

New Mexico State University
Administration and Finance
A&F Weekly Report – Week Ending 9/11/2015

- **Parking Lot Upgrades** - Lot 35 (north of Stadium) is newly graded to eliminate pot holes and large rocks and is ready for football game parking. Activity in recently rebuilt or sealed lots include upgrading handicap signage and painting pathways to meet state and federal regulations.



- **2015 Maintenance Safety Training Blitz** - FS conducted the 2015 Maintenance Safety Training Blitz this week Wednesday through Friday (Sept. 9-11). This training is directed and opened to maintenance employees at FS, Housing, DACC, Alamogordo Community College, Agricultural Science Center, and other affected campus employees and managers. Each employee received four hours of instruction on lock out/tag out procedures, safety and environmental refreshers on environmental protection, spill prevention control and countermeasures/storm water management, personal protective equipment and work precautions in university chemical labs, Asbestos awareness, workplace ergonomics and fire extinguisher usage. Approximately 120 employees attended the training.
- **Taos Restaurant** provided the following activities.
 - *Cityscapes*: a celebration of Memphis music and food including BBQ turkey meatloaf, peanut butter Elvis melts, and maple bacon cupcakes.
 - *Real Food, Real People*: a weekly campaign that highlights the exceptional staff at Sodexo Campus Dining, the week featured the food selections by Tommy, a cook with NMSU for 10 years.
 - *Aggie Spirit Party*: a dinner on Friday to help our guests get pumped up for the football game featured Aggie décor, music and game food including grilled brats, Buffalo meltdown burgers and a hot dog bar.
- **Improving the Turf** - The Golf Course is prepared for a very busy September and October with new grass germinating and improvement of turf conditions.
- **Operations Educational Outreach and Best Practices** - Plant Operations personnel hosted visitors from the University of New Mexico (UNM) Utilities group: Larry Schuster (Interim Associate Director of Utilities), John Fitzgerald (Utilities Operations Director), and Hans Barsun (Utilities Engineer). They met with Pat Chavez (Director of Mechanical Electrical

and Plumbing), and Mark Blachford (Plant Operations Supervisor), to review how NMSU operates their utility plants and energy management system. The day began with a tour of the Satellite Chilled Water Plant and the Central Utility Plant. After the tours, they discussed energy management strategies, and best practices for operating utility plants. In the future, four NMSU Plant Operators will visit UNM to review how they operate their plant and collaborate with other operators.

- **Helping Students** - Mark Blachford also conducted a tour of the Central Utility Plant for the ME 445 Experimental Methods II class taught by Dr. Sarada Kuravi. This tour incorporated a lab sessions for the students. Dr. Kuravi and her teaching assistants participated in the tour and generated quiz questions that were administered to the class. This is the second year that Plant Operations has participated in the class.
- **End of the Summer Picnic Buffet** - The 3rd Floor Bistro featured brats with house-made sauerkraut, chicken strips, roasted peppers, fresh veggies, and strawberry shortcake.
- **NMSU Employee Picnic** - Operations personnel have been contacted by the Employee Council to start planning for the employee picnic which will be held on campus October 16, 2015. They have requested tables and chairs to accommodate approximately 700 employees. The next planning meeting is scheduled for the week of September 21, 2015.