JULY 25 - AUGUST 5, 2006

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

Tuesday, July 25

**Mini Courses on Campus:** 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.

Thursday, July 27

**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 28

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

Monday, July 31

**Registration:** for new students starting Fall 2006. See http://infohost.nmt.edu/mainpage/orientation/homepage.html

Thursday, August 3

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Friday, August 4

End of classes and summer session
2006 Summer Summit of the Association of Academic Research Libraries of New Mexico: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Macey Center. Main topic of this statewide summit will be "University Research in the Information Age: The Role of New Mexico’s Research Libraries."

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

SCOPE Notices

NEWS:


--Astrobiology magazine reports on research by Dr. Penelope Boston of E&ES in the Atacama Desert of Chile. http://www.astrobio.net/news/article2002

--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.

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE:

--Updated July 20.
SUB demolition: Currently barricaded. Demolition begins July 24. Landscaping is planned.

Cramer Hall Renovation: Permanent Certificate of Occupancy has been secured. Punch list items are being completed. Departments begin moving in on July 24.

Fidel Center: Permanent Certificate of Occupancy secured.

Hail Damage Repair: Pending projects are MetTop, Core shed skylight

Magdalena Ridge Observatory

- Road Maintenance and upgrade - the road is maintained to provide continued drivability and safe conditions. Maintenance is performed continually.
- Utility Trench Construction
- Single Telescope Building Construction

**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**

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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