INTERIM PROVOST Viola Florez joined Archbishop Michael Sheehan of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe recently to announce the establishment of a $2.5 million Endowed Chair for Roman Catholic Studies at UNM. The chair, the third endowed chair in the College of Arts and Sciences, will be in Religious Studies. The others are in biology and English.

http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002032.html#more

COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS Dean Christopher Mead and ARTS Lab Director Ed Angel were among those who pitched the first spades of earth at the Sony Pictures Imageworks groundbreaking at Mesa del Sol recently. The new facility will house a 100,000 square-foot digital production facility at Albuquerque Studios.

http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002039.html#more

UNM-GALLUP was again ranked third nationally and first in New Mexico among community colleges for awarding associate degrees to Native Americans. The figures were announced for the college year 2005-06 in the June 18 issue of Community College Week. UNM-Gallup awarded 112 associate degrees to 28 men and 84 women. The college awarded 106 associate degrees the previous year.

http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002028.html#more

ARTHUR KAUFMAN, vice president of Community Health and chair of the UNM School of Medicine Department of Family and Community Medicine, was recently voted the second recipient of "Five Star Doctor - WONCA International Award of Excellence in Health Care.” Kaufman will be presented with the award at an upcoming July conference in Singapore.

http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=6116

WILL CONSUEGRA, a third-year law student at the UNM School of Law, is one of a handful of young real-estate professionals throughout the United States accepted into the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties’ Leadership Discovery Program for Emerging Professionals. The winners were picked from a group of 100 participants from across the country.

http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002035.html#more

DIEGO MARTINEZ, Chessa Scullin and Denis Seletskiy, all students at the University of New Mexico, were selected by various agencies to represent the United States as outstanding research participants at the 57th Lindau Meeting of Nobel Laureates and Students in Lindau, Germany from July 1-6. Martinez was selected by the U.S. Department of Energy, Scullin by the National Science Foundation while Seletskiy was tabbed by Mars, Inc.

http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002036.html#more

EARLIER THIS YEAR, the New Mexico Educators Federal Credit Union awarded a generous contribution to UNM to help enable Information Technology Services to
expand indoor and outdoor wireless coverage on Main Campus. Students were recently surveyed to determine priorities in order to sequence the project’s implementation. Those priorities have started to come to fruition with outdoor areas between the Duck Pond and the New Mexico Student Union Building completed. [link coming]…

THE UNM DEAN of Students Office offers the Family Connection Program as a concurrent orientation for parents and family members of incoming freshman attending LOBOrientation this summer. Parents receive information about UNM programs and services available to students. Topics discussed during the two-day session are financial aid and scholarships, faculty expectations, campus safety and career services. [http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002038.html#more](http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002038.html#more)

HAS THE WAY we cook here in New Mexico changed that much over the last 114 years? Scholars can actually examine that now. The Center for Southwest Research at University Libraries has acquired one of the first-ever cookbooks used in this area, an 1893 first edition of “El Libro del Cocina” written by French chef Jules Geoffe. [http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002037.html#more](http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002037.html#more)

SPACE IS STILL available for two weekend workshops and readings by Jonis Agee and Jill Bialosky at the 2007 UNM Summer Writers’ Conference July 7-8. The conference kicks off with a keynote address by Richard Rodriguez on Sunday, July 8 at 8 p.m. It continues through July 13. [http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002034.html#more](http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002034.html#more)