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ENGLISH PROFESSOR Gary Harrison is the 2008 Presidential Teaching Fellow, the highest teaching honor the University of New Mexico bestows. One of his students wrote on the nomination for the award, “Dr. Harrison’s ability to cultivate a classroom where all have a voice in an ongoing dialogue is one of the greatest aspects of his teaching, as is his facility in constantly challenging his students to think, explore and discuss.”

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THE UNM HEALTH SCIENCES Center recently created a policy to limit the conflict of interest inherent in physician and medical student interactions with pharmacy and other private healthcare industry representatives. The policy was designed specifically to promote outstanding patient care and medical student education, free from the influence of pharmaceutical promotion. Under the new, HSC-wide policy, pharmaceutical representatives will be restricted to certain approved areas.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002949.html#more>

THE UNM COLLEGE of Nursing has received its largest donation ever from an individual, one that will be used to fund an endowed professorship in the midwifery master’s program. Paul Albers and his wife Leigh Ann decided to fund an endowed professorship to recognize Paul’s sister, Dr. Leah Albers, professor of midwifery at the UNM College of Nursing, for her extraordinary work and research in midwifery.

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THE MIND RESEARCH NETWORK, one of the country’s leading mental illness and brain disorder research organizations, has opened its new Neurogenetics Laboratory on the UNM Campus. The NGL, a state-of-the-art facility capable of whole genome genotyping, whole genome methylation and whole genome gene expression analyses, adds a vital research tool to MRN’s arsenal of neurodiagnostic equipment.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002945.html#more>

RECENTLY, UNM ROLLED out 'Preventing Sexual Harassment' training for all employees on May 19. Within two days of its availability, more than 1,000 faculty and staff had completed the online training and received the certificates of completion. This training is required to be completed by all UNM staff members by July 1, 2008. The deadline for faculty to complete the training is Oct. 1, 2008.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002947.html#more>

HISTORIANS BELIEVE the word Tucumcari is derived from the Comanche word “tukanukaru,” which means to lie in wait for something. Students from the School of Architecture and Planning’s graduate community outreach studio spent the semester developing ideas for ways to improve the livability and economic viability of the town. They presented their plans to the community in a third and final session recently. With a pending \$70,000 planning grant from the state, Tucumcari won’t have to wait much longer to realize needed change.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002938.html#more>

TALKING OVER A cup of coffee at the UNM Bookstore, Stefi Weisburd, community outreach coordinator for the Center for High Technology Materials, points to a single strand of her hair, explaining that the width of that hair contains about 100,000 nanometers. She said on the scale of a nanometer – one billionth of a meter – physical forces act differently than they do at the macroscopic level.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002936.html#more>

COMMUNICATION STUDENTS from Fray Luca Paccioli University in Cuernavaca, Morelos, Mexico, visited UNM last month, the third year their professor, Arturo Lopez Duran, brought a group to study broadcast with Communication and Journalism Associate Professor Richard Schaefer.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002935.html#more>

UNM AND THE Albuquerque Council for International Visitors recently entered into a Memorandum of Understanding signifying an important agreement to help bring more international students to the University.

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THE CHASE FOUNDATION recently awarded the University of New Mexico's Enrollment Management division with a \$50,000 grant to enhance student success for students from southeast New Mexico and other rural areas.

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THE CENTER FOR REGIONAL STUDIES at UNM is honoring Edward L. Romero, former U.S. Ambassador to Spain and Andorra, by sponsoring a scholarship in his name for graduate students at the Anderson School of Management. The \$15,000 scholarship is intended to encourage Anderson students to pursue entrepreneurial endeavors and prepare them for leadership in the development of new businesses in New Mexico.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002944.html#more>

THIS SUMMER, the National Youth Sports Program at the University of New Mexico will once again provide a free sports program for disadvantaged youngsters in the community. The NYSP combines sports instruction with exciting educational programs for children ages 9-14. For more information concerning the UNM NYSP program, call UNM's Department of Physical Performance and Development in the College of Education at (505) 277-5151.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002946.html#more>

LAST WEEK, KNME's "New Mexico in Focus" looked at the Republicans and independents competing for New Mexico's third congressional district. This week "New Mexico in Focus" will look at the competitors in the Democratic primary. "New Mexico in Focus" will air on KNME-TV, channel 5, on Friday, May 23 at 7 p.m. and repeat on Sunday, May 25 at 6:30 a.m.

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