

New Mexico State University
Administration and Finance
A&F Weekly Report – Week Ending 10/30/2015

- **Rescue on the Sierra Vista Trail:** On Saturday, October 16, 2015, NMSU firefighters conducted a high-angle rural rescue on the Sierra Vista Trail in nearby Anthony, NM to rescue a fallen hiker. The team consisted of Fire Captain Kellen Tarkington and student firefighters Sean O’Neill, Patrick Armijo, and Dominick Coughlin. They set up



a rope rescue system and lowered the injured hiker down the cliff side. The team was joined by members of the Mesilla Valley Search and Rescue team and American Medical Response ambulance.

- **Sodexo Campus Dining at NMSU:** Sodexo staff have been working diligently to receive student feedback about NMSU meal plans by talking with students across campus and collecting student data from succinct paper questionnaires. Students have been excited to provide feedback that will shape future meal plan options!

- **Howling Hunger:** Students were treated to a special ghoulish Halloween meal on Friday at the Taos Restaurant, complete with décor, music and appropriately themed foods including grilled tongue and cheek melts (ham and cheese melts), BBQ intestines (bacon wrapped hot dogs), maggots fried rice bar (fried rice with shrimp and chicken), harvest stuffed bell peppers, zombie brains soup (tomato tortellini soup), exorcist puke soup (split pea soup) and assorted Halloween treats and dessert.

- **Recent Storm Damage:** Structural Maintenance and Mechanical Shop personnel have been working at Fabian Garcia Science Research Center to return the greenhouses that were damaged in a recent hail storm to operation. They have stretched plastic over the damaged roof sections and weighted them down with sandbags as a temporary measure to protect the research plants. The storm damaged the heater control boards and those have been replaced. A claim has been submitted to Risk Management and we are waiting for the adjuster to schedule their visit to the facility. Contractors have already visited the site and are generating quotes to repair the roof panels. Purchase orders will be submitted after we receive clearance from the adjuster.



- **Blood Borne Pathogen Training:** The Facilities Operations blood borne pathogen exposure control plan has been revised and approved by EH&S and the Bio-Safety Officer. This week, 35 Custodians attended the annual refresher training on the plan and proper clean-up techniques for blood. The employees transitioned from Housing and Auxiliary Services were included in the training. Operations is able to support clean up events during normal working hours and provide a 30-minute response for after-hours events.

- **NMSU Golf Course:** The Ladies Golf Association held their season ending championship game this week at the Golf Course. The Golf Course staff is getting ready to start on some of their winter projects, which will include continuing the bunker renovation and tree maintenance program.



- **Carving Pumpkins:** Barnes & Noble at NMSU hosted a pumpkin carving contest during Open Mic night last night. 34 pairs of students participated in carving and everyone present voted to determine the winner. The first, second and third prize pumpkins are featured below.

Find updates and reminders on the Facebook event page at <https://www.facebook.com/events/838261022938465/>.

- **Arrowhead Park Landscaping Renovation:** The Grounds shop recently renovated the South entrance to Arrowhead Park. They removed the existing gravel and plant material, upgraded the drip irrigation system, planted new plants and installed new gravel. This work is part of their FY 15-16 Campus Beautification projects. Additionally, the Grounds Manager, and Executive Director met with Wayne Savage to discuss landscaping activities on the South side of Wells Street between Triviz and Arrowhead Drive. A project request form was submitted and this may be a Grounds winter project.

