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HOUSE BILL 2, which funds state government, public and higher education, was approved by the New Mexico House of Representatives earlier this week and now goes to the NM Senate. As passed by the House, the budget bill had a compensation increase of 5 percent for both faculty and staff, with an additional .75 percent for retirement. The bill, in its current state, also features zero tuition credit and an increase in building renewal and replacement from 40 to 70 percent. For daily updates on what is happening to UNM bills during the 2007 NM Legislature, please go to <http://www.unm.edu/~legis07/>.

INCOMING UNM PRESIDENT David J. Schmidly, who was named last Saturday by the UNM Board of Regents, held a webcast for UNM students today. Schmidly plans to reach out to campus constituents with a series of conversations before his arrival in June. Today Schmidly's focus was on students. Watch his webcast as UNM students ask questions and voice their campus concerns: [Schmidly Listens to Students](#).

UNM DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS Paul Krebs announced today that the contract of head men's basketball coach Ritchie McKay will be terminated at the end of the current season. McKay and his staff will oversee the program through the final game of the 2006-07 season. <http://golobos.cstv.com/sports/m-baskbl/spec-rel/022207aaa.html>

PROVOST AND EXECUTIVE Vice President of Academic Affairs Reed Way Dasenbrock has announced the resignation of Charles Crespy as dean of the Anderson Schools of Management, effective immediately. Crespy will return to the Anderson Schools faculty and will begin teaching in the fall. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001743.html#more>

THE UTTON TRANSBOUNDARY Resources Center at the UNM School of Law has announced six candidates for the position of director. Each candidate will make a presentation to interested faculty, staff, students and community members during an open discussion period. The public is invited to attend the presentations in the Gov. Bruce King Reading Room in the UNM Law Library and to provide feedback to the search committee. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001737.html#more>

ROBERT DUNCAN, a professor of physics and astronomy and associate professor of electrical and computer engineering at UNM, and a member of the physics faculty at Caltech, has been appointed as the director of the newly-founded New Mexico Consortium's Institute for Advanced Studies. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001736.html#more>

ANDERSON SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT Professor Ann Cunliffe has been awarded Visiting Professorships at the University of Strathclyde in Scotland and Leeds University in England. The position of Visiting Professor is an honorary award conferred upon academics who have a record of teaching and publishing, and who have an international

reputation in a particular field of study - in Cunliffe's case, organization theory.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001739.html#more>

DIANE THIEL, associate professor, Department of English, has received one of three National Endowment for the Arts International Literature Awards. She wins in conjunction with Etruscan Press. The award, which has just been announced, is offered to provide American readers with greater access to quality foreign literary work in translation and supports translation and publication of a book.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001741.html#more>

TIFFANY MERCADO, who is completing her final year at the School of Law, was recently awarded a fellowship through Equal Justice Works. EJW fellowships fund young attorneys throughout the country as they begin their careers in public interest law. Fellows work to improve access to the justice system for underrepresented populations. Mercado will partner with the N.M. Center on Law and Poverty, a nonprofit public interest law firm and advocacy group.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001744.html#more>

SPRINGTIME IS AROUND the corner, and for many people that means days to weeks of wheezing and sneezing as pollen counts go up. If running noses, itchy eyes, and scratchy throats are making life miserable year after year then it might be time to see an allergist.

<http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=5728>

GROUPWISE USERS: The Energy Policy Act of 2005 extended Daylight Savings Time (DST) by three weeks in the spring, and one week in the fall beginning in 2007. This year, the extended DST periods are March 11 to April 1 and Oct. 28 to Nov. 4. This affects all Operating Systems, and will affect your GroupWise Calendar during the 3 weeks in March and the last week in October. The complete details of DST can be found at the ITS Web site: <http://its.unm.edu/dst/>.