Local Voters Give Nod to G.O. Bond, Mil Levy

McKinley County Voters approved the University of New Mexico-Gallup’s request for a General Obligation Bond of $16 million and one mil Tax Levy on February 1, paving the way for the college to embark on an ambitious five-year period of construction, expansion and renovation.

Key among the forthcoming projects to be funded by the bond will be a new Health Careers Center to accommodate the college’s growing Nursing program. Other projects on the drawing board are a new Student Services Center and a Technology Center and Classroom, renovations to the UNM-Gallup Northside, the Child Care Center, the Maintenance Department, Lions’ Hall and existing facilities.

The tax levy funds will go into general accounts and will be used to fund staffing of the new facilities and existing facilities, as well as general operation.

The G.O. Bond will not increase taxes. An existing 2 mil levy from a previous bond election will expire soon, so the new bond mil levy of 2 mils will keep this tax where it was. The tax levy will increase taxes according to the value of homes. For instance, a $100,000 house would be taxed at about $33.

“I would like to thank the voters of McKinley County for their support in the Feb. 1 General Obligation Bond and Tax Levy Election. We at UNM-G are thrilled with this demonstration of support,” said
From the Desk of the Executive Director
By Beth Miller, Executive Director

UNM-Gallup experienced a year of remarkable growth and change in 2004 and there is every indication that 2005 will be just as remarkable as we address the needs of our community and move forward with various initiatives.

Perhaps the most significant harbinger for continued growth and expansion is the vote of confidence given to us by the McKinley County voters in the February general bond election and mil levy election. Passage of this measure means we can move forward in our plans to expand and develop this campus in a way that meets the demands of our students. This expansion will occur most significantly in the area of our health care training facilities. We will now be able to meet the demands for more classrooms and offices in our largest, most dynamic program. The positive outcome of the vote also means we will be able to serve our students better with a new, one-stop Student Services building, to upgrade and renovate many existing facilities, and much, much more.

Furthermore, with the hiring of a Community Affairs Director, Larry Sanderson, we are ready to establish a foundation and begin an earnest effort at advancement.

I look forward with great enthusiasm to these exciting innovations. We will keep the community informed as we develop plans and go forward.

Community Invited to College’s Annual Open House April 21

UNM-Gallup will host its annual Open House from 10 A.M. to 6 P.M. on Thursday, April 21, in Gurley Hall Commons.

The college will offer tours, displays, demonstrations, refreshments, community information tables, and other events. There will also be an opening of an art exhibition in the Ingham Chapman Gallery, as well as a reception.

All McKinley County students are invited to attend the open house. The college also encourages community groups, such as senior citizens, government or organization staff, as well as private citizens to attend.

McKinley Youth Water Awareness Day Set for April 30

McKinley County Youth Water Awareness Day will be held Saturday, April 30, in Gurley Hall of the UNM-Gallup Campus, from 8 A.M. to 4 P.M. The event will include a Children’s Water Festival and Exploring Water Science, which will include science-related displays from local students. For more information, call Bill Bright at 722-0039 or Elizabeth Barriga at 863-1289.

Calendar

April 18-June 10: 13th Student Exhibition, Ingham Chapman

April 21: UNM-Gallup Open House, 10 A.M.-6 P.M. Music Contest, noon to 4 P.M. Gallery Reception at 1:30 P.M.

April 21: Colombian Journalist in exile, Fernando Garavito, 12:30-3 P.M., Gurley Lecture Hall

April 22: Earth Day. Fun Club will sponsor trash pick-up around campus; free T-shirts and refreshments for volunteers

April 30: McKinley County Youth Water Awareness Day, Gurley Hall, 8 A.M.-4 P.M.

May 7-14: Final exam period

May 12: Commencement. 6 P.M. Gallup High School Gymnasium

June 6: Summer Semester begins

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Our Mission: UNM-Gallup develops lifelong learners in a context that is responsive to the cultures of this region.
Larry Sanderson Heads Community Affairs

Larry Sanderson was hired as the University of New Mexico-Gallup’s Community Affairs Director. Sanderson, formerly of Hobbs, is responsible for working for development and growth, as well as overseeing the grants program, community education and institutional research. “I’ve accepted this position with clear direction to expand UNM-Gallup’s involvement with the community,” Sanderson said. “Gallup is unique, and I look forward to learning more about the organizations, institutions and the people who give this community its character.” Sanderson was formerly in private management consulting for national and international clients, particularly involving Internet communications, communications and public affairs. He was also a part-time adjunct professor of business at the College of the Southwest in Hobbs.

Monroe Walker has joined the Community Affairs Department as Contract/Grant Administrator. A native of Chicago, he is a journalism graduate of Southern Illinois University, Carbondale. He worked as a reporter for newspapers in Chicago, Milwaukee and Detroit and has covered the federal beat (including the federal courts) in Milwaukee and the City-County beat (including the Mayor’s Office and the City Council) in Detroit. He relocated to New Mexico, with his family, in 1992, and purchased property at El Morro Ranches, in the Zuni Mountains.

Art Professor Ken Roberts’ work was included in a national survey exhibition of contemporary painting called "PIGMENT" at Bradley University in Illinois.

Laura Bentz, arts program coordinator, had her work on exhibition last fall in several venues: Silent Auction for Special Olympics at the Gallup Children’s Library in December; the 33rd Annual ANA Exhibition at the Holter Museum of Art, Helena, Mont., in November; and in October, Roots and Crowns, UNL Printmakers (alumni) Exhibition at the Great Plains Studies Art Collection on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus.

Exiled Journalist To Lecture on Language

Colombian exile writer and journalist Fernando Garavito will lecture at the University of New Mexico-Gallup on April 21 at 12:30 in the Gurley Lecture Hall. His talk is entitled, “400 Years of the Quijote,” which will examine issues of the purity of the Spanish language as represented by Cervantes and the ongoing tendency of Spanish and other native languages to experience change through the acquisition of English forms pressed into native language forms. In the Four Corners region, where there is a substantial tradition of Spanish as well as Native languages, issues of language change are of concern.

Garavito left Bogota, Colombia, after his criticism of the president of that country resulted in his having to flee. He came to the United States in 2002 and found a home in New Mexico, with the aid of PEN New Mexico—Cities of Asylum, a member of PEN International, the world’s oldest human rights organization. In addition to his journalistic writing, Garavito has also written poetry and literature.

The lecture, which will be presented in Spanish with translation into English, is free to the public.

Community Ed Classes Offered

There is still time to enroll in two Community Education courses.

Yoga is being held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings through May 12, in Lions Hall 103, from 6-7:30 P.M.

A Dog Obedience Class is offered Wednesday evenings through May 25, 6-7 P.M., in Lions Hall 103.

Call 863-7738 for more information.
Mark your Calendar for April 21!
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Tony Watchman Is Gateway Winner

Winner of the Spring Semester computer give-away from Gateway Computers is Tony Watchman, right. Watchman is a freshman majoring in construction tech, with a minor in business. At left is Tom Ray, director of Student Services.

UNM-G Gallup gives away a computer as an enrollment incentive every fall and spring semester. The computers are donated by the Gateway Company.

UNM-G Developing Facilities Master Plan

With G.O. bond funds now available for expanding the campus, the University of New Mexico-Gallup is now developing detailed plans for construction of new facilities and updating existing facilities.

The facilities master plan process kicked off on March 18 with a meeting of college administrators, faculty, staff and UNM-Gallup local board members. John Petronis, president of Architectural Research Consultants of Albuquerque, the company that is helping the college develop its master planning process, was present as was Gil Berry of UNM Facilities. Petronis and Berry outlined their plans for creation of the detailed master plan. Petronis emphasized that the process will involve gathering input from all college constituencies as well as from the community-at-large.

“This is a very exciting period in the life of our college,” said Dr. Beth Miller, Executive Director of UNM-Gallup. “Expansion of the campus, made possible by the positive support of our community, will enable UNM-Gallup to meet the expanding educational needs of the next generation of students.”

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Beth Miller, Executive Director of UNM-Gallup.

Also on this ballot Gloria Mae Skeet won for Position 2 and June Shack won Position 3 of the UNM-Gallup Local Board.