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Welcome to UNM News Minute, a weekly electronic bulletin that highlights important topics and items of interest to the campus community. UNM News Minute is distributed every Wednesday by UNM's Public Affairs Department.

1. NEWSMAKERS:

. The television series NOVA was on-campus Aug. 27, to interview anthropologists Joe Powell and Anne Stone about their opinions, ideas and research of the first Americans. NOVA filmed Powell and Stone in the department's DNA/ genetics lab.

. NOVA also filmed Diana Northup, an associate in biology and librarian in the Science and Engineering library, and Penny Boston, a research professor in biology at Carlsbad Caverns in August. Boston and Northup are investigating how caves form by looking at the microorganisms present in them. The PBS crew also filmed Northup in Mexico and researchers Mike Spilde and Laura Bean at their labs at UNM.
<http://www.i-pi.com/~diana>

2. STUDENT SURVEY

Undergraduate students highly value their UNM education – so say researchers from the Institute from Public Policy who conducted a survey of 815 students last spring. Eighty-two percent responded to the survey, commissioned by the College of Arts and Sciences. Results indicate:

- . UNM is the right choice for students with 75% saying that they would chose UNM again.
- . A majority of students rate their classes good or excellent, with 22% rating classes in their major as excellent
- . Students highly rate UNM professors – particularly those in their majors
- . A majority of students rate faculty advisors or college advisors as good or excellent. Students would also like a system of peer advisement established.

3. FACULTY

. 93 new full-time faculty joined UNM this fall. 82 teach on main campus and 11 are at branch campuses. System-wide this brings the number of full-time faculty to 1,065 with 895 on main campus.

4. INAUGURATION

Mark your calendars for Sunday, Oct. 10 from 2:30-4 p.m. to attend the installation ceremony of President Bill Gordon in Popejoy Hall. Pick up complimentary tickets beginning Sept. 14 at the UNM Bookstore and the Pit ticket offices. Reception following at University House.

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