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Monday Morning Message
December 10, 2007

Good morning.

I know this will be a hectic week of final papers, final tests and for many students, your final days before graduation. Good luck on whatever the week has in store for you. I look forward to seeing UNM's new graduates and your families this Friday night at Commencement.

As you've heard by now, the Lobos did get invited to the New Mexico Bowl and will face the Nevada Wolves. This is a great opportunity not only for our 8-4 team and our university, but also for the city and state. The game is Saturday, December 22, and I would like to see those of you who are in town for the holidays at the game and wearing your Lobo red.

I know the team would greatly appreciate having as many students as possible cheering them on at the game. Thanks to VP Paul Krebs and UNM Athletics, 400 tickets have been set aside to be offered at half-price to our students. If you're taking at least six hours, you can go to the Lobo ticket office, show your student ID and purchase up to two \$15 tickets. So get your bowl tickets before they are all gone.

Thanks also to the UNM Alumni Association and the Lobo Club, there will be a grand tailgate party to attend before the game. There will be food, fun and entertainment under the big tent northwest of the stadium. The tailgate is noon to 2 p.m. Kickoff is 2:30 p.m.

We'll be on the road again this week, this time heading south to our campus in Valencia County. I look forward to meeting with the faculty, staff and students at UNM-Valencia. We'll also hope to visit the tribal leadership of Isleta Pueblo as we continue strengthening our relationships with the pueblos and tribes around the state.

CNM President Kathie Winograd and I will be honored tomorrow by Special Olympics of New Mexico with their "Olympic Spirit of Collaboration" Award. The award recognizes the extraordinary partnership UNM and CNM have forged that will impact higher education and influence our communities in central New Mexico. This is an honor to be shared by both of our institutions and I am pleased to accept it on behalf of UNM.

You still have a couple of weeks to submit your United Way pledge. In this season of giving, think about how much good your gift to your community will accomplish. Find out more about our UNM campaign at <http://unitedway.unm.edu>.

Good luck on your finals.
Have a good week.
David J. Schmidly