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JUAN CHACON RENOVATION & EXPANSION PROJECT FAQ's

- Q.** When did the project begin?
- A.** Construction at the site began in May 2009. The Old Juan Chacon – Career and Technical Education Building project will begin in the July/August timeframe.
 - B.** There are currently several other projects the University has initiated and are in various stages of completion: Construction of a new Greenhouse (Harlan Hall), painting of Ritch Hall, utility, re-route and up-grade, architectural design for renovation of the Castorena and Chino buildings.
- Q.** When will the project end (New Juan Chacon Building)?
- A.** Construction is estimated to end in June 2010.
- Q.** Are there any street closures?
- A.** A portion of E Street is temporarily closed for safety and security of the workers and University community. Access to the Juan Chacon Building, Fine Arts Center Theatre, and Ben Altamirano Field is available from 12th Street.
- Q.** What will happen to the Old Student Memorial Building (Cooler)?
- A.** The Old Student Memorial Building (referred to as the Cooler) will be replaced with a new parking lot and green area. Demolition of the structure will begin in July. All environmental issues associated with the building have been abated including shutting off the utilities.
- Q.** How will the current Juan Chacon Building be renovated?
- A.** The proposed Juan Chacon Building renovation project is designed to upgrade the support systems (HVAC), replace the roof, replace the elevator, and perform structural maintenance to the existing building. No additional square footage will be included. The renovation will provide much-needed maintenance, improve handicap access, and stabilize the existing structure.

- Q.** What will be housed in the new facility?
- A.** The new 16,207 square-foot facility will house several programs including the Nursing Department, distance learning center, digital media production, and computer and network technology.
 - B.** The Old Juan Chacon Building renovation, when funding is available, will include relocating several offices on campus to one central location creating a One-Stop Center for students. These offices include Admissions, Registrars, Housing, Financial Aid, and Business Affairs.
- Q.** What is the cost of the project?
- A.** The cost of the project (new Juan Chacon Building, and renovation of Old Juan Chacon Building) is scheduled at \$10 million. The total price includes other projects being planned.
- Q.** How is the project funded?
- A.** Funding comes from a combination of sources including the passage of a \$7 million General Obligation Bond in 2006.
- Q.** Who is the general contractor for the project?
- A.** Alamogordo-based White Sands Construction is the general contractor for the new Juan Chacon Building project. Commercial architecture firm for the project is Redford Associates.
- Q.** How can we find out more about the project?
- A.** A link for the project is available on the WNMU Homepage at www.wnmu.edu. WNMU will continue to provide news releases and scheduled open forums throughout the project to allow community feedback.