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Dedication, Grand Opening Mar. 24 for Remodeled Student Forecasting, Broadcast Space at National Weather Center

NORMAN – The University of Oklahoma’s College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences will dedicate the recently overhauled Oklahoma Weather Laboratory in a public ceremony scheduled for 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, Mar. 24, on the first floor of the National Weather Center.

The Oklahoma Weather Lab will provide OU meteorology students with a unique space for analysis of weather data in relation to real-time forecasting. The facility will also feature a green-screen room designed for broadcast in conjunction with the campus television program “OU Nightly.”

Technology for the room has been provided by Baron Services, Inc., the world’s leading provider of critical weather intelligence. It includes the Omni Broadcast graphics system, with VIPIR radar imaging and exclusive Baron severe weather data.

“The University of Oklahoma’s College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences represents one of the nation’s leading centers for meteorological study,” said Baron president and CEO Bob Baron. “The equipment selected for the Oklahoma Weather Lab reflects the most precise and innovative forecasting and modeling science in existence today. We are proud that our proprietary software will be a useful part of their meteorological training.”

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“The addition of this facility will provide our students another avenue to research, evaluate and forecast weather in a setting unmatched by any other college campus,” said Berrien Moore, dean of the College of Atmospheric and

Geographic Sciences and university vice president for Weather and Climate Programs.

“We are also delighted to have Baron as partner for our broadcast operations, and look forward to the enhancements they will bring to OU’s daily telecasts.”

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