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FIVE PROFESSORS, including David Craven, Abhaya Datye, Larry Davis, Linda B. Hall and Deepak Kapur, have been promoted to the rank of University of New Mexico distinguished professor. Distinguished professors are individuals who have demonstrated outstanding achievements and are nationally and internationally renowned as scholars.
<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002159.html#more>

UNM'S HIGH SCHOOL Equivalency Program (HEP) has received \$405,765 for the first year of a new five-year funding cycle, according to information from the U.S. Department of Education and the Office of New Mexico Senator Pete Domenici. HEP, operated out of the College Enrichment & Outreach Programs under the Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs, will receive more than \$2 million in funding over the course of its new funding cycle.
<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002145.html#more>

PRESIDENT DAVID J. Schmidly has announced the formation of a task force to examine the culture of the Greek system at UNM. The task force has been formed in the wake of several incidents over the past two weeks while the fraternities were recruiting members. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002151.html#more>

DEDICATION OF Phase I Domenici Center for Health Sciences Education, a 50,000-ft., state-of-the-art facility equipped and designed to advance medical training at the University of New Mexico's Health Sciences Center, will be held Tuesday Aug. 28 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. on the UNM North Campus, 10001 Stanford N.E. VIPs attending will include Sen. Pete Domenici and family, UNM Regents President Jamie Koch, President David J. Schmidly and Executive Vice President of Health Sciences Dr. Paul Roth, as well as faculty, staff and students who will use the facility.

NEW MEXICO MEMBERS of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International donated more than \$5,000 to University of New Mexico Children's Hospital Pediatric Oncology to further umbilical cord blood research. ESA member Sally Henning of Los Lunas, N.M. had the idea to raise money for the pediatric oncology department after meeting with Dr. Richard Heideman, chief of the division of pediatric hematology/oncology at UNM.
<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002150.html#more>

PRESIDENT DAVID J. Schmidly and Albuquerque Mayor Martin Chavez officially launched the new Lobo Ride Pass program offered by the City of Albuquerque Transit Department. Earlier this year, Representative Gail Chasey – a third year UNM Law School Student – secured \$35,000 from the New Mexico Legislature to jump-start the program. This program is designed to provide free bus rides for all UNM students during the 2007-2008 school year.
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WITH THE START of the new academic year, the UNM Police Department is increasing its visibility and enforcement efforts in and around campus streets, and particularly in

areas with dense pedestrian traffic, such as crosswalks. Pedestrian safety is important to our campus because so many members of the community walk, bicycle and skateboard to and from classes and activities. To learn more visit:

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002154.html#more>

UNM STUDENT MATTHEW GARCIA has received a Fulbright U.S. Student Scholarship to Spain where he will teach English as a foreign language. He will teach in Madrid at CEIP Rufino Blanco, a grade 6-12 secondary school. In addition to teaching, he will be conducting research on immigration, assimilation and identity issues.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002157.html#more>

POLITICAL SCIENCE Professor Gregory Gleason will be a visiting professor at the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies in Garmisch, Germany, during 2007 and 2008. The Marshall Center is a U.S. Department of Defense and German Ministry of Defense educational institute focusing on international relations and national security. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002147.html#more>

DURING THE 2006 New Mexico general election, researchers from the University of New Mexico, California Institute of Technology and the University of Utah studied the election. Their studies were recently released as “The New Mexico Election Administration Report: The 2006 November General Election.” The principal researchers in the report were UNM Political Science Professor Lonna Atkeson, R. Michael Alvarez from the California Institute of Technology and Thad Hall of the University of Utah.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002146.html#more>

POLITICAL SCIENCE Professor Christine Sierra is the primary investigator in a recent study on the impact of the Voting Rights Act on non-white elected officials, which is featured in the July issue of PS: Political Science & Politics, a journal of the American Political Science Association. The article is also cited in the August 6 issue of Hispanic Link Weekly Report. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002156.html#more>

MOTHERS NOW HAVE a new option for safe, private breastfeeding on campus – the recently opened UNM Breastfeeding Support Program. Housed in the Women’s Resource Center, the program offers lactation spaces – some equipped with hospital grade breast pumps – and a listserv to enhance communication between breastfeeding mothers across campus.

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EXPLORE GLOBAL INITIATIVES and volunteer opportunities in the Peace Corps at an information session on Monday, Aug. 27 from 6 – 8 p.m. at the Latin American & Iberian Institute, 801 Yale NE on the UNM campus. International work experience and opportunities are available in more than 70 countries where Peace Corps volunteers perform a variety of jobs in business, education, community development, environment, health, information technology and agriculture.

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