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THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO is ranked 76 out of 12,000 universities world-wide, based on web presence and web access, according to the Webometrics Rankings of World Universities. They rank UNM 62 out of the top 100 United States and Canadian universities. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=10809>

A GROUP OF MAJOR research institutions, including the University of New Mexico, is partnering to develop a flexible online tool to help researchers generate data management plans. This effort is in response to demands from funding agencies, such as the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health, that researchers plan for managing their research data.

<http://news.unm.edu/?p=10799>

THE UNM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION will host its annual awards banquet in recognition of outstanding alumni on Thursday, Feb. 24 at 6 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Downtown. Among those to be honored include: James F. Zimmerman Award - Henry Crumpton; Erna S. Fergusson Award - John Brown; Bernard S. Rodey Award - Nelson Valdes; and the Faculty Teaching Award - Mary Domski.

<http://news.unm.edu/?p=10961>

FORMER UNM PROVOST and Professor Emeritus of Physics McAllister “Mac” H. Hull died Feb. 8 in Charleston, S.C. Hull, 87, was a theoretical physicist who taught physics for 49 years including 12 at UNM from 1977 to 1989. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=10919>

CHAIR AND PROFESSOR of Computer Science Stephanie Forrest received a \$3.2 million grant from DARPA, the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, to lead a team to develop resilient, automated computer security systems. The team, comprised of computer scientists from University of Virginia and UNM, is using computational analogs of biological evolution to develop software that automatically repairs itself. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=10746>

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING PROFESSOR Tariq Khraishi has been named a Fellow by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. He is highly regarded by his peers and supervisors both as a Mechanical Engineering Professor and as a graduate student. He has won numerous awards for research, teaching and service. He is an internationally recognized researcher in the study of dislocation dynamics/theory and of mandibular fractures/fixation. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=10694>

THE ANDERSON SCHOOL of Management, the Executive Vice President of Administration and the Executive Vice President of Health Sciences are sponsoring several scholarship opportunities for UNM staff employees and faculty interested in attending the Anderson School of Management's Executive MBA (EMBA) Program. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=10767>

NEXT TUESDAY, Feb. 22 is National Recreational Sports & Fitness Day. UNM’s Recreational Services is recognizing the day with free guest passes to all UNM recreational fitness classes including Lobo cycling, pilates, zumba, mixed level yoga, capoeira and turbo kick boxing. Also, stop by to enter for a chance to win prizes including a UNM Recreational Services “Works” Fitness pass and free personal training. For more information and class times visit: <http://recservices.unm.edu>.

THE UNM PARENT ASSOCIATION is once again partnering with UNM athletics for the 3rd annual "Parent Day at the Pit" special event Saturday, March 5. A pre-game reception, featuring a silent auction and hosted by the Parent Association, will be held at the University Stadium's End Zone Club at 1:30 p.m. Tip-off for the UNM vs. Air Force men's basketball game is set for 4 p.m. Proceeds from a silent auction benefit the Parent Association's scholarship fund. Pre-registration is required online at, <http://parentassociation.unm.edu> or by calling (505) 277-0839. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=10866>

KNOW AN OUTSTANDING UNM faculty or staff member who consistently goes above and beyond the call of duty to improve the lives of students? Why not nominate them for the Outstanding Student Service Provider for Faculty and Staff Award? This is a great way to recognize someone for their exceptional contributions to the university community. To nominate someone, fill out the short nomination form. The deadline to submit a nomination is March 21 by 5 p.m. <https://esurvey6.unm.edu/opinio/s?s=32852> or <http://news.unm.edu/?p=10942>

THIS WEEK ON New Mexico in Focus, Capitol Correspondent Gwyneth Doland talks with Gov. Susana Martinez in an exclusive one-on-one interview. This week also marks the halfway point of the 2011 legislative session. Doland talks with legislative leaders about the progress so far or lack thereof. KNME's one hour public affairs show New Mexico in Focus airs Fridays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 6:30 a.m. on KNME, Channel 5.1. The show can also be seen on KNME's Digital Channel 9.1 on Saturdays at 5 p.m. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=10939>