

**Administration and Finance
Weekly Activity Report
Week Ending: April 24, 2015**

- **Bee Colony Relocated** - Grounds personnel have been responding to increased Bee activity on campus. This week they addressed bee activity at Foster Hall, Milton Hall, and the Undergraduate Learning Center construction site. We utilize a local vendor to relocate the bee colony.



- **UPS Maintenance Complete** - ICT has completed maintenance on the Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) in Hadley Hall, Branson, and the Computer Center buildings. The UPS is a critical component of the university's central computing and networking business continuity and disaster recovery planning efforts, providing near-instantaneous protection to servers and other power-sensitive technologies from damage caused by electrical power spikes and drops. The maintenance, which consisted of the replacement of all UPS batteries in the aforementioned buildings, was accomplished without interruption to any NMSU services or systems.



- **Roof Maintenance** - The Structural Maintenance Shop just completed a roof refurbishment of the Academic Research Center buildings A, B and C. This involved a thorough cleaning of the roof, re-flashing all the joints and penetrations with the flashing materials and a roof coating of the entire roof surface. We worked with the manufacturer to obtain a 10 year warranty on the roof system with the option of extending the warranty in the future with additional work. This is the first of a series of roof coatings that will be installed over several roofs through-out campus with the intention of extending the roof life. In addition,

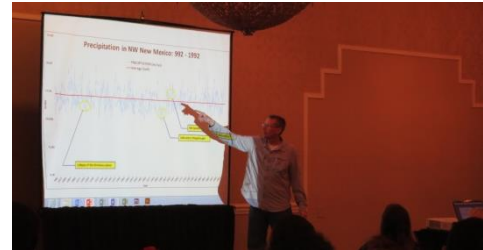
the Structural Maintenance Supervisor and two roof techs are currently seeking factory training to become certified applicators for other roofing materials so that we can apply a broad range of roofing materials not limited to one manufacturer.

- **Thermal Storage Unit** - Plant Operations has been monitoring the repairs on the Thermal Storage Unit piping. The Thermal Storage Unit consists of 2 separate chambers that have piping which is connected to the campus chilled water system. Piping repairs in the east chamber have been completed and the contractor has moved to the West chamber. The project is on schedule and the Thermal Storage Unit will be returned to service on May 2, 2015. The piping repairs for the Thermal



Storage Pool have been completed 1 week ahead of schedule. Plant Operations personnel have filled the pool and returned it to operation on April 24, 2015.

- **Project “GUTS”** - joni newcomer and Jack Kirby presented to about 90 area middle school students this week as part of Project GUTS -- Growing Up Thinking Scientifically. It is a New Mexico serving summer and after-school science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) program for middle school students. The topic of their presentation was “Water – A Shared Resource”; drought, climate change, and New Mexico water availability and usage were discussed. The students were engaged, asked thoughtful and intelligent questions, and offered many excellent suggestions for ways cities in arid environments can be prepared for water restrictions and/or shortages.



Fall of 2015.

- **Undergraduate Learning Center:** The Hardman and Jacobs Undergraduate Learning Center is coming along rapidly ~ it is visibly changing day by day now. While workers are inside installing Electrical, HVAC, and drywall, others are on the outside applying the Exterior Insulated Finish System, framing, and roofing. The building is scheduled to open in the

- **Guthrie Hall 1st Floor Restroom Renovation:** The first touch less restroom in Guthrie Hall 1st Floor is officially open to the public. The restroom features touchless lavatory fixtures; touchless water closet, and urinal flush valves; motion activated light switches; a touchless hand dryer; and contactless sensors for the automatic door openers.





- **Earth Day celebration April 19th** – An organization of Aggie Students Inspiring Sustainability (OASIS) and Office of Sustainability hosted the eighth Earth Day Fair, but the first on-campus Fair on the Horseshoe. There were educational booths, many kinds of local vendors, food vendors, and live performances all day long celebrating Mother Earth.



“We also had a bike-smoothie-blender on campus to show people we can reduce our energy consumption in fun ways!” Sodexo participated in the celebration with activities that included, “I commit. . .” initiative featuring local NM cherry tomatoes, water infused with local NM cucumbers; Sodexo/ NM State sustainable mugs were provided. They also sponsored Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce’s Annual Meeting at the Danny Villanueva Victory Club, and Campus Housing residents competed in “Weigh the Waste” for the title of “Most Sustainable Residential Hall” by reducing and weighing food waste from their plates.



- **Preparing for WAC Softball Tournament** - The shops have been working at the softball field in preparation for the 2015 WAC Tournament. Illuminating the batting cages by the equipment building is a top priority task for the Electric shop. They are on schedule to have the new lights installed and ready for use this weekend.

- **Real Food, Real People** - The campaign continued featuring recipes of Chef James.
- **Coffee Pong** – This end of semester student activity was sponsored by Barnes & Noble with 18 teams competing.