By Timaris Montano
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GALLUP—UNM Gallup students, faculty and staff have free access to the gymnasium and weight room, just in time for summer.

In order to use the gym’s free membership, a current LOBO ID card must be provided when signing in at the gym office, according to Sports Equipment attendant Cynthia Chavez.

Nursing major Michael Hannah said, “I come to the gym every day to play basketball or weightlift and I have lost 30 pounds since I started.”

Glisten and sweat. The weight room offers weight-lifting equipment, treadmills, elliptical machines and spin bikes.

Chavez said UNM Gallup students, faculty and staff are welcome to access the gymnasium and the weight room because UNM Gallup is trying to promote a healthy lifestyle.

Basketballs for the gymnasium

End of an Era: “The Daily Show”

By Robert Michael Vallejos
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VALENCIA—It’s not often that we associate late night cable TV comedy with academia.

Yet, Comedy Central’s “The Daily Show” hosted by Jon Stewart has been the nexus of these two dissimilar worlds for the last 16 years.

On Feb. 10 Stewart announced that his time as the host of the show will come to an end later this year.

For all of his accomplishments during his tenure, Stewart’s most unique accomplishment may have been his ability to reach an academic audience while never fully can be checked out in exchange for a LOBO ID, according to Chavez.

Business major Noreen Begaye said she loves using the gym and she looks forward to the pickup basketball games with other students.

Begaye also said she is grateful the services are free because she has a limited student income.

According to Chavez, the students who attend regularly are deviating from his crude humor roots.

A 2013 demographic study conducted by Experian Marketing Services revealed that a graduate from a four-year institution is 36 percent more likely to watch “The Daily Show” while an individual who has attended graduate school is 86 percent more likely to be a regular viewer of the program.

The data seems to suggest that as students’ progress through their college career, they gravitate toward the Comedy Central hit.

It feels odd that the same network that once produced off color shows like “Crank Yankers” and continuing on pg. 6

starting to look healthier and some are losing weight.

Early childhood major Cori Yazzie said she has lost over 45 pounds because of the free membership.

What Color is it this Semester?

By Christopher Laughlin
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GALLUP— What is the color of the parking tags this semester? It’s purple.

Walking the parking lot at UNM Gallup, I observed 20 vehicles with a colorful rainbow of parking tags: blue, yellow, purple, green and maroon. Only 5 vehicles had a purple parking tag.

This led me to wonder how these parking tags are enforced and how strict the rules are about not having a current or no parking tag.

Human Services major Mallory Tom said she has received a citation for not having a parking tag up on her vehicle, but did not have to pay because she got her parking tag after she got her citation.

Tom said the campus police should be stricter about the parking tags because she sees some cars with old parking tags from a semester ago and some vehicles without parking tags in the parking lot.

“I took a weightlifting class and I just continued to do the stuff the instructor taught me,” Yazzie said.

For more information, contact the Physical Education Complex at 505-863-7589.

Parking tags are enforced on campus every semester so UNM Gallup police will know who is a student and who isn’t, according to Sgt. Richard Perez of the UNM Gallup police.

Citations are given out which goes through UNM main campus and is not a criminal citation, however the fine is $20 for not having an updated parking tag, according to Perez.

If students get a citation, they can pay for the citation or go through an appeal process, according to Perez.

For an appeal, students are encouraged to visit the campus police station and pick up an appeal form, complete it and go before an appeal committee on why they should not be given a citation, according to Perez.

Students or visitors that do not have a parking tag on their vehicle make it hard on campus police because they do not know whether the driver of the vehicle is a

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**Student Life Center: One Stop Shop for Mingling**

*By Ferrell Chapo*

**Campus Voice Staff Writer**

**GALLUP—**

The sound of pool balls breaking, rock music playing, and the constant smell of microwavable food add to the atmosphere of the Student Life Center. The Student Life Center consists of different elements to make your college experience more enjoyable and relaxing.

“Student Life changed my life for the better, less stress and more relaxation before getting my education started for the day,” Human Service major Berlinda Shirley said.

Student Life allows you to utilize table games such as pool and Ping-Pong, even a TV to help you relax and wind down from a day of classes, Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., in the basement of Gurley Hall.

Enrollment Representative Anthony Billy said, “Student Life offers a chance to network, earn scholarships and internships through club participation.”

**By Jeremy Yazzie**

**Campus Voice Editor**

**GALLUP—**

“We’re an underdog story.”

UNM Gallup students Austin Gaddy’s and Nathan Boone’s brooches will be featured during the “Mass and Velocity” student showcase at the Society of North American Goldsmiths Conference in Boston on May 20 to 23.

The student showcase is a digital presentation that highlights the talent, creativity and hard work of national and international students pursuing certificates, associate’s, bachelor’s and master’s degrees, according to the SNAG website.

Gaddy said his brooch was inspired by “biomorphic and industrial” designs and it took him nearly three weeks to complete, which included riveting, etching, sandblasting, patination and a comprehensive soldering process.

Gaddy said, “I didn’t have tools readily available, so I had to use my grandmother’s tools.”

Graphic Design major Nathan Boone, a resident of Zuni, said, “I was inspired by the landscape around Eustace Lake near Zuni. I go on walks and see interesting formations.”

“The color of the copper (brooch) is almost the color of the sand and the brass piece was from stones I’ve seen before that people grinded up for paint called yellow ochre.”

Boone said, ”I wasn’t thinking something this ‘big’ would happen to me, especially for something I made.

“For my jewelry piece to be displayed at a conference in Boston is amazing.”

Boone said he has worked with his uncle and his grandmother to make other pieces of jewelry, but this recent recognition is special because it was his sole talent and work that is being recognized.

“My family is extremely glad for me,” said Boone.

As the conference nears, Gaddy and Boone are both creating brooches that will be exchanged with other new attendees to the SNAG conference, according to UNM Gallup Jewelry and Metals instructor Kristi R. Wilson.

Gaddy said he is looking forward to the “Pin Exchange” and Boone is interested in viewing the modern art and jewelry exhibitions the city of Boston will be hosting during the conference.

Wilson said she is proud of Gaddy and Boone for accepting the recognition and the opportunity to expand their perspective on jewelry design.

“I’m really lucky,” said Gaddy. “I’m a 19-year-old kid from Gallup who happens to put a lot of work into a piece and is going to Boston.”

For more information on the SNAG conference, visit snagmetalsmith.org or visit Kristi Wilson in Gurley Hall, Room 1239.

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**Jewelry Design Students Bound for Boston**
June 27 National HIV Testing Day

By Ferrell Chapo
Campus Voice Staff Writer

GALLUP—Have you ever thought of getting tested for the HIV virus?

According to the 2014 Navajo Area Indian Health Service HIV/AIDS Annual Report, twenty-eight cases of newly HIV diagnoses were reported on the Navajo reservation in 2013.

June 27 is National HIV Testing Day, which is a day of HIV testing awareness and prevention for every person of every nationality, according to U.S. Department of Health & Human Service.

“It’s awesome that the stats are lowering in newly diagnosed patients, but how do we get tested?” Business major Maryellen Tom said.

There are two different types of tests to determine if you have contracted the HIV virus. One way is the ELISA/Western blot test, which is a blood drawn test and can take up to two weeks to receive results, according to U.S. Department of Health & Human Service.

Another is the UniGold rapid HIV antibody test, which involves a finger stick much like a blood sugar test and results are given in 20 minutes, according to U.S. Department of Health & Human Service.

Both tests can be performed at the McKinley Public Health Office, which is located at 1919 College Drive.

Social Work major Evangelina Begay said, “Yes, HIV testing should be promoted, but students think that getting tested is embarrassing.

“They think going to the hospital to get tested for HIV will get them laughed at, which makes them feel uncomfortable.

“Different students around campus believe that the fear of knowing their HIV status is one of the main reasons why a lot of students do not go out and get tested.”

Psychology major Christian Verdugo-Black said,

“Students just don’t care or they are too afraid.

“Don’t be afraid to get out there and get tested.

“Know your HIV status.

“There are places in the area that offer free HIV testing.”

National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day was held on March 20, which was first observed in 2007 to encourage Native Americans across the nation to get tested and know their HIV status, according to aids.gov.

For more information on HIV testing and prevention, call the McKinley Public Health Office at 505-722-4391 to schedule an appointment.
**Update: UNM G’s ADA Policy**

By Al Kahsin  
Campus Voice Staff Writer

GALLUP—Remember when you were little and you went down a big hill with your bicycle for the first time?  
Imagine that in a wheelchair.

Last semester, UNM Gallup campus underwent an extensive inspection to ensure that the entire campus was compliant with the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990.

The ADA ensures that people with physical disabilities would have the same accessibility to the campus as everyone else, fortunately, the Physical Plant Department worked extensively to ensure the campus is accessible to those with physical disabilities, according to UNM Gallup Physical Plant Manager Ron Petronovich.

Unfortunately, there were some discrepancies between the ADA policy and the accommodations on UNM Gallup campus.

Petronovich said, “Primarily, most infractions involved the dispenser in the restrooms, like soap dispensers, paper towel dispensers, etc.

“We needed to adjust the heights in order to allow easy access for everyone.”

“Additionally, we had to repair a lot of the doors, such as the doors for the restroom stalls, so we installed new latches, as well as vertical grab bars for most restrooms, and well, that was a majority of it.”

“We literally walked every building on campus, and every restroom on campus to ensure that everything was handicap accessible.”

Petronovich is currently waiting for a comprehensive report on how well UNM Gallup accommodates its students with physical disabilities.

**One day in a wheelchair**

Accessible, however, doesn’t always mean easy, therefore, I experienced the campus from the perspective of a student with a physical disability and is confined to a wheelchair.

The incline of the Gurley Hall parking lot doesn’t appear to be so steep, but when you’re seated in a wheelchair, it becomes akin to dropping into a half pipe at a skate park.

I dodged reversing vehicles and awkward glances.

I couldn’t help but think of how many times someone might gawk at an actual person who was bound to a wheelchair.

Next stop, the restroom.

**Sitting down to pee**

Although there was no automatic door for the restroom, located next to the UNM Gallup Campus Security office, I was able to access it with ease.

The handicap stall was more than adequate in size because it allowed my wheelchair and I to rest comfortably within the stall.

The only uncomfortable part about it was having to pee sitting down.

The soap dispenser was easy to access, as were the paper towels from its dispenser.

On the plus side, there was a mirror tilted downward, so that without adjusting my position in the wheelchair, I could primp myself with ease.

**The ramp from hell**

I needed to get into the second floor of Calvin Hall and “easiest” route was and is, “the handicap ramp from hell.”

Not only was it steep and curved, but also it had two tremendous concrete walls on each side.

It felt like being stuck in between two semi-trucks on Interstate 40 with very limited room to maneuver.

A good Samaritan.

Going back up the ramp after class was another excursion.

The grade of the ramp was far too steep to reach Gurley Hall.

Fortunately, a fellow student wheeled me up the ramp, but had I been alone, it would have been impossible.

While UNM Gallup may indeed be ADA compliant, there are still obstacles that may make getting around campus much harder for a student in a wheelchair.

So if you should see a wheelchair bound comrade cruising through campus and you notice they are having a hard time, lend a hand, if they want to help out, because being a decent human being has never hurt anyone.

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student or a visitor and have to track them down through student services, according to Perez.

Parking tags differ each semester in color and campus police try to mix up the colors to see who is a student on campus that semester, according to Perez.

The numbers on the parking tags are for the campus police file system and it helps identify which student owns the car or uses the car, according to Perez.

Students that get cited up to four times may get a boot put on their car, which has not happened yet, according to Perez.

Daily parking lot patrols are done daily for safety reasons, according to Perez.

For more information about parking tags, visit the campus police station or call 505-863-7620.
Student Prevails Over Darkness, Enjoys Motherhood

By Timaris Montano
Campus Voice Staff Writer

GALLUP—Nursing student Taylor Blanco became a mother at the age of 17 and had no direction in life.

When other 16-year olds were worrying about studying, sports and high school dances, Blanco was venturing into drinking and partying with her friends.

“I first started drinking because the people that I was hanging out with were doing it,” Blanco said. “Her unhealthy decisions were leading her into the dark world of alcohol and she was alienating herself from her family.

The careless world she was starting to enter was loud, fun and exciting but she knew it was wrong because her parents had huge plans for her future, as most parents do. “I wanted to go out every night to drink and party and be around men,” Blanco said.

Blanco continued to party because she liked the unadulterated attention she received when she was out partying with her friends. Although, Blanco’s parents knew everything she did, they worried because of the chances she might take on drinking and driving.

Blanco knew she was hurting and destroying her family because she would see her parents’ faces and they were plastered with words yet to be said about her unruly behavior.

“But I still continued doing everything I wanted to do just because it was more important to be with my friends drinking,” Blanco said. Things didn’t change until she faced a night where she blacked out from drinking alcohol and didn’t remember anything.

She drank so much that she couldn’t control her body and ended up throwing up all over herself and woke up with vomit all over herself.

“The next morning, my mom saw what a mess I was and I’ve never seen her so upset before,” Blanco said. She knew she had to change.

“After getting so drunk like I did, I never wanted to feel that way again because it was embarrassing,” Blanco said. A few weeks later, she received the most shocking news a young lady with no direction in life could ever receive.

Blanco was pregnant at 16. She hid the news of her pregnancy because of the fear that she had hurt her family because she was living a hopeless life and didn’t know how to ask for help. “I come from a strict family who had high standards for my brother, sister and I,” Blanco said.

Finding out she was pregnant three weeks into her senior year in high school, she didn’t want to finish school and she didn’t see a bright future ahead.

Blanco knew people would look at her differently because she lost the innocence of being a free spirited teenager and would she would have to become a responsible mother, which she was unsure of.

All she had known was the grand life of being the baby of the family and the life her family paved for her. Blanco said she became depressed for the first five months of pregnancy. “I felt like I betrayed them and I hated that I was upsetting them,” Blanco said.

Once she decided to be honest with her family, to her surprise they gave her the support she needed to finish high school and eventually attend UNM Gallup. Her parents and siblings didn’t shun her like she had expected, but they embraced her pregnancy and suddenly she became excited for the arrival of a newborn.

Blanco said she knew her family truly loved her and no matter what she did. They forgave her.

Her son was born into the loving Blanco family.

With Blanco’s determination, she broke the cycle of being an uneducated teenage mother with no hope by continuing her education, working and taking care of her family.

At first, Blanco said she had a hard time and struggled with leaving her son, but with the help of her family she continued with her education.

Blanco is currently a full time student and working on campus too.

Although Blanco’s family has supported and helped her, she is always concerned about missing class or work because she doesn’t have a babysitter for the day.

She has learned to balance school, work, a relationship, family and motherhood.

Blanco believes that in every bad situation, there is hope for a positive outcome, just as in her situation came a tale of a family that is blinded by love.

She also understands that everyone has a past and her past was short lived, which led her to become a loving mother, daughter and sister.

Blanco said, “When I look back I see how different I am today and I am proud that I decided to go to continue with school.”
“The Daily Show”/Hosted by Stewart
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“Reno 911” is also responsible for providing programming that appeals to the educated audience. Perhaps less surprising is the popularity the show has had with the “young” demographic. The same 2013 study revealed that the median age of “Daily Show” viewers is 43, in contrast to viewers of nightly network news where the median age is 57.

While Stewart would contend that his program is entertainment and not news, the younger audience clearly prefers his brand of information delivery over that of traditional newscasts. The combination of education and youth implies that a “fake” generation.

Not surprisingly, not everyone is thrilled with the impact that Stewart, the youth and the educated may have on the future of news media. A recent column by New York Post media critic Kyle Smith suggested that the appeal of Stewart is a result of a gullible audience. Smith wrote, “College students, of course, are both little acquainted with realities of adult existence and walled off from conservative views, so they’re the perfect audience for Stewart’s schtick, which depends on assumptions that are as unquestioned as they are false.”

This is not a new criticism of Stewart or his fans. Back in 2004, a longtime Stewart friend and nemesis Bill O’Reilly referred to fans of “The Daily Show” as “stoned slackers.” There may be also some evidence to suggest that fans of the “Daily Show” are growing up. A study conducted by the Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania in 2004, around the same time of the “stoned slackers” comment, revealed that at that time the median age of “Daily Show” viewers was 35.

In 10 years the median age of viewers has risen by eight years. This may suggest that if Stewart was continuing his hosting duties, the show may have eventually been appointment viewing for an older but educated audience. We will never know what Stewart’s version of “The Daily Show” would’ve become, but what is clear is the influence that he has had on a generation.
Truth a Factor for O’Reilly

By Robert Michael Vallejos  
Campus Voice Staff Writer

VALENCIA—The old saying goes “Those who live in glass houses should not throw stones.”

In 2015 there are few who are more affective at throwing stones than Fox News commentator Bill O’Reilly.

A favorite target of O’Reilly’s stone throwing is the American news media or as O’Reilly has referred to them, “the far-left fanatics.”

With his frequent lambasting the news media it is not surprising that recently O’Reilly has come under scrutiny from the “liberal media” establishment that he so vehemently criticizes.

While O’Reilly is normally criticized for his commentary on current affairs, his current wave of scrutiny revolves around the authenticity of O’Reilly’s reporting experiences from past decades.

The first wave of accusations directed at O’Reilly came from left leaning magazine Mother Jones on Feb. 19.

Mother Jones alleged on numerous occasions where O’Reilly has fabricated the extent of his presence in an active war zone in Argentina during the Falklands War, while on assignment as a correspondent for CBS in 1982.

Mother Jones cites at least four occasions where O’Reilly has publicly claimed that he reported from an active war zone, however, this acritical cites multiple firsthand sources who say neither O’Reilly nor any other CBS reporter came close to the war zone.

Longtime CBS television personality and lead CBS News correspondent cover the war Bob Schieffer is quoted as saying, “Nobody from CBS got to the Falklands.”

“I came close. “We’d been trying to get somebody down there. It was impossible.”

On the Feb. 20 episode of O’Reilly’s primetime show “The O’Reilly Factor,” he clarified that he only claimed to cover demonstrations related to war, not the actual war.

This was after he took a shot at Mother Jones.

“Mother Jones which has low circulation considered by many the bottom rung of journalism in America, however, in this Internet age the defamation they put forth gets exposure and so I have to deal with this garbage tonight.

“I’m sorry,” said O’Reilly.

Allegations of deceptive reporting are nothing new to O’Reilly.

They just usually come from him.

For instance, in 2013, O’Reilly was highly critical of rival MSNBC commentator Rachel Maddow for airing edited clips of Sen. John McCain appearing insensitive to a relative of a gun violence victim.

O’Reilly was flabbergasted at her choice to use the edited footage.

He said, “But I’m going to use it anyway.

“Right.”

“And that’s insane, but she also said that McCain sneered at the woman. And he didn’t sneer...the level of dishonesty that is now in play is I don’t know what word you would put on it.”

O’Reilly had a corporate response to transparency questions leveled at him.

On Feb. 24 when media watchdog website Media Matters uncovered a major discrepancy in O’Reilly’s book "Killing Kennedy.”

O’Reilly claimed to have been at the doorstep of George de Mohrenschildt, an associate of Kennedy assassin Lee Harvey Oswald at the moment Mohrenschildt committed suicide.

In 2013, O’Reilly said, “As I knocked on the door, I heard a shotgun blast.

“He had killed himself.”

However, Media Matters found two former O’Reilly colleagues and a recorded phone conversation that disputes his presence at the scene of the suicide.

O’Reilly chose not to respond directly to these allegations.

Instead, Fox News issued a press release in support of O’Reilly.

The cable news organization seems to echo the sentiments of its star.

They emphasized, “This is nothing more than an orchestrated campaign by far left advocates Mother Jones and Media Matters.”

Despite the negative publicity O’Reilly has been largely unaffected.

According to Deadline.com, O’Reilly’s rating have increased by 23 percent in the week after the allegations surfaced.

O’Reilly has taken the ratings boost as a signal of vindication.

As a guest on the Mar. 24 episode of “Late Show With David Letterman,” he expressed his satisfaction with the outcome of the controversy.

“We had a controversy and we put forth what my side was and they put forth what their side was and folks decided.

“And it worked out okay for me.”

“I got even more viewers,” O’Reilly told the late night host.

Unlike NBC lead anchor Brian Williams, who is serving a six month suspension for past reporting embellishments, O’Reilly sits atop his profession with the support of his employer.

It seems unlikely that O’Reilly will leave his “glass house” anytime soon.
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