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BEHIND RANDY BOEGLIN'S desk in the Dean of Students office is a poster-sized, framed photograph from 1970 depicting a scene from the campus protest that resulted in the National Guard and New Mexico State Police coming in to take back the Student Union Building from student strikers. Boeglin was a young assistant dean then with a few years under his belt. Now, after 42 years in higher education, Boeglin is retiring this month. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=975>

THE ART OF PEACE can be hard to master. The Paul Bartlett Ré Peace Prize recognizes UNM students, alumni, faculty, staff or retirees who meet that challenge. The 2010 awardees are Arti Prasad, founding executive director of UNM's Center for Life, and Peace Talks Radio, created and produced in part by UNM alumni and staff. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=926>

During the past year, several new laws were implemented that impact retirement benefits for employees covered by the Educational Retirement Act. To view the changes visit: <http://news.unm.edu/?p=929>

DR. DONALD GODWIN, associate dean for professional and graduate education at the UNM College of Pharmacy, has been appointed interim dean at the CoP announced Paul Roth, executive vice resident for Health Sciences. Godwin will begin the position July 1, 2010. <http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=8825>

LA TIERRA SAGRADA Society, a UNM School of Medicine program to provide medical students financial assistance, fellowship and volunteerism through membership, announces its board leaders for 2010-11. They include: President – Deborah Helitzer, professor & vice chair of research, School of Medicine; President Elect – Scott Obenshain, faculty School of Medicine; and Immediate Past President – Jamie Ricci, certified public accountant, Ricci & Company, LLC. <http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=8827>

IF YOU HAVE DIABETES or a family history of diabetes, testing blood glucose and Hemoglobin A1c should be part of your annual physical. High blood glucose and HbA1c, especially over a long period, can cause diabetes complications such as damage to eyes, kidneys, nerves and blood vessels. Having these tests done on a regular basis can help you manage your diabetes. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=935>

THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION is hosting two workshops to study Santa Fe and its history and interactions between Native Americans and European settlers supported through a Landmarks of American History and Culture grant from the National Endowment of the Humanities. The \$160,000 grant is designed to bring schoolteachers from around the country to Santa Fe to study the history and interactions between Native Americans and European settlers in weeklong workshops. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=911>

A NEW FIELD season in Uxbenká is in progress for Keith Prufer, assistant professor, Department of Anthropology. Every summer he takes students to the lowlands of Belize to study what was a small but flourishing Mayan city in the 10th century. This year, thanks to a grant from the Alphawood Foundation, they will have electronic equipment to help analyze the composition of artifacts they find in the Mayan ruin. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=954>

UNM GALLUP RECEIVED a \$150,000 gift to the branch campus from the New Mexico Film Office. The purpose of the gift is to establish a long range vision at UNM Gallup where a partnership between education, the tribes and the profession could lead to a broadcast facility run by natives creating their own content and broadcasting on their own cable channel. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=1183>

UNM AMPLIFIED ITS reputation as the leading university working in immersive media with a major award earned by recent graduate Barbara Ryckman. She won the Creativity Award at the Fulldome Film Festival, an international program at the Zeiss Planetarium in Jena, Germany – the birthplace of the planetarium. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=932>

GRADUATE NICHOLAS Dylan Pattengale received the \$5,000 Qforma Award, presented to a UNM School of Engineering student for the most outstanding computational master's thesis or Ph.D. dissertation within an academic year. Qforma honored Pattengale's dissertation, "Efficient Algorithms for Phylogenetic Post-Analysis." <http://news.unm.edu/?p=1136>

CHANCE MUNNS, a graduate student in the UNM landscape architecture master's program, got involved with Step into Cuba, a park project in Cuba, N.M. Attila Bality, National Park Service's Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program, contacted the UNM School of Architecture and Planning looking for a student group to tackle an initiative in that community. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=1025>

THE BP OIL SPILL is a crisis of epic proportions and unimaginable repercussions. Will it have an effect on New Mexico voters come November? Ahead this week on New Mexico In Focus, The Line panelists analyze President Obama's address to the nation on the Gulf of Mexico oil spill, and offer opinions on the crisis' effect on New Mexico politics and politicians. KNME's one-hour public affairs show New Mexico In Focus airs Fridays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 6:30 a.m. on KNME, Channel 5.1. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=1233>

PROFESSOR EMERITUS of History Jake Spidle is the featured speaker for the Albuquerque Historical Society's program, "Tuberculosis to Outer Space: The Saga of the Lovelace Medical Center and the Two Doctors Lovelace," on Saturday, June 19 at 1 p.m. at the Lovelace Education Building, 6200 Gibson Blvd., SE. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=516>

THE LATIN AMERICAN and Iberian Institute and the University Libraries Inter-American Studies Program invite you to a presentation by Greenleaf Visiting Library Scholar Gary Van

Valen on Wednesday, June 23, at 12:30 p.m. in the Herzstein Latin American Reading Room, on the second floor of Zimmerman Library. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=1215>

CYNTHIA LEITICH Smith, the best-selling author of young adult Gothic books “Tantalize” and “Eternal”, will present “Talking Back to Bram: Reinventing Gothics” on June 26, at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Building, Ballroom C. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=567>