The cost of books has increased dramatically, as much or more than $200 per book. This can impact a student’s decision to remain in school.

The College of Business has created a Student Textbook Scholarship to assist students in purchasing books. If you are interested in contributing to this scholarship, contact Sylvia Acosta at 505-646-4917 or sylviaa@nmsu.edu. You can also mail a contribution to: College of Business, MSC 3AD, New Mexico State University, P.O. Box 30001, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88003-80011, attention Sylvia Acosta.

During fall 2006, the New Mexico State University Board of Regents approved a merger between the NMSU Research Park Corp. and Arrowhead Center.

“This streamlines two of the university’s important economic development programs,” said Garrey Carruthers, NMSU College of Business dean and vice president for economic development.

Carruthers said the merger will allow the university to pursue public and private partnerships with companies interested in coming on campus to employ students, work with faculty and develop intellectual property.

As part of the agreement, the university will lease 170 acres of land at the Las Cruces campus as well as 27 acres adjacent to the NMSU Carlsbad campus to Arrowhead Center for development.

Kevin Boberg, associate dean of the NMSU College of Business and CEO of Arrowhead Center, said the agreement will help the university take advantage of a major asset, underdeveloped land between two major interstate highways, Interstates 10 and 25.

“Building out the park will provide learning and earning opportunities for students,” said Boberg. “Faculty members will have the opportunity to work side by side with colleagues in industry. Residents will find new employment opportunities.”

The land in Carlsbad is already home to the Carlsbad Environmental Monitoring and Research Center. “We have some future economic development opportunities there as well,” said Boberg.

Arrowhead Center is a non-profit corporation owned by NMSU specializing in economic development. Its mission is to promote the creation and expansion of small businesses in New Mexico.
With so many opportunities inside and outside of the classroom, Phillip C. Trujillo has an active life. Not only does he keep a full course load during the academic year, he is also involved with many student organizations and activities. He is an ambassador for the College of Business, a senator with the Associated Students of NMSU, and an active member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and the Hispanic Business Student Association.

During the summer, he gains practical experience as an intern in one of Fortune 500’s most successful companies. Trujillo, a native of Kirtland, N.M., is an executive manager intern at Target Corp. responsible for finding theft and fraud issues that may arise in the company.

“I am able to blend many of the lessons I learned in the classroom with the knowledge and expertise of my team to achieve our goals,” he said.

The junior management major said the education he’s received from the College of Business has prepared him to not only meet the demands of a new career but to excel.

“In several of my classes I was presented with theories and ideas on ways to effectively manage a team. Once I entered the business environment I was able to apply those skill sets in a way that made me develop myself and my team,” he said.

Trujillo’s interest in business began while in high school when a teacher’s passion for the field made the class fascinating.

“My teacher was so passionate about the subject I would find myself thinking outside of the box to get the answer,” he said.

“Every day we would go over concepts related to the real world, which made them that more important.”

For Trujillo, NMSU and the College of Business were the perfect place for him.

“I feel right at home here,” he said. “There are plenty of faculty members that take a real interest in student success and growth. They are always willing to offer their expertise in any way that may help their students.”

“I visited several campuses across the country and none were as passionate about students as NMSU’s College of Business,” he said. “We are also fortunate enough to have one of New Mexico’s strongest leaders, former Governor Garrey Carruthers, as our dean. He brings his experience and enthusiasm to lead our college into the new era.”

The number of graduate students in New Mexico State University’s College of Business is up almost 40 percent in one year, and Business Dean Garrey Carruthers doesn’t plan to stop there.

“It’s now a part of university policy to focus more attention on recruiting undergrads for our graduate programs and it’s really paying off for us,” said Carruthers.

The number of graduate students in the College of Business was up 39.5 percent in fall 2006 compared with fall 2005. The biggest increases were in continuing students and new graduate students, with jumps of 54.5 percent and 61.1 percent respectively.

Carruthers credits new distance education partnerships for bringing in many of the new students. NMSU now offers Master of Business Administration programs for Los Alamos National Laboratory and White Sands Missile Range employees.

“We think the distance MBA program is really the future of the business college,” Carruthers said.

While other distance education programs at NMSU allow students to use the Internet to earn college credit, the business college actually sends faculty members to both LANL and WSMR to teach. The university does have one interactive Internet course with WSMR that is being evaluated.

“We’re not going to wait for students to just show up on our doorstep, we are going to go out there and find them,” Carruthers said.

In the future, the business college would like to work with Fort Bliss and eventually Holloman Air Force Base to create similar programs, Carruthers said.

Carruthers also points to an increase in the number of first-time freshmen as a bright spot for the future of the business college.

The increase in first-time freshmen is part of a universitywide increase, ranking as the third-highest freshman class in the past 20 years. NMSU’s distance education enrollment also rose 48 percent in the past year.
New Mexico State University will be the first university in the country to offer a Professional Doctorate in Economic Development degree.

“Economic development is a priority for New Mexico and NMSU,” said Garrey Carruthers, business dean and vice president for economic development. “This will complement our efforts in creating new economic development opportunities in the state.”

The program is designed to provide advanced graduate-level training to people already in the economic development field.

“The need for this comes from the state of New Mexico,” said Jim Peach, an NMSU economics professor and part of the team putting the program together. “We are always somewhere near the bottom in per capita income. The need for economic development is obvious.”

“This advanced degree program will provide another tool to continue to upgrade the quality of our economic development professionals around the state,” said former Secretary Rick Homans, New Mexico Economic Development Department. “This program will help us discover new ideas and strategies to meet our economic challenges, especially in the rural communities of New Mexico.”

Because many of the program’s potential students are already professionals, instruction will likely be a combination of traditional classroom education, distance education and face-to-face distance education.

“It’s not our goal to train academics. We want the people we train to be able to go out and have a direct impact on economic development, especially in the state of New Mexico,” said Jim Libbin, a professor in agricultural economics and agribusiness.

“Unfortunately, a lot of people in the field of economic development either don’t have the knowledge necessary or they are self-taught,” said Peach.

The program is a partnership between the Department of Economics and International Business in the College of Business and the Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness in the College of Agriculture and Home Economics. The two departments already collaborate to jointly offer a Master of Arts in Economics and a Master of Science in Agricultural Economics.

Applications will be accepted beginning fall 2007 for admission in fall 2008. For information call professor Rick Adkisson at 505-646-4988.

Professor works with Flywheel Ventures

Professor of finance Ken Martin spent a semester working for Flywheel Ventures, a four-person venture capital company that moved from California’s Silicon Valley to Santa Fe a few years ago.

He participated in the partners’ weekly conference calls and sat in on a “deal pitch,” a company’s business plan presentation to a firm in hopes of gaining financing.

Martin also worked on a social network analysis research project for the company that he plans to continue for his own research.

“One of the critical elements in starting a company is to have management talent,” Martin says. “We have lots of scientists and engineers in New Mexico, but not people with the management experience needed for start-up companies.”

By tapping into university alumni networks, Martin hopes to lure back New Mexicans who have the necessary management skills.

He plans to share what he learned about venture capitalists with clients who come to the Arrowhead Center.

Martin, a 2006 Regents Professor, also has led the effort to establish two student-managed investment funds: the Wetherbe Fund and the State Investment Council Fund.

Professor works with Flywheel Ventures
New Mexico State University's College of Business Hall of Fame inducted three new members and recognized the first ever Traders Award recipients during a dinner and ceremony in September 2006.

“One of the joys of being the dean of our great College of Business is to recognize those who helped make it great,” said Garrey Carruthers, dean of the business college. “The faculty, staff and students of the college thank the Hall of Fame and Traders awardees for their many contributions to business, the community and NMSU.”

The Hall of Fame inductees include John Cordova, director of sports transaction management for Coca-Cola; Jennifer Taylor, NMSU’s senior vice president for business, finance and human resources; and Daniel Sosa Jr., a retired state Supreme Court judge.

Cordova, a 1981 and 1983 NMSU graduate, has been in the sports marketing business for more than 20 years. The former Aggie football player (1976-1979) began his career in sports business at the Major League Baseball Commissioners Office in New York.

Taylor, a 1982 and 1997 NMSU graduate, is responsible for the accounting and business operation functions, human resources administration, auxiliary service operations and the financial systems administration.

Sosa, a 1947 NMSU graduate, is a highly decorated World War II veteran and is one of the 10 original founders of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF) organization.

The college also recognized the first ever Traders Awards recipients. They include Frankie Clemons, former professor and assistant dean in the business college; Stan Hanssen, who received an honorary doctorate from NMSU in 1996; and Hank Willis, a 1947 NMSU alumnus.

The business college initiated the Hall of Fame 10 years ago to honor outstanding alumni who have distinguished themselves in their careers and to develop a stronger relationship between the college and the business community.

2006 Hall of Fame recognized six outstanding alums

The Stock Market Game™, a computer simulated competition played on the Internet, is sponsored by the College of Business and the New Mexico Securities Division. It is the only stock market simulation-based educational program endorsed nationally by both the industry (the Securities Industry Association) and the regulators of the industry (the Securities & Exchange Commission).

Student teams begin with an imaginary $100,000 and during a 10-week period each semester make transactions with real stocks and mutual funds traded on the three major U.S. stock exchanges on which they are given actual closing prices. Players may buy, sell, short sell and short cover. All transactions are charged a 2 percent broker fee. Teams may buy on margin and are charged 7 percent interest. Teams receive 5 percent interest on cash balances and receive dividends that are paid on stocks in their portfolios during the game. The portfolios and ranking reports are updated daily. The goal is to increase the value of the portfolio as much as possible in 10 weeks.

The SMG coordinator at NMSU offers training workshops before the start of the game each semester during which game rules, research techniques, classroom uses of the program and general investing information are provided. The Stock Market Game™ is online at http://www.stockmarketgame.org.

Students learn about stocks and mutual funds

Martin Cabrera Jr., president of Cabrera Capital Markets Inc., is a strong supporter of the Stock Market Game program. He has contributed $20,000 to increase student participation in the program.
Alum donates 10,000 shares of stock

When Bradley Gordon, a 1978 New Mexico State University alum, is asked to give advice on how to be successful, oddly the word failure makes it into the mix.

“Failure is one of the many steps on the road to success,” said Gordon, vice president of finance and corporate planning for Celgene Corp., a New Jersey-based pharmaceutical company.

And Gordon knows about mishaps and misfortune, disappointment and displeasure.

In the mid 1970s, Gordon found himself at a crossroads. Having been dismissed out of three Midwestern universities, a career counselor asked him what he thought was a silly question: “Where do you want to go to graduate school?”

“I laughed because I couldn’t even finish my undergraduate work,” Gordon said.

With help from the career counselor, Gordon found himself in the Land of Enchantment.

“New Mexico?” Gordon remembered saying. “Where is it? What’s it like and how long do I have to be there?”

Gordon grew to appreciate the desert and finished his bachelor’s degree in business administration in two and a half years.

In appreciation for what he gained at NMSU, the 2006 College of Business Distinguished Alum donated 10,000 shares of Celgene stock to the college.

At New Mexico State “I learned to believe in my abilities and talents,” Gordon said in a telephone interview from his home in San Diego. “I learned to succeed.”

“The Bradley Gordon story is one of the most remarkable stories I have heard about,” said Garrey Carruthers, dean of the business college. “He was able to persevere and become a successful businessman, helping start several companies. For his many achievements, we are proud of both Bradley Gordon and New Mexico State.”

Celgene is an integrated global pharmaceutical company primarily engaged in the discovery, development and commercialization of innovative therapies designed to treat cancer and immunological diseases through regulation of genomic and proteomic targets.

PGM Program has successful year

The New Mexico State University Professional Golf Management Program, which will celebrate its 20th anniversary this fall, has had many successes this year. Below are some highlights.

- 2007 PGA/PGM Jones Cup Tournament winners by 42 strokes. This is the biggest victory in the history of this tournament.
- 2007 West Coast PGA/PGM Golf Tournament winners. NMSU has won this tournament three of the last four years.
- Student Anthony Vitale won the 2007 PGA Paul Runyan Scholarship ($2,500).
- Student Devon Newell won the 2007 Association of Golf Merchandisers Scholarship ($1,000).
- The PGM program had its largest graduating class in spring 2007. More than 40 students graduated into the Professional Golfer’s Association Class A membership with their marketing degree. All of these students have secured a position in the golf industry.
- Pat Gavin, PGM director, and Jason White, PGM assistant director, were both elected to the Sun Country Professional Golfer’s Association (PGA) Board of Directors. This will be White’s first term on the board and Gavin’s fifth term.
- Pat Gavin received the 2007 Sun Country PGA “Horton Smith Award,” a yearly award presented for outstanding educational contributions. This is the seventh time Gavin has received the award.
HRTM continues enrollment surge

For the second straight year, the School of Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management at New Mexico State University has seen a remarkable increase in student enrollment. The numbers from HRTM are part of an increase for the entire College of Agriculture and Home Economics, which had a 20 percent jump in first-time freshmen and an almost 5 percent rise in undergraduates.

“I think part of the reason is HRTM becoming a school and our relationship with the College of Business,” said Janet Green, HRTM director. “I also attribute the growth to jobs available in the industry due to increased demand from hotels, resorts and other related businesses being built.”

Green added that the school also benefits from money available to students to help pay for their education. Scholarships are available based on academic performance, financial need and some on both criteria from various sources, including the private sector.

“We have excellent, award-winning faculty and staff, which is not only a major source of pride for us, but it also helps attract students,” she said. “It is also often said that our faculty is very student-centered, not only being quality professors, but also serving as career counselors.”

MBA program recognized for efforts by state program

The College of Business Masters of Business Administration program has received the 2006 Piñon Recognition by the New Mexico Quality Award program.

The recognition stems from the college’s demonstration of continuous improvement in the MBA program and is the result of more than a year of documentation of processes by faculty and staff. The College of Business created a quality committee in late 2005 to work on the project. The committee worked throughout 2006, submitted an application for the Piñon in August 2006, received feedback in December and was finally recognized with the Piñon Recognition during a ceremony in March 2007.

“Quality New Mexico teams of examiners spent at least 40 hours looking over submission packets so it was important for our work to be thorough,” said Bonnie Daily, head of the College of Business Management Department. “They decide whether you deserve recognition and where there are opportunities for improvement.”

Daily was co-chair of the team that worked on the entry submission along with Dean Garrey Carruthers. Bobbie Green, head of the MBA program, was also involved as well as other faculty in the College of Business.

“I think the growth of the MBA program really speaks a lot about our commitment,” said Daily. “We also put a lot of emphasis on faculty and student surveys, beyond what is normally required.” From 2004 to 2006, enrollment in the MBA program has increased by 100 percent.

Quality New Mexico offers three levels of recognition. The Zia Award is the highest honor. Roadrunner Recognition is the second highest, and Piñon Recognition is reserved for organizations demonstrating a commitment to quality and who are in the early stages of their continuous improvement journey.
Matching Gift Program

Many companies have “matching gift” programs to encourage employee philanthropy. When you donate, your gift could be matched dollar for dollar by a contribution from your employer, effectively increasing the value and recognition of your gift at no extra cost to you. Check with your employer or if you would like more information about the Corporate Matching Gifts Program, please call Sylvia Acosta at 505-646-4917.

Stan Fulton gives $1 million to college

The College of Business at New Mexico State University will soon have a better chance of recruiting and keeping high-quality professors thanks to a donation from local businessman Stan Fulton. Fulton made a $1 million gift to create an endowed chair.

“Yet again, Stan Fulton’s generosity and willingness to invest in New Mexico State University gives us a chance to stay on our course to excellence,” said NMSU President Michael Martin.

Fulton owns Sunland Park Racetrack and Casino and has made several large donations to NMSU in the past few years.

“Stan Fulton is an outstanding businessman and friend of New Mexico State University,” said Garrey Carruthers, dean of the College of Business. Any of the college’s departments will be able to use the endowed chair.

“This particular gift will allow us to further strengthen faculty and programs in the College of Business,” said Martin.

Endowments are invested and the interest earned can be used to recruit special, hard-to-find faculty members from across the country and to retain prestigious faculty members already on staff.

“Fulton’s name will forever be linked to the endowed chair, and therefore always linked to a tradition of academic excellence at NMSU,” said Martin.

Frankie Clemons has many legacies

For Frankie Clemons, a retired assistant dean of the College of Business at New Mexico State University, it was always about the students. Clemons taught classes in the Department of Management and gave seminars and workshops around the state. She also taught communications classes, supervised the college advising center and cooperative education program, and recruited students. Her primary passion was working with the students, student placement and Crimson Scholars program.

“I still hear from many of the students that I worked with during those years,” says Clemons, a 2006 Traders Award recipient. “It was always a very positive experience for me and I guess it was for the students as well.”

When Frankie and her late husband Dr. Russell Clemons, were finalizing their estate plans, they included NMSU as a major beneficiary.

“It was just what we wanted to do,” Frankie says. “This university was just so important to us.”

One component of their planning is an insurance policy on Frankie, which names NMSU as principal beneficiary. Beyond that Frankie has given her name to the legacy society within the College of Business. Anyone who makes a planned gift to the college will be named a member of the Frankie Clemons Legacy Society and is invited to participate in special events at the college as well as the university’s 1888 Society.

In recognition of her support for the college she was one of the recipients of the Traders Award presented during the college’s annual Hall of Fame dinner in September 2006.

Alum established professorship in honor of John P. Loveland

The Dr. John P. Loveland Professorship in Quality Management was established in March of 2007 by a former MBA student of John Loveland.

The professorship was established with a $137,465 gift from the former student and matched with $125,000 by the state of New Mexico.

The professorship will ensure that quality management remains a central focus of the Department of Management.

Loveland served New Mexico State University for 36 years as a professor of management, department head of management (1983-1994) and director of key college programs in the College of Business. He also served as college director of the Center for Quality Management and Manufacturing.

He was one of the first recipients of the Burlington Northern Foundation Faculty Achievement Award in recognition of outstanding university teaching. He received the faculty award for Outstanding Service in the college in 1982, and in 1991 also received the university’s FirstLight Federal Credit Union (formerly Fort Bliss FCU) Achievement Award for excellent service to NMSU. Loveland also helped establish the Quality New Mexico Program. In addition, he has served as keynote speaker and delivered professional training seminars for NMSU, Las Cruces area organizations, state agencies, and the broader business community in his areas of expertise.

Loveland received his bachelor’s of business administration in 1960 and MBA in 1965 from Texas A&M University. He completed his Ph.D. at Arizona State University in 1970 with a focus on management and quantitative methods and marketing.
WSSB comes to New Mexico State

New Mexico State University is the new home of the Western States School of Banking (WSSB).

“We are delighted to be the new host for the Western States School of Banking,” said NMSU President Michael Martin. “This will offer our students and faculty the opportunity to interact with banking leaders from across the region. It will also give these leaders the opportunity to meet the outstanding faculty and students of New Mexico State University.”

The WSSB is a school designed to train professionals in the skills necessary to advance their careers in the banking industry. School leaders said they chose NMSU as their new site after close consideration of numerous locations throughout New Mexico and Colorado.

“We are very excited about this new partnership,” said Slim McWilliams, WSSB chair and president and chief executive officer of the Citizens State Bank of Cortez. “NMSU and its College of Business have strong leadership, an incredible staff and faculty, and excellent facilities.”

Business Dean Garrey Carruthers said the college had been working to strengthen its ties to the banking community.

“We are focusing on both insurance and banking in our Department of Finance, believing this is a niche for our fine faculty and staff as well as in areas of public service and education that will be most helpful to the industry. In addition, I am hopeful some of the economic analysis and projections from Arrowhead Center economists will be useful to the community bankers,” he said.

“We are certain this will eventually help open all kinds of doors for our finance students in terms of guest lecturers, scholarships, internships and employment opportunities,” said Lizbeth Ellis, head of the finance department. “This is also a great opportunity for the college, and the finance department in particular, to provide the type of community outreach that the university is now promoting.”

More than 70 students from New Mexico, Colorado, Kansas and California attended WSSB’s 8-day summer banking course, held this summer inside Corbett Center Student Union. WSSB’s students are professionals already in the banking industry. Most work for smaller community banks. The program is designed to help them advance their careers.

The business of art: NMSU students help make art profitable

Virginia Maria Romero is a successful, award-winning artist, but now she is taking her passion even further thanks to the work of New Mexico State University business students.

Romero approached NMSU for help with a marketing plan and business strategy for Arte de Romero, a young company she and a partner created. The company markets ceramic tiles with images reproduced from Romero’s original artwork for gifts and murals. The project was given to the Arrowhead Center, which specializes in helping small businesses get off the ground. This was Arrowhead’s first time helping an artist.

“I was able to ask questions and get answers I wouldn’t have been able to get anywhere else,” said Romero of her work with Arrowhead Center. “Their help was more than anything I ever anticipated.”

Romero has won recognition for her artwork. Her gift tiles are sold in a variety of locations across New Mexico, but she wanted to expand to more shops in more locations around the country. She also wanted to market her tiles for murals in museums, universities or other public places, giving large-scale visibility to her work.

Arrowhead assigned Romero’s project to NMSU’s BA 502 class, the capstone course for the College of Business’s MBA program.

The student team of Jaren Broadbent, Richard Hernandez and Renee Huber-Landrum met with Romero once a week throughout the spring 2007 semester while conducting market analysis and developing the best plan for her.

“With the qualities of products Arte de Romero produces, as well as Mrs. Romero’s ability to form relationships with people, we believe Arte de Romero has a lot of potential,” said Hernandez.

Romero said she is using some of the student recommendations, including charting sales and other figures, to monitor growth. She said she is excited about implementing more of their suggestions.

Virginia Romero created a special tile for the College of Business. It will be used for special recognition at the college.

This year’s WSSB class contained 36 first-year students and 35 returning students.
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Aggies to host 2007 WAC Volleyball Tournament

The Aggies Volleyball Team will host the 2007 WAC Volleyball Championships Nov. 15-17 at the Pan American Center.

The tournament will be the third time NMSU has hosted a WAC Championship in the past nine months after hosting the 2007 WAC Men’s and Women’s Basketball Championships in March and the 2007 WAC Women’s Golf Championships in April.

“We are very excited to bring the volleyball championships to Las Cruces,” said volleyball coach Mike Jordan. “I believe we are going to have a very good team this year, and it will be a great way to finish up the year at home in front of our fans.”

Like the WAC Basketball Championships, hosting the competition will give the NMSU volleyball team a competitive advantage. Both basketball teams advanced to the championship game of their tournament while the men’s squad won its first WAC Tournament title and advanced to its first NCAA Tournament since 1999.

“With the success both of our basketball teams had, we are really looking forward to having the same kind of home court advantage in volleyball,” Jordan said. “We have such a great fan base, and I really think we are going to set NMSU attendance records, if not WAC records. I also think it is going to give us a chance to recruit new fans into the world of college volleyball.”
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