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1. IN A HISTORIC gathering in Las Cruces on Sept. 9, the Board of Regents at New Mexico State University hosted the Board of Regents from the University of New Mexico to talk business and pledge cooperation. Emblematic of the collaborative spirit referred to often in the meeting, both boards unanimously approved the Cooperative Pharmacy program, which seeks to remove the shortage of pharmacists in southern New Mexico – currently at half the national average.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001422.html#more>

2. UNM AND RESEARCHERS at the Mind Institute are prominently featured in the upcoming CNN special, titled "Genius." The one-hour television special, hosted by CNN's Dr. Sanjay Guptas, airs Sunday, Sept. 17, at 8 p.m. (MDT). The show attempts to answer the classic nature versus nurture question of whether high intelligence is genetically encoded or the product of one's environment.

<http://www.cnn.com/2006/HEALTH/09/11/gupta.genius/index.html?section=cnn>.

3. RESEARCHERS WITHIN the UNM School of Medicine recently received a \$1.68 million grant from the National Eye Institute to investigate the role played by proteinase enzymes and of a little studied growth factor called hepatocyte growth factor, in the degradation of the eye as a result of diabetic retinopathy.

<http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=5280>

4. PROFESSOR JEAN-CLAUDE DIELS was recently named as the recipient of the Optical Society of America's Engineering Excellence Award, given in recognition of technical achievements in optical engineering.

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5. BE A PART OF HOMECOMING 2006 by participating in the 5th Annual Campus Decorating Contest Oct. 3. The contest, which encourages school spirit, is judged on the following criteria: best use of theme (UNM: there's no place like home); creativity and quality of decorations; and enthusiasm. Judging for the many great prizes available takes place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, contact Lisa Delgado, 277-8297 or via e-mail at, ldelgado@unm.edu.

6. THE UNM OFFICE of the University Secretary is requesting nominations for honorary degrees for "those persons who have contributed significantly to the cultural or scientific development of the Southwest, or to the spiritual or material welfare of its people." Send nominations to the Office of the University Secretary, Scholes Hall, rm. 103, by Friday, Sept. 29.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001392.html#more>

7. UNM WILL HOST will host more than 1,000 prospective students along with their families during "Senior Day," designed to introduce high school seniors to campus life, on Saturday, Sept. 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tours of campus and the residence halls

will be provided along with information about admission, financial aid, scholarships, academic programs and student activities. Reservations are due by Friday, Sept. 15. Call 505-277-2260 or 1-800-CALL UNM (225-5866), ext. 3.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001398.html#more>

8. POPEJOY HALL, UNM's premier venue and one of the state's most popular entertainment sites, celebrates its 40th birthday on Sunday, Oct. 1. Festivities to mark the occasion include a noontime lunch on stage with select guests. At 1 p.m., a public celebration starts outside on Cornell Mall with a short ceremony to honor the occasion commencing at 1:45, also outside Popejoy Hall.

<http://www.popejoypresents.com/BirthdayParty.htm>

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001421.html#more>

9. THE STAFF at Popejoy is seeking photos of Popejoy Hall. The photos can be from before, during or anytime after its construction, and would be used during Popejoy's upcoming 40th birthday party on Oct. 1. If you are willing to loan photos -- preferably an electronic version of them -- please contact Terry S. Davis, Public Relations for Popejoy Hall at, tdavis@unm.edu.

10. THE UNM FACULTY Senate Committee on Governance announces a meeting for all UNM faculty on Tuesday, Sept. 19, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in Lobo rooms A&B in the SUB. The agenda includes action items on faculty involvement in the presidential search and shared governance at UNM.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001415.html#more>

11. UNM STAFF COUNCIL President David Groth has been elected president of the New Mexico Higher Education Staff Association. Formed this past summer during the first higher education staff summit held at UNM, the group held its first official meeting last week at Western New Mexico University in Silver City.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001412.html#more>

12. "TECHNOLOGY IN THE CLASSROOM," a program of presentations to inform instructors about using WebCT Vista and classroom communication systems to help students learn, is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 21, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the SUB Fiesta Rooms A and B. A keynote luncheon, "To click or not to click is not the question. So what is?" will feature Ed Prather, Department of Astronomy and Conceptual Astronomy and Physics Education Research Team, University of Arizona.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001419.html#more>

13. THE UNM INTERNATIONAL Studies Institute's fall lecture series on globalization continues this evening and tomorrow. The lectures, which are free and open to the public, are held in Woodward Hall, room 147. The lecture series takes an interdisciplinary look at aspects of globalization. Distinguished speakers from economics, international relations, medicine, political science, public health and sociology will examine globalization. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001416.html#more>

14. IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL suicide prevention week, the Agora Crisis Center at UNM is co-sponsoring the premiere of “Jumping off Bridges” at the Southwest Film Center in UNM’s Student Union Building. A red carpet event is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 15, at 7 p.m. and will include guest speakers and a panel of experts to discuss suicide prevention.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001409.html#more>

15. UNM AND DE COLORES, Inc. will present the 2006 Hispanic Culture Festival, which is celebrating its 14th anniversary through art, music, dance, song, foods, poetry and leadership recognition. Month-long activities will be held at locations on UNM main campus and throughout the Albuquerque community.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001414.html#more>

16. AN INTERDISCIPLINARY SYMPOSIUM, Modernism-Fascism-Postmodernism, will take place Wednesday, Sept. 20, through Friday, Sept. 22, in the Santa Ana and Fiesta rooms located in the Student Union Building. The symposium, which is free and open to the public, starts at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday with registration and a book exhibit.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001395.html#more>

17. UNM WILL HOST the next meeting of the state’s Information Technology Oversight Committee, Tuesday, Sept. 20. This session, which runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the UNM Center for High Performance Computing, will address the development of cutting edge media and how it translates into an interdisciplinary program for research, education, economic development and the building of UNM’s resources.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001418.html#more>