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1. THE LAW SCHOOL has received a \$1 million gift from the estate of Don and Mabel Dickason for an endowed faculty position. Dickason was one of the founding partners of the Albuquerque law firm Rodey Dickason Sloan Atkin and Robb.PA. The gift was made earlier this spring.
2. THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE is one of two medical centers in the country funded to study a potential new therapy aimed at treating retinal disease. The grant, from GenVec Inc., will further fund gene therapy research already under investigation at UNM. <http://hsc.unm.edu/whatnew/95.html>
3. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS reported today that Cochiti Pueblo is negotiating with UNM for 5,300 acres in the Jemez Mountains that the pueblo considers ancestral lands. The property is part of the 9,600 acre Young Ranch that was donated to UNM 35 years ago. The proposed sale includes provisions to permit UNM field research on the property. The Regents Finance and Facilities committee will consider the proposal in June.
4. THREE UNM BUSINESS STUDENTS HAVE LAUNCHED an Internet start-up company to promote and market restaurants, bars and entertainment spots to locals and tourists alike. The company, NMBars.com, is the first of its kind in New Mexico. The Anderson Schools' students financed the venture with contributions from friends, family and a bank loan. www.NMBars.com
5. THREE ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING faculty were awarded IEEE Third Millennium Medals. Peter Dorato, Chaouki T. Abdallah and professor emeritus Sholmo Karni won the award, which is given to only one percent of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers' membership worldwide. <http://www.ieee.org/index.html>
6. BOSTON UNIVERSITY'S literary journal, AGNI, has awarded Byron Lindsey, Foreign Languages and Literatures professor, the William Arrowsmith Translation Award for his translation of Victor Pelevin's story "The Greek Version" (in AGNI 50, 1999). Other prizewinners included Susan Sontag, for literary criticism.

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