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1. ISLAND DISPATCHES

The United Nations Foundation granted \$3 million to UNM Biologist Howard Snell and the Charles Darwin Foundation for research and public awareness programs dealing with invasive exotic species in the Galapagos Islands. In addition, Heidi Snell of UNM's Biology Dept. and the Charles Darwin Research Station, designed postage stamps for the Ecuadorian Postal Service featuring the biological diversity of the Galapagos.

See them at: www.correosecuador.com/paginas/1999-4.htm

Charles Darwin Research Station: <http://www.polaris.net/~jpinson/welcome.html>

2. LEGAL MANEUVERS

Hispanic Business magazine's September issue ranks UNM's Law School second in the nation for Hispanic students. UT-Austin captured first place with UCLA, Georgetown and USC following UNM. <http://www.hispanstar.com/hb/default.asp>

3. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

On Sept. 14, UNM Regents approved the following legislative requests to be considered by the NM Commission on Higher Education and the NM Legislature:

- . \$2.7 million in new or expanded funding for eleven special projects

- . \$1.9 million for information technology requirements.

In June 1999, Regents approved a \$73 million capital projects package and they're scheduled to vote on UNM's 2000-2001 operating budget (including compensation) on Oct. 12. UNM Legislative Priorities website: <http://www.unm.edu/preview/legislature>

4. AWARDS

Melissa Bokovoy's book "Peasants and Communists: Politics and Ideology in the Yugoslav Countryside, 1941-1953," captured the 1999 Barbara Jelavich Book Prize awarded by the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies. Bokovoy is an assistant professor of history.

5. FAIR GAME

Attend UNM Day at the NM State Fair from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tues., Sept. 21.

Enjoy entertainment, win prizes and visit displays from 75 UNM organizations.

<http://www.unm.edu/~paaffair/University%20Day/index.htm>

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