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1. THE NEXT WAVE of New Mexico high school seniors who can demonstrate strong academic achievement and a commitment to practice medicine in New Mexico are being sought after by UNM. In its third year, the combined BA/MD Degree program is a partnership between UNM's School of Medicine and College of Arts & Sciences, designed to help recruit and retain New Mexico health practitioners in the state. <http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=6503>

2. LAURA BURTON, a master's degree student in Communication and Journalism, is working on a way to expand her research into a project she undertook as part-time work. She and another graduate student, Santhost Chandrashekar, contracted with SafeTeen Inc. to do a preliminary study of the effectiveness of the SafeTeen Safe Driving Assemblies, an annual program presented in Albuquerque area high schools to deter teenage driving and drinking. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002471.html#more>

3. UNM HAS ESTABLISHED a Mentoring Institute to build up mentoring research and training at the university. The Mentoring Institute is setting up its offices and is set to begin research and benchmarking efforts. The institute will build partnerships with university and community organizations to provide support services to existing mentoring programs and to those who wish to create mentoring programs and relationships. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002470.html#more>

4. THE UNM BOOKSTORE will hold its annual Faculty and Staff Appreciation Day Friday, Dec. 7. The Bookstore will feature 50 percent off holiday merchandise, and 25 percent off general books and calendars, Lobowear and gift items, art supplies, Lobo Spirals and Lobo binders. Some exclusions may apply. See store for details. The main bookstore will offer extended hours from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., while the Medical Legal Bookstore on North Campus will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

5. THE UNM STUDENT UNION Building will host its bi-annual 'Late Night Breakfast' Sunday, Dec. 9, at 9 p.m. This year's 'Late Night Breakfast' will offer students all the usual breakfast food including cereal, bagels, fruit, eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, tortillas, and red and green chile. Students should bring their Lobo ID to get in. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002457.html#more>

6. THERE'S ONE DAY left to check out the second Sneak Preview of LoboWeb for employees. The sneak preview ends Friday, Dec. 7. In addition to viewing your pay stub online, as you did in the first Sneak Preview in August, you will also be able to view personal information such as benefits and deductions, leave balances and direct deposit information. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002462.html#more>

7. SOCIOLOGY PROFESSOR Susan Tiano has been appointed acting director of the Latin American & Iberian Institute following the resignation of Cynthia Radding. Tiano will serve as acting director for Spring 2008, pending a decision about how to fill the

position with a regular appointment.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002469.html#more>

8. REMEMBER TO TURN in your UNM United Way pledge forms to be eligible for the final campaign incentive prize drawings including a pair of tickets to sit with President David J. Schmidly at a men's and/or women's basketball game, a pair of tickets to see the traditional Irish folk band, The Chieftains. Everyone who turns in a pledge form is eligible for the final drawings. Pledge forms must be turned in to the University Controllers office at the UNM Business Center. The mail stop code is MSC 01 1300. For more information on UNM's United Way campaign visit: <http://unitedway.unm.edu/>

9. THE NORTH AMERICAN Free Trade Agreements have been around now for almost 14 years with numerous economic and societal effects on New Mexico. 'New Mexico In Focus' examines those effects on Friday, Dec. 7, at 7 p.m., and repeats on Sunday, Dec. 9, at 6:30 a.m. on KNME Channel 5. Additionally, this week's In Focus also looks at the rift in the Albuquerque City Council. Panelists will sound off on the boycott of Monday's meeting and the long-term impacts of that walkout.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002472.html#more>