Dr. Paul Kraft has joined the administration of the University of New Mexico-Gallup as the Director of Student Services.

Kraft, a native of South Dakota, has Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees from Northern State University in Aberdeen, S.D., and an Ed.D. in Adult and Higher Education Administration from Montana State University.

He comes to UNM-Gallup with experience as dean of students and enrollment management at the University of Alaska Southeast in Juneau from 2001 to 2006. Prior to that he was interim assistant to the dean in the College of Engineering, Montana State University-Bozeman. Other professional experience includes an internship in the office of the Commissioner of Higher Education; employment as an academic advisor in the General Studies Program of Montana State University in Bozeman; a term as

**Holiday Greetings**

UNM-Gallup decked the halls for the holiday season, and was planning an ‘Illumination Celebration’ during which the outdoor luminarias were to be turned on November 27. The College takes a break for the holidays, this year from Dec. 22-Jan. 1.

**VETERANS’ DAY**

Hershey Miyamura, hero of the Korean War and a Medal of Honor recipient, spoke to during a celebration to honor local veterans, including those of World War II, Korean, Vietnam, the Gulf, Iraq, and peacetime. The Veterans’ Day observance is now in its third year, and was organized by student veteran Cassandra Morgan and the UNM-Gallup Student Veterans, and the Student Senate.

**Student Services Director on Board**

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As a community college, UNM-Gallup exists not only to educate people, but also to improve the standard of living in our area. To that end, we constantly search for ways to provide courses and programs that will not only contribute to the success of individuals, but also enrich community life through cultural offerings, and improve the economic health of our region by preparing an able work force.

On October 4, we asked the students and local citizens to give their input for direction as to how we could better serve the Zuni community. We circulated a flyer and invited one and all to attend a forum at the Zuni campus. We had more than 40 phone calls from people who had suggestions, and 25 people showed up at the forum. One of the most frequently heard suggestions was that we should offer more Friday and weekend classes as well as graduate education classes at the Zuni campus; as a result, we are currently exploring ways to accomplish this. We also promised to work more carefully with our scheduling in the future so as to better serve our Zuni students. As fuel prices rise, we hope to offer more distance education classes so Zuni students won’t have to travel to Gallup. We also are exploring ways to reach out to Ramah, Pine Hill and Vanderwagen, as well as communities in Arizona to improve enrollment in classes at the Zuni campus.

An additional initiative is to continue to meet with the Zuni Tribal Council on issues where there is a possible impact with the school district or other entities.

We are also continuing to offer our College Success courses at Zuni, partially funded by the Achieving the Dream grant. Right now, enrollment in this course includes new college students as well as people who have attended college before – thus, we have courses with a wide age range and a class situation that affords students the opportunity to get to know different generations better.

Another important community engagement effort has been taking place at our North Side facility, where we are working to recruit more of the Hispanic population in our Adult Basic Education and English as a Second Language classes. We recently hosted an El Dia de los Muertos event to attract attention to our presence. We also plan to schedule more classes in the evening for the benefit of people who work. Funding from Achieving the Dream has also been used to help promote our activities and programs on the North Side.

In the months to come, I’ll comment in this space on other efforts UNM-Gallup is making to meet the needs of our local citizens.

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interim vice president of student affairs of Northern State University; a term as director of Counseling and Career Development at Northern State University; and employment as a family therapist with Lutheran Social Services in Webster, S.D.

“I am excited to be here,” Kraft said. “UNM-Gallup is a place with great potential. I’m impressed with the faculty and with the spirit of cooperation and helpfulness. I am sure there will be many challenges, but I’m looking forward to living and working here.”

Kraft and his wife Vickie have two children currently attending college in Miami, Fla., and Juneau.

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Around the Campus

Gloria Dyc, UNM Gallup professor of Arts and Letters, was a finalist in the 2007 New Mexico Book Awards in the poetry book division. Her work, *East West and Beyond*, was released earlier this year by Plainview Press. The winners were announced Nov. 9 in Albuquerque. Dyc, who was named a UNM Regents Professor in English earlier this year, has been with UNM-Gallup since 1988. Her fiction work has been published in numerous journals and anthologies....

Jean Welles has been accepted for publication in the Association of University Technology Managers (AUTM) 2008 publication, *The Better World Report*. The articles will be published in the publication’s Volume II, Reports from the Field, which will feature 100 technology vignettes about academic discoveries being realized in the marketplace. These short stories, contributed by universities from around the world, highlight products being used over a wide range of industries and explain how these technology innovations have taken place. Publication in this report affords excellent exposure for UNM faculty inventions. ... A film by Vanessa Grey, a 2002 graduate of the University of New Mexico-Gallup, was presented during the 32nd Annual American Indian Film Festival in San Francisco. ... Pamela Stovall, associate professor in communication and journalism, had her short script, *Best Served Cold*, reach the quarterfinal round of the American Gem Short Screenplay Competition. More than 1200 entries were received worldwide. ... Hassan Abassary, a cook at the University of New Mexico-Gallup Child Care Center, was named as one of the recipients of the UNM Provost’s Committee for Staff Academic Support Scholarships. Abassary, a native of Morocco, joined the staff as cook in February. He ran a kitchen at a restaurant in Washington, D.C., before moving to the Gallup area with his wife, Christine Gleason, manager of the Adult Basic Education program at UNM-Gallup. The scholarship is for a UNM employee who is using his or her tuition remission benefit to obtain a degree or professional certificate as well as to take professional development classes. The Provost’s Committee for Staff created this financial support scholarship to help defray the costs associated with academic books, course fees and supplies. Three scholarships of $250 are awarded each fall and spring semester. ... Florentin Smarandache, associate professor in mathematics, presented the tutorial “Advances and Applications of DSmT for Information Fusion,” in Quebec City in July at the Fusion 2007 International Conference. He also presented “Qualitative Belief Condition Rules,” published in Proceedings of the 10th International Conference on Information Fusion. He also co-authored and presented two papers at this event, including “Enrichment of Qualitative Beliefs for Reasoning Under Uncertainty” and “Applications of Probabilistic PCR5 Fusion Rule for Multisensor Target Tracking.” ... Sherriann Black is the new Academic Advisor for the UNM-Gallup Campus-Extended University Bachelor and Graduate Programs. She will advise in Elementary Education, Early Childhood Multicultural Education (ECME), and Native American Studies programs. ... Barbara Babcock, Title III Senior Academic Advisor, has moved to the College Learning Center. She will be advising students after they have taken...
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PARADE IN ZUNI
UNM-Gallup’s Zuni Campus participated in the Zuni Fair -- “Zuni Fair ... Back in the days, keeping the traditions alive.” Jovena Laate of the Zuni Campus described their float thus: “We included a statement that read ‘Teach our children to the next generation,’ and questions that read ‘Who will we be if we do not carry on the culture, traditions, education and new technologies of tomorrow?’ The concept, says Laate, was to have a twig (the Zuni campus is known as a “twig” of the branch) growing out of the back of the truck, and a rainbow leading to the new UNM facilities with a tree growing apples, which signifies the growth of the Zuni campus--however, this concept had to be modified due to time constraints. In the front of the cap was a person’s face with a graduation cap on. The tassel on the cap represented the colors of the degree programs. There was also a drawing of the Dowa Yalanne mountain on the float, included because the mountain is sacred to the Zuni people, and because it is the background to the campus. Other motifs included on the banner that are also important to the Zuni are dragonflies, pottery and a sash belt.

HALLOWEEN
Halloween is always a big celebration at UNM-Gallup, and this year was no exception. The activities were organized by the UNM-Gallup Student Senate, and included a costume contest, trick or treat for local children, a haunted house and a generally all around spooky time for all.

Above, from left: Cosmetology students Danielle Livings-ton, Michelle Lomaintewa, Krystal Woeslaw and Shuroq Hamayel showed some of the skills they’ve learned in the program in their own creative Halloween hairstyles. Right: A number of clubs were on hand to sell goods, hold raffles, or just make a scary statement during Halloween festival.

Photo by Kari Lorensen
FIERY LESSON
Three UNM-Gallup CCTE departments were involved with the deliberate torching of a car during classtime in September. The Auto Tech program was on hand to demonstrate the explosive power of air bag, and also stripped the car of its explosive parts before it was set on fire. Fire Science students assisted McKinley County firefighters as they set the car on fire, demonstrating how an automobile burns as well as showing students how to put out an automobile fire. Criminal Justice students studied the results of the auto burning as an exercise in forensics.

SPEAKING OUT
Emmett Garcia, left, a former mayor of Gallup, addressed an old controversy during a special lecture arranged by Dale Mason, right, political science associate professor, in October. Abducted at gunpoint in 1973 by two Native American activists, Garcia was allegedly targeted because of his ownership of a liquor store near the Navajo Nation. Garcia was taken to a sporting goods store in Gallup, and a shootout ensued between his captors and the police. One man was killed. The event sparked considerable controversy, including speculation as to whether he had killed himself or been executed by police. Garcia, who has not made a public appearance for years, said he hoped to clear up the controversy, and maintains that the man was killed in the shootout and did not take his own life.

EL DIA DE LOS MUERTOS
Christine Gleason-Abassary, director of the Adult Basic Education facility on the North Side, and her staff organized an “El Dia de los Muertos” celebration on Nov. 2 at the campus on Wilson. The celebration was to honor the rich Hispanic heritage of the college’s neighbors, friends and students. Visitors were treated to Hispanic music, food, drawings for prizes and fun.
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COMPASS placement tests, but before they move on to the general academic advisors, allowing the students the opportunity to understand their scores, the scope of their abilities and the processes they must follow to become enrolled students at this campus. This will allow TS to capture those students who need to begin their career at UNM-Gallup by taking developmental classes. ... Vickie Kraft has joined the Community Affairs Department as the new Institutional Researcher for UNM-Gallup. Kraft will take over from Jerry Jorgenson, who is retiring at the end of this year. Kraft comes from Northern Arizona University, where she was administrative director for the College of Engineering and Natural Sciences. ... Floyd Kezele, instructor in Criminal Justice, was honored as a distinguished Lt. Governor for Kiwanis International for his first term in 2005-07, and completed his second term on Oct. 1. The Southwest District of Kiwanis International was recognized as a distinguished district for the first time in 15-plus years, and Kezele’s division had the most growth. Kezele, by the way, has been teaching with Science instructor Vickie Olsen a cross disciplinary, introductory science class, with an emphasis on lab work in the Criminal Justice area. “It is designed to reawaken interest in science among students,” Kezele said. Criminal Justice and Business Tech also offered an experimental, five-hour combined class--Introduction to Criminal Justice and Introduction to the Legal System taught during the same five-hour, once a week session -- to see if it would help students who are concerned about the expense of traveling to and from class. “We estimate our students save over $100 in gas costs for the saved classes and travel if they live in excess of 30 miles from UNM-G,” Kezele said. He has another five-hour class scheduled for Spring ’08. ...Another note from the Criminal Justice area: adjunct Loren Milligan, a New Mexico State Police officer, participated in the summer as a member of the honor guard for President Bush in Albuquerque, and due to his expertise in accident reconstruction (Kezele says he’s one of the top five in the state), he stayed over to investigate a fatal accident involving another member of the honor guard.