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UNM STUDENTS WHO PLAN to seek a loan to attend the university next year are facing a different process. Last week President Barack Obama signed into law a major change in the U.S. student loan program. That means between 10,000-11,000 students, depending on loans who currently attend UNM, will now receive their loans directly from the U.S. Department of Education, rather than from a bank or other lending entity. The change will also apply to incoming freshmen.

MOST WELL-CONDITIONED, highly decorated athletes have an air of invincibility. It's the time of their lives and nothing can take them down. That all changed for current Lobo football player Emmanuel McPhearson on Feb. 2, 2007.

MAHMOUD REDA TAH A, associate professor and Regents’ Lecturer of Civil Engineering, was selected to receive the 2010 Walter P. Moore Jr. Faculty Achievement Award by the American Concrete Institute. This national award recognizes Taha’s dedication and commitment to student involvement in concrete research and his ability to connect theory with practice in the classroom.

COMPLETE WITH A CLASSIC Hollywood movie theme featuring quotes and pictures from the movie Casablanca, the Division of Student Affairs celebrated its annual "Louie" awards given to staff and student employees within the Division and from the general UNM community, who exemplify the very best in providing great student service. For a complete list of winners visit:

THE LOBO CARD office will begin printing new cards this summer. A task force is finalizing details on the process to re-card all current ID cards for faculty, staff, students, retirees and affiliates. For more details about the re-card initiative and a timeline of activities visit: http://recard.unm.edu/

THE LATEST EDITION of the UNM Student Affairs Update newsletter is now available online at: www.unm.edu/ovpsa.

UNM WILL JOIN COLLEGES and universities across the country to recognize the student work experience during National Student Employment Week April 12-16. According to the National Student Employment Association, campus jobs provide career-enhancing opportunities to better prepare students for the world of work upon graduation.

THE SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE and Planning speaker series features Eric Naslund, FAIA, presents, “Architectural Alchemy: Housing from the Humblest of Ingredients,” Friday, April 9 at 5 p.m. in George Pearl Hall’s auditorium. Naslund is principal and design partner in Studio E Architects in San Diego, Calif. This special presentation is jointly sponsored with the New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority.

THE STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS of Latin American Studies at the University of New Mexico holds its annual Sin Fronteras Film Festival at the National Hispanic Cultural Center on Friday, April 9 from 5:30-11:30 p.m. Showing a variety of both fiction and documentary films related to immigration, the U.S.-Mexico border and identity, the festival looks to encourage an open a dialogue about these issues,
which are often difficult to talk about. For more information, call 505-277-6847 or e-mail
lasfilm@unm.edu. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/005018.html#more

“NEW MEXICO IN FOCUS” correspondent Terrie Sayre sits down with two of Albuquerque Mayor
Richard Berry’s new appointees, Betty Rivera, Director of the Cultural Services Department, and Barbara
Bruin, Director of the Animal Welfare Department on this week’s episode. “New Mexico in Focus” airs
Fridays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 6:30 a.m. It also airs KNME Digital Ch. 9.1 on Saturdays at 5 p.m.
http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/005025.html#more

STC.UNM WILL HOST an awards reception on Monday, April 12, from 5:30-7:30 pm, at the UNM
Science & Technology Park Rotunda, to honor the 23 faculty and students who have been issued patents
and disclosed copyrights within the past year. The reception will also honor the first-ever STC.UNM
Innovation Fellow, Dr. Steven Brueck, who is being recognized for his achievements as one of UNM’s
top innovators. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/005007.html#more