40th Best Wishes
Community members, old friends, officials and others were on hand Oct. 16 for UNM-Gallup’s 40th anniversary. Those attending shared memories, took tours of the campus, enjoyed refreshments, viewed historical displays and watched the Fernando Cellicion Dancers perform. Above, right, David J. Schmidly, UNM president, congratulates UNM-Gallup on its 40 years of service to the Gallup area, with Barry Cooney, interim executive director, seated in the background.

New Mexico Voters Pass Bonds B & D
New Mexico voters went to the polls on November 4, and besides casting a majority of votes for President-Elect Barack Obama, also approved General Obligation Bonds B and D. Bond B involves funds for library acquisitions, while Bond D provides funds for capital expenses for institutions of higher learning statewide.

The vote was 346,676 for as opposed to 314,554 against (52 percent to 48 percent) for Bond B, and 384,291 for as opposed to 281,578 against for Bond D.

College Emphasizes Computer Literacy
New students at UNM-Gallup will now be tested for computer literacy, prior to taking a placement test for English, math and reading. Because most college courses require some computer skills, college officials hope to identify those students who lack these skills before they get into the classroom, said Paul Kraft, director of Student Services.

“We have no idea what percentage of new students may not have computer skills, but this test should help us find out,” Kraft said, adding that he would guess that while most high school graduates have some abilities on the computer, some older students who have been away from the academic scene for a few years may need some help getting up to speed.

The test will be very brief, taking only a couple of minutes. Students will be tested for their ability to manipulate a mouse, click on an icon, and other basic skills. Those who cannot pass the computer literacy test will be given a short course (no longer than an hour) that will help familiarize them with computer basics.

“I expect 90 percent of incoming students will pass,” Kraft said of the computer literacy test.

New Mexico Voters Pass Bonds B & D

TABLE OF CONTENTS
Executive Director’s Notes... 2
Calendar ............................ 2
MLT Program Gets a Boost... 3
Around the Campus .......... 3
INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S NOTES

As many of you know, one of my primary goals since my appointment as Interim Executive Director in April is to make our campus more “user friendly” for our students. In order to accomplish this, UNM-Gallup’s managers and directors and I have been looking at policies and procedures in terms of how they both impact and shape student experiences.

One area of importance that has surfaced is the registration and enrollment of new students. When we started to evaluate this process, it became clear that there were quite a few “bottlenecks” which did not allow the process to flow.

In addition, there were several points where confusion as to what to do and where to go might arise.

I am happy to report that we are making good progress in streamlining this process so that students will feel much more comfortable in their initial points of interface with UNM-G.

Along similar lines, we will be incorporating a “computer literacy assessment” in our enrollment process for new students. We want to make sure that every student has the competencies that are necessary to be successful, and computer literacy is absolutely essential for achieving that objective.

However, our work has only just begun. For example, I am beginning an active dialogue with UNM-G’s faculty to explore both internal organizational structure, and alternative approaches to teaching -- two things that we must consider if we are to approach our educational responsibilities pro-actively.

Toward this end, many faculty and staff have come forward with both ideas and energy, which is a very good thing to have during these upcoming winter months.

Spring Semester Starts January 20; Lobo Days Set

Spring classes will start on January 20, the day after Martin Luther King Day, with registration ongoing through January 23.

As an incentive to get students to register early, the college is offering all students a chance at a free Dell laptop computer with every course they register for. A computer drawing for the winner will be held the first day of classes, and the winner will be announced that week.

New student orientation will be held as follows: Saturday, Jan. 10, at 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the UNM-Gallup campus; Thursday, January 15, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the UNM-Gallup Campus; Wednesday, January 17, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Zuni Campus.

One-stop registration will also be available during Lobo Days, set for Gurley Hall Commons on the following dates: Jan 7, 8 and 13 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Equipment Donations Boost Medical Laboratory Tech Program

When Loretta Gonzales took over as director of UNM-Gallup’s Medical Lab Tech program in March, she was concerned to find very little in the way of equipment. The Gallup native began to cast about for a way to adequately provision the lab so that students could have the benefit of learning on up-to-date laboratory equipment.

A windfall came from the office of local physician, Adelfio Fronterotta and his wife Susie, a nuclear medical technician, who mentioned to Gonzales they were getting out of the medical laboratory business in their office. Dr. Fronterotta’s medical practice generously donated three laboratory analyzers to the MLT Program.

“This equipment cost around $170,000 new, and it is only six years old. The analyzers are in mint condition,” Gonzales said. The donation included a hematology analyzer for testing complete blood counts (also known as a CBC). This entails checking the red and white cells in addition to checking for anemia. The MLT Program also received an immunochemistry and immunology analyzer for testing such things as cholesterol, thyroid, electrolytes, prostatic specific antigens and many other tests. Currently, the equipment is being used for teaching purposes.

Continued on p. 4

AROUND THE CAMPUS

Jody Barnhart is the new manager of the Childcare Center. From the Detroit area, she has seven years’ experience in childcare and social work, and has a Bachelor of Science degree in Child Development and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sign Language, both from Madonna University in Livonia, Mich. She also has a Social Services Technician License and a Certificate in Addiction Studies. She is currently working toward an Elementary Education degree, and has plans to pursue a Master’s in Social Work or Nursing. She has five years of experience as a director of childcare centers, and for the past two and a half years, was a social worker with low income families and with those with mental illness. Barnhart grew up in Michigan and Tennessee and is the mother of a 9-year-old daughter. “I am working very hard to get the Childcare Center fully staffed; once that is done I would like to see this center go from a two-star facility to a four-star facility,” she said. “I want UNM’s CCC to be a place that everyone wants their child to be ... I also welcome suggestions as to how we can improve.” ....

Patterns of Exchange: Weavers and Traders, a book by UNM-Gallup anthropology professor Teresa Wilkins on the historical interactions between Navajo weavers and traders, has received the 2008 New Mexico Book Award for best non-fiction multicultural subject. The book was released by the University of Oklahoma Press in May. Wilkins has given talks and participated in book signings at a number of locations since the release of the book, including the Wheelwright Museum of Santa Fe, the Museum of Northern Arizona and the Coconino Center for the Arts in Flagstaff, the Santa Fe Indian Market and the Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial. Her book is available at several locations, including Gallup’s Shush Yaz Trading Company and the UNM-Gallup bookstore; Barnes and Noble, Bookworks and Borders in Albuquerque; and the Wheelwright in Santa Fe. Wilkins, who has a degree in art marketing and production from Appalachian State University, obtained her Master’s as well as her Ph.D. in anthropology from the University of Colorado. Her next project, she says, will probably be about Navajo weavers and traders and the Shiprock Fair in the early 1900s. ....Officer Richard Perez, who joined the Campus Police a year ago, has been named sergeant. Perez is a veteran of the Gallup Police Department. ... Florentin Smarandache, professor of mathematics, announced the publication of a book of memories from various international conferences that he participated in called “Brother with the Meridians and Parallels”, Vol. IV, 260 pages, Romania. The book is also online at http://fs.gallup.unm.edu/~Frates4.pdf. ... John Zimmerman, assistant professor of art and manager of the Ingham Chapman Gallery, gave a ceramics workshop in November at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater. He built an entire clay sculpture, gave two public lectures and gave personal critiques to ceramics students.
Eventually, says Gonzales, the department will run tests for the public at a nominal fee.

“Eventually, I’d like to open up laboratory testing within the program so that we can perform what we call ‘waived testing,’ by MLT students. Waived testing is the same concept as pregnancy testing like the EPT. You don’t need a pathologist to oversee this type of testing; however, if we saw any abnormalities, we could refer the abnormal results to our program board pathologist who in turn would refer the patient to their doctor,” Gonzales said.

In addition to the equipment mentioned above, Gonzales was also able to acquire donated laboratory equipment from Indian Health Service (IHS) in Shiprock. Shiprock donated four analyzers for diabetic testing and kidney function testing.

Gonzales is eager to recruit new students for the program, which can lead not only to a career in medical laboratory work, but also in forensics – a field that TV programs such as “CSI: Miami” have promoted interest in.

“We offer a two-year degree and prepare you to take the registry, which provides you with credentials that certify you are qualified to do this kind of work and also ensures public safety. The most recognized credentials nationally are either from the American Society of Clinical Pathology (ASCP), or the National Credentialing Agency (NCA)” Gonzales said.

Students can register anytime in the program because of its “rolling admission” requirements.

“They can start in the spring or fall semester, after fulfilling their general requirements,” Gonzales said.

For more information, contact Gonzales at 863-7598.

OGRe Office: Everything to do With Grants

UNM-Gallup has established a new office to handle grants: Office of Grants and Research (OGRe). The plan of operation will address external funding both in the pre-award and post-award phases.

Marilee Petranovich will be the first point of contact for any requests dealing with the researching of funding opportunities and for renewal of funding. Petranovich and Institutional Researcher Vickie Kraft will serve as first points of contact for Requests for Proposals that fit with the UNM-Gallup Strategic Plan. Adriene Tsethlikai will continue to handle all post-award activity, from monitoring the grant budgets, doing labor redistributions and journal vouchers (jvs), grant closeouts and other issues that deal with expending grant or contract funds.

OGRe will be doing some cross-training in the post-award area in the months ahead in an effort to assure that there is always some type of coverage in the pre- and post-award areas when someone is on annual leave.

Medical Laboratory Technician Program Gets a Boost With Equipment Donation

Continued from p. 3

Eventually, says Gonzales, the department will run tests for the public at a nominal fee.

“Eventually, I’d like to open up laboratory testing within the program so that we can perform what we call ‘waived testing,’ by MLT students. Waived testing is the same concept as pregnancy testing like the EPT. You don’t need a pathologist to oversee this type of testing; however, if we saw any abnormalities, we could refer the abnormal results to our program board pathologist who in turn would refer the patient to their doctor,” Gonzales said.

In addition to the equipment mentioned above, Gonzales was also able to acquire donated laboratory equipment from Indian Health Service (IHS) in Shiprock. Shiprock donated four analyzers for diabetic testing and kidney function testing.

Gonzales is eager to recruit new students for the program, which can lead not only to a career in medical laboratory work, but also in forensics – a field that TV programs such as “CSI: Miami” have promoted interest in.

“We offer a two-year degree and prepare you to take the registry, which provides you with credentials that certify you are qualified to do this kind of work and also ensures public safety. The most recognized credentials nationally are either from the American Society of Clinical Pathology (ASCP), or the National Credentialing Agency (NCA)” Gonzales said.

Students can register anytime in the program because of its “rolling admission” requirements.

“They can start in the spring or fall semester, after fulfilling their general requirements,” Gonzales said.

For more information, contact Gonzales at 863-7598.