcher Colin Scarsdale; outfielder Philip Diedrick; pitcher Gabriel Cosme; pitcher Jordan Romano; infielder and pitcher Hunter Spencer; pitcher C.J. Machete and outfielder Tyson Tackett.

Keith is confident the Cowboys are headed toward the College World Series this season with a strong defense, increased offensive punch and an excellent pitching staff.

"We have a lot of our offense returning with guys returning with proven power," said Keith. "This club will score a lot of runs."

"The important thing is that our pitching is back," said Keith. "We have several guys back with experience and we have added depth. I think we have four or five guys who can be in the major league draft this season."

"I feel really good about this team," said Keith. "We had an excellent fall season and we should make another run."

Connors Selected as a

Efforts undertaken to become a healthier campus have recently been recognized by the Oklahoma Turning Point Council. Connors State College (CSC) was named a Certified Healthy Campus, earning a Merit certification.

The Oklahoma Certified Healthy Campus status recognizes post-secondary public and private institutions of higher learning and career technology centers for their outstanding efforts and achievements in actively creating a safe and healthy environment for faculty, staff, students and visitors.

CSC has taken many steps in meeting the goals set forth for health promotion in higher education. The administration created wellness plans for both employees and students, offering free or minimal expenses for fitness center memberships. Additional steps included: becoming a tobacco free campus, offering employee health assessments, and hosting “On the Menu” health seminars.

The American College Health Association (ACHA) has six standards of practice for health promotion in higher education. Some of the guidelines include incorporating individual and community health promotion initiatives, demonstrating cultural competency and inclusiveness in advancing health, and continuing to engage in on-going professional development and service to the health field.

Ryan Blanton, CSC Development Foundation Director, submitted the application to become a healthy campus and was awarded in January. A few members of the Connors administration, including President Dr. Tim Faltyn, will attend an award luncheon in late February to be recognized for these efforts.

As the new year begins, CSC continues to provide



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opportunities for employees and students to reach optimal health. Connors will offer employee and student wellness plans, which include health assessments and memberships to campus fitness centers.

The Warner Campus Fitness Center has expanded its equipment by adding free weights in the new year.

Students are eligible to use the Warner Campus Fitness Center or the Muskogee Swim and Fitness free of charge by flashing their student IDs.

To learn more about “Live Well,” the employee wellness plan, contact Esther King at esther.king@connorsstate.edu or (981) 463-6261.

For more information about the Oklahoma Turning Point Council and healthy campus certification, visit www.okturningpoint.org.



Connors State College Earns Numerous Grants

For 2013, various entities at Connors State College (CSC) have earned grants to aid in student learning.

An Oklahoma Humanities Council grant awarded to the CSC library, titled “Let’s Talk About it, Oklahoma!” will assist the college with bringing in scholars once a month to speak about specified books in a theme.

The theme for Spring 2013 is “Not for Children Only.” The first scholar, Andrew Vassar, visited on January 17 and provided insight into the books “Classic Fairy Tales” by Iona and Peter Opie and “Tatterhood and Other Tales” edited by Ethel Johnson Phelps.

The “Let’s Talk About It, Oklahoma!” meetings are open to

all CSC employees, students and the public. Anyone interested in signing up can visit either campus library.

The college’s 1,300 acre ranch comes in handy for the Summer Academy camps hosted by the institution. More than 300 elementary and high school students visit the Warner campus each summer to participate in the camps and learn about ecology and wildlife management.

Dr. Stuart Woods, who heads up the summer camps, recently reported major grants that have been awarded towards the camp’s success. A total of \$104,900 will go into an account to help with the expenses of the more than four summer camps this year.



Alumni Feature

WINNIE BOWMAN



Many of the current Connors State College students, especially those attending the Muskogee campuses, probably could not imagine *not* having access to a car.

For Winnie Bowman, that was part of the college experience.

Mrs. Bowman, from Porum, Oklahoma, enjoyed the close knit community, and because only a few of the 300 or so students had a car, she got to know all of them pretty well.

“It was a good time; we just loved it,” said Bowman.

Majoring in home economics from 1954-1956, Winnie Bowman made quite the impression on the student body, and was the first female elected student council president.

Half a century later, she is still making an impression on Connors State College.

Mrs. Bowman became very active with the Connors State College Alumni and Friends Association approximately ten years ago, and has been enjoying making new friends ever since. She has developed the Alumni and Friends newsletter

and assists in planning the Annual Alumni Reunion held each April.

“I enjoy working with the former students, and meeting the young ones – they are the future of the alumni group,” said Bowman.

Mrs. Bowman will be back on campus this April, hosting old friends and hopefully making a few new ones.

Join the Alumni and Friends Association in April for the Annual Reunion Banquet and Hall of Fame Induction.

Winnie and her husband, Charles, were married in 1958. They have four children, 12 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren.



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