

Holiday season is just around the corner. Accompanying the holiday season is the annual Winter Break at UNM. I hope you have the opportunity to use the time away from UNM to enjoy the company of your loved ones. In 2006, we introduced another annual tradition at UNM, the Winter Setback Program.

In years past when most campus buildings were unoccupied during the winter break we did not have the capability to set back temperatures in the buildings. Since 2006, we have this technical capability in most of our large buildings. At that time the Physical Plant Department embarked on an energy savings program to identify those buildings that can have the heating systems adjusted to a lower temperature over the winter break. The Physical Plant Department, along with our energy conservation educators, have take into consideration critical activities that must maintain a strict temperature range and has also identified buildings that can participate more rigorously in the Winter Setback program.

This is a great opportunity to save energy and avoid costs at the same time. With annual heating costs exceeding \$7 million and the fiscal challenges of operating our campus, this program is the right thing to do. The Winter Setback Program is just one of the university's energy conservation projects. However, this particular program is an opportunity for each member of our campus community to participate and 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 project.

Further details will be forthcoming from the Physical Plant Department.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,



Paul B. Roth  
Acting President