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**Monday Morning Message**  
**October 8, 2007**

Good morning.

I cannot adequately express to you how proud I am to be associated with the University of New Mexico. My family and I will always treasure our memories of Inauguration Week, and we thank everyone who contributed to and participated in its success. My colleagues from other institutions were quite impressed with our dynamic institution and for that you should all be proud. We've all made a number of connections over the past few days. It is my fervent desire that the spirit of the "Connect" theme will carry forward.

In my inaugural speech, I spoke of the vision and goals of the university and how we envision moving forward. A number of you have asked for copies of the address. It will be posted on the President's homepage at [www.unm.edu/president](http://www.unm.edu/president).

Now it is time to roll up our sleeves and concentrate fully on realizing our vision and attaining the goals set for us by the Board of Regents. This will not be an easy task, but it will be fulfilling, and it will be one in which we all must participate. I've asked interim VP for Human Resources Carolyn Thompson to take on the job of guiding and directing the next steps we will take, both strategically and organizationally, to get this job done. Carolyn brings a wealth of experience in strategic planning, change management, process improvement and re-engineering to the task.

We'll be heading south again this week, spending Thursday in Roswell. We've lined up meetings with legislators and city officials, with our colleagues from ENMU-Roswell, and with alumni, donors and friends. Doctor Art Kaufman from HSC and our baseball coach, Ray Birmingham, will also join me for a talk before the Roswell Rotary Club. I'm getting ready for a long and productive day.

Lobo football travels to Wyoming this coming weekend, but if you've not heading north with them, there will be plenty to entertain you here. The Lobo Howl is this Friday night, 7-9 p.m. at the Pit, which means its time to start thinking ahead to basketball season. The folks at Lobo Athletics asked me to remind UNM faculty and staff that they get 50% off season tickets for Lobo basketball and those are on sale right now. So if you're ready for roundball, get down to the Pit ticket office. It's opened Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Happy Fall Break! It's time to howl!  
Have a good week.  
David J. Schmidly