

## Dec. 10 - 21, 2007

### Monday, December 10

**Children's Center Countdown:** Only 22 days left! We're over halfway there! Thanks to many generous donors, more than \$750,000 has been raised toward a new Child Care Center. Your donation will mean more if you give before Dec. 31. All donations given in 2007 will be matched. For details, see <http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/giving/cc.html>

**Ph.D. Candidacy Defense:** 2 p.m., Jones Annex 108. Manoj Kumar, graduate student in chemistry, speaks on "Application of Photon Upconverting Nanoparticles in Gene Sensing."

**Gingerbread Deadline:** 5 p.m., Fidel Center. Bring your entry to Chartwells at Fidel Center by deadline for judging. Judging takes place on Dec. 11, and all entries will be displayed at Tech Dining Room, Dec. 10 - 14. No entry fee.

### Tuesday, December 11

**Finals:** Schedule at: <http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/registration/finals07.pdf>

**Service Center Procedure Workshop:** 9 to 11 a.m., Tripp Room, Skeen Library. New Mexico Tech is implementing a revised Service Center Procedure Manual that will improve and expand cost recovery processes as well as maintain compliance with government regulations. All participants will receive an overview of the process, copy of the procedural manual and other training materials. (Repeated tomorrow afternoon.)

**Chemistry Seminar:** noon, Jones Annex 101. Dr. Travis Wade (NMT Class of '87), of the Laboratoire des Solides Irradies, Ecole Polytechnique speaks on "Template Synthesis of Nanomaterials."

**Master's Thesis Defense:** time and location TBA. Steven Brock, a graduate student in chemistry, defends "The Search for Biologically Active Compounds in

### Wednesday, December 12

**Finals:** Schedule at: <http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/registration/finals07.pdf>

**Student Appreciation Day:** all day, Tech Bookstore. During buyback week, students will receive the bookstore employees' discount on all merchandise excluding textbooks, software, and sundries (food, drug and beauty aids).

**Workshop on Vendor Contracts/IRS Compliance:** 10 a.m., Tripp Room, Skeen Library. Instructor Barbara Sanchez will cover IRS compliance issues that the NMT must meet.

**Independent Study Report for M.S.:** Matthew Hoffman's defense has moved to Dec. 13.

**Service Center Procedure Workshop:** 2 to 4 p.m., Tripp Room, Skeen Library. New Mexico Tech is implementing a revised Service Center Procedure Manual that will improve and expand cost recovery processes as well as maintain compliance with government regulations. All participants will receive an overview of the process, copy of the procedural manual and other training materials.

## **Thursday, December 13**

**Finals end:** Schedule at:  
<http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/registration/finals07.pdf>

**Independent Study Report for M.S.:** 1 p.m., Weir 102. Matthew Hoffman, Department of Mathematics, presents his independent study report for M.S., Applied Mathematics.

**Swing Dance:** 8 - 10 p.m., SAC. 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. Sponsored by the New Mexico Tech Ballroom Dance Club.

## **Friday, December 14**

### **End of semester**

**NRAO Colloquium:** 11 a.m., AOC. Aeree Chung, NRAO/U. Mass, speaks on "12CO (J=1-0) Survey of Local ULIRGs using the Redshift Search Receiver."

**Tech Holiday Party:** Dinner in Fidel Center from 6 to 8 p.m. Dance at Macey Center from 8 to 10 p.m. Teen party in Fidel Game Room from 6 to 10 p.m. All Tech faculty and staff invited.

**Residence Halls and Student Apartments Close:** 5 p.m.

## Saturday, December 15

**Merri-Achi Arts and Crafts Show and Sale:** 2 - 11 p.m., Macey Center. Handmade Indian jewelry from New Mexico, fused glass jewelry and artwork, Avon products, handwoven baskets, paintings, photography, flower arrangements, honey, metal signs, stained glass vases and votives, and more!

**Children's Christmas Party:** 2 - 4 p.m., SAC. For children of Tech faculty and staff. Games, activities, goodies and food.

**Merry-Achi Christmas:** 7:30 p.m., Macey Center. A seasonal favorite, with mariachi and folklorico troupes and Socorro singers. \$15 adults; \$12 senior citizens; \$10 youths.

## Monday, December 17

**Children's Center Countdown:** Only 15 days left! Donations received by Dec. 31 will be matched. Join the many generous donors listed at <http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/giving/cc.html>

**Carino Toy Lending Library:** 3 to 5 p.m., NMT Children's Center. Anyone from Tech and the community may check out free toys for children.

## Friday, December 21

**Tech Offices Close:** 5 p.m. Offices will re-open on Jan. 2, 2008. For break schedule of some key Tech facilities, see <http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/calendar/breakhours.html>

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## SCOPE Notices

### NEWS:

--Student Team Assesses Feasibility of New Filtering Unit,  
<http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/news/2007/7dec01.html>

--Bureau Publication Wins New Mexico Book Award,  
<http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/news/2007/6dec01.html>

--Robert O. Anderson, oilman and friend of New Mexico Tech, passes away.  
<http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/obituaries/2007.3.html#Anderson>

--N M Tech Campus Might Become Set for Cable Series,  
<http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/regents/07nov28.html>

### **MORE STUDENT HANDBOOKS:**

--Extra copies of the Student Handbook are available from Student Affairs, 2nd floor, Fidel Center.

### **LOS LUNAS COMMUTER VAN:**

--The Socorro-Los Lunas Commuter Van is looking for more riders. For information, contact Michelle Creech-Eakman.

### **GIVING TREE:**

--New Mexico Tech's Student and University Relations department would like to give back to the Socorro Community this holiday season. Donations benefit CYFD, El Puente del Socorro, and Puerto Seguro.

Please bring a wrapped gifts for a boy or a girl aged infant to eighteen. Adults are in need of hats, scarves, bedding, apparel, and toiletries. Any canned food donations are also appreciated.

Please leave the gifts under the tree in the Fidel Center Atrium, or bring them to the Auxiliary Services Office on the 2nd floor of Fidel. The gifts will be collected on Wednesday, December 19.

Please label each gift with the age and gender of the person for whom the gift is intended. Gift labels can be found near the tree in the Fidel Center.

### **NMT GREETING CARDS:**

--The Advancement Office is offering sets of four greeting cards -- four lovely scenes of campus -- for \$4.95 per set, available at the Bookstore or at the Advancement Office, 2nd floor of Fidel.

### **AAUW SCHOLARSHIP**

--The Socorro Branch of the American Association of University Women offers a

\$500 scholarship to an undergraduate woman in any major who is continuing as a full-time student at Tech next fall. Applicants must have at least a 3.0 GPA and must have completed at least 28 hours. Applications are available at the Financial Aid Office in the Fidel Center. The entry deadline is February 8, 2008. An AAUW committee will choose the recipient from the responses given on the application form.

### **SUPPORT PYGMY RUGBY:**

--Help the Pygmies by going shopping! Embroidered polo shirts, \$20. T-shirts, screened front and back, \$10. Visors, \$12. Available at Tech Gym, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., or from Dave Wheelock.

### **ALUMNI ASSN. TRIP TO PERU:**

--NMT Alumni Association is offering a trip to Peru, led by intrepid alumnus Dr. William X. Chavez, Jr., on May 25 through June 3, 2008. Watch for a brochure with the next *Gold Pan* or contact Carol Lynn Tiegs for information.

### **INTERNATIONAL FLAGS:**

--The international flags in front of Fidel Center represent countries that Tech students come from. The U.S. and New Mexico flags fly in front of Brown Hall daily.

--From Dec. 3 through Dec. 14, Fidel flags represent Switzerland, Turkey, Vietnam, and Bermuda.

### **REGISTRAR'S OFFICE (FIDEL SECOND FLOOR:)**

#### **Important Academic Dates:**

Thurs., Dec. 13: **Last day of finals**

Monday, Jan. 21: **Orientation and Welcome Back Day**

Tuesday, Jan. 22: **Classes begin**

Friday, Feb. 8: **Registration Closes:** 5 p.m., Registrar's Office. Last chance to add a class or withdraw without a "W."

March 8 - 16: **Spring Break**

Friday, March 21: **Academic and Staff Holiday**

Friday, May 9: **Last Day of Classes**

Saturday, May 10: **Finals begin**

Thursday, May 15: **End of finals**

Saturday, May 17: **Commencement**

All students who would like to have their final grades mailed to an address other than their CS Box, please drop off an envelope with self address and stamp to the drop box located in the Office of the Registrar.

--The current final exam schedule is posted at <http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/registration/finals07.pdf>. If you have a conflict, please talk to the professors of the courses involved.

--DEC. 2007 GRADS: If you plan to graduate in December 2007, please check your name, degree, and minor (if any) at <http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/commencement/c2008/dec2007grads.pdf>. This information will appear on your diploma. If you wish to change anything, please contact the Registrar's Office.

--If your name does not appear here and you intend to graduate, please turn in your Intent to Graduate form to the Registrar's Office immediately.

--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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***SCOPE is a twice-weekly newsletter for the New Mexico Tech community, provided as a service by the Public Information Office.*** SCOPE is generally emailed on Mondays and Thursdays during academic semesters. There is no specific deadline. Events are entered on a rolling basis as they come in.