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MORE THAN 850 faculty, staff, regents, administrators, students and community members attended the special faculty meeting of the University of New Mexico held yesterday. Of these, 491 were certified members of the voting faculty, constituting 50 percent of the non-medical school voting faculty of the Main Campus and 28 percent of the total UNM voting faculty. Participants discussed and voted on five main motions.
<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003678.html#more>

FOURTH-YEAR College of Pharmacy students Kim Neff and Mariam Qozi placed in the top 10 out of 97 pharmacy schools at the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) 2008 National Clinical Skills Competition in Orlando, Fla.
<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003681.html#more>

THE COMBINED grade point average of the Lobos' 21 athletics programs for the 2008 fall semester was a school-record 3.14 according to the UNM registrar's office. UNM's previous high was 3.11 in the spring of 2008. The Lobos have now reached a G.P.A. of 3.00 or better for 12 of the last 13 semesters. UNM began tracking grades in the fall of 1988. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003682.html#more>

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR of Educational Psychology Roxana Moreno, in the College of Education, was one of 11 presenters at a special event recently highlighting Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) research projects at the National Science Foundation. Moreno presented her research titled, "PECASE: Bridging the Gap Between Theory and Practice in Teacher Education: Guided Interactive Virtual Environments (GIVEs) for Case-Based Learning."
<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003659.html#more>

WRITING A GREAT story takes more than talent; it requires deft use of the tools of the trade, as English Lecturer Jack Trujillo has taught UNM students since 1998. Trujillo said Charles Baxter, his mentor in graduate school, is "the best writer in America that only writers know about." Baxter influenced Trujillo's practical approach to teaching writing. Another influence is Arturo Islas, the first Hispanic author to get published by a major publisher. Trujillo said Islas taught how to write minority characters "without making them minstrels."
<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003664.html#more>

WHEN IT COMES to health care, soaring costs are typical news headlines. Employers are constantly challenged with keeping health care and employee benefits affordable. Tough economic times demand creativity and rethinking ways to save. Through strategic partnerships and new practices, the Division of Human Resources has employed successful strategies to maximize benefits while saving money.
<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003663.html#more>

THE DEADLINE FOR NOMINATING individuals and workgroups for the Provost's Committee's Outstanding Staff and Workgroup Awards is Friday, Feb. 27 at 5 p.m.
<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003660.html#more>

AS PART OF ONGOING cyber security initiatives at UNM, the ITS Department will soon be offering anti-virus software at no cost to all UNM students, faculty and staff. The software, called Symantec Endpoint Protection, will be available for use on campus, at work and at home, and is expected to be available for secure download by mid-March. Contact Information Assurance at 277-0930 for additional information.

THE UNM African-American Student Services is presenting the 4th Annual Black Cultural Conference titled, "Celebrating Legendary Families," Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 26-28. Activities will be held at the UNM Student Union Building.
<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003669.html#more>

THE PHYSICAL PLANT Department's iService Desk will be unavailable from 3:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 27 through 12 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 28.

FOLLOWING YESTERDAY'S faculty votes of no confidence regarding President David Schmidly, Executive Vice President David Harris, and Board of Regents President Jamie Koch, "New Mexico in Focus" co-host David Alire Garcia will interview Koch and fellow Regents Don Chalmers and Mel Eaves, to discuss the implications of the meeting. "New Mexico in Focus," KNME-TV, channel 5's weekly one-hour news show, will air on Friday, Feb. 27 at 7 p.m.
<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003679.html#more>

THE AFRICANA STUDIES Department presents "Black Women Authors, Black Women's Lives" on Saturday, Feb. 28 at 4 p.m. in the Student Union Building, ballroom B. Serving as the closing for Black History Month as well as the kick-off for Women's History Month, the event features performances from best-selling author Kimberly Lawson Roby, poet Evie Shockley and playwright/author Karen Jones Meadows.
<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003662.html#more>