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THE UNVERSITY'S ANNUAL budget review, or "budget summit," is scheduled for Wednesday, March 31. The special session of the New Mexico legislature ended on March 4, and Governor Bill Richardson has until March 24 to make his decision on the state budget and package of tax increases approved by legislators.

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THE ON CAMPUS SCHEDULES for the four finalists for the position of dean for the UNM School of Architecture and Planning have been released. Each will participate in an open forum on his or her first day on campus. The forum is for faculty, staff, students and community and includes a candidate presentation. Each will be held from 5-6 p.m., on the date indicated, in the auditorium of George Pearl Hall, the School of Architecture and Planning. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004873.html#more

AS PART OF A university-wide project, Information Technologies will upgrade the Banner System from version 7 to version 8 over Spring Break 2010. The upgrade will take place starting Friday, Mar. 12 at 5 p.m. through Thursday, Mar. 18 at 8 a.m. During the upgrade, all e-mail, calendaring, library services, WebCT, and the MyUNM portal will be available for use. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004879.html#more

THE UNM board of regents passed new admission standards today to give all students access with support to succeed. The new standards emphasize students' preparation in high school, reward rigorous coursework and continue to de-emphasize standardized test scores. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004886.html#more

RAYMOND SANCHEZ has been re-elected as president of the UNM board of regents for 2010. Jack Fortner of Farmington was re-elected as vice president and Carolyn Abeita will return as secretary to the board. The regents took the action at their regular board meeting on March 8, 2010. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004883.html#more

THE MOUNTAIN WEST Conference announced its 2009-10 men's basketball awards today. New Mexico head coach Steve Alford captured MWC Coach of the Year honors for the second straight year, while New Mexico's Darington Hobson was named both the Player of the Year and Newcomer of the Year. http://www.golobos.com/sports/m-baskbl/nm-m-baskbl-body.html

AT THE RECENT New Mexico American Advertising Federation awards ceremony, the UNM Free-Range Thinking microsite won 13 ADDY awards. The ADDY awards honor excellence in advertising and cultivation of the highest creative industry standards. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004889.html#more

ANDREW R. MAYER, associate professor of Translational Neuroscience and adjunct assistant professor with the UNMH Department of Neurology and Mind Research Network will present a talk titled "Attentional Function in Healthy and Clinical Populations" on Tuesday, March 9, at 11 a.m. at the MRN Large Conference in Pete and Nancy Domenici Hall on UNM's North Campus. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004871.html#more

THE INTERNATIONAL TASK Force presents Foreign Service officer Catherine Spillman, U.S. Commercial Service and export promotion, U.S. Department of Commerce, Tuesday, March 9, noon – 1:30 p.m. in the Roberts Room in Scholes Hall. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004862.html#more

TIMOTHY M. HSIEH, managing partner of MH2 Technology Law Group, LLP, will present a talk Tuesday, March 9 titled, "The Patent Reform Act—Should You Start Working Out and Saving More?" The talk, which begins at 12 p.m., will be held in Acoma A&B in the Student Union Building. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004859.html#more

FRENCH PROFESSOR Walter Putnam delivers, "Americans in Paris: Lee and Man, Man and Lee," Tuesday, March 9 from 2-3 p.m. in the UNM Art Museum. The lecture is free and open to the public. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004877.html#more

THE BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony Tuesday, March 9 from 3 to 4 p.m. to commemorate the opening of a new research wing in Castetter Hall. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004885.html#more

THE CAMPUS OFFICE of Substance Abuse Prevention, Student Health and Counseling and Mothers Against Drunk Driving sponsor "Make Spring Break YOURS!" Wednesday, March 10, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at UNM Smith Plaza. For more information contact COSAP, (505) 277-2795. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004875.html#more

The 2010 VIOLA F. CORDOVA Symposium features the S.A.G.E. Council in a free retrospective, "Honoring Self Determination through Action and Prayer," on Wednesday, March 10, 1-5 p.m. at the UNM Student Union Building Lobo room. A reception follows the presentation by S.A.G.E. leaders.

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STEPHEN LEKSON, a professor of Anthropology from the University of Colorado will present a talk on "Chimney Rock and Chaco, Pinnacle Ruin and Mesa Verde: Methodologies of Regional Interaction in the Ancestral Pueblo Area" on Thursday, March 11 at 4 p.m. in the Hibben Center, Room 105. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004881.html#more

THE SCIENCE & Society Distinguished Public Talks series presents "The Role of Renewables and America's Energy Future" with Lawrence Papay on Thursday, March 11 at 5 p.m. in rm. C of the UNM Conference Center located at 1634 University Blvd. N.E. A meet and greet will also be held prior to the talk at 4:30 p.m. The lecture is free and open to the public. Plenty of free parking is available. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004884.html#more

THE UNM DIVISION of Student Affairs seeks nominations for its annual "Louie" awards. The deadline to submit is Friday, March 12 at 5 p.m. Awards will be given in five categories including Student Affairs Employee of the Year and Student Affairs Student Employee of the Year. For more information and or questions, call Natalie Brigance at 277-0952 or visit: http://www.unm.edu/~ovpsa/. The Louies will be presented to the winners at a reception on

Wednesday, April 7 in the SUB. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004863.html#more