Health Careers II Opens; Nursing Program Has New Home

Construction on Health Careers II was complete and the building ready for the start of classes on August 20. A dedication was scheduled for September 18, during a visit by the President of the University of New Mexico, David Schmidly. Groundbreaking for the 18,328-foot structure was in September of 2006. HC II, which was partially funded by General Obligation bonds from 2005, has allowed the Nursing program to increase the number of students that can be accommodated. Among the features of the new building are three nursing/nursing assistant labs, a simulation lab and a computer lab.

Campus Goes Wireless

Students, faculty and staff at UNM-Gallup now have the convenience of Wireless technology on campus -- everywhere on campus, in fact.

The Information Technology Department spent the summer installing the technology that now allows students and employees to turn on their computers and have access to the Internet. Employees have access to a secure network, while students and visitors have access to an unsecured guest network.

Users of the wireless network are giving the new technology rave reviews.

A local physician who is not attending UNM-Gallup regularly visits the college canteen after work to hook up to the wireless network and check his

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Accreditation Effort Ongoing at UNMG

UNM-Gallup continues its effort with AQIP (Academic Quality Improvement Program), an innovative accreditation program. The AQIP process at UNMG, under the direction of Robert Hoffman, has a target date of November 2008 to present an AQIP Systems Portfolio.

Nine Systems Portfolio Category Teams have been created, with the charge of choosing strategic issues to address. Hoffman is liaising with AQIP in respect to defining the College’s Associate Membership status, as UNMG is the only branch pursuing AQIP while our parent university seeks reaffirmation of accreditation via PEAQ, the traditional route. Hoffman will also participate in AQIP’s training in Chicago in mid-September.

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Greetings and welcome back for the fall semester. As always, we’ve been busy getting ready for the start of the semester after the summer break, but we’re pleased to see so many new faces on campus.

I’d like to mention a few things that are coming up and will have transpired by the time this newsletter is in your hands. We’re anticipating a visit from UNM’s new president, David Schmidly, on September 18-19. President Schmidly will join us for the dedication of Health Careers II, our beautiful new facility for the Nursing program, which was completed in time for fall classes. He’ll also be on hand for recognition of three-time Indy 500 champion Bobby Unser, who made a special donation of a valuable piece of equipment to our Automotive Tech program.

During his brief tenure as UNM’s president, Dr. Schmidly has expressed considerable interest in the branch campuses, and we’re looking forward to giving him an extensive tour of UNM-Gallup, the largest of the branches and the UNM campus that serves the greatest number of Native American students in the state. We also have planned a visit to the Zuni south campus, and an opportunity for Mr. Schmidly to meet with Pueblo of Zuni officials.

Also on his schedule will be a reception with the UNM-Gallup Foundation in which members of the community will have an opportunity to meet with him, as well as a breakfast with area legislators.

We’re looking forward to Dr. Schmidly’s visit and the opportunity it gives us to forge an important new relationship with the Albuquerque campus.

In addition, I’d like to mention a recent event hosted by UNM-Gallup. In August, we partnered with the Navajo Nation to help sponsor the Navajo Nation Chapter Governance Certification Summit. This was the first of these summits, and it was a huge success—with nearly 300 people attending from numerous chapters throughout Navajoland. As an opportunity to discuss issues and barriers in the certification process, it was an important first step, and we were proud to be part of the process for this initiative.

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Jim Blackshear, manager of Information Technology, said the entire system cost $258,000; $158,000 for the wireless equipment installation, and another $100,000 for other network pre-work that had to be done. The company hired to do the installation worked all summer to have it finished for the fall semester.

Two different networks are available: guest and secure. The guest network, Blackshear said, is easy to get on; the secure network requires additional information and instructions from IT. The network is available in all indoor areas and most outdoor areas on the campus where people generally congregate. Funding sources were the UNM-Gallup Student Senate, the Middle College High School, Title III grant, as well as UNM-Gallup.
Dean of Instruction Chris Marlow announced in August that the college had been awarded a $230,000 NMHED Nursing Grant for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. She congratulated Kathy Head, director of the Nursing program, Marjorie Campbell, chair of Health Careers, and the nursing faculty for “creating a stellar proposal for the NMHED Nursing Enhancement Grant.” Other news from the Nursing program: Class size has been steadily increasing every year. The new class starting out this semester is 26, up 10 students from four years ago. ... Other Nursing news: RMCHCS donated a brand new refrigerator and microwave for the Nursing student lounge in the new HC II building. ... Alonzo G. Nez has joined UNM-Gallup as an adjunct instructor to teach “Introduction to Criminal Justice and Legal Systems.” A graduate of Brigham Young University, he is the only Navajo Federal probation officer in the nation. He also has five years of experience as a probation officer in Utah. ... Every second Saturday of each month, local artists gather for downtown Art Crawls from 7 to 9 p.m. Participants chat with the artists, look at the exhibitions, and enjoy refreshments. One regular participant is Lilia Smarandache, transitional studies math instructor. Smarandache is a ceramicist and jeweler maker, and regularly exhibits her work during the Art Crawls. ... Teresa Wilkins, associate professor of anthropology and an expert in Native American textiles, spent part of the summer judging for two prestigious events involving Native American arts. She served as judge in the category of Navajo art at Flagstaff’s Museum of Northern Arizona Navajo show. She and her fellow judge, Navajo painter Bahe Whitethorne, assessed categories of sculpture, painting, jewelry, pottery, basketry and textiles. Established in the 1930s, said Wilkins, “this show features some very innovative art in an intimate setting where you can meet the artists.” She was a judge in the textiles category for the Gallup Intertribal Indian Ceremonial, along with Bill Malone, formerly a trader at Hubbell’s and now a trader manager at Shush Yaz, and Colina Yazzie, co-owner of Yazzie’s Indian Arts. The Ceremonial still has the largest number of textile entries of any show in the Southwest, notes Wilkins, who adds that “it’s an opportunity to see some of the best.” Wilkins and UNM-Gallup adjunct instructor in weaving Isabelle Deschinny were recently featured in an article in New Mexico magazine on Navajo weaving. ... The Campus Voice, UNM Gallup’s student newspaper, recently received a second place award from the prestigious National Scholastic Press Association for its overall quality. Campus Voice adviser Professor Pamela Stovall, Communication and Journalism, said, “I’m so proud of our student journalists. Second place is quite an honor. Our students work very hard and I’m thrilled to see their work recognized.” ... New employees for 2007 (including spring) are Jacques Tixier, visiting lecturer in Welding; Chad Adelhardt, assistant professor in Design and Digital Media; Stewart Byous, visiting lecturer in Transitional Studies, English; Erica McFadden, visiting lecturer, transitional studies; Chris Platero, visiting lecturer in Math and Sciences; and Elizabeth Stummer, Health Careers. Staff members are Jacinta Sice, tutor, College Learning Center/Zuni; Karessa Silversmith, senior tutor, College Learning Center; Bernadette Smarandache at a local gallery.
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First Film Boot Camp A Critical Success
UNM-Gallup hosted its first Film Boot Camp for two weeks in June, featuring classes such as writing, acting, directing, filming and editing. Twenty students created their own films and hosted a “premiere” of their movies at El Morro Theater. Among the speakers and instructors were actor/director Gary Farmer; UNM-Gallup adjunct Melissa Henry; Dr. Patrick Horton, The Story Coach, Los Angeles; Wendy Chapin, actress/director, Santa Fe; Lisa Rodriguez, photographer; John Hendry, business agent for IASTE Local Union 480, Santa Fe; Tim Knowles, Final Cut Pro, Gallup; Rick Romancito, Filmmaker, Taos; and Mary Beahm, computer lab, UNM-Gallup; Above, Pamela Stoval, associate professor of communications and journalism and the organizer of the event (foreground) said depending on funding, the boot camp may be held again next year.

Way to A Good Future
Larson Manuelito Sr. conducted a “Way to a Good Future” event on the first day of classes. This event, sponsored by the Business Technology Department and organized by Chair Elvira Stahn, was to bring harmony for the coming year.