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Monday Morning Message - September 8, 2008

Good morning.

We have been making a number of changes at the University in the last year to get us better focused on the success of our students. Ensuring that all of our students have access to the resources they need to excel academically is critical to our mission. I recently toured the future site of our Student Success Center with the new Vice President for Enrollment Management, Carmen Alvarez Brown. We hope to have it up and running by the beginning of the spring semester, as soon as the current tenants move to their permanent location.

The center will serve as a “one-stop” shop for all of our students and will be a great tool for them to utilize throughout their years at UNM. It will one day house academic advisement for student athletes as well as the UNM Veterans’ Center, which will help make the transition to civilian life easier for our men and women in service. The final plans are still coming together, so be on the lookout for more information in the coming months. I think this is a big step toward ensuring student success and I am thrilled about the opportunities it will bring to the campus.

I’m delighted that one of the most highly anticipated Fast-Track Energy and Transportation initiatives is finally a reality. Free ABQRide bus passes are now available for current UNM faculty and staff. To receive the special sticker for your Lobo ID, you should present that ID and a current printout of your expanded record from the UNM directory at any of the following locations: Parking Services on the NW corner of University and Central, UNM Bookstore, UNM Medical Bookstore, SUB Welcome Desk or Lobo Card Store, and Housing Services Administration Office upstairs at La Posada.

Thanks to Parking and Transportation Services for getting this worked out with the City of Albuquerque Transit Department. I know it took a few weeks to iron out the details, but you got it done, and we’re all thankful for your work.

We’re glad to hear a popular lecture series is back and better than ever. UNM Press has revived the Voices of the Southwest Series, with five lectures that began last Wednesday. Presented each Wednesday through October 1, all of the lectures begin at 7 p.m. at the National Hispanic Cultural Center. Check out the full program and schedule on the UNM Press website at <http://unmpress.com>.

And this Friday evening, you have the opportunity to see one of the greatest tennis players of all time at a benefit for UNM Children’s Hospital. Pete Sampras, who won a record 14 Grand Slam titles during his career, will play fellow American Sam Querrey in an exhibition match at the Pit. The action begins at 7 p.m. with a fast-paced shootout featuring local tennis stars. If you’re interested, tickets are available at www.unmtickets.com.

Have a good week.

David J. Schmidly