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PROVOST REED DASENBROCK has set six major goals for the current academic year. They include: develop short and long-term strategies for smart enrollment growth; continue to implement agenda for excellence in undergraduate education; make visible progress on the agenda for the emerging majority; continue to implement areas of marked opportunity and public engagement; strengthen relations with national labs; and continue to improve community connections.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001537.html#more>

UNM HAS AN \$18.5 million stake in the 2006 Bond B for Education, which voters have the opportunity to approve on the Nov. 7 ballot. Biology and chemistry labs at UNM are more than 30 years old and seriously outdated. Bond B would provide an additional \$7 million to make a Science and Math Center a reality.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001533.html#more>

GOV. BILL RICHARDSON has promised to ask the New Mexico Legislature for \$10 million dollars to launch an embryonic stem cell research program at UNM. The funding, if approved, would go to hire scientists and build a research area to handle embryonic stem cells. UNM researchers currently do work with adult and animal stem cells. They envision the new research focusing on cancer, diabetes and neurological diseases.

A MAJOR, MULTI-MILLION dollar investment to help children with disabilities at the UNM Health Sciences Center for Development and Disability (CDD), including a \$1 million investment in professional and parental training for autism and a \$750,000 investment in evaluation and diagnosis at the CDD, was recently announced by Gov. Bill Richardson.

<http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=5452>

STUDENTS FROM ALBUQUERQUE area high schools participating in UNM's Upward Bound Program earned prizes at national 2006 TRIO Quest activities, sponsored by the University of Washington. TRIO programs are funded by the U.S. Department of Education and serve primarily low-income, underrepresented and/or first-generation students in an effort to prepare them for higher education success.

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ARIC GRAUKE, an undergraduate student in the School of Architecture and Planning, received an international award in the annual Form Z Joint Study Awards, an international design competition. Grauke's project, "Love Letter," received an honorable mention in the visualization and illustration category. Grauke was a student in Rana Abu-Dayyeh and Tim Castillo's Introduction to Digital Design class in the fall 2005.

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A PAPER AUTHORED BY Nina Wallerstein, director of the Masters in Public Health Program and Institute of Public Health and a Professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine, and Bonnie Duran, associate professor in the MPH and Department of Family and Community Medicine, was recently selected to receive the Sarah Mazelis Best Paper of the Year award presented by the Society for Public Health Education Journal of Health Promotion Practice. The paper, "Using Community-Based Participatory Research to Address Disparities," was published last July.
<http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=5457>

THE UNM SCHOOL of Architecture and Planning recently inducted 10 members into Tau Sigma Delta National Honor Society. Acting Dean Ric Richardson announced induction of five undergraduate and five graduate students into UNM's Gamma Lambda chapter of the national organization.
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LODESTAR ASTRONOMY CENTER will debut an entirely new line-up of digital dome theater (planetarium) shows Nov. 4. At the center of this schedule, like in the Milky Way Galaxy's core, lurks a super black hole – a show, that is. Surrounding the new feature show, 'Black Holes: The Other Side of Infinity,' will be a new live 'Enchanted Skies: The Digital Universe' show using new state-of-the-art 3D immersive reality tools and astronomical data that'll fly audiences through our solar system and beyond. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001545.html#more>

VIDA ART EXHIBITION'S show, "A Step Beyond," has gone a step beyond! Due to popular demand, the art exhibit is being held over for an additional three months and will now continue through Jan. 5, 2007. The 70-piece exhibition features original fine art by 25 UNM-affiliated artists. The public is welcome and works are available for purchase. A portion of all sales will go to Albuquerque Rescue Mission. The exhibit is located at the UNM Development/Foundation Office at 700 Lomas Boulevard, N.E., Building #2.
<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001546.html#more>