

Administration and Finance
Weekly Activity Report
Week Ending: February 27, 2015

- **NM MESA Conference** – Hundreds of middle and high school students from across the state were participants in the MESA competition to encourage NM college enrollment in the STEM fields. NMSU Transportation & Parking Services, Sodexo Dining, Facilities & Services, and NMSU Admissions provided four Open Air Trolley guided campus tours with cookies and drinks for the prospective students.



- **Crimson Lights** – Facilities Operations has been activating the Crimson lights in the Skeen Tower after Aggie Basketball game victories this year. We are expanding this to cover all sports. Additionally energy efficiency improvements will be made to the lighting system and also a redesign of the lighting array to create a more noticeable presence during “Tough Enough to Wear Pink” and “Autism Awareness” months.

- **Golf Fundraisers** – NMSU Golf Course hosted several student-related fundraising events including College of Engineering’s Slide Rule Open and the National Agra-Marketing Association Fundraiser.
- **Room Renewal Rodeo** – An annual Housing event kicks off next week on March 3rd which allows current housing residents to select their rooms and roommates for the upcoming year. More information can be found at www.housing.nmsu.edu.
- **Chemistry Landscape Complete** – Grounds shop personnel completed a Xeriscaping project on the Northwest corner of the Chemistry building. They designed in a walkway where the predominant footpath was worn in the existing river rock landscape to create a pedestrian friendly pathway.
- **Taco Nights** – The Golf Course hosts 60-cent Taco Thursdays from 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm to encourage visits from students, staff, and community members who have yet to see our beautiful course, restaurant, and event facility.



- **Smash Brothers Tournament** (video gaming) – February 7th the NMSU Barnes & Noble Bookstore with the Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity hosted eighty gamers from 11:00 – 5:00. This was a fund raising event for Delta Sigma Phi and the Los Perigrinos Food Bank. Emanuel in our Computer Department, put together a brief video of the event.
 - <https://www.facebook.com/video.php?v=951540161532145&set=vb.146698508682985&type=2&theater>

- **Annual Painting** – Grounds shop personnel are making preparations to clear the brush around the A on A-Mountain. This is being done prior to the NMSU Greek Community performing the annual painting of the A during Greek Week. The painting is scheduled for March 13, 2015. The Paint shop will be providing the painting materials and the Grounds shop will transport the students up and down the mountain.



- **Campus Care** – Grounds shop personnel are in the planning stages to support 2 student community services days in March. On March 7, 2015 we will have 80 students participating in Trio day. This year they will be preparing the tree wells in the new community park. On March 12, 2015 we will have the NMSU Greek Community participating in their annual community service day. This year they will be participating in beautification effort on campus. These efforts will cover the new community park, Triviz Street, removing banners from light poles, and performing tree care in Cole Village.

- **Chamisa Steam Leaks** – Mechanical Shop personnel identified 2 steam leaks in the Chamisa Pit Mechanical room. An emergency outage was coordinated with Housing which affected the heating system for Chamisa Village Phase I. The crew made the necessary repairs and returned the system to operation within one hour which minimized the impact to the students residing in the apartments.



- **Chemical Identification Course** – EH&S recently hosted the national “4-Day HazCat Field Chemical Identification Course”. Six employees from NMSU EH&S, five employees from the Las Cruces Fire Department, and three employees from the Sierra Vista, Arizona Fire Department completed the course. The course provided valuable hands on training in the identification of unknown chemical compounds which might be abandoned or spilled on campus or in the region. By EH&S hosting the class, key internal staff were trained more quickly and economically. Also, the key Las Cruces Fire Dept. Station which specializes in responding to chemical incidents in the Las Cruces area was able to obtain

training. EH&S continues to be committed to providing chemical identification services, staff professional development, and community outreach wherever possible.



- **Friend of Safety Award** – Dr. Dennis Hallford, New Mexico State University’s Animal and Range Sciences interim department head, past chair of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee and current chair of the University Radiation Safety Committee received this year’s annual Friend of Safety Award for his contributions to the longstanding improvement of safety in these areas.