July 17 - 27, 2007

Tuesday, July 17

SSP Guest Lecture: 2:30 p.m., Weir 102. Dr. Eileen Ryan of New Mexico Tech speaks on "Asteroid Hazards and the Magdalena Ridge Observatory 2.4m Telescope." Sponsored by the Summer Science Program. Open to faculty, and staff.

Thursday, July 19

Swing Dance: 8 to 10 p.m., SAC. Sponsored by New Mexico Tech Ballroom Dance Club. Not limited to swing dancing. If you want a special song or style please bring a CD for us to play. Open to everyone; includes short lesson, if requested.

Friday, July 20

SSP Guest Lecture: 2:30 p.m., Weir 102. Dr. Nicholas Suntzeff of Texas A+M Univ. speaks on "Cosmology." Sponsored by the Summer Science Program. Open to faculty, and staff.

Saturday, July 21

Gus Macker 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament: all day, Swim Center Parking Lot. Benefits Socorro Boys and Girls Club.

Sunday, July 22

Gus Macker 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament: all day, Swim Center Parking Lot. Benefits Socorro Boys and Girls Club.

Monday, July 23

Excel Class: 1 to 5 p.m., Speare 4. Offered by Human Resources. First of a series of 4 sessions on how to use Excel. You may register for all or for only the more advanced sessions. Spaces are limited and on a first come, first served basis. Instructor: Steve Hicks. To register, please email JoAnn Salome.

Physics Department Seminar: 4 p.m., Workman 101. Dr. Timothy Dowling
of the University of Louisville will speak about: "Venus Atmospheric Model Spin-up with Topography"

**Wednesday, July 25**

**Excel Class:** 1 to 5 p.m., Speare 4. Offered by Human Resources. Second of a series of 4 sessions on how to use Excel. You may register for all or for only the more advanced sessions. Spaces are limited and on a first come, first served basis. Instructor: Steve Hicks. To register, please email JoAnn Salome.

**Thursday, July 26**

** Swing Dance:** 8 to 10 p.m., SAC. Sponsored by New Mexico Tech Ballroom Dance Club. Not limited to swing dancing. If you want a special song or style please bring a CD for us to play. Open to everyone; includes short lesson, if requested.

**Friday, July 27**

** Excel Class:** 1 to 5 p.m., Speare 4. Offered by Human Resources. Third of a series of 4 sessions on how to use Excel. You may register for all or for only the more advanced sessions. Spaces are limited and on a first come, first served basis. Instructor: Steve Hicks. To register, please email JoAnn Salome.

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**SCOPE Notices**

**NEWS:**

--Carlsbad Current-Argus reports on progress at National Cave and Karst Research Institute, http://www.currentargus.com/ci_6378324


Long Time Chemical Engineering Staff Member, John Marshall, Passes Away, http://infohost.nmt.edu/~cheme/marshallnews.html


KUDOS:

Kudos to Dr. Ashok Ghosh, Assistant Professor in Mechanical Engineering and an adjunct faculty member in Civil Engineering, who has received a patent from the government of India for inventing "Layered Insulating Building Blocks (LIBB)." The blocks can be used to construct buildings which have a stable internal environment with smaller heat and cold fluctuations.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR GUS MACKER BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT:

New Mexico Tech is hosting the Gus Macker 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament on Saturday, July 21 and Sunday, July 22. The event is sponsored by the Boys and Girls Club of Socorro and will be held on campus. Volunteer scorekeepers are needed, for half-days or full-day, either day. Water and lunch will be provided.

PARKING AND CONSTRUCTION UPDATES:

If you normally park on Campus Drive or in the swim center parking lot, you will need to find temporary alternate parking areas. New Mexico Tech apologizes for the inconvenience.

- Beginning Tuesday, July 17, Campus Drive and the swimming pool parking lot will be closed in order for the tennis courts to be resurfaced.
- Beginning Thursday, July 19, Campus Drive at the South Hall parking lot and the swimming pool parking lot will be closed for the Gus Macker Basketball Tournament being held on the Tech campus this weekend.

PROVISIONAL OVERHEAD RATES BEGINNING JULY 1

Principal Investigators: Tech has recently negotiated the FY 08 provisional overhead rates with the Office of Naval Research. Effective immediately, the following rates supersede the current proposed rates and should be used on proposals submitted for projects beginning after July 1, 2007.

College Rates - Sponsored Research Activities
On-Campus 39.8%
Off-Campus 12.7%

College Rates - Other Sponsored Activities

On-Campus 43.0%
Off-Campus 9.8%

EMRTC (IERA/Playas) Rates - Sponsored Research Activities

On-Campus 34.4%
Off-Campus 8.3%

EMRTC (IERA/Playas) Rates - Other Sponsored Activities

On-Campus 12.2%
Off-Campus 11.5%

EMRTC Facility Support Rate 28.2%

PLEASE NOTE: projects awarded under prior proposed rates may be adjusted, in accordance with OMB Circular A-21 Section G.7, once the project is completed. These will be reviewed on an individual basis.

These rates can also be found on the Restricted Funds website under "inforser/business office/restricted funds department." If you have any questions, please call the Business Office at 835-5781.

WRITERS WANTED!

Write reviews, columns, and editorials! Get paid! Contact Paydirt for more information. Paydirt is the student newspaper of New Mexico Tech. Schedule:

- Content due: Aug. 28; paper should appear Sept. 4
- Content due: Sept. 11; paper should appear Sept. 18
- Content due: Oct. 2; paper should appear Oct. 16. Pre-49ers issue
- Content due: Oct. 16; paper should appear Oct. 23. Post-49ers, special color issue
Important Academic Dates:

Monday, July 30: **New Student Registration**: Fidel Center. Students starting in the Fall semester 2007 may register. Orientation is on Aug. 18. Contact: admission@admin.nmt.edu or 1-800-428-TECH.

Friday, August 3: **End of classes and summer session**

Friday, August 17: **New Student Registration**: Fidel Center. Students starting in the Fall semester 2007 may register. Orientation is on Aug. 18. Contact: admission@admin.nmt.edu or 1-800-428-TECH.

Saturday, August 18: **Orientation**: Fidel Center. For new students starting in the Fall semester 2007. Contact: admission@admin.nmt.edu or 1-800-428-TECH.

Monday, August 20: **Welcome Back Day**: Registration and Validation, second floor of Fidel

**New Student Convocation**: 5 p.m., Macey Center.

Tuesday, Aug. 21: **Classes begin**

Friday, Aug. 31: **Online Registration Closes**

Monday, Sept. 3: **Academic and Staff Holiday**

Friday, Sept. 7: **Registration Closes** Last day to add or drop classes without a "W" on your transcript.

Wednesday, Oct. 10: **Midsemester**

Friday, Oct. 19: **Academic Holiday, 49ers Celebration**

Saturday, Oct. 20: **49ers Celebration**

Thursday, Nov. 22: **Academic and Staff Holiday**

Friday, Nov. 23: **Academic and Staff Holiday**

--Questions concerning academic policies, degrees, grades, etc. are welcome at
our office. Come by and see us.

**JOB OPENINGS AT TECH:**

Full descriptions of job openings are available at Job Openings, http://externalweb.nmt.edu/hr/. New Mexico Tech is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Institution.

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*SCOPE is a twice-weekly newsletter for the New Mexico Tech community, provided as a service by the Office for Advancement.* SCOPE is generally emailed on Mondays and Thursdays during academic semesters. There is no specific deadline. Events are entered on a rolling basis as they come in.