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Monday Morning Message
June 11, 2007

Good morning. I hope everyone had a fine weekend. I want to once again thank the UNM Alumni Association for the wonderful welcoming they've extended to Janet and me. We enjoyed meeting all of the enthusiastic alumni at Friday night's volunteer appreciation reception. As I told the Alumni Board, we will be setting an ambitious agenda for the university that will be realized only if we connect and align a number of constituency groups. None will be more important than our alumni.

UNM Regents are on campus for committee meetings and their regular meeting tomorrow. I have found working with these regents to be both invigorating and educational. They are astute individuals who bring a wealth of expertise to our university enterprise.

Between LOBOrientation, bridge programs, football camp and other summer programs, the campus is filled with young people who one day may come here to study. I plan to take a moment to walk around this week and say hello to as many of them as possible. Please do the same if you have the opportunity.

I'll also be touring some of the dorms this week. The quality, safety and security of our residence halls are of personal concern to me and also to the regents. As we re-tool the strategic plan and work on the campus master plan, I assure you that we will be paying close attention to campus housing.

Finally, as you get to know me, you'll learn that I really love baseball. So I'm looking forward to Saturday night and the launch of Staff Appreciation Week with the staff picnic at Isotopes Park. As I've been honored with throwing out the first pitch, you'll find me working out my arm this week. I like to think there are a few more good fastballs in it.

Have a great week.
David J. Schmidly