Graduation 2011
More than 350 UNM-Gallup students were awarded diplomas, certificates and degrees for completing their course of study over the past year. More than 200 participated in commencement ceremonies held May 13 in Red Rock Park Arena.

Neal Mangham Named Interim Dean of Instruction

Neal Mangham of Prescott, Ariz., a former president and chief executive officer of Prescott College in Prescott, Ariz., has been named interim dean of instruction at the University of New Mexico-Gallup.

Mangham, who has a Ph.D. in history from Rice University, was one of four retired higher education administrators who interviewed for the position during a special two-day visit to the campus under the auspices of The Registry for College and University Presidents, an association of former presidents and high level administrators. The candidates participated in interviews with key campus personnel, toured the campus and even consulted with each other about who among them was likely the best candidate.

Mangham emerged not only as the Dean's Search Committee’s first choice, but also the choice of the Registry members themselves.

“It was a very collegial process, where we tried to find the best fit for us, and where the candidates tried to find the best fit,” said Sylvia Andrew, executive director. “At the end of the day,
FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S DESK
BY SYLVIA RODRIGUEZ ANDREW

During the June 29 meeting of the UNM-Gallup Local Board, a panel from UNM’s Internal Audit Department made a presentation regarding an extensive audit of the college. The auditors looked at many areas of our businesses processes, including the campus bookstore.

They have made 24 recommendations to remedy the audit findings. We concur with their recommendations and have developed action plans with target completion dates for each of these items, and have assigned these plans to individuals. We intend to move quickly and to make regular reports to our Local Board as we work through the action plans. We will be posting documents with details on our actions on the website so that the public can be assured that we are addressing all the issues raised. We are also putting in place controls to monitor all fiscal operations.

Chief among the business processes that we are improving are those involving our campus bookstore. We have retained the services of Chuck Bills, who has been working as interim bookstore manager, to review organization and staffing, operation systems, physical space and merchandise mix, and financial performance and parameters. We intend to hire a fulltime bookstore manager who will provide a monthly report on the status of operations. In regard to filling that post, we have been successful in getting UNM’s approval to upgrade the bookstore manager position to a grade 11, exempt status. This means we can expect to hire an individual with a high level of professional skills.

In the Internal Audit Report’s conclusions, the auditors say there have been recurring challenges in Business Operations and that previous auditors have reported similar audit findings. I, as Executive Director, inherited a 2009 audit that cited a number of problems, including some with the bookstore. I worked with the management team to address them, and so far, 22 of the 24 audit findings have been addressed. I gave out printouts in a public meeting, and have been asking for quarterly updates. I have been working with UNM’s Internal Audit since I arrived in the summer of 2009, and the current audit is the result.

The issues in the current audit are long standing, as UNM has been conducting audits on campus since 2007. I have reported to the Board of Regents on these findings and have assured them that we are making a very strategic effort to address all concerns. As I look forward to the hiring of a Chief Financial Officer who will assist in investigating these current audit findings, I would like the public to know that my administrative staff and I are working proactively to bring the bookstore and other areas of concern to the auditors into alignment with their recommendations. Decisions have been made, and though I am not at liberty to disclose all, we have made substantive changes and will continue to do so in the future.

The audit will be available in the near future on the UNM website, while we will post a spreadsheet on the UNM-Gallup website documenting the progress of our various action plans.

Finally, I reiterate my strong belief in transparency when conducting business in public institutions. My administrative team and I are always available to answer questions and address concerns of the press and the public as well as we are able, within the limits of UNM’s policies and procedures.

THIS OLD HOUSE, Continued from p. 1

This old house. The house has stucco outside and adobe walls inside. In addition to the bedrooms, there is a small upstairs space suitable for an office.

It’s essentially a brand new house, waiting for an occupant.

As specified by the trust that made the donation, when the house sells, the money will go to the Construction Technology Department to either buy another house or build a new one.

For more information on the house, please call Mike DePauli at ReMax, (505) 722-7811.
Summer Community Ed Courses: Fun for Young, Training for Adults

Workforce Training contracts with the Navajo Nation Workforce Development to give Commercial Driver’s License training (above) as well as training in heavy equipment and office skills. In CDL, students study air brakes, Hazmat and general commercial driving skills. The contractors help students obtain their NM-Class A CDL from the New Mexico Department of Transportation. Shown above are Miguel Cantu, the instructor, and student DeMaris D. Gilbert.

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there seemed to be a consensus that Dr. Mangham was the right one for us.”

Mangham will be taking over the reins on June 6 from another interim, Jeannie Monaghan, a long-time faculty member at UNMG who is retiring as of June 30. He will serve as interim for at least two years, and possibly as many as three. Prior to his departure, the college will launch another search for a permanent dean of instruction.

Most recently, Mangham has been a consultant for entities as disparate as the U.S. Air Force Academy, the Ministry of Power and Water in Afghanistan and New Mexico State University, as well as Native American governments and education institutions in New Mexico and Arizona. Prior to his work as a consultant, he was chief of party for the Afghanistan Higher Education Project, Academy for Educational Development, in Kabul, Afghanistan, and president of Al Ain Colleges of the Higher Colleges of Technology, UAE.

He also served as president of the School for International Training in Brattleboro, Vt., and executive director of University of Redlands, Redlands, Calif.

Further, he has served as a member of numerous research and professional boards both in the United States and abroad.

“Dr. Mangham is ready to accept the challenge,” Andrew said. “He wants to be here, and brings a wealth of experience with academic and vocational programs with him. We are looking forward to his arrival as we embark on numerous initiatives, including reorganization of our campus structure.”

“I am delighted with our search process and I am very pleased that Dr. Mangham accepted our offer. We are enthusiastic about working with him to move our institution forward in strong and positive ways,” said Teresa Wilkins, co-chair of the Dean’s Search Committee and incoming Faculty Senate president.
Lisa Hilden is now onboard as education specialist for TRiO. Originally from Salt Lake City, she has lived in Gallup for just over three years. She earned her Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees from the University of Utah. “I have worked as an educator in jails and prisons, where I saw many individuals ‘set free’ through education,” she says. She has also worked for Upward Bound and taught abroad in Japan. ...The Education Department has announced that Irene Den Bleyker, assistant professor, has been elected to the executive board as a member at large for the National Association of Community College Teacher Education Programs effective July 1. Prior to this election, Den Bleyker served NACCTEP as an ambassador and a college scholarship reviewer. In 2011, she also presented her paper, “Purposeful Connections of Educational Theory and Environmental Science” at the NACCTEP National Conference in San Diego, Calif. The National Association of Community College Teacher Education Programs (NACCTEP) promotes the community college role in recruitment, preparation, retention and renewal of diverse early childhood and K-12 Teachers, according to the NACCTEP website. ... Faculty who retired as of this summer are Rick Krouth, Construction Tech; Kathy Head, Nursing; Barbara Kline, Certified Nursing Assistant; and David Kelley, English. Also retiring after a total of 25 years between UNM and UNM-Gallup is Jean Martinez-Monaghan, Dental Assistant professor, and interim dean. ... Associate Professor of Mathematics Florentin Smarandache gave two presentations of “Advances and Applications of DSmT for Information Fusion in Romania at the Romanian Academy in Bucharest on May 25 and at the Institute of Atomic Physics in Magurele on May 26.

Parking Permits to be Required

Parking permits are on the way for faculty, staff and students at the University of New Mexico-Gallup. “The permits are here and the registration cards have been ordered,” said Interim Director of Student Services Zeke Garcia, adding that the new parking rules will be in place for the fall semester, which starts August 22.

The parking permits are just one phase of an effort by administration to provide better security on campus. They will facilitate citation enforcement for a variety of infractions, from parking in handicapped spaces to parking anywhere other than designated spaces.

Visitor parking spaces will be designated in certain areas of the parking lots, and visitors may obtain one-day passes.

For now, the parking permits will be free for university employees and students, although that may change next year.

Officers will issue citations to violators and those violations will be logged. Violators will get a first-time warning; after that, there will be a fine and if the fine is not paid, students will not be able to register for class or get transcripts. Garcia said the permits will be in the form of cards hanging from mirrors.