NorthWest Arkansas Community College branches out

By Chrystl Lowry
SAAB Board

Approximately 500 students are currently enrolled in classes offered at the new Washington County Center of NorthWest Arkansas Community College. This facility provides students with classes close to home and for those students attending both NWACC and U of A, a shorter commute between the two.

The Springdale facility is conveniently located on Huntsville Avenue just down the road from Central Junior High School. "We are pleased and excited about our presence in Washington County;" beamed Cathy Casserly, Academic Advisor for the Washington County Center. "Our students and teachers enjoy the cozy atmosphere brought by working together in a smaller building. The response this facility received has been spectacular; almost all available classes are full. If we continue to grow at this speed, a larger building will be needed to house all the students."

The NWACC location in Springdale offers 24 classes to students. Most of them are general education courses such as Academic Skills, English Literature, Art Appreciation, Health and Wellness and much more. There are two non-traditional classes offered, Differential Equations and Data Analysis. John Brown University offers a Masters program there on Mondays.

The building is 3,075 sq. feet and contains two class rooms. Classes are offered from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Weekend courses are not currently available. New to the facility this semester are computer courses and a computer room.

Any questions concerning the facility can be answered by calling Washington County at (479) 927-3330. Benton County residents can call (479) 936-5131.

Phi Theta Kappa offers five pop culture seminars via satellite

By Kristi N. Gier
Phi Theta Kappa

NorthWest Arkansas Community College's Beta Kappa Psi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society of the two-year college will begin presenting an examination of pop culture through a series of satellite seminars on various Tuesday evenings, 6:15 p.m. to 8 p.m. in NWACC's White Hall.

McElvaine

Phi Theta Kappa will present five different live satellite broadcasts throughout the fall semester that will reflect on how American values and pop culture influence each other. These seminars are open to the whole community and admission is free. For more information, please contact Mary Odima (619-2224) or John Honey (619-4232), or consult www.ptk.org.

Sept. 28: "(Mis)understanding History: Shaping Modern Myth and Popular Values." Dr. Robert McElvaine will discuss the role of film in pop culture and how it affects society's (mis)understanding history. Discussion of the films Birth of A Nation (1915) and JFK (1991) will be included.

Rose

Oct. 12: "Creating and Marketing Youth: Youth Music and Culture in 20th Century America." Dr. Tricia Rose will discuss the growth of Hip Hop and its influence on mass culture including cross-racial impact.

Oct. 26: "The Empire of Images: Growing Up Male and Female in a World Dominated by Popular Culture." Dr. Susan Bordo will examine how mass image has placed an importance on physical fitness and image while also changing traditional male and female roles.

Bordo

Nov. 9: "Courting Disaster? Changing Values about Love, Sex, and Marriage." Prof. Stephanie Coontz will present a discussion on how popular culture through the centuries has changed marriage and family life: for better and for worse.

Nov. 16: "Sports in Popular Culture: Are We Winning or Losing?" Dr. Richard Lapchick will analyze the evolution of the role of sports and athletes in American pop culture, as well as how athletes affect mass culture as role models.

Coontz

The Honors Satellite Seminar Series is a unique educational opportunity for learners of all ages. The Series is designed to promote serious academic discussion of issues important to the study of popular culture, and to encourage further study and exploration of these issues before and after each lecture.

Lapchick

The series is also designed to be interdisciplinary and applicable to numerous fields of study. Even community members and students at the high school, junior high school level will find the topics interesting, engaging and applicable to everyday life. The seminars are sponsored by the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and is hosted by the Beta Kappa Psi chapter of NorthWest Arkansas Community College.

General Student Information

LIBRARY

Fall Semester Hours:
Monday - Thursday 8 AM-8PM
Friday 9 AM-5 PM
Saturday 9 AM-3 PM
Sunday CLOSED

What's Available in the NWACC Library?
Catalogs, General Reference, netLibrary, Web Resources by Subject, Articles, Instructors' Reserves, FirstSearch, Search the Internet, Information Literacy Lab and Search Other Libraries.

Visit http://www.nwacc.edu/library/ for more information about the NWACC library.

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Fall Semester Hours:
Mon. - Thurs. 8 AM-8 PM
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What's Available in the Learning Lab?
Instructional, Individualized, Supplemental, and Technological Assistance, FREE peer, faculty, and group tutoring, Multimedia computer aided instruction.

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Burns Hall 1109

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Saturday & Sunday CLOSED

What's Available in the Learner Development Center?
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■ Sept. 24 - Last day to withdraw from first 8-week classes and Weekend College with a "W" on your transcript
■ Oct. 9 - Last day of Weekend College
■ Oct. 1 - Priority deadline for spring financial aid. Students who have their financial aid file complete by this date are guaranteed to be awarded by the start of the spring semester.
■ Oct. 15 - First day of Weekend College
■ Oct. 15 - Last day of first 8-week classes
■ Oct. 18 - First day of second 8-week classes
■ Oct. 20 - Last day to drop second 8-week classes and Weekend College and receive 100% refund
■ Oct. 25 - Last day to drop second 8-week classes and Weekend College and receive 80% refund
■ Oct. 25 - Last day to drop second 8-week classes and not receive "W" on transcript
■Oct. 30 - Alpha Eta Rho is co-sponsoring the Aviation Safety Symposium in Springdale. For information, call Dave Bowman at dbowman@nwacc.edu.
■Nov. 1 - Scholarships due to NWACC Financial Aid Office for spring semester.
■Nov. 2 - Election Day, get out and vote!
■Nov. 5 - Last day to drop 16-week classes with "W" on transcript
■Nov. 7 - All loan applications must be completed by the student and returned to Financial Aid Office by the following deadline date to receive a fall loan.
■Nov. 15-19 - International Education Week
■ Nov. 24-27 - Thanksgiving Break for Faculty and Students

SAAB Today is a quarterly newsletter by the Student Ambassadors and Activities Board. For more information, call Mary Odima at (479) 619-2224 or e-mail at modima@nwacc.edu.

Meet your new student leaders

The Student Ambassador and Activities Board (SAAB) is composed of a team of student leaders selected to represent their fellow students and NWACC.

SAAB members have a number of responsibilities both on and off campus. They plan, organize and participate in on campus events, coordinate and produce the campus newsletter, and serve on various college committees. Student Ambassadors assist with student registration and are in charge of campus tours. Members serve as Ambassadors of NWACC at community functions and community service events. SAAB members represent the student body by voicing issues that affect the students to the college administration and faculty.

Board members are selected and

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Photograph by Jim Hall

The 2004-2005 Student Ambassador and Activities Board members: Elizabeth Wieneke, Becky Hudson, Amanda Graham, Melanie Wilks, Chelsea McDowell, Caylan Biggs, Gilley Ramirez Chrystl Lowry, Tara Quinn and Katie Sloan.

President welcomes students to a new semester

Greetings,

As the Fall 2004 term begins, I'd like to welcome all of you to NWACC. We are experiencing the joys and headaches of another record year of enrollment. As of this writing, there are over 5,000 students enrolled in credit courses and over 700 students are taking at least one distance learning course.

Dr. Paneitz

If you do not have the NWACC 2004-2005 College Catalog, I encourage you to stop by the Student Information Center and pick up a copy. The catalog is filled with many helpful suggestions. Becoming familiar with the information contained in it can go a long way to making your educational experience at NWACC a positive one.

A Letter from the President

NWACC is a learning-centered college, which means we have established specific learning expectations in keeping with our "learning for living" mission. One is to develop higher level thinking skills --skills that allow you to apply, analyze, synthesize, and evaluate what you learn, not just memorize the information presented. Another learning outcome is to expand your understanding of the world by understanding your own culture and how it impacts your perspectives, as well as becoming more aware and accepting of diverse ideas and attitudes. These and other outcomes are designed to prepare you to succeed in a four-year college program and/or to enter, continue to work, or advance within your chosen field of study. For more information about our learning outcomes,

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Photograph by Chrystl Lowry

Eddie the Eagle registered to vote during Welcome Week.

Welcome Week successfully kicks off another school year

By Elizabeth Wieneke
SAAB Board

The NorthWest Arkansas Community College's annual beginning of the semester was kicked off with Welcome Week on Monday, Aug. 23 and Tuesday, Aug. 24. It was a huge success. Welcome Week was hosted by the college's Student Ambassador and Advisory Board (SAAB). Activities included an appearance on Monday by Power 105.7 FM's Tim and Jeff in the Morning and John and Jen from Hot Mix 101.9 FM on Tuesday. Due to the generosity of many local businesses and vendors, SAAB was able to conduct a give-away for students. Prizes included a radar detector from Whistler, car stereo speakers from Audio

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Benefits of nursing ... great pay and flexible hours

By Elizabeth Wieneke
SAAB Board

Nurses are a major part of the health care system. They are the professionals that are most often seen by the patients. For a large percent of patients, nurses are the primary caregivers. From medication to basic care to special orders, a nurse's work is never done. So, why would anyone want to be a nurse? To begin with, most people who choose to become professional nurses would say that helping people is a calling. Nurses have a lot of patient interaction and can make even the most sickly person feel better. Another reason to become a nurse is the pay. There is always a demand for registered nurses, so the pay is usually quite high. Besides getting paid a lot for helping people, many nurses only work three 12 hour days a week. This schedule is desirable for people who want a life to go along with the career. For anyone that wants to become a nurse, NWACC would like to help.

Why should prospective nursing students choose to attend NWACC? A student who is accepted into the nursing program is guaranteed many benefits from the Nursing Program at NWACC. First, NWACC offers a two year program for an Associates of Science in Nursing degree. A student will be ready to enter the workforce in two years. Between 85% and 90% of students who are accepted in the program graduate with their degree. Of those, less than 1% of NWACC nursing program graduates decide not to enter their field immediately after graduation. Next, class sizes are strictly set at low numbers in order to ensure that all students will receive the quality education that the college strives to provide. Lecture classes can have up to 40 students, but the hands-on clinical portion of the training is limited to 10 students per class. Students spend an average of 16 hours per week in clinicals and six hours in lecture type classes. For students who want to continue their degree beyond an associates level, the NWACC program is ideal. The curriculum is transferable to many four year colleges.

There is only one way to get into the nursing program. The entry process is the same for everyone. First, students must pick up an application, fill it out, and submit it by March 1. Since the program normally has an excess of 100 applicants and only 40 spaces, turning in the application on time is imperative. Then, students who apply to the program must complete either an individual interview or a group interview and a series of tests to determine academic skills. All previous college grades are also reviewed by a panel of instructors and administration personnel. Each step is judged by the panel and awarded points. The applicants with the highest number of points are selected to enter the program at NWACC.

After admission into the NWACC nursing program, students must have a high level of dedication. Nurses in training are required to have a full time class schedule. Taking a full time load is the only way to complete the degree in two years. Due to the number of hours that students have to take, it is not recommended that anyone in the training program have a full time job outside college.

NWACC is dedicated to the education of its students, but there are a few difficulties. First, the college is small enough that the expansion of the nursing department is very unlikely. Without more room, the program cannot accept a larger number of students, which means that even qualified applicants may not be accepted. These problems, though, are in the process of being remedied. NWACC is a member of the NorthWest Arkansas Nursing Education Consortium, which is a cooperation of five local nursing programs: NWACC, University of Arkansas, NTI, Harber School of Nursing and UAMS NorthWest, (also referred to as AHEC.) These colleges are looking into the possibility of working together by sharing resources such as teachers, facilities, and educational material. To NWACC nursing applicants, this is a bright possibility. With more room and faculty members, class sizes could expand to allow many more students into the nursing programs.

Being a part of the nursing program at NWACC can be difficult. The program is meant to educate only students who are both dedicated and determined to become nurses. Although the road to an Associates of Applied Science Degree in Nursing is long, the end result is a highly trained individual with the knowledge and skills to succeed in a successful career as a professional caregiver, a nurse.

Garrigues can answer program questions

Ann Garrigues is the Director of Nursing Education at NWACC. Garrigues was born and raised in Carthage, Mo., and after graduating from Carthage High School, she attended Pittsburg State and received her Bachelors of Science degree. From there, Director Garrigues obtained her Bachelors of Science in Nursing from the University of Kansas and a Masters of Science in Nursing from the Medical College of Georgia. Garrigues worked as a RN after graduation from the University of Kansas in 1970 until she decided to become a member of the NWACC staff in 1996. NWACC had a need, and she felt prepared and ready to fill that need.

As the Director of Nursing Education, Garrigues has many responsibilities ranging from general administration duties, to departmental operations, to interviewing and counseling students, not to mention teaching the occasional class. Yet, with all of her responsibilities to the Nursing Department, Director Garrigues still finds time to have a life. She has been an active member of the Naval Reserve for over 16 years. Garrigues also enjoys getting back to nature with long walks.

If there are any questions concerning the Nursing Department at NWACC or if you are not sure whether it the program for you, Director Garrigues is the person to talk to. Her office is located on the second floor in the Nursing Department, and she is waiting to hear from YOU.

Photograph by Jeni Thomas
Garrigues

Random Student Spotlights

Ian Robertson is a sophomore at Northwest Arkansas Community College. He is working toward his Business Transfer degree. Robertson is in Phi Theta Kappa and his hobbies include computers and movies.

Robertson

Terra Van De Veer is in her fifth semester here at the college. She is studying the Psychology field. Terra is married and has a 10-year-old daughter and a five-year-old son. Her hobbies include Phi Theta Kappa and bowling.

Van De Veer

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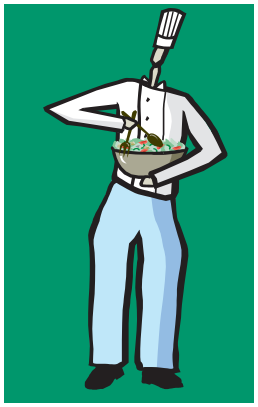

Beta Kappa Psi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa nominates new class of inductees

By Kristi N. Gier
Phi Theta Kappa

"Membership in Phi Theta Kappa makes students eligible for over $35 million in transfer scholarships at hundreds of colleges and universities."

NorthWest Arkansas Community College's Beta Kappa Psi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society recently extended invitations to membership for a new class of inductees. Those students eligible for membership must be enrolled at least part time and completed at least twelve credit hours with a minimum GPA of 3.5 at NWACC.

There will be two orientation sessions for new members on Thursday, Sept. 16, at 12:15 p.m. in BH 1432 and 5:45 p.m. in White Hall Auditorium. Refreshments will be provided.

Membership in Phi Theta Kappa makes students eligible for over $35 million in transfer scholarships at hundreds of colleges and universities across the nation. Automatic scholarships are offered to Phi Theta Kappa students at such institutions as Washington University, Tulane University, and Drury University. University of Arkansas-Fayetteville offers two competitive scholarships.

The mission of Phi Theta Kappa states: "The purpose of Phi Theta Kappa shall be to recognize and encourage scholarship among two-year college students. To achieve this purpose, Phi Theta Kappa shall provide opportunity for the development of leadership and service, for an intellectual climate for exchange of ideas and ideals, for lively fellowship for scholars, and for stimulation of interest in continuing academic excellence."

The Beta Kappa Psi chapter engages in service projects like Project Graduation that helps collect food items for needy families at NWACC's graduation ceremony each spring. The chapter also participates in American Cancer Society events such as Relay for Life.

Beta Kappa Psi chapter is also sponsoring a satellite seminar series for the college and community this fall. The series of live broadcasts will cover the topic of pop culture and how it affects and reflects society's values.

For more information or to join Phi Theta Kappa contact Lee Haverstick: bigbuddah1959@yahoo.com or Melody Gunter: formelod@yahoo.com. Stop by the Learner Development Center for an application.

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begin meeting in May, with the first meeting being a ropes course participation event. This is a mentally and physically challenging course designed to develop team and leadership skills. This will begin the building of a strong team; a team that will be dedicated to the student, college and community.

The nine members of the 2004-2005 SAAB include three returning members and seven new members. Returning are: Chelsea McDowell, Gilley Ramirez, and Elizabeth Wieneke. Newly selected members include: Amanda Graham, Becky Hudson, Chrystl Lowry, Tara Quinn, Katie Sloan, and Melanie Wilks.

Chelsea McDowell is from Mena Arkansas. She moved to Bentonville in 2002 and graduated from Bentonville High School in 2003. McDowell is a sophomore at NWACC, and is in her second year as a SAAB member. As SAAB president, McDowell is the student representative at NWACC Board of Trustee meetings. McDowell plans to attend The University of Arkansas where she will major in Middle School Education to teach English/Social Studies.

McDowell

Gilley Ramirez is a graduate of Huntsville High School. He is in his second year at NWACC, and is also in his second year as a SAAB member. Ramirez plans on transferring to Ouachita Baptist University where he will major in Foreign Language and minor in Political Science.

Ramirez

Elizabeth Wieneke graduated from Ambassadors for Christ Academy in May 2002 as class Valedictorian. She chose NWACC because the flexible class scheduling allows her to work and attend classes. She is in her second year as a SAAB member. Wieneke graduated from NWACC with an Associates of Arts degree in May of 2004. She will remain at NWACC and complete her Associate of Science degree in May 2005. Wieneke will then enter into the Bachelor's program in Elementary Education offered at NWACC through University of Arkansas.

Wieneke

Amanda Graham lives in Garfield and is a Pea Ridge High School graduate. She is in her second semester at NWACC. Graham plans to enter either the Nursing or Physical Therapy Assistant program at NWACC. Her long term goal is to attend The University of Arkansas where she will major in Instrumental Music Education. Graham is actively involved in her church choir. She hopes to one day, with the help of her church, open a school for teenage parents.

Graham

Becky Hudson was born and raised in Oklahoma City. She moved to Arkansas in 1999 to follow her career in Aviation. After the company shut down in 2003, Hudson decided to leave her 20-year career behind and return to School. She selected NWACC because of its size and location. Hudson is majoring in education and hopes to become a special education teacher. She enjoys volunteer work with children.

Hudson

Chrystl Lowry is a single parent from Springdale. Lowry decided to attend NWACC to get ahead in life and to make a better living for her family. She has spent much of her time at NWACC pursuing a Nursing degree. She was recently offered a job by a Wal-Mart supplier, however, and is currently rethinking her major. Lowry is very excited about her community and college involvement as a SAAB member.

Lowry

Tara Quinn has been in the Northwest Arkansas area for eight years. She graduated from Rogers High School in 2002 and is now in her fourth semester at NWACC. Upon completion of her degree at NWACC, Quinn plans on transferring to the University of Arkansas where she will pursue her Masters degree in Early Childhood Education.

Quinn

Katie Sloan graduated from Huntsville High School in May of this year. Sloan was actively involved in student government, softball and volleyball. She chose NWACC because of the small school atmosphere that she is accustomed to. Sloan plans to major in Mass Communication.

Sloan

Melanie Wilks was born and raised in Malawi, Africa. As the daughter of missionary parents, Wilks worked in many countries home-schooling children of missionaries. She returned to the States and began her college career at NWACC after 9/11. Wilks served as an officer and has been actively involved in Phi Theta Kappa. Wilks graduated from NWACC with an Associate of Science degree in May 2004, but will remain at NWACC for another year to complete her bridge courses with Franklin University.

Wilks

SAAB will be hosting pizza in the lobby where students can meet Dr. Becky Paneitz from noon to 1 p.m. and 6 to 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 27.

Vets Honored
12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.
Nov. 11 in White Lecture Hall
The program will be a musical tribute.

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please refer to pages 13-14 in your college catalog.

As a valued student at NWACC, it is important for you to know your rights and responsibilities, which are covered on pages 33-52 of your college catalog. Please review them thoroughly. We will do all we can to help you have a positive educational experience while attending NWACC. However, you must do your part, too - attend class, study hard, ask questions, and become involved in student activities and organizations.

I wish you a wonderful, successful semester. Faculty and staff are here to help make your educational experience at NWACC a positive one.

I hope to see you around campus sometime during the semester-maybe at one of the student lunches your Student Ambassadors & Activities Board is planning.

Sincerely,

Becky Paiz

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Express, gift cards from Wal-Mart, gift certificates from various Scottsdale restaurants and a $100 gift certificate to the College Bookstore. Several local businesses were on hand to showcase their products including Breyer's Ice Cream, Cookies by Design, McKee Foods (Little Debbies snacks), Russell Cellular, Bio-Life, and Whistler. A representative of the Benton County Clerk's Office was present to give all students access to voter registration material, and had amazing results. SAAB would like to give a great big thank-you to Mike's Eagle's Nest for providing all of the delicious pizza for the event. The NorthWest Arkansas Community College and SAAB would also like to thank all of the students and faculty who came and participated.