March 20 - 31, 2008

Thursday, March 20

Physics Seminar: 4 p.m. Weir 102. Physics graduate student Guglielmo Fucci speaks on "Matrix Gravity and the Pioneer Anomaly."

EES/Bureau Seminar: 4 p.m., MSEC 101. Richard C. Aster of NMT speaks on "Climate Seismology -- Observing the Dynamics and Processes of Earth's Atmosphere, Oceans, and Cryosphere with Seismographic Data."

Advanced Python Applications: 4 p.m., Speare 23. Open discussion of Python programming tools and methods.

Tech Amateur Radio Assn. Net: 7 p.m., 146.680MHz, pl 100. All amateur radio operators are invited to participate.

Swing Dance: 8 - 10 p.m., SAC. 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. Sponsored by the New Mexico Tech Ballroom Dance Club.

Friday, March 21

Academic and Staff Holiday

MST Seminar: 10 a.m. Cramer 123. Rhonda Ward, graduate student in Master of Science for Teachers, presents her Independent Study "Using the Geology of the Santa Fe Region to Teach Earth Science Concepts to High School Students". Public invited.

Saturday, March 22

Rugby Match: 1 p.m., Tech Athletic Field. Tech Pygmies vs. NMSU.

Monday, March 24

Initiation and Processing of Graduate Assistantship Contracts: 1:30 - 3:30 p.m., Tripp Room, Skeen Library. Instructor: Dr. Dave Johnson. To register, please email or call JoAnn at 5955.

Carino Toy Lending Library: 3 to 5 p.m., NMT Children's Center. Anyone
from Tech and the community may check out free toys for children.

**Hydrology Seminar:** 3:30 p.m., MSEC 101. Jasper A. Vrugt, Earth and Environmental Sciences Division (EES), LANL, speaks on “Adaptive Markov Chain Monte Carlo Sampling for Estimating Parameters in High-Resolution Three-Dimensional Flow and Transport Models.”

**Air Rifle Practice:** 5:30 p.m., Tech Gym Basement. Precision air rifles, targets and pellets provided. Free to NMT students, sponsored by Tech Shooting Sports Club.

**Students for Life Meeting:** 7 p.m. SAC South Room. Email NMTSFL@gmail.com for more information or to be added to mailing list.

**Tuesday, March 25**

**Intro to Python:** 5:30 p.m., Speare 23. Introduction to programming in Python. FREE class presented by TCC. Today: "Exceptions; list comprehensions; iterators."

**Wednesday, March 26**

**5 K Fun Run/Walk:** noon, starts at Gym. Tech Physical Recreation invites everyone to participate in these fun events on the last Weds. of every month. If you attend all four events, you receive an incentive gift.

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**Earth Science Club Meeting:** 5 p.m., MSEC 101. For details, see http://infohost.nmt.edu/~earth/events.html

**TCCM:** 5 - 7:30 p.m., Macey Center. Potluck and game night. Bring your favorite dish and a game. Social hour for people 21-and-over.

**Billy Aardd’s Club Meeting:** 7 - 9 p.m., Game Room, Fidel Center. Free billiards on three reserved tables. http://www.nmt.edu/~billiard/

**Movie:** 8 p.m., Tripp Room, Skeen Library. Students for Progressive Action present a film that uncovers the connections between private contractors making a killing in Iraq and the administration which planned it that way.
Thursday, March 27

Spring Fling: See http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/events/fling.html

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Friday, March 28

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NRAO Colloquium: 11 a.m., AOC. David Wilner, CfA, speaks on "(Sub)Millimeter Studies of Protoplanetary Disks"


Spring Fling Bonfire: 10 p.m., EMRTC bonfire area.

Saturday, March 29

Spring Fling: See http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/events/fling.html

Raffle: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Mudbog. Tau Beta Pi is raffling a 1GB iPod shuffle, a $50 Chevron gift card, and many more prizes, as a fundraiser. Drawing at 2 p.m. You need not be present to win. To purchase tickets, contact pvaldez@nmt.edu

Rugby Match: 1 p.m., Tech Athletic Field. Tech Pygmies vs. Albuquerque Brujos.

Talk on "El Camino Real in 1682": 2 p.m., Heritage Center, about 30 miles south of Socorro. Rev. Larry Castillo-Wilson traces the path of Governor Antonio Otermin, who tried to re-conquer the province after the Pueblo Revolt but failed. The retreat expedition included making a difficult march over the hill of Acomilla, near present-day San Acacia. More information at: http://caminorealheritage.org/
Sunday, March 30

Spring Fling: See http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/events/fling.html

Monday, March 31

Paydirt Deadline: Submit stories to Paydirt@nmt.edu for April 2 issue.

Grad Student Association Meeting: 12:30 p.m., Tripp Room, Skeen Library.


SCOPE Notices

NEWS:


Pygmies Run Rampant over Silverbacks 91-5, http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/sports/s2008/17mar01.html


INDIAN COOKING CLASS:

--Starting March 26, learn Indian cooking! Meets Weds., 6 to 8 p.m. at Sarracino Middle School. Learn to make and sample dishes that are a delight to the taste buds and very healthy. Instructor: Pritha Ghosh. Sign up at Registrar's Office, 2nd floor of Fidel Center. Enrollment limited; sign up now!
FACILITIES MANAGEMENT CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS:

- Kelly Petroleum Building, drawings near 98% complete and bid package near release stage. Construction to begin approximately 06/09/08
- Campus Sign, corner of Leroy and Campus Drive. Foundation may start on 03/17/08 pending lay-out plan. Finish Date: 04/18/08
- Golf Course Lavatories - Stucco has begun. Finish date: 04/30/08
- Cramer Landscaping, finish date: 03/31/08
- Desert Maiden, Landscape is near completion, finish date: 04/30/2008
- Electrical Loop, in progress, finish date: Not established
- Driscoll Hall - Shower remodel, construction to begin in 06/08
- Warehouse roof replacement, in progress - approximately 65% complete
- Bureau - Core Storage Building skylight replacement, in progress
- Fine Arts East and West, Drainage issues, in progress
- Kelly Hall water line replacement, should be complete 04/7/2008

VOTER REGISTRATION:

--The Registrar's Office on the second floor of Fidel has Voter Registration Forms. Remember, one requirement for qualifying as a resident for tuition purposes is to register to vote in New Mexico! Deadline to register is May 6 to vote in the primary election. Primary election is on June 3, 2008.

VIDEO CONTEST ON YOUTUBE:

--And they're off! Be sure to check out the videos of New Mexico Tech on YouTube! The one with the most hits wins $500. http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/news/2008/videocontest.html

DANCE CAMPS:

--Over the summer, two folk dance groups hold weekend camps on the New Mexico Tech campus. The events are not sponsored by New Mexico Tech, but interested individuals may sign up by contacting the groups directly. They are:

- Southwest International Folk Dancers, Aug. 7 - 10, featuring Swedish couples dances; Scandinavian fiddling, and Albanian, Greek, and Balkan line dances. Info at http://www.unm.edu/~lpetri/swifdi/
49ers PARADE:

--The Public Information Office is looking for suggestions for themes for the 49ers parade. This is not necessarily the same as the theme for the on-campus 49ers Celebration.

NOMINATIONS WANTED:

--Distinguished Teaching Award: send nomination to Dr. Scott Zeman

--Distinguished Alumni Awards: send nominations to Carol Lynn Tiegs

--For details, deadlines, past winners, etc., see http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/honors/nominations.html

REGISTRAR’S OFFICE:

Important Academic Dates:

Friday, March 21: Academic and Staff Holiday

Friday, March 28: Grade Option Deadline. Last day to choose S/U, Audit, or withdraw with a "W"

April 14 - 18: Summer 2008 Registration. Monday, graduate students and Tech scholars. Tuesday, seniors. Wednesday, juniors. Thursday, sophomores. Friday, freshmen.

April 21 - 25: Fall 2008 Registration. Monday, graduate students and Tech scholars. Tuesday, seniors. Wednesday, juniors. Thursday, sophomores. Friday, freshmen.

Friday, May 9: Last Day of Classes

Saturday, May 10: Finals begin

Thursday, May 15: End of finals

Saturday, May 17: Commencement Please arrive at 9 a.m. for line-up. Commencement begins at 10 a.m. Reception after.
Monday, June 16: Orientation

Tuesday, June 17: Classes begin

--MAY 2008 GRADS: If you plan to graduate in May 2008, please check your name, degree, and minor (if any) at http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/commencement/c2008/may2008grads.pdf. This information will appear on your diploma. If you wish to change anything, please contact the Registrar's Office

--If your name does not appear here and you intend to graduate, please turn in your Intent to Graduate form to the Registrar's Office immediately.

--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.

SCOPE is a twice-weekly newsletter for the New Mexico Tech community, provided as a service by the Public Information Office. 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.