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1. THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DoD) announced 31 awards to universities, including the University of New Mexico, that were awarded as part of the DoD’s Multidisciplinary University Research Initiative (MURI) program. UNM’s proposal, titled “Consortium for Laser Cooling in Solids,” is spearheaded by Physics and Astronomy Professor Mansoor Sheik-Bahae and was selected to receive funding out of a total of 116 full proposals. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/000196.html#more

2. THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION received a three-year, $900,000 grant from the New Mexico State Department of Education to increase the number of American Indian teachers and principals. Administered by UNM's Institute for American Indian Education, the grant from Indian Education Division will provide scholarships and support for American Indian students at UNM. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/000195.html#more

3. MARK CHILDS, assistant professor in the School of Architecture and Planning, received a Fulbright to Cyprus for spring semester 2005. Childs is the first faculty member from the school's architecture program to receive a Fulbright. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/000193.html#more

4. DEAN OF LIBRARY SERVICES, Camila A. Alire has been elected vice president/president elect of the Association of College and Research Libraries. The ACRL, which represents 12,000 librarians and interested people, is the largest division of the American Library Association and sets standards for college and university library facilities. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/000191.html#more

5. THE UNM RETIREE Association held their second annual meeting recently and elected four new board members: Judy Griego, Mary Harris, Jim Morgan and Lee Zink. They join remaining members Clarice Jenkins, Beulah Woodfin, Jean Civikly-Powell, Velma Morgan, Scott Alley, Karen Glaser, Fred Chriest and Joe Gonzales.