



**Dr. Ron Garner**

At its January 1994 meeting the Oklahoma State University/A&M Board of Regents appointed Dr. Ronald D. Garner the 14th president of Connors State College. This was the first time a Connors president had been chosen from within the ranks of the institution.

During his career in education, Dr. Garner served 14 years at Redlands Community College as a classroom instructor, dean and vice-president, two years as president of Allen County, Kansas Community College, and eleven years as a dean, vice-president, campus director, and president of Connors State College.

Always a builder he was directly involved in the construction of major buildings at each of the three colleges where he served. He also directed the renovation of a seven-story downtown office building and moving of the Muskogee campus of CSC into the renovated facility.

In an effort to know to students as individuals, Dr. and Mrs. Garner hosted the students from every college organization at the president's home during each year of his Connors presidency. This normally involved well over 1000 students each year. Also, a program was developed to recognize faculty and staff who provided special service to students.

Dr. Garner was the co-founder of the Muskogee Area Educational Consortium. This program is designed to coordinate the efforts of all educational providers in the Muskogee area including kindergarten through graduate school. Included are area public schools, vocational and technical schools, state institutions, and public and private two year and four-year colleges.

Upon his retirement the OSU/A&M board recognized Dr. Garner by naming the classroom/science complex in Northeast Muskogee in his honor.