

CAMPUS REPORT

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TO: Board of Regents
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RE: Campus Report for the July 12-13, 2001 Board of Regents' Meeting

- Dr. Pete Knudsen, Dean of the School of Mines & Engineering, has been named the 2001 Honorary Award Winner for the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies to the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies' Scholarship Foundation.
 - Conoco recently awarded Tech with \$38,000 in support of the Petroleum Engineering Department, minority engineering programs, and the student chapter of the Society of Petroleum Engineering.
 - Upward Bound's Summer Program started June 17. This program provides high school students a chance to experience life on a college campus, designed to develop skills and motivation for college success. In July, Montana Tech will host the Upward Bound Olympics in which 250 Upward Bound students from Montana compete in academic, artistic and athletic events.
 - Texaco awarded a \$38,000 grant to the Montana Tech Foundation to provide scholarships and fellowships to Tech students studying in various fields of engineering.
 - June is camp month for Digger Athletics. Combined volleyball and basketball camp for girls in grades 3-9 had 70 girls; basketball camp for boys in grades 3-9 had 55 boys; high school football camp for 8 man teams had 232 participants; for 11 man teams had 333 participants.
 - The 2000 Graduate Survey is complete. Overall placement – 97%; Average Annual Starting Salaries: Arts & Sciences Degrees \$33,109; Engineering Degrees: \$41,696.
 - STEP Summer Bridge Program is underway. This is supported by corporate donations from NASA, TRIO, Texaco, Conoco, and BP to help women and minority students to succeed in earning an engineering degree.
 - The Montana Bureau of Mines & Geology hosted the 93rd Annual Meeting of the American Association of State Geologists, June 23-27. About 200 registered guests attended the meeting from 42 states and two Canadian provinces, delegates from national geologic organizations and representatives from federal agencies that deal with geological issues.
 - Dr. Pete Knudsen, Dean of the School of Mines & Engineering, and Dr. Tarek Ahmed, Department Head, Petroleum Engineering, recently visited Kuwait University to further develop and enhance academic and research relationships. Visitors from Kuwait University will visit Tech in July.
 - Dr. Dora Grigera from Universidad del Comahue in Bariloche, Argentina is on campus to work on several projects and exchanges. She will also collaborate with Dick Hutto at The University of Montana-Missoula.
 - For FY 2001, Tech faculty and staff submitted 90 proposals with a value exceeding \$20 million. To date, \$4.9 million have been funded and the overall success rate is 48%.
 - The new International Exchange program has received 2nd year funding from the U.S. Dept. of State that brings the total support level to \$300,000.
 - The campus has become a charter member of the Southwest Montana Technology Network whose goal is to diversify and strengthen the economy of southwest Montana.
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