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1. AS OF TODAY, only a handful of bills have passed the legislature and been signed by Gov. Bill Richardson. One that has made it through has good news for several UNM departments. Senate Bill 710 reinstates projects funds totaling \$1,619,700 that were vetoed last year. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001778.html#more>

2. HOUSE BILL 2, the main budget bill that funds state government, public schools and higher education, is in conference committee as lawmakers try to reconcile the differences between the House and Senate versions. In both versions, compensation for faculty and staff held at a 5 percent increase with an additional .75 percent for retirement. Neither features a tuition credit allocation, though that could change. The following spreadsheet details what has happened to HB 2 through its passage by the Senate. Please note that other budget bills, featuring several UNM programs, are still making their way through the process. [http://www.unm.edu/~legis07/UNM\\_priorities3-8.xls](http://www.unm.edu/~legis07/UNM_priorities3-8.xls)

3. THE CARRIE TINGLEY Hospital Foundation recently pledged \$1.6 million to fund the new Carrie Tingley Hospital Inpatient Unit and Surgical Suite at the UNM Children's Hospital Barbara and Bill Richardson Pavilion. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001776.html>

4. THE UNM FOUNDATION is establishing the Mesa del Sol Endowed Professorship in Film and Digital Media. The professorship was started with a \$750,000 endowment from Forest City Covington, NM, LLC, the master developer of Mesa del Sol. The Mesa del Sol Professorship will lead a multi-disciplinary program in Film and Digital Media at UNM, which will draw students from fine arts, engineering, arts and sciences, and other disciplines, allowing them to work in collaborative, real-world work teams. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001772.html>

5. UNM FRESHMEN are qualifying for the New Mexico Lottery Success Scholarship at a record rate. This year 75 percent or 2,603 of the freshmen that were eligible qualified for the tuition scholarship with the required grade point average. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001773.html>

6. ALL UNM RESEARCHERS: The University of New Mexico is now a partner in the Colorado Plateau Cooperative Ecosystems Studies Unit or CPCESU. Membership makes the contracting process with several federal agencies faster and more efficient, and the agreement serves in place of multiple cooperative agreements between UNM and various federal partner agencies (such as BOR, USGS BRD, Forest Service, BLM, NPS, and NRCS). For full details on the CPCESU contracting process visit: <http://www.unm.edu/news/07MarNewsReleases/07-03-08researchers.htm>

7. TRAILBLAZERS, UNM'S STUDENT alumni association, is currently sponsoring a Tuition Scholarship Raffle, which will give one lucky winner the opportunity to win 12 undergraduate credit hours of paid tuition for the Fall 2007 semester. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001775.html#more>

8. UNM SENIOR Jackie Walker has been awarded the outstanding student leadership award from the National Orientation Directors Association, Region III.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001777.html#more>

9. THE LAW SCHOOL Admissions Council has made a five-year funding commitment to the American Indian Law Center's Pre-Law Summer Institute, housed at the University of New Mexico School of Law. The funds, \$125,000 per year, will provide student support and allow the center to develop alumni and other long-term funding sources for the institute. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001771.html#more>

10. KNME-TV PRESENTS V-me, a new, national Spanish-language television network bringing new entertainment to Latino viewers. V-me, launched this week, features the best of public television. Viewers can see V-me on KNME's digital channel 5.3. KNME is in talks with Comcast Cable to carry V-me in New Mexico.