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TIME WARNER TELECOM, a leading provider of managed voice and data networking solutions for businesses in Albuquerque and 43 other U.S. metropolitan areas, recently announced the successful installation of Gigabit-speed Ethernet Internet and data transport services for UNM. Under terms of the three-year, \$1.1 million service contract, Time Warner Telecom will deliver a custom solution, with diverse SONET dual entry and scalability to the University. <http://www.unm.edu/%7Emarket/cgi-bin/archives/000369.html#more>

THE SCHOOL OF LAW ranks 23 on a list of top 50 law schools in the Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education's Nov. 1 issue. The school is also profiled in the article "Courting Hispanics at Leading Law Schools." Program strengths include natural resources, environmental, Indian and clinical law, and international exchanges, the article states. According to the list, 26 Hispanics in a class of 111 were awarded J.D. degrees from UNM in 2002.

THE NUCLEAR EDUCATION Online program at the College of Pharmacy is working to expand its computer-based training to new fields of study and serve as a model for developing other medical training programs with the assistance of a \$440,861 grant awarded by the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education through the U.S. Department of Education. <http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=3409>

UNM WAS RECOGNIZED by Energy User News as Project of the Year for a series of campus-wide physical plant utility projects addressing the university's need for significant repair, improvement and upgrade of its utility systems. *EUN* presented its 2004 Energy Efficient Building Awards in a special session held of the World Energy Engineering Congress recently.

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY of New Mexico recently awarded the University of New Mexico with a \$32,000 grant to help fund a new program called the Freshman Introductory Studies Community Program. The FISC program supports students both academically and socially through the construction of new learning communities and the addition of more traditional supplemental instruction, tutoring and mentoring support.

TED A. GARCIA, KNME general manager and chief executive officer, has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS).

SOUTHWEST LITERARY GIANTS Tony Hillerman, Rudolfo Anaya, Luci Tapahonso and John Nichols are conducting readings followed by "Meet the Author" sessions hosted by the College of Arts & Sciences. One author will be featured each Monday at 7 p.m. starting Nov. 8 in Student Union ballrooms A & B.

FIVE STAFF were selected for the 10th Annual Dean's Staff Award for the School of Medicine. The winners include: Joe Sparkman, program manager, Graduate Medical Education; Randy Wright, senior database administrator, Systems and Programming; Mandara (Joan) Devine, grants coordinator, Neurosciences; Kyle Vick, analyst/programmer, Systems & Programming; and Margaret Romero, senior residency coordinator, Radiology.

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ANTHROPOLOGY PROFESSOR Lawrence Straus will appear on the science program NOVA on KNME-TV Tuesday, Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. Straus and UNM graduate student David Kilby will discuss new archaeology findings in the episode "America's Stone Age Explorers."

SHIAME OKUNOR, African American Studies director, is featured on KUNM's University Showcase Friday, Nov. 5, at 8 a.m. The program "Roots and Much More," will include discussion about Okunor's annual summer field course in Ghana. UNM students Manny Costa, Trynette Puentes, Tammy Scarlott and Jenny Webb will join in sharing experiences and analysis of West African culture, history and environment. The show is hosted by Jane Blume and produced by Dick Frederiksen.

BRUCE PERLMAN was appointed director of the School of Public Administration (SPA) recently said Richard Holder, deputy provost, Academic Affairs. Perlman has been an associate professor in the SPA for 15 years. Holder also said the school has been reassigned to the Office of the Provost. It was previously under the guidance of the Anderson Schools of Management.

THE WORLD'S SUPPLY of cheap, conventionally produced oil may run out sooner than most people think says Caltech Vice Provost David Goodstein. Goodstein, will give a free lecture at Woodward Hall, Monday, Nov. 8 at 3 p.m. Goodstein's lecture, "Out of Gas: the end of the age of oil," and will discuss the reasoning that leads to that conclusion and the likely consequences if it is correct. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/000375.html#more>