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Monday Morning Message -- June 25, 2007

Good morning.

Folks have been moving in, out and back into Scholes Hall for weeks now. Today is our turn. The President's staff may be out of pocket for awhile today as we move back into our offices on the east side of Scholes. I'm told it has taken almost a year, but the whole building had a new, more efficient HVAC system installed and a much-needed general renovation. Once everyone is settled, we'll hold an open house for the campus. You'll see a number of new additions, among them the mission, vision and values of the University prominently and proudly displayed on a Lobo red wall.

On Wednesday morning, the University will host a delegation of young political leaders from the People's Republic of China. They are touring a number of sites in Albuquerque, like Advent Solar and the National Hispanic Cultural Center, but they determined that the educational components of their visit would all be found at UNM. I'll be greeting them on behalf of the University before they take in a number of our sites, including the Digital Media Garage, School of Law and UNM Hospital.

I've had the opportunity to meet individually with several of our deans and look forward to engaging with them as a group at their retreat this week. I've been impressed with the caliber of these individuals and believe the University's academic mission is in good hands.

The friend-and-fund raising efforts of the University are also in good hands. This week, I'll be talking to some of the University's most ardent supporters when I meet with the Lobo Club Board of Directors and with the President's Club.

And come Friday, I'll be wearing red and hope you'll be joining me. UNM Alumni started a fine tradition when they gave special t-shirts to faculty and staff who are alums to wear on the fourth Friday of each month. I think every Friday is a great time to wear red and celebrate your Lobo spirit.

Have a great week.

David J. Schmidly