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NWACC Dedicates Student Center, Plaza, Union and Career Center

BENTONVILLE (Friday, April 27, 2007) – NorthWest Arkansas Community College dedicated its newest facility today, a \$17.7 million Student Center located in the heart of campus.

Included in the dedication were the Bogle Plaza, the Trammel Student Union and the Arkansas National Bank Career Center.

Speakers included NWACC Board of Trustees Chairman Mark Lundy, College President Dr. Becky Paneitz, Trustee Scholar Jonathan Libertini, NWACC Foundation Chairman David Thrasher, Arvest Bank and Arkansas National Bank officials, Rep. Horace Hardwick, and Arkansas Department of Higher Education Coordinating Board Chairman Kaneaster Hodges. The NWACC Chamber Singers performed.

The three-story Student Center is approximately 81,800 square feet, all of it dedicated to the success of our students.

The \$17.7 million figure includes construction, architect, technology and furnishings. Construction costs were \$15.8 million.

Access to the center is available through the Bogle Plaza or the 5-level, 821-space parking garage that opened in August 2006.

Construction on the center and adjoining parking structure began in January 2006. The center opened in February 2007.

FIRST FLOOR: The 26,819-square-foot first floor was designed to meet the needs of students when they are not in class. It includes the Trammel Student Union, designed to create a collegiate atmosphere. The Union was made possible by a \$1 million donation by the Walton Family Foundation in May 2005. Key features include an Aramark food court (6,350 SF), a Barnes & Noble college bookstore (5,040), student club meeting rooms (2,030), a game room (1,131), a TV lounge (504), a commuter lounge with lockers (350) and a multi purpose room (2,654).

SECOND FLOOR: The 27,247-SF second floor is a one stop student services shop. Key features include admissions (960), an advising center (3,305), student records (1,440), financial aid (2,448), a cashiers office (976), the Global Communities Center (2,312), ANB Career Center (1,003), and transfer center (775).

THIRD FLOOR: The 27,733-SF third floor is dedicated to classrooms, faculty office space and testing. Key features include eight classrooms at 900-SF each, a study room (378), two computer labs (775 each), a conference room (357), a physics lab (1,134) and two testing labs with accompanying private testing rooms (2,912).

The Bogle Plaza is a 92-foot diameter plaza located between Burns Hall and the new Student Center. It features a large round brick paver pedestrian mall punctuated with concrete spokes. At the center of the plaza is a 20-diameter lighted fountain with 18 inch high brick walls with precast caps which serve as a place to sit around the fountain. Inside the walls of the fountain is a grouping of turtle rock boulders that water splashes down before hitting the pool of water in the fountain. This configuration was utilized to eliminate blowing water across the plaza.

The plaza also includes bench seating and is surrounded by landscaped areas on the east and west.

The ANB Career Center is located on the second floor of the new student center. The facility enables NWACC to greatly expand services to students such as:

It provides additional individual student work stations and additional space for facilitating small group sessions

Expanded career assessment services are offered through a partnership with KUDER, the National Career Assessment Services, Inc. and the Arkansas Department of Workforce Education

The ANB Career Center is a place for enhanced individual assistance to students needing resumes, interviewing skills, and degree and career advising