



WEDNESDAY COMMUNIQUÉ

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UNM's First Provost: In 1954, Chester C. Travelstead was the Dean of the College of Education at the University of South Carolina (USC). This is the same year that the U.S. Supreme Court declared in *Brown vs. the Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas* that segregation in the public schools was unconstitutional. On Aug. 2, 1955, Travelstead stated, "*It is my firm conviction that enforced segregation of the races in our public schools can no longer be justified on any basis and should, therefore, be abolished as soon as practicable . . . I find nothing which requires, justifies or even allows a nation of second-class citizenship for any group.*" A few days later, USC officials informed him that they would not renew his contract.

Under the leadership of President Popejoy, UNM hired Travelstead in 1956 as the Dean of the College of Education, a position he held until 1968. In 1968, he was appointed Vice President for Academic Affairs, and in 1976 he became UNM's first provost. Dr. Travelstead left a lasting impression on UNM for his exemplary leadership, and was honored with the naming of Travelstead Hall. The University of South Carolina has since established the Chester C. Travelstead Award for Courage in Education. You may find the remarkable speech "The Spirit of a Great University" by Dr. Travelstead very timely. It can be found at: http://elibrary.unm.edu/deansoffice/documents/Travelstead_Spirit.pdf.

Displaying Information: How can you summarize and display information? Edward Tufte in his book titled: *The Visual Display of Quantitative Information*, shows how to effectively present data and information. A less visually pleasing way to summarize and display information is to exploit the concept of an Ngram as used recently to find information about a historical period from counting the number of specific words that appeared in print during that period. An interesting TED talk on the subject is found at: http://www.ted.com/talks/what_we_learned_from_5_million_books.html and an Ngram tool is found at: <http://ngrams.googlelabs.com/>. Try for example to input Chester Travelstead into Google's Books Ngram Viewer, starting with the year 1950.

IBSG: International Business Students Global (IBSG), a group of UNM students organized by the Anderson School of Management, are working on several important projects this year that are shaping the global agenda. They recently sent three students to Kenya to work with companies within the greater Nairobi region. This fall, they will hold discussions on conflict minerals, conduct skill building consistent with how it is done in world-class consulting firms, and evaluate the value of handmade goods across the globe. In November, they will participate in the annual meeting of the Congreso de las Acequias, <http://www.lasacequias.org/congreso-de-las-acequias/>, in Santa Fe, as they gear up to support the acequia system in their bid for a UNESCO World Heritage Area designation.

The IBSG, which is partially comprised of Marshall and Rhodes Scholars, is being advised by Dr. Manuel Montoya of the Anderson School of Management.

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Sincerely,

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