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THE COLLEGES OF ARTS & Sciences and Education have partnered to spearhead a collaborative project designed to improve pedagogical learning environments that faculty from across the university can utilize for instruction and demonstration purposes. Phase II of the College of Education's expansion includes \$5 million from Bond D to replace obsolete classrooms and provide innovative classrooms, class labs and computer-enabled spaces to meet changing requirements all designed to improve student success, higher retention and graduation rates for both Colleges. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=6595>

THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY has awarded a \$360,000 Institutional Research Grant to Michelle Ozbun, principal investigator overseeing the grant. IRG's are awarded to institutions as block grants that provide seed money for independent beginning investigators to initiate cancer research projects. Ozbun has a doctorate in Molecular Virology (breast cancer and cancer viruses) and is with the Department of Molecular Genetics and Microbiology at the UNM Health Sciences Center.

<http://news.unm.edu/?p=6488>

THE NEW MEXICO POISON and Drug Information Center offers Halloween safety tips as a public service. To read more about these guidelines for a happy and safe Halloween visit:

<http://news.unm.edu/?p=6413>

RECENT SUICIDES have drawn national attention to the impact of bullying on lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender youth. Last week, the UNM LGBTQ Resource Center presented a Community Forum on Anti-LGBTQ Bullying to help UNM and Albuquerque communities understand the issues and find solutions. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=6420>

A NEW BOOK by Department of Anthropology Regents Professor Marta Weigle titled, "Alluring New Mexico," has been released from the Museum of New Mexico Press. The book explores New Mexico's public identity through the 19th and 20th centuries by tracing the popular view of the state's many mysteries from Pacho Villa's raid of Columbus through the state tourism campaign featuring an alien crash in Roswell. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=6763>

THE UNM QUEER Straight Alliance hosts Jamison Green, author of "Becoming a Visible Man", Friday, Oct. 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the UNM Student Union Building ballroom C. Jamison presents, "Identity – category or integration." The event is free and open to the public. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=6566>

ROY CANADA, coach of the Lobo women's tennis team, invites interested tennis players to meet and workout with the 2010-11 squad on Saturday, Oct. 30 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. The cost is \$75. For more information, or to register, e-mail rcanada@unm.edu or call 505-925-5780.

<http://news.unm.edu/?p=6645>

UNM ALUMNUS Gary Jackson, graduate student Richard Vargas and Lauren Camp are featured poets at "Triptych," a reading presented by the Local Poets Guild on Saturday, Oct. 30, at 3 p.m. at The Kosmos, 1715-5th Street NW. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=6440>

BE ONE OF THE first to experience the University of New Mexico's newly-renovated Pit during an open house and ribbon cutting ceremony Monday, Nov. 1 from 3:30 to 7 p.m. The free event tips off with practice of UNM's back-to-back Mountain West Conference Championship men's basketball team. UNM students will be allowed to watch the practice an hour earlier than the general public beginning at 2:30. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=6702>

NATIVE AMERICAN ARCHITECT Brian McCormack presents, "Landscape Design in Indian Country: Where Land & Culture Meet," Monday, Nov. 1 from 5:30-6:45 p.m. at Pearl Auditorium. A pre-lecture reception is set at 4:45 p.m. The lecture is free and open to the public. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=6682>

UNM'S ANNUAL CAMPUSWIDE talent show, "Lobos Got Talent," will be held Friday, Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Building ballrooms. Those interested in auditioning must fill out an application form by Nov. 5. Sponsored by Lobo Village, the event provides a unique opportunity to showcase a variety of talent to the UNM community. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=6734>

JOIN KNME-TV on Saturday, Nov. 6 from 6 – 9 p.m., for an opportunity to meet noted PBS journalist and author Gwen Ifill at the African American Performing Arts Center at Expo New Mexico. Ifill is the moderator and managing editor of Washington Week and senior correspondent for the PBS Newshour. She is also the author of "The Breakthrough: Politics and Race in the Age of Obama." Ifill will host an open conversation with the audience about the fallout from the mid-term elections (four short days after mid-term elections take place), the state of journalism today and highlights from her career. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=6475>