Students, faculty and staff rose to the occasion April 2nd when business fraternity Delta Sigma Pi hosted Cream the Dean, a fundraising effort for the Huntsman Cancer Institute. Business Dean Garrey Carruthers, former New Mexico governor, offered to help the Epsilon Upsilon chapter of the Delta Sigma Pi at NMSU by agreeing to have whoever would pay the $50 for a pie, the chance to throw it in his face. Faculty members paid $50 to smack Carruthers with a pie, while students paid $5.

Carruthers said it was "mighty tasty stuff," right after Executive Vice President and Provost Waded Cruzado-Salas took the first shot.

"It was a very good cause," said Cruzado-Salas, who donated $250. "I wanted to make sure I could help the students."

President Michael Martin donated $100, but said he was paying to see the students do the actual "creaming." Martin eventually participated after the encouragement from Carruthers.

"He looks so good," Martin said after rubbing in the whipped cream. "I just don't want any of this to go to waste."

"Dean Carruthers is one of our alumni, and after Pie a Professor [last fall], he came to us and volunteered," said Adam Thompson, coordinator of the event and Delta Sigma Pi member. "I've worked with [the Huntsman Cancer Institute] before, and they're just an organization that's totally dedicated to finding cures for cancer," Thompson said. "The goal is to find a cure to every kind of cancer that affects man."

The event, held in the Trader's Plaza, raised more than $1,200.00, all of which will go to research.

Business students at New Mexico State University can now check the financial markets while walking the halls between classes. The NMSU College of Business recently installed a large financial ticker and two large television monitors outside the G. Carl and Andrea Everett Financial Markets Trading Room.

The ticker is nearly 30 feet long with two separate levels. The upper display provides current stock prices while the lower level provides financial news. The ticker was a gift from Carl Everett, a 1973 graduate of NMSU. The two television screens highlight real-time stock prices and interest rates of stocks traded by students, and display charts, financial news, and the weather. The monitors were donated by NMSU graduates Nate and Leonard Armstrong of Merrill Lynch financial services company.

The G. Carl and Andrea Everett Financial Markets Trading Room is home to the Finance 435 and 535 classes, where students study the market while using financial tools to determine a stock's true value. With the knowledge they gain, the students are then able to trade actual stocks. They currently manage $5 million in investment funds from the State Investment Council and $80,000 in the Wetherbe Fund, donated by Business College alumnus James C. Wetherbe.
The Navajo Nation Peacemaking Program sent five representatives from Window Rock, Ariz., to New Mexico State University to demonstrate their peacemaking process to students as part of the NMSU Management Department's Digital Pathways project. During the peacemaking process, traditional stories are told, highlighting moral lessons. Large groups of people, including relatives are often involved in the process. This approach to "restorative justice" seeks to repair damaged relationships and restore harmony.

“This is designed to help students experience a different way of viewing conflict situations in the business world and in life,” said Grace Ann Rosile, an NMSU management professor and Digital Pathways project coordinator. “The point is not to identify who is right and wrong. Instead, the point is to heal divisions within a community while resolving the dispute which caused the disruption.”

NMSU’s American Indian Programs, the Department of Criminal Justice and the College of Extended Learning assisted with this event. Also assisting were five students who volunteered to take on this task as their semester project for Rosile’s class in Management Training and Development Mgt 333.

A luncheon hosted by the College of Business allowed a diverse group of students, visitors and faculty to meet informally prior to the Peacemaking presentation. Management students had favorable comments about their interactions.

Kayla Campbell: “We spoke primarily on issues associated with Native Americans and education, but also about diversity in general and the need for a discourse to involve and remember each group.”

Phillip Trujillo: “The diversity was a large element of the luncheon. We were able to sit together in order to understand where everyone came from. We touched on the topics of the need for diversity and minority teachers in higher education; how they are able to relate to minority students better…. And we talked about harmony through peacemaking and how it can be very traditional, but is also needed in a modern world.”

Shauna Boyles: “I really found it interesting how current Native American NMSU students really want to take all that they have learned here back to their reservation in order to make positive changes. I learned so much during this lunch. They were great people to talk with!”

Aron Jones: “It was the most diverse lunch I have ever had. We had representatives of Caucasian, Native American, Mexican, Venezuelan, and other mixed cultures who came together. It was the most informative cultural experience.”

Marilyn Reyes: “It was interesting because we all have different backgrounds and we had the chance to share with everyone a little about our culture. I learned a lot during this lunch and I was honored to have Navajo Peacemakers here at NMSU to talk about conflict handling. I hope to learn a lot more about peacemaking.”

More information about the Navajo Nation Peacemaking program can be found online at http://www.navajocourts.org/index5.htm.