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1. PROVOST BRIAN FOSTER announced today that he will be leaving his position to return to teaching and research, and to pursue other long-held interests. President Louis Caldera has appointed Reed Dasenbrock, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at UNM, to be interim provost when Foster steps down later this spring.
<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/000517.html#more>
2. CONGRESSWOMAN HEATHER WILSON recently announced \$3 million in federal funding for the new UNM Sevilleta Research and Education Center, a major ecological research project in the New Mexico desert near Socorro, N.M. The center will complement the current Sevilleta Field Research Station, which is in need of a facility for training and to house research equipment and high-speed computer connections.
<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/000511.html#more>
3. A THREE-YEAR, \$900,000 grant is allowing the College of Education to provide scholarships to American Indian students interested in teaching in Native American communities. The Indian Education Division at the New Mexico State Department of Education provided the funding.
<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/000510.html#more>
4. TWO GROUPS ARE realigning organizationally with CIRT under the office of Chief Information Officer Bill Adkins. University Telecommunications, led by Paula Loendorf, and the LINK Project Coordination office, directed by Fred Youberg, are joining CIRT, which is led by Moira Gerety, in the CIO organization. The moves represent another step in President Caldera's plan to recognize and manage University information technology as a strategic UNM resource.
<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/000518.html#more>
5. "THE BALANCING ACT," a presentation sponsored by the Staff Council Work+Life Committee, is scheduled for Wednesday, March 9, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Student Union building, Lobo rooms A&B. Omar Ahmed, American Cancer Society, will offer tips for balancing work and life in his talk "Stress: The Silent Killer." UNM Professor Richard Santos offers expert advice on how "Balancing Work and Life Improves the Bottom Line."
<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/000514.html#more>
6. THE PROVOST'S COMMITTEE for Staff recently announced the spring 2005 recipients of its first-ever Academic Support Scholarship for Staff. Recipients were: Margaret Gonzales, group administrator, Graduate Studies; Dina Ma'yan, development coordinator, University Libraries; Bridgette Wagner, web designer, College of Pharmacy; and Lucille Cordova, administrative assistant, Chicano Studies.
<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/000504.html#more>

7. THE SCHOOL OF LAW has initiated a new Economic Development Program to expand its business law curriculum and increase economic activity in the state. As a result, more courses will be offered on a range of topics including secured lending, sales, business associations/small businesses, employment law, securities regulations, antitrust and international business transactions, and business ethics.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/000512.html#more>

8. JONATHAN LEO BROWN, a graduate student in Art Education, College of Education, recently received the NICHE Student Award in Mixed and Miscellaneous Media. Brown's "Tower of Light" received one of only 19 awards out of nearly 1,000 entries from the United States and Canada.

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9. THE SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE and Planning presents the fifth annual J.B. Jackson Lecture featuring Paul Groth, professor of architecture and geography, University of California, Berkeley, on Friday, March 4, at 4:30 p.m., in Northrop Hall rm. 122. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/000515.html#more>

10. JOYCE NEIMANAS' ART is a vibrant hybrid of photography and found object skillfully combined through digital manipulation. "Whatever It Takes," an exhibition at the University of New Mexico Art Museum, displays a selection of her work from 1976 to the present. She will speak at a reception Tuesday, March 8, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The show will be on display in the lower gallery of the museum until March 20.

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11. ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR of Communication and Journalism Dirk C. Gibson is serving as an expert source for national print and broadcast media regarding the BTK killer, charged in Kansas yesterday with 10 counts of murder. Gibson's theory is that serial murder is not accurately explained by conventional psychological or sociological paradigms. His study of 500 serial murderers spanning 600 years finds that they are rhetorically motivated "media events," which lead to the real motive, the desire to send and receive communication. His book, "Clues from Killers: Serial Murder & Crime Scene Messages (Praeger, October 2004)" describes 10 such cases in detail, including the BTK killer.

12. RELIGIOUS STUDIES and the College of Arts and Sciences will feature the talk "Islam and Christianity Facing Modernity" by Dr. Jose Casanova, Monday, March 7, from 5 – 6:30 p.m. at the Student Union Building, Lobo rooms A & B.

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