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AN INTERNATIONAL TEAM of researchers, including UNM's Peter Fawcett, has drawn a strong relationship between warmer temperatures and megadroughts during the mid-Pleistocene interglacials and the possible cause. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=11486>

UNM ASSISTANT PROFESSOR Matías Fontenla, who teaches economic development, wanted his students to have a hands-on learning experience, so last year he led a group to Nicaragua, the poorest Latin American country. The students were moved by the poverty and decided to do something constructive. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=11350>

EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2011, President David J. Schmidly approved revisions to Policy 3210 "Recruitment and Hiring," Policy 3215 "Performance Management," Policy 3260 "Career Development," Policy 3625 "Retirement" and Policy 3430 "Catastrophic Leave." The revised policies are available on the UNM Policy Website. <http://www.unm.edu/~ubppm/>.

EVERY SPRING SEMESTER, the Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs presents annual awards honoring outstanding individual staff members and a workgroup at the University of New Mexico who have provided extraordinary service to the Provost's units. The Provost's Committee for Staff (PCS) is currently accepting nominations for this year's outstanding individual staff and workgroup awards. The nomination deadline is Thursday, March 31 at 5 p.m. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=11529>

FORMER UNM SCHOOL of Engineering Dean Dr. William A. Gross died Sunday, Feb. 20, 2011 in Albuquerque. Gross served as dean from 1974 – 1980, and as professor and dean emeritus from 1982 – 1999. A memorial service will be held by the Albuquerque Friends Meeting on Sunday, April 3, 2011 at 2 p.m. at the Monte Vista Christian Church located at 3501 Campus Dr. NE. Memories may be shared by going to <http://www.remembertheirstory.com/> and clicking on the Obituaries tab. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=11565>

DEDICATION OF THE new Science and Mathematics Learning Center is set for Friday, March 4, at 2 p.m. A short program featuring Regent Carolyn J. Abeita, President David J. Schmidly, Deputy Provost Richard W. Holder and architect Van H. Gilbert is set, with a ribbon cutting ceremony and reception to follow. Tours of the building begin at 1 p.m. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=11015>

DON'T FORGET tomorrow's big Gear In, Gear Out sale at the Johnson Center Auxiliary Gym. The sale, sponsored by UNM Recreational Services Outdoor Shop and Getaway Adventures, will be held from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more details visit: http://recsvcs.unm.edu/osbs/osbs_01_11_earinGearout.pdf

THE UNM MUSIC PREP School presents "Music Is....," a free family concert by the UNM Tuba-Euphonium Ensemble on Saturday, March 5, 1:30-2:30 p.m. in Keller Hall, Center for the Arts. The concert includes selections from several Disney movies, a patriotic tribute to America and a Latin fiesta. The UNM Tuba Euphonium Ensemble will also demonstrate what tubas and euphoniums can do and answer questions about the instruments. For more information call, (505) 277-8816. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=11557>

OPENING RECEPTIONS for the UNM Annual Juried Graduate Exhibition will be held at the Center for Contemporary Art in Santa Fe on Friday, March 4 and at Tamarind Institute in Albuquerque on Friday, March 11. This annual exhibition and accompanying catalog of selected works from UNM Master of Fine Arts candidates is coordinated by the Graduate Art Association. Both events will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. They are free and open to the public. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=11551>

TIME IS RUNNING DOWN on this year's 60-day legislative session, and there's still no budget. This week the House did approve a plan, but there are still a lot of areas that will need to be worked out with the Senate. This week on New Mexico in Focus will debate and discuss the ongoing budget talks, including a new compromise plan for the film industry incentives. KNME's one hour public affairs show New Mexico in Focus airs Fridays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 6:30 a.m. on KNME, Channel 5.1. The show can also be seen on KNME's Digital Channel 9.1 on Saturdays at 5 p.m. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=11600>