

**Administration and Finance**  
**Weekly Activity Report**  
**Week Ending: December 5, 2014**

- **Undergraduate Learning Center** – December 2nd was a major milestone for Bradbury-Stamm as they poured concrete for the Northeast wall of the Hardman and Jacobs Undergraduate Learning Center. They will pour the concrete in 5 foot ‘lifts’ for a solid concrete retaining wall. This side of the building will be the Student Success Center and restrooms with classrooms above.



- **PGA of America representatives** visited the NMSU Golf Course as part of their review for recertification of PGA Golf Management Program. These representatives spent time at the golf course reviewing policies and procedures, and had very good things to say about the operation.
- **ICT deploys new Research Tab** – NMSU researchers are now piloting the new Research Tab, located on [my.nmsu.edu](http://my.nmsu.edu). This tab provides important institutional and agency information needed in writing proposals, as well as, institutional information and reports related to administering a researcher’s awards. Both the Research Tab and the research reports were developed and implemented by a cross-functional team including researchers, the Office of Grants and Contracts, Office of the Vice President for Research, Sponsored Projects Accounting, and the following groups from ICT: Administrative Data Management, Enterprise Information Systems, Product Development Services, Project Management Office, Enterprise Reporting Services, Systems and Server Administration, and Database Administration. The successful project is an excellent example of teamwork at NMSU.
- **Stress Buster Days** – Sodexo Dining Services partnered with the NMSU Counseling Center for the Stress Buster Days information fair. Sodexo provided fun trivia about reducing stress through healthy eating, information about healthy dining on campus, and had free hot chocolate. The semester stress buster celebration continued in the Taos Restaurant with a dinner event including fun décor, educational trivia, and students’ favorite foods.
- **Fire Department Break Room/Kitchenette** – A new set of table and chairs were installed in the Fire Station Break Room/Kitchenette replacing an old folding table and flimsy chairs. The new table is a maple veneer on fiberboard core and the chairs have stained wood seats with black metal frames. The products are from Furniture Lab based in North Carolina,



come with a 10-year warranty, and were selected to provide durable and easy-maintenance service for the active life-style of the emergency services personnel. Bon appetite.

- **Corbett Center Student Union Renovation Phase 1** – The new Student Union Lobby area was completed on November 7, 2014, and Phase 2 is underway. Phase 1 consisted of the renovation of the old Bookstore area. The renovated space is for campus activities and provides a social/study area for NMSU students. It will consist of office areas and conference rooms for the Associated Students of New Mexico State University (ASNMSU), Greek organizations, Aggie Activities Council, and the Office of Campus Activities. In addition, the new student lounge on the first floor is now open. Please check the Corbett Center website for updated information on available spaces as the renovation continues.



- **Holiday Bash Buffet** – The 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Bistro in the Fulton Center held its annual Holiday Bash Buffet Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The lunch featured grilled chicken with orange cranberry sauce, rosemary strip loin roast, lobster bisque, pumpkin cheesecake and a special holiday dessert, Buche de Noel!
- **ICT staffers present at the NMTIE conference.** Three ICTers were key presenters at the New Mexico Technology In Education conference held in Albuquerque. Alex Garcia, Senior Project Manager, presented an overview of the planning and preparation efforts that are underway for the Banner XE upgrade at NMSU. Joe Ersinghaus, Product Development Services' Senior Programmer/Developer, summarized ICT's use of Ruby on Rails in his group's application development efforts. Finally, Piyasat Nilkaew, Networking and Telecom Director, participated in a panel discussion on IPv6 network deployment. IPv6 is a key component of ScienceDMZ, part of the preferred network protocols used in advanced academic research network environments. Alex, Joe, and Piyasat --- good job!
- **Fire System Upgrade at Hadley Hall** – A new fire protection system has been installed in Hadley Hall as part of a comprehensive plan to update systems throughout NMSU. Construction kicked-off on September 23<sup>rd</sup> and the final fire alarm test was successfully conducted on November 24<sup>th</sup>. The project involved a total replacement of all the existing detection and notification devices (i.e. smoke detectors, horn and strobe devices, and pull stations) as well as, the fire alarm control panel. To ensure that the protection of personnel and property was never compromised, the new system had to be installed side-by-side to the existing and testing completed before removing the old system.

