

A Champion for Education

Celebrating the Bobby Foster Endowed Scholarship—40 Years and Counting

By Hilary Mayall Jetty

Editor's note to online edition: After this newsletter went to press, Mr. Foster passed away on Nov. 21 at the age of 76.

Nature made Bobby Foster a fighter. The tall scrappy kid from Albuquerque's South Valley could land a powerful punch, as anyone who messed with him could attest. Nurture, in the form of a trainer who saw his potential and helped him channel his raw power, made him a world boxing champion.

As a young teenager in the early 1950s, Bobby and his friends would walk from their South Valley neighborhood to a downtown gym at 5th and Gold Streets to work out. No fancy boxing uniforms, just street clothes. "I'd spar with guys older than me, and they'd wind up on the floor," Bobby recalled. "I'd say 'why is this guy on the floor?' and the ref would say, 'you knocked him out.'" In disbelief, Bobby thought his opponents were playing around with him, until they begged him to lighten up. He racked up victories in Golden Gloves amateur tournaments, where he didn't have to hold back.

Economic circumstances forced Bobby to leave Albuquerque High School before graduating. His trainer joined the U.S. Air Force, and Bobby followed when he turned 18; he was destined to receive his subsequent education in the boxing ring. After five years as Air Force light-heavyweight champion, he turned pro, facing top contenders in national and international arenas. Bobby dispatched reigning light-heavyweight world champion Dick Tiger in 1968 with a spectacular fourth round knockout before 12,000 fans in New York's Madison Square Garden, and the Boxing Writers Association of America named him Fighter of the Year. His confidence led him to challenge heavyweight greats like Joe Frasier and Muhammad Ali. Although he lost those bouts, both legendary fighters respected his talent and spirit.

Returning to Albuquerque in the mid '70s after retiring from pro boxing, Bobby joined the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department. "I was a police officer for 24 years," he said. "When I was a kid I always wanted to be a cop,



Bobby Foster thanks the audience during his induction into the International Boxing Hall of Fame in 1990. Photo: The Ring Magazine via Getty Sports

a 'citizen on patrol' as they were called then. It's a little dangerous, though, because you never know what you're getting into when you get called out. But boxing gave me good reflexes."

Bobby became friends with well-known Albuquerque businessman George Maloof, Sr., a dedicated UNM booster, who urged Bobby to create a scholarship endowment at the University. In the past four decades, the Bobby Foster Endowed Scholarship has provided financial assistance to approximately 80 UNM juniors and seniors, like Catherine Zittlosen.

When Catherine was studying criminology in her senior year and working part time to pay her expenses at UNM, scholarships were a critical element along her path to graduation. "I was offered an internship position with the U.S. Marshals Service," she said, "and had to quit my job in order to take it. The Bobby Foster Scholarship helped me to have this experience and explore (Continued on page 3)

Giving Back in Gratitude

After Child's Remarkable Recovery, Family Shows Appreciation to UNM Children's Hospital

By Michelle G. McRuiz

Since April 15, 2013, the Gibson family is more careful about everything, especially mundane activities like driving and crossing parking lots. They give thanks often because they now know how quickly and deeply a family can be affected by a random, horrific accident. Gene Hynes, grandfather to the Gibson girls, showed his thanks with a donation this past summer to UNM Children's Hospital in Charlotte and Haley Gibson's names.

In the Blink of an Eye

That evening in April, David Gibson was walking across a parking lot, hand-in-hand with his daughters Charlotte (Little), 4, and Haley, 11. Suddenly, a driver who wasn't looking where he was going struck them. David and Haley were knocked aside; Little's hand was torn from her father's as the car pulled her under its wheels. The driver had run over Charlotte from her feet all the way up to the base of her skull. "He knew he had hit something; he just didn't know what," said David. "I'm screaming and yelling. He backed off of her. Little was lying there, sort of conscious, and there was a lot of blood."

Within minutes, Charlotte was placed into an ambulance and rushed to UNM Hospital. Because of the severity of the trauma, it was challenging to ascertain what her injuries were at first. "They thought she had fractures to her pelvis, face, and vertebrae," said Amy Gibson. The way she was run over, the doctors said, was like a tube of toothpaste being squeezed from the bottom up. But as the first 24 hours crawled by, a miraculous reality emerged.

Charlotte's ribs were not fractured. Her brain scans were unremarkable. Her liver and intestines were in good shape. "When they put her in the ambulance," said Amy, "one of her legs was inches longer than the other. At some point during her stay, her leg was reset and returned to its normal length." After two days in pediatric ICU, Charlotte was moved to the pediatric floor.

There was one problem: Charlotte was in a neck brace and complained of pain every time the staff removed it. On the fourth day, her doctor wanted to try again to remove it. A therapy dog distracted her from the pain, and she stood up, brace-free, surrounded by nurses and family.



Left to right, Haley Gibson, Gene Hynes, Charlotte Gibson and Mary Ann Hines meet in the UNM Foundation lobby to receive a few gifts for Charlotte in appreciation of the family's generosity and Charlotte's courage. Photo: Natch Anan

She said she couldn't feel her toes. Everyone stopped. Her nurse touched her feet and toes, asking, "Can you feel this? This? This?"

"Oh, yeah," Charlotte replied. "I was just messin' with you."

Continued Healing

After five days, Charlotte went home without the wheelchair or walker her medical team initially thought she would need. "I was so happy [to see Haley] that it made me better," she recalled. She had six minor pelvic fractures, which healed naturally. Her collapsed lung "reinflated" on its own. Follow-up medical visits showed excellent progress.

Gene "was overwhelmed with the level of care Charlotte received," said Amy. "Everyone was compassionate and right there when we needed them. The pediatric nurses were so patient and kind. [Gene] still believes her healing was miraculous, so he wanted to give back to UNM."

More than anything, Gene Hynes, his daughter and son-in-law, and his granddaughters now understand how deeply a family can be affected in just one brief moment. ◀

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Among the 48 artworks Albert Anella recently gifted to the HSC Art Collection are these three by the following artists, left to right: Frederic Remington, Marc Chagall and Diego Rivera.
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The Legacy of a Father's Love

Albert Anella Gifts Art Collection to UNM Health Sciences Center in Daughter's Memory

By Hilary Mayall Jetty

The heartache of losing a young child is an enduring emotion. Strive as they may to find meaning or reason, families are forever changed. Albert A. (Al) Anella is now in his 90s, and he still misses his daughter, Mia. "She was absolutely beautiful, and she had spunk," Al recalled. "She changed my whole life. You can't get over those things, and you really don't want to."

Years later, Al's abiding love for Mia and his lifelong love of art were channeled into philanthropic activity. He generously supported the acquisition of Italian Renaissance paintings at the UNM Art Museum in the mid 1980s. Recently, he donated 48 artworks from his personal collection to the UNM Health Sciences Center. Both collections are dedicated to Mia's memory.

As a young man, Al joined the U.S. Army and fought with an artillery company in North Africa during World War II. He formed a friendship with a fellow soldier, Sam Smith. Sam, a talented painter, had dropped out of Albuquerque High School to apprentice with several of New Mexico's master artists before enlisting. He regaled Al, a native New Yorker, with stories about the beauty of his home state. Their friendship survived beyond the war, and they reconnected when Al moved to New Mexico to attend the UNM School of Law.

"My doctors told me to go out west, because I had allergies," Al stated, "and I knew that if I ever came here I would see Sam again. I love New Mexico," he continued, "the people, just everything about it. I met my wife here; my two sons and my daughter were born here." Al joined his father-in-law in real estate ventures, and immersed himself in the artistic culture of New Mexico. Sam served as a professor of art at UNM, and his paintings were collected widely.

Over the years, Al acquired many paintings and prints including works by Salvador Dali, Pablo Picasso and Diego Rivera. Thanks to personal introductions through Sam, Al also built a substantial collection of pieces by New Mexico artists.

"We are honored that Mr. Anella has chosen to give so generously to the Health Sciences Center Art Collection," said Stephen McKernan, CEO of UNM Hospitals. "We rely on gifts of art, whether one piece or multiple works, to build our collection. Since 1991, we have been able to serve our community by placing more than 3,000 artworks in 26 academic and clinical facilities."

Lifting the spirits of patients, their friends and families is part of the reason for Al's gift. "Mia spent so much time in the hospital," he explained. "Many patients get up and walk, and it's good for them to see art in the hallways." ◀



Albert Anella poses in front of two of the prints he gifted to the HSC Art Collection, a Salvador Dali print at left and a Pablo Picasso print. Photo: Connie Lowther

A Prudent Gift for Jurisprudence

Robin and Leo Romero Endow Fund to Enrich UNM School of Law Experience

By Hilary Mayall Jetty

Students usually go to law school because they desire to seek justice for individuals and communities. These days, however, many also need a lot of help. Economic forces and the proliferation of law schools in recent decades have meant that more graduates are competing for fewer jobs.

Yet Robin and Leo Romero have confidence in the futures of these law students. Their relationship with the UNM School of Law spans more than four decades, and education has been a shared passion in their lives. The couple's generous lead gift to the Annual Fund for Law, as well as the establishment of the Leo M. and Robin C. Romero Endowed Fund, reflect their belief in the intrinsic value of a law school education and the importance of helping students afford it.

"We are convinced that law is really the last liberal arts graduate degree," Robin said. "It develops critical thinking and problem solving skills that can be applied in any field." Leo encourages students to think about legal policies as well as developing skills as practitioners. "I enjoy seeing their minds open to ambiguity so they can see multiple sides of an issue," he explained. "As students gain confidence, their ability to construct and critique arguments also increases. These abilities make them valuable in

many different fields—not only those related to law."

Leo and Robin met at Oberlin College more than 50 years ago. When Leo joined the UNM School of Law faculty in 1972, after receiving his LL.M. (master of laws) degree from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., he was returning home. He grew up in Las Vegas, N.M., and his parents attended UNM to prepare for careers in teaching and school administration. Now an emeritus law professor, Leo served as dean twice and remains actively engaged with the school and the legal community. His honors include the American Bar Association's Spirit of Excellence Award and the Alumni Board's Distinguished Achievement Award. He currently chairs a committee on bail reform convened by the New Mexico Supreme Court and serves on the Public Defender Commission.

Robin, a Rochester, N.Y., transplant, earned both her teaching certification and MA in education for gifted children at UNM, taught in several Albuquerque middle schools, and eventually spent a decade as an adjunct faculty member at the College of Santa Fe. She is an editor, a Master Gardener, and a hospice volunteer who has worked with the law school in many capacities. Leo and Robin have two sons; one is a professor of biology at Tufts

University, and the other an oil and gas lawyer in Houston.

The Moot Courtroom at the UNM School of Law is now the Leo M. Romero Classroom. The couple's endowed fund, which supports moot court and mock trial teams as well as student scholarships and faculty research, is a testament to their shared history and high expectations.

UNM School of Law Co-Deans Sergio Pareja and Alfred Mathewson affirm the sentiments of current and past faculty, administrators and students. "Robin and Leo Romero are an amazing team," they wrote. "Their gifts truly show the depth of their commitment to this school and its students. We are forever grateful to both of them." ◀



Robin and Leo Romero pose with their German Shepherd, Maxx. Photo: Kim Jew Photography

UNM People Changing Worlds

Passion and Purpose

Grieving yet Grateful Family Creates Fund to Support Annual Critical Care Conference

By Michelle G. McRuiz

Michael Hansen—husband, father and CEO—rose early on February 11, 2013. He ran on the treadmill, made coffee and started running a shower. His wife, Nancy, was lying awake in bed when she heard a loud thump. She ran into the bathroom to find Michael dying. She would learn later that he had suffered a massive brain aneurysm. He was 58.

Michael was taken to UNM Hospital's Neurosciences Intensive Care Unit and put on life support. Although his heart was beating, he was unresponsive. By the following day, the doctors told Nancy and the couple's college-age daughters, Sarah and Elise, they had done everything they could for Michael. Nancy told Dr. Jonathan Marinaro, director of the UNM Center for Surgical Critical Care, that she and her daughters could not bear losing Michael on Valentine's Day. Dr. Marinaro, who had already finished his shift and was at home with his family, returned to UNMH on the evening of February 13 to ensure that Michael was taken off of life support.

"I was blown away that he took the time to do that," explained Nancy. "I will always have a soft place in my heart for Dr. Marinaro because it was so gracious of him to take care of Mike so we could start the grieving process."

The Right Gesture

After Michael's memorial service, Nancy didn't know what to do with the thousands of dollars in donations that had poured in. The family discussed ideas, but nothing felt right.

Dr. Marinaro had a new idea. He had wanted to start a conference on critical care medicine, but because the Center for Surgical Critical Care was only a few years old, it lacked the necessary funds. A conference would bring nationally recognized experts to lecture, teach, and train health care professionals and students in new techniques. The money the Hansen family had collected could be used to help pay for travel, lodging and speaking expenses. And, Dr. Marinaro added, Nancy could name the conference after Michael.

The idea clicked. Michael's love of education, combined with Nancy's admiration for the critical care team, made the decision an easy one.

Healing by Helping Others

The first Michael W. Hansen Annual Critical Care Conference took place in December 2013. In addition to the expert speakers, Nancy told her story of how the conference got its name. "It was awesome to do something that in the end would help people," she said.

"The first Hansen Conference brought to UNM an educational course that would have immediate and lasting impact, the Cardiac Surgery Advanced Life Support Course," explained Dr. Marinaro. "Cardiac surgery patients require a different method of acute resuscitation during a life-threatening emergency after heart surgery. With the help of the Hansen conference, UNMH brought to the Southwest a more focused method of caring for post-cardiac surgery patients. This course trained nurses and physicians to use specific resuscitation techniques, and literally, within a month, we used them to save a life."

Ultimately, those techniques resulted in a change to the unit's protocol. "This is the type of thing that changes medicine," one of the doctors in attendance told Nancy.

In May 2015, the UNM Center for Surgical Critical Care held the second conference. This year's conference brought in the Emergency Neurologic Life Support Course. The Hansen Conference is open to all health care professionals as well as students. Seeing how the conference fostered the spread of technology and knowledge helped Nancy begin to heal from her immense grief. As a conference speaker, she reminds attendees that this isn't just about technology—there are critically ill people and desperate families at the other end.

Support to Build a Legacy

Nancy has established a fund through the UNM Foundation to help ensure the conference's survival. But so far, most of the fund raising has been through word of mouth, and Nancy is concerned that won't be enough.

"There needs to be a way to keep it going," she said. "Part of Mike's legacy is wrapped up in this conference."

The Hansens' lives have changed significantly in the past two years. Sarah and Elise graduated from UNM and began careers—Sarah as a teacher, Elise as a nurse. Nancy started running, lost 35 pounds, learned how to handle all of the things her husband always had taken care of, and entered college for the first time.

"Mike would be blown away," she said. "He would say to me, 'You can do whatever you want.' And my daughters love that I am focused on something that makes me feel passionate and purposeful."

Naturally, Nancy still grieves, but she draws comfort from her faith, her family and her fund-raising efforts as well as from promoting the "thread of humanity" she says is present in the critical care team.

"Every little thing they did for us was so poignant," she recalled, "like they knew just what we needed."

If you would like to help support this ongoing work, you may make a contribution to the UNM Center for Surgical Critical Care Education Fund. Please use the enclosed envelope or contribute online at unmfund.org. ◀



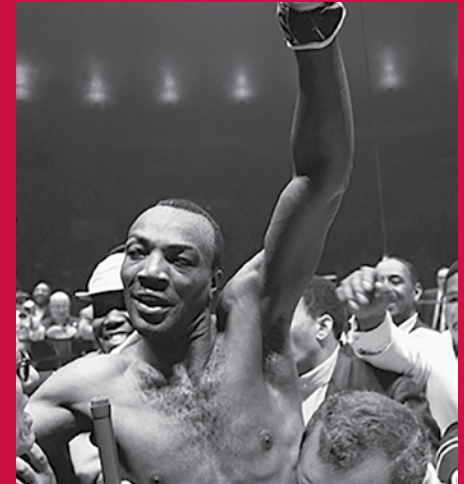
Members of the UNM Center for Surgical Critical Care along with donors Nancy Hansen and her daughters, Sarah and Elise, contribute to the Critical Care Students Organization (CCSO). Left to right: Dr. Isaac Tawil, Dr. Jonathan Marinaro, Dr. Todd Dettmer, three student leaders in the CCSO (Kimberly Kreitingner, Steven Salcido and Eric Quintana), Nancy Hansen, Elise Hansen and Sarah Hansen. Photo: Paul Akmajian

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what I really wanted to do." The internship allowed Catherine to refine her priorities. Graduating summa cum laude in 2012 with a BA in criminology, she went on to earn an MBA at UNM's Anderson School of Management.

"Endowed gifts, like the Bobby Foster Endowed Scholarship, help countless students and allow a donor legacy to be created," said UNM Foundation President and CEO Henry Nemcik, "Bobby's generosity has helped students for 40 years, and will continue to benefit them for generations to



Bobby Foster knocks out Dick Tiger to win the light heavyweight championship in 1964. Photo: Herb Scharfman

come. We thank him for his gift and his dedication to New Mexico."

Bobby Foster was elected into the inaugural class of the International Boxing Hall of Fame in 1990. He will always be known as a champion, and his scholarship will always be a testament to his appreciation for education. Bobby and his first wife had four children. "I wanted my kids to get an education, to learn how to do something—that's what I was fighting for—but it just didn't turn out that way," he said with a note of sadness. However, he and his second wife, Rose, are pleased that his long-ago gift to UNM has touched the lives of students like Heidi Thorleifson.

"When I graduated high school, I wanted to go to college," Heidi remarked, "but I couldn't pay for it on my own." Years later, Heidi was living in Taos, N.M., when she made a commitment to continuing her formal education. She was hired to work at the UNM-Taos Bachelor & Graduate Programs, and relied on student loans and scholarship support to reach her goal.

It was a struggle, but Heidi ultimately earned her bachelor of liberal arts degree, magna cum laude. (The BLA degree replaced UNM's BUS, bachelor of university studies, degree about two years ago.) "I chose that degree because of its interdisciplinary nature," she said. "Receiving the Bobby Foster Scholarship was an extra boost and an encouragement to keep going. I was delighted to learn that there are gracious people out there who are passionate about higher education. I'm grateful for Mr. Foster's generosity in helping me achieve my goals."

Bobby enjoys receiving letters of thanks from students. "It makes me feel real good, that I've done something for New Mexico," he said. "Rose is sharp. She went to college. It just wasn't meant for me to go." A mischievous grin played across his face. "All I wanted to do was hit somebody on the chin, and that turned out alright for me." ◀

U.S. Department of Education Funds Fuel Generosity

Matching Gifts Magnify Federal Grants' Impact at UNM Valencia Campus

UNM's Valencia campus (UNM-V) in Los Lunas has excelled among the branch campuses for its success in winning federal Title III and V grants and in attracting matching private gifts to leverage a portion of these funds to establish scholarship endowments, which have provided support to more than 500 students over the past 16 years.

Title III and V of the Higher Education Act were created to expand educational opportunities for low-income and Hispanic students. These grants fund programs to increase the students' postsecondary academic success through expanding and enhancing academic offerings and institutional stability. Both funding streams include an opportunity to request up to 20 percent of the grants as matching funds for endowments.

UNM-V received its first Title V grant of almost \$1 million in 1999, and has been awarded five more Title III and V grants for a total of almost \$15.4 million. Total value of endowment funds matched with private funds raised by the UNM-V Development Board is currently \$920,000 with an additional \$240,000 match in progress. Just announced in October, UNM-V was awarded a brand new \$1.2 million Title V grant that includes an additional \$120,000 endowment match.

The campus' success in attracting such grants—and the opportunity to attract matching gifts for scholarship endowments—can be traced to the talents and drive of UNM-V's executive director, Dr. Alice Letteney, who came to the campus in 1996. Before she arrived, there was no Development Office. Not only did Letteney gain funding for this, she spearheaded creating a Development Board to help raise private matching funds for the endowments, which fund student scholarships.

“Dr. Letteney brought a background of grant-writing to the campus and a new perspective to take it to a higher level,” said Rita Gallegos-Logan, a senior program manager at UNM Valencia.

“Before Dr. Letteney, we'd never received such grants,” said Cindy Shue, senior program manager of contracts and grants, UNM-V. “Dr. Letteney has been the reason for our success.”



Dr. Alice Letteney, left, executive director of UNM's Valencia campus, thanks Jan Pacifico, founder of Tomé Gallery, for hosting the Soup 'R Bowl fund-raising event last February. Photo: Heidi Snell

The community has rallied its support, recognizing the deep need for higher education and scholarships to support it. A local business, Tomé Art Gallery, now hosts its own yearly fund-raising event, the Soup 'R Bowl. Artists make hundreds of ceramic soup bowls each year. For a donation of \$15, attendees pick a soup bowl to keep, and also enjoy a meal of soup, bread, salad and dessert.

The scholarships have had a measurable impact for students. More than 43 percent of recipients have transferred to a four-year institution, and 65 percent have graduated within three years of their first award. ◀

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