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News of Note

MCHS Gets Grant; PED Team: UNM-G In Compliance

UNM-G was the sole award recipient of a grant from the Public Education Department to develop a dropout prevention model for New Mexico. Five other New Mexico community colleges applied. The grant of \$100,000 will be used to develop a model for middle colleges to retain students, according to MCHS principal Charles Kaplan.

CCTE

A team from the state Public Education Department on a routine visit to UNM-G found that the college was overwhelmingly in compliance in areas where standards must be met to receive federal Carl Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Grant Program funds.

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Graduation 2005

A full house of families and friends watched May 12 as 257 UNM-Gallup students participated in commencement ceremonies at Gallup High School gymnasium. At left, Tweety Henio stands proudly beside her daughter, Danielle J. Henio, who received an Associate degree during the ceremonies.



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Liz Gilbert Appointed to Assistant Dean Post

Dr. Liz Gilbert has been named Assistant Dean of Instruction. Gilbert, who has been at UNM-Gallup since 1997, is an Associate Professor in Community Health Education. She has been responsible for teaching courses in and coordinating the Community Health Education program. Her teaching and course development responsibilities have been with lower and upper division courses taught relating to Health Promotion, Campus/Community Partnerships in Health Service Delivery, First Aid/CPR, Stress Management, Multi-cultural Health Promotion, Native American Historical Trauma and Health, Substance Abuse Counseling and Prevention, Basic Body

Structures, Personal Health Management and Social/Cultural/Historical Perspectives of Women's Sports.

She has published and presented at numerous regional, national and international conferences on health service delivery to diverse populations, service learning/civic engagement as a pedagogical strategy and community/campus partnerships. She has also done numerous visiting lectures at other institutions about being a professor at an institution that is predominantly Native American. For the last seven years, she has worked extensively in the area of incorporating service learning and civic engagement into classroom objectives as a means

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From the Desk of the Executive Director



Beth Miller

First I want to thank all our faculty and staff for another great academic year on campus. The graduation ceremonies on May 12 marked the high-point of a very busy, successful year. Our enrollments were strong and we had a near record number of graduates. A highpoint of our ceremony was the joint recognition of Navajo President Joe Shirley, Jr. and Zuni Governor Arlen Quetawki as our Distinguished Citizens of the Year. Both gentlemen told me how proud they were to receive the recognition and of their respect for the work we do here at the college.

But our work did not end with graduation. Summer is here and we are starting another semester of classes and making plans for the future.

Plans for our next Business Forum on June 22 call for a gathering of community and state business and organization leaders on campus to discuss the new Advanced Technologies Regional Network. The ATRN is a collaborative effort by members of the McKinley Area Education

Consortium to build new programs offering young students important training in technical skills and professional areas.

Our Local Board recently approved plans to create a UNMG Foundation to expand private support for our campus programs and activities. As many of you know, this has been a high priority for me and I am pleased with this latest development. We are moving forward with our work to bring more resources to the campus.

On the academic side we are moving forward with our participation in the Academic Quality Improvement Program of the Higher Learning Commission. AQIP is a comprehensive accreditation program that focuses on continued improvement. I recently went with a team from UNMG to a special Strategy Seminar sponsored by the AQIP organization. Along with 12 other colleges from around the United States we worked on programs and plans to evolve our work here in Gallup to the next level of performance. Over the coming weeks and months we will all be talking a lot more about this program and how we can use it to our benefit at UNMG.

Calendar

- June 15: Zuni Campus Open House, 3-6 p.m.
- June 20-July 15: Work by Paul Newman in Ingham Chapman Gallery; Gurley Hall Display Case, Gallup Open Studio Project
- June 22: Brainpower II, 6-8 p.m. Calvin Hall Auditorium.
- June 28: Ambassadors meeting, noon UNM-Gallup, Gurley Hall B205-207
- July 4: Independence Day. Campus closed.
- July 5: Second 4-week term begins
- August 22: Fall semester begins.
- September 5: Labor Day Holiday. Campus closed.
- October 17: Second 8-week term begins.
- November 11: Veteran's Day. Campus open. No classes.
- November 23-27: Thanksgiving Holiday. Campus closed.

Spring Planting

Peter Handeland (right) was among the faculty and staff helping to plant flowers around the campus in May. Also helping were custodian Brian Charlie and supervisor of custodial services David Gonzales, below.



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Our Mission: UNM-Gallup develops life-long learners in a context that is responsive to the cultures of this region.

Around the Campus**Dr. Dusti Becker named Program Director of Zuni Campus**

Dr. Dusti Becker

Dr. Dusti Becker has been named Program Director of the Zuni Campus, a position she has held as interim since December.

“Working for UNM-G at Zuni

is really exciting. Local people seem really enthusiastic about advancing themselves, so it is rewarding to promote our programs and foster new ones.” A former faculty member in the Department of Horticulture, Forestry & Recreation Resources at Kansas State University, she was also on the faculty of Indiana University. She has been involved in research on the conservation of biological diversity, and her teaching expertise lies in the area of natural resources and environmental science. For example, we have been providing some professional development courses to meet needs of local employees. Becker grew up in North Carolina and also lived in Chengmai, Thailand. After getting her Bachelor degree from the University of Virginia, she joined the Peace Corps to teach in Kenya. She completed a Masters in Forest Science at Yale University and worked in conservation (Royal Society for the Protection of Birds in England) and then with experiential university programs offered by the School for Field Studies in Kenya, Switzerland, and Costa Rica. Since 1994, Becker has been working with the indigenous community of Loma Alta in western Ecuador to protect tropical forests, water resources to sustain villages, and wildlife. Her research on fog capture prompted local people to establish a tropical forest protected area to conserve water. With the help of students and Earthwatch volunteers (www.Earthwatch.org) she researches

the ecology of bird communities in western Ecuador and works with rural communities to develop ecological tourism. ...**Dr. Anthony Mansueto** has been named to the position of Chair of the Social Science program. Mansueto has been with UNM-Gallup since 2001, and is an assistant professor of history, philosophy and religion. ...**Bruce Gjeltema** recently received his Ph.D. in history. Gjeltema is an assistant professor of history. ...**Elsie Baldwin**, Public Relations Administrative Assistant II, graduated from the Management Academy in March. ...**Florentin Smarandache**, associate professor in mathematics at the University of New Mexico-Gallup, gave a presentation on “The DSMT approach for information fusion and some open challenging problems,” “Unification of Fusion Theories,” and “MultiTarget Tracking Applications

of Dezeret-Smarandache Theory of Plausible and Paradoxical Reasoning” during a May scientific program put on by NATO in Albena, Bulgaria ... **Dr. Jeanne Knight**, manager of student advisement, and advisors **Eddie Crank** and **Wyatt Stiger** gave a presentation in March at the NACADA Annual Region X Conference in Denver on “Traversing emotional crevasses and securing the summit of student success: Motivational advising for the rocky path.”

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She has an Ed.D. in Higher Education Administration from Vanderbilt University, and a Master’s degree in Health Promotion and Education from Vanderbilt.



Photo by John Van't Land

Open House

The college held its annual Open House on April 28. About 75 students from local high schools attended and toured the college. A music contest sponsored by the Student Senate was held in the afternoon. Special thanks to WalMart for donating three jump drives to the drawing.



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Late Prof's Navajo Dictionary reissued by UNM Press

The late Alyse Neundorf, a UNM-Gallup associate professor of Navajo who died in January 2004, wanted to preserve her native heritage and language. To that end, she taught the "Diné Bisaad" (Navajo language) to children, college students and adults.

Navajo is a creative language, in which metaphor, simile, and personification are used regularly and multiple versions of one-word function to mean the same thing. This duplicity is likely the result of Navajo contact with other cultures: for instance, the Spanish.

"Languages grow with the people," Neundorf wrote. "If the people do not make new terms, the language becomes less able to deal with new situations, and sometimes borrowed terms take over instead."

To Neundorf, Navajo was a "good, healthy language" that should be used to describe anything and everything in the world within human understanding. Borrowed words, she believed, should be kept to a minimum and the descriptive nature of Navajo preserved.

In her posthumously published "A Navajo/English Bilingual

Dictionary (\$64 hardcover, University of New Mexico Press), Alyse Neundorf offers 1500 noun entries and 300 verbs and adjective to add to readers' knowledge of Navajo and to children learning to read and write in bilingual classrooms. Words selected are terms used in and around school settings.

"Most of our knowledge depends on our ability to internalize and understand our world through language," Neundorf believed. "I hope with the aid of this dictionary, the Navajo students will verbally describe and discover the world in which they live, so they will be able to transfer this knowledge to any situation they may encounter."

A joint endeavor between Neundorf, the Ramah Navajo School Board, Inc., and the University of New Mexico Press, *A Navajo/English Bilingual Dictionary* is divided into two main parts for each letter of the Navajo alphabet and features words for place names, numbers, body movements and parts, and kinship. Illustrations for commonly used words and an index in English are included.

This dictionary will help Diné speakers and beginners try some new words. Neundorf, after consulting Navajo language scholars and tribal elders, added new words to the dictionary that explain a new concept or were developed to accommodate Navajo contact with other cultures and modernization. In this way, Neundorf's life legacy to nurture the Navajo language persists.

A Navajo/English Bilingual Dictionary is available at bookstores, including the UNM-Gallup bookstore, or directly from the University of New Mexico Press. To order from UNM Press, call 800-249-7737, or visit www.unm.press.com

Neundorf obtained her PH.D. in linguistics at UNM in 1987. Her dissertation was titled "Bilingualism: A bridge to power for interpreters and readers in the Navajo tribal council." Neundorf joined the faculty of UNM-Gallup in 1996. She was born in Lukachukai, Ariz., and was a member of the Two Joining Rivers Clan and a former Miss Navajo. She is survived by her husband Ken and two children of Albuquerque.