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News in Brief

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UCLA Gets Center on Climate Change

Thanks to a donation and a matching-gift challenge, \$10 million will fund a new center for the University of California – Los Angeles School of Law. The donation was initiated by Dan Emmett, who is a real estate businessman in Santa Monica, CA. The center will focus on the environment and climate change. A law clinic and a law and policy program are the main foci as of now for the center.

St. Mary's Gets Thousands

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott has given a generous donation to the St. Mary's University School of Law on behalf of the state. The money came from a lawsuit involving a local company. The company, Mark Nutritionals, claimed that its products would help people lose weight. The San Antonio-based company had to donate a portion of its "consumers' funds" to a local university. St. Mary's will benefit by being able to expand its law clinic with more than \$100,000. In 2005, when the company filed for bankruptcy, the law schools at the University of Houston and Southern Methodist University also received money.

iTunes U Hits Suffolk Law

Suffolk University Law School now joins six other law schools in the nation in using iTunes U. The program allows professors to upload digital content for students, including downloads, podcasts, and other resources subscribers can use. The program is being labeled "the campus that never sleeps." In the future students will even be able to watch events such as mock trial competitions. The University of Pennsylvania, the University of Arizona, Duke, Stanford, and New York University are also taking part in the program.