From the Director

I wanted to talk about two exciting developments with the Health Sciences Library and Informatics Center (HSLIC); one dealing with a new building, and one dealing with a Summer Summit that will lay the groundwork for a new set of services from the academic research libraries in New Mexico.

The Domenici Center for Health Sciences Education, a new building that nears completion on the Health Sciences Center campus, is profiled on page 3. Phase I will open in spring of 2007 and will be managed by HSLIC. In June, Mary Kenney, Interim Associate Vice President for Facilities Management, and I toured the similar building now operational at the University of Utah Health Sciences Center. The Utah education building is also managed by the health sciences library, and the tour provided an excellent opportunity to discuss Utah experiences preparing usage guidelines, selecting IT/AV equipment, and supporting the building.

A “Summer Summit” is planned for August 4th in Socorro at the Macey Center. Modeled after a highly successful Colorado event that was held in 2005, the Summit is hosted by the academic libraries of the three research universities in New Mexico: New Mexico State, New Mexico Tech, and UNM. UNM’s University Libraries, Law Library, and HSLIC are all members of this state consortium: Association of Academic Research Libraries of New Mexico.

The Summer Summit theme, “University Research in the Information Age: The Role of New Mexico’s Research Libraries,” hopes to establish a dialogue among various stakeholders to strengthen their collaboration, and to lay the groundwork for an action plan for New Mexico. Challenges faced by the academic research libraries have a critical impact upon the state’s ability to benefit from an educated workforce, research discoveries, technology transfer, and sustainable economic development. If you would like to attend and help us create leading edge learning and research environments, please let me know.

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EVP’s Leadership Forum Focuses on Bedside Automation and Biomedical Informatics Education

Reed Gardner, PhD, Emeritus Professor and former Chair of the Department of Biomedical Informatics at the University of Utah, visited the UNM Health Sciences Center on April 17 and 18, delivering two lectures at the HSC Executive Vice President’s Leadership Forum. Dr. Gardner spoke on the potential challenges of automating clinical data collection at the bedside as well as on the history of the biomedical informatics educational programs at the University of Utah. In addition, he met with several HSC researchers individually and in small groups, exchanging ideas about informatics research and education.

Dr. Gardner is both a distinguished researcher and an educator of biomedical informatics, having recently retired as director of what has become the largest biomedical informatics training program in the United States. Backed by research spanning four decades, he has authored over 350 papers on biomedical informatics and bioengineering. He also was one of the principal developers of the HELP (Health Evaluation through Logical Processing) System at LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City. The HELP system was one of the early electronic medical record systems developed in the United States and is renowned for its automation of the critical care environment, ventilator management, and antibiotics surveillance systems.

On a personal note, Dr. Gardner has two family ties to UNM. His sons, David Gardner, MD, is a third-year Pathology resident at UNM, and his daughter-in-law, Stephanie Gardner, MD, is a third-year Emergency Medicine resident here as well.

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Patent Medicine Exhibit

The New Mexico Health Historical Collection (NMHHC) opened a new exhibit on April 19, 2006, entitled Patent Medicine in the U. S. A. The exhibit will remain open through October 20, 2006 and can be viewed during the NMHHC reading room’s open hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:00-5:00 p.m, or by appointment.

Patent Medicine in the U. S. A. focuses on the history of self-medication, beginning in England and reaching its peak in the Patent Medicine Era of the 19th century. Lack of federal or local control, distrust of existing medical treatments, and growing urbanization were among the factors that permitted quacks, entrepreneurs, and a few well-meaning practitioners to flood the markets with supposed cures for every ailment. Traveling medicine shows, historical local health spas and quirky medical gadgets are a few of the interesting items on display.

For more information on the exhibit, please contact Laura Hall or Bonnie Jewel at (505) 272-0656.

Laura Hall
Senior Program Manager

Information Technology Strategic Plan for UNM Under Development

UNM Chief Information Officer, Bill Adkins, is leading an effort to develop an Information Technology (IT) strategic plan for the University. The goal of the planning effort is to better respond to the institution’s increasing need for IT to be available and reliable when needed, wherever needed with whatever is needed.

The planning process encompasses the entire institution, including North Campus and the branches. It touches on all aspects of IT related services including telecommunications and facilities infrastructure, instructional technology, computing, enterprise-wide applications and user services, video, and peripheral technologies. The process addresses the needs of UNM’s primary user groups: academic, research, public service, health care, and administration.

This effort is part of a larger initiative to better coordinate and manage IT resources. In 2002, then Provost Brian Foster commissioned a task force to evaluate IT at UNM. Based on recommendations from the task force, a Chief Information Officer position was created and filled by Bill Adkins in late 2004. Since then, UNM’s telecommunications and central computing services departments have been reorganized under the CIO; and an IT Governance Council and IT Cabinet was convened to provide leadership and advisement.

The strategic planning process commenced in the fall of 2005 with an environmental scan conducted by members of the UNM IT Cabinet. During the first quarter of 2006, a working group made up of representatives from central IT services as well as larger campus IT components (libraries, broadcast, Extended University) drafted vision and mission statements as well as overall strategies to be the focus of future IT initiatives. The strategies focus on the areas of user and instructional technology support, IT infrastructure for research, security, funding, developing IT capacity, and the creation of an institutional governance structure for IT.

The IT Governance Council, made up of the Executive Vice Presidents of UNM, reviewed the drafts in late March. Planning teams for each of the strategies are continuing to define major activities and deliverables. The new UNM IT Strategic Plan will be finalized in early summer and implemented over the next 3 years.

Laura Hall, Senior Program Manager
Peggy McBride, Archivist

Special Collections Exhibit at the New Mexico Medical Society Annual Meeting

HSLIC’s Special Collections will provide an exhibit for the New Mexico Medical Society Annual Meeting held in Albuquerque, May 12-13. The exhibit – put together by Peggy McBride, Archivist for the New Mexico Health Historical Collection – will highlight the six volumes of The Medical and Surgical History of the War of the Rebellion. The six volumes are a compilation of the clinical records and medical and surgical reports of the approximately 11,000 physicians who served in the United States Army during the Civil War. The books provide a profile of Union wartime medical activities through the written reports, 1000 engravings, and hundreds of tinted lithographs. The books represent an enormous statistical resource and a window on the world of 19th century medicine.

Laura Hall, Senior Program Manager
Peggy McBride, Archivist

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Domenici Center for Health Sciences Education

Phase I of the construction of the Domenici Center for Health Sciences Education is more than 74% complete, with completion scheduled for later this Fall. The $17 million project will have over 49,000 square feet of space for a classroom, conference rooms, an auditorium and bookstore. Throughout the two buildings the HSC will have displays and exhibits that present the Hall of Discovery, that will showcase the research and development works of our faculty and staff throughout the years.

The 300 seat auditorium, which will be the largest on the HSC campus, occupies most of the building to the east. This wireless facility will have three projectors and screens for presentations and teleconferences.

The larger building to the west has three floors with a variety of rooms that can be employed for many different purposes. All four levels include lounge space to facilitate small group discussions among students and faculty. The basement level opens to the courtyard and will house the future HSC cafeteria and a conference room. The ground floor level will be the new location for the north campus bookstore. Just outside the bookstore is an open lobby area with a reception desk and lounge seating. The second floor has a large lecture-type classroom and 4 smaller conference rooms. Part of this floor is open to the floor below, and also opens to a small outdoor terrace. The third floor provides additional flexible conference or seminar meeting space and a large outdoor terrace. Phase I of the Domenici Center for Health Sciences Education will add much needed space to support the teaching and learning environment for the HSC community.

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HSLIC hopes that the HSC Community will enjoy this enhancement. Please see the FAQ page (http://hsc.unm.edu/library/linkFAQ.shtml) for answers to common questions about the service change or contact Holly Phillips at (505)272-4943 or HPhillips@salud.unm.edu.

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HSLIC Celebrates Top Employees

HSLIC held its Annual Employee Celebration on April 27th. Holly Buchanan, Associate Vice President for Knowledge Management and IT and Director of HSLIC, and Paul Roth, MD, Executive Vice President for Health Sciences were there to bestow the awards. Awards were given for degree or certification completion (Erinn Aspinall, Janelle Edmister and Holly Phillips); outstanding professional growth (Edward Aalseth), outstanding customer service (Kim Hagen and Richard Carr), outstanding performance (Sally Bergen and Dilek Scott) and process improvement (Barney Metzner and Stephen Tolito). In addition, University Years of Service Awards were given to Charity Karcher for 5 years, Christee King for 15 years, and Kathy Mondragon for 30 years.

Catherine Brandenburg
Administrator (Group)