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THE UNM BOARD of Regents approved a tuition increase ranging between 5 percent and 6.97 percent. The final amount will be decided at a later meeting. The tuition increase will fund an average salary increase of three percent for faculty members and a two percent average salary increase for members of the university staff.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002714.html#more>

UNM'S BOARD OF REGENTS voted to approve UNM's first official Parent Association yesterday. Regents' President Jamie Koch signed a memorandum of understanding with the association giving parents a role in university governance. The Parent Association president will give a report on behalf of all parents at each full Board of Regents meeting. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002709.html#more>

DR. SUZANNE TRAGER ORTEGA, a finalist for the position of provost and executive vice president for Academic Affairs, will be on campus to meet faculty, staff, students and the community during a series of interviews scheduled for today and Friday, March 14. The faculty forum will be held today from 3 to 4:15 p.m. The student forum will follow it from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. The staff forum will be held tomorrow, March 14, from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. All forums will be in the Santa Ana Room in the Student Union Building. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002696.html#more>

UNTIL RECENTLY, it was thought the Grand Canyon was approximately six million years old. That was until researchers in the Earth and Planetary Sciences Department in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of New Mexico discovered otherwise. Using a technique called uranium-lead isotope (U-Pb) dating of water table-type speleothems or cave formations, researchers Victor Polyak, Carol Hill and Yemane Asmerom, were able to determine the western portion of the Grand Canyon actually began to form some 17 million years ago.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002711.html#more>

THE CURRENT CATASTROPHIC leave program has been in place since July 1, 2003. The Division of Human Resources has been working with Staff Council to evaluate the program and determine the policy changes needed to ensure program viability and correct over-expenditures of approximately \$250,000. The proposed revision of the Catastrophic Leave Policy is available for comment and can be viewed at:

<http://www.unm.edu/~ubppm/ubppmanual/d3430.htm>. Please send your comments to [ubppm@unm.edu](mailto:ubppm@unm.edu) no later than April 13, 2008.

WHEN YOU WERE six years old and something went wrong, your mom made you count to 10, then react as a way of making you stop to think. Now a graduate student from the University of New Mexico is working on a technical protocol that gives Internet Service Providers time to stop and think about traffic flow problems on the Internet before they have to react. Josh Karlin is constructing a protocol with his advisor Computer Science Professor Stephanie Forrest.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002708.html#more>

TWO UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO buildings received awards at the Best Buildings Award Banquet sponsored by the New Mexico Building Branch of the Associated General Contractors and Southwest Contractor. George Pearl Hall, home to UNM's School of Architecture and Planning and Fine Arts and Design Library, received the 2008 Grand Prize of Show.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002707.html#more>

THE DEPARTMENT OF PATHOLOGY at UNM's Health Sciences Center recently received approval for a new Molecular Genetic Pathology Fellowship by the National Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education.

<http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=6732>

UNM BOOKSTORE Director Melanie Sparks was recently elected 2008-09 president of the National Association of College Stores (NACS). Sparks will represent the collegiate retailing industry and the Association during the year.

FOR THE FIFTH YEAR, Sandia National Laboratories has provided financial support for summer science classes for K-12 educators. Personnel from Sandia, UNM College of Arts and Sciences, Albuquerque Public Schools, and the New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science use these funds to collaboratively develop and offer free university-level courses in earth science, biology and astronomy for K-12 teachers.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002701.html#more>

ARTS AND CULTURE are big business in the Albuquerque metropolitan region and could get even bigger. Learn how and why at a presentation of the recently released study on the Economic Importance of the Arts and Cultural Industries in Albuquerque and Bernalillo County. The presentation will be held this evening, Thursday, March 13, 5:30-6:30 p.m., at the KiMo Theatre, near the corner of Central Avenue and Fifth Street.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002686.html#more>

THE FUTURE OF THE death penalty in New Mexico will be one of the many topics up for debate on 'New Mexico In Focus.' The show airs at 7 p.m. on KNME Ch. 5 on Friday, March 14. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002715.html#more>