UNM News Minute #305 – March 8, 2006

1. MANY OF UNM’S SUCCESSES in the recent legislative session were approved by Governor Bill Richardson today, including hospital, patient equipment and indigent care funding, the BA/MD program, LambdaRail, and the Family Development Program. Others, like the Cooperative Pharmacy program and expansions of Native American Studies, and Chicano/Hispano/Mexicano Studies did not survive the Governor’s veto pen. For a full breakdown of how UNM fared, please go to our legislative website at: http://www.unm.edu/~legis06

2. THE 2006 UNM BUDGET SUMMIT has been set for Friday, March 31, at 1 p.m. in the Student Union Building Ballroom B. The summit process is an integral part of the development of the fiscal year 2006-2007 instruction and general (I&G) budget, which goes into effect July 1, 2006. The Board of Regents will act on key parts of that budget, including tuition, fees and salary levels at their April 2006 meeting. http://www.unm.edu/president/summit.html

3. THE NEW MEXICO Law Review will honor New Mexico Supreme Court Justice Patricio Serna and University of New Mexico Professor of Law Jim Ellis at the annual Excellence in Jurisprudence awards dinner Thursday, March 23, at 6:30 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel. The awards recognize legal professionals who have made outstanding contributions to legal scholarship and the practice of law in New Mexico. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001089.html#more

4. UNM SCHOOL OF PUBLIC Administration and Regents’ Professor Roli Varma was a member of taskforce in a study released by the Association for Computing Machinery recently. The team of internationally recognized computer scientists, industry leaders, labor economists and social scientists cited educational policy and investment in research and development as critical elements for countries to stay competitive in today's global environment for Information Technology. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001087.html#more

5. CORRECTION: UNM REGENT SANDRA BEGAY-CAMPBELL was recognized in a new book profiling women engineers recently. Published by the American Society of Civil Engineers, "Changing Our World: True Stories of Women Engineers," was launched at the National Press Club in Washington D.C. on Feb. 21. Editor’s note: Sandra Begay-Campbell was incorrectly identified in last week’s News Minute. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001077.html#more

6. THE UNM BOARD OF REGENTS have provided financial support for student participation in international study abroad programs. The Regents International Study Grants will be available as early as this spring, for intersession programs, and for short-term and summer study abroad. Approximately $40,000 will be available in the current fiscal year (2006). http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001094.html#more

7. THREE UNM HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER physiology researchers will receive
the Caroline tum Suden/ Frances A. Hellebrandt Professional Opportunity Award next month from the American Physiological Society (APS). Brad Broughton and graduate students Kyan J. Allahdadi and Tom Cherng, from the Vascular Physiology Group in the Department of Cell Biology and Physiology, were recognized by APS for their outstanding research efforts in systemic and pulmonary vascular physiology.

http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=4788

8. UNM’S PROFOUND (Program of Research Opportunities FOR UNDERgraduates) office will showcase undergraduate research at its 3rd Annual UNM Celebration of Undergraduate Research Symposium on Wednesday, April 12, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Student Union Building Ballrooms. Students can register online to participate in the Celebration on the PROFOUND Web site at: www.unm.edu/~profound/. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001090.html#more

9. A UNM EFFORT IS underway to collect and distribute books for children in low-income families. The Read To Me Book Drive, sponsored by the Albuquerque Business Education Compact, builds a foundation for developing literacy skills. Collected books will be distributed to elementary school children in families with limited resources. Information will also be provided about the Albuquerque Libraries Summer Reading Program. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001093.html#more

10. UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES and the UNM Law Library are sponsoring a videoconference in honor of National Sunshine Week at the UNM Conference Center at Continuing Education, Room G, on Monday, March 13, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The free videoconference will feature a panel of experts from Washington D.C. to discuss open government, secrecy and an illustrative video montage.

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11. RICHARD F. MUNOZ, professor of Psychology at the University of San Francisco (UCSF), will present a lecture titled, “Using Psychology to Reduce Health Disparities Worldwide: The USCF/SFGH Internet World Health Research Center,” on Wednesday, March 15, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in rm. 203 in the Basic Medical Sciences Building located on UNM’s North Campus at the Health Sciences Center. Munoz will discuss how the Internet is an obvious way to reach people who may not have good access to evidence-based health care. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001091.html#more

12. “CHROMATHERAPY,” an exhibit by UNM photography professor and founding artist of the Contemporary Constructive Movement Patrick Nagatani, opens in Santa Fe on March 10. Nagatani began work on this series of 60 color photographs in 1978. The show explores the links between photography, light and healing through the subject of chromatherapy, or “color healing.”

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