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1. PRESIDENT LOUIS CALDERA recently announced a "Budget Summit" for Thursday, April 1, in preparation for submitting UNM's budget recommendations to the Board of Regents at their April meeting. The Summit will include students, faculty, staff, alumni and other key university constituencies in an exploration of "UNM's key budget issues and challenges," according to the president's formal charge to these groups.

<http://www.unm.edu/summit/index.html>

2. UNM WILL CELEBRATE its 115th birthday on Friday, Feb. 27 at noon in the Student Union Building. UNM has been educating students in the Southwest since territorial days when the doors opened in 1889, 23 years before New Mexico was admitted to the union as a state. Today, with more than 110,000 alumni worldwide, the university offers 45 degrees in a wide variety of disciplines. <http://www.unm.edu/news/Releases/04-02-25birthday.htm>

3. THE UNM SCHOOL OF MEDICINE recently honored endowed chairs and professors at its Endowments Recognition dinner. The doctors who received professorships will be granted \$25,000, while the recipients of chairs and endowments will be granted \$125,000.

<http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=2546>

4. MONICA SILVEIRA CYRINO, associate professor of Classics, will be a member of a distinguished panel of historians, film critics and popular culture experts to discuss Mel Gibson's new film, "The Passion of the Christ," which opened in theatres nationwide today. The discussion will appear in a special episode of the series "History vs. Hollywood" on The History Channel. The show will air on Saturday, Feb. 28 and Sunday, Feb. 29 (check local listings).

5. UNM IS PARTNERING with Escuela Agrícola Panamericana (known as "Zamorano"), a private college in Honduras, to design and implement a "Diplomado de Recursos Hídricos" (diploma of water resources) program to educate Central American water managers and administrators, many of whom have little formal training in the study of water resources. <http://www.unm.edu/news/Releases/04-02-18zamorano.htm>

6. THE INTERNATIONAL STUDIES INSTITUTE continues a week of lectures and discussions on "International Perceptions of the United States after 9/11," Thursday, Feb. 26. All sessions are free and open to the public. <http://www.unm.edu/news/Releases/04-02-20isi.htm>

7. DEAN EMILIO CORTES and Professor Jaime Rossell of the University of Extremadura School of Law, Caceres, Spain, will speak at the UNM School of Law on Wednesday, March 3, from 4-6 p.m. A recent agreement between the two schools promotes faculty and student exchanges, joint research projects, courses and conferences. <http://www.unm.edu/news/Releases/04-02-25law.htm>