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EIGHT PROFESSORS have been promoted to the rank of UNM distinguished professor, the highest rank bestowed on faculty. Distinguished professors are individuals who have demonstrated outstanding achievements and are nationally and internationally renowned as scholars. The 2005-2006 inductees are: Joan Bybee, Steven Feld, F. Chris Garcia, Nitant Kenkre, Robert T. Paine, Jr., Gary Scharnhorst, Lawrence Guy Straus and Eberhard Uhlenhuth. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/000867.html#more>

TWO PUBLIC FORUMS have been scheduled as part of the institution's upcoming NCAA Division I athletics certification program. The forums are scheduled and designed to allow public input into the certification process. The first forum is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 25, in the Student Union Ballroom, Santa Ana A, from 12 to 1 p.m. The second forum will be held, Thursday, Oct. 27, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., in the Pete McDavid Lounge located at The Pit.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/000878.html#more>

THE GREATER ALBUQUERQUE Chamber of Commerce featured UNM researchers and administrators at a recent luncheon that provided an opportunity for UNM to talk about economic development activity generated at the university. Steve Brueck, director of the Center for High Tech Materials, Wilmer Sibbet, professor of Neurology, Tom Williams, a professor in the Pathology Department at the School of Medicine, and Lisa Kuuttila, chairman and CEO of the Science and Technology Corporation, all participated.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/000865.html#more>

POLITICAL SCIENCE PROFESSOR Andrew L. Ross has been named the new director of the UNM's Office for Policy, Security, and Technology. Ross was selected to head OPST after a national search by a committee chaired by Bert Useem, director of the Institute for Social Policy and professor of sociology.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/000872.html#more>

THE COMMUNITY IS invited to the Hispano/Latino Health Summit being held Oct. 21-22 at the Hilton Albuquerque Hotel. The Summit, titled, "Healthcare Solutions for Hispanos/Latinos in New Mexico: Increasing Access, Decreasing Disparities," will have presentations by some of the leading national and local experts on racial and ethnic health disparities.

<http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=438>

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UNM's COLLEGE OF PHARMACY, the oldest professional college on campus, is celebrating 60 successful years developing resourceful leaders in pharmaceutical care and research for the people of New Mexico. Alumni, students and faculty are invited to participate in the festivities.

<http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=436>

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NASA HAS CHOSEN Dr. Barbara Cohen, research assistant professor in the Institute of Meteoritics, for participation over the next two years on the Mars Exploration Rover (MER) mission. Cohen's research focuses on geology of extraterrestrial samples, including lunar rocks and meteorites, and how these rocks record large impact events. *(Link coming pending approval of release)*

A PROPOSED BUYOUT of WebCT by its longtime rival Blackboard Inc. should be a positive move in the industry and beneficial to the University of New Mexico, a user of Web CT's products. Last week, Blackboard Inc. announced plans to buy WebCT in a \$180-million deal. Both companies offer products allowing students to do course work online as part of an on-campus class or through a distance-education program.

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THE NEWEST MEMBERS of the University of New Mexico Service Corps (UNMSC) will take their initial oath of office and returning corps members will renew their oath before Lt. Governor Diane Denish, Thursday, Oct. 20, beginning at 11:30 a.m. at University House. UNMSC is the campus-based AmeriCorps program.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/000870.html#more>

IN A RANKING announced today of the Top 30 global MBA programs – from nearly 100 surveyed – UNM's Robert O. Anderson Graduate Schools of Management has received a No. 18 ranking in the Beyond Grey Pinstripes report. The Beyond Grey Pinstripes report is the only global ranking that evaluates MBA programs for their efforts to prepare graduates for the new business realities demanding social and environmental stewardship. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/000875.html#more>

UNM PRESIDENT'S CLUB chair Bob Bovinette, recently announced his successor, Peggie Findlay, to lead the highly-successful annual-giving club. Additionally, the President's Club has initiated an advisory committee, which includes nine appointed members: Peggie Findlay, Bob Bovinette, Bob Taichert, Suzanne Barker, Terri Cole, Barbara Ellena, Debbie Johnson, Nestor Romero and Larry Willard.

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SUPPORT FOR the University's United Way Campaign continues to grow. The Physical Plant Department held a lunch time BBQ with the proceeds of more than \$1,400 going to the United Way Campaign. Other departments are also hosting other creative, fun and competitive events as a way of encouraging growth in the campaign. For more information visit: www.unitedway.unm.edu.

UNM LIBRARIES is looking for emerging Hispanic writers who have published fewer than two books for a literary competition. Premio Aztlán is a literary prize first established by Rudolfo and Patricia Anaya and recently revived by University Libraries.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/000874.html#more>

THE STUDENT ACTIVITIES Center is sponsoring a College Bowl Campus Tournament and is searching for four and five member teams to participate. Any group of

students can sign up at the Student Activities Center in the Student Union Building, rm. 1018 or can call 277-4706 for more information. The deadline for entry is Oct. 28.
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