“Trust that little voice in your head that says, “Wouldn’t it be interesting if? And then do it.”

-Duane Michals, photographer

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Dawn’s Point of View
We are in full swing with our integration testing round one. Although slow to start, it seems that testing is picking up. Please be sure that as you test that you are recording your progress and logging any issues via the STAT ticket process. We know it is easy to call and email, but we need to keep track of any issues that arise.

Interface development and testing seems to still be an area where we are struggling to move ahead. Please remember that timely testing will be the key to keep us pressing forward in our round two of integration testing.

Production security is being built this week as campuses complete their initial load parameters. Remember that your ISAs are the best source for any issues with security.

Other activities of note are that our load testing is underway. You will find information on that further down in this newsletter. We are also working on disaster recovery and cutover planning. More information to come on those topics.

We know we have experienced several outages and disruptions over the past few weeks. We apologize for the inconvenience and are working to ensure that we can properly identify and resolve issues and ensure a more stable environment as we move toward go-live.

Thank you all for your efforts and please keep testing!

Conversion
FMS
- The primary focus for FMS for the next two weeks is to complete the "Y/E Close" for 2012/2013 and reconciliation between PeopleSoft and Define/Datatel. Adjustments may be needed beyond that before the close can be finalized.
- The conversion team for the "vendor data" will work together to ensure a plan is in place for continuing the cleanup efforts between now and March.

HCM
- Campuses are in the process of performing the first pass validation of the
Faculty Pay and related data. Some preliminary results are expected by the end of the week. The development team is focused on tax and payroll balance data and a conversion run and preliminary validation is underway. Once verified, IDP will be refreshed to include the data so campuses can also validate the results. The data is targeted to be available within the week pending results.

**Interfaces**

- Interface Focus Teams comprised of functional and technical resources have been established to focus on outstanding complex interfaces. We will reach out to PMs as needed to support this work.
- Related interfaces will be worked by these teams to ensure continuity and consistency.

**Integration Testing**

- There is noticeable progress with Integration Testing as reflected in status recently reported by the Campus PMs. The volume of IMTs directly reflects this activity and continual work. Our key focus area continues to be interfaces, in particular those related to payroll and payables.

- Our target date for completing this round of testing is Oct 25th. While there is good progress, all indications suggest more time will be needed. Teams should continue focusing on the testing efforts. QA will continue to be available for testing to enable us to meet the objectives for this round. Plans are underway to evaluate progress against the schedule to determine what adjustments will be made to complete this round and start the next. More information will be available within the week.

**Load Testing**

- We are nearing the completion of the scheduled sessions for IBP Testing. Grants and Bank Statement Sessions are in-progress this week. The last two co-location sessions are next week for G/L Monthly Close and USAS.

- A key area of focus this week includes a review of Open “Stat” Tickets, Campus Testing Progress, and Pending Development. The information will be analyzed to help gauge overall testing progress for Round 1 as compared to our scheduled completion date of October 25th. Next week we plan to distribute the results of this review and summary of our overall progress, including key priorities for the next 4 weeks.

**Entering STAT Tickets**

To ensure we are capturing all integration testing-related issues, please follow this process for opening STAT tickets.

1. Log into STAT – the CSR Console and under Actions, Create CSR, click the arrow to the right of Incident Mgmt Tracking (the default).
2. At the new CSR page, complete the required fields indicated with red *.

3. For the Priority field, select INTEGRATION TESTING from the drop down menu.

4. Complete any remaining fields and click Save to submit the CSR.

For additional information, please contact your Campus Project Manager.