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in each state where The Leading Object  
would be instruction in agriculture and related fields*



**NMSU's College of Agriculture and Home Economics**

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### The Dean's Perspective

We are on the verge of a new beginning at NMSU. Even as we thank Dr. William Conroy for his able leadership that made the magnificent new laboratory building a reality and nurtured much of our current success, we can look forward to able new leadership.

Dr. G. Jay Gogue, who will assume the NMSU presidency July 1, appears very well prepared for the position. As the No. 2 man at Utah State University, he has experience with an institution that shares many similarities with NMSU. Both NMSU and Utah State are Western land-grant institutions, which are the second largest public institutions in their respective states. Both were members of the Big West Conference in athletics.

There are some areas where Utah State has more intensively developed programs than NMSU. Experience with these areas of private giving, distance education and international programs, gives Dr. Gogue good insight into how NMSU should move forward.

Those of us who met him or saw him give presentations also came away impressed that he has a command of the issues that face university administrations and a good understanding of challenges we must address in our institution.

We want to help Dr. Gogue have a successful presidency at this very comprehensive and diverse institution.

## NMSU president-designate a man of land-grant experience

G. Jay Gogue, who assumes the NMSU presidency July 1, is a product of land-grant universities, having earned his degrees from two and worked at three others. The provost at Utah State University since 1995, Gogue holds three degrees in horticulture.

Earning his bachelor's and master's degrees from Auburn, the native of Waycross, Ga. earned his doctorate from Michigan State University in 1973. There he earned a commission as a U.S. Army officer from ROTC and served in the Reserve for the next six years.

From 1973 to 1986, he worked his way up the ladder in the National Park Service, becoming the service's chief scientist in 1977 and adding the title of chief of the division of interpretation in 1979.

As part of his federal duties in 1976 and 1977, he served as an assistant professor at Texas A & M, teaching eight horticulture classes. At the same time, he was affiliated with the Santa Fe office of the National Park Service.

In 1986, he became associate director of Clemson University's office of research, moving on to vice president of research in 1988. In

1994, he took on the additional roles of acting dean of the College of Forest and Recreation Resources and vice president/vice provost for agriculture and natural resources.

Gogue held full professorships in Utah State's College of Natural Resources and Clemson's College of Forest and Recreation Resources.

When asked to comment on NMSU's strengths and weaknesses during his public presentations at NMSU, he cited several academic areas as strengths, including arid lands agriculture, which he called "second to none." But he said private giving at NMSU was near the bottom for an institution its size, and the number of graduate students was well below what it should be, given the levels of research funding. He said benefits packages for faculty and staff needed to be addressed as well.

When asked how he would change emphasis at the university, he said he would not favor wholesale reallocation of positions from one unit to another. But he favored a strategic plan that stated where money would be spent. ❖

### Need to meet with the dean?

**No appointments necessary  
on Fridays, 3-5 p.m.\***

\*Occasionally the dean is called away, but time is blocked for drop-ins.

# Edward Lujan honored at commencement

Edward Lujan of Albuquerque, a two-time graduate of the College of Agriculture and Home Economics, was awarded an honorary doctorate at NMSU's spring commencement May 13. He was recognized for this civic leadership and commitment to economic development in New Mexico.

Lujan received a bachelor's degree in agriculture in 1954 and a master's degree in agricultural education in 1956. He is chairman of Manuel Lujan Agencies, a family insurance and real estate business with offices in Albuquerque, Belen and Taos.

Lujan has promoted economic development as chairman of the New Mexico Economic Development Commission and as a member of the Governor's Business Advisory Council, the Albuquerque Economic Forum and the board of directors of the Albuquerque Economic Development Corp.

He is chairman of the New Mexico Hispanic Cultural Center board and a former chairman of the Hispanic Culture Foundation board. He has served on the New Mexico Governmental Ethics Oversight Committee.

Lujan also has served NMSU. He is a former chairman of the New Mexico State University Business Council. More recently, he served on NMSU's Presidential Search Committee. Earlier this year, the *New Mexico Business Journal* recognized Lujan as one of New Mexico's most influential leaders. ❖

## Regents' Report

In a meeting that had three split votes and open debate, NMSU's Board of Regents approved an increase in tuition and fees, addressed graduate student stipends and liberalized alcohol policies on campus.

In a 4-1 vote, Regents approved a 12.5-percent tuition increase and a 9.11-percent increase on other fees. Student-regent Avery Culbertson cast the opposing vote. An earlier motion to increase tuition fees by 15 percent offered by Regent Larry Sheffield and seconded by Regent James Manatt failed on a 2-3 vote.

The NMSU administration had recommended a 9.11-percent tuition and fees increase. Sheffield offered his motion, saying faculty salary and graduate stipend gaps between NMSU and competitive institutions were at crisis levels. Marie Heaton, Faculty Senate chairperson, said faculty positions were remaining open because starting salaries couldn't be met. Offerings would be reduced, if the problem wasn't addressed, she said.

Adopted policy, suggested by Board President Adelmo Archuleta, included provisions to support a 3-percent faculty and staff salary increase and to increase teaching assistant stipends by almost \$2,000. Archuleta said the stipend increase would bring NMSU stipends from the current second-from-the-bottom ranking among peer institutions to third or fourth from the top.

Archuleta said the tuition and fee increase was within the agreement with student leaders to not raise tuition and fees more than 45 percent over five years. Over

the past two years, tuition was increased a total of 13 percent.

William McCamley, Associated Students of NMSU president-elect, said it was his understanding that the agreement included a 10-percent, per-year cap as well.

Regent John Van Sweden cast the lone dissenting vote on a motion by Sheffield to allow sale of beer and wine at the NMSU golf course in the club house, pavilion and on a traveling cart on the course. The new policy also authorizes the president to allow the sale of alcohol for specific events on campus on a case-by-case basis, provided the sale is within the law. The new policy takes effect August 1.

The board also approved the establishment of the Physical Sciences Institute. Gary Cunningham, vice president for research, said the institute would be a research park corporation that would allow a greater variety of contracts to be accommodated by scientists on campus.

"The type of contracts would include management contracts like the one the University of California has to manage Los Alamos National Laboratory," he said.

In his last board meeting as president, William Conroy parted with a quip. "I've thought and thought and thought and I honestly don't know how you will go on without my guidance," he said.

Conroy added that the next time board members see him at their meeting, he would be in Bermuda shorts lobbying for retirees' rights.

He commended the board for selecting G. Jay Gogue as his successor, saying he was a terrific choice. ❖

# Leaders, faculty, staff, students honored at Awards Day

Three community leaders were honored for their contributions to the agricultural industry April 28 by NMSU's College of Agriculture and Home Economics. Bud Eppers received the Outstanding Leadership Award, Gretchen Sammis received the Leyendecker Agriculturist of Distinction Award, and Joe E. Parker received the Fabian Garcia Founders' Award of Excellence.

Jerry Schickedanz, the college's dean and chief administrative officer, announced the award winners at the Awards Day ceremony as NMSU's Executive Vice President John Owens presented them.

Eppers, of Roswell, owns a ranch and operates Bud Eppers and Associates, a consulting service that assists landowners with water rights and grazing permit issues.

Eppers serves on the board of directors and chairs the public lands committee of the National Cattlemen's Association. He also is chair of the Bureau of Land Management's Grazing Advisory Board. In addition, Eppers serves on the advisory committee for NMSU's Range Improvement Task Force.

Sammis, of Cimarron, owns the Chase Ranch, which is a 11,000-acre, Hereford cow-calf operation.

She has served on the New Mexico Soil and Water Conservation Commission under three governors. Sammis has served on the Colfax Soil and Water Conservation District since 1972. She also has been a member of the National Association of Conservation District's Board of Directors and the Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative National Steering Committee.

Parker, of Las Cruces, is a 1950 dairy science graduate of New Mexico A & M. He worked 25 years as a field representative with Olin Corporation, selling agricultural chemicals in New Mexico and West Texas. During the last 10 years of

his career, he worked for Mountain Pass Canning in Anthony, which produces the Old El Paso brand.

In 1993, NMSU's Agricultural Experiment Station released Nu-Mex Joe E. Parker, a New Mexico 6-4 type of chile with a thicker fruit wall and higher yield. The chile was named for Parker because he helped evaluate the selection. In 1990, when he retired, growers established a scholarship in his name. Today, the Joe E. Parker Scholarship endowment is up to \$40,000.

At the ceremony, students and faculty also were honored. Joey Rae Sanchez of Pecos was named the college's outstanding student in home economics. Lucia Bond of Las Cruces was named the outstanding student in agriculture.

Sanchez graduated in May with a bachelor's degree in hotel, restaurant and tourism management. She maintained a 3.9 grade point average while being active in student organizations.

She was involved in the Hospitality and Tourism Student Association and was a founding member of the NMSU student chapter of the Professional Convention Management Association. Sanchez is a College Ambassador.

Bond graduated from NMSU in May with a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics and agricultural business. She maintained a 3.9 grade point average during her academic career.

Bond was involved in Block and Bridle, the Wool Judging Team, the Range Club, National Agri-Marketing Association and Collegiate Cowbells. She also was on the college's Agricultural and Home Economics' Council and has served as a College Ambassador.

Dean's Awards of Excellence also were presented to outstanding undergraduate and graduate students in the college. Undergraduate

awardees included Elizabeth Albin of Albuquerque, hotel, restaurant and tourism management; Karen Browne of Santa Fe, agronomy and horticulture; Laurie Burton of Deming, agricultural economics; Juan-gabriel Gallegos of Las Cruces, agricultural biology; Karim Martinez of Las Cruces, family and consumer sciences; Sabrina Measday Price of Deming, animal science; Laura Melton of Las Cruces, animal science; Carl Millegan of Española, wildlife science; Hilda Rivera of El Paso, family and consumer science; C. Nathaniel Roybal of Mora, animal science; Jesus Trujillo of Loco Hills, agricultural and extension education; and Bari Williams of Las Cruces, agronomy and horticulture.

Graduate student awardees included Scott Bailey of Las Cruces, agricultural economics; David Denniston of Las Cruces, animal science; Peggy Register Garrison of El Paso, family and consumer sciences; Andrine Morrison of La Luz, agricultural biology; Sara Sue Torres of Las Cruces, agricultural and extension education; and Sabine Whitley of Las Cruces, agronomy and horticulture.

The following college faculty and staff members were honored: Craig Runyan, Distinguished Service Award; Rhonda Skaggs, Distinguished Research Award; Esther Devall, Distinguished Teaching Award; Rosalind Grizzell, Distinguished Classified Staff Award; Sharon West, Distinguished Extension Award; and Allen Torell, National Association of Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture Teaching Award of Merit. ❖

# Six leaders honored by NMSU's Sam Steel Society

Six leaders have been named honorary members of the Sam Steel Society.

They are Jacob Saiz, Associated Students of NMSU president; Cristóbal Eloy Roybal, Vaughn Municipal Schools superintendent; Anita Roybal, educator and school administrator; Edward "Jack" Wallace, former district director for NMSU's Cooperative Extension Service; Dorman Brookey, former supervisor of NMSU's 4-H program; and Fernando Macias, Doña Ana County manager.

Jerry G. Schickedanz, dean and chief administrative officer of the College of Agriculture and Home Economics, presented the honorary memberships May 12.

The society honors the memory of Sam Steel, who would have been the university's first graduate had he not been killed just months before his graduation in 1893.

Saiz received a bachelor's degree in criminal justice May 13. He has been a member of NMSU's presidential search committee, a voting student member of the Commission on Higher Education and an ex-officio member of NMSU's Board of Regents.

Superintendent Cristóbal Roybal also is the band director and technology director for the Vaughn Municipal Schools. He has been band director in Peñasco and superintendent in Mosquero. During his 20 years with the Mora Independent Schools, he directed music programs and started computer-aided drafting classes.

Anita Roybal has worked with four school districts in New Mexico, serving as an elementary and high school principal, interactive TV coordinator, bilingual director, grant writer, English and language arts teacher, in-school suspension coordinator and elementary music teacher. Anita and Cristóbal own a ranch at the foot of the Sangre de Cristos.

The Roybals were inducted into the society along with their oldest son, C. Nathaniel Roybal. He is their first child to graduate from college, receiving a bachelor's degree in animal science from NMSU. He will be attending the University of New Mexico's medical school.

Wallace worked for Extension for 30 years. He has been an Eddy County 4-H agent, rural development coordinator, and southern and southeastern district Extension director. He now manages pecan orchards in Las Cruces.

Brookey, of Las Cruces, began his Extension career in Lea County as an assistant, associate and county agent. From 1956 to 1980, he served as assistant director, associate director and supervisor of NMSU's 4-H program. Before his retirement in 1984, Brookey was Extension's equal employment opportunity director and training specialist for the Egyptian Major Cereals Improvement Program in Cairo. He has chaired committees for the Homemakers College, Extension Conference, National 4-H Conference, New Mexico Cattle Growers and Wool Growers.

Macias, a native of La Union, earned a law degree at Georgetown University. In 1984, he was elected state senator for district 38. He has chaired six senate committees during his career. Macias was the first director of the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance from 1995 to 1997.

Macias has contributed to NMSU by championing funding to make NMSU's dance program possible. He also delivered the first state matching funds for the Center for Sustainable Development of Arid Lands. Macias brought in \$100,000 in state severance tax revenues for the proposed NMSU Equestrian Center and got another \$500,000 on the general obligation bond ballot for voters' consideration in November. ❖

## In Memoriam

William McFadden, 83, a retired NMSU professor in Animal and Range Sciences, died May 4 in Warrenton, Va.

Born June 28, 1916, he grew up in Hyattsville and Mount Rainier, Md. He worked at several government agencies before serving in the U.S. Navy for four years during World War II.

After the war, he worked at the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Beltsville, Md., doing wool research.

At NMSU, he taught agricultural economics and animal science, specializing in sheep and wool from 1951 until his retirement in 1981. He served as coach of NMSU's Wool Judging Team.

Funeral services were held on May 5 in Washington, D.C. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of McFadden may be sent to a local hospice or to St. Vincent de Paul in care of Holy Cross Church in Las Cruces. ❖

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