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1. UNM’S BOARD OF REGENTS will consider for approval a $75 million bond issue to pay for a number of main campus capital improvements which will improve classroom and lab facilities for both undergraduate and graduate students. The bond would be paid for by increasing student fees. The impact would be approximately $56 more per year for the next four years, with the money going directly to fund projects that will impact students. http://www.unm.edu/bond.html

2. THE BOARD OF REGENTS at UNM has approved a series of new budget priorities to Fiscal Year 2005-06 budget that are intended to address priorities discussed during the President’s Budget Summit in April. They are scheduled to approve the UNM budget at their June meeting. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/000661.html#more

3. UNM’s 2nd ANNUAL Celebrating Staff Week runs June 6-11 and boasts a VIP-served pancake breakfast, a live outdoor concert, Isotopes baseball game with free food and fireworks and much more, said Karin Retskin, Staff Council administrator and celebration founder. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/000654.html#more

4. THE UNM STAFF COUNCIL has a new executive committee for 2005-06. Officers elected at the May meeting include: Sabra Basler, Department of Strategic Communications and Marketing, president; David Groth, Health Sciences Center Library, president-elect; Mimi Swanson, Human Resources Service Center, speaker; and Blanca Garcia, Extended University, treasurer. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/000657.html#more

5. VALERIE ROMERO-LEGGOTT, director of Cultural and Ethnic Programs at the Health Sciences Center, has been appointed to a three-year term as a member of the U.S. Health and Human Services Advisory Committee on Minority Health (ACMH). The ACMH is responsible for providing advice and counsel to HHS Secretary Mike Leavitt on public health program activities that impact racial and ethnic minority populations. http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=398

6. HOWARD YONAS has joined the faculty at the UNM School of Medicine as division chief for Neurosurgery. Before coming to UNM, Yonas was vice chair of Neurosurgery at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, and a Peter J. Jannetta professor in the Department of Neurological Surgery at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=400

7. UNM EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE UNM health providers might get the chance to manage stress in a way that can reduce the cost of their healthcare. Employees should look for a letter from their UNM primary care provider inviting them to participate in the
study. Only UNM employees who have UNM health providers are eligible to participate in the study. Recruitment should begin in the fall.  
http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=409

8. PAM HURD-KNIEF, chief development officer in the School of Architecture and Planning, has been named the 2005 recipient of the Staff as Students Manager/Supervisor Award. She will be presented with the award on Thursday, May 26 at 3 p.m. in SUB Lobo Room.  
http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/000659.html#more

9. AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR Tony Hillerman will kick off the summer lecture series “Voices of the Southwest” on Tuesday, June 7, at 6:30 p.m. at the Student Union Ballroom on the UNM campus. He will read from his latest book “Skeleton Man,” present a talk and answer questions. He will also conduct a book signing at the end of the evening. The series is free to the public and will be broadcast live by KUNM radio.  
http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/000656.html#more

10. SCHOOL OF LAW student Tim Gardner was recently selected for the Equal Justice Works 2005 Summer Corps program. He is one of 250 first- and second-year students from 113 colleges selected for the program.  
http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/000662.html#more

11. JAPANESE MASTER ARTIST and teacher Sensei Manji Inoue, will visit the UNM June 2 as part of a 25-year relationship with a unique art education course. The Art Education Program at the UNM College of Education has taught the Arita method since 1980 and is the only major university in the U.S. to teach the ancient porcelain technique.  
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