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Thursday, August 3

Chemical Engineering Faculty Candidate Presentation: 11 a.m. MSEC 105. Dr. Michaelann Tartis presents, "Targeted Drug Delivery with Ultrasound."

International Folk Dance Camp: through Aug. 6, Tech Gym. Presented by Southwest International Folk Dance Institute. See http://www.unm.edu/~lpetri/swifdi/

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, 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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Saturday, August 5

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Book Signing: 2 p.m., El Camino Real Heritage Center. Eliseo "Cheo" Torres and Timothy L. Sawyer, Jr. speak on their book Healing with Herbs and Rituals: A Mexican Tradition. El Camino Real Heritage Center is about 30 miles south of Socorro.

Friday, August 11
Board of Regents Retreat: begins 8 a.m., Sandia Resort, Eagle Room B. Annual retreat of Board of Regents and administration.


Perseid Meteor Shower: Best viewing between 11 p.m. and dawn. Wear a hard hat.

Saturday, August 12

Board of Regents Meeting: 8:30 a.m., Sandia Resort, Eagle Room B. Regents Meeting is part of annual retreat of Board of Regents and administration.

"Disney at the Macey": 7:30 p.m., Macey Center. New MexiChords Barbershop Chorus performs everyone's favorite songs from Disney movies. Tickets $5 per seat, with children 6 and under free. Tickets available at the door. Children must be accompanied by adults.

Monday, August 14

Students Apartments Open: 9 a.m.

Library Director in Training candidate presentation: 10 a.m., Tripp Room, Skeen Library. Owen Ellard from Mount Holyoke College, will speak on "New User Expectations and the Changing Role of Academic Libraries."

Wednesday, August 16

Library Director in Training candidate presentation: 10 a.m., Tripp Room, Skeen Library. Karen Jette from University of Texas Pan American, will speak on "Library Services at New Mexico Tech: A Vision of the Future."

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

SCOPE Notices

NEWS:
--Penny Boston Gets Ball Rolling on Mars Research, *Albuquerque Tribune*, 
http://www.abqtrib.com/albq/nw_science/article/0,2668,ALBQ_21236_4877073,00.html

--We are sorry to report that Eugene O'Connor, alumnus and longtime friend of New Mexico Tech, passed away on July 31. Please see http://infohost.nmt.edu/mainpage/obituaries/2006.2.html#gene.

**WHERE ARE THEY?**

--During the past few months, many offices at New Mexico Tech have moved. Are you lost, confused, and distressed? See our handy guide at http://infohost.nmt.edu/mainpage/events/where.html

**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. See schedule at http://infohost.nmt.edu/mainpage/events/fidelgo.html

**JOIN A PARADE!**

--The Socorro County Fair Parade will take place on Saturday, Sept. 2, beginning at 10 a.m. The theme for the parade is "The Heart of the West" The parade route begins at Sedillo Park, travels south along California Street and ends at Spring Street. The parade entry forms are available at the Socorro Heritage and Visitors Center, 217 Fisher Avenue.

**MUMPS AND MEASLES:**

--Several states in the Midwest have had outbreaks of mumps and measles in the past few months. It is expected that these viruses may spread with the return of students to campuses in the fall.

--The Student Health Center recommends that everyone in the Tech community review their immunization status. Persons who have actually had these diseases are considered immune (usually, people born before 1957). The Health Center will offer, at a charge, MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella) vaccine to persons without evidence of adequate immunity. If you have not had the diseases or are not sure about your immunity status, please contact the Health Center at 835-5094. They need to know how much vaccine to order.
HOUSE ON TECH HILL:

--1218 South Drive is for sale. Please contact Hai Xiao and Ming Luo at (505) 838-2053.

--SCOPE advertises ONLY houses on Tech Hill for sale. Since New Mexico Tech owns the land under the houses on Tech Hill, state law requires us to offer these houses for sale to the Tech community (and NRAO) before they are made available to the general public.

--SCOPE does not advertise any other houses for sale or rent. SCOPE is not allowed to compete with the private businesses that sell houses and sell advertising.

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.

REGISTRAR’S OFFICE (FIDEL SECOND FLOOR:)

Important Academic Dates:

  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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