

Community College Board Prepares for Mil Levy Election

The Branch Community College Board of Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell is preparing for a special election on February 3, 2009, when voters in Chaves County will be asked to approve an additional one mil levy for the continued operations, maintenance, and capital improvements of the campus. Two new Community College Board members will also be elected on February 3-- one from District 2 and one from District 3. Ed David currently holds the District 2 position and Steve Henderson holds the District 3 position. Both were elected to two year terms, which expire in 2009.

Board member, Clyde McKee, is chairing the mil levy committee, which will work to educate voters about why the additional mil levy is needed. During the December 9 board meeting, McKee



and university officials explained that the existing one mil levy paid by the college's local taxing district is required by state statute and the funds from that levy are returned to the state. The funds from this additional one mil, if approved, would stay with the university and be used to sustain campus operations and programs.

Dr. John Madden, ENMU-Roswell President, said ENMU-Roswell provides

an extensive range of very specialized programs (welding, respiratory therapy, radiographic technology, emergency medical services) that benefit local residents, but are costly to maintain because they require specific equipment that needs regular replacement to keep student learning current. These programs, like nursing and automotive technology, also require highly concentrated teacher-student interaction. Graduates from these programs provide local employers with expertise and that keeps services convenient and overall costs down for consumers. McKee and Madden also said expanded construction projects are stretching campus resources to maintain buildings and keep up with rising utility costs. "This mil levy is all about future sustainability for ENMU-Roswell" said McKee.

Chaves County Supports Education Bond

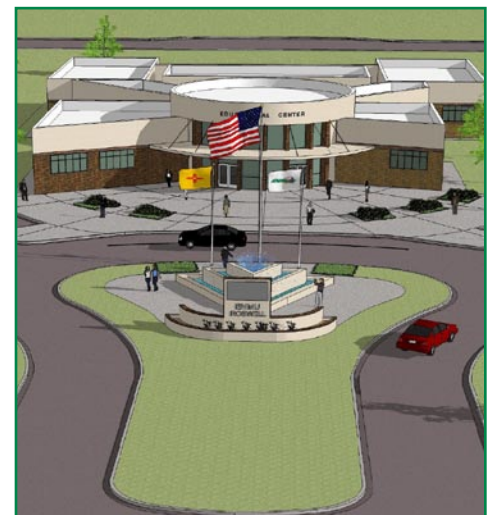
Colleges and universities across the state are celebrating the passage of General Obligation Bond Question D, which passed by 58 percent in the November 4 General Election. In Chaves County, more than 11-thousand voters supported Bond D, with a 59 percent 'for' vote. Of the \$140 million dollars now available for higher education projects throughout the state, Chaves County will receive \$9 million. Through Bond D, Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell will receive \$4 million for the construction a new Educational Center. NMMI will receive \$5 million for the renovation of Pearson Auditorium.

"We truly appreciate the support of our local community in giving us the funding we need to move forward with this Educational Center, which has long been part of the master plan for our

campus," said Dr. John Madden, ENMU-Roswell president. "We are committed to being good stewards of the funds we receive from property owners and we will keep the community informed of our progress on this project." Resolutions of support for Bond D were passed by the Roswell City Council, ENMU-Roswell Community College Board, ENMU-Roswell Foundation, and the ENMU Board of Regents.

Bond B to fund university, public, and school library acquisitions also passed statewide by 52 percent. Through Bond B, ENMU-Roswell's Learning Resource Center (LRC) will receive \$79,165. Rollah Aston, LRC Director said the funds will be used for library acquisitions, including updated print and online resources.

Bond C to fund the construction and renovation of health care and research



facilities statewide was also approved by voters by 65 percent. ENMU-Roswell will receive funds through Bond C to purchase needed dental equipment for Phase II of the Health Science Center and for equipment purchases related to telemedicine transmission.

ENMU-Roswell Celebrates Fall Commencement

More than 100 graduates participated in Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell's Fiftieth Commencement Convocation on December 11 at the Roswell Convention and Civic Center. Members of the ENMU Board of Regents, the ENMU-Roswell Community College Board, and Dr. Steven Gamble, ENMU President, attended the ceremony. Several local area bachelor's and master's degree candidates from ENMU in Portales also participated, in addition to a group of New Mexico Youth ChalleNGe Academy cadets who received Program Certificates. Youth ChalleNGe cadets also served as the Color Guard and the ENMU-Roswell Community Band and Chorale provided the music. The commencement speaker was Susan Irby, a graduate from Artesia, who received an Associate of Arts degree in business administration.

Irby graduated from Roswell High School 28 years ago. In her address to graduates, she talked about the people who have inspired her. She told stories



ENMU-Roswell graduates stand as the ceremony begins.

of the various teachers over the years who helped her with handwriting, math, accounting, English, and business. She said the instructors at ENMU-Roswell are wonderful. "We are so lucky coming to this school and having the instructors that care about us and take the time to learn all of our names," she said. "Not all colleges are this way. Most of the time you are just a number. I would rather the instructor knew me."

Irby also praised the students she had in classes who inspired her. Despite personal, financial, and medical obstacles, she said these students were driven to

accomplish their goals and earn degrees. Irby asked graduates to think about who has inspired them. "I encourage you to write a note to that person or go and visit that person and let them know how they have inspired you. As students and instructors, we do not know whom we touch or inspire. We need to keep ourselves open to all the opportunities that come our way. Who knows, someday someone might put you in their commencement speech." Irby plans to continue her education through ENMU and obtain a bachelor's degree in marketing.



ENMU-Roswell president, Dr. John Madden, congratulates Susan Irby.



Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Dwight Rogers, congratulates a Youth ChalleNGe graduate.



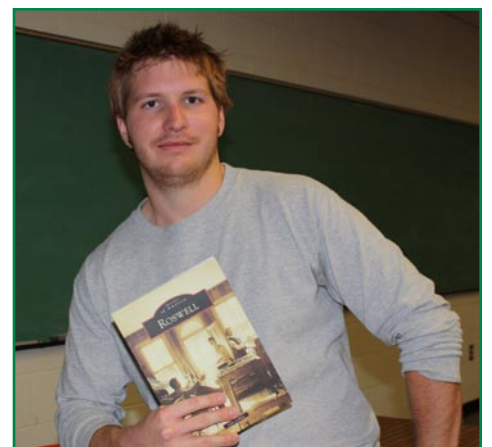
Cherryl Kilness, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs/Institutional Research, announced the graduates before they crossed the stage.

ENMU-Roswell Graduate Publishes Book on Roswell

A 2006 graduate of ENMU-Roswell has published a book featuring a pictorial history of Roswell. John LeMay's first book, *Roswell*, is part of Arcadia Publishing's Images of America series. LeMay, 23, said he started working on the book in January of this year and finished in July. He worked closely with the Historical Society of Southeast New Mexico and local historian and ENMU-Roswell Professor Emeritus of history, Elvis Fleming, to research the project. LeMay said he already has some ideas for his second book and appreciates the

positive feedback he is receiving for this book.

LeMay earned an Associate of Arts degree in University Studies from ENMU-Roswell in 2006, and he continues to take classes. The book is currently available at Hastings Books Music and Video, Cobean Stationery Company, the Historical Society for Southeast New Mexico, and the Roswell Museum and Art Center. LeMay said additional stores will also likely be selling the book in the coming weeks.



Theatre Department Presents 'Dracula'

The ENMU-Roswell Theatre Department presented Hamilton Deane's *Dracula*, November 21-23 in the Performing Arts Center on campus. The play was directed by Daniel Wolkow, ENMU-Roswell English instructor.

Based on the classic Bram Stoker novel that has thrilled and chilled audiences for years, each performance attracted a large and enthusiastic crowd. The cast and crew included students and members of the community who all came together to bring Roswell the fantastic tale of the 500-year-old vampire, who, with the invention of the aeroplane, made his way to London to investigate some new "opportunities." The show featured an epic set designed by Dallas Jeffers-Pollei, director and designer of last semester's production of *Godspell*.

Next spring, the ENMU-Roswell Theatre Department will present *Little Shop of Horrors*. Directed by Dallas

Jeffers-Pollei, English instructor. The musical will be performed April 17-19, 2009.



Cast members confront Count Dracula in one of the final scenes of the play. Left to right: Jamie Barnes as Professor Van Helsing; Aaron Zapata as Jonathan Harker; Jason Stewart as Count Dracula; and Brad Torch as Dr. Seward.

Scholarship Golf Tournament Raises Funds for CAPS

The Sixth Annual ENMU-Roswell Foundation Scholarship Golf Tournament raised \$15,000 for the Foundation's College Access Program Scholarships or CAPS. The tournament was held October 11 at the Spring River Golf Course. A total of 51 teams participated, making it one of Roswell's largest golf tournaments. A number of special awards and prizes donated from local businesses and individuals were presented to players in both the morning and afternoon flights.

The goal of CAPS is to give every student in Chaves County schools (public or private) the opportunity to attend ENMU-Roswell after high school graduation. "On average it takes about \$20,000 to fully fund one graduating fifth grade class all the way through high school graduation, so community support is essential to the continuing success of the program," said Susan Keohane, ENMU-Roswell Foundation Administrator. "CAPS can make a difference in the lives of our students and in the development of our community. We do appreciate the golfers and businesses for their generous support," she said.

Next year's tournament is scheduled for Saturday, October 10, 2009 at the Spring River Golf Course. For information about the ENMU-Roswell Foundation, contact Susan Keohane at 624-7059.



Dr. John Madden (second from left), ENMU-Roswell President accepts a \$2000 check from Sam's Club representatives for CAPS during the tournament.



Golfers enjoyed the cool fall weather.



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ENMU-Roswell Participates in Electric Light Parade



ENMU-Roswell's float featured a glowing UFO, in keeping with the 'Cosmic Christmas' theme of the parade. The campus float won first place in the non-commercial division.



Decked in Santa hats and other warm clothing, members of the ENMU-Roswell Community Band played holiday music during the parade.



Students from Sunset Elementary School wait in line to visit with Santa Claus during a Christmas party held for the children on December 2. For the past three years the Division of Health, including the Nursing program and the Child Development Center, have sponsored the party for children in grades K-2. More than 175 children participated this year. Hamill Bus Company provided the transportation as a gift to the school and the university.



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