

December 2014

The holiday season is upon us which means the University's annual winter break is almost here. For many of us, our offices, labs, and classrooms will be left empty while we relax and spend the holidays with our families and friends. This means that most of the campus buildings will be vacant for an extended period of time. For the last eight years, the university has saved a tremendous amount of energy due to the Winter Setback Program enacted by the Physical Plant Department (PPD).

PPD has upgraded the energy control systems in many of our buildings which allows PPD to monitor and control energy use in buildings 24 hours a day. The Winter Setback Program utilizes these controls to lower temperatures over the winter break. In the fall, PPD and Lobo Energy identify any critical activities that must maintain a strict temperature range, as well as buildings that could participate more rigorously in the program. Because of their efforts and support from you, the university has saved hundreds of thousands of dollars since the program's inception.

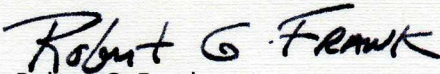
The Winter Setback Program is a great opportunity for the university to save energy, reduce our carbon footprint, and avoid costs all at the same time. Our annual heating bill is over \$7 million, so continuing this energy conservation program simply makes sense. This program is also an opportunity for each member of our campus community to help conserve our precious natural resources. Thus, with this letter I am directing the UNM faculty, students, and staff to provide their support for this tremendous energy conservation effort.

Building temperatures will be set back beginning December 24, 2014 and will return to normal temperatures, January 5, 2015. For information regarding energy management at UNM you may review Business Policy #5100.

Please direct questions to the Physical Plant Department.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,



Robert G. Frank
President