

# New Mexico State University Administration and Finance A&F Weekly Report – Week Ending 2/12/2016

- **Employee Recognition:** FS Utilities personnel attended the annual Water and Wastewater short school conducted by the NM Water and Wastewater Association the week of January 24, 2016. Andres Bencomo passed the Water System Operator Level 1 test and is certified. This certification allows Andrew to work with other NMSU certified water system operators in preparation for the Water System Operator Level 2 certification.
- **Kiss Off.** - 4<sup>th</sup> Annual KISS OFF took place Friday afternoon in the Bookstore. Prizes were 1 iPod nano, Barnes and Noble gift cards, and a grand prize of 2 matching iPad mini2.

- **Presley Askew Baseball Stadium Turf Replacement:** Just in time for the start of NMSU Baseball season, Lone Mountain Contracting is finishing up the installation of synthetic turf in the infield at Presley Askew Baseball Stadium. This undertaking, along with other recent improvements, includes upgrading the bleachers to chairs with backs, overhead shade canopies, dugout renovations, and the addition of fence padding. Hope to see you at the home opener on February 19th. Go Aggies!



- **The Debug Club is on the case:** The Debug Club kicked off the first three days of February by holding a computer repair clinic on the second floor of the Hardman & Jacobs Undergraduate Learning Center. They made repairs to personally owned computers affordable for students, faculty, and staff, and fixed issues that ranged from virus removal, registry updates, and “blue screens of death” repairs. Over the course of the three days, the Debug Club met with over 100 students. True to their motto, the Debug Club spent their time working on “one computer at a time.”

- **Guthrie Hall Restroom Renovation:** Coming this summer — Touchless restrooms on the 2nd and 3rd floors at Guthrie Hall. The restrooms will feature touchless lavatory fixtures, water closets and urinal flush valves, hand dryers, motion activated light switches and sensors for automatic door opener.



- **Super Bowl:** ASNMSU and Corbett Center Student Union collaborated to host a Super Bowl 50 party in the Aggie Lounge. About 75 students enjoyed hot wings, salsa, chips and several door prizes. ASNMSU held a raffle for a NFL jersey of the winner’s choice.

- **Renovation Update:** McFie Circle is taking shape along the East side of the Hardman and Jacobs Undergraduate Learning Center. This is the beginning of a park-like green space planned for central campus which will eventually house shade structures along the way, great for studying or just hanging out. This portion is due to be completed by the end of March.



- **NSF Grant helps launch new Cyber Infrastructure Support at NMSU:** NMSU has received a \$398,691 grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to enhance Cyber Infrastructure (CI) support for research projects spanning many disciplines at NMSU. Research in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math education) disciplines have become increasingly dependent on the availability of effective CI solutions related to software, high-performance computing, networking, big data storage, sensor networks, etc. NMSU will be using the NSF funding in conjunction with other institutional resources to establish new Cyber Infrastructure support function. In partnership with the Provost office, research faculty, the Faculty Advisory Committee on Technology, and others, this new support function will be implemented by NMSU's Chief Information Officer.
- **Tortugas Reclamation Demolition:** The Tortugas Reclamation Demolition project has been completed. The before and after photos below show the building prior to demolition and the terrain returned to its natural state. All manmade materials have been demolished and removed from the site.



- **Cityscapes:** Taos Restaurant celebrated Mardi Gras this week with a New Orleans theme which included Mardi Gras jams, décor, and a specialized menu. The menu consisted of garlic shrimp po'boy on sourdough, chicken and ham jambalaya, seasoned dirty rice, chicken gumbo and beignets.

- **Leyendecker Plant Science Research Center:** Leyendecker personnel purchased a new cotton seed delinting machine and contacted the electric shop for help with the installation. FS Electric Shop conducted a site visit to clarify the customer requirements and concluded by fabricating a new motor control center for the new machine. Their commitment to providing a quality product and service was demonstrated in the craftsmanship exhibited by creating the motor control center. This display of professionalism is commendable and helps present Facilities and Services in a positive manner.



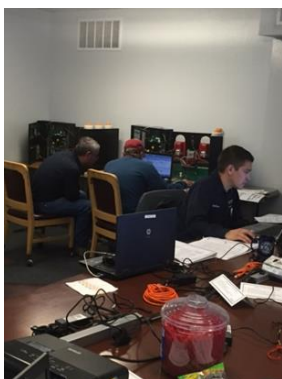
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Bistro:** A Valentine's Day Dinner was served at The 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Bistro in the Fulton Center on the 14<sup>th</sup> with a special menu for couples. More Valentines were showered on the student guests in the Taos Restaurant all weekend in the form of cupcakes, cookies, and other goodies. Watch for future events at <https://nmsudining.sodexomyway.com>.

- **Electric Shop Supports Athletics Programs:**



Frank Diaz, Electrician, performs light fixture cleaning and relamping at the softball stadium. This work is part of our preparation for the Women's Softball opening event on February 12, 2016.

Alfredo Acevedo, Electrician, and Joel Contreras, Facilities Technician, perform maintenance on the lighting system in the Pan American Center.



- **Fire Detection System Training:** Representatives from the Electric Shop attended Honeywell factory service training on the Gamewell Fire Detection System. This training was hosted by DIMAR Systems in Las Cruces and conducted at the FS Grounds Shop. The week long training session included classroom and hands-on laboratory work with the system.