MARCH 17 - 26, 2006

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

Friday, March 17

Spring Break

Paydirt Deadline

Saturday, March 18

Spring Break

Rugby Tournament: El Paso. St. Pat's tournament. The Tech Pygmies who have not gone to England will participate.

Sunday, March 19

Spring Break

Women's Soccer: 11 a.m., Bernalillo (Farmer's field #4). NMT Women Miners vs. United

Monday, March 20

Classes resume

IEEE Student Paper Contest Presentations: 7 p.m., Jones Annex 101. Entrants in IEEE's local student paper competition will each give a 15-minute presentation of their work. Come check it out!

Tuesday, March 21

Honeywell Interviews: All Day, Wells 107.

Programming with Python: 5:30 p.m., Speare 116. TCC free class. Today: "Object example; special methods"

Student Association Meeting: 9 p.m., Workman 113. Open to all students, as well as student senators.

Wednesday, March 22
**Introduction to XML:** 4 p.m., Speare 116. TCC Free class. Today: "Reading and writing XML from programs"

**Live Python:** 5:30 p.m., Speare 116. Programming as a performance art. John Shipman demonstrates how to construct a program right before your eyes, including lightweight literate programming; cleanroom software design; and object-oriented design. Continues for six weeks.

**Thursday, March 23**

**Deadline to submit resumes:** to Washington Tru Solutions (WIPP, Carlsbad) for internships. Submit resumes through MonsterTRAK.

**BJ Services Interviews:** All day, Wells 107.


**Programming with Python:** 4 p.m., Weir 128. TCC free class. Today: "Object example; special methods"

**Introduction to XML:** 5:30 p.m., Speare 116. TCC Free class. Today: "Reading and writing XML from programs"

**The Three Musketeers:** 7:30 p.m., Macey Center. Swashbuckling theatrical event from The Acting Company. Tickets: $16 adults, $14 seniors, $12 youth. Part of Performing Arts Series.

**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, March 24**

**Human Resources Seminar:** 10 a.m., Tripp Room, Skeen Library. Elias Hernandez, Director of Affirmative Action, gives an overview of what affirmative action means, how it came into existence, and why we have an affirmative action program at Tech. Also, information on university policies and procedures which govern affirmative action. To register please contact JoAnn 835-5955 or jsalome@admin.nmt.edu

**NRAO Colloquium:** 11 a.m., AOC. Andrew Markwick-Kemper, University of Virginia

Mathematics Seminar: 4 p.m., Weir 209. Dr. Brian Borchers speaks on "Solving Sloane's Independent Set Challenge Problems."

Sunday, March 26

Women's Soccer: 11 a.m., Bernalillo (Farmer's field #22). NMT Women Miners vs. Warriors

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

SCOPE Notices

NEWS:

--We are sorry to report the passing of Dr. Christina Balk, professor emerita of geology. A preliminary obituary is at http://infohost.nmt.edu/mainpage/obituaries/2005.html#balk.


--New Center at New Mexico Tech Focused on Student Learning, http://infohost.nmt.edu/mainpage/news/2006/8mar01.html


KUDOS:


--Congratulations to Sydney Ryan and Kathanne Dahm, who were chosen by the American Assn. of University Women as scholarship recipients. Sydney Ryan is a biology major from Los Alamos whose goal is to become a pediatrician. Kathanne Dahm is an environmental engineering major from Placitas who hopes to attend graduate school studying ocean related topics as well as water issues in arid climates. Congrats to both young women!
AUTO-CROSS AT MACEY:

--NMTARC (New Mexico Tech Automotive Racing Club) will be holding an Auto Cross in Macey Center's parking lot on Sunday, April 9. Auto Cross is a coned course for cars to race through, one at a time, against a timing device. Registration will be from 8 to 9:30 a.m., with the first car off at approximately 10 a.m. This event is FREE for all Tech students, faculty and staff. However, space is limited (40 car limit), so please contact the car club president, Joey Fernandez (jferna00@nmt.edu) if you would like to race. All cars will have to pass a basic tech inspection for the race. For more information, visit www.nmt.edu/~nmtarc.

--Please be aware that the Macey Center parking lot will need to be clear of parked cars all day on April 9. Your cooperation is appreciated.

RUGBY CLUB TOURS ENGLAND:

--The NMT Rugby Club Pygmies, reinforced by eight Tech alumni players, is touring England. Match schedule is:

- Warlingham (London area) on Sunday March 12
- Bideford (Devon County) on Wednesday, March 15
- University of Bristol (Somerset) on Saturday, March 18

The return flight (Cont. # 2927) is scheduled to arrive in Albuquerque at 6:57 pm on Sunday, March 19.

MINERS' INK DEADLINE:

--Miners' Ink, the Tech literary magazine, is seeking submissions by March 24. Poetry and prose (not to exceed 3 pages, single-spaced, 12 pt.)

--Artwork may be submitted in color or b&w, but issue is printed in b&w. Prefer jpgs, but will take hard copy.

--Editors wanted!

NOMINATIONS REQUESTED:

--It's that time of year again. Nominations are requested for awards given at the end of the semester, and at graduation.

--To make nominations for Distinguished Teaching Award, Alumni Association Awards, and Student Appreciation Awards, please see http://infohost.nmt.edu/mainpage/alumni/nominate.html

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE:
--Updated March 6.

**Fidel Center:** Furniture is currently being installed. Move-in has been postponed pending approval of fire inspection. We will keep you posted.

**Hail Damage Repair Schedule:**

Speare Hall -- Finishing with gutter and downspouts. Minor tile installation

Kelly Hall -- have begun tear-off at west side. Parking is blocked.

**Date Pending:** Jones Hall -- work will begin after Kelly Hall is done

- MetTop
- Core shed skylights
- Greenhouse shed roof

**Chiller Plant Addition:**

The Chiller Plant is now operational.

**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

**Cramer Hall Renovation:**

Exterior insulation and EFIS is being applied. Mechanical/electrical work near completion at new addition. Ceiling grids are being placed on the first floor. The first floor is being textured and painted. Roof tile is being placed on the northwest side. Estimated finish date: June 2006.

**REGISTRAR'S OFFICE (BROWN 100):**

Important Academic Dates:

- March 11 - 19: **Spring Break**
- Tuesday, April 4: **Grade option deadline**, last day to withdraw with a "W" or choose S/U or Audit options
- Friday, April 14: **Academic and Staff Holiday**
- Friday, May 5: **Last Day of Classes**
Saturday, May 6: **Finals begin**: Preliminary schedule at http://infohost.nmt.edu/mainpage/registration/finalssp2006.pdf. If you have conflicts, please contact the professors involved or the Registrar's Office.

Thursday, May 11: **End of finals**

May 12 and 13: **Golden Reunion, Class of 1956, Silver Reunion, Class of 1981**

Saturday, May 13: **Commencement**

--MAY 2006 GRADUATES:

- If you plan to graduate in May 2006, please check the information on http://infohost.nmt.edu/mainpage/commencement/c2006/. Please file an "Intent to Graduate" form with the Registrar's Office. If you plan to participate, you should also fill out a "Cap and Gown" form.

- If you have filled out an "Intent to Graduate" form, your name should be on this list: http://infohost.nmt.edu/mainpage/commencement/c2006/may2006grads.pdf. This list represents how your name and degree will appear on your diploma. If you want to change any of this information, please contact the Registrar's Office.


--Questions concerning academic policies, degrees, grades, etc. are welcome at our office. Come by and see us at Brown Hall, room 100.

**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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