**Director’s View by Alfred Sena**

Wow, a month has already come and gone! I have seen quite a bit, and yet there is so much more to see and do. As we move into August and the return of students, I am confident that PPD will be ready for the task of assuring The University’s campus will be ready to showcase the pride we have for our buildings and grounds. The experience for new students can be exciting and overwhelming all at the same time. Be sure to put on a friendly face and welcome them.

**Fencing continued**

It is my belief that UNM’s faculty are also glad to be back. This fall will bring many exciting, and challenging, construction projects such as the Smith Plaza renovation and the demolition of the site where the new PAIS building will be constructed. The new McKinnon Center for Management is underway, as well as the Health Education Building III, and the Farris Engineering Center is scheduled for completion by the end of this year. There will be a lot to see and it’s very exciting indeed.

**Redondo closure**

PPD’s diligence with keeping the campus manageable during these changes is appreciated and makes a difference in the community’s experience on campus.

**ISS IT Merger**

Please pay attention to the environment and help by doing small things such as identifying problem areas to address and, if you see some trash, please pick it up. Be an example, and model the behaviors we expect and appreciate from those who come to our campus. We are the face of The University and people do notice.

**Kudos**

I have been working closely with our leaders in each area of the department and I’m pleased to say that we are making headway in looking toward the future. Goals are being reviewed and project schedules are beginning to take shape as we contribute to the overall planning process. I look forward to sharing these goals and plans with you in the coming months.

**Retirements**

I want to thank those of you who I have had the opportunity to get to know a bit more during some one-on-one time. Your feedback is very helpful and I anticipate we will see some positive outcomes from what you have shared. Thank you all, in advance, for helping to make PPD and UNM special.

**Fencing to be installed at the PAIS building site**

Contractors will begin the installation of construction fencing at the site for the new Physics and Astronomy, Interdisciplinary Sciences (PAIS) building on Friday, August 11, 2017 (see schematic). It is anticipated the fencing will stay in place for the duration of the project, which is scheduled for completion in 2019. Because of the fencing, Redondo Road through this area will be restricted to two lanes.

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A sketch has been provided to indicate where the fence line will be, and its impact to traffic, parking, pedestrian walkways, and cross walks. In order to maximize pedestrian safety in this area, the sidewalk along the reservoir will be closed and a crosswalk will be added (just west of the Bookstore).

If you have questions about this project, please contact Michael Reid, group manager with Planning, Design, & Construction (PDC) at 505-220-6256.

Smoldering fire reported at Farris Engineering Center

A smoldering fire broke out late Monday night in a mechanical room on top of The University of New Mexico (UNM) Farris Engineering Center, a building currently under renovation. At 11:30 pm, the UNM Police Department (UNMPD) received a call from a blue light emergency phone on the UNM campus. The passerby reported that smoke was coming out from the roof of the building. UNMPD dispatched the Albuquerque Fire Department (AFD) which responded to the call within minutes and extinguished the smoldering and smoking areas. The State of New Mexico Fire Marshal’s office investigated the scene early Tuesday to determine possible causes. There were no injuries as a result of the fire.

An area approximately 10 x 15 feet in size was damaged, which included stucco, roofing, dry wall, framing and insulation. Bradbury Stamm Construction, Inc., the construction contractor, has assured UNM’s project managers that the company will take every step possible to mitigate and minimize impacts to the construction schedule. At this time, it is difficult to determine how and if the damage will impact the scheduled completion date of mid-November 2017.

The UNM community would like to thank the passerby who reported the smoke, and the UNMPD and AFD for their quick response. Without them, this incident could have had a very different ending.
ISS IT has merged with Information Technologies

On July 1, 2017, ISS IT officially merged with Information Technologies (IT) for The University of New Mexico (UNM). Under the Campus Outreach & Engagement division of the IT department, ISS IT will still continue to service Institutional Support Services (ISS) just as it always had.

“Even though there is now a different reporting structure, ISS IT will still operate with the same service goals, mission, and support structure. Our mission hasn’t changed and we are very happy to continue working with the ISS staff,” said John Reindorp, IT officer for ISS.

There are 16 departments within ISS that are supported by ISS IT. Service requests can be placed through their website at https://issit.unm.edu, or call the ISS IT Help Desk at 505-277-5000.

John Reindorp’s Team:

Nathan Acosta, Technical Analyst 2, is a systems specialist with a long list of skills. Nathan has been with UNM since 2012 as staff, but started as an undergrad student employee. Nathan has been with ISS IT since 2010 and is now working on his graduate degree.

Steven Esterly, Technical Analyst 2, is the Food Services POS systems specialist. Steve joined UNM in 2007 and has been with ISS IT since 2015.

Angie Horan-Stephenson, IT Support Tech 1, is the TMA and AirWatch/iPad support specialist. Angie’s been with ISS IT for 6 years.

Pete Pridham, Technical Analyst 3, is the work order/customer service supervisor and special projects coordinator. Pete has been with UNM for more than 25 years and with ISS IT since 2010.

Will Quan, IT Support Tech 1, is the application and desktop support specialist. Will joined UNM in 2015 and started working with ISS IT early this year.

Redondo road temporarily closed

A section of Redondo Road has been temporarily closed due to gas line work performed by the New Mexico Gas Company. This portion of Redondo will be closed through Friday, July 28th. The closed section will be just south of Redondo’s intersection with Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. and up to the north end of the Centennial Engineering building.

The New Mexico Gas Company are installing a high-pressure gas line into UNM’s Ford Utilities Plant.

Parking & Transportation Services (PATS) and the Physical Plant Department (PPD) request the campus community to do its best to avoid the area if possible and to please follow all detour and pedestrian traffic signs. To ensure everyone’s safety, please use caution when in the area and be mindful of the workers that are on-site.

We apologize in advance for any inconvenience. Please contact PATS at 505-277-1938 for questions or concerns.

Map provided by Parking & Transportation Services (PATS)
Kudos

Hi Mary [Clark],
I would like to say – the lady [Noemi Bejarano] that comes to the CDD to pick up our recycling is truly wonderful!

She made four trips by taking our recycling items (on our 2nd floor east building) to the UNM recycling truck. After she was through, she walked our floor, to be sure there was no shredding left behind. She even hand-picked up the little pieces of paper (off the floor) that was left behind. That was awesome!

Thank you kindly,
Nancy Wiley
UNM Center for Development and Disability

PPD retirements celebrated

It’s hard to say goodbye to coworkers who we’ve worked with for so many years. Marty Autry and Toni Burris retired this week after working at The University of New Mexico (UNM) for 25 years and 12 and a half years, respectively. Many PPD employees came to enjoy cake and punch, say goodbye and share how much they’ve enjoyed working with Toni and Marty. It was apparent, both Toni and Marty, made huge contributions to the people and processes at PPD, and that they will be missed and their absence felt. Many smiles, laughter, and a few tears were shed over the hour long celebration. We wish you both all the best in your retirement, and thank you for your many years of service and dedication to our department and The University.