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AS PART OF HIS effort to keep the UNM community informed about the possible impact of the current budget shortage, President David J. Schmidly will speak to the University community via web cast. The web cast will be available Friday afternoon on the UNM homepage at http://www.unm.edu. In addition, President Schmidly will hold a Town Hall Meeting on Dec. 12 in the Student Union Building Ballrooms to answer questions and concerns about budget developments and challenges.

DR. AND MRS. ROBERT Robert Long have given a generous six-figure gift to the UNM School of Engineering for two endowed Presidential Scholarships for undergraduate students. The scholarships, available to New Mexico’s best and brightest students, cover 90 to 100 percent of an undergraduate student’s costs. The gift is also being used to create the Long Chemical and Nuclear Engineering Chair endowment. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003411.html#more

THE REWARDS AND RECOGNITION Committee of the University of New Mexico’s Staff Council is accepting nominations for the 2008 Gerald W. May Outstanding Staff Award. Nominators have until noon on Friday, Nov. 21, to submit applications to UNM Staff Council at: scouncil@unm.edu.

PRESIDENT DAVID J. SCHMIDLY joined the governing board of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities. He will serve a three-year term. Schmidly was selected for his “longstanding commitment to Hispanic higher education,” according to a HACU press release. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003394.html#more

ONE PERSON IN 10 is bullied at work in the United States in any given 6-month period, according to Pamela Lutgen-Sandvik, assistant professor in organizational communication in the University of New Mexico Department of Communication & Journalism. As a social worker in a women’s resource center in Alaska, she noticed that the center director received many complaints about boss bullying. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003407.html#more

LORENDA BELONE is a Health Sciences Center associate scientist 2 in the master’s of public health program, but that’s just a small part of her on-campus identity, and doesn’t even touch who she is when she leaves campus. Belone is from Mexican Springs, north of Gallup, on the Navajo Reservation. She left her extended family and community for a couple of years when she moved her family to Albuquerque while pursuing her master’s in public health. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003398.html#more

THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION will break ground on its new main campus building Friday, Nov. 21 at 11 a.m. at the construction site located on the northeast corner of the Technology and Education Center. The event will feature President David J. Schmidly, Regent Don Chalmers, former interim Provost and past CoE Dean Viola E. Florez and interim CoE Dean Richard Howell. As part of the event, Joseph Suina, Professor Emeriti, CoE, Cochiti Pueblo, will conduct a site blessing.
UNM LIVE PODCAST: UNM Political Science Professor Lonna Atkeson presents preliminary data on voter turnout and shifts in party affiliation in New Mexico at an Albuquerque Press Women luncheon. http://www4.unm.edu/unmlive/?p=164

THE UNPLUGGING of McColo Corporation, an online host that served machines responsible for 75 percent of daily spam, contributed to a significant reduction in spam e-mail across the country, including the University of New Mexico. The host was unplugged the first week in November, and according to UNM’s ITS Department, a 60 percent drop in spam, both received and filtered at UNM, was noted. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003413.html#more

ACCORDING TO Information Technology Services, less than half of all voice mailbox users have initialized their mailbox on the new system. In order for callers to hear your personal greeting after the cut over date on Nov. 29, you must initialize your voice mailbox now. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003414.html#more


THE STATE OF THE New Mexico economy seems to be on everyone’s mind in recent weeks. On this episode of “New Mexico in Focus,” co-host David Alire Garcia sits down with various New Mexico city leaders to discuss their cities and the economy. “New Mexico in Focus” will air on KNME-TV, channel 5, on Friday, Nov. 21 at 7 p.m. and repeats on Sunday, Nov. 23 at 6:30 a.m. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003412.html#more