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THE PLANNING Accreditation Board has officially notified President David J. Schmidly and Provost Viola Florez that the graduate professional degree - the master of community and regional planning – in the School of Architecture and Planning – has received the maximum accreditation permissible, now seven years.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002375.html#more>

A NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION grant of more than \$750,000 will allow the purchase and installation of a new focused ion beam system for nanofabrication and nanomachining of materials in the Electron Microbeam Analysis Facility in the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences. The new instrument will vastly aid research and allow for the development of new courses. Researchers from the School of Engineering and Earth and Planetary Sciences in the College of Arts and Sciences collaborated on the grant proposal. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002374.html#more>

DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR of Chemical and Nuclear Engineering Abhaya Datye has received the National Science Foundation Industry/University Cooperative Research Center award for 2008. The Ceramic and Composite Materials Center is a collaborative effort with Rutgers University and Penn State University. The Center was established in 1989 at UNM and Datye served as the director through 2004.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002366.html#more>

THE FACE OF LEADERSHIP is changing the political landscape of the United States, however the nation knows little about elected officials of color. A team of political scientists -- including UNM's Christine Sierra -- recently completed the Gender and Multi-Cultural Leadership Project, an exploration into how race and gender affects 21st century politics. They will present their findings on Wednesday, Nov. 7, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, D.C.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002377.html#more>

ZIMMERMAN LIBRARY reopened this afternoon with limited services. It was closed yesterday afternoon when a flange failed and a water pipe burst in basement level one. The affected area was under reconstruction following a fire in May 2006. Dean of University Libraries Martha Bedard hopes to reopen the basement near the beginning of the spring semester in January.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002373.html#more>

THE REWARDS AND Recognition Committee of the UNM Staff Council is now taking nominations for the Gerald W. May Award. This award for outstanding staff members who have made significant contributions to the university was established by former UNM President Gerald W. May. Nomination criteria and forms are available at <http://staff.unm.edu/docs/GeraldMayNominationForm-Criteria20071.doc>. Nominations close Nov. 5. A recognition ceremony will be held Thursday, Dec. 6 in Student Union Building ballroom C, 4-5 p.m.

THE STUDENT HEALTH Center International Travel Clinic offers travel consultations to all UNM students, staff and faculty, and adult travel companions. SHC staff can help determine an appropriate course of immunizations and medications--depending upon destination, length of stay and activities. Some immunizations require a series of injections over time, so planning early (several months before your trip) is important. A 30-minute appointment is required for travel consultations and scheduling immunizations. For more information visit: <http://www.unm.edu/~shc1/travelserv.html> or call 277-3136.

THIS WEEK TOPICS ON KNME'S 'New Mexico In Focus' include: the controversy surrounding the future of UNM's North Golf Course; the vote to expand Central New Mexico Community College to Rio Rancho; the ballooning accidents at this year's Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta; and Gov. Richardson's latest plans to reform New Mexico's ailing health care system. Guests include UNM President David Schmidly; Jamie Koch, president, UNM Board of Regents; Sara Koplick, North Campus Neighborhood Association; and Dr. Katharine Winograd, president, Central New Mexico Community College. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002372.html#more>

MARY W. NJOROGE will discuss primary school education in Kenya on Thursday, Nov. 1 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Student Union Building's Fiesta rooms A and B. The event is free and open to the public. Njoroge's presentation is hosted by the UNM College of Education.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002376.html#more>

THE UNM DEPARTMENT of Theatre and Dance fall season in Theatre X closes with "Seascapes with Sharks and Dancer" by Don Nigro, showing Nov. 1-10. This production includes the theatrical directorial debut of Brandon Weaver and original music by UNM composition student Mark Oates.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002368.html#more>

PROFESSOR BASIA IRLAND, Department of Art and Art History, will have a book launch and signing for "Water Library," Sunday, Nov. 4, 1:30-4 p.m. at the Albuquerque Museum. The book features international art water projects of the past 30 years. Also, her exhibition "Water Library: Volume by Volume, the Work of Basia Irland" can be viewed at the Albuquerque Museum Nov. 4 through Jan. 27, 2008.