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UNM's OLDEST STUDENT run campus tradition, the "Hanging of the Greens," begins Friday, Dec. 3 at 5:45 p.m. outside the UNM Bookstore. An open house reception complete with hot chocolate, biscochitos and the traditional presentation of the wreath will follow at University House from 6 to 8 p.m. Attendees are asked to bring an unwrapped children's book to place under the University House tree. Books will be donated to UNM Children's Hospital. The entire UNM community is invited. http://news.unm.edu/?p=7130

DO YOU FANCY yourself as one of UNM's brightest and most involved students? If so, the time has come to apply for UNM's 2010-11 "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges" award. Students may apply directly or be nominated by another individual. There is no application or recognition fee associated with the nomination. The application deadline is Friday, Dec. 3 at 5 p.m. All applications and letters must be received by Student Activities, room 1018, in the Student Union building. http://news.unm.edu/?p=7825

A DOZEN UNM student groups raised \$500 for United Way by purchasing 250 dominoes to set up in a competition against each other. The one-day event was held last Monday in the Student Union building as part of a campus wide effort to reach this year's \$1 million goal for United Way. http://news.unm.edu/?p=8036

IN THE PAST TWO years, UNM staff gave \$5,000 to a first-of-its-kind endowment to create an internship program in memory of David Northrop, associate director for Information Technologies at UNM. Using payroll deduction, one-time giving and United Way campaign contributions, Northrop's friends and coworkers are endeavoring to raise \$70,000 over the next five years. http://news.unm.edu/?p=8133

THE UNM STAFF COUNCIL recently completed "Operation Gratitude," where UNM staff dropped off leftover Halloween candy to be sent to soldiers overseas. Ten boxes of candy, weighing more than 567 pounds, will be shipped out to troops in holiday care packages. http://news.unm.edu/?p=8003

PROVOST SUZANNE ORTEGA and School of Engineering Search Chair Dean Doug Brown have announced four finalists for the position of Dean at the School of Engineering. They include: Stefi Baum, Craig Benson, Richard LeSar and Gruia-Catalin Roman. Campus visits and open forums have been scheduled for each candidate. http://news.unm.edu/?p=8173

PROFESSOR JOHN STORMONT has been selected as chair of the Civil Engineering Department after having served as interim chair for the past 17 months. He brings 16 years of experience at UNM and 12 years at Sandia National Labs. http://news.unm.edu/?p=7997

THE UNM BOOKSTORE is hosting its annual Faculty and Staff Appreciation Day on Friday, Dec. 3 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on main campus and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Medical Legal bookstore on north campus. Receive 30 percent off regular-priced Lobowear and Spirit Merchandise. http://news.unm.edu/?p=8321

BEGINNING TODAY, the UNM Art Education Program and Masley Gallery will host its Fall 2010 Graduating Master's of Arts Exhibition. The exhibition, featuring studio artwork and curricula, will

showcase the dynamic work of graduating MA students Emily Bharatiya, Jeanne Howell and Kelly Rodriguez. Additionally, the MA graduates will give their final presentations on Friday, Dec. 3 at 5 p.m. A reception with refreshments will follow. The exhibition will be on display through Friday, Dec. 17. http://news.unm.edu/?p=8070

DENNIS SUNRHODES presents, "A Lifetime of Native American Architecture: Building Towards the Indigenous Millennium," the iArchitecture lecture in the UNM School of Architecture and Planning's Monday Lecture Series, Monday, Nov. 29, from 5:30 – 6:45 p.m. in the Pearl Hall auditorium. A reception with light refreshments precedes the lecture from 4:45 – 5:30 p.m. Both events are free and open to the public. http://news.unm.edu/?p=8256

LOBO DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION will present the UNM Strategic Housing Plan prepared by American Campus Communities in a public meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 30 at 4 p.m. in the Student Union Building Spirit/Trailblazer Rooms. Discussion topics will include prospective sites, initial site concept, student housing supply and demand, development phasing and schedule and information about existing student housing. http://news.unm.edu/?p=8198

THE ACADEMIC, STUDENT Affairs and Research Committee of the University of New Mexico Board of Regents will meet Wednesday, Dec. 1 at 8:30 a.m. in the Roberts Room of Scholes Hall on the UNM main campus. http://news.unm.edu/?p=8268

THE UNM INTERDISCIPLINARY Film & Digital Media Program open house features innovative student work and faculty research on Thursday, Dec. 2 from 1-4 p.m. The ceremony to open the Digital Media Nexus, which promotes collaborations between digital media producers and universities and expands opportunities for students to get practical experience in the field, begins at 4 p.m. Gov. Bill Richardson and other government, local and university officials will be present. The event will be held at the Aperture Center, 5700 University West Blvd. SE in Mesa del Sol, south Albuquerque. http://news.unm.edu/?p=8237

DICK BLAU, professor of film and photography at the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee, will speak on the Skyros Carnival on Thursday, Dec. 2 at 4 p.m. in Hibben Center, Room 105. Blau will discuss the way Greece's Skyros islanders hold a yearly mirror to themselves by performing the noisiest and raunchiest carnival in Europe. http://news.unm.edu/?p=7561

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES Center for Southwest Research and Special Collections fellows, Max Fitzpatrick and Ashley Sherry, will present "I Interact, Therefore, I Am: LaDonna Harris and A Life of Activism" on Friday, Dec. 3 at 1 p.m. in the Willard Reading Room, Zimmerman Library, UNM. The Center for Southwest Research & Special Collections was awarded \$50,175 from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission to process the LaDonna Harris Papers, including the records of Americans for Indian Opportunity (AIO). This lecture marks the completion of the project. http://news.unm.edu/?p=7486

THE ANDERSON SCHOOL of Management is inviting alumni living in southern New Mexico to join Dean Doug Brown and Anderson Alum Loren Kuehne before the men's basketball game between UNM and

New Mexico State on Saturday, Dec. 4 in Las Cruces. The pre-game social event begins at 5 p.m. at The Game Bar & Grill located at 2605 S. Espina in Las Cruces. To RSVP visit: http://www.mgt.unm.edu/alumni/lascruces.asp or see http://news.unm.edu/?p=8249

MICHAEL SHEPHERD, chairman and chief executive officer of Bank of the West and BancWest Corporation, will discuss the recovery from the nation's financial crisis as part of the McKinnon Distinguished CEO Lecture Series in the Jackson Student Center at the UNM Anderson School of Management on Tuesday, Dec. 7 at 6:30 p.m. Seating at Anderson's McKinnon Distinguished CEO Lecture Series is limited. To reserve your spot visit http://www.mgt.unm.edu/ceo/ or call Natalie Mead at (505) 277-6413. http://news.unm.edu/?p=8312