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UNM IS PREPARING TO host an accreditation evaluation committee from the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools Higher Learning Commission on campus April 6-8, 2009. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003637.html#more>

NOT MANY STUDENTS pursue another degree after already earning both bachelor and master's degrees, but Maura Lewiecki wasn't the average student. Lewiecki is the fourth recipient of the School of Architecture and Planning's Maureen Walter Alumni of the Year Award, given in recognition of service to the school and the community. The board of the school's alumni chapter selects awardees. Maureen Walter, an alumna and one of the four founders of the chapter, died in 2005. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003636.html#more>

UNM'S COMADRE a Comadre program in the College of Education has been awarded a \$54,000 grant from Con Alma Health Foundation to pilot the 'Peer Mentor Navigators: Enhancing the Clinic Experience for Underserved Hispanic/Latina Women' project at a local community health clinic. Comadre a Comadre is devoted to serving Hispanic/Latina women and their loved ones through advocacy, education, information, resources and support about breast health and breast cancer. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003646.html#more>

KUNM RADIO, 89.9 FM and kunm.org, saw its biggest audience ever during fall 2008 broadcasts. KUNM's listening audience grew to 112,800 people per week during fall 2008, according to Arbitron Research released in early February. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003649.html#more>

INTERIM DIRECTOR of Financial Aid at UNM Kathleen O'Keefe says the number of applications for financial aid has more than doubled from this time last year. UNM encourages students to send in their applications before the March 1 priority date in order to receive consideration for some types of state grants and work study programs. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003648.html#more>

TWO UNM PRESS books are finalists in the Oklahoma Book Awards contest, as announced recently by the Oklahoma Center for the Book. 'To Honor the Dead' by native Oklahoman Joseph W. Shaw, now of Albuquerque, is a finalist in the fiction category. 'The Chouteaus' by Edmond (Okla.) resident Stan Hoig is a finalist in the non-fiction category. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003656.html#more>

FOR 32 YEARS, the Tucson-Pima County Public Library has presented "Southwest Books of the Year," a list of page-turners and must-reads chosen by a distinguished panel of judges. This year, the University of New Mexico Press boasts three books chosen as top 35 panelist picks. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003655.html#more>

VICE PRESIDENT of Student Affairs Dr. Eliseo "Cheo" Torres is visiting Barbara Sanders' 7th grade social studies class Friday, Feb. 20 at 12:30 p.m. in the Wilson Middle

School library, 1138 Cardenas SE, off San Pedro between Kathryn and Gibson SE. Torres's visit is not as a UNM administrator, but rather as a curandero, or folk healer. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003652.html#more>

ON FRIDAY, Feb. 20, UNM Recreational Services will conduct an outdoor equipment sale from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The event, sponsored by the Outdoor & Bike Shop and Getaway Adventures, is designed to help outdoor enthusiasts get geared up in time for spring. The sale will take place at the Auxiliary Gym in Johnson Center. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003644.html#more>

THE UNM PARENT ASSOCIATION is partnering with UNM athletics to offer the first "Parent Day at the Pit" special event Saturday, Feb. 21. Tip-off for the UNM vs. San Diego State men's basketball game is at 1 p.m. The association will host a pre-game reception from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the President's Pavilion (located at the south end of University Stadium). Pre-registration is required at: <http://parent.unm.edu>. The deadline is Friday, Feb. 20 at noon. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003627.html#more>

THE 2nd ANNUAL Anderson School of Management Club Challenge will take place on Saturday, Feb. 21 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Jackson Student Center. Teams of students will battle the Anderson Clubs in the four categories: Strategy, Sales, Marketing, and Business Terms. All UNM students are welcome to participate in the dueling minds competition. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003645.html#more>

DREAMWORKS ANIMATION and Cerelink DMG are partnering to render its cg 3D films in New Mexico. UNM and the state of New Mexico have made this possible with state-of-the-art technology infrastructure. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003654.html#more>

WHAT IS THE African-American experience in a post-Barack Obama election world? This week the "New Mexico in Focus" staff takes a closer look at the societal impact of Barack Obama's historic presidential victory here in New Mexico. "New Mexico in Focus," KNME-TV, channel 5's weekly one-hour news show, will air on Friday, Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. and will repeat on Sunday, Feb. 22 at 6:30 a.m. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003658.html#more>