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1. REED WAY DASENBROCK was named provost and executive vice president for academic affairs Monday. Dasenbrock served as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and has been interim UNM provost for the past year.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001102.html#more>

2. PAUL KREBS WAS NAMED as UNM's 12th director of athletics last Monday. Krebs, currently the athletics director at Bowling Green State University, will succeed Rudy Davalos who has been UNM's athletics director for the past 13 years.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001100.html#more>

3. THE UNM BOARD OF REGENTS recently re-elected Jamie Koch, Jack Fortner and Sandra Begay-Campbell as president, vice president and secretary, respectively.

4. UNM FACULTY, STAFF AND STUDENTS are invited to meet the three candidates for University Counsel in a series of open forums beginning March 20. The forum schedule is: Jo Ann Stringfield, Monday, March 20, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Lobo Room A&B in the SUB; Kirk Miller, Thursday, March 23, 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., Spirit/Trailblazer Room in the SUB; and Patrick Apodaca, Monday, March 27, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Fiesta Room A&B in the SUB.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001096.html#more>

5. UNM WAS ONE OF 20 universities to receive basic research grants through the Multidisciplinary University Research Initiative recently. The \$3.5 million grant was awarded to UNM and its collaborators to conduct research on enzymatic fuel cells. Plamen Atanassov, assistant professor of chemical and nuclear engineering, will serve as principal investigator on a research project titled "Fundamentals and Bioengineering of Enzymatic Fuel Cells."

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001095.html#more>

6. A RESEARCH COLLABORATION between the departments of Cell Biology and Physiology and Surgery within the School of Medicine may lead physicians across the nation to change diabetic treatment from the outset of diagnosis. Arup Das, division chief for Ophthalmology, and Paul McGuire, chair of the Department of Cell Biology and Physiology, recently received a three-year, \$495,000 grant from the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation to study how proteinases can affect the vascular leakage that occurs in diabetic retinas.

<http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=4804>

7. UNM'S DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL Medicine Program in Occupational and Environmental Health, in collaboration with the New Mexico Department of Health and New Mexico Occupational Health Registry, recently secured more than \$300,000 in grant funding from the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health to analyze trends related to on-the-job illness and injury among New Mexico's workers over the next three years.

<http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=4811>

8. ON MARCH 16 at 11 a.m., Mountain Standard Time, thousands of medical students across the country will collectively stop breathing. But don't bother to check any pulses; it'll only be nerves as medical students across America will simultaneously learn where they will serve their residencies. Residency is the second phase of medical education, requiring an additional three to seven years of training, depending on the medical specialty.

<http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=4810>

9. THE UNM SCHOOL OF LAW outperformed 29 moot court teams from across the United States to earn the 2006 Hispanic National Bar Association's Moot Court Competition in Seattle, Washington recently. The team, including members Denise Chanez, Elaine Lujan and Damian

Lara, is the first at UNM to win the national title, which includes a championship prize of \$4,000 in scholarship funding. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001109.html#more>

10. UNM CONTINUING EDUCATION received a first place in the 2006 University Continuing Education Association publications awards. The Marketing Department at UNM Continuing Education took the gold medal in the category of "E-Communication." The award is given in recognition of outstanding creative marketing communication projects. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001107.html#more>

11. EARTH AND PLANETARY Sciences Professor John W. Geissman was one of 45 new Fellows elected recently to the American Geophysical Union (AGU). Fellows of AGU are members who have attained acknowledged eminence in the Earth and space sciences. Geissman, along with the other elected Fellows, will be recognized in Baltimore, Md. in May as part of the 2006 Joint Assembly. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001110.html#more>

12. The 2006 UNM SUMMER SCHEDULE is now available online and can be accessed at: <http://www.unm.edu/~unmreg/schedule.htm>. Registration for continuing students begins Monday, April 17.

13. HELP IS NEEDED. The 47th Annual Northwest New Mexico Regional Science and Engineering Fair is this Friday and Saturday, March 17-18 at UNM. Projects will be on display at Johnson Center and the Student Union Building. The fair is in desperately need of judges in several areas. For additional information contact Karen M. Kinsman, director and sr. program manager, STEM Education Outreach Programs at 277-4916 or kkinsman@unm.edu. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001097.html#more>

14. PHOTOS FROM THE Albuquerque Tricentennial Matanza, organized by UNM's creative writing program in honor of beloved New Mexico author and UNM Professor Emeritus Rudolfo Anaya, are now available in the 'UNM Salutes the Albuquerque Tricentennial Photo Gallery' at: <http://www.unm.edu/news/Tricentennial/photos.htm>. Photos from the Building the Future Festival, Senior Day 2005 and the Mexican Traditional Medicine Fair are also available for viewing.

15. THE FIRST-EVER Student Water Symposium at the University of New Mexico will be held Friday, March 24. The symposium will bring together invited guests and participants from UNM and other universities at a showcase of current student work on Southwest water topics. The event will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Lobo rooms A & B in the Student Union Building. The symposium is free, but participants are encouraged to register by Wednesday, March 22. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001108.html#more>

16. ASUNM COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE wants to help you plan for the 2006 Spring Storm, which is scheduled for Saturday, April 22. Weekly meetings are currently being held on Mondays at 2 p.m. in the SUB, rm. 1062. The registration deadline for individual or group participants is Friday, March 31. <http://www4.unm.edu/tce/>.

17. AWARD WINNING New Mexico filmmakers, including UNM physician Ben Daitz, have produced a visually and emotionally compelling documentary film about children with disabilities for New Mexico public television titled "What Does Normal Mean?" The film will air on KNME-TV March 24 at 7 p.m. KNME-TV's "In Focus" will preview the documentary and present a panel discussion including several individuals featured in the film on March 17 at 7:30 p.m. In Focus will repeat Sunday, March 19 at 6:30 a.m. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001101.html#more>