Message from the President

February 17, 2007

To the OSU Campus,

It is with mixed emotions that I write to tell you that the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico named me the new UNM president today.

While I pursued the New Mexico opportunity in part because of personal family considerations, it was particularly difficult to consider leaving OSU, a place I cannot say enough about. My wife, Janet, and I have truly loved our time in Oklahoma and will cherish the many wonderful friends and memories we have from our more than four years here.

It has been an honor to lead what is without question a great university and system, and one of our nation's finest land-grant universities.

OSU is riding the crest of tremendous momentum, thanks to our dedicated and hard-working faculty and staff, the accomplishments of our multi-talented students, and the support of our loyal alumni and generous donors. I am especially proud of what we have achieved together. With the strategic plan and campus master plan we have in place, I am confident OSU is poised for even greater levels of success. The future is brighter than ever.

Janet and I look forward to this next chapter in our lives, but please know that the OSU family will continue to have a special place in our hearts. Thanks for your kindness, support and hard work. I wish OSU and each one of you all the best.

Sincerely,

David Schmidly