No More Self-Serving Senate

By Jennifer Jones and Ty Hudson
Campus Voice Editor & Staff Writer

GALLUP—The UNM Gallup Student Senate has been shut down.

According to Director of Student Services Jeannie Baca, she and Executive Director Dr. Christopher Dyer decided it would be best to stop all current student senate operations.

Dyer said the senate needs reforms, which include new leadership, new elections, a functional constitution and an improved disbursement of funds for student organizations.

Dyer believes the senate was deviating from its true purpose, which is to serve students.

“IT’s a service organization. ‘They are there to build their resume and learn how to serve others,” said Dyer.

He envisions the next student senate to be ambassadors and good representatives for the campus during community events and student recruitment drives.

A good reflection of the senate’s problems is the presidential history. Since fall 2011, the Senate has gone through seven presidents.

According to a Campus Voice article in March 2013, one of the presidents was let go because his GPA fell below a 3.0, and two of them were impeached for breaking the student code of conduct.

In Spring 2013 Elroy Natachu Jr. was the president, but couldn’t the president any longer because he moved to the Bachelor’s program.

Christian Sanchez was then elected president, but he quit before his term officially started, according to the most recent Student Senate President Nancy Curley.

Before Curley became president she was the vice president under Matthew Herrera who became president by default and was relieved of his duties in December because his GPA fell below a 3.0, according to Dyer.

Then Curley was relieved of her duties on March 7 when the senate was shut down.

Curley said she believes the Senate has lost a lot of members because the administrators have made it very difficult for the senate to get things done.

Along with the unstable history, Dyer said the senators at UNM Gallup were the only paid senators. Not even UNM’s main campus pays its senators.

He said they should not be getting paid to be a part of a service organization like the senate, as getting paid defeats the purpose of service.

Before the senate was shut down, Curley said, “We haven’t spent money at all because every time we do something they (the administrators) roadblock us.”

In the past the senate has shown questionable fiscal responsibility.

According to another Campus Voice article in March 2013, the senate blew through $80,000 of their allotted $95,000 in just one semester in the fall of 2012.

While the students wait for the next student senate election, Dyer said a Student Senate Task Force has been appointed to get the constitution in order.

He said, “I’m very hopeful that student senate is going to come out of this like the phoenix bird. ‘You’re going to see a remarkable turnaround.’”

Baca said she encourages the past senate members to get involved in the Task Force.

To get involved, students can email Baca at jbaca101@unm.edu.

Waiting for Childcare? Keep Waiting

By Jennifer Jones
Campus Voice Editor

GALLUP—The UNM Gallup Childcare Center opening has been postponed.

The center, scheduled to open in March, now will open in the beginning of April, according to Executive Director Dr. Christopher Dyer.

Dyer said the center isn’t ready to open because many of the employees who are responsible for fixing up the center got ill and were absent from work, which set the opening date back.

The center is currently being painted and made child ready by Physical Plant employees.

Facilities Manager Ron Petranovich said work on the center is almost complete.

He said the playground is the next to undergo changes.

The playground will be repaired and improved to make it safer for children, said Petranovich.

Students Get a New Advocate

By Jennifer Jones
Campus Voice Editor

GALLUP—“I want students to know that I am here to listen to their ideas and concerns, and am anxious to positively contribute to their college experience, said the new UNM Gallup Director of Student Services Jeannie Baca.

“My door is always open to students.

“Stop by to say hello,” said Baca. The campus welcomed Baca as the new director on March 1.

Baca said, “My biggest goal is to ensure that customer service is always student centered, exceptional and consistent.”

She will accomplish this goal by collaborating with faculty and staff. She said, “My top priority is to work with staff and faculty to ensure that students and the UNM Gallup community receive exceptional and efficient service and to create a welcoming and supportive environment that fosters student engagement, personal growth and student success.”

Baca said she relates well to students because she has been a student for many years.

She received a bachelor’s degree in government and a bachelor’s degree in psychology from New Mexico State University and a master’s degree in organizational management from the University of Phoenix.

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**UNM-Gallup Career & Job Placement Center**

**Mary Lou Mraz, Career and Job Placement Officer - Ext. 7527**

**Hawana Holliday, Administrative Assistant - Ext. 7757**

**2nd Floor Gurley Hall, Room 2210A**

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**Fabric Jewelry?**

By Ruka Mays
Campus Voice Staff Writer

**GALLUP – Taking a piece of sentimental fabric and turning it into a work of art is what UNM Gallup Art Professor Kristi Wilson does. Wilson’s work will be on display in the Ingham Chapman Gallery until April 4.**

According to Art Professor John Zimmerman, “A combination of mixed media, metal craft, fabric work, sound elements will be on display but contemporary jewelry will be the main attraction.”

Wilson said she asks people for a piece of sentimental material and transforms it into a beautiful piece of art.

She said, “When someone parts with their precious material, they are then given mental and physical space.”

Wilson said she came up with recreating sentimental items to get people to rethink what sentimentality is.

Zimmerman said the last show of the semester will display the work of UNM Gallup students and will be held from April 16 through May 12.

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**Changes to Student Loans**

This was taken from: [http://studentaid.ed.gov/types/loans/subsidized-unsubsidized](http://studentaid.ed.gov/types/loans/subsidized-unsubsidized)

If you are a first-time borrower on or after July 1, 2013, there is a limit on the maximum period of time (measured in academic years) that you can receive Direct Subsidized Loans.

This time limit does not apply to Direct Unsubsidized Loans or Direct PLUS Loans.

If this limit applies to you, you may not receive Direct Subsidized Loans for more than 150 percent of the published length of your program.

This is called your “maximum eligibility period.”

Your maximum eligibility period is based on the published length of your current program.

You can usually find the published length of any program of study in your school’s catalog.

For example, if you are enrolled in a four-year bachelor’s degree program, the maximum period for which you can receive Direct Subsidized Loans is six years (150 percent of 4 years = 6 years).

If you are enrolled in a two-year associate degree program, the maximum period for which you can receive Direct Subsidized Loans is three years (150 percent of 2 years = 3 years).
Two UNM Gallup Students Beat Drug Addictions

From Drug Addict to Hero

By Jennifer Jones
Campus Voice Editor

GALLUP—Heroin and books? Reading books helped UNM Gallup student Adrian Keyonnie overcome his addiction to heroin. He said he read two to three books every week while he recovered.

Keyonnie was addicted to heroin for three years, and when he decided to give it up, he decided not to enter a rehab program. He said, “I gave it up cold turkey.”

Keyonnie isolated himself at his grandma’s house in New Mexico while he fought heroin withdrawals. He said for two months he vomited and constantly felt shaky and sweaty.

He considered suicide rather than enduring the suffering. Keyonnie first became addicted to heroin after he lost his fiancée to Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Sandy.

Aside from his life-saving work, Keyonnie also is a father figure and role model in the Steamboat, Ariz., community where he lives. He said, “I take kids from the community under my wing to keep them out of trouble. I teach them how to grow a lot of food.”

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Keyonnie’s world was rocked when he found out that his favorite childhood teddy bear, which he still has, was given to him by Sanchez. After talking with Sanchez, Keyonnie made the choice to go home and get off of heroin.

Once Keyonnie overcame his addiction, he decided he wanted to become a fire fighter, so he applied to BIA Forestry and was hired in 2001. Keyonnie said he started at the bottom and worked his way up to being a supervisor.

He also went with the BIA as a part of the disaster relief crews for Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Sandy. He decided to run away and he left his family behind.

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“First Cocaine, Then The Dean’s List

By Jeremy Yazzie
Campus Voice Staff Writer

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By Ty Hudson
Campus Voice Staff Writer

GALLUP—One UNM Gallup English professor hopes her presence on campus as a Navajo will inspire Native American students to continue their education beyond an associate’s degree.

Jennifer Wheeler said, “There’s so much we can do to help them achieve those goals, but really it’s up to them.

“I hope that they use their upbringing, their childhood whether they’re positive or negative.

“They should use those experiences to look at their future and plan for their future academically.

“Because if I can do it, they definitely can,” said Wheeler.

Wheeler’s journey through life has taken her from the Navajo Reservation to the colleges of Arizona and back.

Wheeler grew up in Many Farms, Ariz. with the Navajo language being her family’s primary language.

She and her siblings learned how to read and write in Navajo from her grandmother, who refused to assimilate into Western culture.

Growing up, Wheeler’s grandmother and family emphasized the importance of knowing your roots, and she took that to heart when she began competing in Native American pageants in college.

Wheeler reigned as Miss Indian NAU and Miss Central Navajo before becoming Miss Navajo in 1990, but she wasn’t looking for shallow accolades.

“It’s not about physical beauty, like for Miss America or Miss USA.

“For us, it’s about having the confidence and pride in sharing our Navajo culture and language with our people,” said Wheeler.

After completing her bachelor’s degree in Secondary Education, Wheeler came back to the Navajo Reservation to teach middle school and high school.

She then decided she wanted to further her education, so she enrolled into graduate school at Arizona State University with contemporary Chinese-American literature as her focus.

Wheeler came to UNM Gallup in 2009 as a visiting professor, and left briefly in 2011 to finish her doctorate in Native American Literature.

Since 2012 she has taught full time at UNM Gallup.

Along with teaching, Wheeler translated “Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back” into Navajo along with Professor Joe Kee and others.

She also is working on creating a Navajo Studies program with Joe Kee.

By Ty Hudson
Campus Voice Staff Writer

GALLUP—Harriers get ready to RUN-BLE!

A five-member running team from UNM Gallup prepares for an upcoming marathon relay in Shiprock, N.M. on May 3.

The co-ed relay team consists of students and staff from campus and will run as the “UNM-G Lobos,” according to Physical Education instructor Cynthia Chavez.

“Right now, we’re training for it,” said Chavez.

The members of the team include Chavez, Lavina Barber, Jessica Robertson, Kyle Tsosie and Lean-drew Martine, but they need a male teammate to round out the team.

The idea for the relay team came up during a meeting with UNM Gallup Executive Director Dr. Chris Dyer about forming a cross country team.

Chavez said the marathon seemed like a perfect opportunity to generate interest among runners on campus.

She said, “I thought it was a fun thing to do with students and staff.”

The Shiprock Marathon benefits NavajoYES, a non-profit organization that works with reservation youth through outdoor adventure programs.

If students and staff want to form relay teams of their own or want to find out more information about the marathon, they can go to www.shiprockmarathon.com.

UNM Gallup’s graduation ceremony will be held at Red Rock State Park on Monday, May 19, at 2 p.m.
Don’t Drink and Study

By Jeremy Yazzie
Campus Voice Staff Writer

GALLUP—Public intoxication takes the cake at UNM Gallup. Along with drunkenness, car accidents and theft were the highest reported incidents on Campus in 2013, according to Sgt. Richard Perez, UNM Gallup Campus Police Department.

Seven reports of public intoxication, the highest reported incident in 2013, were documented, according to the UNM Gallup Campus police report. Health Information Tech student Shemika James said, “Last semester I saw two incidents of people being arrested for being intoxicated on campus.”

“One was a student and the other guy was not. “It’s bad because it makes us look bad.”

Perez said, “Public intoxication reports include students who are intoxicated as well as people from the community coming to the campus and being intoxicated.

“We find empty beer cans in the rest rooms and on the campus,” said Perez.

Other incidents reported in 2013 to the Campus Police were domestic violence, assault and property damage to the campus.

As of March, seven reported vehicle accidents, which include hit-and-run accidents, were reported to the Campus Police followed by five reported incidents of public intoxication and theft, according to the Campus police report.

Early Childhood Education student Crystalyn Yazzie said, “I had an instructor last semester that had her passenger side window completely shattered and I also saw a blue car that had its bumper torn off and it happened recently too because some parts were all over the parking lot.

“So I’m not surprised vehicle accidents were high on the list.

“If the campus had bigger parking lots, we could avoid accidents too.”

According to the Clery Act Survey, UNM Gallup had zero reported incidents of violent crimes or hate crimes in 2011 and 2012.


“The goal of the Clery Act is to ensure students, prospective students, parents and employees have access of accurate information about crimes committed on campus and campus security procedures.”

Perez said, “We are lucky that nothing violent has occurred on our campus, but if it does, we are prepared to handle the situation.”

Shantelle Tsosie, nursing student, said she feels safe on campus because of the presence of security and police patrol in parking lots.

Perez said the Campus Police works simultaneously with the Gallup Metro Dispatch and the Gallup Police Department to ensure the safety of students and faculty.

According to Perez, crimes occurring on campus should be reported to the Campus Police at (505) 863-7620 and emergencies occurring on campus should be reported to 911.

For more information on the UNM Gallup Campus Police Department, visit http://www.gallup.unm.edu/gallup/x/3442.xml.

Have No Fear, The Lobo Learning Center is Here

By D.J. Smith
Campus Voice Staff Writer

It’s almost Finals and the pressure to get an “A” is on. Education Specialist Nick Brokeshoulder said the team in the Lobo Learning Center would be happy to help students get ready for finals.

The center specializes in tutoring for writing, reading, math and science. Along with tutoring, the center offers students computer use for research and printers for printing assignments.

Brokeshoulder said he believes each and every student on campus has the potential and smarts to complete their degree, they just have to be willing to put forth the effort.

Brokeshoulder said the center has had 1,072 students come through the LLC this semester, which is a big jump from last year.

The LLC is located on the second floor in Gurley Hall and is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

“Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid.”

Albert Einstein

UNM Gallup Cosmetology Students Raise Money for a Good Cause

By D.J. Smith
Campus Voice Staff Writer

GALLUP—On March 10 the UNM cosmetology program raised over $400 on facials, manicures and pedicures for the Relay for Life Fund, said Cosmetology Instructor Beverly Begay.

“All proceeds go directly to the organization,” said Begay.

Begay said they hope to raise even more money at their next fund raiser on April 21 which will be in the cosmetology department in Gurley Hall. Room 1306 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Learning How To Be A Man

By Jeremy Yazzie
Campus Voice Staff Writer

GALLUP—Quinton Kyle Kien, 5th-grade student at Greasewood Community School and viral YouTube sensation “Little Boy Telling a Navajo Story,” brought attendees to tears when he performed a solo drum performance in dedication to his grandfather during the Hero Twins Workshop.

The Miss Navajo Council and UNM Gallup hosted the 4th annual UNM Gallup’s Scholarship banquet on March 6.

UNM Gallup Professor Joe Kee addresses a crowd at the Hero Twins Workshops.

Photo by Stella Martin

By Tia Howard
Campus Voice Staff Writer

UNM Gallup Honors Scholarship Donors and Recipients

The TRiO program is a federally funded group outreach program designed to help and encourage low income, disabled, and first-generation college students reach their professional and educational goals, according to Program Manager Jayme McMahon.

The program offers career guidance, enrichment activities, transfer trips, workshops, academic advisement and tutoring for its members. McMahon said every Wednesday the TRiO staff hosts a student workshop to help with scholarships, transferring, study skills and note taking.

The program also offers one-on-one tutoring, group tutoring and academic advisement that is focused on the individual student’s growth, as well as the student’s personal and professional goals. TRiO also takes students to see other campuses they are interested in transferring to.

These trips are taken four times a year and are a great way to see the options there are for students, said McMahon.

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Baca is currently working on completing her doctorate at NMSU online.

Before accepting the director position, Baca was the associate dean of Applied Technologies at Central New Mexico Community College in Albuquerque.

Baca called Albuquerque home for 20 years, however, she said she feels right at home in Gallup. She said, “The folks have been welcoming, warm and helpful.”

Tutoring, Study Tips and Free Trips

By Tia Howard
Campus Voice Staff Writer

GALLUP—How does help with studying and free trips sound?

The TRiO program has enough federal funding for 160 students and the program currently has 150 students, said McMahon.

McMahon strongly encourages students to see if they qualify for TRiO and see what the program has to offer, especially the students who may think that they do not qualify. TRiO is located in the basement of Gurley Hall in Room 230 and can be reached at (505) 863-7751.
California Dreaming with Best Coast

By Ty Hudson
Campus Voice Staff Writer

Why can’t radio play bands like Best Coast anymore? I like listening to girl groups from the sixties like The Shangri-Las or The Ronettes, so when I first saw Best Coast on Conan O’Brien, I was hooked.

Recently, this band from Los Angeles performed in Albuquerque, opening up for The Pixies, and they didn’t disappoint.

Lead singer Bethany Cosentino swayed along to the music and remained quiet throughout the show.

Her band mate, Bobb Bruno, just played along with his black guitar, and I wished he would have head banged with his long dark hair.

It would have made the performance more interesting.

However, it was the songs that stood out from their loud garage sound.

The theme of their songs convey loneliness and a longing for a lost love.

A lot of the songs feature phrases like “I miss you,” “I want you,” or “I wish” repeatedly.

Some people may be turned off by their repetition, but The Ramones did the same thing and it was endearing.

That’s what makes Best Coast special.

They take that loneliness of living in a sunbaked metropolis like L.A. and turn it into AM transistor radio gold.

And like Carole King’s compositions, these songs are easy to hum along to while driving along an empty reservation road.

They played a chill and electric 14 song set, and they ended the show with the encouraging torch song, “When I’m with you.”

Despite their short opening set, I left the show feeling optimistic.

So now I know when I take those dreamy and meditative road trips, the songs of Best Coast will always play on my truck radio.

American Greed At It’s Finest

By Ty Hudson
Campus Voice Staff Writer

I was surprised by how good Wolf of Wall Street was because Martin Scorsese hasn’t made a movie worth watching in quite some time.

This film was like a hip-hop mash up of Oliver Stone’s wall Street and Bob Guccione’s Caligulia.

It is perhaps the best of Martin Scorsese’s collaboration with Leonardo DiCaprio.

The film is based on the real life exploits of Jordon Belfort, a Wall Street typecoon who wrote an autobiography of his diabolical lifestyle.

Even the band Mötley Crüe would blush at Belfort’s depravity.

So why sympathize with a man who is so morally corrupt?

Like Goodfellas, the film revolves around the spirit of loyalty, and Belfort is loyal despite his flaws.

DiCaprio impeccably portrays Belfort as a man who slays his way to top of the capitalist food chain, while remembering his roots.

Unlike Jay Gatsby, Belfort doesn’t hide his working class past, and he even hires his group of boys from the hood to start one of most lucrative investment firms in the country.

One of his boys is white-teethed Donnie Azoff, played hilariously by Jonah Hill, who becomes Belfort’s right hand man and drug buddy.

With Belfort’s sudden wealth, he and his company catch the attention of the F.B.I.

Their firm turns into a frat house, and there are plenty of drugs and prostitutes to go along with that type of lifestyle.

The firm even appoints a time when people can have sex in office bathrooms.

Since this is a true story, sadly, the women are treated like cars off the assembly line.

If you are queasy about the F-word or explicit sex and drug scenes in films, then this movie is not for you.

It was like watching a Hieronymus Bosch painting in motion.

However, I think this is Scorsese’s best film since Goodfellas, and it plays out like a surreal dark comedy like The Sex Pistols in The Great Rock ‘N’ Roll Swindle.

As for the sound track, the blues music is appropriate for the characters willing to sell their soul to the devil waiting at the crossroads of Wall Street and Broadway.

Hopefully, you will come out of this movie with your soul intact.

Eagulls: Take It Beyond The Limit

By Ty Hudson
Campus Voice Staff Writer

GALLUP—Want to drop out of college and start a band?

Well, if you want to be a dope head, sure start a band, but you will never sound as real as Eagulls.

And don’t get them confused with sunny California band, The Eagles.

This punk band hails from overcast and gloomy Leeds, UK, and they take it beyond the limit.

On their eponymous debut album, Eagulls takes the best elements of Fugazi and At The Drive-In and molds it into a visceral wash of sound.

None of these songs slow down to make you think because they hypnotize you and bite you with urgency.
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