



UNM President's Report

A report to the University of New Mexico Board of Regents from the Office of the President

Message from David J. Schmidly

Guiding preparation for the University of New Mexico budget is one of my most important duties each year. UNM is a complex collection of students, faculty and staff whose basic mission is to generate and transmit knowledge. To carry out our mission, support is required in numerous forms ranging from salaries and libraries, to building and grounds maintenance and equipment, to student and faculty support services. All of this support requires resources and the short-term and long-range planning to manage those resources.

In today's climate, resources are not growing as rapidly as the university needs. Therefore, the method of allocating and accounting for these resources becomes ever more significant and critical. Every decision made in our resource allocation process impacts the ability to achieve our mission and speaks to our core values. Thus, in this highly resource-constrained environment, the process for resource allocation becomes increasingly crucial, and our success depends as much on our ability to do more with less as it does on our ability to find additional resources.

At the Feb. 29 Budget Summit, UNM's constituency groups articulated their need for resources. Today the UNM regents set the coming year's levels for tuition/fees and compensation, so we will know what kinds of resources will be available. Now begins the job of balancing the needs and the resources – a difficult task at best. This is when the spirit of cooperation and understanding will be needed most. I am confident that this spirit will guide our work in the coming weeks.

UNM's future in Rio Rancho is now much clearer with the success of the Higher Education Initiative in the March 4 municipal election. Once again, the citizens of Rio Rancho proved that education is of primary importance to them as they've provided the means for UNM to begin its campus near their City Center. On behalf of the university, I applaud their clear vision and thank them for their support of higher education.

Another important search is getting underway on campus – this one for the vice president of research. Being a major research university, this is one of UNM's most crucial leadership positions, as this individual will work with the faculty on the discovery of new knowledge. The search committee will soon

be getting its charge and setting the process in motion. Meanwhile, the searches for provost, vice president for enrollment management and vice president for equity and inclusion are well underway.

In the next couple of weeks, Zimmerman Library will be fully operational for the first time in nearly two years. It was the end of April 2006 when a fire destroyed the section of the basement housing periodicals and other collections. The journey back has been difficult, and I commend all of the people who guided the process through to completion. Zimmerman is truly better than ever and once again is the crown jewel of our campus and its academic mission.

The Zimmerman fire reminds UNM every day of the need for emergency preparedness. At Virginia Tech and Northern Illinois University, where students died, the reminders are even more vivid and more poignant. A week following the NIU tragedy on Feb. 14, UNM conducted a campus-wide emergency drill to test its communication systems and campus response. We will keep conducting these drills and strive for better outcomes each time. Even with a campus this size, there is nothing more important than the safety of our students, faculty, staff and visitors.

Working together, we can and will assure that safety.



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New Mexico's supercomputer completes historic test run

New Mexico's new supercomputer, the third fastest in the world, recently completed its first scientific application test run by an outside user. A weather forecast project by UNM Earth and Planetary Sciences Professor Joseph Galewsky tracked how a hypothetical winter storm would play out over nearly three weeks in an area that would cover much of the Western Hemisphere. The test run was accomplished in three hours and nine minutes, and about one month after the supercomputer, named Encanto, arrived in New Mexico. ■

Emergency drill results

During UNM's emergency drill on Feb. 21, the university was able to notify more than 8,000 people via-text message and more than 66,000 people via email that the drill was in progress. The drill helped to pinpoint areas for improvement and set the bar for future drills.

More than 70 people signed up for the opt-in text message system between the first message announcing the drill and the second message announcing the end of the drill. The text messages took between one and seven minutes to reach individual subscribers, depending on the cell system involved. Ninety-six percent of the messages were delivered to individual subscribers. ■



Governor Bill Richardson recently signed the largest Capital Projects General Obligation Bond Act in state history during a visit to UNM. The comprehensive package includes a commitment of more than \$180 million for New Mexico's colleges and universities.



UNM President David Schmidly met with Rio Rancho community members to answer questions about the March 4 Higher Education Initiative that gave voters the chance to bring UNM, CNM and other state higher education institutions to Rio Rancho. Among attendees was Bill White (seated, center), one of Rio Rancho's mayoral candidates.

Hutton receives Western Heritage Award

History Professor Paul Hutton's article, "Dreamscape Desperado: Billy the Kid and the Movies," received the 2007 Western Heritage Award for best article. Last fall, the article also received the 2007 Ray Allen Billington Prize for best article from the Western History Association. The article was published in the New Mexico Historical Review, a UNM publication. ■

United Way recognizes UNM gifts

UNM was recognized in five of six categories at a recent banquet held by the United Way of Central New Mexico. The university received honorable mentions for increase in donors, increase in participation, campaign dollar increase, percent increase and increase in average leadership gift. ■

UNM-Gallup reports rise in GEDs

UNM-Gallup's Adult Basic Education Center reports a significant increase in GED graduates. Fifty-six people earned GEDs from July 2006 to June 2007. From July to December 2007, 48 individuals earned GEDs. If the trend continues, it may lead to a 50 percent rise in GEDs awarded in 2007-08. ■

UNM-Valencia student recognized as New Century Scholar

For the second year in a row, a student from UNM-Valencia was named the New Century Scholar. Kathy Metzger, a nursing major at UNM-Valencia, was selected to represent the state of New Mexico on the All-USA Academic Team and receive a \$2,000 scholarship. Metzger has a G.P.A. of 4.27 and is active in student government at UNM-Valencia. ■



UNM students take top honors



Marketing students rise to Subaru Challenge

Students at the Anderson School of Management took first place in Project Acceleration: Subaru Impreza Collegiate Challenge.

The Subaru executives who served as judges said that undergraduate students in Marketing Professor John Benavidez' class did a superior job of quantifying the impact of results they attained after planning and executing a consistent integrated marketing plan. The focus of the project was for students to promote the Subaru Impreza product line to their peers: Generation Y.

This is the fourth consecutive year a team from UNM has advanced to the final round in this type of marketing competition. ■

Scribendi wins National Magazine Pacemaker

The 2006 Scribendi magazine has been awarded the National Magazine Pacemaker for general excellence and outstanding achievement by a college magazine in a national competition conducted by the Associated Collegiate Press. Scribendi is a student-produced journal of art and literature sponsored by the UNM University Honors Program and the Western Regional Honors Council. The journal publishes creative works by undergraduate honors students at more than 220 colleges and universities in 13 states in the western U.S. The Pacemaker Award is considered the highest honor in student journalism. ■



Lobos inducted into Hall of Fame

Buddy Robertson, Linda Estes and Susan Vigil MacEachen, all influential in the campaign for equal opportunity in athletics, were recently inducted into the Albuquerque/New Mexico Sports Hall of Fame. They represented UNM in several athletic and administrative achievements. ■

Inspirational Award winners announced

The winner of the L.F. "Tow" Diehm Inspirational Award for 2006-07 is Robb Bierbaum, while Terryn Granados and Jen Hale are the recipients of the Leslie Self Inspirational Award.

Started in 1997-98, this is the 10th year the awards have been presented to UNM male and female student athletes based on leadership, character, determination and commitment to team.

Bierbaum is a senior on the UNM men's golf team. Granados was a three-year starter at midfield for the Lobo soccer team. Hale was a four-year letter winner for the Lobo swim team. ■

UNM student athletes donate blood

UNM student athletes recently participated in the Mountain West Conference Blood Drive, a conference-wide community service project. The institution that collects the most pints of blood will be declared the winner. An award will be presented to the winning school's director of athletics during the Mountain West Conference Basketball Championships in Las Vegas. ■



The UNM Hospital recently received a major upgrade with the addition of the Bill and Barbara Richardson Pavilion. The new look includes a new hospital main entrance – the UNM Pavilion Plaza, located off of Camino de Salud.

HSC awarded \$15.5 million for telehealth grid

The UNM Health Sciences Center's Center for Telehealth and Cybermedicine Research will receive \$15.5 million from the Federal Communications Commission for the design, construction, operation and evaluation of a Southwest Telehealth Access Grid. The SW TAG will be developed as part of the FCC's Rural Health Care Pilot Program, a three-year, \$417 million nationwide project to create the infrastructure for a network of 69 statewide or regional broadband telehealth sites. The project will use Internet2 and National Lambda Rail broadband to share, distribute and coordinate telemedicine clinical services across sites, as well as providing education and training for rural health care professionals. ■

College of Nursing partners with St. Vincent

The College of Nursing and St. Vincent Regional Medical Center in Santa Fe, N.M., are partnering to provide registered nurses in the Santa Fe area an on-site Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program. The objective is to increase the number of BSN-prepared nurses in New Mexico. The College of Nursing will provide instruction, while St. Vincent provides classroom space technical support for instructors. ■

Mellon Foundation awards \$700,000 grant for fellowships

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation has awarded the UNM Foundation a four-year \$700,000 grant to fund a cohort-based fellowship program focused on advanced doctoral students from underrepresented or disadvantaged groups earning degrees in one of six social science or humanities departments in the College of Arts and Sciences. ■