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PRESIDENT DAVID J. SCHIMDLY today announced a series of moves to focus resources into teaching and research and away from non-academic administration. The moves will reduce non-academic administrative spending on the University’s Main Campus by 15 percent over the next three years, while adding at least 10 additional full-time tenure-track faculty positions during the same period.

UNM WILL TEST new emergency alert sirens on Monday, Feb. 9, at 11:02 a.m. The sirens, located on the main campus and at University Stadium will be sounded for one minute. Shortly after the first siren, there will be a different sound to indicate All Clear. The sirens mean anyone on the campus should immediately seek shelter inside the nearest building.

PROVOST SUZANNE ORTEGA has invited four finalists to interview on-campus for the position of Dean at the School of Law. The first two candidate interview dates are listed below. Kevin K. Washburn, University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law – Jan. 26-27 and Gregory A. Hicks, University of Washington School of Law – Jan. 29-30. Additional information on the candidates and their itineraries can be found on the School of Law web site at:

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for a series of symposiums, films and discussions marking the 200th birthdays of Charles Darwin and Abraham Lincoln. Great Minds: A Celebration of Charles Darwin’s and Abraham Lincoln’s 200th Birthdays is set for Wednesday, Feb. 11 through Tuesday, Feb. 17. The celebration begins on Wednesday, Feb. 11 from 1-5:15 p.m. with a symposium on Darwin’s Legacy, scheduled in George Pearl Hall room 101A. A poster presentation and reception will follow.

THE UNM SMOKE FREE Environment Committee will conduct two town hall meetings on Tuesday, Jan. 27, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in Santa Ana A&B at the Student Union.
ON WEDNESDAY, Jan. 28, the Department of Geography will host a talk on the use of satellite imagery and GIS in conservation decision-making. The talk, titled "Re-assessing the effect of protected areas in conservation: Park geography leads to success or failure," features Duke University's Lucas N. Joppa. The talk will be held from 12 to 1 p.m. in Bandelier West, rm. 104.

THE UNM CHILDREN’S Chorus is accepting new members. To give prospective new members an introduction to the chorus, an open rehearsal will be held Wednesday, Jan. 28 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1100 Indian School NE, 4:30-7 p.m.

NANCY “RUSTY” BARCELO, foremost authority on equity and diversity, visits UNM for a university-wide forum to enhance thinking about diversity, Thursday, Jan. 29. The event kicks off with a student forum in the UNM Student Union Building Acoma rooms A&B from 10-11 a.m. Barcelo, vice president and vice provost for equity and diversity at the University of Minnesota, will make introductory remarks and facilitate the forum. Faculty is invited to a luncheon beginning at 11:30 a.m. To attend, RSVP at 277-1481.

THE UNM AFRICANA Studies Department kicks off Black History Month with a brunch on Saturday, Jan. 31 at 11 a.m. in the Student Union Building, ballrooms A and B. The brunch features a lecture by influential civil rights activist and comic Dick Gregory. The lecture, titled “From Civil Rights Activism to the Election of Obama: Has the Dream Been Fulfilled,” will discuss current equality and race issues in the African American community.

“THROUGH THE EYES OF THE EAGLE: Illustrating Healthy Living for Children,” features the original artwork for the UNM Native American Diabetes Program. The art exhibit runs from Jan. 31, through May 25, 2009 at the All Indian Pueblo Culture Center. The project began with the work of former UNM faculty member Janette Carter, M.D., and Community Health Representative Georgia Perez.

THE UNM BOOKSTORE’S popular sale, '3-Point Thursdays,' continues Jan. 29 through Feb. 26, 2009. Save 30 percent off regularly priced Lobowear with a purchase of $30 or more, tax not included. This is the largest discount the bookstore has ever given on Lobowear. The remaining sale dates are Jan. 29, Feb. 5, Feb. 12, Feb. 19 and Feb. 26.