By Jeremy Yazzie  
Campus Voice Editor

GALLUP—If you like getting your hands dirty, sharing your passion for recycling and feeling satisfied that you made a real difference, join the recycling program at UNM Gallup.

On Nov. 18, UNM Gallup launched its recycling program with an event in Gurley Hall from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., which featured games with prizes and educational booths to boost awareness of recycling, plus blue recycle bins have replaced the trash bins in Calvin Hall, according to UNM Gallup Supervisor of Custodial Services Rulon Ashcroft.

“A lot of (recyclable) waste gets generated on campus, like plastic, aluminum cans, paper and cardboard,” said Ashcroft. “Calvin Hall is the perfect test area to begin the recycling program.”

Early Childhood Multicultural Education instructor Anneke Lundberg coordinated the “Toss A Can” game where students and participants tossed crush aluminum cans into recycle bins in order to win prizes, including a tee shirt made from recyclable material, such as plastic water bottles and x-ray film.

The event was held in conjunction with America Recycles Day, Nov. 15, a nationally recognized day dedicated to promoting and celebrating recycling in the United States, according to americarecyclesday.com.

Legal Assistant major Nancy Curley said the event was an opportunity to get informed about the importance of recycling because it makes a difference for the environment; although, Curley said she recycles not as often as recommended, she said she will make an effort after today.

According to greenwaste.com, the average person generates 4.5 lbs. of trash everyday and about 1.5 tons of solid waste per year; although, the Environmental Protection Agency estimates that 75 percent of solid waste is recyclable, only about 30 percent is actually recyclable; thus creating recycling programs, like at...
College Confessions: Lavish Financial Aid Testimonials

By Ashtin Tsosie
Campus Voice Staff Writer

GALLUP—Applying for Federal Student Aid can be stressful and confusing; therefore, the UNM Gallup Financial Aid Office will be hosting “FAFSA Free For All” on Feb. 21, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Student Services Technology Center to assist students in meeting the Mar. 1 deadline for the 2015 and 2016 financial aid disbursements, according to Financial Aid Manager Ernestine Shirley.

To complete the free application for Federal Student Aid, you will need your social security number, your alien registration number (non United States citizens), your recent federal income tax returns, W-2s and other records of money earned, according to fafsa.ed.gov.

Money burns through pockets on a daily basis, but when UNM Gallup students receive their financial aid disbursements, it scorchers.

When I received my financial aid disbursement, I paid for the essentials: tuition, four classes and five online textbooks.

The money also helped me fix up the entire front end of my 1998 Jeep Cherokee so I could have a vehicle to get to work and school and when that was completed, I had a little over $1,000 left.

Plus, I bought a new sound bar, a new laptop, clothes, dinner for friends and family, nights out bar hopping or going to the movies and I gave about $300 dollars to my dad.

I also spent about $200 on concerts: the Rockstar Energy Mayhem Festival and Motley Crue’s final tour, which were financial aid disbursement on books, clothes, including a pair of shoes, a phone, paid some bills and funding nights out at the local bar.

Information Technology major Darwin Daniels said, “The money was used for food.

$1,900 was spent on food for my kids and my wife while I go to school.”

Daniels also said he bought himself books, supplies, an iPad, shoes and clothes.

Liberal Arts major Danielle Lowery said she spent her money on books and tuition for classes.

Lowery also used the money to pay for gas and food to keep to keep her family fed while she attends college.

Lowery said she will save the remaining $1,500 to pay tuition and textbooks, so he used his financial aid disbursement as he pleased.

Lincoln said he bought food for his family, gas money for those that gave him a ride to school and work, plus to fund family trips to watch his little sister play sports.

However, Nursing major Samantha Frank did not receive financial aid this semester and said she feels disappointed that students who received a disbursement get a free education while she has to depend on her mother to pay for her education.

Frank said that the financial aid office told her she was not receiving financial aid this semester, which was based on her mother’s income.

Frank said, “I feel bad for my mom because my mom had to pay for me to go to a private school in high school and now she’s paying again.”

According to fastweb.com, “Federal student aid is awarded based on the student and parent income and assets, household size, number of children in college and a variety of other factors.

“It does not, however, have any explicit income cutoffs on need-based aid eligibility.”

Early Childhood major Tammy Lee also did not receive any financial aid this semester because her income was too high and she had to pay for her education.

Although Lee did not receive any financial aid, she said she is not angry with students who spend their financial aid disbursements on trips and miscellaneous items as long as the students attend class.

What if students falsify information to receive financial aid?

According to CBSNews.com, “Providing false information on the FAFSA is a crime.

“Students can be fined up to $20,000 and/or face up to five years in prison.

“Cheaters face the penalty whether or not their deception resulted in receiving federal student aid or not.”

Lee said, “If they do abuse the financial aid, they are eventually going to be penalized.

“Why should I get angry if they are going to be caught and penalized for it.”

For any further questions or concerns please see the financial aid office and the Student Services Technology Center building, Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Rubber Stamps Computer Supplies Office Furniture

Arts and Craft Printing • Stationery Office/Educational Supplies • Furniture Awards Trophies & Plaques

Copy Service, Native American & Southwestern, Book Nook & Art Supplies

Decorations Advertising • Specialties Science Fair Ribbons Custom Banners Document & Self Storage

$1 Million for UNM Gallup

A story published in the November issue about Bond C said the funds will “provide equipment for specialized classes like welding and the funds will also be used to fund an extension of the UNM Gallup Zollinger Library,” are false.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.
Avant-Garde Professor Scaffolds Extraordinary Career

By Al Kahsin
Campus Voice Staff Writer

GALLUP—An instructor by day and an architect by night, Samir Wahid.

Wahid is the UNM Gallup Architecture instructor in Calvin Hall and has been teaching in Gallup for 22 years.

Wahid’s classroom is strewn with various cardboard and Styrofoam architectural models made by students.

Rows of computers take up a majority of the classroom and on the far end, elevated drafting tables with architecture lamps wait for advanced drafting course students.

Wahid always wears a neatly groomed mustache, a stylish sweater with a collared shirt.

His meek and calming personality gives off the presence of a grandfather.

I asked him how he ended up in Gallup, to which he said, “I was driving through and then I ran out of gas, so I decided to stay here (laughs).

“This is just a joke.

“No really though, I wanted to live in a rural area.

“I grew up in a rural area, but I also wanted to be in the bigger cities to do the bigger architecture projects, so I ultimately had to decide between the two.

“Another reason I wanted to come here is to be close to Native American people because in the last 40 years, I have been living on different reservations across the United States, so that is what brought me to the largest reservation in the United States.”

I was interested to know where Mr. Wahid came from prior to Gallup.

Wahid has a distinct accent, so I asked him about it.

Wahid said, “I was born and raised in Baghdad, Iraq, but in 1970, we had to flee the country because it was quite terrible there.

“After that I lived in the state of Kuwait and I was quite lucky because I was able to be involved in some big architectural projects and not many people have opportunities to take part in major projects like that.

“After that I lived in England and was planning on becoming a citizen of England; however, I had an opportunity to emigrate to the United States, so I decided to give it a shot and if I don’t like it, then I’ll just come back to England.”

Being a student in Wahid’s Introduction to Architecture course, I became aware that Wahid had a superior knowledge of architecture and he appeared quite passionate about it, so I wanted to know when he first became interested in architecture.

Wahid said, “I was in 6th grade when I first started becoming interested in architecture.

“I would take cereal boxes and instead of throwing them away, I would build houses with them.

“I would go play in the dirt and make rivers and bridges and see how the water would flow.

“Then it so happened that my dad took me to an architect firm where a friend of his worked.

“I was very impressed.

“It was very cluttered like it is in here (laughs).

“It was full of information, drawings and (architectural) models and so forth.

Despite being interested in architecture from a young age, Wahid pursued the medical field after high school; however after 2 years of chemistry and biology, he decided that he did not want to pursue medicine any further.

“That wasn’t how I wanted to spend my life,” said Wahid.

So Wahid changed his major to his passion, architecture.

“I got my first applied engineering degree and then after that I worked, then came back to school and got my bachelors in architecture,” said Wahid. “After that I tried to get some other masters degrees in a different field, but lost interest in it, so I decided to pursue architecture further and get my masters in that, and well, here I am.”

Continued on pg. 7
Unscheduled Campus Delays and Closures Will Be Alerted As Follows:

Lobo Alerts will send a text message to those registered

Local radio stations and television affiliates will broadcast delays and closures

Main campus phone number will give an updated voice message

Visit www.LoboAlerts.unm.edu to register
Historic Café Becomes Creative Mecca For Indigenous Artists

By Jeremy Yazzie
Campus Voice Editor

GALLUP—I was ten years old when my grandmother and I had pancakes, bacon and eggs at The Eagle Café in downtown Gallup. Unruly children were shifting in vinyl upholstered booths, old men perched on bar stools at the breakfast counter and the train hollering adjacent historic highway 66 are what I recall as my grandmother told me stories of Gallup’s idiosyncratic past: bars manifesting on street corners, the interstate being built and the first computer to arrive at the Mayor’s office, which was the size of a railroad car, according to my grandmother.

Through the decades, The Eagle Café has remained a historic landmark in Gallup; recently the new owner has rebranded the café as a mecca for emerging artists and talent while remaining true to its historic roots.

In March, Marco Bello bought “The Oldest Restaurant in Gallup” and begun to change the culture of the café by installing an art gallery, adding Wi-Fi and expanding the menu, yet never altering it’s authentic historic personality and still serving it’s “famous Lamb Stew” since 1889.

According to Bello, every Friday evening, a four-course meal is served from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. for $20 and every Sunday, brunch is served at a reasonable price from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for culinary connoisseurs.

UNM Gallup students, faculty and staff will receive a 15 percent discount, according to Bello.

On Nov. 8, The Eagle Café hosted the UNM Student Art show; in addition, the café served polenta soup, cucumber salad, pork chops with tomatoes and mushrooms and for dessert, flan, prepared by Bello and his crew.

Bello said local art galleries favor white artists more than Native American artists; therefore, he said the café’s art gallery will showcase local Native American artists and UNM Gallup art students.

Bello said he heard a local Navajo artistan say, “I still don’t belong here (downtown Gallup),” which prompted Bello, a photographer as well, to begin curating art shows during Arts Crawl because he said Native Americans “don’t have the confidence” to show in bigger galleries because most of the galleries in downtown are controlled by white people.

UNM Gallup Drawing instructor Kristi Wilson collaborated with Bello to ensure UNM Gallup art students were being represented during Arts Crawl.

Bello said the community liked the two dimensional drawings and the artists were able to receive critiques about their work, which Wilson chose from Gallup and Zuni student drawing classes.

Art Studio major Elizabeth Lynch’s drawings were chosen for the show, which she was excited about because she has never had the opportunity to show her work; nonetheless, at an art show.

Lynch said, “I’m attracted to art.

“I like drawing details like people’s facial expressions.

“It’s like capturing a moment in time.”

Wilson and Bello said the next UNM Gallup student art show at The Eagle Café is scheduled for Jan. 10, 2015 and UNM Gallup students who would like to show their work should contact Wilson.

Contact the Eagle Café at 505-862-2893, eagle.cafe.gallup@gmail.com or visit the Facebook page Eagle Café.
“Stay Close, Go Far” Versus Making Leap To University

By Ashtin Tsosie
Campus Voice Staff Writer

GALLUP — Finances, bad high school grades and family obligations are just a few of the many reasons students decide to start their undergraduate degree at a community college like UNM Gallup; therefore, students who plan to finish their degree at a four-year university need to be diligent, focused and engaged to increase their chances of transferring successfully.

Nursing major Skylar Hubbard said, “I wanted to go out of state my first semester but I didn’t have enough money, so I stayed here at the branch, then I ended up just staying here after the first semester.”

According to Huffington Post, “students who stay close to home can benefit from many things like saving money, having time to decide what they want to do, having a more flexible schedule, and having a close relationship with professors.”

“Even if you’re only in a two-year program, you have the opportunity to explore interests that don’t relate to your major at a much lower cost when you’re attending a community college verses a state school or liberal arts college.

“Lower tuition at a community college allows you to try some different classes and figure out what degree you want to pursue without worrying about expense as much.”

Even though Hubbard said she wanted to go out of state for school she also said it didn’t really matter where she got her education.

Hubbard said, “I guess the only benefit I can think of is that bigger campuses offer more classes than community colleges.”

General Studies major Blane Yazzie, a student at UNM Albuquerque, said he went to Albuquerque because his friends convinced him that it offered a better quality of education.

Yazzie said, “If I got to do it again I would stay here in Gallup and get more experience.”

“My first semester at the main campus is a little over whelming.”

Engineering major Anthony Gray said he originally wanted to go to an out-of-state college because it was what his family did.

Now, he would rather finish his pre-requisites at UNM Gallup before transferring to a bigger university because it is cheaper to stay close to home.

Nursing major Stephainata Jones said that she would like to transfer to a bigger university soon.

Jones said, “It seems like there are more opportunities in a bigger university.

“Here at the branch they only hold the classes I actually need every other semester and I get stuck taking classes I don’t even need.”

Students who want to transfer to a larger university should receive advisement from an adviser in the Student Services Technology Center building.

For students wanting to transfer to the main campus in Albuquerque to pursue their bachelor’s degree, contact Extended University in Calvin Hall room 228 at 505-863-7613.

Recycle/Ashcroft: “Calvin Hall is the perfect test area to begin the recycling program.”

Continued from pg. 1

UNM, keeps solid waste out of landfills, according to Ashcroft. UNM Gallup volunteers will be responsible for rinsing aluminum cans and plastic bottles, plus collecting the recycle bins from Calvin Hall and transporting them to the Physical Plant office where the Northwest New Mexico Regional Solid Waste Authority will process all recyclable material, according to Ashcroft.

Students, faculty and staff can recycle the following at UNM Gallup: plastic bottles, aluminum cans, cardboard and mixed paper, according to Ashcroft.

To join the recycling program at UNM Gallup or need assistance in recycling large amounts, contact Rulon Ashcroft at 505-863-7688 or Pamela Stovall at pstovall@unm.edu.

### Bachelor’s
- Business Administration
- Communications
- Dental Hygiene
- Early Childhood and Multicultural Education (ECME)
- Elementary Education
- Integrative Studies
- Liberal Arts
- Medical Laboratory Sciences
- Nursing (RN to BSN Completion)
- Radiologic Sciences

### Master’s
- Dental Hygiene
- Elementary Education (K-8 licensure option)
- Secondary Education (7-12 licensure option)
- Educational Leadership
- Engineering
- Electrical and Computer
- Organization, Information & Learning Sciences (O&LS)
- Nursing (MSN & PhD)
- Public Administration

863-7618 Calvin Hall Rm 228 • 8 – 5, Mon - Fri
- Admissions • Advisement • Registration • Financial Aid
email: gallup@unm.edu | website:

10 Bachelor’s Degrees
9 Master’s Degrees
1 Doctoral Degree

UNM degree completion programs in Gallup!
By Ashtin Tsosie
Campus Voice Staff Writer

GALLUP— Students are utilizing their portable devices for classes through applications on their phones, iPads, tablets and laptops.

According to some UNM Gallup students, being glued to a portable device is helpful when studying for class or doing homework.

Liberal Arts major Joseph Skeets encourages digital immigrants, an individual who was born before the widespread adoption of digital technology, to take advantage of apps on portable devices; however, people who are born during the age of technology who are familiar with computers and the internet are referred to as Net-Gen or digital natives, according to CNN.com.

“Apps that have videos, use dictionaries, help with grammar, and utilize audio recognition would help students who are just learning to use apps,” said Skeets. “I like to use the YouTube app for educational videos on most of my subjects like calculus and algebra.”

“With the right apps, a mobile device can be a student’s best friend,” according to the NewYorkTimes.com.

Applications can be downloaded from Google Play on Android devices and iTunes on Apple devices, according to techopedia.com.

Tisha Lewis and Sharon Yoe said they do not use apps because they are still trying to make the transition into a more digital age.

“The elementary schools were massive projects,” said Wahid.

Wahid has also worked on various projects around Gallup and the surrounding areas, some examples he gave me were chapter houses, homes, apartments and hotels.

“What advice would Wahid give to aspiring architects?”

“In architecture, it requires a lot of dedication, a lot of work, so it takes away from other aspects of your life, be it friends, or family and so forth,” Wahid said. “I tell my students, ‘If you really want to get into architecture, you have to really focus on that area, otherwise you won’t make it, and that’s what it takes, day and night.’ ”

“You will find that a majority of architecture get so involved in their work that most of them lose their spouses,” said Wahid.

It was great getting to know my instructor on a deeper level. I began to wonder what my other instructor’s lives were like.
STUDENT SENATE ELECTIONS
Dec. 8, 9, and 10

APPLICATION DEADLINE
Monday Dec. 1 at 12 p.m.

CANDIDACY POSITIONS
President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
6 Senator Seats

REQUIREMENTS
Be Enrolled in 6 Credit Hours
A GPA of 2.0 for Non-Presidency Positions
A GPA of 3.0 for President Position

UNM G LGBTQ Resource Center Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

“Embrace and honor all cultures and communities of UNM Gallup.”
-Jeanie Baca
Director of Student Affairs

“I t’s officially here at UNM Gallup.”
-Alma Rosa Silva-Bañuelos
Director UNM Albuquerque LGBTQ Resource Center

“Hózhó Nahasdlii’ (Beauty Restored)”
-Reht Tachiinii
Traditional Navajo Healer

Main campus support staff joins UNM G Student Life Center on Nov. 24 at 10 a.m. for the ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of the UNM G LGBTQ Resource Center located in Gurley Hall room B213.

“Embrace and honor all cultures and communities of UNM Gallup.”
-Jeanie Baca
Director of Student Affairs

“It’s officially here at UNM Gallup.”
-Alma Rosa Silva-Bañuelos
Director UNM Albuquerque LGBTQ Resource Center

“Hózhó Nahasdlii’ (Beauty Restored)”
-Reht Tachiinii
Traditional Navajo Healer

It’s officially here at UNM Gallup.”
-Alma Rosa Silva-Bañuelos
Director UNM Albuquerque LGBTQ Resource Center

“Hózhó Nahasdlii’ (Beauty Restored)”
-Reht Tachiinii
Traditional Navajo Healer

It’s officially here at UNM Gallup.”
-Alma Rosa Silva-Bañuelos
Director UNM Albuquerque LGBTQ Resource Center

“Hózhó Nahasdlii’ (Beauty Restored)”
-Reht Tachiinii
Traditional Navajo Healer

It’s officially here at UNM Gallup.”
-Alma Rosa Silva-Bañuelos
Director UNM Albuquerque LGBTQ Resource Center

“Hózhó Nahasdlii’ (Beauty Restored)”
-Reht Tachiinii
Traditional Navajo Healer

It’s officially here at UNM Gallup.”
-Alma Rosa Silva-Bañuelos
Director UNM Albuquerque LGBTQ Resource Center

“Hózhó Nahasdlii’ (Beauty Restored)”
-Reht Tachiinii
Traditional Navajo Healer