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## President's Weekly Perspective, 2007\_08\_27

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**Monday Morning Message**  
**August 27, 2007**

Good morning.

It has been great seeing the population of this campus swell with new and returning students. Thanks to everyone from Student Affairs, Student Activities, Student Health and the departments and student groups that organized a memorable week of Welcome Back Days. I'd like to also thank all of the alumni who returned to UNM to serve hot dogs both on our main and north campuses.

There's nothing better than starting the semester with a week of free food. Now that Welcome Back Days are done, you'll have to make your own food choices. Thanks to our campus wellness initiative, many of those choices will actually be good for you. There are dietician-approved healthy food options offered by several of our vendors at the Student Union. They are signified by a big red stylized heart, so you can easily recognize them.

I strongly recommend that everyone who has yet to sign onto the campus-wide emergency notification system to please do so. When there are true emergencies that impact the entire campus, we want to be able to notify you quickly through email alerts, text messages and other avenues. UNM's notification system also allows you to sign up parents for the instant alerts. So please sign up. It's important. Go to the Emergency Notification System link on the UNM home page ([www.unm.edu](http://www.unm.edu)), log-in using your NetID and follow the prompts from there.

As you may have seen in the news, there were several recent incidents involving three of our fraternities that led to their emergency suspensions. The kind of behavior that warranted these suspensions cannot and will not be tolerated on this campus. I also don't want to see the entire Greek system condemned by the actions of a few. So I've directed a task force of high-level members of the UNM family as well as from the community to look into the recent history of incidents involving these houses and determine how best to ensure they are not repeated. I also want the group to determine how best to strengthen the values of service and community that are really what the Greek system is all about.

A couple of major dedications for campus facilities are coming up this week. Tomorrow (Tuesday) at 11 a.m., we will be honored to welcome Senator Pete Domenici for the dedication of the Domenici Center for Health Sciences Education at 1001 Stanford NE on our north campus. It's quite a magnificent structure and we'd like to invite all of you to come by, greet our senior Senator and tour the building.

On Wednesday, we'll be dedicating the Indoor Practice Facility next to University Stadium. If you haven't seen it, just drive south on University past the Pit and football stadium. Look to the east. You can't miss it.

The Lobo football team travels to El Paso at the end of the week to open their season against UTEP. Let's wish them well. And I'm happy to report that more than 3,000 of our students have signed up for the free city bus rides.

Have a good week. Go Lobos!  
David J. Schmidly