JULY 20 - 30, 2006

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Thursday, July 20


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Friday, July 21

Zeolite 06: ends today, Macey Center. Conference sponsored by E&ES Dept. See http://www.ees.nmt.edu/Zeolite06/ for details.

Saturday, July 22

Triathlon Clinic: 4 to 7 p.m., Tech Swim Center. Certified triathlon coach Mark Mico from Albuquerque will provide information on swim, bike, and run training and techniques, equipment, nutrition, and triathlon rules. In preparation for Triathlon for Beginners tomorrow. Cost of clinic is $10. Clinic and race $15. Pick up a registration form at Spoke-N-Word Cycles or download one from www.socorro.com/ssr.

Sunday, July 23

Mini Courses Begin: One-week, one-credit courses for high school students who would like a taste of college life. For information, see http://externalweb.nmt.edu/mini/ or call Admission, 1-800-428-TECH.

Monday, July 24

Library Director Candidate Presentation: 10 a.m., Tripp Room, Skeen Library. Dr. Sharon Jenkins speaks on "Skeen Library - Keeping our Students of the Future Informed."

Thursday, July 27


**Triathlon for Beginners:** begins 8 a.m. Mini triathlon (250 yard swim, 8 mile bike ride, 1 mile run) for beginners only. Pick up a registration form at Spoke-N-Word Cycles or download one from www.socorro.com/ssr. Cost of clinic is $10. Clinic and race $15. Registration limited to first 25 participants.

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**Friday, July 28**

**Honey-Doo Couples Golf Tournament:** NMT Golf Course. 505-835-5355.

**Monday, July 31**

**Registration:** for new students starting Fall 2006. For schedule, see Registration and Orientation 2006

*For events further in the future, see the New Mexico Tech Calendar, [http://infohost.nmt.edu/mainpage/calendar/mastercal.html](http://infohost.nmt.edu/mainpage/calendar/mastercal.html)*

**SCOPE Notices**

**NEWS:**

--Condie Chairs Conference on Tectonics, [http://infohost.nmt.edu/mainpage/news/2006/19july01.html](http://infohost.nmt.edu/mainpage/news/2006/19july01.html)


--Astrobiology magazine reports on research by Dr. Penelope Boston of E&ES in the Atacama Desert of Chile. [http://www.astrobio.net/news/article2002](http://www.astrobio.net/news/article2002). SCOPE erroneously placed the Atacama Desert in Peru. This is not Dr. Boston's fault.
She knows where the Atacama Desert is.

--Dr. Boston was also mentioned in a newsletter put out by MIT for her work on probes that will look for life in lava tubes on Mars.


**FIDEL CENTER GRAND OPENING:**

--Fidel Center's Grand Opening for students, faculty, staff, and community is set for Aug. 21 - Sept. 1. Fun, games, prizes, treats! Come explore our lovely new building! Everyone is welcome. Schedule will be published soon.

**SPEND A WEEK ON MARS (IN UTAH):**

--NASA is now accepting applications for Spaceward Bound -- a one or two-week student training and research mission to the Mars Desert Research Station (MDRS) in Utah. Of the crews that will be sent, many of the next generation of moon walkers, and the first Mars walkers, are sitting in universities and graduate research labs right now. Crew members will be expected to plan all aspects of the expedition, including learning how to get along "off the grid." There will be four two-week expeditions mounted in March and April and two one-week expeditions in October 2006.

--Applications are being sought for 24 crewmember positions: anyone majoring in an engineering or scientific field is welcome to apply. This program is open to all US citizens who are currently enrolled in a degree granting college or university program. Preference will be for people with field research experience or a demonstrated comfort in being in a rugged environment.

For details, see http://quest.nasa.gov/projects/spacewardbound/students.html

**INTERNATIONAL FLAGS:**

--The flags flying in front of Fidel Center represent the many countries that have students attending New Mexico Tech. From July 17 through Aug. 13, the flags represent Morocco, Vietnam, Iran, Czech Republic, Cameroon, and Poland. The United States flag flies daily in front of Brown Hall.

**INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE CAMP:**
The Southwest International Folk Dance Institute presents its annual summer Folk Dance Camp, on the NM Tech campus, August 3 - 6. Details available at http://www.unm.edu/~lpetri/swifdi/brochure.htm.

REGISTRAR'S OFFICE (FIDEL SECOND FLOOR:)

Important Academic Dates:

Monday, July 31: **Registration:** for new students starting Fall 2006.

Friday, August 4: **End of classes and summer session**

Friday, August 18: **Registration:** for new students starting Fall 2006.

Tuesday, Aug. 22: **Classes begin**

Monday, Sept. 4: **Academic and Staff Holiday**

Friday, Sept. 8: **Registration Closes**

Wednesday, Oct. 11: **Midsemester**

Friday, Oct. 20: **49ers Celebration. Academic Holiday**

Tuesday, Oct. 31: **Grade Option Deadline** Last day to choose audit, S/U, or withdrawal with a W on your transcript

Nov. 23 and 24: **Thanksgiving break**

Monday, Nov. 27 - Friday, Dec. 1: **Registration for Spring 2007:** Monday, graduate students and Tech scholars. Tuesday, seniors. Wednesday, juniors. Thursday, sophomores. Friday, freshmen.

Saturday, Dec. 9: **Finals begin**

Thurs., Dec. 14: **Last day of finals**

Friday, Dec. 15: **End of Semester:** Residence Halls close

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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