

**Administration and Finance
Weekly Activity Report
Week Ending: March 21, 2014**

- **ICT supports ASNMSU Runoff Election** - ICT's Enterprise Application Services Group is supporting the ASNMSU student government runoff elections by providing the elections' voting web site. The runoff election will be held for the two candidates on March 31, from 8 a.m. until Friday, April 4, at 5:00 pm. For more information about the ASNMSU Elections, visit: asnmsu.nmsu.edu.
- **Nonresident Alien Tax Compliance Workshop** - Administration and Finance held a Non-resident Alien Tax Compliance Workshop on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 to assist our international students and faculty with tax compliance. A second session is scheduled for Wednesday, April 2, 2014 from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm in the Corbett Center, New Mexico Room 324. Individuals requiring additional tax information can contact a tax advisor or the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), 1-800-829-1040, <http://www.irs.gov/>.
- **University funds allocated to Classroom Technology Improvements** - An allocation of University funds has been dedicated to technology upgrades and ongoing maintenance to approximately 73 centrally scheduled classrooms. ICT's Classroom Technology department will be making the improvements over FY 2014 to projectors, computers, hardware peripherals, and other equipment.
- **Educational Services Remodel** - Pictured is the entrance at Educational Services. The sheet rock has been completed and the tape and texture is scheduled to be completed by 3/19/14 with the painting to follow. Installation of the flooring is scheduled for the week of 3/24/14.
- **ICT Student Technology seeks input from NMSU students on March 19th** - ICT's Student Technology Group is asking students for their opinion about technology needs at NMSU. The Student Technology Group has set up a special information table in Corbett Center where students will leave their feedback on the technology trends and services that they would like to see brought to NMSU. The table, which is in place once each month, will also provide students with information about technology services provided by ICT. The resulting student input will be reviewed by ICT and the Student Technology Advisory Committee (STAC). Visit the Student Technology web site at studenttech.nmsu.edu for more information.
- **NMSU Dining Services** - The Taos Restaurant in Corbett Center hosted the "Taste of Ireland" on Monday with steak & Guinness pie, authentic Irish soda bread and other cultural cuisine. Thursday marked the "Spring Fling" event with BBQ ribs, fried chicken, and more. The "Sweet Things" for dinner included a full cheesecake bar or a full ice cream Sunday bar available to all guests.



- **Arbor Day Activities** - Facilities and Services celebrated Arbor Day on March 20, 2014. They planted 33 trees on the East side of Aggie Memorial Stadium. We want to thank Coach Martin and the football team for helping the crew plant the trees.



- **Server virtualization saves money and increases uptime reliability** - When the NewsKing server, a standalone computer used by KRWG/News 22 for on-air production as well as the Journalism Department for classroom instruction, became unresponsive, Alan Lambeth of ICT Desktop Support Services stepped up. Alan “resurrected” the server’s failed hard drive and brought the computer back into operation. Ian Logan and Michelle Corella of the ICT Systems group then set about transforming the server from a physical entity to a virtual server, a non-physical server that exists within a more robust, reliable, and centrally administered server. Server virtualization, such as was done with the NewsKing server, saves NMSU money and personnel resources by reducing the costs associated with standalone servers (electricity, cooling, backup/data recovery, etc.) and enhancing server management while providing more reliable server operations.

- **Jacobs Hall Mural** - Photographers Joel Gilbert and Dylan Thompson gear up to take high resolution photos of Ken Barrick’s murals that have been encasing Jacob’s Hall for 50 years. Jacob’s Hall is scheduled to be demolished within the next few months. The photos are being taken to help preserve the artwork for the artist’s daughters Barb Edmonds and Kay Barrick Ricketts.



- **Natatorium Renovation** - Facilities Operations personnel will be renovating the Natatorium Locker rooms and ventilation system during Spring break. The restoration will include resurfacing the shower stalls, repairing walls, painting, sealing the tile floors, and balancing the ventilation system. This work was coordinated and scheduled for Spring Break to coincide with scheduled pool maintenance to help minimize downtime to the facility.
- **ICT repairs fiber optic cable cut during construction operation at convention center** - ICT’s Network and Telecommunications Group performed an emergency repair of an NMSU-owned fiber optic cable that was cut during the construction of a wall at the Las Cruces Convention Center. The repair was effected within four hours of the incident. A special thanks to Facilities and Services for their expedited assistance with the backhoe.

- **PSL Roofing Project** - The PSL Reroof project has begun. The East Side wing is complete, the roofing contractor has begun to remove the old roofing on the West Side and the rooftop platform installation is underway.



- **Music Center Roofing Project** - The Music Center Reroof project has been started. The photo shows the removal of the old foam roof.

