In honor of the legacy of Senator Pete Domenici, New Mexico State University has established the Domenici Legacy Project. The project will be Chaired by Dean Garrey Carruthers and Co-chaired by Senator Jeff Bingaman and the Honorable Manuel Lujan. The project will include the transfer of all the Senator’s papers to the NMSU library; a major Domenici Legacy Public Policy conference early in the fall 2008 semester; planning for a building and garden to honor the Senator and his wife; and a book to be published chronicling the Senator’s contributions in public policy.

Development at the Arrowhead Research Park is going much more quickly than was imagined even 6 months ago. One and perhaps two buildings will break ground before the end of the 2nd quarter 2008 outside the area currently available with utilities in an area immediately south of the EBID silt retention dam on the property, which will require mitigation strategies and plans.

Kevin Johnson, president of Microsoft’s Platforms and Services division and a 1981 graduate of New Mexico State University’s College of Business, has agreed to visit the NMSU campus at least once a year to meet with students and faculty. He will also bring with him CEOs of other companies and introduce them to NMSU. Kevin serves on Microsoft’s senior leadership team with Bill Gates, Steve Ballmer and five other senior executives to set overall strategy and direction.

Benjamin Widner and Benjamin Matta, Center for Economics and Personal Finance Education, have launched a statewide teacher Entrepreneurship Training for Teachers Project. The project is funded by four training grants from the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation/National Council on Economic Education, and reaches out to teachers of New Mexico's middle and high school youth in the area of entrepreneurship. Training workshops are scheduled for June 2008 in Albuquerque, Highlands University, Eastern New Mexico University, and Ruidoso. The workshops will be structured around the Kauffman Foundation's curriculum, Making a Job: A Basic Guide to Entrepreneurship Readiness, and the New Mexico Web-Based High School Economics Curriculum. The Project is a collaborative effort of the network created by the Center including Highlands and Eastern New Mexico, the Public Education Department, as well as Kauffman and the National Council.

Benjamin Widner and Benjamin Matta, Center for Economics and Personal Finance Education, have been asked to serve on a statewide youth entrepreneurship task force. Thus far, NMSU is the only university asked to participate. The task force seeks to implement initiatives for New Mexico's youth that were recommended during the September 2007 Governor's Economic Development Summit.

The ceremonial Charter Meeting of Gamma Iota Sigma, a professional fraternity for those with an interest in International Risk Management, Insurance, and Actuarial Science was held in the Business Complex. A GIS representative from Dallas, TX, and student members of the Temple University chapter, along with two NMSU alums now in the insurance industry joined Professors Al Berryman and Tim Query to welcome 14 students as charter members.