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1. A NINE-PERSON working group, led by acting UNM President David Harris with representatives from the UNM, New Mexico State University and Central New Mexico Community College, will soon begin planning and negotiating for higher education offerings in Rio Rancho. The working group will collaborate and focus on UNM's future full-service campus to be located on 216 acres next to the City Centre in Rio Rancho.
<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001423.html#more>

2. THE "UNLIMITED POSSIBILITIES" United Way UNM employee campaign is underway. Acting President David Harris recently announced the campaign goal of \$475,000. The University's campaign is one of the largest in the state and demonstrates UNM's support for friends, family, community and causes we support around the world. During the 2005 campaign, UNM set a goal of \$400,000 and beat it by raising \$432,000.
<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001424.html#more>

3. A GROUNDBREAKING for the \$42 million Centennial Engineering Center was held at the School of Engineering recently. Construction is scheduled for completion by fall semester 2008. UNM regents, acting President David Harris, Provost Reed Dasenbrock, SOE dean Joseph Cecchi, architect Van Gilbert and business and community leaders attended the event.
<http://www.unm.edu/news/06SeptNewsReleases/06-09-20krqevideo.wmv>

4. CELEBRATING ACCOMPLISHMENTS; Extending Winter Break – Msg. From Acting President David Harris: Preliminary figures indicate student enrollment at UNM remains strong with this year's freshmen class projected to be over 3,000 for the fourth year in a row. This reflects well on the faculty and staff of the University as well as on the many support programs we make available to our students - the lottery scholarship, freshmen learning communities and outreach to at-risk students, to name a few. Our commitment to these students continues to be our greatest responsibility.
<http://www.unm.edu/news/06SepNewsClips/14harris.htm>

5. THE UNM ANNUAL crime statistics report shows some fluctuation over the three-year reporting period, but statistically, violent crime on campus remains low while the campus population continues to increase. UNM Police compile the statistics annually in compliance with the federal Cleary Law, which is administered by the U.S. Department of Education and requires colleges and universities to release three years of crime statistics for a variety of offenses.
<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001432.html#more>

6. UNM Police have been awarded more than \$99,000 in two grants from the Office of Emergency Management in the State Department of Public Safety. These are Homeland Security funds that will be used to increase security measures in several areas of campus.

7. A GALA EVENT is planned for Sunday, Oct. 8, when UNM hosts a grand opening and dedication for the Center for Environmental Research, Informatics and Art or CERIA

building. The event, which will be held on the plaza west of the CERIA building (old Bookstore), begins at noon with refreshments. A building dedication and ribbon cutting, complete with dignitaries, begins at 1 p.m. Building tours, demonstrations and other events will follow from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001417.html#more>

8. THE NEW HSC Office of Community Affairs is hosting an open house on Thursday, Sept. 21, from 4 to 5 p.m. The public is invited to meet the members of the Community Affairs Advisory Council, tour the offices and enjoy refreshments. The open house will be held in Health Sciences Service Building, 2600 Marble NE, in room 305.

<http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=5319>

9. EVERYONE IS INVITED to join world-renowned integrative medicine pioneer Dr. Andrew Weil on Sunday, Oct. 15, at 7:30 p.m., in Santa Fe's Lentic Theater for an hour-and-a-half interactive Public Forum on Healthy Aging. Tickets start at \$25. Prior to the public forum, Weil is hosting a private reception at the nearby Andreeva Gallery that includes receiving a copy of his book, "Healthy Aging." Tickets for the private reception are \$125.

<http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=5283>

10. A HEALTH FAIR for students, staff and faculty, sponsored by the Student Health Center, will be held Thursday, Sept. 21, 10 am-2 pm, on the mall near the SUB. Play games, win prizes, and pick up free stuff. Highlights include health screenings for blood pressure, blood sugar, BMI and cholesterol, and also prize drawings for gift certificates and products from local restaurants & businesses. For more information call 277-0249. For a complete list of activities and participants visit:

<http://www.unm.edu/~shc1/HealthFair06.pdf>.

11. THE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY Centers in the UNM Office of Special Programs/College Enrichment Program have received federal funding for an additional four years. The EOCs were funded for the past four years under TRiO, a program administered by the United States Department of Education. The centers will receive approximately \$876,000 to provide guidance and counseling for adult students who want to complete a GED and/or enter or continue a program of post-secondary education.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001431.html#more>

12. STC.UNM IS THE NEW name for the wholly owned UNM non-profit corporation formerly known as Science & Technology Corporation @ UNM. The name change reflects an evolution in the operation of the corporation. STC.UNM is expanding in a new direction, handling copyright materials and selling them through its online operation.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001426.html#more>

13. KARIN RETSKIN, Staff Council administrative coordinator, is featured in the current issue of University Business magazine. In a story about employee recognition

activities on a small budget, Retskin discusses events that take place during staff appreciation week at UNM. Other universities mentioned include Denver's Johnson and Wales, Wake Forest and the University of Michigan.

<http://www2.universitybusiness.com/viewarticle.aspx?articleid=554>

14. THE 2006 D.H. LAWRENCE Festival celebrates the writer in a full-day event this Friday, Sept. 22, in Taos at the Taos Community Auditorium. There will be dancing, poetry performances and passionate tributes to the beauty of New Mexico as Taos literary and arts luminaries and Taos High students celebrate D.H. Lawrence's time in New Mexico. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001430.html#more>

15. THE 8th ANNUAL New Mexico Data Users Conference will be held Thursday, Nov. 2, beginning at 7:30 a.m. at the UNM Continuing Education Conference Center, 1634 University Blvd., N.E. Sessions will be held in Ballroom C. For more information and a registration form visit BBER's Web site at: <http://www.unm.edu/~bber/conference.htm>.