Jan. 10 - 24, 2008

Thursday, January 10

**Thesis Defense:** 2 p.m., MSEC 101. Kwaku Boakye, graduate student in mining engineering, defends his thesis on "Large In-situ Direct Shear Tests on Mine Rock Piles at the Chevron Questa Mine, Questa Mine, New Mexico."

Monday, January 14

**Dissertation Defense:** 9 a.m., Gold Addition 208. Liliana Lopez Aguilar, graduate student in chemistry, presents her dissertation defense: "Biogenic Volatile Organic Compounds in the Southwest."

**Dissertation Defense:** 10 a.m., MSEC 202. Frederick Kenneth Partey, Ph.D. candidate in Earth and Environmental Science, defends "Mechanism of Arsenic Sorption onto Laterite Concretions."

Tuesday, January 15

**MS Excel Training:** 1 - 5 p.m., Weir 209. Part 1 of 4-part Excel Training, offered by NMT Human Resources. Steven Hicks, Instructor. To register, email JoAnn Salome.

Wednesday, January 16

**MS Excel Training:** 1 - 5 p.m., Weir 209. Part 2 of 4-part Excel Training, offered by NMT Human Resources. Steven Hicks, Instructor. To register, email JoAnn Salome.

Thursday, January 17

**MS Excel Training:** 1 - 5 p.m., Weir 209. Part 3 of 4-part Excel Training, offered by NMT Human Resources. Steven Hicks, Instructor. To register, email JoAnn Salome.

Friday, January 18

**NRAO Colloquium:** 11 a.m. AOC Ron Thomas, New Mexico Tech, speaks
on "Lightning in Thunderstorms and Erupting Volcanoes: Measurements of the LMA and an unforeseen Sea-Surface Interferometer."
http://www.aoc.nrao.edu/colloq/2008_spring/#current

**MS Excel Training:** 1 - 5 p.m., Weir 209. Part 4 of 4-part Excel Training, offered by NMT Human Resources. Steven Hicks, Instructor. To register, email JoAnn Salome.

**Sunday, January 20**

*Residence Halls Open:* 9 a.m.

**Monday, January 21**

*Orientation:* For new students starting this semester. For schedule, see http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/admission/or.html

*Registration and Validation:* all day, 2nd floor, Fidel Center.

**Tuesday, January 22**

*Classes Begin*

*Rugby Practice:* 4 p.m., Athletic Field. The NMT rugby club is looking for a few good men to build on last fall's 13-3 record. A women's club is also in the works. To join, please show up ready to run at 4 p.m.

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**SCOPE Notices**

**NEWS:**

--NM Tech To Host Science Café on Asteroids at MRO Facility, http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/news/2008/9jan01.html


--Applications Open for Summer Science Program at NM Tech,  
http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/news/2008/3jan01.html

KUDOS TO PAUL KREHBIEL:

--Dr. Paul Krehbiel, professor emeritus of physics, has been named a Fellow of the American Meteorological Society. Krehbiel has made significant contributions to studying thunderstorm electricity, including mapping lightning within thunderstorms.

"GALILEO" PERFORMANCE IN ALBUQUERQUE:

--Tech alumnus Joe Martinez, '62, Math, has the starring role in a production of "Galileo" by Bertolt Brecht, to be performed at the Explora Museum in Albuquerque in late January. "Galileo" deals with conflicts between science and religion. For information on performances, please call Explora at 505-224-8341.

HOUSE FOR SALE:

--1314 North Drive on Tech Hill is for sale. For information, please contact Jonathan Kern, 520-954-6621.

LOS LUNAS COMMUTER VAN:

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

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.

REGISTRAR'S OFFICE (FIDEL SECOND FLOOR:)
Important Academic Dates:

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

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

Thursday, Jan. 24: **Late registration fees begin**

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

March 5: **Midsemester**

March 8 - 16: **Spring Break**

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

Friday, March 28: **Grade Option Deadline.** Last day to choose S/U, Audit, or withdraw with a "W"

April 14 - 18: **Summer 2008 Registration.** Monday, graduate students and Tech scholars. Tuesday, seniors. Wednesday, juniors. Thursday, sophomores. Friday, freshmen.

April 21 - 25: **Fall 2008 Registration.** Monday, graduate students and Tech scholars. Tuesday, seniors. Wednesday, juniors. Thursday, sophomores. Friday, freshmen.

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

Saturday, May 10: **Finals begin**

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

Saturday, May 17: **Commencement**

--DEC. 2007 GRADS: Congratulations, almost, to Dec. 2007 grads, listed at http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/commencement/c2008/dec2007grads.pdf. This list is not official until it has been approved by the Faculty Senate and Board of Regents.

--MAY 2008 GRADS: If you plan to graduate in May 2008, please check your name, degree, and minor (if any) at http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/commencement/c2008/may2008grads.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.

(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.)