

March 13 - 24, 2008

Thursday, March 13

Spring Break

Property Open House: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Property Yard. NMT Tech departments and offices may view used property and purchase items before the auction.

Friday, March 14

Spring Break

International Pi Day: Celebrate 3.14! <http://www.piday.org/>

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NRAO Colloquium: 11 a.m., AOC. Eric Wilcots, Wisconsin, speaks on "Probing the Baryonic Content of Galaxy Groups"

Saturday, March 15

Spring Break

Rugby Match: 1 p.m., Tech Athletic Field. Tech Pygmies vs. San Juan Silverbacks.

Monday, March 17

Classes resume

St. Paddy's Day Spirit Contest: noon, Fidel Atrium. There will be a \$50 gift card for each winner in these categories: Male and Female Students and Male and Female Faculty/Staff. Hosted by Student Activities Board.

Grad Student Association Meeting: 12:30 p.m., Tripp Room, Skeen Library.

Air Rifle Practice: 5:30 p.m., Tech Gym Basement. Precision air rifles, targets and pellets provided. Free to NMT students, sponsored by Tech

Shooting Sports Club.

Tuesday, March 18

Regents Meeting: 1:30 p.m., Classroom C, Playas Training and Research Center in Playas, New Mexico. The meeting agenda will be available on March 14 in the Office of the President, 217 Brown Hall, New Mexico Tech. Legal and personnel items are to be considered in Executive Session.

Intro to Python: 5:30 p.m., Speare 23. Introduction to programming in Python. FREE class presented by TCC. Today: "Object example; special methods."

Billy Aardd's Club Meeting: 7 - 9 p.m., Game Room, Fidel Center. Free billiards on three reserved tables. <http://www.nmt.edu/~billiard/>

Wednesday, March 19

Intro to Python: 4 p.m., Speare 23. Introduction to programming in Python. FREE class presented by TCC. Today: "Object example; special methods."

Earth Science Club Meeting: 5 p.m., MSEC 101. For details, see <http://infohost.nmt.edu/~earth/events.html>

Advanced Python Applications: 5:30 p.m., Speare 23. Open discussion of Python programming tools and methods.

Free Game Room Night: 6 p.m. to midnight, Fidel Game Room. Sponsored by Student Activities Board.

Thursday, March 20

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Tech Amateur Radio Assn. Net: 7 p.m., 146.680MHz, pl 100. All amateur radio operators are invited to participate.

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, March 21

Academic and Staff Holiday

Saturday, March 22

Rugby Match: 1 p.m., Tech Athletic Field. Tech Pygmies vs. NMSU.

Monday, March 24

Initiation and Processing of Graduate Assistantship Contracts: 1:30 - 3:30 p.m., Tripp Room, Skeen Library. Instructor: Dr. Dave Johnson. To register, please email or call JoAnn at 5955.

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.

Hydrology Seminar: 3:30 p.m., MSEC 101. Jasper A. Vrugt, Earth and Environmental Sciences Division (EES), LANL, speaks on "Adaptive Markov Chain Monte Carlo Sampling for Estimating Parameters in High-Resolution Three-Dimensional Flow and Transport Models."

Air Rifle Practice: 5:30 p.m., Tech Gym Basement. Precision air rifles, targets and pellets provided. Free to NMT students, sponsored by Tech Shooting Sports Club.

SCOPE Notices

NEWS:

--Miocene Fossil Discovered by Tech Geologists,
<http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/news/2008/5mar01.html>

--Camp Movers and Shakers Offered at New Mexico Tech,
<http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/news/2008/5mar02.html>

--Daniels Fund Donation Puts "World of Wonder" Campaign over Halfway Mark,
<http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/news/2008/5mar03.html>

--AIChE Students Place Third,
<http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/news/2008/5mar04.html>

--"Putting the 'wile' in coyote," *Santa Fe New Mexican*,
<http://www.santafenewmexican.com/HealthandScience/Putting-the-wile-in-coyote>

--Tech Ruggers Avoid Defeat in Albuquerque,
<http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/sports/s2008/3mar01.html>

KUDOS:

--Kudos to Chemical Engineering students Timothy Schutt, Joshua Hill, Caitlin Allen, Coco Abbou Oucherif, who placed third in the Chem-E-Car Competition over the March 8 - 9 weekend and are headed to Nationals!

VOTER REGISTRATION:

--The Registrar's Office on the second floor of Fidel has Voter Registration Forms. Remember, one requirement for qualifying as a resident for tuition purposes is to register to vote in New Mexico! Deadline to register is May 6 to vote in the primary election. Primary election is on June 3, 2008.

VIDEO CONTEST ON YOUTUBE:

--And they're off! Be sure to check out the videos of New Mexico Tech on YouTube! The one with the most hits wins \$500.
<http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/news/2008/videocontest.html>

DANCE CAMPS:

--Over the summer, two folk dance groups hold weekend camps on the New Mexico Tech campus. The events are not sponsored by New Mexico Tech, but interested individuals may sign up by contacting the groups directly. They are:

- FOLKMads Music and Dance Camp, May 23 to 26, contra, squares, and other dances. Info at <http://www.folkmads.org/2008Folkmadness.html>
- Southwest International Folk Dancers, Aug. 7 - 10, featuring Swedish couples dances; Scandinavian fiddling, and Albanian, Greek, and Balkan line dances. Info at <http://www.unm.edu/~lpetri/swifdi/>

49ers PARADE:

--The Public Information Office is looking for suggestions for themes for the 49ers parade. This is not necessarily the same as the theme for the on-campus 49ers Celebration.

NOMINATIONS WANTED:

--**Distinguished Teaching Award:** send nomination to Dr. Scott Zeman, szeman@nmt.edu

--**Distinguished Alumni Awards:** send nominations to Carol Lynn Tieg, ctieg@admin.nmt.edu

--For details, deadlines, past winners, etc., see <http://www.nmt.edu/mainpage/honors/nominations.html>

CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST:

----DEADLINE: Monday, March 17, 4 p.m.

--The Humanities Department and *Miner's Ink* are sponsoring a creative writing contest, open to all Tech students. Enter your poetry, fiction, or creative nonfiction. NMT Bookstore gift certificates will be awarded and a public reading will be held on Thursday, March 27. There is an opportunity for possible publication in *Miners' Ink* literary journal spring issue.

--Guidelines: Submit 2 copies of each entry to Ann Hewitt, Humanities Department, Fitch 103. Include a cover sheet with your name, email, phone number, and category. Your name should appear on the cover sheet only. Length limits: 6 pages per author for poetry; 15 pages for prose

Important Academic Dates:

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** Please arrive at 9 a.m. for line-up. Commencement begins at 10 a.m. Reception after.

Monday, June 16: **Orientation**

Tuesday, June 17: **Classes begin**

--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.