August 5 - 22, 2008

Wednesday, August 6

**HR Workshop on Services Centers:** 9 - 11 a.m., Tripp Room, Skeen Library. Financial reporting requirements for Service Centers have changed. A Service Center is any activity that charges a fee for services to the Tech community or to external users. Personnel of Service Centers should attend this session or one offered on Aug. 26. Instructor: Jane Adams. To register please call -5955 or email JoAnn at HR.

Thursday, August 7

**International Folk Dance Camp:** Tech Gym. Held on campus, but not affiliated with Tech. See [http://www.unm.edu/~lpetri/swifdi/](http://www.unm.edu/~lpetri/swifdi/)

**Swing Dance CANCELLED:** Sorry, over for the summer. See you Fall Semester!

Friday, August 8

**End of Summer Session**

**Master's Thesis Defense:** 3:30 p.m., Weir 102. Justin Erwin, graduate student in mathematics with a specialization in industrial mathematics, defends his thesis "State Estimation for Implicit, Index 1, Differential Algebraic Equations."

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Saturday, August 9

**Socorro Chile Harvest Triathlon:** 8 a.m. (kids race starts at 7:30 a.m.), Socorro Swim Center. Presented by Socorro Striders and Riders and the City of Socorro. To enter, contact City of Socorro Visitor Center at 835-8927, or visit [www.socorro.com/ssr/chile](http://www.socorro.com/ssr/chile). Race day registration is not available. El Camino Real will be closed between Bullock and Francisco de Avando from 5 a.m. until noon. Expect heavy bicycle traffic from the Socorro Swim Center to past the NMT golf course pro shop from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m., and runners on El Camino Real, Newberry St., and in the Loma Encantada subdivision between 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.
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Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament: SORRY, CANCELLED!

Sunday, August 10

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Student Apartments Close: 5 p.m.

Tuesday, August 12

APAS Meeting: 7 p.m., Tripp Room, Skeen Library. Regular meeting of Animal Protective Association of Socorro. We welcome everyone with a concern and compassion for the welfare of animals. http://www.sdc.org/~apas/

Wednesday, August 13


Saturday, August 16

Science Cafe: 10 a.m., New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science, Albuquerque. Dr. Rick Aster, professor of geophysics, will discuss the EarthScope project and the geology of New Mexico in an open forum. Admission is free, but a reservation is required, by calling 505-841-2872.

Sunday, August 17

Monday, August 18

**Sun Country Challenge Golf Tournament:** New Mexico Tech Golf Course. 
http://externalweb.nmt.edu/nmtgolf/

Friday, August 22

**New Student Registration:** Fidel Center. Students starting in the Fall Semester of 2008 may register. Orientation is on Aug. 23.

SCOPE Notices

**NEWS:**

--Regents Treated to Promo Video for "Man Vs. Coyote",
http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/regents/08aug2.html

--Tech Bids Farewell to the Director of International and Exchange Programs,
http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/news/2008/5aug03.html

--NMT Chartwells Manager Receives Director of the Year Award,
http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/news/2008/5aug02.html

--New Mexico Tech Signs Contract with Telescope Manufacturer,
http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/news/2008/31july01.html

--Four New Faculty Members Join New Mexico Tech,

--President's Golf Tournament Full,
http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/news/2008/29july01.html

--Tech Rolls Out Text Message Emergency Alert System,

**HOUSE ON TECH HILL:**

--House for Sale. 1304 Vista Dr. 4 bedroom, 2 bath. Sun room, hot tub.
Double wide carport, parking for trailer, 32' by 28' detached garage/workshop with 2-9' garage doors. Large lot with fruit trees. Please call 575-835-3892 (home) or 505-463-1153 (cell) for appointment.

--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.

DIGGING INTO OTHER WORLDS:

--Miners' Ink, the Tech literary magazine, is planning a science fiction convention for the Tech campus, Sept. 12 - 14. Guest of Honor is Nichelle Nichols. Other guests include NM science fiction writers Jane Lindskold, S.M. Stirling, David Lee Summers, and Walter Jon Williams. Planned events include science fiction movies, gaming on the local-area network (LAN); talks, panel discussions, and readings by the authors; booksignings; a Saturday-evening dinner with keynote address by Nichols; and a campus costume contest.

The deadline to register online is August 29. After Aug. 29, the late-registration fee is $85 for everyone. For more information, please see http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/news/2008/28july01.html

SCOOTER MANIA:

--Interested in forming a scooter club? Scooter riders are invited to make suggestions. We could exchange ideas and motor safety tips, go on rides, etc. Input, suggestions and members invited. Anyone interested contact Francesca Denton.

ATTENTION PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS:

--NMIMT recently negotiated the FY 09 final fixed overhead rates with the Office of Naval Research. Effective immediately, the following rates supersede the current provisional rates and should be used on proposals submitted for projects beginning after July 1, 2008.
College Rates - Sponsored Research Activities

- On-Campus 27.1%
- Off-Campus 15.1%

College Rates - Other Sponsored Activities

- On-Campus 13.6%
- Off-Campus 12.9%

EMRTC (IERA/Playas) Rates - Sponsored Research Activities

- On-Campus 51.2%
- Off-Campus 18.6%

EMRTC (IERA/Playas) Rates - Other Sponsored Activities

- On-Campus 9.9%
- Off-Campus 7.9%

EMRTC Facility Support Rate 38.3%

IERA Building Lease Rate: 25.0%

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 "infoserv/business office/restricted funds department."

If you have any questions, please call the Cost Accounting Office at -5781.

CONSTITUTION DAY, SEPT. 17

--Constitution Day is coming on Weds., Sept. 17. The Public Information Office is
looking for anyone who wants to hold non-partisan activities or events to commemorate the ratification of the U. S. Constitution. Anyone want to read the Bill of Rights in public? While juggling? Please contact Kathy.

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS:

- **Fidel Center**: landscaping on south and east sides, in progress
- **Kelly Petroleum Building**, construction to start this week, wall closing off south entrance to go up Aug 4.
- **La Raj Demolition**, anticipated start date: August
- **Electrical Loop**, in progress; Facilities Management portion is completed. Finish date: Not established
- **Fine Arts East and West**, Drainage issues, in progress
- **Jones Hall Reconstruction**, in progress.
- **Mini Baja Shed**, in progress.

REGISTRAR’S OFFICE:

Important Academic Dates:

Friday, August 8: **End of classes and summer session**

Friday, August 22: **New Student Registration** for students entering Fall 2008. For information, see http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/admission/registration.html

Saturday, August 23: **Orientation** for students entering Fall 2008. For information, see http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/admission/or.html

Monday, Aug. 25: **Registration and Validation** 2nd Floor of Fidel Center.

Monday, Aug. 25: **Convocation** 3 p.m., Macey Center. The entire New Mexico Tech community is invited to this convocation marking the beginning of the 2008-09 academic year.

Tuesday, Aug. 26: **Classes begin**

Thursday, Aug. 28: **Late Fees begin**

Monday, Sept. 1: **Academic Holiday**

Friday, Sept. 5: **Online Registration Closes**
Friday, Sept. 12: **Registration Closes**

Wednesday, Oct. 15: **Midsemester**

Friday, Oct. 24: **Academic Holiday**: 49ers Celebration

Tuesday, Nov. 4: **Grade Option Deadline**: Last day to choose S/U, Audit, or withdrawal with a "W"

Thursday, Nov. 27: **Thanksgiving holiday**

Friday, Nov. 28: **Academic and staff holiday**

Dec. 1 - 5: **Registration for Spring 2009**: Monday, Graduate students and Tech Scholars; Tuesday, seniors; Wednesday, juniors; Thursday, sophomores; Friday, freshmen and special students. May register online at Banweb or in person at the Registrar's Office, 2nd floor of Fidel.

Friday, Dec. 12: **Last day of classes**

Saturday, Dec. 13: **Finals begin**

Thursday, Dec. 18: **Finals end**

--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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