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1. **PSYCHOLOGY PROFESSOR** William Miller has been named a Distinguished Professor -- the most prestigious title given to faculty at UNM. Only three professors in Arts and Sciences hold this title which requires an international reputation for research excellence and a clear position of leadership in their field.
2. **UNM IS SEVENTH IN THE NATION** according to Hispanic Magazine's list of top 25 colleges and universities for Hispanics. The criteria used for the list included the number of Hispanic-related degree programs, Hispanic student organizations, recruiting, minority support programs and Hispanic faculty. The University of California-Berkeley was ranked first followed by Rice, Florida International University, MIT, Stanford and San Francisco State.  
<http://www.unm.edu/~paaffair/news/news%20releases/Mar24hispanic%20mag.html>
3. **DAVID LEEMING IS THE PNM DISTINGUISHED VISITING PROFESSOR** for Spring 2000. Leeming, professor emeritus of English at the University of Connecticut, is the biographer of author James Baldwin – he was Baldwin's assistant in the 1960s – and is an expert on mythology. Leeming will lecture on "Myth and the Art of Biography," Tuesday, April 4, at 7 p.m. in room 120 in Dane Smith Hall.  
<http://www.unm.edu/~paaffair/news/news%20releases/Mar23lemming.html>
4. **TWO UNM STUDENTS** captured the highly coveted National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, which pays for three years of graduate school. Sarah E. Soliz who is majoring in anthropology and Robert L. Ward, physics major, won the awards.
5. **THE NEW BOOK** by Janet Howe Gaines, director of UNM's Hillel, was featured in Parade Magazine. "Music in the Old Bones: Jezebel through the Ages" looks at the age old "Jezebel" story of the dangers of rebelling against patriarchal society from a feminist point of view.
6. **THE SEARCH FOR THE NEXT Vice Provost for Research** is underway. The 11-member committee will name a list of finalists in early fall. The new Vice Provost is expected to take office by Jan. 1, 2001.  
<http://www.unm.edu/~paaffair/news/news%20releases/Mar28vpresearch.html>

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