

President's Weekly Perspective

Good afternoon.

Welcome back from what I hope was a relaxing and refreshing break. With only one week of classes and one week of final exams left, the rest of the Fall semester will surely fly by.

There are a couple of events this week that I would like our students and the greater UNM community to be aware of.

Operation Registration

The two-day class registration event, <u>Operation Registration</u>, begins tonight. Students will be able to visit three campus locations to have holds removed and register for Spring 2016 classes. This program is open to all UNM students. Tonight's event will be from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the following locations:

- Student Success Center located at Casas Del Rio
 - Registrar, Bursars
- Student Residence Center (SRC)
 - School of Engineering
- University Advisement and Enrichment Center (UAEC)

Anderson School of Management, College of Arts and Sciences, College of Education, Liberal Arts and Integrative Studies, University College

Students may also visit the online chat service at <u>success.unm.edu</u> during the event. This collaborative initiative is sponsored by various UNM Departments, centers and programs. Free food will be available.

The second event will happen tomorrow, Tuesday, Dec. 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Student Union Building, Ballroom C. For more information please call the Student Success Center at 505.277.7000 or 505.277.2404 or email success@unm.edu.

Hanging of the Greens

Join me, Santa Claus, Lobo Louie and the UNM Mortar Board Honor Society for the University's oldest student tradition, the <u>Hanging of the Greens</u>. Student groups will work throughout the day on Friday to decorate the campus with thousands of luminarias, which will light the way that evening for the crowd as we carol through campus. The festivities will begin this Friday, Dec. 4 at 5:45 p.m. at the central campus UNM Bookstore, where the crowd can warm up with hot chocolate and biscochitos. From there, a walk to University House, singing along the way. After the students present the official wreath to hang on the University House entrance arch, my wife Jane and I will join the group and carol to Hodgin Hall for the holiday lighting of the "U." We'll conclude with a reception for all who attend.

Attendees are encouraged to bring an unwrapped children's book to place under the tree at Hodgin Hall to be donated to the UNM Children's Hospital. The Mortar Board also invites you to take luminarias home on Saturday. The luminarias will remain out until noon when the Physical Plant Department begins collecting them.

This is a truly New Mexican tradition that I look forward to every year. Thank you to the Mortar Board Honor Society for their work in planning this event.

Have a great week and Go Lobos!

Bob