Good afternoon.

I would like to start the week by thanking everyone involved in Hanging of the Greens last week. A special thanks to the UNM Mortar Board, Office of Alumni Relations, and each group that took the time to set up a luminaria display. This tradition is a joyous time for so many in our community and a great way to kick off the holiday season.

A Mile High and Still Louder than... 50 Years Later
Dec.1 marked another historic milestone for UNM, as WisePies Arena - aka The Pit - celebrated its half-century mark. Last Wednesday, the Lobo men’s basketball program was victorious against Abilene Christian—the first team the Lobos played in The Pit in 1966. The Pit, which has been recognized as a top sports venue nationally, is a special treasure not only for UNM, but all of New Mexico.

Mandatory Training
Many of you may already be wrapping up the semester and year—taking care of those annual tasks and preparing for 2017. This is just a reminder to complete all annual training as soon as possible. All annual training must be completed no later than Dec. 31. I urge you not to put this off. The newest training, “Preventing Discrimination and Harassment” is not only required, but also very insightful. Thank you to those who have already completed the 2016 training, as it goes toward building a better campus community.

Lobo Football Success
Congratulations to Lobo football coach Bob Davie and his players and staff for being selected for a second straight bowl appearance at the Gildan New Mexico Bowl. The football team has done a phenomenal job this season. I hope you will come out to the game to support our team.

Have a great week and Go Lobos!

Bob