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1. **THREE CANDIDATES** have been invited to campus to interview for the post of UNM Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs. The finalists are Reed Dasenbrock, Ramon Gutierrez, and Uday Sukhatme. The finalists were selected by a 13-member search committee from a national search process that began in October 2005.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001053.html#more>

2. **TWO UNM EMPLOYEES**, passionate about their communities, are recipients of UNM's first-ever Sarah Belle Brown Community Service Award. Charlie Gallegos and Sam Slishman, were recognized Feb. 4 during the halftime ceremony at the UNM vs. Utah men's basketball game. The awards were created in the name of Sarah Belle Brown, a public servant for more than 30 years. She is the wife of Doug Brown, New Mexico State Treasurer and a former UNM regent.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001041.html#more>

3. **COMPUTER-ASSISTED** hunting, or cyber hunting, is on its way to being outlawed in New Mexico thanks to students participating in the Wild Friends Program, a component of the Center for Wildlife Law at the University of New Mexico Institute for Public Law. Students in the program, aimed at school-age youth, adopt compelling wildlife issues, initiate legislative bills or memorials, and work to advance them through the legislative process. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001049.html#more>

4. A **RECENT ARTICLE** by the Geological Society of America featuring the research of Earth and Planetary Sciences Professor Peter Fawcett and former graduate student Peter Castiglia, who is now a geologist with SWCA Environmental Consultants, presents evidence that El Niño-mediated winter storms are more important than previously suspected for controlling moisture availability in the U.S. – Mexico borderlands region.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001054.html#more>

5. **ACADEMIC ADVISORS** from five states will attend the National Academic Advising Association Region 10 Conference, Feb. 22-24, at the Albuquerque Hotel at Old Town. The conference, titled “Journey Into the Future: Engaging the Next Generation of Scholars,” will provide a setting for academic advisors to network and share ideas. Conference co-chairs are Dianna Ortiz, Chemical and Nuclear Engineering and Lynne Jacobsen, Computer Science. For more information contact Ortiz at [dmortiz@unm.edu](mailto:dmortiz@unm.edu) or 277-5606.

6. **WILLIAM KANE**, a professor of health education at the College of Education, is the recipient of two recent honors. The American Association for Health Education recognized Kane with The William Kane Scholarship, which will be awarded annually to an outstanding undergraduate student majoring in health education. The American College of Preventive Medicine also honored Kane for outstanding leadership.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001043.html#more>

7. SENATOR JEFF BINGAMAN delivered the keynote address at the annual Public Policy Colloquium of the American Society for Engineering Education's Engineering Deans Council on Feb. 14 at the National Academies Building in Washington D.C. UNM School of Engineering Dean Joseph L. Cecchi, a member of the council, introduced the senator and presented him with the Engineering Deans Council Appreciation Award. The theme of this year's colloquium was "Engineering Colleges in Service to America."

8. REGENTS' PROFESSOR of Public Administration Mario Rivera was recently appointed to the Executive Council of the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration or NASPAA. Rivera, who was elected by the membership to a three-year term through 2008, joins 16 others on the executive committee.

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9. THE UNM Office of International Programs and Studies seeks nominations of deserving faculty, staff and students for the 2005-06 International Excellence Awards. The International Excellence Awards honor individuals who made outstanding contributions to further UNM's international mission.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001048.html#more>

10. A \$30,000 GRANT from the National Writing Project has been awarded to UNM to help improve student writing and learning. Funding will establish the High Desert Writing Project, an opportunity for Albuquerque-area teachers to participate in summer and school year programs focused on improving writing skills.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001045.html#more>

11. TWO UNM FACULTY members have been awarded guest professorships at Humboldt University in Berlin. David Craven, Art and Art History professor in the College of Fine Arts; and Susanne Baackmann, associate professor of German Studies in the Foreign Languages and Literatures Department, College of Arts and Sciences, both received the Spring 2007 Rudolf Arnheim professorship in art history and cultural studies. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001047.html#more>

12. THE CENTER FOR Advanced Scholarship in Teaching and Learning at UNM presents, "Success in the Classroom: Sharing Practices that Work," a conference to be held in the Student Union Building on Friday, Feb. 24 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001055.html#more>

13. THE PROVOST'S COMMITTEE for Staff has extended the nomination deadline for its 17th Annual Outstanding Staff and Workgroup Awards, which are presented annually each spring. The extended deadline for nominations is Monday, Feb. 20, at 8 a.m.

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