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1. US NEWS AND WORLD REPORT gives UNM high marks in its 2001 guide to the best graduate schools in the nation. UNM's rural medicine program ranks 2nd, photography is 3rd, family medicine is 9th and the School of Medicine's primary care curriculum is 12th. Art and art history held on to the 19th spot and the School of Engineering's graduate program is 47th.
<http://www.unm.edu/~paaffair/news/news%20releases/Mar31usnews.html>
2. HISTORY PROFESSOR Linda Hall is this year's Annual Research Lecturer, the highest honor UNM bestows upon its faculty. Hall's lecture, "The Virgin Mary, Coatlicue and Pachamama: Thoughts on the Sacred Feminine in Latin America" is Monday, April 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Continuing Education Auditorium.
<http://www.unm.edu/~paaffair/news/news%20releases/April5hall.html>
3. FOUR UNM STUDENTS won prestigious Goldwater Fellowships for undergraduate excellence in science, engineering and math. UNM received the maximum number of awards allowed for a single school. Congratulations go to: Camille Alexander, biology/math major; Jennifer Halbleib, biochemistry; John Probasco, biochemistry; and Katherine F. Smith, biology.
4. THE UNM PLANNING COUNCIL has approved a recommendation a 9.9% tuition increase which will first go before the Executive Cabinet and then to the Regents Finance and Facility Committee on Monday. The proposal takes into account the New Mexico legislature approving a 4% tuition credit. For more on legislative action go to: <http://www.unm.edu/preview/legislature/>
5. THE MONTREAL GAZETTE REPORTS that UNM medical school researchers are working with Sandia National Labs on a so-called "smart scalpel" to analyze cells and determine instantly if they're cancerous, helping patients avoid additional biopsies.
6. PHYSICS MAJOR Gavin Mendel-Gleason will present a poster displaying 12 pages of research and diagrams to Congress and congressional staff in Washington D.C. on April 6th. His research, "Studies of Strong Force," looks at the fundamental force in nature that confines protons and neutrons into the nucleus of an atom. Mendel-Gleason was selected along with 60 other undergraduates in a national competition sponsored by the Council on Undergraduate Research.
7. JUDITH ESPINOSA, Director of UNM's Alliance for Transportation Research, is one of the recipients of the Governor's Award for Outstanding New Mexico Women 2000.

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