Dean, College of Business—Dr. Garrey Carruthers

- Congratulations to Ken Martin for receiving the Roush Award for teaching excellence. The Convocation was very nice. Dr. Couture recognized the importance of good teaching and Jay Jordan emphasized research funding. It was the best attendance in my memory, in part, because it was the first public appearance of our new leader. For those who missed it, I thought her comments were very good.

- Kathy Brook, Kathy Hansen, Kevin Boberg and I met with D’Anne Stuart and Dorothy Andersen from Human Resources to go over a number of issues. While we may not have solved some of the issues, the HR folks were very attentive and optimistic that change was in the wind. They seem to be a bit behind in a number of major projects which, if successful, should reduce the “noise” in the HR system.

- I delivered the report from the Committee on Government Efficiency to Governor Richardson. It recommends about $130,000,000 in savings. He has since issued a press release suggesting he will message some of the recommendations to the legislature. I may be called soon to testify to both the House and Senate finance committees. Thanks again to Jim Peach, Tony Popp, Leo Delgado, Sharon Jones, and Kevin Boberg for their help. I sense there may be a request for a more in depth study of government efficiency over the summer.

- I will be in Denver at the first Daniels Ethics Consortium meeting (kick off) on Tuesday. The press conference will be webcast on Tuesday and Pookie Sautter has sent a notice on how to access the cast. Wednesday and Thursday I will return to Santa Fe for a variety of meetings.

Associate Dean of Academics—Dr. Kathy Brook

- John Shonk, an NMSU alum with a Master of Accountancy degree, has accepted the offer of the position of Advising Services Coordinator for the MBA program. John has worked as an accountant for Dillard’s and for the Internal Revenue Service and as a student employee for Assistant Dean Frankie Clemons a number of years ago. We look forward to having John join the College on February 1.

- Together with the undergraduate advising staff, I have interviewed a number of candidates for the position from which Celina Talamantes retired last month. An offer for that position is under review by Human Resources.

- For those of you who are aware that the “new” names of the Accounting and Information Systems Department (formerly, Accounting and Business Computer Systems) and the
College of Business (formerly Business Administration and Economics) have not found their way fully into Banner, we made some progress this week in getting recognition of the correct names.

**Associate Dean, Research & Economic Development—Dr. K. Boberg**

- The Arrowhead Center held an orientation for all graduate and undergraduate student employees this last week. All student employees received information on each of the units within the Arrowhead Center as well as policies and procedures for working there. The Arrowhead Center currently has 25 graduate and 5 undergraduate student employees.

- Pam Wood attended the Southwest Regional meeting of the Association of University Research Parks where attendees toured the home offices of the AURP and held meetings at the University of Arizona Tech Park to share information regarding Park operations and development with representatives from CA, NM, TX, OH and NV. Parks represented included those who had been operating from 2 to 15 years.

- Drs. Popp and Peach, along with Leo Delgado, completed the first phase of a state government efficiency project. Among other data collected and analyzed, those comparing state employment in: Higher Ed; Corrections; Hospitals; and Total Full Time Equivalent state employment were especially instructive. New on these measures, New Mexico was compared to the nation and 11 of the western states. (AZ, CA, UT, CO, TX, NV, ID, WY, MT, ND, SD).

- Leo Delgado began working on developing the green jobs survey instrument for the LMI project for the NM Department of Workforce Solutions. The survey instrument and many other aspects of the project closely follow an earlier student survey conducted in Washington.

- Sara Sanders and Matt Elgersma report requests for assistance from more than 30 businesses, individuals, and other organizations for the Spring Semester. At best, we have the capacity to complete 15, with the balance being delayed until summer or referred to other service providers for assistance.

- Dawn Hommer participated in a meeting for the National Business Incubation Association’s Partner Review Panel. The panel reviewed Ed2Go an online adult training platform.

- Dawn Hommer and Chris Kientz spoke with Sebastian Stewart from White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) to discuss how Arrowhead Technology Incubator (ATI) can provide its services to customers of WSMR. Further discussions are anticipated.

- Dawn Hommer, Chris Kientz and Pam Wood developed, completed and reviewed a contract proposal plan to begin working with an ATI client on a fee based structure.

- Various individuals from Arrowhead Center briefed staff members from the offices of Representative Teague and Senators Bingaman and Udall about activities of the Center over the past and plans for the upcoming year.
Assistant Dean, Development & Public Relations—Sylvia Acosta

- Met with several faculty members on options for giving to the College. The COB is working on increasing our faculty and staff giving. Thanks to all of those faculty and staff members who have already signed up to contribute out during our campaign.

- Met with a donor to discuss a $150 gift. The donor is making a decision on the best use of their gift and will be working with me and with the department head to ensure that their gift makes the best possible sense to the college and to the department.

- Setting up meetings for major asks for both the COB and Domenici. Working on a development plan to get major gifts strategies together for both.

Accounting & Information Systems Department—Dr. Ed Scribner

- Professors Richard Oliver and Dale Spencer have been invited to be One Year Plus Fellows as part of the Online Course Improvement Program (OCIP). OCIP will be providing a variety of professional development services to enable faculty to serve students more effectively.

- During the spring semester, Master of Accountancy student Charlotte Lane will be assisting the District Attorney for the 3rd Judicial District in investigating and prosecuting white collar crime in Dona Ana County.

Economics/International Business Department—Dr. Tony Popp

- Vicki Taggart and Rick Adkisson attended the annual meeting of the Allied Social Science Association in Atlanta, GA, Jan. 2-5. Rick attended the board meeting of the Association for Evolutionary Economics to give the editor’s report and both attended several sessions and visited with several *Journal of Economic Issues* contributors and editorial board members.

- Dan Mundfrom’s manuscript, co-authored with Robert Pearson from the University of Northern Colorado entitled, “Recommended sample size for conducting exploratory factor analysis on dichotomous data” has been accepted for publication in the *Journal of Modern Applied Statistical Methods*.

Finance Department – Dr. Liz Ellis

- Ken Martin, together with several co-authors including Chris Erickson, had a paper, “Levy models and long correlations applied to the study of exchange traded funds”, published in the June 2009 issue of the *International Journal of Computer Mathematics*.

- Al Berryman and Tim Query had their article “Workers’ Compensation for NM Farms and Ranches an Unsettled Issue” published in the December 2009 issue of *New Mexico Business Outlook*.

- Hari Sankaran, together with coauthors Anh Phuong Nguyen (MBA student specializing in finance, and Jayashree Harikumar (PSL, NMSU), had their article “Extreme Return Clusters” published in the December 2009 issue of *New Mexico Business Outlook*.

- Tim Query co-authored a paper (with Safet Kozarevic) titled, “The Global Crisis and Insurer Reserve Fund Investments: The Case of Bosnia and Herzegovina,” that was published in *Pravartak - The Journal of Insurance and Risk Management*. 
• Tim Query was the luncheon speaker at the Rio Grande Rotary Club, where he gave an overview of the Risk Management and Insurance program at NMSU.

Management Department—Dr. Bonnie Daily

• Dr. Elias’ paper, “Employee commitment in times of change: Assessing the importance of attitudes toward organizational change,” was the number one most cited article in the Journal of Management in November, 2009.

• Doctoral students Lindsey Gibson and Joe Gladstone passed their written and oral comps in early January 2010.

Marketing Department—Dr. Pookie Sautter

• Dr. Collin Payne and his research article entitled "Joy of Cooking too Much" received media attention in the San Francisco Chronicle. Visit http://articles.sfgate.com/2009-12-24/news/17460990_1_calories-recipes-fat Collin also reviewed a manuscript for Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior.

• Dr. Robin Peterson reviewed a manuscript for the journal entitled Industrial Marketing Management.

• Dr. Hyman's chapter for a Sage text honoring Shelby Hunt, entitled "A Tribute, an Old Challenge Revisiting, and an Amplification," was accepted for publication. Other than a bit of final editing, Dr. Hyman has completed his Wiley text 'Marketing Research Kit for Dummies' (co-authored with Jeremy Sierra, PhD alumnus).

• Last week 15 PGA Golf Mgt. Alumni received various PGA awards for their contributions to the industry. Pat Gavin, Herb Wimberly, and 11 current PGA Golf Mgt. students will be attending the PGA Golf Expo in Orlando.

• Instructors/PhD students Suzanne Conner and Jennifer Zarzosa agreed to incorporate a promotions project for the Cowboys for Cancer Research organization into their sections of Advertising Strategy this semester.

School of Hotel, Restaurant & Tourism Management

• The first dinner planned by the HRTM 413 class (Restaurant Operations) and Chef Maurice Zeck is Thursday, February 11 (Valentines dinner). When the balance of the dinner dates and themes for the semester are chosen, flyers will be sent out. Until that time, no reservations will be taken.

• John Hartley and Maurice Zeck made a visit to the Albuquerque campus on Wednesday, Jan 13 to assess the needs of the planned kitchen. Plans for the food labs and HRTM distance education offerings are being discussed. The target date is fall, 2010.

• The 2010 Career Fair will be February 25-26. At this time, the following have registered and will be interviewing HRTM students for internships, summer and permanent employment: Enterprise Holdings, Lodging Host Hotel, Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club, Las Cruces Convention Center, Four Seasons Hotels, Bubba Gump Shrimp Co., Darden Enterprises, Sodexo, Hyatt Hotels, Encantado Hotel, Jason’s Deli, Aramark, and Peter Piper Pizza.
- HRTM graduated 38 students in the fall 09 semester. Enrollment for spring 2010 is at 380 majors, a small decrease from past semesters. Recruiting efforts by faculty are expected to bring in several additional majors, pushing the number closer to 400.

- HRTM SUMMER IN ROME, 2010: Dr. Greg Blanch, Associate Professor, and Dr. Gary Lowe, ACES Global Mentoring Coordinator, are offering the following 3 credit courses to be held in Italy during the summer: HRTM 400 Field Experience Italian Culture, 443 Meeting and Event Planning,  450 History of Food, and 492 Vitaculture. For additional information, Dr. Blanch can be reached at 646-5566 or gblanch@nmsu.edu.

**Domenici Institute – Ann Morgan**

- Transcriptions of the proceedings of the 2009 Domenici Public Policy Conference is still in progress with a print date of March, 2010.

- Development of the 2010 Domenici Public Policy Conference is in full swing with several dynamite speakers secured. We’ll be sharing those names and topics later in the semester.

- A draft charter is being written for the Domenici Institute and a concentration of effort will be focused on developing the mission and visions this quarter, or the “bones” of the institute.