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ENROLLMENT AT UNM continues to rise, thanks to redesigned processes and university-wide collaboration. As of today, 25,971 students are enrolled at the Albuquerque campus, a 7.42 percent increase over the same period last year. Classes began Tuesday, Jan. 19.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004712.html#more>

UNM IS EXPERIENCING a cyber explosion, with unprecedented growth in online enrollment through Extended University. As of Jan. 22, student enrollment in online courses shot up 47 percent, from 1,492 in spring 2009 to 2,199 in spring 2010. That's more than double national growth in online enrollment, recently reported at 17 percent. Student credit hours grew by 72 percent in that period, from 5,257 to 9,037. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004726.html#more>

IF PAST RECORDS regarding periods of warming and cooling climate are an accurate indication of weather patterns, then the southwestern United States is likely headed into a period of severe long-term drought say researchers at the University of New Mexico in new research published in the February issue of Nature Geoscience. Variable winter moisture, or the lack thereof in the southwestern United States, is linked to rapid glacial climate shifts say Yemane Asmerom and Victor Polyak, researchers in the Earth and Planetary Sciences Department at the University of New Mexico.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004713.html#more>

NO ONE IS MORE interested in the tiny changes in Bridge #7937 on I-40 near Tucumcari than the UNM Department of Civil Engineering. Over the summer Professor Mahmoud Taha and his research team installed sensors to monitor reactions the bridge has as trucks travel across it.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004725.html#more>

THE UNM ANDERSON School of Management Foundation Board has announced its 2010 Hall of Fame inductees. They are: Henry A. Alaniz (MBA, 1996), Carol Mayo Cochran (BBA, 1984) and James Lawrence Novak, (MBA, 1996). <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004716.html#more>

UNM WILL TEST ITS emergency notifications systems including the campus warning siren system and text messaging system on Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 11:02 a.m. UNM tests the emergency sirens every semester. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004731.html#more>

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES is facilitating a campus-wide discussion about the strategic direction of e-mail, calendar and messaging at UNM. Campus participation is being sought at public forums to be held in February and March, and also by a short survey which will be open to students, faculty and staff for responses. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004733.html#more>

CADET DELILAH CHINANA is the recipient of the 2010 George C. Marshall - Henry H. Arnold Air Force ROTC Award, as selected by UNM AFROTC Lt. Col. Raul Garcia. Chinana is a 2005 graduate of Jemez Valley High School and the daughter of Alondo and Diane Chinana of Albuquerque.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004732.html#more>

FOUR UNM STUDENT interns are now reporting on the activities of the current session of the Legislature in Santa Fe, sending their radio reports to more than 55 stations across the state. At the same time, their counterparts in Washington, D.C., a group of five students, are learning the basics of news reporting as actual reporters for NMBA. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004728.html#more>

REPRESENTATIVE RICK Miera recently introduced the “Hispanic Education Act” in the 2010 New Mexico Legislative session. The main purpose of this bill is “to provide for the study, development and implementation of educational systems that affect the educational success of Hispanic students to close the achievement gap and increase graduation rates.” This week “New Mexico in Focus” correspondent Peter St. Cyr discusses the proposed bill with Miera, Dr. Jose Armas of the Latin/Hispano Education Improvement Task Force and Ellen Bernstein, president of the Albuquerque Teachers Federation. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004730.html#more>