IT OFTEN SEEMS that certain aspects of our personalities are influenced by events that occurred in our childhoods. A recent study by Dr. Akaysha Tang’s research team from the UNM Psychology Department, with collaborators at Rockefeller University, examined how early life experience influences social skills and ability to handle stressful situations using a rat model. The study was published July 30 in the online, open-access journal PLoS ONE. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003093.html#more

ABHAYA DATYE, director, Center for Microengineered Materials, is leading an international team of researchers and students studying large-scale chemical catalysis of biomass materials into fuels, chemicals and materials. Students and researchers working with Datye are investigating how biomass is broken down into chemical components while also looking for ways to convert some of those components into useful products efficiently. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003096.html#more

AMY WOHLERT, interim dean of the Anderson School of Management, and Pam Hurd-Knief, senior director of development, School of Engineering, and Lisa Kuuttila, president and CEO of STC.UNM, have been named among the most outstanding and influential women in the business community by the New Mexico Business Weekly. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003098.html#more

THE UNM Health Sciences Center is New Mexico’s only academic health center. These words are heard or read frequently in association with the UNM Health Sciences Center, but what exactly does it mean to be an academic health center and why is this important to the people of New Mexico? http://hsc.unm.edu/about/features/2006_08a.shtml

THE UNM College of Nursing has received a three-year, $750,000 grant from the Helene Fuld Health Trust, HSBC Bank USA, N.A. Trustee to be used for baccalaureate student scholarships. The College of Nursing will use $450,000 of the total grant to establish a permanent endowment fund for scholarships. The Helene Fuld Health Trust is the nation’s largest private foundation devoted exclusively to nursing students and nursing education. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003088.html#more

TREVOR ROHM HAS accepted a Fellowship with the UNM's Health Sciences Library and Informatics Center in its Biomedical Informatics Training Program. In addition to a curriculum in informatics, Rohm will complete a mentored research project using a natural language-processing program to determine diagnoses and de-identify pathology text reports from UNM’s Human Tissue Repository. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003097.html#more

ON MONDAY, Aug. 11, Information Technology Services will debut Lobo-WiFi as the primary wireless network for UNM wireless access, replacing the existing wireless networks and consolidating them into one overarching system. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003094.html#more
AL SENA, executive director of facilities for the Rio Rancho Public Schools, is the newest member of the Dean’s Council for Design and Planning Excellence at the University of New Mexico School of Architecture and Planning. The council is the school’s membership-based external advisory group.

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THIS FALL, UNM will offer an Educational Leadership Program, a course that addresses both educational planning and school facility design and management. Available statewide through ITV, the course is offered as both Leadership 581, “Educational Leadership and School Facility Planning” as well as Architecture 412/512, “Educational Planning and School Facility Design,” the class will explore educational planning systems, strategies, facility design and instructional leadership within non-traditional schools.

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THE UNM ALUMNI Association recently elected eight new members to its Board of Directors for 2008-09. New members include Monica Armenta, Penny Beaumont, Brian Burnett, Henrietta Mann, Gail Rosenblum, Kathi Schroeder, Lynn Slade and Angie Wilcox.

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THIS WEEK ON ‘New Mexico In Focus,’ KNME Channel 5’s prime-time news magazine covering events, issues and people shaping life in New Mexico and the Southwest, the panel takes a look at Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), the legislature’s upcoming special session, the spread of the red light camera, and the failure of a mental health ordinance. ‘New Mexico In Focus’ airs Friday, Aug. 8 at 7 p.m. and repeats on Sunday, Aug. 10 at 6:30 a.m.

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