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1. FOR THE FIRST TIME a student regent has been elected an officer of UNM's Board of Regents. Jason Bousliman was elected secretary-treasurer at the Board's organizational meeting last Tuesday.
2. WELCOME TO THE BIG I INFO LINE. Get the latest scoop on the impact of the Big I construction and other campus-related construction projects at workshops being offered on the projects, traffic flow, transportation, parking options and more. Call UNM's Big I information line at 277-BIGI (277-2444). More information is available on the city-wide Big I hotline, 1-800-843-2444 or at www.thebigi.com For information on the SUB-only renovation, check out <http://sub.unm.edu/renovation/update.htm>
3. WINNERS OF YWCA'S Women On the Move awards include Vi Florez, dean of the College of Education; Claudia Isaac, director of Community and Regional Planning at the School of Architecture and Planning; and Susan Harper, coordinator of the High Ropes Confidence Course at Johnson Center. The awards are given to women who exemplify leadership within their organization and community.
4. UNM LIBRARIES RANK 55 of 111 university libraries by the Association of Research Libraries (ARL). The library is ranked 11 out of 16 peer institutions. The library's ranking should rise next year because of a \$1.6 million special appropriation from the 1999 State Legislature, plus a library formula-funding enhancement in excess of \$400,000. <http://www.unm.edu/~libadmin/statsummary.htm>
5. SOCIOLOGIST RICHARD COUGHLIN says high gas prices are all in our head. Coughlin, quoted recently in the "St. Louis Post Dispatch," says that rising gas prices may cause some of the panic mentality of the 1970s. According to Coughlin, people obsess as prices go up, although the increase does seriously affect the lower third of the population.
6. JOHN NICHOLS, noted Taos author, will receive an honorary degree at May commencement.

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