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PRESIDENT DAVID J. SCHMIDLY met with university deans, senior administrators, faculty representatives and branch directors last Friday for the first of a series of discussions focused on how the university will manage its latest round of budget cuts as well as anticipated future cuts. The latest statewide budget projections figure public institutions, including higher ed and public schools, will face budget cuts of approximately 3.2 % that will begin to go into effect Sept. 1. For UNM, this will mean an additional \$5.9 million in recurring cuts to main campus, \$2.9 million to the HSC and \$611,000 to the branches.

<http://news.unm.edu/?p=2303>

JACK AND DONNA RUST have made a significant gift to further assist a UNM program educating New Mexicans about the ethical issues in caring for our aging population. The Institute of Ethics at the UNM School of Medicine will house the program and Dr. Anne Simpson, geriatrician and director of the institute, will be the professor in charge. The U.S. Census Bureau projects that by 2030, 25 percent of New Mexicans will be older than 65 - the fourth highest percentage nationally - and by 2050 the number of 75 to 84-year-olds in the United States will double.

<http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=8896>

UNM IS ONE of the country's best institutions for undergraduate education, according to The Princeton Review, which features UNM in its 2011 edition "The Best 373 Colleges." <http://news.unm.edu/?p=2337>

ACCORDING TO THE fall 2008 survey, 13 percent of the students reported being dissatisfied with their overall UNM housing experience. Since fall 2008, Residence Life and Student Housing has spent \$11.8 million to improve student housing. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=2313>

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES is about to begin a project to digitize, from microfilm, 100,000 pages of newspapers printed in New Mexico during the late-19th and early-20th century. The National Endowment for the Humanities has presented UNM Libraries with a \$351,642 grant to do the work. UNM is working with the University of North Texas, which has experience in the area. The project will convert some of UNM's extensive newspaper microfilm collections into a digital format that can be viewed and searched online. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=2317>

UNM PARKING & Transportation Services (PATS) announced recently that the ABQRide Free Bus Pass Program will continue for the 2010-11 academic year. The program provides current students, staff and faculty free, unlimited travel on the City of Albuquerque bus system, ABQRide, through the use of a sticker placed on university-issued identification cards. This will be the fourth year the program will be offered at UNM. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=2282>

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR Michael Trujillo, American Studies and Chicano/Hispano/Mexicano Studies, is the author of "Land of Disenchantment Latina/o Identities and Transformations in Northern New Mexico," published by UNM Press this year. The title was recently selected third by the Santa Fe Reporter's Best of Locally Authored Books. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=2287>

BEFORE FRESHMEN make their way to the UNM campus this fall, the UNM Alumni Association and Parent Association host “Summer Sendoffs,” Saturday, Aug. 7. Students and parents can meet others from their hometown who can serve as a support network. Join new and current Lobos, alumni, parents and staff for an afternoon of food, fun, family and great giveaways. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=2323>

RESIDENCE LIFE and Student Housing staff is preparing for a record number 2,442 dorm dwellers who will begin arriving Monday, Aug. 16. As part of the move-in process, the main sidewalk drive becomes a temporary parking lot as well as a single lane of one-way traffic. The entrance begins just off Redondo Drive near Santa Ana Hall and winds through the residential area past Hokona Hall, and exits behind Zimmerman Library, into a temporary parking lot as well as a single lane of one-way traffic. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=2378>

DAVID G. WHITTEN is the kind of professor his students remember for a lifetime, and they and his professional colleagues will celebrate his contributions to research and teaching in a two-day symposium scheduled for Aug. 19-20 on the University of New Mexico campus. The symposium celebrates a man who has been a thesis advisor and mentor to more than 38 Ph.D. students and has co-authored scientific papers with more than 275 colleagues. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=2390>

THE FAMILY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM in the College of Education, in collaboration with Decade of the Child, a statewide early childhood advocacy coalition, and Native American Professional Parent Resources, Inc., are hosting a “Celebration of Wonder” on Saturday, Aug. 28, at the Old Town Gazebo from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. This innovative family play event for young children and their families will explore how our youngest children see the city. The event is one of four launches taking place across greater Albuquerque as part of the “Strong Starts for Our Children” initiative. Strong Starts will bring people from all walks of life into dialogues to work together for the success of all children. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=2414>