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FIRST PHASE OF TUNXIS CAMPUS EXPANSION UNDER WAY

Tunxis Community College is officially in the first of two phases of a major campus expansion project, with completion of Phase 1 expected in August 2007. Phase 2 completion is expected in 2010. The completed project will expand the campus to 235,000 square feet.

The public is invited to view ongoing campus expansion updates—containing information, images, and video—which are posted on the College's website at: tunxis.commnet.edu. Click the expansion update link off the right side of the home page. Questions or comments may be e-mailed to: LKnopf@txcc.commnet.edu or JLodovico@txcc.commnet.edu.

Phase 1 will include construction of a new Library, Science & Technology building, Dental Hygiene Lab/Classrooms, Art and Graphics Studios, Art Gallery, café facing the courtyard, general classrooms, and student study and meeting area. A 12,000-square-foot pedestrian walkway will connect all areas.

The existing Fisher Hall has been emptied and the College's Continuing Education Office has moved to Room 326. The Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) lab will move to Room 310.

The abatement process began in Fisher Hall on January 19 and will be completed by January 31. Demolition of Fisher Hall will take place either the week of February 6 or the week of February 13.

The 2nd and final phase to take place during 2007 to 2010 will include construction of an auditorium for public forums, arts & entertainment events, and classes; a larger, renovated Academic Support Center; and a two-story faculty and administrative office building.

Estimated cost for Phase 1 construction is approximately \$25 million. The Bonding Commission approved the overall funding of \$31.7 million at its meeting on December 9, 2005.

A formal ceremony celebrating the groundbreaking will be scheduled as soon as possible.

Tunxis Community College is located at the junction of Routes 6 and 177 in Farmington. Call Tunxis at **860.255.3500**, or visit Tunxis on the Internet at: **tunxis.commnet.edu**.